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Exclusive

- Diary scoop attic shocker

Retired gardener Arthur Gubbin got the shock of his life the day he decided to clear out his attic.

For Arthur, 66, found Hitler's diary.

LUCK

"It was covered in dust, and at first I didn't realise what it was", Arthur told us. "I couldn't believe my luck when I opened it. Heaven knows how it got there".

WAR

The diary contains notes made by Hitler during the war, and is worth several million pounds.

THE

This isn't the first time Arthur has hit the jackpot with a lucky find. In 1976 his pet labrador Ben dug up a diary belonging to the Egyptian monarch Tutankhamun on wasteland near Arthur's home in Pulborough.

The extract shown here dates from May 1940.

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As you probably know, every day millions of people take famous television programmes like 'The Archers' for granted. But it wasn't very long ago that people were finding it impossible to imagine life as we know it today without the television.

It all began with Alexander Graham Bell's immortal words, "Can you hear me... Livingstone?" Television had been born within days it had become a household object, but early TV programmes were crude affairs. Indeed the radio as it was then known was similar to the telephone in that it didn't have a picture. Hence the nickname 'Talkies' which referred to the early broadcasts like Kenneth Nolan's and Charlie Chaplin.

The first TV pictures were a far cry from the colourful ones we see today's silver screen. No one at that time had to be made in black and white. While making it difficult for smokers players to distinguish between different balls. Television played a major role in the Battle of Britain (starring Michael Collins) when 'Haces', (a kind of army television) enabled submarines to go underneath the water for long periods.

Z Cars was probably the first programme ever to appear on TV. Since then there have been many others, including Dr. Who, The New and Blue Peter. But according to viewers figures (people who watch television all the time) the most successful programme ever is The Mousetrap. The long running breakfast cereal ever is Tales of the Country, a fictitious canteen built especially for television by the people who actually live there.

Nowadays, modern inventions like the satellite, the kind of flying (space 

Professor Piehead

Okay, Joe, all set to test my new bullet-proof contact lenses.

Yup!

Ba-Ba-Bap!

Hang on a second.

I haven't put them in yet.
**Exclusive**

**Animals made love as children watched**

Our reporters have investigated a disturbing behind the scenes sex scandal at a leading London zoo. And we have proof that staff at the zoo in Regents Park have actually encouraged sex between animals.

**Penguins**

On a recent visit to the zoo we watched as penguins made love openly while visitors, some of them young children, passed nearby. And we witnessed giraffe attempting sex as a zoo keeper looked on.

**Naked**

In the reptile house the temperature was noticeably high, and we saw lizards and snakes romping naked in the grass.

**Passion**

Nearby a crowd watched as lions explored each other's bodies, while in the next cage leopards prepared for a night of passion.

**Acts**

It seems that such acts of shame are an everyday occurrence at this, the zoo of sin. And the staff there have been actively involved in encouraging sexual relationships between animals.

**Key**

We can reveal that the zoo's top attraction, Chi Chi the giant panda, is the key figure in an international sex syndicate involving well known zoos in China and the USA.

**Claims**

Yesterday the zoo head keeper was not prepared to discuss our claims. But when we confronted him with our dossier, including photographs of a young rabbit having sex, we were told to piss off.

**Talking sense with Charlie Pontoon**

Three million unemployed? What a load of rubbish. Kids today just can't be bothered. Why do we pay out social security to three million scroungers when they haven't even got the sense to get a job? It's like spending money on old rope.

Come on Maggie, Hit the scroungers, and hit 'em hard.

It's all well and good aiming missiles at Russia, but anyone who knows their history will tell you that the French are the real trouble makers.

So come on Maggie, Hit the frogs, and hit 'em hard.

Jimmy Hill tells us that football hooliganism is killing the game. So what's he gonna do about it? Talking on the telly isn't going to help.

So come on Jimmy, Get down on the terraces next Saturday, and give those hooligans a hiding they're never gonna forget.

At last there's a law on wearing next belts. About time too. But how do we expect the police to enforce the law when motorists outnumber them by over a thousand to one.

Now's the time to get the coppers tuned up. It makes sense.

Motorists won't argue if they're looking down the barrel of a .30!

**POP SCRAMBLE**

**HMN A ERARE**
**GNEAMITCAL**
**BIRONG KOA ORD**

Can you scramble the letters above to make the names of three chart topping bands? * Turn to page 18 for the answer.

**Is your house on fire?**

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Ring loads of people who you've never even heard of in Australia, now.

Bran TELCOCOM part of the Post Office
Love Is Blind...

Mandy was one of thousands who'd left school with no job to go to...

OH Denny, one of us will have to get a job or we'll never be able to get married.

Suddenly

YOU'D BETTER GO NOW DENNIS, COME ON SON, OUT!

Yes Mr Baxter

Oh Daddy, you hate him just because he's blind-coloured and unemployed. But I love him and I always will.

It's alright Mandy, I'm going.

I hope I get this job at the bank tomorrow. I'll ring you after the interview.

Okay, bye.

But Denny was far from happy...

I couldn't bear the thought of Mandy having to work to support me. I'd feel so useless...

I must stop her getting that job!

That night Denny pays an unseen visit to the house...

I'm sure I'm doing the right thing.

That morning

Oh no! All my clothes have gone!! And I've got my interview in less than an hours time!!!

I'll have to wear this: my brother's football strip.

At the bus stop

I just hope I'm on time.
At last Mandy arrives at the bank

WELL, HERE WE ARE

Then the moment arrived

MISS BAXTER? THIS WAY PLEASE

HERE GOES!

Thirty seconds later

DON'T CALL US WE'LL CALL YOU

It was a long walk home for Mandy, with a tear in her eye for the boy she loved

WELL I'VE BLOWN THAT. I GUESS WE'LL NEVER GET MARRIED NOW

I'D BETTER CROSS THE ROAD

CAN I HELP YOU?

WAIT A MOMENT. I RECOGNIZE THAT VOICE. DENNY!! YOU'RE A POLICEMAN

OH DENNY. I'M SO PROUD OF YOU

YES. I ONLY APPLIED FOR THE JOB THIS MORNING. THEY ASKED ME TO START RIGHT AWAY

YES, AND NOW I CAN AFFORD TO BUY YOU THAT RING I PROMISED

The End
That’s right! It’s me! I bet you thought you’d got rid of me! Well . . . you were fuckin’ wrong!!!

Paul Whicker
Who is no longer a vicar, but is definitely still tall.

I’m afraid you’ll have to wait in the queue if you want to claim unemployment benefit.

New claims—see what I mean?

How would you like me to stick my finger down my throat and fetch up my dinner all over your nice counter?

This calls for action!

Well, really . . . if you insist on being abusive I will call the supervisor...

Abusive? You ain’t heard nothin’ yet you four-eyed piss-pot!

In the supervisor’s office...

Now then, what seems to be the trouble?

Well, since you ask, fat man, I’ll tell you. The pubs open in half an hour and I haven’t got a red cent with which to oil my gizzard...

Plus . . . I’ve got a date with a red-hot dame, and I can hardly expect her to drop her keg if she has to pay for her own liquor.

As you can see, you have to know how to handle these fuckers, or they’ll have you running around like a blue-arsed fly...

I find this very hard to believe, but your application states that you were a vicar, and as such we can pay you no benefit since the Church is a charity, and you paid no national insurance.

Pick the bones out of that one cunt-bubble!

Aaaaah! By dose smack!

Wat?! Then I am very much afraid I shall have to kick your lungs out.

Same as it ever was, eh readers?
IN THE FABLED LAND OF NAVARNA, FAR BEYOND THE EYES OF MORTAL MEN, LIVES.....

The MIGHTY ORGON

#1 The Quest.....

HA!

GREETINGS MIGHTY ORGON! HOW GOES THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE FORCES OF LIGHT & DARK?

THE GUARDIAN KNIGHT OF ZARG!

HA!

MIGHTY ORGON! GOLDEN GAUNTLET

AND A NICE QUEST TOO! I SHALL JOIN YOU AND WE SHALL FIND REGAL! I SWEAR THIS ON THE GRAVE OF MY MOTHER!

WHO'S THIS SHOUTING HA! AT THE KING OF THE SILVER SEA? MAY MY LOFTY SHADOW CONTINUE TO GROW!

HA!

HMM... I MAY BE ABLE TO HELP YOU... I WILL TAKE YOU TO SEE THE ALL-WISE ONE, THE ORACLE OF QGG!

IN THE CAVE OF THE ORACLE.....

I HAVE FORMULATED A SOLUTION TO YOUR PROBLEM.....

GIVE UP AND FUCK OFF!

YEH! I DON'T EVEN SMOK REGAL!

THERE'S A GOOD MATCH ON THE TELLY TONIGHT...

GOOD IDEA!

BILLY JOHNSON 4/93

* SEE VIZ LEAGUE OF SUPERHEROES VOL 72. "GOLDEN GAUNTLET'S MAM STRIKES AGAIN."
Unusual year

1982 was certainly an unusual year for King of the Castle Puffin Spexyjig, once known as the world's most popular Nobody On Earth!

FEEL NOW IT

Perhaps best known to viewers of Channel 4's Tube as 'The Hard', 'Spexyjig' made a lot of noise in 1982. Titles such as 'Enter the Hard' are now hot property on South Shields' pirate video market.

SPEXJIG - Mental or what?

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BLONDE

That may sound like an ambitious claim, but it is one which the band's millions of screaming fans would not dispute. Indeed, blonde hair and flashy clothes are probably the best looks for a band in Britain today, as demonstrated by top DJ Peter Powell as 'Better looking than all of the Osmonds put together'.

Their recent success has lead to world tour - after world tour, which has put on some of the early photo sessions we did. As far as the future is concerned there isn't much left for the band to achieve. It would be nice to quit while we're at the top, but we're not going just for the sake of it - the way that Elvis did. He got really ugly!'

LUSH

No but he sees a much brighter future for Duran Duran. 'When you look at Steve Brown he was still good looking in his sixties. So we'll probably be around for a good while yet'.

POP PIC PUZZLER

Can you identify the mystery pop star hiding behind this stack of amplifiers?

If you think you can, write and let us know. The first person to correctly identify our mystery star wins a crispy ten pound note. Turn to page 16 for the answer.

At times, I like nothing better than to spoil myself a little.

A.S.+

However, the chances of Spexyjig ever appearing on Top Of The Pops are slim. He recently left Tynemouth with an expedition to the Yorkshire Dales, where he hopes to discover the long lost Kingdom of Atlantis. And if he is successful, he plans to live there permanently.

Despite scepticism from a disbelieving public, Speyside believes that we, his worthy followers, can still rewrite his history. As he himself says, 'This might all be like fiction, but the funniest thing is that it's all true'.

Unusual band

The future looks rosy for the band The N'N'S Splitters, for they are one of the most unusual bands in the North East.

Their debut single, 'I Ain't Him b/w 'Honeymooner' was released on their own unannounced record label, and on that isn't enough, they even have an unusual member. He is a Belgian drummer Paul Goumis and among their growing army of fans is top radio DJ Alan Hunter, who himself has an unusual name.

"One unusual thing just seems to lead to another," banjoist Ken Potter told us. The band have been thrilling audiences with their own fan base of 'N'N'S' in towns all over Britain for the last 2 years, and together with new guitarist Duncan Linton they plan to top the charts in '83. 'But knowing us, something unusual is just bound to happen!' quipped vocalist Mark Butcher.
THE VIZ ROCK AND POP AWARDS 1983

Who are Tops in the Pops?

After the success of BBC Nationwide's Rock and Pop Poll, we decided to stage our own Rock and Pop Award to find out exactly who are the most popular band in the North East.

With bands as popular as The Toy Dolls, Jazzawaki, Dutch, Kant Kino, The Hostages, The Drifting Robots, Red Performance, The R'n'B Spitfires, The East Side Torpedoes and The Animals to name but a few, and a cheque for £100,000 going to the winners, the atmosphere was electric as the entire North East eagerly awaited the result.

The award was decided on penalty kicks, with everyone taking 5 penalties. And the winners were the very popular nine-piece band Arthur 2 Stroke and the Chart Commandos, who scored a maximum possible 45 penalties.

Among the unlucky runners up were The Toy Dolls who didn't miss a single kick, but being a three-piece could only manage 15.

Members of the winning band are seen receiving the 'Viz Best Band' award together with a cheque for £100,000 from England star Terry McDermott, himself a keen footballer, together with other Newcastle United stars past and present.

Above - The Animals scored no goals at all. This Allan Price effort sails harmlessly wide. Below - Two Chart Commandos celebrate the winner.

Bag this fab disc!!

Here's your chance to win a copy of the faboulous live LP by Arthur 2 Stroke and The Chart Commandos. Just answer these 3 questions and send your entry to our address on page 3.

1. What was Arthur 2 Stroke's first single?
   a. Who Work Song
   b. The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau
   c. Hawaii Five O.

2. Name the TV detective who stars in Hawaii Five O.
   a. Harry O
   b. Kojak
   c. Steve McGarrett

3. A forward in obstructed outside the penalty area, you whistle, but he continues into the area and is fouled. Do you:
   a. Award a penalty
   b. Award an indirect free kick from the edge of the penalty area
   c. Abandon the match.

With such a reputation for unusual things, the band are certainly one to watch in coming months.

Incidentally, the band are available for ceilidhs, weddings and barmitzvahs, and the new guitarist has left.
The new Viz top 10

For many years small bands and record labels have been unable to get records into the hit parade because of 'chart hyping' by major record companies who pay huge sums of money in bribes to get their records into the charts. The smaller labels are simply unable to compete with the big spenders, and as a result the charts no longer give a true reflection of record sales.

That's why starting in the next issue we are going to publish our own totally independent singles chart. The Viz Top Ten will give all bands, no matter how small, a chance to get their records in the charts at prices they can afford.

If you have made a record, and you want to see it on the chart, simply send us a cheque. Five pounds, ten pounds - whatever you can afford. Then you can sit back and watch your single fly into the charts.

Obviously, the more money you send, the higher your record will climb, but as a special introductory offer, the first band to send us ten pounds will go straight in at number one!

Just fill in the form, make your cheques payable to 'Viz Comic', and look out for the first chart in our next issue.

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Name ...........................................................

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Label is small
by Dick Mental

Goldilocks once said that big is beautiful, but as Sunderland's Toy Dolls would agree, when it comes to record companies nothing could be further from the truth.

GOLDEN EGG

For the band have just waved goodbye to the fairytale world of EMI and signed up with homely Newcastle label Volume Records.

BEANSTALK

And the band's wishes now appear to be coming true. Following the success of 'Nellie The Elephant', their first single since joining Volume, they have now released an album 'Big That Groove Baby' (Cat. No. VC01) which is selling well in record shops nationally.

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GOT IT? I COULD WEAR A SPACE SUIT AND READ THE SCRIPT IN AN ALIEN VOICE!
OH CHRIST!
LORD MELLIE IS HERE TO SEE YOU SIR
OH GOOD, SEND HIM IN
ROGER’S BEEN SUMMONED TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL’S OFFICE...
YOU’RE AN HOUR LATE, MELLIE! WHY?
IT’S MY WATCH – IT’S FUCKED
PARDON?!
SORRY SIR – MY WATCH IS BROKEN
I SHASHED THE F**KER THIS MORNING!
MAYBE WE COULD DO THE SHOW UPSIDE-DOWN OR UNDERWATER OR SOMETHING?
YES, TO BRIGHTEN THE PROGRAMME UP A BIT
NO! WE NEED SOMETHING SUBTLE, AND PRACTICAL TOO
YEAH – SOMETHING TO MAKE IT A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT.
ALL WE NEED NOW IS A NEW TITLE...
GREAT TITLE!
NOW WHY DIDN’T I THINK OF THAT?!

LUCKY FRANK
I’M GOING ON HOLIDAY. LOOK AFTER MY DOG AND I’LL GIVE YOU A FIVER IF YOU MAKE SURE HE’S IN GOOD SHAPE FOR THE DOG SHOW ON SATURDAY
YOW! HE’S SCOFFED ALL THE CAKES! THERE GOES MY FIVER!
I’M PROFESSOR BARNYARD. THIS DOG IS JUST WHAT I NEED FOR MY EXHIBITION OF LARGE THINGS WHICH STARTS AT THE TOWN HALL TOMORROW
I SAY, DO YOU KNOW THAT YOU JUST WALKED UNDER A LADDER?
YES, I’M NOT SUPERSTITIOUS I DON’T BELIEVE IN LUCK!

THE CAKE'S
OH NO! HE’S HEADING FOR THE CAKE SHOP
W00H!

THE LADDER

YAY! HIS LEAD HAS SNAPED
PAP!
WHEE!

THE END
BILLY THE FISH

Billy Thomson was determined to make it as a pro footballer, despite being born half man, half fish.

Okay Billy, you can go in goal.

Great save kid. This fish head kid can almost swim through the air!

Hit that one like a bullet! How did he stop it?

What a keeper!

Hey Kid, I'm Tommy Brown, the United manager. You had a good one.

How would you like to come along for a trial with us?

Gosh! A trial with United!

But watching nearby is Gus Parker, Manager of Grimthorpe City.

I don't like the look of this. What that fish headed kid is good... too good!

Yeah boss.

If he signs for our arch rivals United, we won't stand a chance in Saturday's all-important derby!

Next week: Billy is set to sign for United, but Gus Parker has other plans!

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VICTOR PRATT THE STUPID TWAT

Money makes the world go round, Vic.

But surely it's always been round.

We certainly fooled a lot of you with our mystery pop star picture on page 14!

Many people seemed to think that it was Cliff Richard, but our prize of £100 goes to Mary Smith of Fulcheste.

Who was the first person to correctly identify Captain Sensible of The Damned and 'Happy Talk' fame.

POP SCRAMBLE

Answer from page 7.

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