

KATIE'S
PRIDE

EDITION 110

Hi and Welcome to this Week's Katie's Pride!

Wow it's been weeks since I wrote my last newsletter, for a couple of reasons, mainly because I was at North Herts College in Stevenage doing a Back to Work course for two weeks, which I really enjoyed (thanks Clare).

So where does this leave me now? I've really missed coming around, but perhaps in hindsight, having a break is a good thing, there's a very strong possibility that I could be starting a new job, which is great, but I will probably now be delivering my newsletter on Sundays which will mean that I may miss quite a few of you, but it is what it is - I like to think that things happen for a reason.

So what else has been happening? Well after my tiny taste of being at college I have signed up for another course, this one is online (it's government funded) and it's all about LGBTQ+ inclusion in the workplace, which you can imagine is right up my street! It's free, but I'm conscious that if I don't complete it by December 26th I will have £250 to pay, but I'm well on the way, so hopefully that won't be a problem.

By the time that you read this, my article should have been in The Comet- it's a letter to my birth mum. I've also written a letter to The Comet directly about the banning of smoking called "Pipe in the sky".

PRIDE NEWS

I'm pleased to say that I have asked for and been given a grant of £500 to have a PRIDE bench in Letchworth, hopefully it won't take too long now and I have been sent the design for a bench in Stevenage which hopefully might be done by the time that you read this and to cap it all I have received an email saying that North Herts Council will fund a bench in Royston and they gave me a choice of 3 places of where I want it installed.

I do get frustrated at times, but I might have made a breakthrough with getting a PRIDE sign at the railway station.

In Leeds they have something known as FIRST FRIDAY, where on the first Friday of each month the trans community and allies get together, with all the pubs involved. It would be amazing to do something similar in Hitchin.

WORLD PRIDE NEWS

Belgium's Deputy Prime Minister, Prime Minister and one of Europe's most senior trans politicians has warned Rishi Sunak to refrain from joining "the real bullies" with his anti-trans comments.

The UK Prime Minister has received criticism after saying that it is "common sense" to purposefully reject trans people's identities during a Wednesday (4 October) speech at the Conservative Party Conference.

In the same week, it was revealed that hate crimes committed against transgender and non-binary people had jumped in the past year by 11%, which the Home Office suggests was partly the fault of anti-trans politicians.

Football Prediction League

Last time Mark and Jodie from Clarks both had a go at forecasting the Premier League results. Mark finished with 5 and Jodie with 4 points.

ORIGINS OF SAYINGS

Waking up on the wrong side of the bed

Meaning: Start the day in a bad temper.

Origin: Throughout history the left side of basically anything was considered to be 'the evil side,' so waking up on the left side was also considered a sign of bad luck. To ward off evil, house owners would push the left sides of the beds to the corner, so their guests would have no other option than to get up on the right side.

STRANGE BUT TRUE (speed dating was invented by a Rabbi)

Rabbi Yaacov Deyo, based in Beverly Hills, California, created the concept of speed dating in 1998, according to The New York Times. He brought together a handful of single men and women for some matchmaking at a Peet's Coffee, and romance and efficiency proved to be a perfect match.

Top 10

This week's Top 10 are all songs from the 70's, can you remember who sang them, and what years they were in the top 100 singles for that year ?

1) Ma Baker 2) Sweet home Alabama 3) Ma Belle Aime 4) Half Breed
5) Dust in the Wind 6) Fox on the Run 7) Photograph 8) Georgie
9) Ain't No Sunshine 10) Feeling Like Making Love

GIRL'S NAMES

Here is a list of the top 10 girls names of 1924

1) Margaret	2) Mary	3) Joan	4) Joyce	5) Dorothy
6) Kathleen	7) Doris	8) Irene	9) Elizabeth	10) Eileen

KATIE'S FASHION CORNER (1930s)

1930s fashion was the decade of elegance and glamour.

The 1930s are often thought of as a rather boring decade, the bit in between the exciting, decadent 1920's Jazz age with its crazy flappers who had thrown away all their corsets, cut their hair off and dressed like boys and smoked, took opium and danced the Black Bottom; and the awful Second World War that began right at the end of the decade, where there wasn't any money for dresses but everyone knitted their own from recycled cushion covers and at least they were all brave and went out to work and had spirit.

In contrast, women in the 1930's abandoned trouser suits, grew their hair, permed it and dyed it a dizzy blonde, wore an awful lot of silk, fur and velvet, and looked up to very ladylike film stars. Femininity had returned to the scene in 1930's fashion – although women never did climb back into those corsets.

EDITION 109 QUIZ ANSWERS

- Who am I? Lulu
- Name the year 1857
- Combined ages (Ian Wright, Sue Barker, Ed Sheeran) 158
- Initials of songs only
- 1) I'm not in love (10cc)
 - 2) Jump (Van Halen)
 - 3) All I wanna do (Cheryl Crow)

CONUNDRUM

Monstrous, Advantage, Shortened

THIS WEEK'S QUIZZES (110)

What are the Combined ages of:
Anton Du Beke, Fearne Cotton, Emma Bunton

Name the Year

Ronald Reagan was born.

Lyric Initials

Can you work out these 3 songs using the first initial of the lyrics?

1) M, T, G, C/ I, W, W, I/ G, O, O, B, A, A/ T, M, R, C, U, M, W/
A, I, C, S, A, A

2) I, R, W, R, W, Y/ M, A, S, H, S, M, F/ H, H, A, S, S, / H, A, O, G, C, A, A, P, O,
M, O

3) T, I, G, B, T, D/ T, T, G, T, I, B, T, Y/ B, N, Y, S, S/ R, W, Y, G, D

CONUNDRUMS

IVTYEEFLS, SLREASBCO, TNCUITHAE

Riddle:

Mr. and Mrs. Mustard have six daughters and each daughter has one brother.
How many people are in the Mustard family?

One thing that is a bit of a problem for me, is getting my Katie washing done
(it's not possible at home) if anyone can help, I would pay obviously.

Thanks for reading. God Bless.

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