



The Prancing Pony

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More Morris dance cancellations

This week White Horse Morris should have been dancing (for the first time in a long while) at The Barford Inn, Barford St Martin (best pronounced with a French accent) in collaboration with high-stepping Sarum Morris. Unfortunately this has had to be cancelled as too many of our members are still marooned on desert islands, with their long reading-lists, or are locked up in quarantine. Due to the shortage of interesting-enough-to-publish written articles, this week no fewer than three new castaways have been sent for isolation in the southern seas and we are now running out of islands to send them to. Whoever is next will face either the Isle of Dogs or Rockall; a tough deal either way. A spokesman for the Preservation of Peace in Rural Barford St. Martin described the cancellation as “a merciful reprieve”. Undaunted, WHM Bagwoman Helen Sanderson said in reply, “We will return.”



Castaway Helen's desert island desserts

Music tracks:

I hear you now - Jon and Vangelis
Death on two legs - Queen
The Devil went down to Georgia - The Charlie Daniels Band
Fantasia on Greensleeves

- Ralph Vaughan Williams
Champagne Supernova - Oasis
A taste of Honey - Herb Alpert and Tijuana Brass
Book: *The Lightless Sky* by Gulwali Passarlay
Luxury item: A machete
Food item: Custard slices
Morris dance / tune I would most miss: *Wayze goose*



Tempting treats from Liz's Lockdown Kitchen

For the peanut butter addicts among you, I thought I would share this amazingly easy recipe with you. Gluten free but sadly not for anyone with a nut allergy.

PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

- 200g crunchy peanut butter
- 150g caster sugar



On this day 28 May

- 1354 - Prince of Wales, Owain Glyndwr born
- 1533 - The Marriage of King Henry VIII to Anne Boleyn is declared valid
- 1805 - Napoleon is crowned in Milan
- 1908 - Ian Fleming is born
- 1966 - Rolling Stones are at the top of the Hit Parade in the U.K. with Paint it Black
- 2011 - Auctioneers Henry Aldridge and Son in Devizes set the world record of £220,000 for Titanic memorabilia with the sale of the ship's plan, used in the official inquiry.
- 2019 - White Horse Morris were preparing for another glittering performance at The Talbot Inn, Berwick St. James on May 29th.

- 1 egg
- 1. Combine peanut butter and caster sugar.
- 2. Add the egg and mix to form a dough. (It may look a bit sticky but don't panic)
- 3. Using a spoon take walnut sized chunks and roll into a ball. (Because of the oil in the peanut butter it doesn't stick to your hands)
- 4. Place onto 2 lined baking trays and press them down with the back of a fork. (Makes 16-20)
- 5. Bake at 160°C fan/gas 4 for about 12 mins.
- 6. Leave to cool on the tray for 10 mins then transfer to a cooling rack.
- 7. DON'T EAT THEM ALL AT ONCE!!

**Mike Perry's
Desert Island
Sundae (with added
crema pasticerra)**



Six Musical Tracks:

Willie the Pimp – Frank Zappa (with Captain Beefheart)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KHiclrHm-ig>

Vincent Black Lightning 1952 – Richard Thompson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j0kJdrfzjAg>

Queen of Hearts – Offa Rex

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPSO-u4fdB0>

Turn No More ft. - Public Service Broadcasting –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cd6Vffdou1c>

Canzoniere Grecanico Salentino – Nu Te Fermare

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E-IfNJyxA8w>

The Secret is My Silence - Drever, McCusker and Woomble

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1o_tmdkmiB0

Bonus Track: *Rest in Power* – Grove Street Families

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kuznBdCLrbk>

Book: *The Crow Road* - Ian Banks

Luxury: Helicopter

Food: A whole wheel of parmeggiano

Morris dance/tune: *Cuckoo's Nest (Nyth y Gwcw)*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-TGBnrjRxSY>



**Castaway Kate's Desert
Island Desserts**

Music tracks:

Simon & Garfunkel - *The Boxer*

Underworld - *Caliban's Dream* (2012 Olympics Opening Ceremony)

Johnny Flynn - *Detectorists* theme

The Cat Empire - *Miserere*

Vanilla Ice - *Ice Ice Baby*

Pulp - *Something Changed*



Book: *Harry Potter* (ideally all seven!)

Luxury item: Pen and paper

Food item: Bread

Morris dance/ tune I

would most miss:

Worcestershire Monkey

Quiz Questions

- 1) How many Morris (or dance) traditions are there between Warminster and Chris Hall in Newbiggin-by-the-Sea (Northumberland)?

Interestingly this is quite close to Barnard Castle, Durham and SpecSavers, all of which are popular destinations for members of the London elite who are able to follow their instincts .

First prize? – a free eye test.

More Quiz Questions

The answers to the following questions can be found in the substantial archive of *The Prancing Pony*, which is stored in the Bodleian Library in Oxford but can also be accessed from the WHM website:

<http://www.whitehorseorris.org.uk/newsletter/4594889280>

- 2) On what date was the first ever, ever *Prancing Pony* published?
- 3) In PP#02 what foodstuff were Morris wives advised *not* to feed to their partners?
- 4) Who was the Squire of WHMM 1983-84?
- 5) In the ongoing Chronicles of Hob Nob, p 82 of the White Horse First Scrapbook 1951-69 records that HobNob was made by whom and in which year?
- 6) In PP#08, photos were shown of a wedding reception where WHM were invited to entertain the guest. In which village?
- 7) What were the 3 “salutary words” shown on Holly’s poster (PP#09) ?
- 8) On which day did Squire Perry become a grandad?
- 9) What was Castaway Bob’s “Book of Choice” in the same issue?
- 10) PP#05 featured photographs from the wedding of three members of WHM. Who are they?
- 11) Which desert island castaway listed a machete as his/her “luxury item”? (Police have been informed).
- 12) In which issue did dance-master, melodeon-maestro and banjo-virtuoso John Wippell fall into the ornamental lake on his estate in the Woodford Valley?
- 13) Who wrote about spotting swifts and orchids in Duncliffe Woods?
- 14) In PP#03 what were gentleman reader advised not to leave all over the floor for fear of damaging the carpets and offending their servants’ tempers?
- 15) Which former WHM Squire gave John Wippell a lift with his portable typewriter in 1972?
- 16) Whose allotment was featured in PP#07?
- 17) What is the favourite cheese of the current WHM Squire?

Please send items for the next and possibly the last for a while..... ? Prancing Pony to Mike Perry by Monday 1 June.