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MYSTERY YORKIST RIDER!!

A Mysterious Yorkist rider has been seen galloping around the home counties over the last few weeks. Lancastrian sources are unable to determine who this mystery man is although they have heard him calling his horse by the name, "Ooooh Snowflake". Wearing a spanking new armet the disturbed young man gallops around the countryside singing Ye Olde Judy Garland songs and painting rainbows on anyone that dares to get close to him.

A Yorkist spokesman issued the following statement early yesterday morning: "Yes, he sounds like one of us. Some people have seen him pointing out his little finger when he drinks a flagon of ale-shandy so he is definitely one of our crew... and I really like what he has done with Ooooh Snowflake's mane, it is really pretty."

Only time will tell what those crazy naked Yorkists are up to, and why it takes so many of them, undressed and close together, to do it.

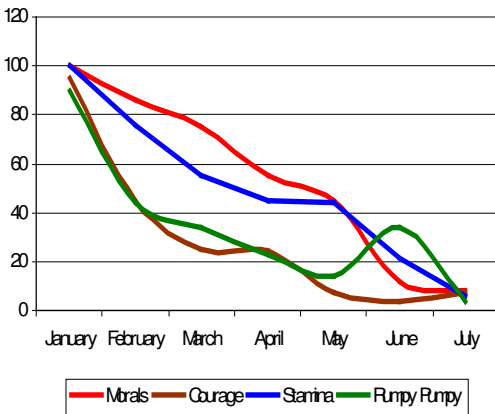


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ENGLAND IN CRISIS

LOW CONFIDENCE IN "KING" CAUSES DROPS IN MORALS, HAPPINESS, COURAGE AND RUMPY-PUMPY

Today, in a shocking report issued by the Chamber of Important Statistics, it was shown that there has been a dramatic decrease in shares of the four aspects that make up the 'Quality of Life FT100' over the last seven months. Ever since "King" Richard usurped



his way to power, strong decent, English qualities such as morals and courage have fallen to the wayside. Even staunch English traits like rumpy-pumpy have been in shocking decline. Sexual activity did increase slightly as Morals hit rock bottom but the continuous falling of Stamina soured what was a silver lining to this grey cloud.

Ted Maninthestreet commented, "It's all that Richards fault! Because of him, he isn't the only Dick that isn't performing for his country."

An apology – The Lancastrian Times would like to issue an apology to Lord Hastings. In our 1481 Christmas Special we implied that Lord Hastings stank of stale urine and ten week old offal. His aides have reliably informed us that his Lordship in fact stinks of stale offal and ten week old urine. We apologise for any confusion caused by this error. – *The Editor*

More Mysterious Deaths!

Mysterious cases of sudden, unexpected death continue to thin the ranks of those closest to the aesthetically challenged, rubber sheeted monarch. A shapely young serving wench became the latest victim of this "plague". Symptoms range from sharp pointy objects in the innards to the abrupt falling off of the victims head. The death of Sally Beerserver took the later form during a banquet late yesterday evening. The king was about to call for more ale when he noticed the maiden was all ready refilling his challis. The king responded by complimenting Sally (16, from London) on her initiative. The fatal illness struck seconds later when a guest at the banquet ask the young lady how she had managed to anticipate the kings request and she replied that it was "just a hunch". At this point her pretty young head detached itself from her body and rolled across the floor. Guests at the meal report that Sally had shown no symptoms of the ailment in the moments before her death. One guest (who wishes to remain un-named) made the following statement "The girl was fine one second, cheerily serving beer and answering the question put to her then there was an eerie silence through out the room and wallop, she was as dead as a Frenchman at Agincourt"

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Quotes of the Week

- "...I am determined to prove a villain." – "King" Richard III
- "Duke of Gloucester? More like Kook of Gloucester, the fricking psycho!" – Duchess of York
- "I'll have the scampi, no the chicken... no the scampi... chicken?...scampi? Oh to hell with it I'll start with one and if it doesn't agree with me I shall switch to the other." – Earl of Warwick