

# The Flying Pussy



## On Speed-reading

A REMARKABLE fact has surfaced in the Flying Pussy's infallible memory.

A speed-reading freak once claimed, in an article, that his personal reading speed was limited solely by the pace at which he could turn the pages.

By this measure, allowing 60 pages to be turned in 60 seconds, he would be able to read 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' in 1.82 minutes.

We can rarely appreciate the glories of a landscape while driving in the fast lane of a motorway. Shakespeare, surely, must be turning in his grave!

## A Refurbished Cross of St George

The Flying Pussy plans to describe here, and in the next three issues of the Messenger, appropriate additions to the four spotless white segments on our Country's Flag.

English football supporters will, in due course, be required to display the revised banner on their cars and vans during the finals of the next European and World cups.

The first innovation will be depicted in the top right hand quadrant of the flag. It will show an exuberant group of kilted Scotsmen each vigorously waving a traditional Cross of St George. They will be punching at the sky in support of those who live at the southern end of the 'highroad that leads...to England'.

This tableau is designed to express our thanks to the Scots

for their unstinting support for the only nation of the United Kingdom to reach the World Cup finals in 2006.

All true Englishmen must hope that the Scots will qualify in 2008 and 2010. This would give us southerners, especially those with Obscure Scottish Ancestry, the opportunity to give, in return, an appropriate gesture of support to our hyperborean neighbours.

The Flying Pussy, everyone's favourite column, will be one of those who will respond wholeheartedly to Scottish endeavours.

The FP feels a warm pride in its OSA every time it opens a bottle of whisky.

What do Scotland, and our Scottish rulers, think about the united-ness of the United Kingdom? Readers' comments on this matter will be carefully analysed.

## Failure in The House of Commons

The first Charmolax tests in the Palace of Westminster were a waste of time... the seats in the House of Commons were mostly vacant. The absent members were away in the various bars having a smoke, as is their right...

So, at the moment when the FP unleashed its experiment, only a few torpid MPs were in place to receive their dose of the medication. They subsequently evinced a heightened lack of interest in anything at all.

They were soon soundly asleep - with the exception of the Speaker, who had managed to avoid our touch. He continuously whacked his gavel in a vain

attempt to bring the debate to a conclusion (metaphorically speaking).

It seems that Charmolax, of which the Flying Pussy was once so proud, merely guides charm-constipated people into slumber.

Your column is unable to describe their condition on awakening, having been summarily evicted from the Palace.

## In the Offing

The Flying Pussy, in company with 10Radio's 'Bantering Boys', will be going to sea in a beautiful brown boat.

The Wiveliscombe Navy is to be our host. The party will sail in the WS (Wivey Ship) Pelican, out of Exmouth. The Master, and owner, of this fine vessel is Sundial Richard (surname, White), a resident of the parish.

He will, no doubt, expect the Flying Pussy, and the Banterers, to work their passage.

The passengers intend, however, to foment a little mutiny...but more of that in the October issue of the Messenger.

Your column is hoping that the event will be blessed by some exquisite English sunshine, and by a gentle breeze to waft us across the water under sail. The FP also trusts that seagoing fluids, of one sort or another, will not adversely affect Mike, a device taken along to record the proceedings.

10Radio will be on air again in September, to general acclaim.

Don't forget to tune in for the un-expurgated conversations of the Bantering Boys, and much else besides...

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