



Ahoy Seven Seas Club Members

As we ring in July, the Tattler brings its usual mix of quiet wonders, some history, sport, culture and more. First up, we have an update from your Club Secretary. We are delighted to share contributions from the following members: Jim Page shares his experiences of a recent exhilarating trip to Le Mans and Bob Harrison writes to us from the “Home of Cricket”, where he witnessed SA take the crown as the ICC World Test Champions!

Further afield, we begin in Croatia, where the Sea Organ of Zadar turns the tide into sound and a nod to a very different kind of invention: Leonardo da Vinci’s 15th-century design for a self-supporting bridge. We explore the possibility of lab-grown blood.

From a different archive, we’ve found a rugby magazine ad from the 1970s featuring a player with a sideline grin, and a pack of Hunter cigarettes, revealing how sport, marketing, and attitudes have shifted over time.

In the Football Corner we introduce you to a Fantasy Football Fanatic and Howard Cohen and your Editor Jonathan pitch their ultimate Fantasy Football Teams against the picks of another good friend, Henry Appleby who is an Arsenal fan.

In this month’s cultural feature, we turn to the life of Peter Sellers. From The Goon Show to Inspector Clouseau, he had the range of ten actors and the stability of none. And then there’s The Rocky Horror Picture Show, released in July 1975. What started as a box-office flop has become a cult phenomenon in cinema.

We hope you find a few minutes’ pause to enjoy this month’s offering.

Colette

Report Back on Club Activities

(Euan Smith, our club secretary, writes for Tattler)

Euan Smith has submitted the following piece. Please note that this was written and received on the 24th of June. Thanks Euan - you are meeting your commitment!

Dear Members,

Well winter has arrived properly with the next storm scheduled to arrive tomorrow as I write this. There have been some beautiful champagne days in between as you can see from the image I captured of one of our Frigates from the bay.



The storm's arrival should be coincidental with the next foodies evening at The Club which will be a steak night again. A good reason to eat well! I can't wait! The attendance to sample our volunteer chefs' lovely grub has been up and down but I must say that I have enjoyed every meal to date so please add your names to the list for the next one and come and enjoy a fun evening with friends. At the Italian night last month, the dancing lasted late into the night, and I eventually had to ring the bell and call last orders to allow the bar staff to get home!

Apart from these moments of bacchanalian excess the Club has had a quieter month in June as we all are getting used to the cold I suspect. Don't forget that the Club is a warm refuge where you will find friends and replenishment to help you through these darker days. Your committee decided to move the Happy Hour to the first Tuesday last month to avoid a clash with the Quiz. This appears to have been successful as turnout was somewhat better than previous months. We shall see if that trend carries forward into July. Just a note that the first Tuesday in July is the 1st of July, so just around the corner.

The Quiz was well attended even though some regulars thought that going to the world cricket test match final was more important. (I am just jealous sir!). Good fun was had by all as usual. The next Quiz will be early in the month as well on 9th July. Make a note in your diary.

There have been a couple of things to fix around The Club over the course of the month which you might need to be aware of. The front doorbell has become a little "sticky" and to get it to ring upstairs it needs to be pressed quite hard. I suggest to all members that having your fingerprints registered is a much easier way of gaining entry and does not disturb the bar staff from their duties. Our amazing Treasurer has promised to multi-task and have a look at it so I am sure that the doorbell will recover soon. Thank you, Doug.

The Club clock has curled up its hands and we are so very lucky to have quickly been gifted a replacement by one of our finest gentlemen. Read more about that below.

With the change in the weather there have been a couple of leaks appearing here and there including one which started to drip on The Chairman during the last committee meeting leading to much hilarity! But fear not, our ever-vigilant handyman Sean Gourley has plugged them all-in double-quick time.

So, as we have passed the yearly solstice, we may have the joyful thought that Summer is coming. So, as ever, with great thanks to The Tattler I bid you stay warm and dry and see you at the Club.

Cheers!

Euan

Members Contribution

A Visit to Le Mans

Tattler - Club Member and Motor Racing guru Jim Page shares his experiences in what must have been a terrific visit. Thanks Mate, it must have been a thrill!

Many of you will know that I was at Le Mans for the 2025 edition of the 24-hour endurance race. I'll give you a little insight into some of the lesser-known aspects of the race, along with my perspective of the events. Le Mans is not just a race, but a full 10 days of build-up, practice, qualifying, entertainment in the form of concerts, public pit walks, the famed ferris wheel, drivers parade and a lot of walking!

Perhaps the most surprising is that the 24h circuit is mostly run on public roads, closed to the public for only a few days for the actual race and supporting events. Photos 1-2 show the massive armco barriers that line the famous Mulsanne straight - at the point where cars enter the Mulsanne, along with one of the two chicanes that were introduced to slow the cars down. Travelling at the speed limit, it took us 3 minutes to traverse the straight - noting that the Hypercars would complete the entire 13.6km circuit only 26 seconds longer!

We arrived on Monday afternoon and stopped for a late lunch at a suburb named Arnage - during which we observed a Porsche 917 (replica? - difficult to tell), Ferrari P3, numerous Porsche GT3's, and a variety of exotica too varied to tally.

Tuesday saw us venture to the circuit to register our arrival at the ACO club facilities and get our souvenir goody bag. From the enclosure at La Chappelle we could access the trackside fence with a view of the cars passing under the famous Dunlop bridge, down through the esses and on towards Tertre Rouge.

The big draw for the day was the pit walk, combined with the pit crew challenge. The challenge was across the three classes of race car, Hypercars, LMP2 and GT3. The assigned task was to activate the car's inbuilt pneumatic jacks, change all four wheels and tyres and drop the car back to the tarmac. (Pics of the Corvette, the Iron Dames and the Thor Aston Martin).

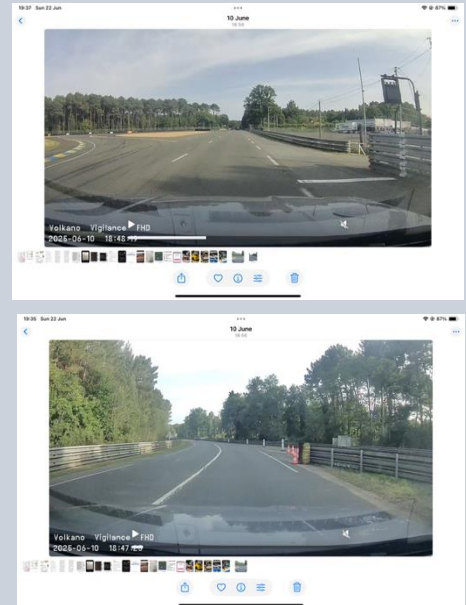
Winners in each class were the Peugeot 9X8 Hypercar, AF Corse in LMP2, and the Iron Dames in their Porsche GT3.

Wednesday had a full day of activities, including free practice for the Porsche Challenge, the Road to Le Mans and the Mustang Challenge. Later in the day the prequalifying for the Hyperpole took place, with on track events stretching all the way to midnight. Off the track, a concert for ticket holders took place at a dedicated stage within the circuit.

Thursday started with qualifying for the Porsche Sprint Challenge, broken into two sessions. Every session was curtailed by a red flag, to the point that only 4 of the 41 entrants had posted official quali times. A minor headache for the officials! Mustang Challenge and Road to Le Mans also brought out red flags during free practice and qualifying respectively.

The Porsche Sprint Challenge race 1 turned out to be a real humdinger, until - yes, a red flag, the first of two for the race.

The Road to Le Mans event is essentially the nursery feeder series for the main event, and race 1 saw 58 cars take the formation lap - no less than 3 managed to spin on the out lap! The race start saw several cars tangling before the Dunlop bridge, bringing out the safety car. The balance of the race was relatively uneventful.



The Porsche Sprint Challenge was an equally fraught affair, with a three-car entanglement on lap two at the Dunlop bridge. A few laps later another car went into the kitty litter at the esses losing a wheel in the process. The race was called early after a red flag elsewhere on the circuit.

The day's events were concluded by the Hyperpole in two separate categories - firstly LMP2 and GT3, and finally the premier Hypercar class. In true dramatic fashion, the leaderboard changed with every car crossing the line. At the checkered flag it was Cadillac 1-2, with the #6 Penske Porsche 963 third - subsequently the Porsche was disqualified for being underweight.

Friday the 13th had a range of activities, and we chose to watch the Porsche Sprint Challenge before decamping to Le Mans city for the Drivers parade. Due to a few distractions, I failed to get a single photo of the Drivers parade!

The big day was Saturday the 14th, the phenomenal display by the French Armee de l'Air, the marines who delivered the French Flag to the official starter of the race, a certain Roger Federer (never heard of him!). Watching the 62-car field make their way around the circuit behind the pace car had the crowd on their feet. As the perfectly timed moment arrived, the two Cadillacs held off the Porsche challenge until turn two. Splitting the Caddies, the #5 Porsche 963 made ground through the esses, then snatching the lead going into Mulsanne. Several incidents in the first hour saw the Peugeot 9X8 come off worst, losing a wheel.

Amazingly the entire race saw only one safety car deployment, although the slow zones were introduced and were instrumental in keeping the race well managed from a safety perspective.

Ultimately the privateer Ferrari with Robert Kubica at the wheel won the race overall from the #6 Porsche 963, followed by the #51 and #50 factory Ferraris. The #50 was subsequently disqualified for a technical infringement regarding its wing.

It is extremely difficult to convey the emotion and action that embodies this legendary race - let me try to put a little perspective on it: Race Day saw 332 000 people pass through the entry gates as spectators. No other sporting event on earth has such a following.



Jim

A few days at the Home of Cricket

Tattler Warning! The green-eyed monster may attack any real lover of this game! Article written and submitted by Bob Harrison.

LETTER FROM LORDS

Hail All Saffers!

As a young lad growing up in Port Elizabeth from 1947 to 1963, I grew to love the games of cricket and rugby as a player at school level and as a spectator at St Georges Park at Club, Provincial and Test level. I have always been a passionate supporter of the Springboks (now Proteas) XI and naturally also the Springboks Rugby XV. These two sports are the only ones, as far as I know, that play TESTS at International level. Never at any time (in my life) has South Africa been able to lay claim to the simultaneous titles of World Champions in Cricket and Rugby.

I go whenever I can to watch Test cricket at Newlands (my favourite ground) and earlier this year watched the Proteas knock over Pakistan. After this satisfying victory I read in the local sports press that we had qualified to play Australia in the ICC World Test Cricket Championship final to be played at Lords in London in June. Already basking in the glory of our magnificent Boks having won the World Cup Rugby twice in a row, I saw a golden opportunity to be present at an historic event if our Proteas could lift the Mace and was determined that I would be there.

I was able to score 6 tickets (2 per day) for the scheduled first three days, 11 – 13 Jun through the good offices of my very canny and internet-wise daughter, on day 1 of tickets being available. This set me back some ZAR10 000. I planned to be there with my English bro-in-law and to stay in a local London hotel for the two overnights. The remaining days of my 2-week sojourn would be spent with my resident daughter in nearby Kent.

DAY 1

Daughter and hubby drove us through to our hotel and the North Gate to Lords from Kent. We had to leave home at 7.30 to negotiate transiting Central and North London to get there in time for the start at 10.30! Our seats were in the 'nosebleed', row ZZ, of the Upper Compton Stand, a climb of 4 steep sets of stairways to get there. A Lords Steward observing my slow tedious ascent with cane in hand approached us and stated that he could not tolerate my discomfort and that he would return within a half hour with an offer of alternate seating! This he duly did and sure enough we were seated in 2 private seats apart from the crowd at level 1 under cover. There should be a special place in heaven reserved for such kind thoughtful officials!

The day had dawned dry, warm and overcast. Themba Bavuma had won the toss and decided to bowl first. I wondered about the wisdom of this. Generally, in Test cricket an old adage is, you win first you bat first. Sessions 1 and 2 proved him to be correct in his decision as our bowlers with KG (5 fer) at the fore tore into the Aussies with a will, restricting them to all out for 212. Lunch of a 'boerrie roll' and chips (shades of Newlands) and several cold ones was exceptionally pleasant as a result. In the last session we were brought back to earth with a bump with Markram out for a duck, 4 wickets down and a paltry total on the board.

Such ups and downs are what TEST cricket is all about! The ground was fully packed for the days play as were all days I was there. The crowd was roughly 50/50 Saffers/Aussies with a sprinkling of 'others' (English, W Indies, Sub-Continental). A lot of good-natured banter was prevalent throughout. Most of the 'others' seemed to be pro Proteas. Speaking to some of the Lords officials at the end of the days play while waiting for our 'uber' to the hotel they all stated that this was a particularly well-behaved crowd unlike English crowds with which they normally had to deal with.

DAY 2

Lords is a magnificent Cricket Ground. It is square shaped and best described as Elegantly Classy. The Old Members Pavilion reminds one of bygone eras while the new stands and pavilions are modern and well appointed. Home to the MCC (Marylebone Cricket Club) and the MCCC (Middlesex County Cricket Club) it has the aura and history to

rightfully claim to be the Home of Cricket. I am of the opinion that if the ICC is to continue with this Test final format, they should proclaim that it will always be contested at Lords irrespective of who the contestants are.

Day 2 pretty much the same weather-wise as day 1. We are now seated in a different stand, the Mound level 1 under cover. We are cleaned up pretty quickly - all out for 134. The Aussie quick bowlers show their class, and we appear to have exposed our weakness – batting! Saffer gloom! Aussie spectators become more gregarious and mildly arrogant and are predicting it all over by tea on day 3. I chat to an Englishman sitting next to me. He is a member of the MCCC and is sitting among us hoi-polloi because he doesn't like wearing a tie and jacket to watch cricket. Upon my asking why he's here at a match that doesn't involve England he replies that he's watched too many games where the Aussies beat them and he now wants to watch a side who have a good record at beating them (the Aussies) to see how it's done. This pro-Protea attitude gives me heart!

Our bowlers climb –in and put their backs into it. Aussie wickets fall at regular intervals. The runs aren't flowing at all. KG, Ngidi, and Themba are regularly serenaded, after completing overs and coming to field near the boundary, by jubilant Saffers clearly fuelled to maximum lyrical capacity. At 'stumps' we are 2 wickets short of having them all out for a low score and we know we have a good chance if our batters can only show up tomorrow. Aussies confident they have enough runs to wipe us out in our second innings. Everything is in the balance.

DAY 3

Day 3 dawns warm, bright, dry and clear. Good omens. Today we are seated at the Compton stand lowest tier in the open, fundamentally at Cows Corner. A lovely spot surrounded evenly by Saffers and Aussies. We battle to remove their last wicket, and the Aussies take a further 60-odd runs off us. Woe is me. Have we let them off the hook or what? We now needed 260-odd runs to win.

The one noticeable thing was that the pitch was dead to seam bowling. A possible batsman's paradise was materialising before us. And so it proved to be. Only 4 wickets fell the entire day while 14 each were taken on days 1 and 2. With the aggressive 'mongrel' Aussie bowling attack doing its level best to blow our batsmen away, they batted with skill, diligence, concentration and courage to get the upper hand and put us into a potentially winning position by 'stumps'. Aiden and Themba were playing the innings of their lives for us. An enthralling and memorable day's cricket for me. Aussie vocal support for their side was somewhat muted by the end but Saffers were now becoming jubilantly noisy.

DAY 4

Unfortunately, I had not bought tickets for day 4 so had to watch it on TV. However, what a pleasure it was. We had 2 days in which to score 60-odd runs with 8 wickets standing to take Test Crickets ultimate prize. No rush. Concentrate. The Aussies will throw everything at you to prevent it. And so it was. We won by 5 wickets. Aiden Markram scored 136 and was caught out 6 runs shy of the target.

As the clearly distraught hero of the hour marched off towards the pavilion and to the avid applause of the crowd, every Aussie player on the field ran up to him to shake his hand and congratulate him on his remarkable performance. Now that is what the ethos of cricket and its followers and fans is all about. We won! Yahoo! Ecstasy! The Mace has a new home!

SOME THOUGHTS AND OBSERVATIONS

I was informed by a Lords Steward that Lords becomes the 'sole' property of the ICC from 2 days before the start of the match, for the duration, and for 2 days after. This to take down (temporarily) all non-ICC emblems and facilities and replace them with their own insignia, advertising, regalia and approved facilities and services. The match was billed as "The Ultimate Test". The ground was declared 'cash free' and you could only purchase anything with an approved Bank card. Nothing (including all drinks and foodstuffs) was sold for less than £10 per item! The only "merch" available seemed to be a worthy official Souvenir Programme and a Lords Hat. No Aussie or South African regalia was available. All supporters seemed to be dressed in a wide assortment of ancient old Springbok/Protea and Aussie rugby and cricket shirts and hats. I think the ICC missed out on a commercial opportunity here!

A true cricket aficionada will tell you that it's the bowlers who win matches not the batsmen. If you take 20 of your opponent's wickets you have probably won. Good bowlers prevent or restrict batsmen from scoring runs. This was so true for this match. We took 20 of their wickets and they only took 15 of ours being unable to prevent us from exceeding their total score.

I love Test cricket and consider it the highest and best format of the game where true ability, skill, courage and knowledge of an individual player and his team can best be displayed, examined and appreciated. Long may it survive!

Try explaining to an American the ins and outs of test cricket. The reaction I got was "Goddamn y'all play for 5 days and still don't get a result!?!"

So, in the end we claimed bragging rights as the **best TEST Cricket Team** in the world and stuck out a middle finger to the Austruckinfalians and the arrogant Anglo sporting press who labelled us as "no-hopers" and "un-worthy finalists" respectively.

Yours aye

Bob Harrison
23 June 2025

Lord's Cricket Ground, nestled in St John's Wood, London, is widely regarded as the Home of Cricket—a title it's earned through over two centuries of history, tradition, and influence.

Founded in 1814 by Thomas Lord, the current ground is the third incarnation he established. It's owned by the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), which also serves as the guardian of the Laws of Cricket. Lord's is home to Middlesex County Cricket Club, the England and Wales Cricket Board, and the MCC Museum—one of the oldest sporting museums in the world.

The ground is known for its distinctive slope (a 2.5-meter drop from one side to the other), the iconic red-brick Pavilion, and the futuristic Media Centre that hovers like a spaceship above the stands. It has hosted over 100 Test matches, including the 2000th Test in 2011, and was the site of the first-ever World Cup final in 1975.

Most recently, Lord's hosted the 2025 ICC World Test Championship Final, where South Africa defeated Australia to claim their first ICC title in 27 years.

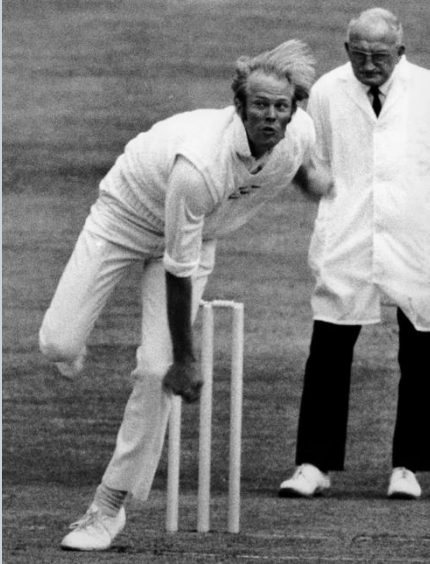
Whether you're there for the cricket, the architecture, or the atmosphere, Lord's remains a place where history is not just remembered—it's still being made.



Editorial

July 1975 - Unusual Cricket scorecard

In the second test between England and Australia there were two first innings scores of (the dreaded) 99!
Tony Greig (England) and Ross Edwards (Australia) both fell on this score!



Advertising 50 years back.....



Football Corner

Fantasy Football Teams

In the UK, South Africa, and most of the world, yes—*fantasy football* means fantasy soccer, typically based on leagues like the English Premier League. You draft real players, set lineups, and earn points based on actual match performances.

But in the United States, fantasy football usually refers to American football, especially the NFL. Same idea—pick players, track performance—but a different sport entirely. Touchdowns instead of goals, quarterbacks instead of strikers.

Just for fun - Meet FFF (Football Fantasy Fanatic),

He's a 32-year-old teacher in Johannesburg, a Manchester City fan (but not one of those), and come Friday nights—an emotional hostage to the Premier League Fantasy app. What started as a casual “let's make work more fun” mini-league with colleagues has since spiralled into a full-blown obsession with spreadsheets, captaincy dilemmas, and irrational hatred toward Aston Villa's second choice left-back.

Every Saturday morning, FFF's routine is sacred. He sets the kettle boiling, pulls up three tabs on his laptop (FPL site, injury tracker, and Reddit for spicy captain picks), and dons what he lovingly calls his “decision-making socks.” Superstitions matter when the fate of your mini league hangs on whether Bukayo Saka takes the penalties this week. He scans his squad: Haaland's been blanking, but can he dare go against him as captain? He once did that in Gameweek 9 and lived to regret it—his friend and rival rocketed ahead thanks to a 20-point haul and hasn't let him forget it since.

Fantasy football, especially in the UK and South Africa, works like this: each player gets a virtual budget—say, £100 million—to pick real-life Premier League players. Every gameweek, players earn or lose points based on what happens in actual matches: goals, assists, yellow cards, clean sheets... and dreaded own goals. You choose a starting eleven, a captain (who scores double), and try not to cry when the player you benched scores two screamers.

FFF once benched a goalkeeper who scored a penalty and saved another. His friends made a commemorative meme. It still circulates at year-end functions.

What hooks people isn't just the points—it's the drama, the camaraderie, and the deeply personal vendettas it creates. The thrill of spotting a hidden gem midfielder before he “goes mainstream.” The agony of second-guessing yourself until kick-off. The mini-league banter, the endless tweaking of squads, the dopamine hit when your captain scores.

Fantasy football transforms fans into pseudo-managers, armchair analysts, and amateur psychics. FFF, like millions across the globe, knows it's just a game. But come Saturday, when kick-off looms and the Premier League anthem plays, it sure feels like something more.

With the completion of the English Premiership, I asked our Football writer, Howard Cohen for something different. He (a massive Manchester United fan) was requested to put together the best team, in his opinion, consisting of players that he has watched regularly. Quite a team! I asked a friend who is an Arsenal fan to put a team forward as well then noted my selection for Chelsea.

Howard Cohen	Henry Appleby	Jonathan Golding
		
Peter Schmeichel	David Seaman	Petr Čech
Denis Irwin	Ashley Cole	Ashley Cole
Patrice Evra	Gabriel Magalhaes	John Terry
Rio Ferdinand	Kolo Toure	Gary Cahill
Nemanja Vidic		Branislav Ivanovic
Brian Robson	Bukayo Saka	Claude Makelele
Roy Keane	Patrick Viera	N'Golo Kanté
Paul Scholes	Declan Rice	Frank Lampard
Ryan Giggs	William Saliba	
	Robert Pires	Gianfranco Zola
Robin Van Persie	Thiery Henry	Eden Hazard
Wayne Rooney	Dennis Bergkamp	Didier Drogba
Bench	Bench	Bench
	David Raya	Thibaut Courtois
Edwin Van Der Sar	Jurrien Timber	Ricardo Carvalo
Jaap Stam	Bacary Sagna	Caesar Azpilicueta
Paul Ince	Martin Odegaard	Michael Essien
David Beckham	Robin van Persie	Michael Ballack
Eric Cantona	Alexis Sanchez	Arjen Robben
Antonio Valencia	Freddie Ljunberg	Cesc Fabrigas
Andy Cole		

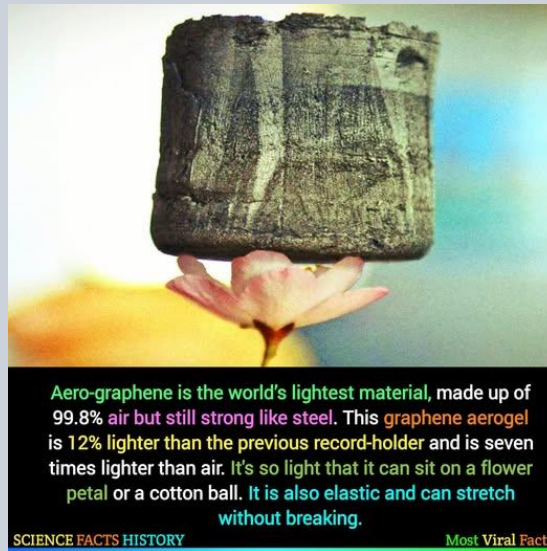
Three top sides. Which would

triumph?

Maybe you would like to suggest changes to these squads or even add a new one (Any Liverpool, Manchester City or Spurs fans out there?)

Some interesting items that caught my eye

Did you know.....



The Croatian Sea Organ

Have any of our members seen and listened to this? There is a 230-foot organ built into marble steps in Croatia. Have a look and listen by clicking on the image alongside.



Love and Devotion

Courtesy Engineering Facts

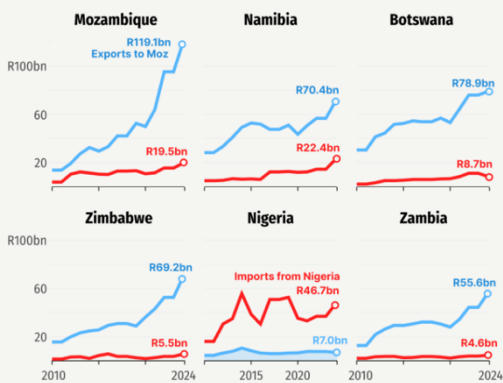
Leonardo da Vinci's 15th-century bridge design is one of history's most remarkable examples of engineering elegance. Without a single bolt, nail, or rope, this self-supporting bridge relies entirely on friction and geometry. The clever interlocking of wooden beams ensures that the more weight you apply, the more stable it becomes—making it a masterclass in structural logic using only simple physics.

Though never built in his lifetime, da Vinci's design was so forward-thinking that it was finally realized centuries later, including a notable full-scale version in Norway in 2001. Originally intended to span the Golden Horn in Istanbul, this bridge now stands as a symbol of sustainable, minimalistic design — proving that true innovation is timeless.



Neighbourhood markets

Mozambique is South Africa's biggest African trade partner and Nigeria exports more to SA than any other African country



The first 3 letters of 'Sweden' and 'Denmark' spell out 'Sweden.' The remaining letters spell out 'Denmark.'

Tattler – on searching for another example, it appears there isn't one to be found and certainly not as elegant as this!

UNAVOIDABLE LAWS

THESE ARE THE UNAVOIDABLE LAWS OF THE NATURAL UNIVERSE

- LAW OF MECHANICAL REPAIR:** AFTER YOUR HANDS BECOME COATED WITH GREASE, YOUR NOSE WILL BEGIN TO ITCH OR YOU WILL HAVE TO PEE.
- LAW OF THE WORKSHOP:** ANY TOOL, WHEN DROPPED, WILL ROLL TO THE LEAST ACCESSIBLE CORNER.
- LAW OF PROBABILITY:** THE PROBABILITY OF 'BEING WATCHED' IS DIRECTLY PROPORTIONAL TO THE STUPIDITY OF YOUR ACT.
- LAW OF THE TELEPHONE:** WHEN YOU DIAL A WRONG NUMBER, YOU NEVER GET A BUSY SIGNAL.
- LAW OF THE ALIBI:** IF YOU TELL THE BOSS YOU WERE LATE FOR WORK BECAUSE YOU HAD A FLAT TIRE, THE VERY NEXT MORNING OR SOON THEREAFTER, YOU WILL HAVE A FLAT TIRE.
- VARIATION LAW:** IF YOU CHANGE LINES (OR TRAFFIC LANES), THE ONE YOU WERE IN WILL START TO MOVE FASTER THAN THE ONE YOU ARE IN NOW. (HAPPENS EVERY TIME).
- BATH THEOREM:** WHEN THE BODY IS FULLY IMMERSED IN WATER OR IN THE SHOWER, THE TELEPHONE RINGS.
- LAW OF CLOSE ENCOUNTERS:** THE PROBABILITY OF MEETING SOMEONE YOU KNOW INCREASES WHEN YOU ARE WITH SOMEONE YOU DO NOT WANT TO BE SEEN WITH.
- LAW OF THE RESULT:** WHEN YOU TRY TO PROVE TO SOMEONE THAT A MACHINE WON'T WORK, IT WILL.
- LAW OF BIOMECHANICS:** THE SEVERITY OF THE ITCH IS INVERSELY PROPORTIONAL TO THE REACH.
- THEATER RULE:** AT ANY EVENT, THE PEOPLE WHOSE SEATS ARE FURTHEST FROM THE AISLE ARRIVE LAST.
- LAW OF COFFEE:** AS SOON AS YOU SIT DOWN TO A CUP OF HOT COFFEE, YOUR BOSS WILL ASK YOU TO DO SOMETHING, WHICH WILL LAST UNTIL THE COFFEE IS COLD.
- MURPHY'S LAW OF LOCKERS:** IF THERE ARE ONLY TWO PEOPLE IN A LOCKER ROOM, THEY WILL HAVE ADJACENT LOCKERS.
- LAW OF DIRTY RUGS/CARPETS:** THE CHANCES OF AN OPEN-FACED JELLY SANDWICH OF LANDING FACE DOWN ON A FLOOR COVERING ARE DIRECTLY CORRELATED TO THE NEWNESS, COLOR AND COST OF THE CARPET/RUG.
- LAW OF LOCATION:** NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO, THERE YOU ARE.
- LAW OF LOGICAL ARGUMENT:** ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT.
- BROWN'S LAW:** IF THE SHOE FITS, IT'S UGLY.
- OLIVER'S LAW:** A CLOSED MOUTH GATHERS NO FEET.
- WILSON'S LAW:** AS SOON AS YOU FIND A PRODUCT THAT YOU REALLY LIKE, THEY WILL STOP MAKING IT.

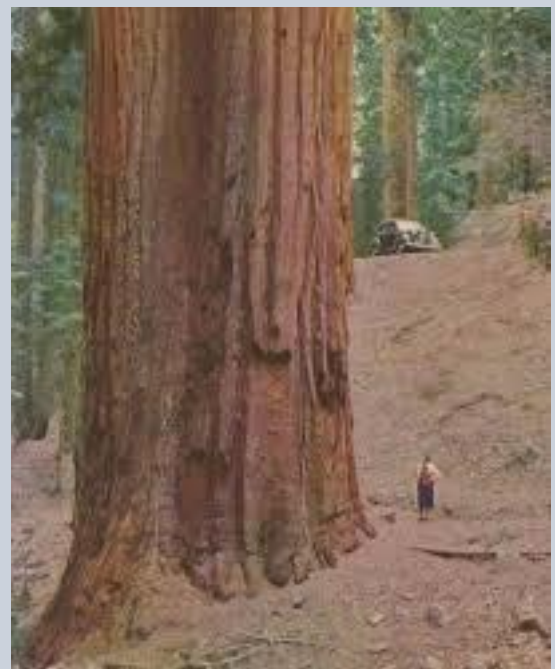
A very large tree or two!

(From Amazing Nature)



This is the size of the sequoia compared to a human. What you have in front of you now is the largest living creature on Earth and the largest giant in it. the giant sequoia tree. Sequoia is considered the largest living creature in the world and the longest-lived trees, as some of them exceed 88 meters in height, and some of them are estimated to be more than nine meters in diameter.

And, in case you are wondering, the Sequoia is larger in terms of overall volume, while coast redwoods are taller.



Lab-grown blood could (one day, maybe) save your life)

by Marion Renault

Certain parts of the human body, it turns out, are replaceable.

We've engineered artificial hearts that beat, dialysis machines that filter blood, cochlear implants that bypass acoustic hearing, and collagen scaffolds that help generate skin.

We've synthesized and administered hormones for gender-affirming therapy, period suppression, birth control, cancer, menopause and diabetes.

We've designed prosthetics to replace not only limbs and digits but also noses, ears, breasts, and genitals. We've swapped out titanium for bones, gold for teeth, glass for eyes.



Across our physiological fabric, however, blood remains an inimitable and fragile thread. This precious, near-magical substance cannot yet be synthesized, manufactured, grown at scale, or stockpiled long term.

Today, we have just one way to procure it for transfusion: the goodwill of donors, which often is not nearly enough to meet societal need, resulting in an “uncounted” number of deaths from trauma, postpartum haemorrhage, and childhood anaemias.

Blood is essentially its own organ system, said Philip Spinella, surgery and critical care professor at the University of Pittsburgh, co-director of its Trauma and Transfusion Medicine Research Centre, and associate medical director of its Centre for Military Medicine Research. In humans, it circulates along a 60,000-mile-long vascular freeway, distributing oxygen, cycling nutrients and hormones, removing waste, defending the immune system, distributing heat, and maintaining the body's chemical and fluid balance as it travels. About one-twelfth of an adult body's weight is owed to blood's miracle blend of water, proteins, salts, sugars, fats, oxygen-rich red blood cells, and clot-inducing platelets.

In centuries past, physicians unsuccessfully tried substituting blood with beer, urine, salt water, and milk. But over the last decade, scientists have finally started to make breakthroughs in the medical quest to imitate fresh human blood. Last fall, a groundbreaking UK clinical trial successfully transfused two teaspoons of lab-grown blood into patients, while other approaches are seeking to synthetically recreate blood's various elements and combine them into a functional substitute for the real thing.

Club Managers Report

100 Club Winners June 2025

Mr J. London – R300.

Mrs A. Stannard – R300.

Mrs S. Le Roux – R300.

Capt W.H. Rice (Ret) – R1000.

We wish the following members a very Happy July Birthday. May the year ahead be filled with good health and happiness. For our usual bit of fun, we note a few historic but mostly cultural and quirky observances across the world.

Capt W.H. Rice (Ret) – 01 July.

Canada Day: Fireworks, parades, and maple leaf pride from coast to coast.

Lt Col L.W. Moore (Ret) – 01 July.

Hong Kong SAR Establishment Day – Marks the 1997 handover from British to Chinese rule, observed with official ceremonies and protests alike.

Cdr M.J. Odendal (Ret) – 03 July.

International Plastic Bag Free Day

Lt S.T. Stacey (Ret) – 03 July.

International Plastic Bag Free Day – A global initiative to reduce plastic waste and promote sustainable alternatives.

Mr E. Erasmus – 03 July.

Belarus Independence Day – Commemorates the liberation of Minsk from Nazi occupation in 1944. It's a major national holiday with parades, fireworks, and patriotic displays.

V Adm R.C. Simpson-Anderson (Ret) – 04 July.

American Independence celebrations

R Adm R.W. Higgs (Ret) – 07 July.

World Chocolate Day: A delicious excuse to indulge in your favourite cocoa treats.

Mr M. Barron – 08 July.

Day 2 of the San Fermín (Running of the Bulls) in Pamplona, Spain: A thrilling (and terrifying) tradition dating back centuries.

Cdr A Wridgway – 19 Jul.

National Liberation Day (Nicaragua) – Celebrates the 1979 overthrow of the Somoza dictatorship by the Sandinista revolution. Expect parades, speeches, and revolutionary music.

Lt Cdr P.J. Janse Van Rensburg – 19 July.

National Daiquiri Day (USA) – A toast to the classic rum cocktail. Whether frozen or shaken, it's a great excuse to sip something tropical.

R Adm (JG) D.T. St.J Thomson (Ret) – 21 July.

Day 2 of the Bali Kite Festival, Indonesia: Giant, colourful kites take over the skies in a celebration of harvest and tradition.

Cdr Z. Madiba – 23 July.

The start of Swan Upping, England: A royal census of swans on the Thames—very British and very charming.

Mr S.B. Gourley – 24 July.

National Tequila Day (UK): Cheers to that!

Mr A. Rensberg – 25 July.

Feast of Saint James (Spain & Latin America) – Honouring Santiago, the patron saint of Spain, this day is especially grand in Santiago de Compostela, where pilgrims complete the famous Camino de Santiago. Expect processions, fireworks, and a whole lot of Galician flair.

Mr E.P. Eggeling – 26 July.

Liberia Independence Day – Celebrating the founding of Africa's first republic in 1847, this is a major national holiday marked with parades, speeches, and cultural festivities.

Mr J. London 27 July.

Bagpipe Appreciation Day. Yes, really. A day to honour the ancient, wailing wonder that is the bagpipe. Whether you love them or flee from them, this day celebrates their cultural legacy—especially in Scotland and parts of Canada.

New Members

We welcome the following new member to our club and wish them a long and happy association.

Mr Michael Kurt Weber married to Lisa Dianne and they reside in Dhow Ave Sun Valley. Mike is currently employed with the Momentum Group as an IT specialist. He is a Member of Olympic Sports Club and is a keen Snooker Player.

Mr Shaheen Kapery resides in London Road Sea Point. Shaheen is a Director in the Company Lamda Services.

Aye, Glen

Seven Seas Club Monthly Quiz

The June Quiz was held on the 11th. We had a reasonable turnout despite it now being winter! Another keenly contested competition, eventually won by a very small margin.

The happy spirit that prevailed when not in deep concentration. We Know this one.....or do we?



Our Winners on the night - The "Questionables" Team - Congratulations!



We hope to continue throughout the year on the second Wednesday of each month and remind members that we offer a free fun evening where family and friends are most welcome. Why not come down for a happy evening that checks your memory?

As usual, we provide a set of questions from the evening. (Answers are elsewhere in Tattler)

Category - Cartoons and Animation

- 1) Which lasagna-loving feline stars in the comic strip that's as orange as his appetite?
- 2) What's the name of the feathery feller who quacks alongside his mischievous nephews Huey, Louie, and Dewey?
- 3) Which underwater princess trades her fins for legs in a Disney splash-hit?
- 4) Who's the "mane" character roaring his way through adventures in Disney's "The Lion King"?
- 5) Which lovable green ogre from DreamWorks hails from the Highlands with a thick Scottish brogue?
- 6) Which one of Scooby Doo's human pals is the brainy beauty always sporting those stylish specs?
- 7) Which cheeky character has a mischievous mutt named Gnasher?
- 8) Who's the sea-soaring sorceress stirring up trouble beneath the waves in "The Little Mermaid"?
- 9) What snazzy shade does Super Mario's iconic overalls sport?
- 10) Which cowboy toy, voiced by Tom Hanks, leads the playroom posse in Pixar's "Toy Story" series?

The Seven Seas Club - Our new "Ship's Clock"

(Article submitted by Glen Marlow)

Every Ship must have a Ship's Clock. Seafarers will know the many uses of a Ship's Clock which include providing accurate timing to comply with the Ship's daily routine. More accurate chronometers are also used onboard ships for Navigational purposes.

For many years, the Club's Clock provided reasonably accurate timing which was important to observe our "Ship's routine" in terms of opening and closing times to comply with the Liquor act and more importantly, the starting time of "Happy Hour".

Unfortunately, the Club's Clock was not a very good one and certainly not the type one would find in a commissioned War Ship.

Our Ships Clock expired recently, certainly "beyond economical repair". To replace it with the proper thing would be an extremely costly exercise, not to mention that original military standard Naval Ship's Clocks are as scarce as budge teeth.

Enter a Club Member in the person of Planks Van Aswegen who overheard the Club Manager explaining to the Members of the Monday Club the dilemma at hand to replace the Ship's Clock. "Well, it so happens", explained Planks "I have a pussers Ship's Clock at home which I would like to present to the Club".

A few days later, Planks arrived at the Club with his Ship's Clock. Yes, indeed it was a proper military spec Smiths 8 Day Astral Clock in pristine condition and in excellent working order.

The Clock was subsequently mounted on the bulkhead where the previous clock hung and a plaque acknowledging Planks van Aswegen placed just below the Clock. On Friday the 20th of June 2025, Planks officially presented the Clock to the Chairman in the Club.

Thanks Glen, and a huge thanks to Planks!



Maritime, Naval and Military

Three SA Navy Ships to mark World Hydrographic Day

Source: defenceWeb 20/06

One of the new SA Navy Hydrographic Office survey boats is in East London aboard the SAS Amatola. The SA Navy (SAN) will on Saturday 21 June, along with the international hydrographic community, mark World Hydrography Day in East London with two of its new patrol vessels, and a frigate.



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This weekend, the SA National Defence Force's (SANDF's) maritime arm of service, in partnership with the Buffalo City Metro Municipality and Transnet National Ports Authority, will recognise the role of hydrography in safe navigation, maritime security and environmental protection.

SAS Protea (A324), the over 50-year-old specialist hydrographic platform, will not be in the Eastern Cape harbour city for the event. Her absence, without offering a reason, was confirmed to defenceWeb by Captain (SAN) Nkosinathi Goboza, Commander Task Group World Hydrography Day Celebration. Similarly, SAS Protea was docked at Naval Base (NB) Simon's Town during the Hydrography Day event at Cape Town's Victoria and Alfred Waterfront last year.

Flying the SAN ensign for the two-day event will be three platforms. Two of the new SAN acquisitions – its multi-mission inshore patrol vessels (MMIPVs) – now complete as a three-strong patrol squadron with Durban as its home port along with the Valour Class frigate SAS Amatola (F145) are in East London harbour. The new SAN Warrior Class is represented by SAS King Shaka Zulu (P1572) and SAS King Adam Kok III (P1573).

As far as SAN hydrographic operations are concerned Amatola's flight deck carries one of the new survey boats that are part of the overall Project Hotel to fly the flag for the SAN Hydrographic Office (SANHO). The major component of the event will be a right of entry parade in East London by the SA Navy.

A hydrography lecture, panel discussion and book launch are also listed as part of advancing hydrographic research and fostering awareness of South Africa's maritime landscape. The book launch will present a publication resulting from the fifth Sea Power for Africa Symposium (SPAS) in Cape Town last year hosted by SAN Chief Vice Admiral Monde Lobese.

The symposium saw leaders and experts from across the continent discuss challenges and opportunities in the maritime domain. The book is a compendium of the symposium's deliberations, featuring 15 papers and an analysis of the global maritime landscape, emphasising the roles nations must play to maintain order at sea.

SAS Nelson Mandela (A187), the SAS Protea replacement platform, is currently under fabrication at Sandock Austral Shipyards (SAS) as per Project Hotel. It was originally set for handover to the SAN in September 2022 and then revised to January last year.

According to an Armscor presentation to the Joint Standing Committee on Defence on 13 June, Project Hotel is behind schedule, but Sandock Austral Shipyards has submitted a Project Execution Plan to Armscor for approval. However, Armscor warned that there may not be enough contracted funding to complete the project, and additional cashflow requirements are being investigated. Part of the delay stems from issues with subcontractors, which Armscor is engaging with them to "resolve the financial impasse and get them back on the project." Other delays have been caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, civil unrest in 2021, and flooding in 2022.

"A new delivery date will be determined once the recovery plan and subsequent amendment of the contract has been tabled for consideration and approved by the board," Armscor stated. Despite the Navy's limited survey capability, delivery of hydrographic products and services has not stopped.

Last year, Rear Admiral Musawenkosi Nkomonde, SAN Flag Officer Fleet (FOF), told defenceWeb "it is true that there is a delay in the delivery of the hydrographic survey vessel. However, the function hasn't stopped. Through the use of the Survey, Motorboats that have been delivered and the upgrade in the Hydrographic Office, the capability is being continued. We are also partnering with other states ... so that we close the gap where we will be lacking until delivery [of the new HSV]".

Source: defenceWeb 20/06

Silent Resistance

Source: "the historian's den" and "Engineerine"

Tattler believes that the following may be of interest

The story originates from Elmer Bendiner, a navigator aboard a B-17 Flying Fortress named Tondelayo during a bombing mission over Kassel, Germany, in 1943. According to his account, the aircraft was struck by anti-aircraft fire, and 20mm shells pierced its fuel tanks—yet miraculously, none detonated. After the mission, ground crews discovered not one, but eleven unexploded shells lodged in the tanks. When the shells were examined, they were found to be completely empty—no explosive charges inside. One of them, however, contained a small, rolled-up note written in Czech.

The note read: "This is all we can do for you now." It's believed that Czech forced laborers, working under Nazi control in munitions factories, had deliberately sabotaged the shells by omitting the explosives. The note was a quiet act of resistance—an anonymous message of solidarity from someone risking everything to save lives from within the enemy's war machine. While the story has circulated widely and is often cited in books and speeches, it remains difficult to independently verify every detail. Still, it stands as a powerful symbol of courage, defiance, and the unseen hands that shaped the course of history.



In 1943, a U.S. bomber was hit 11 times in the fuel tanks over Germany—yet none exploded. Inside the dud shells, one held a Czech note: "This is all we can do for you now." Silent resistance in steel.

We dug a little deeper and found this one.



When France was occupied by the Germans in 1940, Citroën was compelled to produce vehicles for them. The company decided to lower the fill line on their oil dipsticks, which caused the trucks to seize under stress due to insufficient oil levels.

(From "Engineerine")

One of Citroën's most creative acts of defiance involved a seemingly insignificant component: the oil dipstick. The dipstick, used to measure the level of oil in an engine, became the perfect tool for sabotage. Citroën engineers adjusted the markings on the dipsticks to indicate that the engine oil was at a sufficient level when it was far below what was needed for proper operation.

This ingenious tactic had devastating consequences for the German military vehicles. Trucks and other machinery that relied on Citroën's engines would seize up or break down under stress due to insufficient lubrication. The resulting mechanical failures disrupted supply lines, delayed troop movements, and undermined the efficiency of the Nazi war machine.

We are sure there are many similar stories that our members may know about and be prepared to share?

This month in History - July 1975

(50 years ago)

General

5 July - Hawaii's Mauna Loa volcano erupted after 25 years of inactivity, toward the city of Hilo.

8 July - U.S. President Gerald R. Ford announced that he would run for President of the United States in 1976, in his first try for national office. Ford, described as "the first unelected President" because he had not run for either the Presidency or the Vice-Presidency, had succeeded Richard Nixon after having been appointed U.S. Vice-President in 1974.

10 July - Foreign Minister (and future Prime Minister) James Callaghan of the United Kingdom flew to Uganda to personally request Ugandan dictator Idi Amin to release Briton Denis Hills, who had been threatened with execution for his criticism of Amin. Hills and Callaghan would leave Uganda the next day.

15 July - The first Apollo rocket mission since Apollo 17's 1972 trip to the Moon lifted off from Cape Canaveral at 3:50 pm with a crew of three. In the last use of the enormous Saturn rocket on a crewed mission, Donald "Deke" Slayton, Vance Brand, and Brigadier General Thomas Stafford were sent into space about eight hours after the launching of a Soyuz rocket with Alexei Leonov (the first man to walk in space) and Valeri Kubasov, who went up at 4:20 pm from the Soviet Union (7:20 am in Florida). Slayton, who had been one of the original seven Mercury astronauts before being grounded in 1962 because of a heart murmur, radioed to ground control, "I'll tell you; this is worth waiting 16 years for!"



16 July - The evacuation of thousands of Portuguese nationals, who were preparing to move away from Angola in advance of its scheduled independence from Portugal in November, began as the airline Swissair began sending jets to Luanda during a temporary lull in the Angolan civil war.

19 July - President Siaka Stevens of Sierra Leone had fourteen former government and military officials executed by firing squad for conspiring to overthrow him.

26 July - Ethiopia's revolutionary government issued Proclamation No. 27, nationalizing almost all land in the former Empire. Families were allowed to own no more than one house, and no more than 500 square meters

of unoccupied land. Everything else was confiscated by the government, which then rented out the surplus to low-income families.

29 July - Nigeria's President, Major General Yakubu Gowon, was overthrown while he was out of the country at a meeting of the Organization of African Unity in Uganda. Joseph Nanvan Garba, commander of Gowon's bodyguards, took control of radio stations in the capital, Lagos, to broadcast the coup announcement, imposed a curfew, ordered most vehicles off the street, and shut down the capital's international airport and telecommunications.

Sport

4 July - Billie Jean King defeated Evonne Goolagong to win the Wimbledon women's singles championship. The 6-0, 6-1 win was the most one-sided women's final since 1951. King announced afterward that she was retiring from singles' tournaments to concentration on her professional league.

5 July - Arthur Ashe won the Wimbledon singles title, defeating the #1 ranked Jimmy Connors, 6-1, 6-1, 5-7 and 6-4.

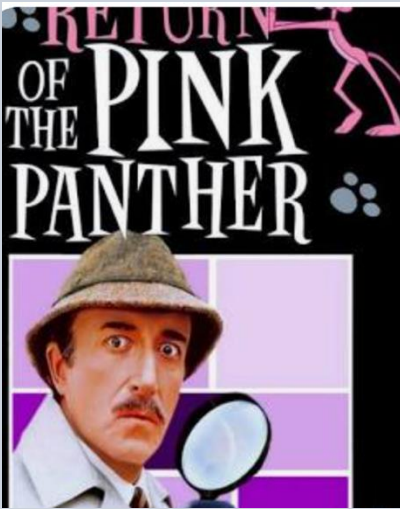
13 July - Golf - In his first Open, Tom Watson won an 18-hole playoff by one stroke over Jack Newton to win the first of his eight major titles.

31 July - 5 August - Cricket - England and Australia draw the test match. (Tony Greig got 99 in 1st innings, John Edrich scored 175 in second. Ross Edwards made 99 in the first innings; Ian Chappell scored 86 in second.)

Music



Movies

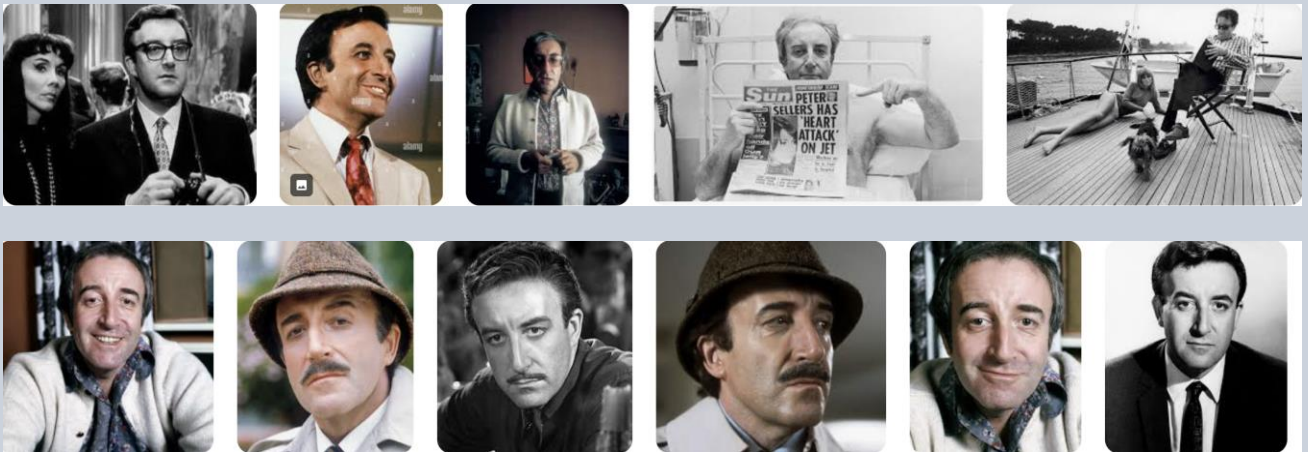


Peter Sellers lived a life as unpredictable and brilliant as the characters he portrayed—equal parts comedy, chaos, and chameleonic genius.

Peter Sellers was born Richard Henry Sellers on September 8, 1925, in Southsea, Hampshire, England. His parents were vaudeville entertainers, and he was literally carried onstage as a baby. He was named “Peter” in memory of a stillborn older brother, and from the start, he was immersed in performance. He learned to dance, play drums, and mimic voices with uncanny precision.

During World War II, he served in the Royal Air Force—not as a pilot, but as an entertainer, performing comedy sketches and music for the troops. After the war, he hustled his way into radio by impersonating a famous actor over the phone to land an audition. It worked. That cheeky move launched his career.

Sellers became a household name in the 1950s thanks to The Goon Show, a surreal BBC radio comedy he co-created with Spike Milligan and Harry Secombe. His mastery of voices and characters made him a standout, and the show became a cult hit, influencing everyone from Monty Python to The Beatles.



Sellers transitioned to film with roles in *The Ladykillers* (1955) and *I’m All Right Jack* (1959), which won him a BAFTA. But it was Inspector Jacques Clouseau in *The Pink Panther* (1963) that made him an international star. Originally a supporting role, Clouseau stole the show—and the franchise was born.

Here’s a quick tour of his Pink Panther films:

The Pink Panther (1963)

A Shot in the Dark (1964)

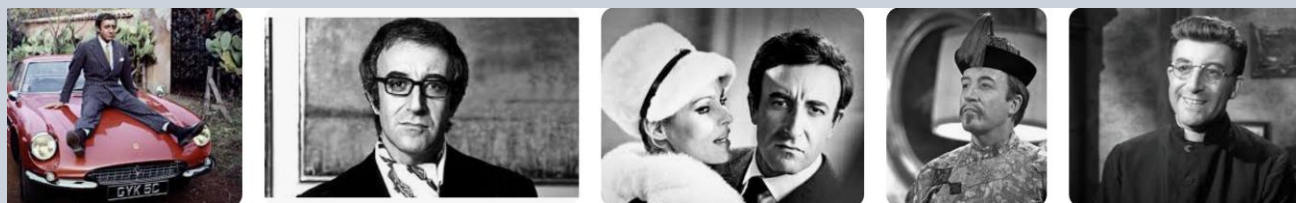
The Return of the Pink Panther (1975)

The Pink Panther Strikes Again (1976)

Revenge of the Pink Panther (1978)

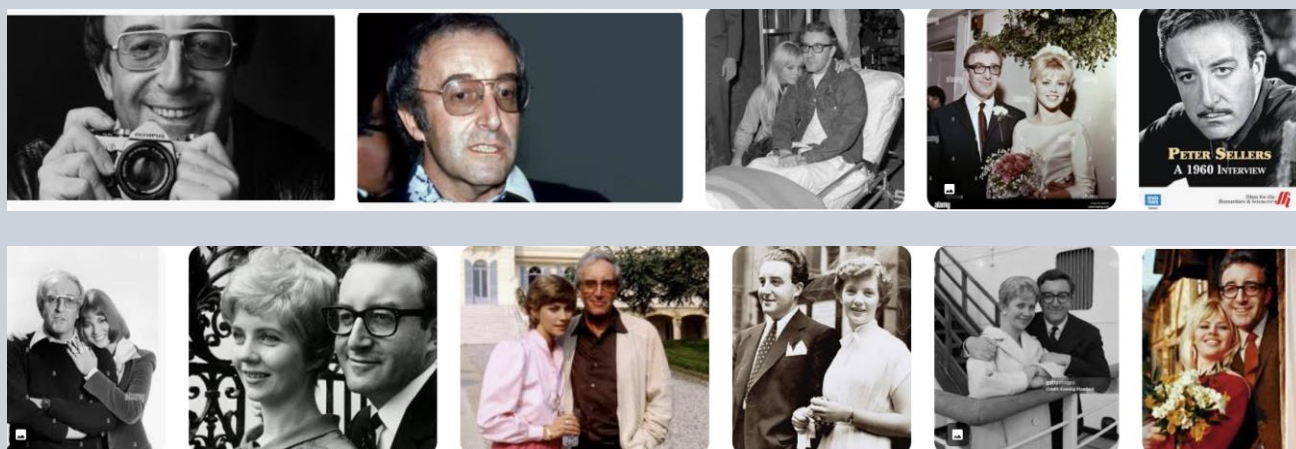
Trail of the Pink Panther (1982, posthumous—using outtakes and flashbacks)

Sellers' Clouseau was a masterclass in physical comedy and absurdity, with pratfalls, mangled French, and a karate-chopping manservant named Cato. The films became global hits, and the animated Pink Panther character from the opening credits became iconic in its own right.



Sellers was known for disappearing into roles—sometimes literally. He once said, “There is no me. I do not exist. There used to be a me, but I had it surgically removed.” He played multiple characters in *Dr. Strangelove* (1964), earning an Oscar nomination, and again in *The Mouse That Roared* and *The Party*.

But his personal life was turbulent. He married four times, including to Swedish actress Britt Ekland, and had three children. He was famously difficult on set—demanding, moody, and sometimes cruel. Friends and collaborators described him as both a genius and a deeply troubled man, possibly suffering from undiagnosed mental health issues.



He was a talented musician, playing drums, piano, and ukulele.

He once faked an injury to avoid playing a role in *Dr. Strangelove*—and still got nominated for an Oscar.

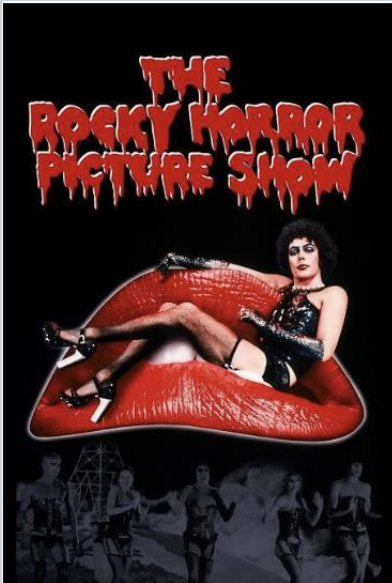
He hated the song “In the Mood” so much that he requested it be played at his funeral as a final joke.

He was obsessed with psychics, especially Maurice Woodruff, who allegedly influenced his career decisions.

He once got kicked out of a screening of his own film for impersonating himself too well.

Sellers' last great performance was in *Being There* (1979), where he played Chance, a simple gardener mistaken for a political sage. It earned him another Oscar nomination and showed a quieter, more profound side of his talent.

He died of a heart attack on July 24, 1980, at age 54. His legacy? A body of work that still dazzles, confounds, and inspires.



The Rocky Horror Picture Show isn't just a movie, it's a glitter-drenched rite of passage.

Released in 1975, Rocky Horror was a box office flop at first critics, didn't know what to make of a musical that mashed up sci-fi, horror, drag, and camp with a sweet transvestite from Transsexual, Transylvania. But then came the midnight screenings. And the fishnets. And the rice. And the toast. And the audience yelling back at the screen like it owed them money. Suddenly, this oddball film became the longest-running theatrical release in history.

Tim Curry's Frank-N-Furter is pure, unfiltered charisma in heels. His entrance alone could power a small city.

The songs are bangers. "Time Warp" was literally added to pad the runtime—and ended up becoming a global dance craze.

It flipped the script on gender, sexuality, and what it meant to be "normal," offering a safe, sparkly space for queer expression long before mainstream media caught up.

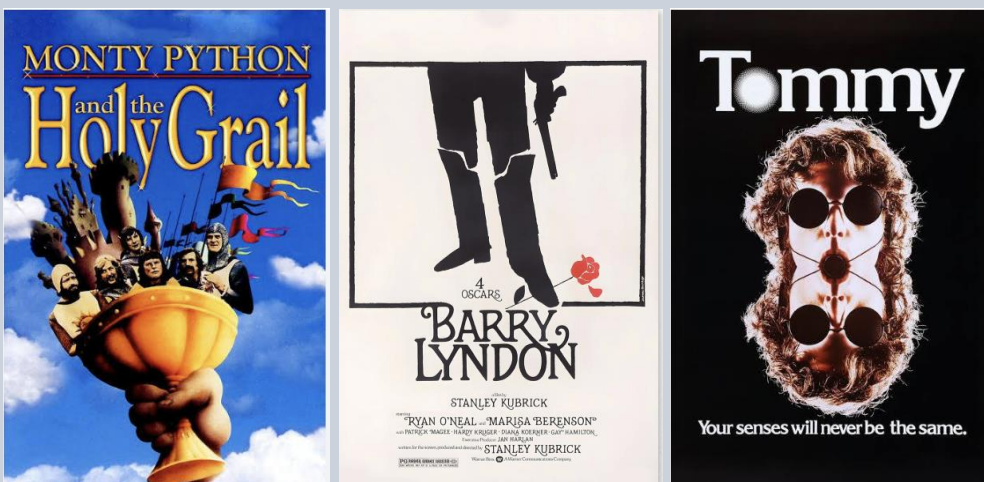
Tim Curry once got kicked out of a screening for being "a really good impersonator of Tim Curry." He had to show his passport to prove he was, in fact, himself.



The film's cult status was cemented at the Waverly Theatre in NYC, where fans began dressing up, shouting lines, and acting out scenes. One fan even cooked a meatloaf in the shape of Meat Loaf for a party.

Susan Sarandon filmed with pneumonia during the pool scene. She was shivering with fever but still belted out "Touch-a, Touch-a, Touch Me" like a pro.

Rocky Horror is more than a movie—it's a movement



100 years back - July 1925

2 July - The last Prime Minister of the Russian Empire, Nikolai Golitsyn, was executed by the Soviet Union on charges of participating in a "counter-revolutionary monarchist organization". Golitsyn, who had been appointed by Tsar Nicholas II, had been given an opportunity by the Bolsheviks to leave, but had elected to stay in the Soviet Union.



Golitsyn in 1912

4 July - René Lacoste defeated fellow French tennis player Jean Borotra in the Men's Singles Final at Wimbledon.

7 July - In the U.S., the Boeing Airplane Company test flew its first passenger aircraft, the Boeing Model 40.

10 July - TASS, the official news agency for the government of the Soviet Union and now one of the largest news agencies in the world, was established by decree of the Presidium on the Supreme Soviet.

18 July - Adolf Hitler published Volume 1 of his autobiographical manifesto *Mein Kampf*.

26 July - The French team of Robert Benoist and Albert Divo won the 1925 French Grand Prix, though the race was marred by the death of Antonio Ascari. The Italian racer was leading after 23 laps when he swerved at into wooden fencing on the edge of the track and his car to overturned.



Tattler – Laughs

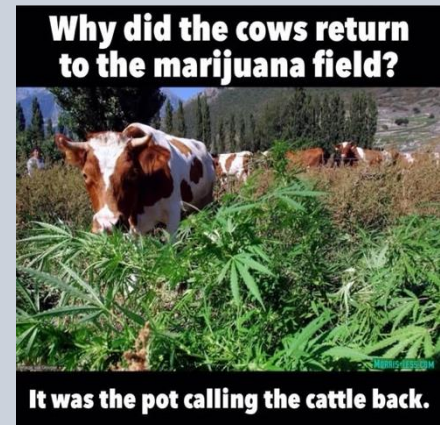


Two young boys walked into a pharmacy one day, picked out a box of tampons and proceeded to the checkout counter.

The man at the counter asked the older boy, "Son, how old are you?"
"Eight," the boy replied.

The man continued, "do you know what these are used for?"

The boy replied, "not exactly, but they aren't for me. They're for him. He's my brother. He's four. We saw on TV that if you use these you would be able to swim and ride a bike. Right now, he can't do either."



Answers to quiz

- 1) Garfield
- 2) Donald
- 3) Ariel
- 4) Simba
- 5) Shrek
- 6) Velma
- 7) Dennis the Menace
- 8) Ursula
- 9) Blue
- 10) Woody

Your Monthly Comedy Sketch

One from yesteryear - The (brilliant) Two Ronnies



We really would value more feedback. Please feel free to comment or submit items. Our email addresses

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Have a good month.