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HMA gets his K

In the Spring edition of the RGBB News we ran an article noting the appointment of Her Majesty's Ambassador to Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. The order is the sixth most senior in the British honours system although two of the more senior awards have not been in use for some time. The most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick still exists but was last awarded in 1934 and the Most Exalted Star of India has been in disuse since that country's independence in 1947. Sir William was dubbed during a ceremony at Buckingham Palace on 27 March.



It's silly-season again

It's the approach of the silly season again, that time of the year when news is so short that journalists are reduced to fabricating entire news stories says the Independent Newspaper. But do you think you could tell the difference between a real story and an invented one? Well, this is your chance to find out. Here are two news stories today, of which only one has appeared in the press. But can you spot the genuine one? Here we go!

1. Dr Otto Zubrik of Split University has invented something which he claims works in the opposite way to Viagra.

"Many men think that the most important thing in the world is to increase their manhood, their potency, their sexual powers, whatever you call it, and for them I am sure it is true. But there are other people for whom it is very important at certain times to resist excitement. I am thinking of athletes and other people whose kit leaves little to the

imagination. Especially when male actors have to perform in the nude, it can ruin their performance disastrously if they, um, rise to the occasion, as it were. Now I have perfected a small pill which guarantees several hours of non-activity."

He is calling his product Niagra, as it makes everything go down.

2. It was, said Dutch police, the most original excuse they had ever encountered for speeding. When they stopped a Dutch driver doing twice the permitted speed in a 35mph zone, he claimed that he had just washed his car and was trying to get it dry. "Actually," said the stolid Dutch police, "if you want to dry your car, it is very effective to drive at the legal 35mph as well. Also, it is quite effective just to leave it parked in the open."

Well, have you made your selection? Which one had the ring of truth to you? Very good! It was the Dutch driver. And before you write in and say it sounds untrue, I didn't actually say it was true. I just said it had appeared in the papers.

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