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HE OTHER week on the

Letters page, Ann Lavis from Bristol wrote in

suggesting a solution to my carrot fly problem.

Don't know if you remember but I said I have

stopped growing carrots because they end up just a mass of black

suggests growing alternate rows

of onions and carrots. The onions

mask the smell of the carrots so

am going to try this next spring

and this here chap will be well

when you discover something like this and it works. A simple

pleased if it works. It's great

organic solution to a niggling

discovered cod liver oil.

problem. It was the same when

Was getting knee pains on and

off and taking cod liver oil on and

off. Made a decision. Three swigs

**'I take cod liver** 

oil every day. No

more knee pain'

of cod liver oil and not on and off

breakfast. No more knee pains!

At most, just the odd twinge now

and then. Felt like my knees had

Special grease gun treatment

So that's how my day starts.

Straight from the bottle. I do like

the taste of cod liver oil, always

have done, which helps. When I

grown-ups discussing aches and

pains, I thought I would never get

like that. Grumbling. But I read

'em wrong. They were not just

miserable old gits. They were

alleviate any twingeing joints.

Time for a Chas Hodges

treasured tasty recipe. Pig's

I shall continue passing on tips.

trotters. First tasted these when

from the wash-house, when I was

my nan come into the kitchen

about nine, with a ladle of hot,

nice-smelling stuff and said:

passing on tips that could

was younger and I would hear

After breakfast, three swigs.

been given a Rolls-Royce service.

but *every* morning after

behind the kneecaps.

works, is much simpler. She

carrot fly annihilation. I had a plan but hers, if it

"Yes, yes! The pool's electric! Fine! Let's use that stirrup pump of mine!

# Rupert

"Taste this!" It tasted lovely.

know how she cooked 'em but

"Pig's trotters!" she said. Don't

here's my recipe.
Ingredients: two pig's trotters,

onion, two bay leaves, pepper and

salt. Method: Boil pig's trotters in

two garlic cloves, one medium

salt water for five minutes. Tip

away water and scum and wash

trotters under the tap. Place

trotters in pan and just cover

with water. Add garlic, onion, bay

leaves and season with salt and

pepper. Simmer for three hours

very, very gently. May need to top

up water now and then. Or ideally

if vou've got an Aga, just put it in

Then remove bones and give

onion and bay leaves. You can eat

'em to the dog. Remove garlic.

the whole thing hot then and

the bottom oven overnight

And The Blue Star EPISODE 47

Runert and Bill show Sam the exact snot where the starfish was tipped into the water and the sailor dips his finger gingerly. Then he rises in great excitement, "The water's electric. The Star's still there!" he exclaims.

Walking into the pool he stands his strange instrument in front of him.

"This is what they call a stirrup pump," he says. "Your daddy will know what it's for. Will you take the hose and carry the end a little way off? It's rubber and won't make your fingers tingle."



Hackney. "Watch The Two

Ronnies tonight. Don't forget!"

"Why? Are you on it?" said

Alice. "Can't say! Just watch it!"

I said. She did. She rang me back

immediately after. She thought it

was us. "Weren't you good? You

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"You take this hose-pipe," Rupert's told, "It's rubber. And quite safe to hold."

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there if you want but I usually eat | I rang my Aunt Alice over

some of it and put the remaining

put it in the fridge. When it is cold

liquor and trotter in a dish and

and jellified, eat with dry bread

and pepper and vinegar. It is not

the best food he has ever eaten.

unusual for a person to say this is

HE TWO Ronnies used

allotment sketches. They

done a Top Of The Pops

sketch on me and Dave

once. Barker was me

and Corbett was Dave. Me and

Dave wrote the lyrics to the tune

Chas/Barker: Why don't ya

tune up your bass? Dave/Corbett: Why don't you

And so on. The night it was on,

of Rabbit.

shut your face?

o have some good



MOUNTAINEER SIR CHRIS BONINGTON, WHO IS 80 ON WEDNESDAY, IS THE CHANCELLOR OF LANCASTER UNIVERSITY. HERE ARE OTHER UNIVERSITY CHANCELLORS

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#### THIS WEEK'S PONDERABLES...

●You are 10 times more likely to be bitten by

● 50 years ago this week, the world's oldest tree, a bristlecone pine named Prometheus. was cut down in Nevada by a research student who was unaware of the signifi of the almost 5,000-year-old tree.

• In 1974, while Italy was holding a referendum on introducing divorce, the No campaign feared that the Italian Eurovision Song Contest entry Si, meaning Yes, would unduly influence the outcome.

• In the entire US State of Wyoming there are only two escalators (they use lifts instead). blood from their last meal.

● When offered a new pen to write with, 97 per cent of people will write their name. ● The first issue of The Hotspur comic in 1933

contained an offer for an electric shock device. ● In 2011, the UK's top-selling cassette single

was N\*Sync's I'll Never Stop. It sold 11 copies. Etiquette demands that at a Swedish dinner party you should never fold your napkin and put it on the table before the hostess has done so.

### THIS WEEK'S IMPONDERABLE...

If someone's head is chopped off, does it retain any consciousness, even briefly?

After a lot of research, most of it really rather gruesome, I have come to the conclusion that, notwithstanding any number of supposed signtings, the answer is no. True, death by beheading might not be instantaneous and a severed head might have some vestigial reactions for a split-second (which would account for the blinking eyes or, in an experiment carried out on a guillotined criminal in 19th-century France, the reddened cheeks when the severed head is slapped) but, to all intent and purpose, beheading is, as Dr Guillotine intended it to be, the most humane form of execution.

The same cannot be said for the electric chair where victims often burn to death), hanging (where the victim can be strangled rather than sustaining a broken neck) or, indeed, lethal injection (as the botched execution of Clayton Lockett earlier this year showed). So although you can find any number of gory stories backed up by cod-science that talks about the brain having enough oxygen to function for a couple of seconds after the head is cut off, the fact s these stories are, just that, stories: designed to titillate, shock and thrill in equal measure.

The oldest books are still only just out to those who have not read them. (Samuel Butler)

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