

The Chronicle

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Be vigilant about illegal act of hare coursing.



Hare coursing is a rural crime where dogs are used to chase, catch and kill hares, with gambling on the outcome common practice.

The Fir Cup, an illegal hare coursing event, is reported to have prize money of £6,000 and is organised secretly on WhatsApp, according to

Thames Valley Police. The crime becomes more prevalent at this time of year, following harvest when large areas of arable land are cleared of crops.

CLA regional director Robin Edwards said: “Every year following harvest farmers and landowners across our region..

brace themselves for a rise in hare coursing. “Those involved in hare coursing are hardened criminals – often using threats, intimidation and in some cases violence against anyone who questions or

challenges their actions. “These criminals don’t think twice about trespassing on land, damaging crops and property and give no consideration to the animal welfare of the hares involved.”

From the Editor

Being October and a hiatus in events in September, we have a slimmer edition of the Chronicle.

Unfortunately we have had another burglary in the village. Please secure your property efficiently and report any suspicious sightings to the police.

Richard and Sally Clarke’s granddaughter Charlotte had her Christening on Sunday 23rd

September. Congratulations to her and so glad the weather improved for them.

The Village Quiz Nights are now arranged for the first Sunday in the month. September’s was again a lot of fun. Thanks to all the teams and hope to see you on 7th October at 7.30pm

Pete

Inside this issue:

Main causes of home fires in Bucks, News from the village Fete, What’s on, The Astonians and more.....



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Net Proceeds

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Books	£237
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Bric-a-Brac	£298
Cakes & Gifts	£296
Charity Stall	£20
Plants	£169
PIMMS	£326
BBQ	£498
Tattoos	£27
Treasure Hunt	£48
Raffle	£1,504

The Grove

Children's Rides	£15
Coconut Shy	£95
Dog Show	£73
Ice Creams	£171
Skittles	£86

Village Hall Teas	£353
Donations	£300
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Total Income	£4,738
Expenditure	
Colonel Custard Magic Show	£170
Aldbury Morris Men	£150
Great Horwood Silver Band	£160
Raffle Prizes	£250
Gaming Licence (AVDC)	£20
Drinks Licence (TEN)	£21
Public Address System (Core Event Hire)	£148
Raffle Ticket Production (Quills)	£127
Charge for use of Village Hall	£60
Advertising	£103
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Total Expenditure	£1,209
Net Proceeds	£3,529

Distribution of funds (as determined at the Annual Parish Meeting)

Fireworks	£500
The Chronicle	£600
Silent Soldier	£250
St. James Church (PCC Aston Abbotts)	£2,179
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	£3,529



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Sundays

October 7th

November 4th

December 2nd

Cookers, microwaves and tumble dryers are the domestic appliances most likely to start fires in Buckinghamshire.

New figures from the Home Office show that 209 house fires were started by a household appliance in the area between April 2017 and March this year.

More than half the incidents attended by the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire and Rescue Service were started by cookers, with 120 fires causing 16 deaths or casualties over the year.

The most common domestic appliances to cause fires in Buckinghamshire between April 2017 and March 2018 were:

1. Cookers, including ovens: 120 fires
2. Microwaves: 15
3. Tumble dryers: 14
4. Grills and toasters: 11

The Fire Brigades Union warned that both manufacturers and householders have a duty to prevent fires caused by everyday appliances. "Manufacturers have a duty to ensure the products they sell are

safe for the public to use and do not pose a threat to life.

"Make sure that the electrical wiring in our homes is in good order, and ensure that we have working smoke alarms and we have a plan for what to do if they go off."

"We can all play our part in reducing fire risk by registering products with the manufacturers when we buy them, so that we are notified if there is a safety-related recall.

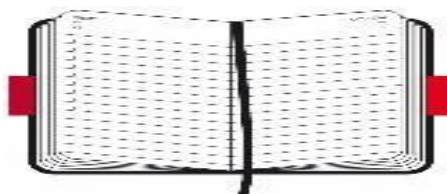
Between April 2017 and March 2018, 23 fires started by domestic appliances caused deaths or injuries. More than 39 fires were started by faulty appliances or leads in Buckinghamshire over the financial year. Across England, such faults started over 2,400 fires.

The most common reason for fires started by appliances was misuse of the equipment, which caused 96 fires in Buckinghamshire, and over 8,700 nationally.

But the old staple of fire safety talks, chip pans, were still the cause of 20 fires in Buckinghamshire, and nearly 1,600 fires nationally.

Another piece of advice is not to go out while appliances like dishwashers, washing machines and tumble dryers are operating.

What's on in September



Event	Date & Time	Location
Fish & Chip Van Morning Cafe Whist Drive Rambling Club OAP Bus Trip Evensong	Weds 3/10/17/24/31. 8pm Thurs 4/11/18/25. 10-12 4th/18th 7.30pm Sunday 7th 2pm Friday 5th 0901 bus to LB Sunday 7th 6pm	Various Village Hall Village Hall Wiggington MK/Nptn Church
Village Quiz Night	Sunday 7th 7.30pm	Royal Oak
Bingo	Thursday 11th 7.30pm	Village Hall
Clocks go back	Sunday 28th. 2am	
Chronicle contribution day	Monday 24th 4pm	
Parish Council	Wednesday 31st 7.30pm	Village Hall
Rambling Club Halloween Walk followed by Sausage & Mash Supper	Wednesday 31st 6.30pm Bring a torch or Lantern	Royal Oak

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steal personal and financial details.

Always question unsolicited requests for your personal or financial information in case it's a scam. Never automatically click on a link in an unexpected email or text.

Astonians – Molly Proctor Banged up.

Astonpete

Had to laugh when I heard about Molly Proctor's alleged shoplifting spree. A very ill-tempered woman in her senior years was arrested for shoplifting at Tesco.

She gave everyone a hard time from the store manager to the security guard to the police officer who took her away. She complained and criticised everything and everyone throughout the process.

When she appeared before the judge, the judge asked her what she had stolen from the store. Mrs Proctor defiantly replied, "Just a stupid can of peaches."

The judge then asked why she had done it. She replied, "I forgot to bring any cash with me."

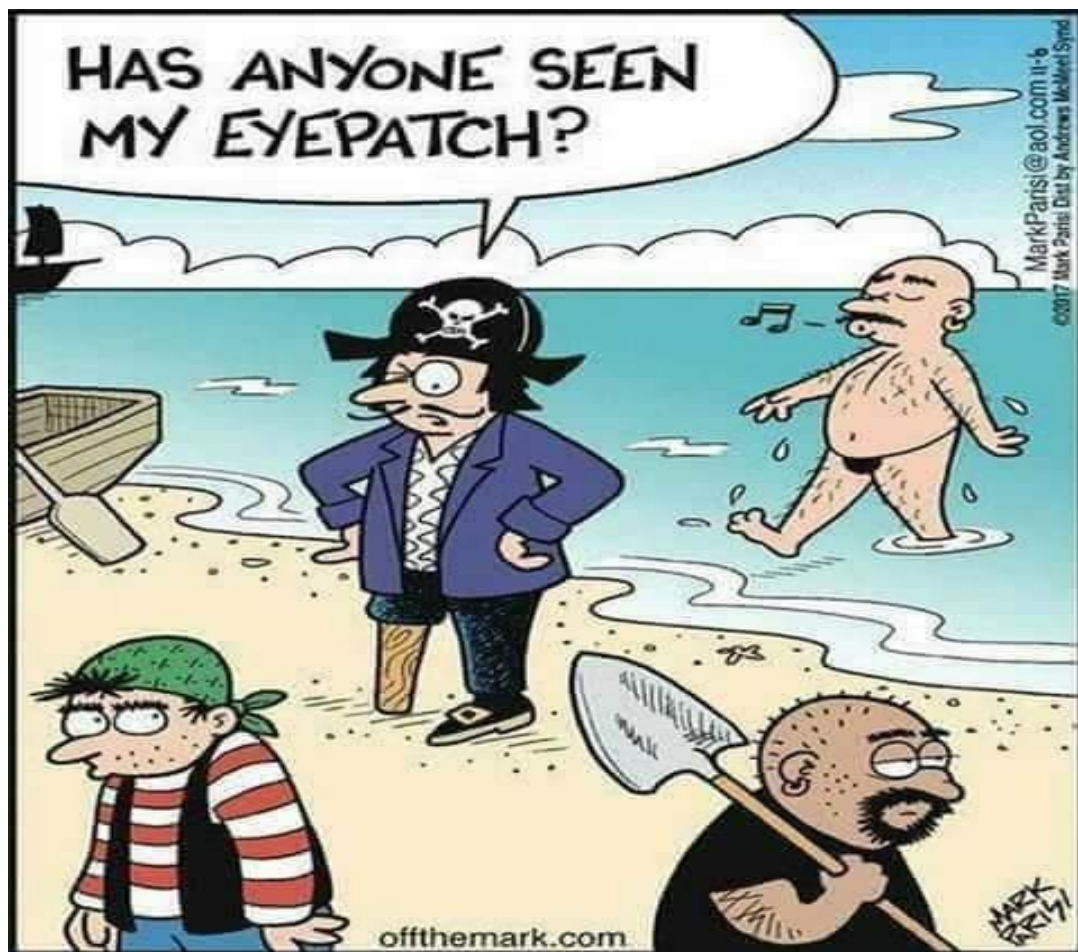
The judge asked how many peaches were in the can. She said in a nasty tone, "NINE! What do you care?"

The judge answered, "Well madam, because I'm going to give you nine days in prison. One day for each peach."

Well, news has it that as the judge was about to drop his gavel, Molly's long-suffering husband raised his hand and asked if he could speak. The judge said, "Yes sir, what do you have to add?"

Mr Proctor said, "Your Honour, she also stole two cans of peas."





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Horticultural Show Results

Categories	Winners
Beetroot	Simon / Caroline A/S
Carrots	Simon
Tomatoes	Anita A/ Simon/ Caroline L
Potatoes	Simon / Caroline A/S
Onions	Peter/ Simon/ Adam

Marrow	Colin
Plate of soft Fruit	Peter/ Sue/ Caroline A/S
Apples	Caroline A/S / Gordon
<i>Domestic</i>	

Cheese Scones	Sue/ Caroline L/ Nigel
Fruit Pineapple Cake	Caroline L/ Caroline A/S / Nigel
Lemon Drizzle	Colin / Nigel
Teacup Floral Arrangement	Anita/ Leanda/ Caroline A/S
Jar Marmalade	Sue/ Anita/ Caroline A/S
Jar Jam Jelly	Ann / Colin / Caroline L
Jar of Chutney	Sue / Sally

Garden Visitor Photo	Ian
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Overall winner of the cup - Caroline L

Next year's show will be held on Saturday 7th September. Make note and enter.



A word from the Vicar.

Dear friends,
It's the month we have to yet again change the clocks back of course ('Fall back' as our American cousins put it).

For one I can't see any valid reason why we persist in this now redundant tradition because of our geographical location we are always going to have fewer hours of daylight in the late Autumn/Winter/early Spring and simply have to negotiate around it.

I remember in Zimbabwe having to get used to the fact that whatever time of the year it was pitch dark between 6/6.15pm . The only difference was the thickness of jumper/jacket you wore as you sat out under the stars by a fire being bitten by all sorts of bug life.

October is a very Anglo-Saxon month in the church's calendar Ethelburga, Wilfred, Edward the

Confessor, Alfred the Great to name a few of the more prominent. But, the date which always fascinates me is 31st. because it holds within it the classic balance of light and shade. On the one hand it is Halloween with all it's basically silly stuff around ghosts and ghouls etc which seems to be developing into a super-hero fest. On the other hand it is the day we remember Martin Luther, the inspirer of the Reformation which changed the face of faith forever.

Like all of us Luther was a deeply flawed man but had moments of great brilliance. He was alternately compassionate and vicious and very much a man of his time. His tempestuous personality brought many friends and enemies, probably in equal measure. Our lives are, thankfully, much quieter but we still encounter

those who love us and those who don't. The secret is to keep the balance between the flattery of the one and the destructiveness of the other.

The one person that Christians believe loves us unconditionally is God our creator and He shows that to us supremely in His Son Jesus Christ. May God Bless you.

Revd Philip.

Church Duties

<i>Date</i>	<i>Cleaning</i>	<i>Flowers</i>	<i>Mowing</i>
6	Colin/David	Colin	Peter
13	Ann/Caroline L	Colin	?
20	Alex/Anita	Donated	Adam
20	Alex / Anita	Donated	Adam
27	Colin/Gay	Donated	Mark

Services at Saint James Church - Aston Abbotts

October 2018

7th Oct.	6.00pm	Evensong	Annie Cooper
14th Oct.	10.30am	Parish Communion	Revd. Peter Binns
21st Oct.	9.30am	Breakfast in Village Hall	
		followed by a short service	
28th Oct.	10.30am	Parish Communion	Revd. Roger Hale

100 Club Draw September 2018

1st prize, £50 Ron Lawrence

2nd prize, £10 Christine Scott

VILLAGE PRAYER GROUP

We meet every Monday morning from 9 15 to 9 45 at 1 Bricstock. Anyone wishing to join us will be most welcome.

Church Matters

The diary of St. James's

The Harvest Festival service on 23rd September included some well-known hymns – ‘All things Bright and beautiful’ and ‘We plough the fields and scatter...’ - complemented by John Betjeman’s ‘Diary of a Church Mouse’ and ‘Ode to Autumn’ by John Keats. Non-perishable food donated by parishioners will be given to the local food bank. The existence of Food Banks in Great Britain (the sixth wealthiest nation in the world) gave food for thought that Revd. Roger Hale mused on in his talk.

On Sunday 11th November we will remember all those who gave their lives for their country in world wars and many regional conflicts over recent years. Remembrance Day this year marks the 100th anniversary of the end of hostilities during the first world war and is therefore particularly poignant.

David Gray

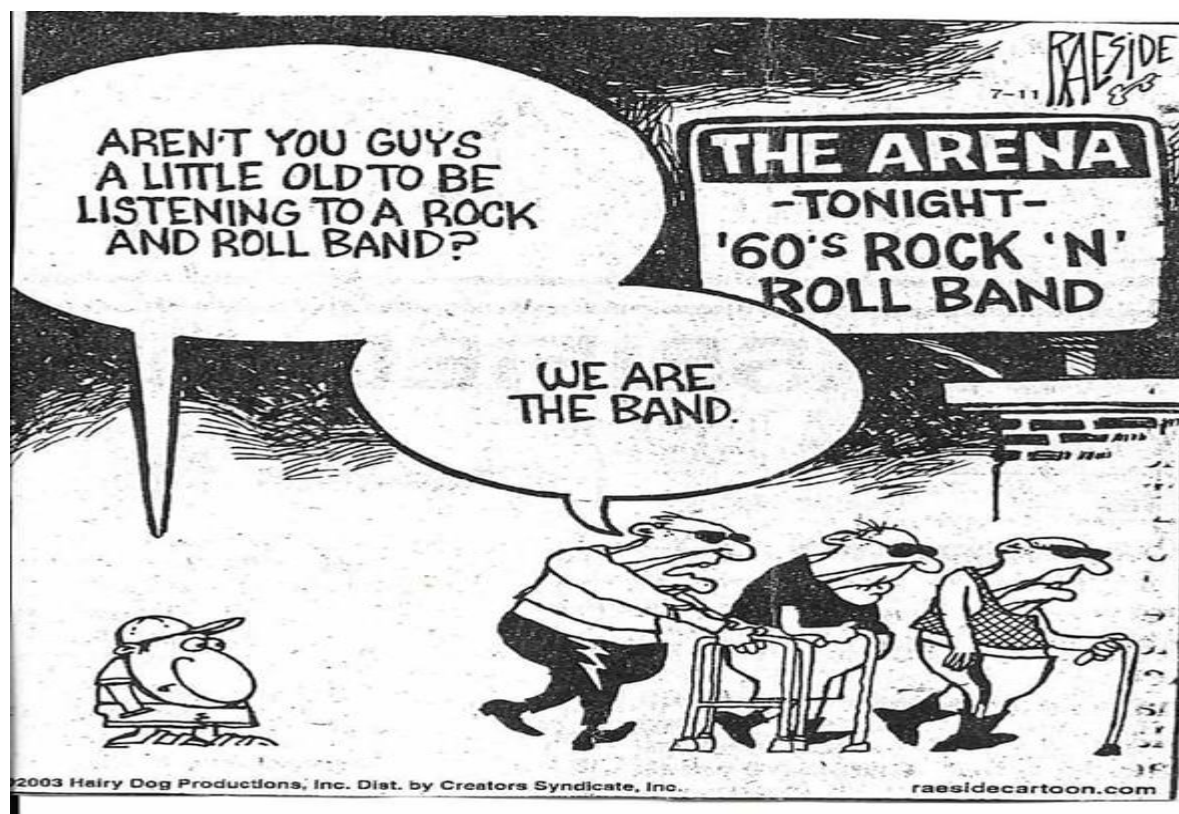
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		9:30 Pilates	17:45 YOGA CLASS	9:30 Coffee morning		Village Hall Cleaning Weekend - OK to take Bookings
		20 Group Dance Class - Provisional	20 Band Practise - CONFIRMED	19:30 Whist		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Village Hall Cleaning Weekend - OK to take Bookings		9:30 Pilates	17:45 YOGA CLASS	9:30 Coffee morning		10 All Day Event - Confirmed
		20 Group Dance Class - Provisional		18:30 Bingo		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	19:30 Parish Church Council Meeting	9:30 Pilates	17:45 YOGA CLASS	9:30 Coffee morning		
		20 Group Dance Class - Provisional		14:30 Ladies Club		
				19:30 Whist		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9 Breakfast Service		9:30 Pilates	17:45 YOGA CLASS	9:30 Coffee morning		Birthday - Confirmed
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
		9:30 Pilates	17:45 YOGA CLASS	9:30 Coffee morning		Course

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Saturday 6th - Breakfasts from 9.30am

Sunday 7th - Roast lunch

Monday 8th - The Unicorn Quiz from 8.30pm

Thursday 11th - Steak night

- 2 steak meals and bottle of house wine for £40

Saturday 13th - Breakfasts from 9.30am

Sunday 14th - Roast lunch

Monday 15th - The Unicorn Quiz from 8.30pm

Thursday 18th - Steak night

- 2 steak meals and bottle of house wine for £40

Friday 19th - Live music -

Mouth On A Stick



Saturday 20th - Breakfasts from 9.30am

Sunday 21st - Roast Lunch

Monday 22nd - The Unicorn Quiz from 8.30pm

Thursday 25th - Steak night

- 2 steak meals and bottle of house wine for £40

Saturday 27th - Breakfasts from 9.30am

Sunday 28th - Roast Lunch

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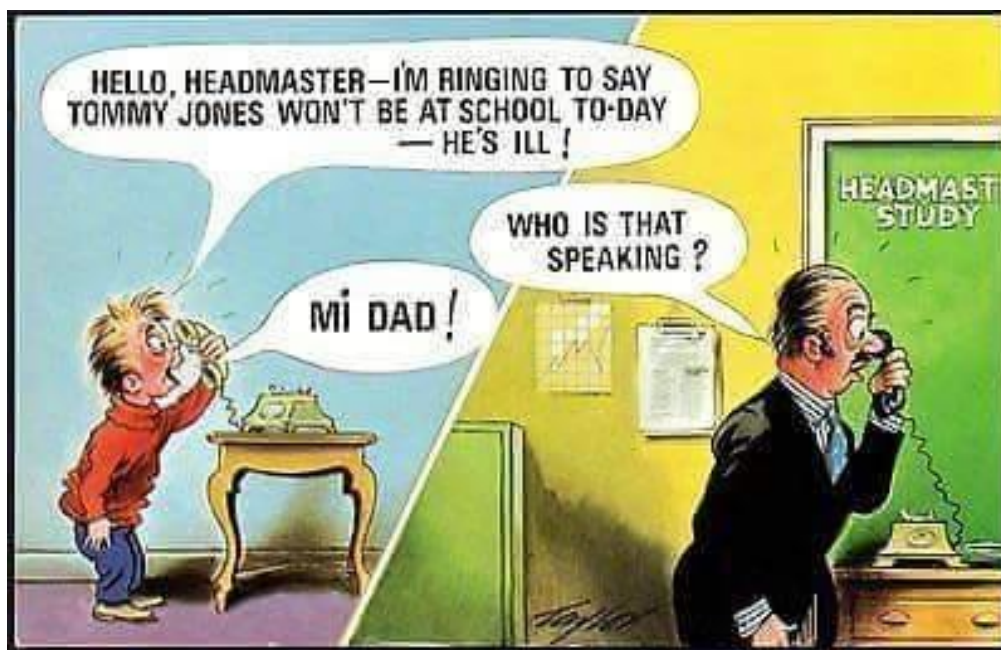
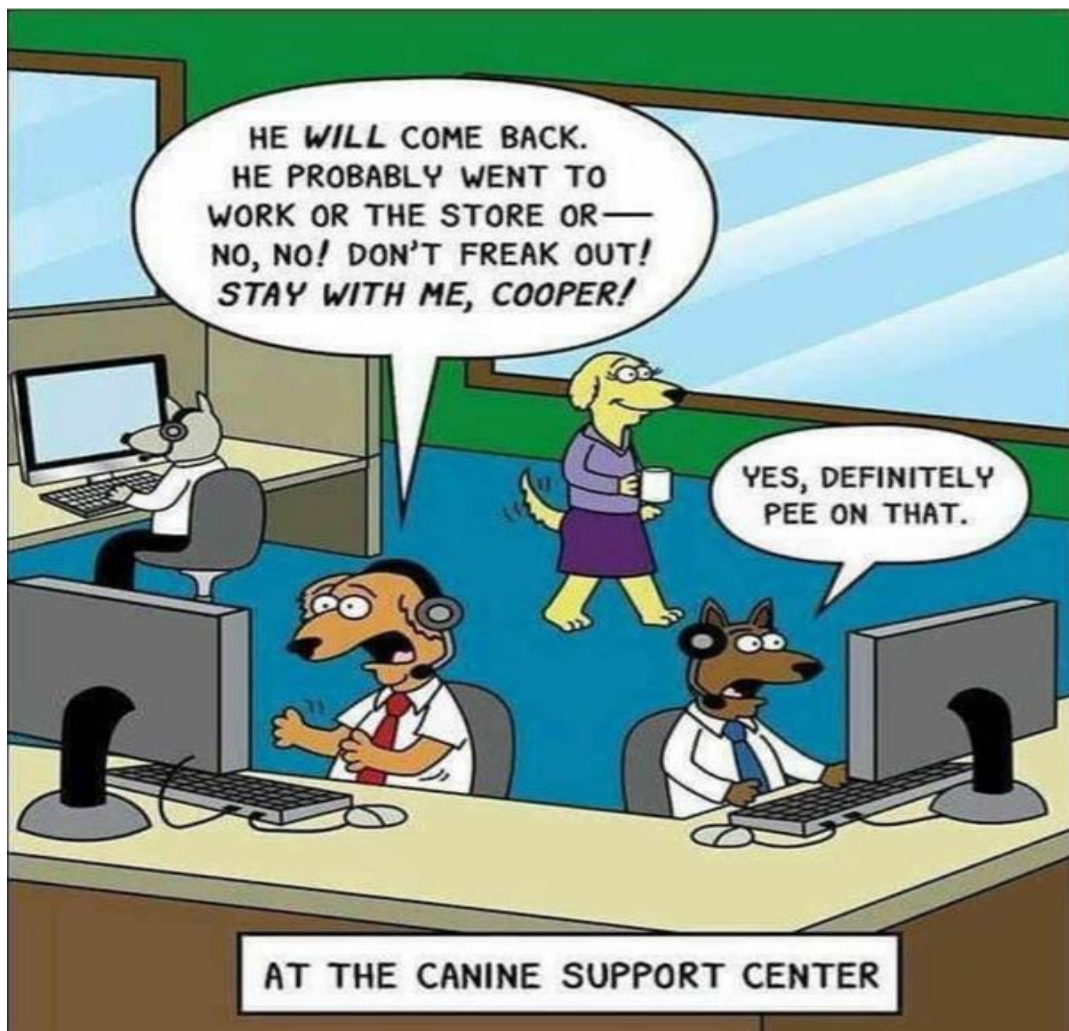
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