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Welcome to 'BREAKING TH

"Velkomst" to issue 20. To give you the opportunity to get to know us a little more intimately, each issue will now be proudly introduced to you by a different member of the team. As winner of the short straw competition (well that's what the memo from above told me) I'm kicking off. To celebrate the big 20 we are offering a special prize to the reader who sends the best contribution for the next issue of BTM (roughly translated, the Directors are preparing for holiday and would rather let the readers do the hard work while they reap the rewards)! Whilst we are on the subject of holidays, in this issue along with the regular informative and light-hearted material we thought we would provide you with some useful holiday destination suggestions. However we must stress to our readers not all the views of Mr Bryson are shared by us at Sui Generis. To find out more read on. Nyte!!



Mark Went, Director.

COVER STORY

An agreeable enough town in a thank-you-god-for-not-making-me-live-here sort of way"

Hammerfest and Honningsvåg are both located well above the Arctic Circle in Norway and vying for the coveted title of Northernmost City in the World. We knew little of either of these cities until we had an enquiry from Linde Engineering of Germany who were busy constructing the largest natural gas liquefaction plant in Europe on the island of Melkøya off Hammerfest. They were struggling to find a suitable GRP company to manufacture tank lids to a very stringent specification. A number of European companies had been approached without success. Sui Generis rose to the challenge after receiving the complex working drawings and specifications. This would be an interesting project not least because of the sheer size of the tank covers but also because they would need to be conductive. GRP is essentially a non-conductive material so we had to source an additive for the manufacturing process that would give an element of conductivity equivalent to Ex-protection Zone 1 II BT3 surface resistance according to EN 50014 < 1 G ohm. This safety feature was to ensure that if lightning struck it could be conducted through in-built earthing straps and not ignite the highly flammable contents of the tanks. Conductivity is normally achieved by carbon powder additive but this turns the resin black and the specification called for a white

exterior finish. After some rapid R & D work we were able to achieve both requirements by modifying our manufacturing process. Other elements of the design included the need to withstand temperatures of minus 21°C, snow loadings, seismic factors and wind speeds. For ease of transportation by truck to Hull and then by sea the tank covers were made as self-assembly units for fitting on site. Even sourcing rubber gaskets posed a problem due to the freezing temperatures they would need to withstand. Stage inspections by Linde Engineering representatives were rigorous, as the highest quality is expected from outsourced work. Over the four months that the production took place we developed an excellent working relationship with the prestigious German company and met all of the standards they set for us. If you would like to admire our work why not book a trip to Hammerfest, although you might want to note the travel writer Bill Bryson's description of the place - "an agreeable enough town in a thank-you-God-for-not-making-me-live-here sort of way". He also commented "I was unable to determine just what there was to do in Hammerfest to pass the time, other than set telephone books alight, insult the waiter and weep," Obviously Bill visited before our tank covers had been fitted!!

THE MOULD' from Sui Generis

Really!



Dolphins swim in circles while they sleep with the eye on the outside of the circle open to keep watch for predators. After a certain amount of time, they reverse and swim in the opposite direction with the opposite eye open.

Wile E. Coyote has only caught the Road Runner once (May 21, 1980).

The expression "the whole nine yards" comes from WWII aircraft whose ammunition belts were 27 feet long. When you used your entire ammo belt on a target, you exhausted "the whole nine yards."

The term "spaghetti Western" originated during the 1960's. Moviemakers made low-budget films in Italy because it was cheaper to do so there than in the United States. Upon completion of a movie, English was dubbed in for the Italian actors.

Coffee Break Quiz

1. In motoring, what does MG stand for?
2. In which country did chop-suey originate?
3. The currency of Costa Rica shares its name with which punctuation mark?
4. From what four word expression does the word 'goodbye' derive?
5. In which year did the Pound note cease to be legal tender?

Answers on Back Page.

Why do you press harder on the buttons when the battery in the remote control is dead? **There are two rules for success: 1.) Don't tell all you know.**

Brainteaser

Designed to drive you crazy!

A magician was boasting one day at how long he could hold his breath under water. His record was 6 minutes. A boy that was listening said, "that's nothing, I can stay under water for 10 minutes using no breathing equipment or air pockets!" The magician told the boy if he could do that, he'd give him £10,000. The boy did it and won the money.

Can you figure out how?

Answer on Back Page.

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The Back Page

THE NICKNAME CHALLENGE

The nickname challenge of issue 18: "Paddy Backdown" belongs to Paddy Ashdown.

Congratulations to the winner: Roger Williams from Isle of Anglesey. A case of wine is on its way to you!

Now for this issue's teaser: Who is known as "The Handcuff King?"

Send us your answer on a compliment slip, or go to the 'contacts' page on our website. All correct answers will be entered in the draw for the case of wine!

Rib Tickler

In the USA an elderly lady upon returning to her car, found four males in the act of breaking into it. She dropped her shopping and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at them "I have a gun and I know how to use it! Get away from the car." The four men ran like mad, whereupon the lady got into the driver's seat.

She was so shaken she could not get her key in the ignition. She tried and tried and then looking up she saw her own car parked further down the road. Overwhelmed by guilt she got into her own car and drove to the police station, where four pale white males were at the desk reporting a car jacking by a mad elderly woman carrying a large handgun!

Answers:

Coffee break quiz

1. Morris Garages
2. USA
3. Colon
4. God be with ye
5. 1983

Brainteaser

The boy filled a glass of water and held it over his head for 10 minutes.

Who's who at Sui Generis



Shirmell Lopez from the Administration Department.

EASY FIFTY

In issue 19 the official~ spelling error was "Finish".

Congratulations to the winner: Lorna Dyter from Dorset. Fifty quid is on its way to you!

If you fancy the chance of winning fifty quid see if you can spot the deliberate error in this issue?

Send us your answer on a compliment slip, or go to the 'contacts' page on our website. All correct answers will be entered in the draw for the fifty quid!

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