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ORIGINS OF APRIL FOOLS' DAY

Although April Fools' Day (also called All Fools' Day) has been celebrated for several centuries by different cultures, its exact origins remain a mystery.

Some historians speculate that April Fools' Day dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar, as called for by the Council of Trent in 1563.

People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize that the start of the new year had moved to January 1 and continued to celebrate it during the last week of March through April 1, became the butt of jokes and hoaxes. These pranks included having paper fish placed on their backs and being referred to as "poisson d'avril" (April fish), said to symbolize a young, easily caught fish and a gullible person.

Historians have linked April Fools' Day to festivals such as Hilaria, which was celebrated in ancient Rome at the end of March and involved people dressing up in disguises.

There's also speculation that April Fools' Day was tied to the vernal equinox, or first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere, when Mother Nature fooled people with changing, unpredictable weather.

In Scotland, the tradition became a two-day event, starting with "hunting the gowk," in which people were sent on phony errands (gowk is a word for cuckoo bird, a symbol for fool) and followed by Tailie Day, which involved pranks played on people's derrieres, such as pinning fake tails or "kick me" signs on them.

In modern times, people have gone to great lengths to create elaborate April Fools' Day hoaxes. Newspapers, radio and TV stations and Web sites have participated in the April 1 tradition of reporting outrageous fictional claims that have fooled their audiences.

In 1957, the BBC reported that Swiss farmers were experiencing a record spaghetti crop and showed footage of people harvesting noodles from trees; numerous viewers were fooled.

In 1985, Sports Illustrated tricked many of its readers when it ran a made-up article about a rookie pitcher named Sidd Finch who could throw a fastball over 168 miles per hour.

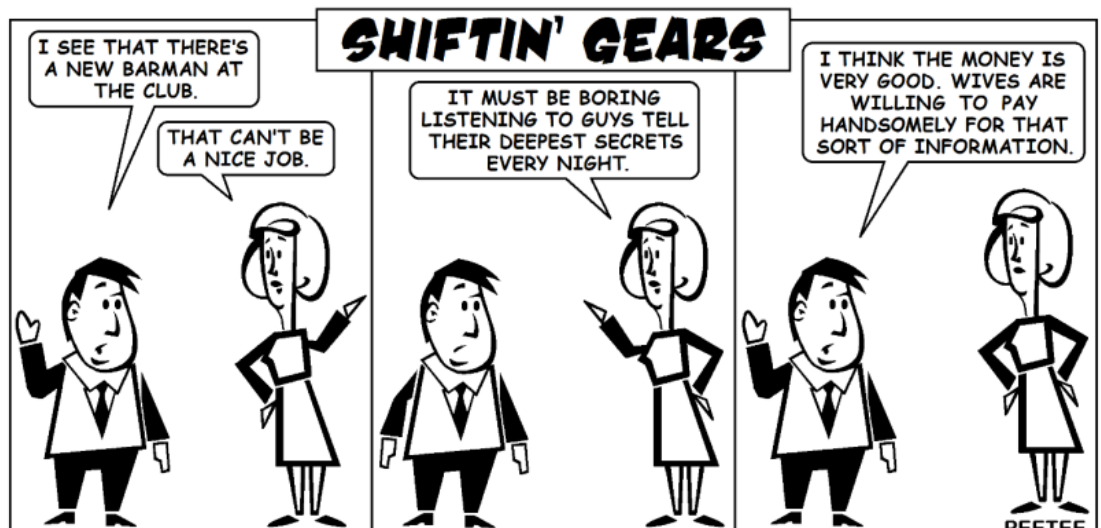
In 1996, Taco Bell, the fast-food restaurant chain, duped people when it announced it had agreed to purchase Philadelphia's Liberty Bell and intended to rename it the Taco Liberty Bell.

In 1998, after Burger King advertised a "Left-Handed Whopper," scores of clueless customers requested the fake sandwich.

Whatever the origin – be sure to have your wits about you on April Fools' Day!

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 Kimberley Club
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Save The Date: 3-4 May - Interact Conference



CALENDAR & DUTIES

APRIL

Maternal and Child Health Month

- 1 Apr: Social Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
8 Apr: Business Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
15 Apr: Social Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
19 Apr: GOOD FRIDAY
22 Apr: FAMILY DAY – No Meeting
27 Apr: FREEDOM DAY (Saturday)
29 Apr: BOARD MEETING 12:45 for 13:00

*"I can resist everything
except temptation"*

Oscar Wilde

DUTIES

*If you are unable to do a duty, please
make arrangements for a substitute.*

WEEK OF 1 APRIL

FELLOWSHIP: Hein Knoke
CORPORAL: Philip Maritz
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Peter Thomas

WEEK OF 8 APRIL

FELLOWSHIP: Philip Maritz
CORPORAL: Ken Quinn
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Corlia van Tonder

WEEK OF 15 APRIL

FELLOWSHIP: Ken Quinn
CORPORAL: Peter Thomas
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Brenda Booth

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MAY

Youth Service Month

- 1 May: WORKERS' DAY (Wednesday)
3-4 May: DISTRICT INTERACT CONFERENCE
6 May: Social Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
8 May: NATIONAL ELECTION (Wednesday)
13 May: Business Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
20 May: Social Meeting 12:45 for 13:00
27 May: BOARD MEETING 12:45 for 13:00

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 09 Apr Philip Maritz
16 Apr Gill Downs
08 May Ken Quinn
16 May Barry Downs

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 17 May Philip & Shirley Maritz

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

- 29 Apr 1993 Ken Quinn
3 May 2008 Amanda Van Zyl
21 May 2018 Hein Knoke

COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS

- 27 Apr Brian Turner
4 May Johan Aucamp
5 May David Allen
25 May Bill Fair



LAST LAUGH



"Well, if we can't cure it, you can
always get a job in a restaurant."