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Dargaville Weather Forecast

Here is an 8 day forecast from Weather Online.

	Sat 06	Sun 07	Mon 08	Tue 09	Wed 10	Thu 11	Fri 12	Sat 13
Tmax (°C)	24	21	22	24	24	24	21	22
Tmin (°C)	14	12	14	13	14	15	13	13
a.m.								
p.m.								
evening								
Wind p.m. Dir	SE 3	S 3-4	S 3	S 2-3	SW 3	SW 3	S 4	SE 3
Rain risk	30 %	15 %	15 %	15 %	15 %	65 %	40 %	25 %
Sunshine hours (hrs)	7.6	7.0	9.5	6.9	8.8	3.1	5.0	6.2
UV index	7	7	8	7	7	3	5	7
Sunrise	07:15	07:16	07:17	07:18	07:19	07:19	07:20	07:21
Sunset	19:57	19:55	19:54	19:53	19:51	19:50	19:48	19:47

For Updates Go To:

Met Service: <http://www.metservice.co.nz/public/localWeather/dargaville.html>

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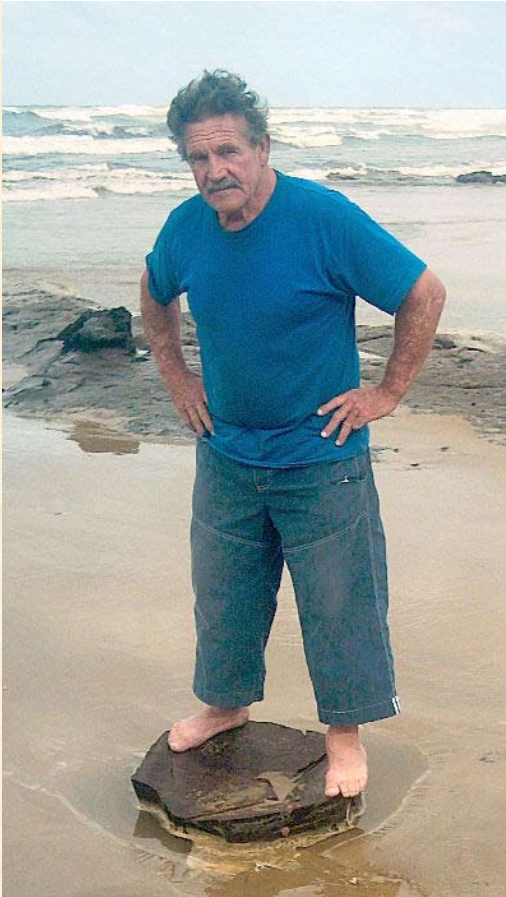
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Northlands Best Kept Secret!**



I dream for a living. -- Steven Spielberg

Dargaville Opinions And Other Things!

“Dargavillian” New Zealander Senior Of The Year



Kiwibank's Senior New Zealander of the Year Award has this year gone to local identity Noel Hilliam. The purpose of the awards is to recognise, encourage and reward New Zealand's most vital resource - its people. The awards seek out and promote the incredible achievements of individuals, organisations and community groups and create a sense of national pride, unity and inspiration through their example as mentors and role models to the wider community.

Noel certainly fits the criteria. Starting a life long involvement in Scouting in 1947, he served a building apprenticeship before marrying Miss Julia Webb and taking up a farm at Mt. Wesley.

In the 1960s decade Noel became seriously interested in local and maritime history, searching for and finding many wrecks on Northland's west coast, and trying to trace the early history of the Northern Wairoa.

Over the years he has interviewed and recorded stories and the early memories of many older Maori and Dalmatians of the district.

To help his beach searches he decided to join the Northern Wairoa Aero Club and build his own aeroplane. In the process he helped many others to build their own plane.

Sometimes working with Kelly Tarlton he recovered and preserved relics from shipwrecks including L'Alcemene, S. S. Niagara and Lord of the Isles. His discoveries lead to his building New Zealand's first marine relic preservation tank, and becoming an acknowledged expert. Many of the treasures are now on display at Dargaville Museum.

Probably though, Noel is best known for his vision and efforts to get Dargaville Museum up and running in the 1980s, helping with the designing, planning and building. He also came up with the idea of rescuing the Pouto Lighthouse equipment and the Rainbow Warrior masts that now stand on the hill at Mt. Wesley.

Elected Chairman of the Committee in 1976, he became President of the Dargaville Museum Society in 1977, a position he held for eleven years. He is now a Museum Life Member and also President of the New Zealand Under-Water Heritage Group.

This award is a tribute to a man who has devoted his life to his community and historical research. Much of his research is ongoing and may well contribute to a new understanding of the origins of human habitation in New Zealand which up till now is still shrouded in question marks and mythology.



Tourism Kauri Coast
Phone: 0800 1KAURI (0800 152 874)

**Never lend your car to someone you've given birth to.
-- Erma Bombeck**

Field Days

Murphys Law prevails for this article. The editor decided to delay publication of this weeks Dargaville Online until going out to Field Days for the family day – which is generally the most interesting because all the “ankle biters” rather than professionals are there!

Leaving home to drive the short distance to the site, the wonderful weather which has graced Field Days this year suddenly turned to custard. Driving wind, heavy rain, and low visibility meant that a quick U turn was performed with no photos! Sadly those hectares of canvas are now soaked which will present some challenges for exhibitors from out of town who are going to have to pack up the wet sheets and dry them out when they get home.

Sorry folks. You will have to rely on reports in other newspapers for “on the spot” reporting!

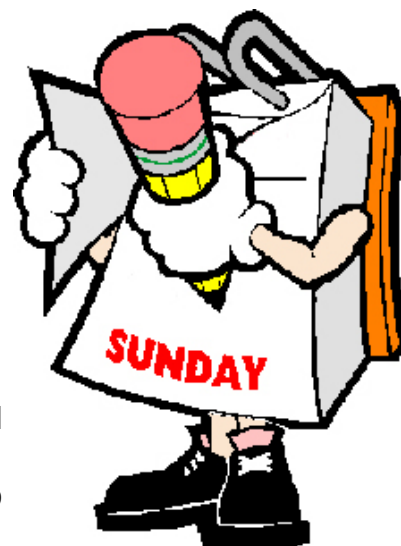
New Mailing Day

Since our first issue, Dargaville Online has been mailed on a Saturday. To achieve this, Fridays have been devoted to preparation and publishing. This is about to change.

The editor, John MacDonald is involved with the new Dargaville markets which are starting from next Saturday, 13 March – see below – so will not have time to get this newsletter together and ensure that the markets not only happen but also run smoothly for everyone.

One of the reasons for choosing Saturday as publication date is to provide a full working week's coverage of news and events, and also to occasionally “scoop” news that occurs after the delivery of the other newspapers in our region. It also allows people who work outside of the traditional Monday to Friday week to sit back, relax and enjoy our contributions.

From this week, we plan to get this newsletter to you on Sundays. Lets see how it goes!



More Bureaucrat Speak

We received lots of feedback from our article last week on Bureaucrat speak! Although the source was not identified, we think the following is a fitting conclusion to this subject for the time being:

BUREAUCRAT: That's very interesting.

MEANING: I disagree.

BUREAUCRAT: I don't disagree.

MEANING: I disagree.

BUREAUCRAT: I don't totally disagree with you.

MEANING: You may be right but I don't care.



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One of the best things about marriage is that it gets young people to bed at a decent hour. -- M. M. Musselman

BUREAUCRAT: You have to show some flexibility.

MEANING: You have to do it whether you want to or not.

BUREAUCRAT: We have an opportunity.

MEANING: You have a problem.

BUREAUCRAT: Help me to understand.

MEANING: I don't know what you're talking about, and I don't think you do either.

BUREAUCRAT: You need to see the big picture.

MEANING: My boss thinks it's a good idea.

BUREAUCRAT: We're going to follow a strict methodology here.

MEANING: We're going to do it my way.

BUREAUCRAT: We have to leverage our resources.

MEANING: You'll be working on weekends.

BUREAUCRAT: You need to be more proactive.

MEANING: You should have protected me from myself.

BUREAUCRAT: I'd like your buy-in on this.

MEANING: I want someone else to blame when this thing bombs.

BUREAUCRAT: We want you to be the executive champion of this project.

MEANING: I want to be able to blame you for my mistakes.

BUREAUCRAT: We need to syndicate this decision.

MEANING: We need to spread the blame if it backfires.

BUREAUCRAT: We have to put on our marketing hats.

MEANING: We have to put ethics aside.

BUREAUCRAT: It's not possible. It's impractical. It won't work.

MEANING: I don't know how to do it.

BUREAUCRAT: It's a no-brainer.

MEANING: It's a perfect decision for me to handle.

BUREAUCRAT: I'm glad you asked me that.

MEANING: Public relations has written a carefully phrased answer.

BUREAUCRAT: I see you involved your peers in developing your proposal.

MEANING: One person couldn't possibly come up with something this stupid.



Fashion is a form of ugliness so intolerable that we have to alter it every six months. --Oscar Wilde

BUREAUCRAT: There are larger issues at stake.

MEANING: I've made up my mind, so don't bother me with the facts.

BUREAUCRAT: I'll never lie to you.

MEANING: The truth will change frequently.

BUREAUCRAT: Our agency is going through a paradigm shift.

MEANING: We have no idea what we've been doing, but in the future we shall do something completely different.

BUREAUCRAT: Value-added.

MEANING: Expensive.

New Dargaville Market

A new, undercover, will open for the first time Dargaville Market 8Murdoch St. Mangawhare, on Saturday March 13. This market will be open every Saturday initially with plans to open on more days.

Markets are a great way for people to display and sell their wares. If you want to run a garage sale but not from home, you can hold a "boot and bonnet sale" at the markets instead. Second hand kids' clothes, toys, garden art, jewellery, art and crafts, fashion, stationery, ceramics, quirky crafts, used car parts, olive oil, greeting cards, mosaics, flowers, natural beauty products, paint a pot, face painting, family photographs, honey, macadamia nuts, chocolate products, jams and relishes, textiles, souvenirs, second hand and new shoes, computers, body massage, electrical goods, books, pets and birds, and produce are all "marketable" possibilities. Why drive all the way to Whangarei when you can buy and sell at home? Clean out your junk and sell it at the market!

There are several park and display off road sites available outside the building. Plenty of parking is available within easy walking distance of the market.

For information contact John MacDonald. Phone (09) 439 4790, mobile 028 258 85111, or send an e-mail to john@dargaville.biz

Lets make this really happen for Dargaville!

Another Petrol Price Rise



So petrol has gone up again. Isn't it getting just a little tiring to see how they sneak it up 5c when the price is already 1.72c. That makes petrol 1.77c so if you are paying cash how much do you pay? Why \$1.80c of course as they don't have small change for less than 10c anymore.

Wonder if the oil companies paid someone to do away with 1c, 2c and 5c coins? Good for their franchised dealerships as well.



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Why is there so much month left at the end of the money? -- Anonymous

Letters To The Editor for 2010

Please ensure that we receive your letters no later than the Thursday morning before publication. As with other news media, we don't publish or respond to letters that have no real name and contact phone number. If you don't want your name to appear please tell us. All letters are published in full as received. Please keep them to no more than 250 words. Thanks!

Well done what a great and very updated and real news letter. I enjoyed reading about the catholic church, even though I am not catholic it was my great grandfathers (Alex Costello) land that he sold to the church and the school.

This was one of the reasons I wanted to live in Dargaville because of family connections (alas I am not considered local) , Alex owned a men's wear shop which is now owned by Matichs. My grandmother went to Dargaville primary school and we are hopeful that our two grandchildren will go to St Joseph's.

Your article on a fraction too much friction has been very true for me, the community certainly seems divided and I don't see the community pulling together as much as it could, I find you are either in or out and woe betide you if you're out.

I have taken a fresh look at what I can do to reopen my counselling and therapy practice and will start up at the community services building at the end of March with a whole new service. I love living in Dargaville and am proud of where I live. I found out about this news letter in Tirau, the man at the information centre told us about it.

We had passed many towns on our holiday and I would like to be part of a team that starts to beautify our town, town pride instead of town grump. We have so much in our town that one day my hope is that the friction will dissipate. I might not ever be a local in my time (even though my tupuna on all four lines whakapapa to Takuirā) I am keen to build relationships and work together for the good of the community.

Katy Edmonds

Fire Safety

The total fire ban is still in place even though we have had a small amount of rain over the last week. Please respect the total fire ban in force throughout Northland at present. Only gas fired barbecues and approved incinerators may be used. Make sure that you have a hose close to any of these appliances when they are operating. Fires start and spread very quickly.

New Photo Competition – Our People

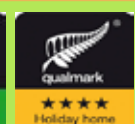
Dargaville Online, in conjunction with Tourism Kauri Coast, and with sponsorship from the Parkview Motel is running a new photo competition. Photos should feature "our people doing things" somewhere on the Kauri Coast. You may also like to add a suitable caption which we will publish. Photos which the editorial panel feel are inappropriate or may offend will not be published.



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There aren't any three branches of government. It's all government. And it sucks. --John Matonis

All photos submitted may be used for advertising the Kauri Coast. Credit for the photo will be given where appropriate.

This competition will end on 20th April 2010

Listing Dargaville and the Kauri Coast Events, Businesses, Clubs, and Organisations on the Web

You can now enter your own business information into the new Kauri Coast website. To enter your information go to <http://kauricoast.co.nz/Register.cfm> . Fill in as much detail as you can as this will give your business more detail when displayed. If you choose to "self manage" your listing you will receive an e-mail with a username and password which will enable you to make changes and updates as required.

Your entry will not appear on the page until it has been approved by a moderator. This could take a day or two so get your events up there in plenty of time!

Note: We only list events and businesses on the Kauri Coast unless exceptional circumstances apply.

Kauri Coast Events Calendar

You can enter your own event information by going to <http://kauricoast.co.nz/Events.cfm> and click on the Add Your Event link in the top right hand corner of the window. Your event will be confirmed by a moderator before it is displayed so it may take a few hours to show!

18 Oct - 27 Mar 10

Dargaville Yacht Club

Dargaville Yacht Club commences sailing again at 1PM Sunday 18th October at Kai Iwi Lakes. Learn to sail with Yachting New Zealand qualified instructors. Contact Dave Herald ph (09)439 1598 or Don Wrigley ph (09) 439 5158. Web address <http://www.sportsground.co.nz/dargaville yachtclub>. Sailing dates on the web site

20 Oct - 17 Nov 10

Be a Summer Drummer! Drum circle and African Rythmys. Every Wednesday 6.00 - 7.30pm 76 or 79 Chases Terrace, Baylys Beach Contact Josie 021 0223 8621 All welcome, no experience necessary. Drums available to borrow. Cost = gold coin

9 Feb - 14 Dec 10

MATAKOHE MUSIC MAKERS 7.30-10.30pm on 2nd Tuesday of the month @ Gumdiggers Cafe Matakohē \$2 @ door (refreshments available for purchase)

17 Feb - 15 Dec 10

Pono Masonic Lodge No 203

Meet third Wednesday of every month in Dargaville. Visiting Brethren always welcome. Membership inquiries phone the Secretary:

(09) 438 5413



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A James Cagney love scene is one where he lets the other guy live.” --Bob Hope

5 - 13 Mar 10

DARGAVILLE CLUB - BANDS FOR FIELD DAYS

The Dargaville Club on Victoria Street, will have live music from 8pm on Thursday 4th March with Brik Veneer & on Friday 5th March with Liverpool St. There will be a \$10 cover charge on both nights. Meals available both nights from 6pm so gather your mates and dust off your dancing shoes!!!

Come along to a great venue with fantastic bar prices and support these great local bands. Group bookings welcome. Phone 439 8211. We look forward to seeing you there...new members welcome.

7 Mar 10

Classic Powerboat Club Meeting

If you are interested in forming a power boat club where you can race, ride, potter, putter or just watch powerboats in action, then this is for you. Meeting 7 March 1pm Dargaville Rod and Custom Clubrooms, on the road to Whangarei. Contact Julie 09 439 1559 or classicboats @slingshot.co.nz. Come have your say

11 Mar 10

Celebrating Senior Independence

if you are aged over 65, join Rural Women and St John's at a free luncheon in the Dargaville Town hall from 10.00am till 2.00pm. Listen to guest speakers with ideas to remain safe in your own home.

Call 0800 858 566 by 26th February to register

11 Mar - 18 Nov 10

Dargaville Girls' Brigade invites you to join a fun and energetic group of girls and young women aged between 5 and 18 (mothers welcome too) who want to make the most out of life. Our motto is 'To Seek, Serve, and Follow Christ'. We meet on Thursdays from 3.30-5pm at Dargaville Baptist Community Church, Victoria St. Starts again on 11th March. For more information contact Pauline Taylor 439 7507

13 Mar 10

RUAWAI LIONS CLUB ANNUAL AUCTION

VENUE: Kaipara Kumara Forecourt VIEWING OF GOODS: 9.30 am AUCTION STARTS: 10.00am Antiques, furniture, electrical appliances, bric-a-brac etc, Food and refreshments available, Trading table Contact: Jim and Dorothy Simpson Phone: (09) 4392557

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21 Mar 10

Dargaville Museum Invitation

The Dargaville Museum Presents 'An afternoon with Kevin Friedrich & Friends'

Where - Lighthouse Function Centre Harding Park Dargaville When - 1pm Sunday 21st March 2010

Featuring Accordionists Kevin Friedrich and Lionel Reekie with The Martin Sisters on violin, vocalists Karam David



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--George W. Bush**

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Prices: Adults \$15 - Under 16 years \$5 - includes afternoon tea Tickets available at the door or Dargaville Museum phone (09) 439 7555

25 Apr - 31 May 10

THE KAURI MUSEUM - ANZAC DAY

A combined service of Paparoa RSA and The Kauri Museum will take place at the museum, with fall in at the Matakohe War Memorial Hall at 10.30am

Exhibition runs 25th April-31st May

24 Jun - 25 Jul 10

THE KAURI MUSEUM - MATARIKI

As part of the celebration of Matariki, The Kauri Museum is holding a Maori Carving & Kete Weaving competition. An Open Section - Interpreting Matariki through art and design and this could include quilts, art, photography, jewellery, ceramics etc.

4 - 24 Aug 10

THE KAURI MUSEUM - CREATIVE NATURAL FIBRES

An exhibition of garments made from natural fibres. Many of these crafts have been passed down since settlement days.

9 Oct 10

THE KAURI MUSEUM - SETTLER'S DAY

The day the Museum comes alive!

19 Oct - 28 Nov 10

THE KAURI MUSEUM - OTAMATEA QUILTERS

Annual exhibition from the 'Otamatea Quilters' group, showcasing the craft of patchwork and quilting. QUILTERS WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE FROM 22nd-25th OCTOBER (LABOUR WEEKEND)

7 Dec - 5 Jan 11

THE KAURI MUSEUM - TRADITIONAL VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS

Traditional Victorian decorations on show throughout the rooms in the Sterling Wing.

New Books In the Dargaville Library

FICTION

The Imperfectionists – Tom Rachman

Bleed a River Deep – Brian McGilloway

The Reluctant Hero – Michael Dobbs

All the Colours of the Town – Liam McIlvanney

The Pregnant Widow – Martin Amis



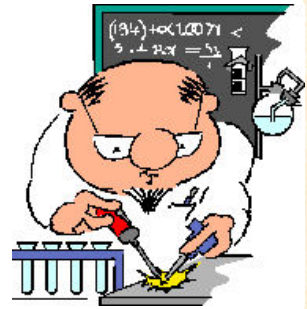
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**Give a woman an inch and she thinks she's a ruler.
--Anonymous**

BEST SELLERS (from Friday 5th)

The Other Family – Joanna Trollope
Blood Brothers – Josephine Cox
The Double Comfort Safari Club – Alexander McCall Smith
The Disciple – Stephen Coonts
Nightfall – Stephen Leather
The Endless Forest – Sara Donati
The Man from Beijing – Henning Mankell



Keep Up To Date With Events at the Library Phone (09) 439 3150 or visit their web page
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Other Northland Events Calendars

To see what is happening in other parts of Northland, you can visit:

Hokianga: <http://www.hokiangatourism.org.nz/news.html>

Northland: <http://www.northlandnz.com/events.php>

Mangawhai: <http://www.mangawhai.co.nz/Events.cfm>

Nga Kupu Māori

Tikanga Maori classes start in Dargaville next week. These are held on a Wednesday – one during the day at the WINZ conference room from 12.00 – 3.00pm and the evening class in the Marae at Dargaville High School in the evenings – 6.00 – 9.00pm

These classes are very interactive, interesting, and lots of fun. Why not join?

For more information contact Te Wananga O Aotearoa.
Whangarei Campus. (09) 430 0982

Daily Trivia Quiz Online.

Done your daily trivia quiz today?

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/2890210/Daily-trivia-quiz-September-25>

Flash Back's from the Past

<http://www.nzhistory.net.nz/timeline>

1830 Outbreak of the Girl's War at Kororareka

The Girl's War is the name given to a conflict fought in March 1830 between northern and southern Nga Puhi.



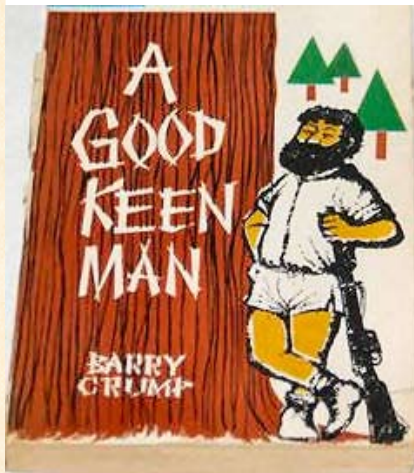
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My life has been one long descent into respectability. --Mandy Rice Davies

It had its roots in inter-hapu rivalry and competition for European trade at Kororareka. The conflict was sparked by a fight among some young high-born Maori women, including the wives of a European whaler, W.D. Brind. A minor incident led to an exchange of threats between the girls' tribes. Things turned violent when someone was accidentally shot.

At Kororareka, northern Nga Puhi under the leadership of Ururoa (the brother-in-law of Hongi Hika) clashed with southern Nga Puhi led by Kiwikiwi. The battle was largely inconclusive with Kiwikiwi retreating to Otuihu. The missionaries Samuel Marsden and Henry Williams acted as intermediaries in the peace negotiations that followed. Kororareka was left in the control of northern Nga Puhi, leading to intermittent fighting for control of the town over the next seven years.

1960 Barry Crump's novel *A good keen man* published



Barry Crump established himself as the iconic 'Kiwi bloke' before his death from a heart attack in 1996. His many books captured the humour and personalities of rural New Zealand. Crump appealed to many Kiwi males with his rough and rugged ways and established a reputation as a man's man, who could tell a great yarn.

His broad appeal, humour and unique down-to-earth style was recognised by Toyota when they used Crump in a series of successful TV advertisements promoting 4-wheel-drive utility vehicles. Crump, with his rugged 'she'll be right' attitude, was counter-posed with the city slicker Lloyd Scott in pulling off a number of daring feats while driving the ute.

While he inspired many Kiwi blokes, others criticised Crump for what they saw as the less-endearing aspects of the 'good keen man'. He married five times and fathered nine children to four different women but had little to do with most of these children. He converted to the Baha'i faith later in his life.

Computer Tips

Not so fast- Don't press the F1 key if a Web site asks you to!

Windows XP - Internet Explorer 7 or Internet Explorer 8

This tip applies only to Windows XP users who are using IE7 or IE8. According to Microsoft, Windows Vista and Windows 7 users are not vulnerable to this particular attack.

If you are using Windows XP and running Internet Explorer 7 or Internet Explorer 8, and you are presented with a dialog on any Web site asking you to press the F1 key, don't do it. Doing so will expose your system to attack and infection. There are two workarounds to this security issue - don't press the F1 key when prompted by a web site, or lock down Windows help (i.e. turn it off altogether). We'd suggest the former - it's easier. Locking down Windows Help may also prevent you from accessing it, and if you need help, that's probably not such a good thing. The simplest solution is: Don't press the F1 key if a web site asks you to.



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How to double your money: Fold it over once and put it back in your pocket. --Jim Dodds

Here's more information. The following is Microsoft's official statement - [to read the complete statement visit this page](#).

More Food Ideas – This Week Lamb!

Bacon with home-made baked beans

Ingredients:

250g dried white beans, soaked overnight
(or 250g tinned haricot, cannellini or butter beans, drained) **
50ml olive oil
1 medium onion chopped
4 garlic cloves, finely chopped
salt and pepper
1 tablespoon tomato puree
200ml red wine
1 400g tin tomatoes
1 bay leaf
2 tablespoons brown sugar
sweet or hot paprika (optional)



** use two tins – one of butter beans and one of cannellini beans

Method:

Place dried beans in a large saucepan, cover with cold water and bring to the boil. Remember to soak these overnight before doing this! Simmer for 30-40 minutes or until cooked. Drain and reserve.

If you are using the tinned beans then start here:

Preheat an oven to 180°C. Heat the olive oil in a heavy pan. Add the onion, garlic, salt and pepper and 2 teaspoons of sea salt. Cook gently for 10 minutes or until soft.

Add the tomato puree and cook for 2 minutes, then add the wine and cook until the liquid is reduced by two-thirds. Add the tomatoes, bay leaf, brown sugar and beans.

Fill the tomato tin with water and pour into the pan. Bring to the boil. Transfer to a covered baking dish and bake in the oven for 1.5 hours, stirring every 30 minutes. If necessary add more water.

When tender season to taste and add paprika if desired.

This dish is perfect eating over several days. Given the effort required it might be best to double or triple the recipe and either bottle or freeze what you don't use.



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The penalty of success is to be bored by people who used to snub you. --Nancy, Lady Astor

Herb crusted rack of lamb

Ingredients:

2 large racks of lamb (8 bones in each portion)
olive oil for cooking
sea salt and freshly ground pepper (for seasoning)
2 tablespoons of English mustard (I used Colmans powdered mustard)

Herb Crust:

4 slices day old bread (without crust)
large handful of parsley (Italian parsley is less pungent)
small handful of coriander **
small bunch of thyme **
few rosemary sprigs (not too much as it will quickly overpower)
50 g parmesan cheese, freshly grated **



** All ingredients indicated can be left out of if you don't have them in your pantry

Method:

Preheat your oven to 200°C.

Score the lamb fat in a criss-cross pattern and season with salt and pepper. Seal the racks in a hot cast iron pan with a little olive oil, until golden brown (about four minutes each side).

Transfer the racks to an ovenproof dish or roasting tray and pop into the oven for 10-15 minutes. It's ready when the meat feels firm but springy. Take the meat out of the oven to rest.

While the meat is resting (or you can do this well in advance) make the herb crust. Tear the bread into pieces and put into a food processor. Roughly chop the herbs and add to the bread with the grated parmesan. Whizz to make fine crumbs.

Brush the scored side of the lamb with mustard then press the herb crust mixture onto the lamb. You need a firm thick coating. Return the meat to the oven and warm through for another 5 minutes. I turned the oven up to 250°C for this final 'warming'.

Slice the lamb into individual chops, or as many as you think looks attractive. I did pairs which looked more substantial, especially since the lamb racks were quite small.

Serve with new potatoes and an salad you think appropriate.

Moroccan lamb tagine

Ingredients:

½ tsp (1 tsp) cayenne pepper
2 tsp ground black pepper
½ tbsp (1½ tsp) paprika
1½ tbsp ground ginger



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Life is a jig saw puzzle with most of the pieces missing. -- Anonymous

- 1 tbsp turmeric
 - 1 tbsp (2 tsp) ground cinnamon
 - 1 x shoulder of lamb, trimmed and cut into 5cm chunks (you need about 1.1kg in total)
 - 2 large onions, diced
 - 4 tbsp olive oil
 - 3 cloves garlic, crushed
 - 500ml tomato juice
 - 2 x 400g tinned chopped tomatoes
 - 115g dried apricots, cut in half
 - 55g dates, cut in half
 - 55g sultanas or raisins
 - 85g flaked almonds
 - 1 tsp saffron stamens, soaked in cold water
 - 300 ml (600ml) lamb stock
 - 1 tbsp clear honey
 - 2 tbsp coriander, roughly chopped
 - 2 tbsp flat leaf parsley, roughly chopped
- Method:



1. Preheat the oven to 150°C.
2. Place the cayenne, black pepper, paprika, ginger, turmeric and cinnamon into a small bowl and mix to combine. Place the lamb in a large bowl and toss together with half of the spice mix. Cover and leave overnight in the fridge.
3. Heat 2 tbsp olive oil in a large casserole dish. Add the grated onion and the remaining spice mix and cook over a gentle heat for 10 minutes so that the onions are soft but not coloured. Add the crushed garlic for the final 3 minutes.
4. In a separate frying pan, heat the remaining oil and brown the cubes of lamb on all sides then add the browned meat to the casserole dish. De-glaze the frying pan with ¼ pint of tomato juice and add these juices to the pan.
5. Add the remaining tomato juice, chopped tomatoes, apricots, dates, raisins or sultanas, flaked almonds, saffron, lamb stock and honey to the casserole dish. Bring to the boil, cover with a fitted lid, place in the oven and cook for 2-2½ hours or until the meat is meltingly tender.
6. Place the lamb in a tagine* or large serving dish and sprinkle over the chopped herbs. Serve.

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Musical Notes

Events in Music

- 1825 - Beethoven's Opus 127: String Quartet No. 12 in E flat major was performed for the first time.
- 1853 - Giuseppe Verdi's "La Traviata" opera debuted in Venice.
- 1959 - The Drifters recorded "There Goes My Baby."
- 1962 - Frank Sinatra recorded his final session for Capitol Records in Hollywood.
- 1970 - Charles Manson released his album "Lies" to finance his defense against murder charges.
- 1973 - John Lennon's visa extension was canceled by the New York Office of the Immigration Department. It had



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As we grow older, our bodies get shorter and our anecdotes longer. -- Robert Quillen

been granted only five days before.

John Lennon Merchandise - Today in Beatles History - Beatles apparel and gear

1976 - Fleetwood Mac's "Rhiannon" was released.

1976 - EMI Records re-released all 22 British Beatles singles. In addition "Yesterday" was released for the first time on 45 in the U.K.

1977 - "An Evening With Diana Ross" aired on NBC-TV.

1989 - Smokey Robinson's autobiography "Inside My Life" was released.

1998 - Oasis' Liam Gallagher was charged in an Australian court after he allegedly headbutted a fan, breaking the fan's nose. He was released on \$10,000 bail.

1998 - Madonna did a rare live interview at MuchMusic's Toronto headquarters.

1999 - George Jones was severely injured in a car accident.

2000 - Foxy Brown crashed her car into a fence in Brooklyn, NY. She was admitted for medical attention and released the next morning. Brown was charged with aggravated unlicensed operation of a vehicle by police.

Birthdays in Music

1893, Memphis blues artist Walter "Furry" Lewis. He was the first guitarist to play with a bottleneck.

1936, Sylvia Robinson, (1973 US No.3 & UK No. 14 single 'Pillow Talk'), Mickey & Sylvia, (1957 US No.11 single 'Love Is Strange').

1944, David Gilmour, guitarist, singer, songwriter, joined Pink Floyd in 1968

1944, Mary Wilson, vocals, The Supremes, (1964 UK & US No.1 single 'Baby Love' plus 11 other US No.1 singles).

1945, Hugh Grundy, drums, The Zombies, (1964 US No.2 & UK No.12 single 'She's Not There').

1946, Murray Head, UK singer, (1984 UK No.1 & 1985 US No.3 single, 'One Night In Bangkok').

1947, Kiki Dee, singer and actress, (1976 UK & US No.1 single with Elton John, 'Don't Go Breaking My Heart').

1964, Stephen Bier, (Wayne Gacy), keyboards, Marilyn Manson, (1998 US No.1 album, 'Mechanical Animals', UK No. 12 single, 'The Dope Show').

1970, Betty Boo, (Alison Moira Clarkson), singer, (1990 UK No.3 single 'Where Are You Baby'). Now a songwriter who wrote 'Pure and Simple' for Hear'Say as well as hits for Girls Aloud.

1974, Dwight Grant, (Beanie Sigel), American rapper. Beanie founded the group and label State Property, as well as the clothing company of the same name.

1974, Guy Garvey singer/guitarist with Manchester based group Elbow. Elbow won the Mercury Music Prize for their 2008 album 'The Seldom Seen Kid'.

Deaths in Music

1933 - Willie Walker, US jazz singer/guitarist (Dupree Blues), dies at 36

1936 - Ruben Mattias Liljefors, composer, dies at 64

1941 - Edoardo Mascheroni, composer, dies at 81

1942 - Yuliya Lazarevna Veysberg, composer, dies at 62

1953 - Sergei S Prokoviev, Russian composer (Peter & the wolf), dies at 61

1954 - Georg Gohler, composer, dies at 79

1954 - Noel Gay, [Richard Moxon Armitage], composer, dies at 55

1960 - Leonard Warren, US baritone, dies on stage at 48

1966 - Janis Medins, composer, dies at 75



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Habit is a form of exercise. -- Elbert Hubbard

1968 - Alexandre Cellier, composer, dies at 84
1984 - Shalva Mikhaylovich Mshvelidze, composer, dies at 79
1986 - Richard Manuel, rock vocalist/pianist (Band), commits suicide at 40
1992 - Mary Osborne, jazz guitarist, dies at 70 of liver cancer
1993 - Art Hodes, Russ/US jazz/blues pianist/editor (Jazz Record), dies
1995 - Eden Ahbez, songwriter, dies at 86



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This Weeks Trivia

- * The wristwatch was invented in 1904 by Louis Cartier.
- * The diameter of the Moon is 3 476 km.
- * The moon orbits the Earth every 27.32 days.
- * The world's largest exporter of sugar is Cuba.
- * England's Stonehenge is 1500 years older than Rome's Colosseum.
- * The Eskimo language has over twenty words to describe different kinds of snow.
- * Fulgurite is formed when lightning strikes sand.
- * The northern most country claiming part of Antarctica is Norway.
- * France contains the greatest length of paved roads.
- * The Spanish Inquisition once condemned the entire Netherlands to death for heresy.
- * Sahara means 'desert' in Arabic.
- * The water in the Dead Seas is so salty that it far easier to float than to drown.
- * There is a village near the Somme in France which is simply called Y.
- * The earth's average velocity orbiting the sun is 107 220 km per hour.
- * The Earth is pear shaped, the North Pole radius being 44mm longer than the South Pole radius.
- * The first city in the world to have a population of over one million was London.
- * There is a town in West Virginia USA called Looneyville
- * A cat's whiskers are called vibrissae.
- * The typical housefly cruises at 8 km/hr.
- * Giraffes can not swim.
- * The cucumber is a fruit, not a vegetable.
- * 1 kg of lemons contain more sugar than 1 kg of strawberries.
- * Peanuts are used in the production of dynamite.
- * Catgut comes from sheep not cats.
- * Miss Piggy's measurements are 27-20-32.
- * There are 256 semihemidemisemiquavers in a breve.
- * Monaco's national orchestra is bigger than its army.
- * Acute hasopharyngitis is more commonly known as a cold.
- * A soccer ball has 32 panels.
- * To sell your home faster, and for more money, paint it yellow
- * Months that begin on a Sunday will always have a 'Friday the 13th'
- * The word racecar and kayak are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left
- * The human body has fewer muscles in it than a caterpillar.



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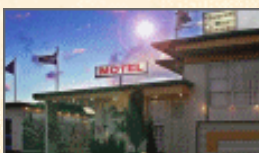
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