

2001

an armchair treasure hunt



The telephone bell was ringing wildly, but without result, since there was no-one in the room but the corpse.

The treasure is out there...

Somewhere in England is hidden a box and this quiz provides the clues to find it. Find the box and a share of the £600 prize fund could be yours. Prizes will also be awarded for the best overall entries and for the best first-time entry.

When you find the box, please read the instructions inside and replace everything as you found it ready for the next team. If the box is missing or has been tampered with, please contact Ian Canning on the number below.

To enter, send your answers to Ian Canning by midnight on 15th January 2002. Each team must have a Logica captain but other than that the team composition is up to you: a team size of nine is optimal. Mark your entry "ATH Virgin" if this is first time you have entered.

Points will be awarded for correct answers, solved puzzles, identified pictures and for spotting connections. So include as much information as possible in your answer sheet to make sure of getting the highest score. The first letter of some of the answers (use surnames and significant words) may help you in your search.

The Armchair Treasure Hunt website can be found at:
<http://public.logica.com/~ath>
Errata and news will also be posted here.

Have fun.

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". . . perfect Babel," Mr. Coningsby said peevishly, threw himself into a chair, and took up the evening paper.

- 25. Which premiership footballer is known as The Little Witch?
- 26. Which cartoon hero ended his adventures about to be encased in liquid polyester as a work of modern art?
- 27. Who painted Trafalgar Square with red, yellow and blue during WW2?
- 28. Which line from Bohemian Rhapsody was the title of a song which reached number one the same year?
- 29. Who paid £240m for the rights to use a hundred acres of woodland for the next 25 years?
- 30. Which triumvirate did John Peel describe as "a tragic waste of talent and electricity"?
- 31. Which sports star brought the internet to a halt in February?
- 32. Which harbour is named after George Duckett?
- 33. Who wrote the first obituary of English cricket?
- 34. Which player began their daily preparations for this year's Wimbledon by watching Teletubbies?
- 35. Which actress ordered what Meg was having?
- 36. What was the first film directed by the prolific Alan Smithee?



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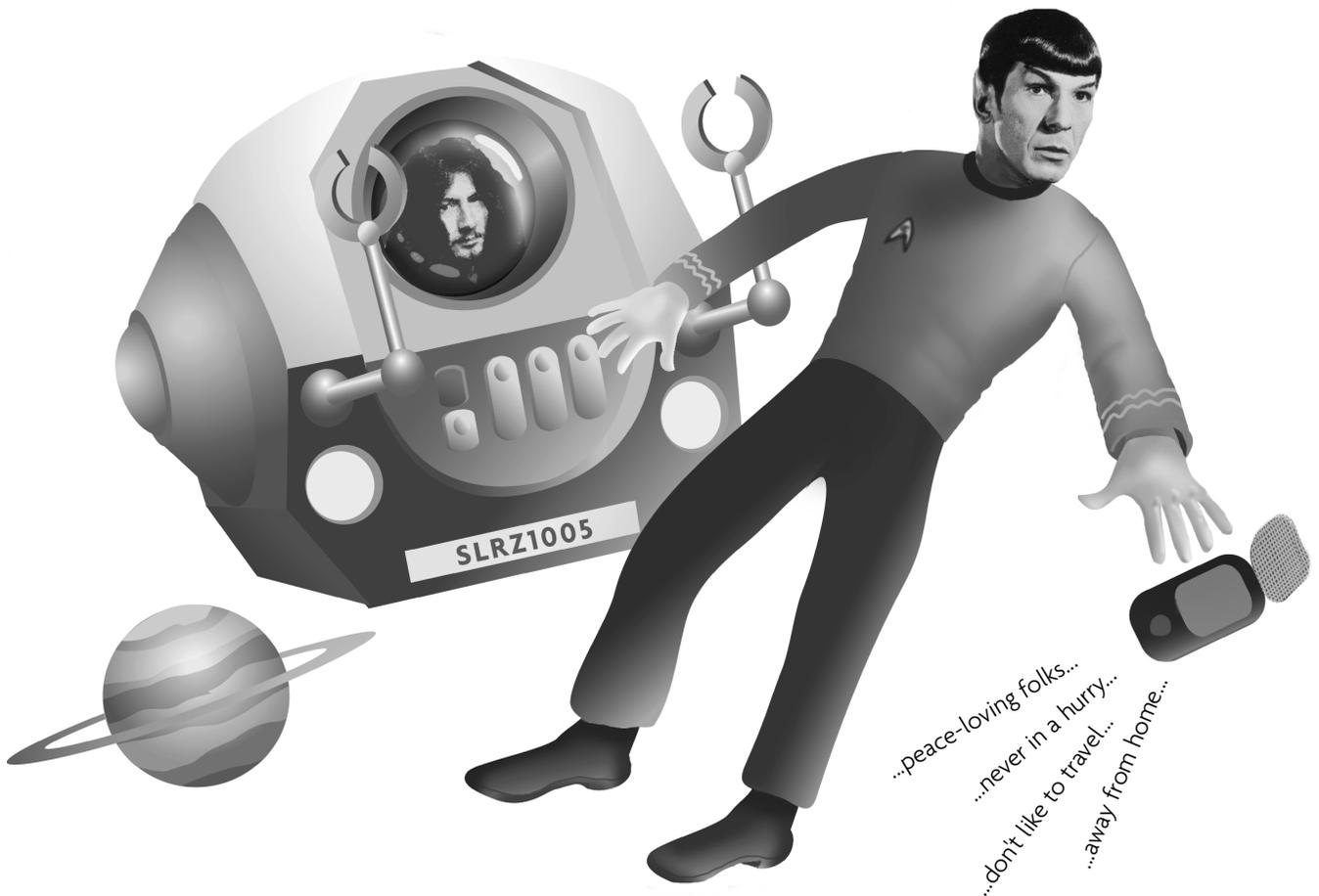


"It undoubtedly needs", Peter Stanhope said, "a final pulling together, but there's hardly time for that before July, and if you're willing to take it as it is, why---"

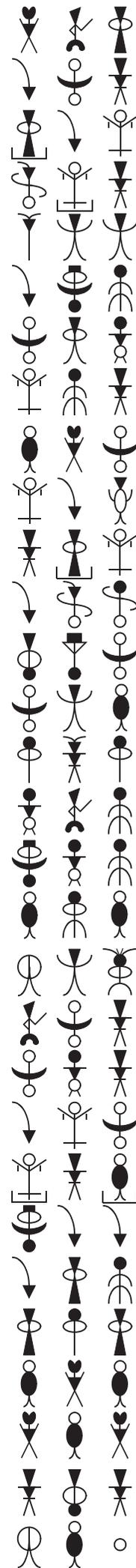


"Ascetic Mr ___"!!!
I ask you! He put away three pints in a very short session this morning, and said he was "going short for Lent".

- 49. What is i18N?
- 50. How did James Joyce leave his mark on the world of sub-atomic physics?
- 51. Who are Acton, Curren and Ellis better known as?
- 52. Which ubiquitous household object was designed by Isamu Noguchi?
- 53. Who greeted Oscar with "Hello, gorgeous"?
- 54. Who founded the Companions of the Co-inherence?
- 55. In what sense are Chorda tympani essential?
- 56. In February 2001, what was variously described as "a tacky Valentine card", "the work of a child", "a fried egg" and "a paragliding stick man"?
- 57. Who saw red and yellow in Kensington High Street in 1966?
- 58. Sapphire is to September what topaz is to...?
- 59. Who wrote "Poor dear Sammy! His end has been altogether too tragic for his life: for once reality and his brains came into contact and the result was fatal." ?
- 60. Which Swedish village has four chemical elements named after it?



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