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Name the bird

1. Two under par at golf
2. Heard on time.
3. Silly as a _.
4. What you do at meal times.
5. Lots of pigs.
6. A study in black and white.
7. A story teller.
8. A grass cutter.
9. A songster.
10. What a hen cannot do.
11. A bit of fun.
12. What you do at a roundabout.
13. A Spanish dance.
14. A Ford car.
15. A lady sailor in the Navy.
16. A tall walker.
17. A high lifter.
18. Nickname for a nun.
19. Name of a book publisher.
20. Found in a pear tree.
21. Symbol of peace.
22. Brand of tea.
23. Disease of the mouth.
24. A country in Asia.
25. The darkest of birds.
26. Baby carrier.
27. Red light district activity.
28. Used for barbecuing meat.

Answers on back page

Winter is here!!!

What I remember about winter in Switzerland.

I think that the nicest things about winter are the falling of snowflakes, the bending of tree branches under the weight of snow and the winter evenings when we would go with our sledges down the hilly roads of our village. It was great fun, but that is impossible today with the density of traffic on the roads. I am not that old, but in those days girls didn't wear trousers!!! Can you imagine us on sledges in stockings, skirts and big coats?!!!! We used to go home completely frozen!!! To warm us up, Grandma had 'gluewein' (hot red wine with cinnamon, raisins etc) ready for us before going to bed. In the oven of the wood burner were warm stones we could take to bed as hot water bottles. The first hot water bottles were tin ones ... just wonderful to burn your feet!!!

Eighteen months ago we returned to Switzerland in winter for the first time. It was so very different from here in New Zealand where everything is green and we have flowers in the middle of winter. In February everything is dormant in Switzerland ... no leaves on the trees and hedges around gardens look dead. All the flower beds are covered with straw and branches of pine trees.

I wonder if the moods of people are lower in winter in Switzerland than here in New Zealand!!!

LB

So you think you have troubles...

We were talking to a farmer the other day, when he told us his troubles, "It all started back in 1967 when they changed from pounds to dollars and me overdraft doubled."

"I was just getting used to this when they brought in the kilogram instead of pounds and me flamin' wool clip dropped by 'arf'."

"Then they changed rain to millimetres and we haven't had an inch of rain since."

So what do they do? They bring in a thing called Celsius and the temperatures

usually 20 degrees, less than freezing no wonder me wheat don't grow"

"This wasn't enough, they had to change us over from acres to hectares and I end up with 'arf the flamin' land I had."

"So one day I sat down and had a think. I reckon that with daylight savin' I was working seven extra hours a week for nothin', so I decided to sell out. But to cap it all off, I'd just got the place in the agent's hands when they changed miles to kilometres and now I find I'm too flamin' far out of town for anyone to buy the bloomin' place."



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