

April Fools' Day is celebrated on 1 April every year. 1 April is not a national holiday, but it is celebrated in various countries as a day when people play practical jokes and hoaxes on each other called April fools.

A few examples of April fools made by BBC

In 1957 BBC announced that because of mild winter Swiss farmers collected first yields of spaghetti! Pasta grew on trees and the reportage prepared by BBC confirmed it. That message caused numerous phone calls in which people asked how to breed pasta in their own gardens.

In 2008 BBC presented a film made by Terry Jones. It showed a discovery of first species of flying penguins on St. George Island near Antarctica. Jones said: „We had been watching the penguins and filming them for long days without a hint of what was to come. But then the weather got worse. It was quite amazing. Rather than getting together in a huddle to protect themselves from the cold, they did something quite unexpected, that no other penguin can do.”

The film shows taking off penguins heading for The South America's rainforests.



Tongue twisters Check your pronunciation :)

She sells sea shells by the seashore.
The shells she sells are surely seashells.
So if she sells shells on the seashore,
I'm sure she sells seashore shells.

CONTEST!!!

Find 3 jokes in this issue, send the answers on freelancer.rolnik@o2.pl and be the lucky winner :)



JOKES HOAXES PRANKS AND PRACTICAL JOKES

A JOKE is sth that is said or done to make you laugh

A HOAX is a trick in which someone tells people a lie

A PRANK is a childish trick (old-fashioned)

A PRACTICAL JOKE is a trick that is intended to embarrass someone or to make them look ridiculous

Do you like British black humour?

The judge asks the murderer: Why did you kill that old lady? For money.. But you got only 20 cents Yes, but killing five of them would already make a dollar.

Two hunters are out in the woods when one of them collapses. He doesn't seem to be breathing and his eyes are glazed. The other guy whips out his phone and calls the emergency services. He gasps, "My friend is dead! What can I do?" The operator says "Calm down. I can help. First, let's make sure he's dead." There is a silence, then a gun shot is heard. Back on the phone, the guy says "OK, now what?"

'My name is Sherlock Holmes and the address is 221B Baker Street'



Official photo of 'Sherlock' BBC

If you like the series 'House, M.D.' and you're wondering what to watch now when it has ended, I've got a proposition for you. Do you know that the character of this brilliant, ignorant, rude and extremely intelligent doctor was

based on another hero? It's not hard to discover: House lives in Baker Street 221B, his best friend's name is Wilson (based on dr Watson) and his own name sounds similarly to Holmes - Sherlock Holmes, who I want to present to you now.

Is there anyone who has never heard the name of Sherlock Holmes? I don't think so. The books about this brilliant detective have been filmed so many times that everybody has lost count. But the new BBC series

of the adventures of Sherlock Holmes and John Watson is definitely worth attention. Contemporary London. John Watson, a soldier-doctor, has just returned to England after a mission in Afghanistan.



Steven Moffat and Mark Gatiss



During the case

Looking for a flatmate, he meets Sherlock Holmes - a great, extraordinarily intelligent and very controversial consulting detective. He can solve any case – or, at least, it seems so. But the criminals are not giving up...

The series was produced in 2010 by BBC. Based on works of sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the adventures are not exactly

the same. Each episode is inspired by another adventure, for example, the original 'A Study in Scarlet' was transformed into 'A Study in Pink'. The creators Steven Moffat and Mark Gatiss did an excellent job with the main characteres.

Moffat is also known because of the latest 'Doctor who' series and as 'the main troll of the BBC' (you'll get it if you watch 'Sherlock').

Sherlock Holmes is played by Benedict Cumberbatch, also known from 'The Fifth Estate', 'The Hobbit' (dragon's voice) and the latest 'August: Osage Counrty'. John Watson is played by Martin Freeman, who also played in 'The Office', 'Love Actually' and the title role in 'The Hobbit'. Both characters are brilliantly starred, as the rest of the cast, for example Mrs Houdson (Una Stubbs) or inspector Lestrade

(Rupert Graves). The co-creator, Mark Gatiss, plays Mycroft, Sherlock's brother.

The series is also wonderfully filmed and the music is really amazing. The plot is interesting, drawing, fast-in some moments very fast-and intelligent. The dialogues are magnificently written. By now, there have been three series of 'Sherlock'-each has three episodes.

Using one of Sherlock's quotes: 'the game is on'!

Few weeks ago the first episode appeared on the Polish public television. At last!

I think the series is really well done and surely worth seeing. I know a few people who watched it – some of them have been introduced to 'Sherlock' by me – and there's nobody who regrets spending time on it.

More and more people fall in love with 'Sherlock'. Who knows, maybe you would be the next one? I hope so – the series is definitely highly recommended not just by viewers, but also by critics. It has won a lot of awards, like BAFTA or Critics' Choice Television. So join us and love 'Sherlock'!

USUAL PLACES WITH UNUSUAL HISTORY

ZŁOTY STOK



Inside the Mine Albin Marciniak

Some historical data

The next step on our route will be Złoty Stok. This place is visited by many tourists every year. It is located in southern Poland, near to the Polish-Czech border. It is the oldest mining

and metallurgical centre in our country. The last mine in this town was closed in 1961. It is famous for the Museum of Mining and Metallurgy of Gold. During 700 years of exploitation people obtained 16 tons of pure gold!

The oldest documents about Złoty Stok come from 1334. This town was developing violently. The annual gold production accounted for 8 percent of production of gold in Europe. In 1565 there was an accident

and 59 miners died in the mine shaft. Due to that fact, the development of mining was stopped. After that a chemist Hans Schaffenberg came into the town and started the production of arsenic.

There are also some legends about this place. One of them tells us about the birth of gold. One day God was giving treasures to the people and He saw that the Gold Mountains ran out of gold. He told the Devil, he had to give people some gold from that place. The Devil had to do it, but because he was so malignant, he gave them gold dust instead. He was happy

when people ignored the gold dust. However, one man, who wanted to have more wealth, called the Devil and asked for help. The Devil showed him a cave with gold and precious stones. He wanted just his signature, but then The Spirit of the Mountains appeared and chased the Devil away as the treasures didn't belong to him.

One day three man, who knew this story, set out in search of gold. However, they didn't find anything. Suddenly, one morning, in bright light, they saw some gold dust. At that very moment they discovered the secret. Since then people have known how to find gold.

The owner of the mine was supposed to decide about the rescue, however, he behaved in a very cruel way and did not allow to rescue the miners. His decision was unreasonable to a wife of one of the miners who took the decision to rescue her husband herself. She took some food and a torch in her hands and came into the dark corridors of the mine.

And the next story is about love and desperation... Once upon a time, there was an accident in the mine, where four miners were trapped.



The mine Albin Marciniak



Gertruds Stollen Albin Marciniak



An underground waterfall commons.wikimedia.org

There is the biggest underground waterfall.

Days passed and the woman didn't return. Probably she got lost in the labyrinth and she stayed there forever. Some people said, they heard the woman's scream in the mine when they got lost and because they followed her voice, they returned from the mine happily. Everybody thought it was Gertruda (it was the name of the miner's wife) so they called one of the adits by her name. And today if someone gets lost, she shows the best way to escape from the mine. I hope you like it and thanks to me you know more about really interesting places. I will try to make you love Poland and our small charming places which are like gold dust.

SAINT GEORGE'S DAY

ENGLAND'S NATIONAL DAY - 23rd APRIL

St. George is the patron saint of England. His emblem - the red cross on the white background, is the flag of England. St. George was a brave Roman soldier who protested against the Romans' torture of Christians. Because of his beliefs he was killed.

The medieval legend of St George and the dragon is over a thousand years old. The dragon made its nest by the fresh water spring near the town of Silene. When the inhabitants of the town came to collect water, they had to throw out the dragon form its nest. They thought that giving it sheep is a good idea. However, after some time, there was no sheep left, so they decided to sacrifice maidens from their town. The girl was chosen by drawing and one day it was the monarch's daughter to be the victim. There was no exception for the princess. On the day of sacrifice, a knight on a white stallion came to save her. He was fighting with the dragon, protected himself with the sign of the cross and killed the dragon. The grateful town abandoned their pagan beliefs and converted to Christianity.



PHRASAL VERBS are usually two-word phrases made of verb + adverb or preposition. Like many other words they may have more than one meaning. Below you can get to know phrasal verbs with BREAK

- BREAK DOWN
- to stop working
 - to become very emotional
 - to lose strength and determination
 - to become mentally or physically ill

- BREAK OUT
- to escape from a prison
 - to start or happen (war, fire)
 - to change the way you live or behave
 - to suddenly have spots on the skin



cakes

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TRADITIONAL BRITISH DAY

A light snack at 11 o'clock, between breakfast and lunch. It is often coffee or tea with biscuit.

Traditionally British breakfast consists of hot meal. The most popular are fried bacon and fried eggs, toasts, sausages and bean. Brits often eat cereal and oatmeal. People in Great Britain usually drink coffee, tea and fruit juice in the morning.

Generally at 1 p.m. but it isn't a rule.

Cup of tea and sweet snack at 4 or 5 o'clock.

For many people it is the most abundant meal of the day. Often consists of two dishes.

CHOCOLATE SPONGE
CAKES

165 g wheat flour
¼ teaspoon baking soda
2 teaspoons baking powder
65 g kakao
3 spoons butter
300 g sugar
2 eggs
¾ teaspoon vanilla flavour
1 glass milk
one gold bar

grate sugar and butter until substance will be smooth and fluffy, add eggs. Mix well, then add vanilla flavour. Add mixture with flour and pour milk. Mix well. Apply the mixture to molds for sponge cakes. Bake your sponge cakes for 15 minutes.

PREPARATION

Mix flour with baking soda, baking powder, kakao and salt. Push aside. In a big bowl