

PATIENTS (AND THE GENERAL UK POPULATION) DO THE FUNNIEST THINGS



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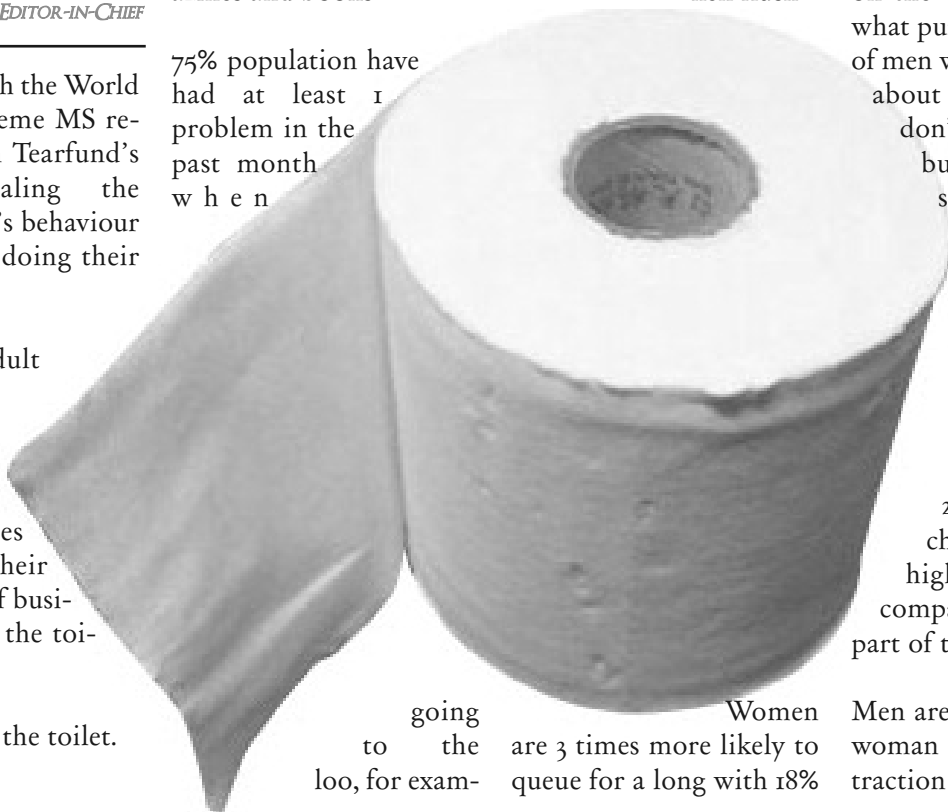
In keeping with the World Toilet Day theme MS reports back on Tearfund's survey revealing the British public's behaviour when they're doing their business.

60% of the adult British population occupy themselves with activities other than their original call of business while on the toilet.

1 in 5 texts on the toilet.

39% read newspaper magazines and books

75% population have had at least 1 problem in the past month when



going to the loo, for exam-

ple no bog roll, or a broken flush

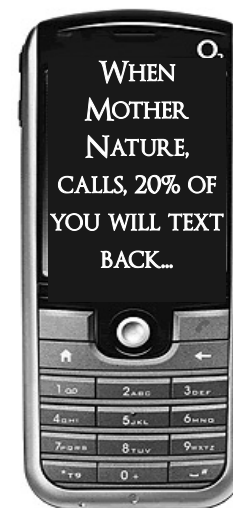
Women are 3 times more likely to queue for a long with 18%

of women commenting on the waiting time, but what puzzles me is the 6% of men who also complain about queuing. Now I don't know about you but I have NEVER seen a man queue up for a toilet...

75% of people complained about a toilet being unflushed or dirty.

28% of the Welsh chat on the loo, the highest proportion compared to any other part of the UK.

Men are more likely than woman to look for a distraction whilst sitting on



the toilet.

The commonest train of thought for the average person doing their business is food.



NOT THE NINE O'CLOCK NEWS



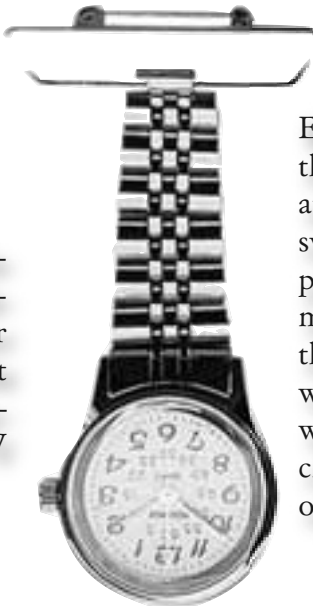
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COUCH COMMANDOS ARE SADDER

Researchers at the University of Maryland have discovered that unhappy people watch 30% more television than the contented among us. The happier people spent 19 hours a week watching TV, whilst the unhappy clocked in at 21 hours per week. However, the researchers are not sure whether excess TV watching causes the unhappiness or vice versa.

A LITTLE BIT OF VROOM VROOM GETS THE LADIES

A recent study in the UK has found that the sound of luxury cars appeal to the primal instincts of women. In the study, participants listened to recordings of the sounds of different cars. The level of response was quantified by measuring testosterone on the tongue after 20 minutes. All women showed a decrease in testosterone in reaction to the VW Polo. However, upon hearing the sound of the Maserati, a Lamborghini, ALL women had a rise in testosterone!

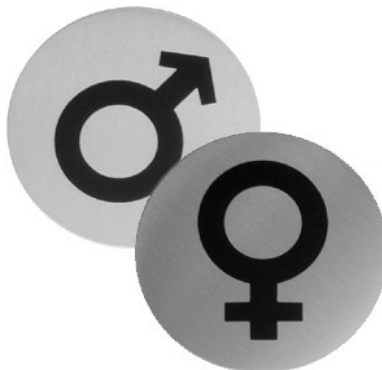


FERTILE WOMEN HATE BEAUTIES

Ever wonder why some girls seem to hate girls that are pretty? Well, a new study by psychologists at the University of Aberdeen are sought to answer this question. Women were made to look at photos of other women (pre and post-menopausal), with the pictures altered to make the women look more feminine or masculine. The women consistently rated the masculine looking women as better looking. The psychologists concluded that this may be because women perceive other attractive women as competition.

SHALLOW ON MASS

A study in the University of Edinburgh has found that when placed in large groups, we tend to choose people who are more attractive as partners. The study utilised speed-dating sessions, each with different numbers of people. In smaller groups, people were far less picky, perhaps trading off bad looks for intelligence or charm. However, in larger groups, the better looking individuals fared much better, with others getting few or no offers!



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