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SNEAKY SECRETS

(Why The Most Successful
Business Owners Flourish)

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And all together good guy even after being force fed two dozen mince pies. He didn't want them but they had a funnel.

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Dear John

Picture this...

Doctor: I've got some good news and some bad news.

Patient: I only want the good news.

Doctor: OK then, they're going to name a disease after you.

Unlike the patient above may all the surprises you receive for 2009 be good ones and full of smiles and laughter.

I know most of us have had a break and I trust you, John, have returned to work refreshed, energised and raring to go.

Actually, I quite like Christmas and agree with Peter Kay we should have it every year.

For my last engagement in 2008 I was asked to speak [laughter dinner](#) at the prestigious [Rudding Park in Harrogate](#). What was unusual about this event was not that it was for only 32 people but each of them are very successful as either owners or past owners of some very big businesses. They take their financial investments and businesses very seriously.

I even met the man who invented the crossword. I can't remember his name it was P something T something R. Tee, hee, hee, ok, that last bit was un petit fib. I can be soooooo naughty sometimes. Anyway...

After doing my bit, it was a pleasure to chat to them. I asked them all the same question, 'What is the secret to your success?'

The answer? They want to contribute to society in some way, enjoy what they do and **have fun**.

The 'have fun' was always stressed. So to these people not only is it important to have a balance between work and play it's very important to have as much fun as possible.

They back up the research which shows that when we enjoy ourselves at work we:

The series of Sneaky Secrets is designed to be read in a minute and a laugh.

- are more productive
- learn more and retain the information better
- are more motivated
- feel more valued

So, if I showed you a little something you can have fun with whenever you're feeling a little stressed or you just need a few seconds of light relief when with family, friends and colleagues, would you be interested? Then read on John, read on...

The Sneaky Stunt - How to stick someone's fingers together without glue

Offer a spectator a chance to win a 10p coin. (Any coin or even a bank note can be used). Have them put their hands together in a prayer position but with thumbs crossed. Next ask them to cross the second fingers of each hand, keeping the tips of their other fingers pressed together.

You now place a coin between the tips of their third fingers.

The photograph on the right shows the correct positioning of the fingers and coin.

From here you tell them that if they can drop the coin without separating their other fingertips, they can keep it.



They won't be able to do it.

You may find that they might try to throw the coin loose, so be very specific in your instruction that the coin has to be dropped.

The Challenge - for a bit of fun, I challenge you to drop this useless fact in to your next conversation

There are 12,988,816 different ways to cover a chessboard with 32 dominoes.

We found that out on Christmas Day evening when the conversation ran out, charades lost its lustre and had to find something to keep us occupied. It was either this or we would have strangled each other.

I Can't Believe They Said That, or Doooh!!!

'During the funeral procession of Mr William Johnson, who died at the age of 79, his boyhood friend John Jameison, aged 77, dropped dead at the graveside. Naturally, this threw a gloom over the entire proceedings'.

Shetland Times

The following announcement is perfect for this time of year, especially as so many of us are trying to do something about losing a few calories after the festive binging.

'Dieting group will meet at 7 pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use the large double door at the side entrance'.

Notice on a church bulletin board in Bradford

Rub it in why don't you?

... and finally

I wonder whether you are aware that I specialise in helping organisations unleash the best from their people. [Organisations who have already employed my services](#) as an [after dinner speaker](#) or [keynote speaker](#), John, agree the results I deliver far exceed their expectations. You don't have to take my word for it just [click here](#) and read what they said.

So if you do have an event coming up when would now be a good time to **give me a call on 01274 685152** or **email me at john@hotowka.co.uk** and find out how I can help you increase the productivity of your people leading to an improved bottom line?

Also, if you know of any one who can benefit from my services I'd appreciate you forwarding my contact details on to them. Thank you.

Have a great week.

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