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(How To Lead By Whispering)

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

Dear John

I was recently asked, "John, what's the reason you get out of bed of a morning?"

There are two reasons; one is a full bladder, obviously (I'm at that age now), the other is that I get to enjoy myself in so many different ways.

Personally, I prefer to be constructive in how I spend my time, not like my friend Paul; his idea of a good time is to buy a can of pineapple chunks and attempt to put the pineapple back together again. Guess what? There was one piece missing last time; I hate it when that happens.

Now this is something I found fascinating and you might want to try it yourself.

Hotowka The Horse Whispering

A few weeks ago I went horse whispering, yup pardner your read that right (you need to read the next few paragraphs in hushed tones, shhhhhhhhhhh). I recently met Sarah Kreutzer of [Learning To Listen](#) who runs team building, management training and leadership programmes using, guess what..., horses.

My horse was called Mattie and she was nobody's fool. The whole idea is to build trust with the horse so it'll do what YOU want it to do i.e. walk around a course and into a horse box. This is done without force, threat or words, just your body language and presence of mind.

I'm not sure what happened because initially it was Mattie leading me around the course and all of a sudden I found MYSELF in the horse box, sans horse. What happened there? I realised that it was

Mattie who was the one in charge and had 'lead' me brilliantly. This was not the desired result, maybe for Mattie, but certainly not for me.

Hmmmmmmmmmm time for a change of tack. After building rapport and trust with my equine friend (during which I learnt so much about myself and my leadership skills), I finally managed to 'lead' Mattie around the course and into the horse box. Mattie and I are now firm friends and I loved every minute of my adventure.

I have to say I am a little disappointed... since our wonderful bonding experience she hasn't phoned, texted or written; my little heart... is broken.

I have to say the whole episode certainly made me think.

And now for the fun bit, this month's...

Sneaky Stunt - How to make the Queen smile... or frown

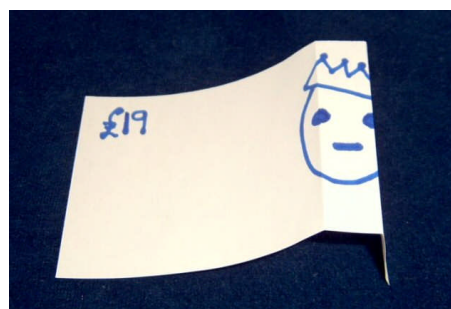
This is a stunt I put in my very first Sneaky Secret Funletter. It caused so much comment that I thought I'd release it again with a clearer explanation.

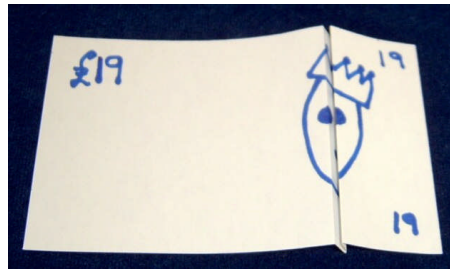
You'll need a bank note and by making three simple folds you'll be able to make the portrait of the Queen smile or frown.

For our international friends, it obviously won't be the Queen, but the portrait of whoever is on your paper money.

The newer the note the better.

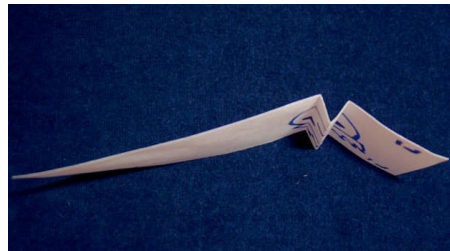
For legal reasons I am not allowed to show photographs of real money so I am deliberately using fake bank notes that I've printed myself. I know that only the trained eye can distinguish them from the real thing so to help you recognise which are the fake ones you'll see I've made them into £19 notes.





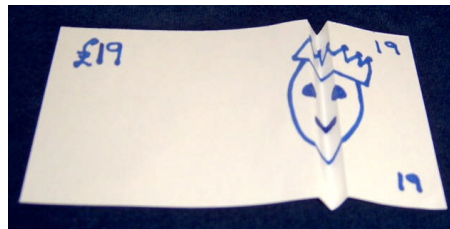
Make a nice crisp fold right through the centre of one of the Queen's eyes, as shown in the top photo. Unfold it so the note is

fairly flat. Please do not do this to the real Queen as she might become a little annoyed.



Make another nice crisp fold (fold the same way as the other fold, see second photo from the top) through the centre of the Queen's other eye. Make sure

this fold is parallel to the first fold. Once again unfold the note so that it's fairly flat.



The final fold is in the opposite direction; through the centre of the Queen's mouth (between the other two folds) see the third photo from

the top. Once again this fold goes along the full height of the note and should be as sharp as you can make it.

Just as a check. If you hold the note so you're looking down from below it and look at the long edge, you'll see the folds have formed a 'V' shape as in the second photo from the bottom.

Now for the good bit.

Hold the note by the short ends so you can see the Queen's face (as in the bottom photo) and tilt the top of the note slightly away from you and the Queen frowns. Tilt the top of the note slightly towards you and she smiles.

Keep tilting the note to and fro and you'll have smilie Queen, frownie Queen, smilie Queen, frownie Queen... I think you get the idea with that.

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

A spectroheliokinematograph is a special camera

used to film the sun.

Make sure your teeth are securely cemented in before you say this one.

I Can't Believe They Said That, or... doooh!!!

An announcement from a Los Angeles disc jockey, right after the February 1990 earthquake:

"The telephone company is urging people to PLEASE not use the telephone unless it is absolutely necessary in order to keep the lines open for emergency personnel. We'll be right back after this break to give away a pair of Phil Collins tickets to caller number 95."

Here's another.

"I'm such a luddite. I can't even load a CD onto an i-pod."

Urma Thurman

Aherm... actually that's not funny because I'm still trying to figure out how to do that myself. If anyone has any ideas please let me know.

...and finally

As you read this funletter, you might be aware of an event being organised that needs either a hilarious after-dinner entertainer or a keynote speaker. If so, then I can help, so why not, **John, pick up the phone now and call me on 01274 685152** and you'll be delighted when you find out how I can help you to communicate your corporate message to your people or clients leading to an improved bottom line.

Or, if you know of anyone who's looking for a speaker and/or magician I'd appreciate it if you'd pass my name on.

To get a flavour of the Hotowka boy in action a short video is available at the bottom of the home page of my web site www.hotowka.co.uk.

Until next time, have a great month.

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