

**Robin Cooper
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Mr J W Kendall
British Peanut Council Ltd
Haconsfield
Hetherselt
Norfolk

8th July 1999

Dear Mr Kendall,

I am trying to get support for my latest business venture, and feel that your organisation might be able to help.

I am setting up a new service that will revolutionize office lunchbreaks. Here's how it works:
By fusing together thousands and thousands of peanuts, I have created a 'peanut suit' (jacket, tie, trousers, waistcoat etc.), which I can wear.

Once inside the suit I visit offices and workplaces during lunch hours. Office workers then buy coupons from me – at £1 a piece – each representing 5 minutes of snack time.

I then run around the office shouting "Mr Peanut! Mr Peanut!" while workers nibble at me for as long as their coupons allow.

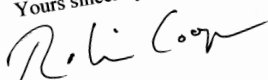
You've got to admit, this idea has to be a winner. I also plan to bring this scheme to schools and, eventually, hospitals.

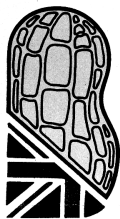
I'd be grateful if The British Peanut Council would send me a letter outlining your support. This would really help open many (office) doors.

I thank you in advance and promise I will not forget you. I will visit your premises on Thursday July 29th at 1:00pm, and reward each of your staff with free coupons up to the value of 10 minutes nibbling time.

I await your response.

Yours sincerely,


Robin Cooper



BRITISH PEANUT COUNCIL

"Promoting and protecting the interests of the British Peanut industry"

Please reply c/o:

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Percy Dalton's Famous Peanut
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MJD/JC

12th July 1999

Robin Cooper, Esq.,
Brundesbury Villas,
London.

Dear Sir,

Your letter addressed to our Secretary Mr John Kendall has been passed by him to me for response.

I don't believe that the Peanut Council will be in a position to do as you request but nevertheless I will see that the marketing committee has a copy of your letter and I will also see that it is circulated in our next newsletter to members.

Yours faithfully
THE BRITISH PEANUT COUNCIL

Michael Dalton

END OF CORRESPONDENCE

Robin Cooper
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Stephen Bennett
 Honorary Secretary
 The Clarinet Heritage Society
 Hambalt Road
 London

28th August 1999

Dear Bennett (Mr),

I am a keen lover of all things clarinettal. The lull of reed against palette, the rasp of tongue against mouthpiece are somethings I have always cherished. You are a lucky man, Bennett, working amongst such fine instruments. In some ways I envy you.

The reason for my writing of this letter is that I am trying to organise a surprise birthday party for my wife. I will hold it at home, on October 9th. This is not the actual date of my wife's birthday, so it will be a double surprise!

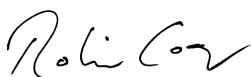
I aim to gather 200 clarinettists together inside my house. As soon as my wife comes home from work, the clarinettists take out their instruments and get ready to play. My wife will no doubt be incredibly surprised. But wait, Bennett, the clarinettists do not play a single note. They simply lay down their instruments and file silently out of the house.

She certainly won't expect that!

I would be grateful if you could help me find 200 professional clarinettists. It is vital that each and everyone is of concert standard.

I look forward to your reply and thank you, in anticipation, for your hard work.

Best wishes,



Robin Cooper

Stephen Bennett

31 August 1999

Dear Mr. Cooper

Thank you for your intriguing letter.

There are indeed more than 200 professional clarinetists of "concert standard" abounding.

Pond life being as it is, clarinetists are forever being exploited by the profession constantly. The problem here is how to persuade 200 of them to participate.

I would need to know more about your surprise party for your wife. What can I say to these clars. to partake of this plan?

I look forward to hearing from you.
Yours Sincerely,

Stephen Bennett

Robin Cooper
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Stephen Bennett
 Honorary Secretary
 The Clarinet Heritage Society
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2nd September 1999

Dear Bennett (Mr),

Thank you ever so much for such a speedy reply to my letter. I thank you, Bennett, it was greatly appreciated. Incidentally, I did like the pen you used – it really showed off all the 'flourishes'. Where did you get it?

I am glad you think that the surprise party for my wife would be a good idea and pleased to hear you're on board.

You requested some more info regarding the event so that you could forward it to the 200 clarinetists (or 'clars' as you describe them).

I would like the clarinetists to arrive at 6:00pm sharp. They will then be told to take up positions. I would like 40 to be in the hallway, 36 on the stairs (2 per step), 20 in the kitchen, 30 in the living room, 40 on the first floor landing, and 34 in my daughter's bedroom.

My wife should be arriving home at 6:30pm. As soon as she walks through the door, the clarinetists are to do what was laid out in my previous letter

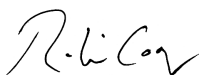
"...the clarinetists take out their instruments and get ready to play. My wife will no doubt be incredibly surprised. But wait, Bennett, the clarinetists do not play a single note. They simply lay down their instruments and file silently out of the house..."

Refreshments will be provided.

Is this enough info? What else would you need to know to make this an evening of a lifetime?

I look forward to your reply. I thank you again with all my heart.

Best wishes,


Robin Cooper

END OF CORRESPONDENCE

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Mrs Wendy Barry
The British Hamster Association
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7th January 2004

Dear Barry,

Hope is at hand! (At least I HOPE so!!).

I wonder if you can help...

I have a beautiful hamster named 'Hambles' who is coming up to his 4th birthday.

Hambles has to be the most talented of all hamsters, in that he can communicate with me via his scratching. By repeatedly clawing at a piece of fabric, Hambles can communicate up to 80 words and phrases. In fact, Hambles has already been featured on Swiss Television, where he garnered much fan mail.

Would you be interested to hear more of Hambles?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,


Robin Cooper



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BRITISH HAMSTER ASSOCIATION

Secretary: Wendy Barry. Stonebridge Drive, Frome, Somerset.

Hello Robin,

Many thanks for your letter to the BHA regarding your hamster 'Hambles'.

I have to be honest I was a little sceptical on hearing about a hamster being able to communicate in such a way, however I would be very interested to hear more, why not drop me a line or email.

You say in your letter that your hamster is coming up for his 4th birthday, this is remarkable in itself as the average life span for a Syrian hamster is 2 years, very occasional they get to 3 years, but most are dead by 3 years.

I enclose some information leaflets which I hope will be useful to you.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Wendy'.

Wendy Barry (Mrs)

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Mrs Wendy Barry
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28th January 2004

Dear Barry,

Many thanks for your delightful letter in response to my previous correspondence.

I must begin with a apology (or rather 'an' apology!!!). I stated very clearly in my letter that Hambles was coming up to his 4th birthday. However, this was an error committed by me, as Hambles, is alas, nearly 2. In other words, Hambles is approaching his 2nd birthday. (We hold it on 6th February).

Please accept my apology. I should have re-read my letter before it was sent. I did not, and can only LEARN from my experience.

And so we move on.

You asked to hear more of Hambles' talents. Here are but a few:

If I ask Hambles to count the number of people there are in my room, (say there are 15) he will scratch the amount onto a piece of fabric, which we call 'Yes Felt' (i.e. he scratches the Yes Felt 15 times, and NOT the figure '15' - not even Hambles can do that!).

A man with glasses walks past our window every morning, who we believe to be Mr Turner. Hambles scratches 8 times, signifying the figure '8' - the shape of Mr Turner's glasses.

Whenever Hambles wants to go to sleep at night, he scratches twice on the Yes Felt (i.e 'Good Night').

Many thanks and also many thanks for the leaflets you enclosed.

Best wishes,

Robin Cooper
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