



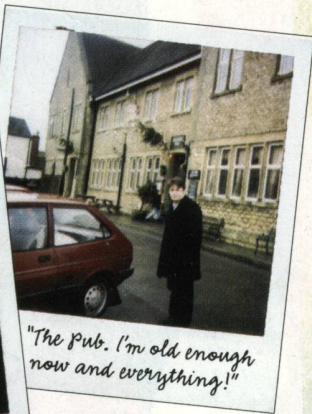
"WHERE Y'FROM?"

Richard Herring

The shorter one from TV's *Fist Of Fun* (and the rejected voice of a Channel 4 *Schools'* TV spider) takes us on a topsy-turvy tourist trapeze around Cheddar in Somerset. Heeeeee – that's *his* home-town...



"I am a cider drinker! But I don't like it!"



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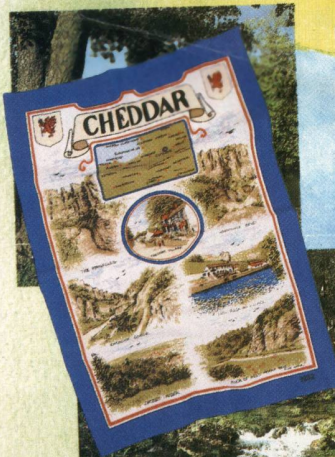
Gift Shops

"Stewart Lee's grandad nearly bought one of these shops and so he would've moved down to Cheddar and lived with me. He didn't, though."

Early Cheddar developed as a string of distinct hamlets in the fields. The Kent Street area was one of these, with its own courtyards. Most Cheddar cottages were Dutch-style, with now only a few thatched roofs left.



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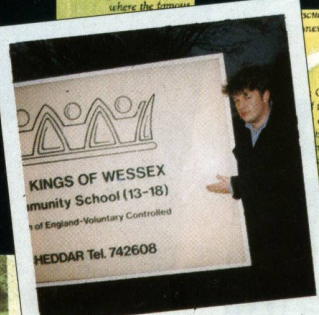
Cantonese Take Away

"Where Brian Bancroft was injured in the now-infamous Cantonese Take-away table fracas. Chris Seard gets annoyed at me because I never mention that he was also severely injured."

The lake Yeo River provides

Kings of Wessex School

"My dad used to be the headmaster here. He used to teach me, which was fun. I also came up with a song called *My Penis Can Sing* while I was here, which is what first attracted Stewart Lee to me. And I used to play tennis against people I fancied, too. Sigh..."



"Che-eg-onsvillearmadillo! (That is 'Cheddar-speak...')"



River Yeo

"I cleaned this up one summer for school, and I found a condom. Didn't know what it was for."

Cheddar

Jacob's Ladder

"I managed to embezzle money every day from Jacob's Ladder when I used to work there. About 50p. I'd just give the tourists their tickets and keep their money. Not many people paid anyway, because it's only 600 steps and then a tower. Which is good, obviously, but not 'Jacob's Ladder' good. In my year off, I thought I'd be good and do a bit of studying up there, and so I started to read Plato. But I only read about two pages and decided it wasn't worth it, for some reason."

Horseshoe Bend

"So-called 'cos it looks like a horseshoe. From above. This is where me and my friends used to drink cider and play the Sex Pistols and shout at girls. The few girls that used to venture up this far, anyway. That was all before we could get into pubs, when we were about 14 or 15... well, we could get into one pub, but I won't name it, because the management at the King's Head might get into trouble or something."

"Come to Cheddar. I'll meet you at the bus stop."

Gough's Cave

"I used to work here, too. I used to just stand around and just sort of try to answer the tourist people's probing questions. Oh – and it's the setting for a sit-com I'm working on, called Sex Among the Stalagmites. Which will be good, and everything."

The Gorge

"Once, me and my friends got chased down the Gorge by some blokes in a car who stopped us and told us not to do whatever it was that we'd done again. Phil Fry had done something naughty, I expect. All the hard blokes used to hang around at the bottom of the Gorge, which used to scare me because I was the headmaster's son. Look – isn't Cheddar pretty?"

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The Bros Connection

Each month, as part of our ceaseless quest for the truth behind the lies, the bruises behind the make-up, the putrid ROT behind the Pearl Drops, Comedy Review's secret investigative reporter will pointlessly probe some seemingly tedious, throwaway detail...

Although Bridget Sealey (see 'Fairlands School' bit down there) is now a mother who still lives in Cheddar, she does acknowledge the existence of TV favourite Richard Herring ("He was always in the intelligent group, and so I never really got to talk to him. I was in the middle-stream group, you see"), she denies all involvement – romantic or otherwise – with either ex-Bros drummer Matt Goss, or singer Luke. And so, with the stark veil of doubt well and truly draped over Herring's suddenly very dubious-sounding 'true-to-life funny experiences', it became all too apparent that we would have to speak to the one-and-only, not-that-'famous'-any-more Matt Goss...

"There was only one person I ever beat up, and I can remember feeling very bad about it," says Matt. "He was a blond kid, or he might have had dark hair, and all his mates were egging him on to hit me. So I hit him first. And it probably was that Chris Scard, because it was in the playground of Fairlands Middle School when I was about ten, so yeah, that could be true..." And as for the Bridget Sealey allegations? "Now, I definitely *did* get off with Bridget Sealey, whether she remembers or not. I remember I really fancied her and while all the coaches from school were leaving, her friend said, 'Do you want to go out with Bridget?' and I said, 'Yeah!' She gave Bridget the thumbs-up, and suddenly everyone on one of the coaches jumped up and went 'Yaaay!', like something out of a film. It was great. But I can vividly remember what happened when I went out with her: we kissed in old farmer Giles' haybarn until him and his dog – this massive Alsatian – chased after us. He was a scary man, in his open-top Morris Minor. But Bridget... she was a great kisser..."

Cliff Hotel

"I had my first game of Space Invaders here, and went to my first disco, as well. Me and Geoff Quigley and Brian Bankroft and Phil Fry used to come up here looking for girls. We just ended up playing Space Invaders most of the time, though."

Police Station

"Aah... the great Cheddar police force. They had two policemen. PC Clegg always used to stop me from busking."

Fairlands School

"Matt and Luke Goss, the Bros twins, moved to Cheddar when they were about ten, and they went to my school. They beat up my friend Chris Scard, and got off with Bridget Sealey. Both of them!" [See right...]

"I did a wee behind this building. And no-one saw!"

St. Andrews

"The reverend Denman preached here. And then he used to walk across the road and preach at my school. My brother and sister were married at St. Andrews. No. Not to each other. It's not like that down here any more."

