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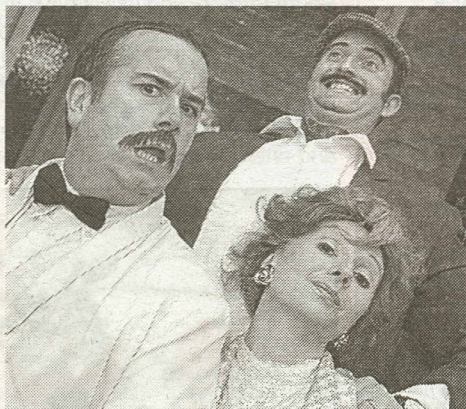
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DON'T MENTION THE WAR

Get a taste of the Fawcety Towers treatment during a hilarious comedy evening with Basil, Sybil and Manuel, played by professional actors. Watch the dysfunctional three as they bustle around the hotel re-enacting some of the classic misunderstandings from the BBC comedy regularly voted the best of all time. Join Torquay hotelier Basil Fawcety as he struggles with a domineering wife and problems such as Manuel's escaped Siberian hamster. You'll be serenaded with love songs by the endearingly incompetent Spanish waiter before a side-splitting flamenco masterclass by Manuel and Basil. Superbreak (0871 221 3344/www.superbreak.com) offers one-night stays at five hotels across the country on selected dates from £89pp (two sharing), including comedy, a three-course dinner and breakfast.



DISASTROUSLY FUNNY: Try a Fawcety Towers break



JUST THE TICKET: Go on a real ale tour of the dales; treat someone to handmade soaps, below right

ALL ABOARD THE BEER BUS

Where better to sample traditional real ales than amid some of England's most breathtaking scenery? Embark on a tour through stunning dales, moors and coastline to visit historic pubs specially selected for their outstanding locally brewed ales. Beer n Buses (01937 581029/www.beerandbuses.co.uk) takes you and other beer enthusiasts to great pubs on public transport, often on traditional double-decker buses, from which the stunning landscapes are best viewed. Beer n Buses offers an eight-night tour from £370pp (two sharing), including four nights B&B in the Grade 1-listed Bar Convent in York, four nights room-only at the Leeds Etap, visits to the York Brewery and the Black Sheep Brewery in Masham, bus and train tickets and a quiz and real ale trail in York on the last night.

GLORIOUS MUD

The Latvian capital of Riga, once renowned as a venue for hen and stag parties, is establishing itself as an upmarket spa destination. Just 15 minutes from the capital is the family-run, 21-room Amber Spa Boutique Hotel in Jurmala (dialling from the UK: 003 716 775 5330/www.amberspahotel.lv), a stone's throw from the shimmering Baltic Sea. Guests become members of the Balans International Wellness Centre for the duration of their stay and have use of the spa, pool, personal training studio and Russian baths. Spa treatments use local ingredients such as herbs, mud, amber, buckwheat and birch juice. Doubles from £70 per room per night (two sharing). Air Baltic (www.airbaltic.com) offers return flights from Gatwick or Manchester to Riga from £79pp.

AWASH WITH ROMANCE

If you're thinking of jetting off for a romantic getaway for Valentine's but haven't booked anything yet, how about Morocco? HipMarrakech (0208 816 7065/www.hipmarrakech.com) offers Dar Charkia riad, a luxurious romantic hideaway in the heart of Marrakech. Suites from £115 per night (two sharing). easyJet (090 5821 0905/www.easyjet.com) offers return flights from £74pp from Gatwick; Manchester from £64pp. To really impress someone special, why not take a box of these pretty, handmade soaps to leave on their pillow. Available from London-based Savonnerie (029 2084 3105/www.savonneriesoap.com) from £22.95. Suitable for men and women, scents include Flower Garden, Marmalade, Lavender and Honey Cake.

