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Are social media sites like Twitter a good thing? Write an article ...

Grace Dent, Independent, WEDNESDAY 16 MAY 2012

I've made a decision. From now on, if I need help, I'm heading straight to Twitter. I've tweeted pleas before. I once posted that I needed a job and the same afternoon got commissioned to write an article. But a few weeks ago, I discovered the true benefits of the virtual world.

It was election day and on my way back from a lunchtime trip to the launderette I discovered a huge BNP banner had been tied to the lamp post outside my flat. My immediate reaction was to pull it down. The trouble was, I'm short and it was higher than my tallest chair could reach. So I sent out a tweet. Could anyone help me tear down this monstrosity?

[Momtaz Begum-Hossain](#), Guardian, WEDNESDAY 16 MAY 2012

Are the London Olympics something to celebrate?

Polly Hudson, The Mirror, 18 May 2012

Admittedly, it's a slightly more interesting conversation to be involved in than one about the weather at the moment. (Yes, raining. In Britain. Whatever next, eh?)

But still, can everyone stop going on about the Olympics now, please?

I know it's a huge deal for some, but for me it's just going to be yet another thing to sweep the nation that I couldn't give a sixteenth of a fig about.

The only form in which I shall participate will be to roll my eyes at its every mention, before immediately getting on with my life.

Are TV reality shows a bad thing?

Polly Hudson, The Mirror, 18 May 2012

THERE was only one real winner of Britain's Got Talent and he didn't slobber over any of the female judges.

No, it wasn't Pudsey the dog or Simon Cowell for me – it was incredible teenage opera singer Jonathan Antoine.

A year ago he was a virtual recluse, having given up his A-levels after being bullied at school about his weight.

Even on the show he remained painfully shy, glancing at his singing companion Charlotte Jaconelli for encouragement.

His mum has told how for years he simply wanted to melt into the background and would hide behind a baggy jumper. Now he goes out wearing a Superman T-shirt. Jonathan has played the ace card in dealing with bullies. He has beaten them with brilliance.

Do too many people have tattoos?

Tony Pasrons, The Mirror, 23 June, 2012

AS soon as the sun starts shining, I realise with a sinking heart that Britain is now a tattooed nation.

Tattoos are everywhere. You see them on firm young flesh and on wobbly, middle-aged flab, as common now on the school run and in the supermarket queue as they are on some footballer or his wife. I feel like the last man left alive whose skin crawls at the sight of these crass daubings.

I wish it were just a celebrity fad. But when the Military Wives had the Christmas No 1 with their haunting -Wherever You Are, their soloist, Samantha Stevenson, had so many hearts and flowers tattooed across her chest that she resembled a box of Cadbury's Roses.

Some people believe far-flung holiday destinations are a waste of money and damage the planet. Write an article ...

Jeremy Clarkson, Sunday Times

For your next holiday, why don't you take all your money and put it on the fire? Then stand in a fridge for a week, beating your children with a baseball bat until their arms and legs break. And then, after you've eaten some melted cheese, dislocate your shoulder.

If all of this appeals then you are probably one of the 1.3 million British people ...

... who go on a skiing holiday at this time of year.

How would you start a restaurant review of a converted night-club?

Jay Rayner, Observer, May 2012

At the bottom of a deep, dark hole just off Leicester Square, there is a kitchen filled with chefs who are cooking their socks off. I can't for the life of me work out what they are doing there. The open kitchen is in the very arse end of the public bit of a nightclub called Dstrkt – the lack of vowels tells you lots of what you need to know. I would now make jokes about this all being total blcks, but the blogger who drew the place to my attention, bittenandwritten.com, has already grabbed all of those. I have my pride. Personally I like vowels. They do rather round things out. Then again this is a joint of hard edges and black walls, so perhaps it suits

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