

Cock Yard News



Happenings and morphing on the darkside

Politics is a **game** with few rules played by those driven to gain and exercise power and in which they seek to *use the aspirations of those they govern to their own political advantage.*



You're young England? Look at you! My star pupil Gladstone is the future. A model student, he learnt his sums and didn't dabble with the exotic. Peel and Disraeli, 1847. How much did the pupil learn and hate?

Yes, yes, we *really* are here to serve you and we have exquisite manners (ha ha). Just make yourself comfortable and don't think about a thing and we'll do the rest. We always work well together when our pistols are loaded



Disraeli, Gladstone and the British electorate, 1874



Pistols? Ooop la la, we mean manifestos

'That man's in a hurry! We must help him on his way', quipped Disraeli?



Phil May's depiction of Gladstone

Do these two know each other? Where's Ghili Brown?



Find me a foreigner and bring me my battleship, it's time we British showed our muscle - I'll do it all. A foundation for Imperial jingoism: creating or reflecting? Palmerston, 'can do', national interest 'cross party' man, 1859



'One for you, one for me.' 'Just so many crowns', said the actress