

A TENTH CURRY ON REGARDLESS

ONE in 10 Brits have never eaten an Indian curry or tried French food.

And a quarter of all adults have never tasted Caribbean dishes or Japanese sushi.

Most rely on cooking old favourites such as bangers and mash, roast dinners and spaghetti bolognese.

The new study findings come as recipe subscription box company Gousto

■ **by TOM HUTCHISON** launches a range called DNA Dishes, to help people uncover their hidden heritage and discover new grub based on the results.

It teamed up with genealogy specialist Living DNA and the survey of 2,000 Brits also revealed that 84% are in the dark about their family origins.



HOT STUFF: Dish

Moo-ved by voices

TALKING directly to cows helps them relax more than playing voice recordings over a loudspeaker says a study by the University of Veterinary Medicine in Vienna, Austria.

Town hits high notes

A YORKSHIRE town has 22 musical acts vying for chart positions.

Bands and artists from Horsforth, near Leeds, include Bethany Hare, Scum and The State Of Georgia



ON THE THRONES: Greg and Alex are in charge of the fun tasks

This task is beyond our Ken!

GREG Davies and Alex Horne are arguing over whether or not to invite Ken Dodd on to their show Taskmaster.

Yes, *that* Ken Dodd – the legendary comedian who passed away in 2018. “I don’t think he’s right for it,” Alex is insisting. “Even though he’s my favourite person.”

“I can’t believe you rejected Ken!” Greg cries in horror. “As if it’s not bad enough for him that he’s dead!”

Taskmaster’s move to Channel 4, after nine series on Dave, has attracted loads of attention and it should attract a huge audience. It’s hilarious, with comedians competing in ridiculous challenges Alex has set and a tyrannical Greg doling out the points.

But the move has also meant they have done heaps of interviews, so I’ve racked my brains for something they won’t have been asked before.

“Our ideal line-up of deceased comics? Oh, great question, Mike!” Alex exclaims.

“No-one’s asked us that,” says Greg. “That’s remarkable.”

Cheers, guys. And your answers? “I’d start with Frankie Howerd,” says Greg. “The thing I love about Taskmaster is you can’t rely on your comedy persona to hide behind. And Frankie was so notoriously guarded. He’d be a mess!”

Alex’s first pick is Victoria Wood. Also making the cut are Tommy Cooper, Richard Pryor and Tim



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Brooke-Taylor. In the end, he backs down and also gives Doddy a place.

So that makes six. It’s only meant to be five, but what the hell? I doubt it’ll get commissioned in any case.

The five playing for real in the new series are Johnny Vegas, Katherine Parkinson, Richard Herring, Mawaan Rizwan and Daisy May Cooper.

They get off to a cracking start. Want to see a comic attempt to inject an egg with helium? Or make a cow vanish into thin air? Look no further.

Barmy as it is, it’s vital to Taskmaster’s comedy appeal that everyone seriously wants to win. Luckily, there’s no problem there. Comics are notoriously competitive.

“When people throw a strop about the tiniest thing on this ludicrous game show, it’s so funny,” says Alex.

That said, the hosts aren’t immune from the lunacy.

“When we’re making the show, we live and breathe the Taskmaster world,” admits Greg. “I really do convince myself I’m all-powerful.”

● **Taskmaster returns at 9pm to-night on Channel 4.**

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