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# Bikers in Belgravia

**The Hairy Bikers roared into Belgravia recently to film a television programme with a local resident.**

The culinary pair delighted passers-by as they parked their motorbikes near Eaton Square, while cars slowed down and taxi drivers honked their horns.

The chefs were filming scenes for their Christmas special with etiquette expert and events planner Liz Brewer [pictured], which will see them organise a Christmas party for friends and colleagues.

Ms Brewer advised the pair on the duties of a host and the correct way to introduce people to each other at a party, as well as showing them how to make Christmas crackers and wrap presents.

“Working with the Bikers was hysterical – it was the funniest filming I’ve ever done,” said Ms Brewer. “Dave and Si really are great guys. They are like two cuddly teddy bears

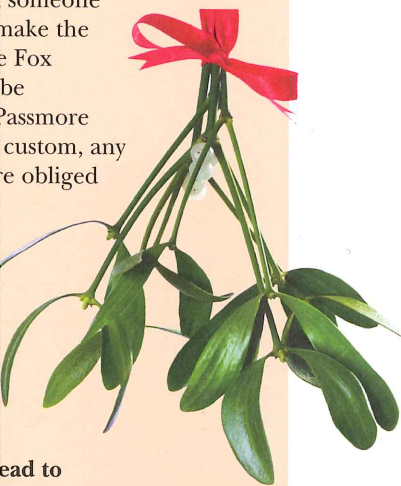


and are just such fun to work with.”

Before becoming one half of the Hairy Bikers, Dave Myers was a make-up artist on shows including *Spooks* and *Prime Suspect*, where he worked with Helen Mirren. He met former location manager Si King on the set of a Catherine Cookson TV drama and the two decided to turn their love of bikes, food and banter into a career. Their first TV show aired on the BBC in 2005.

Following a number of television programmes and cookbooks, the pair have become unlikely sex symbols. One blogger wrote: “Any man who can provide a Cornish pasty recipe as good as the one I tried yesterday is worth lusting over.”

Look out for *The Hairy Bikers’ Christmas Special* on BBC1 in December.



## Novel ideas at Francis Holland

**Award-winning novelist Rose Tremain visited her old school, Francis Holland, to give a talk to pupils.**

The author of *Music and Silence* and *Restoration* gave writing tips to senior students, read one of her short stories and took a nostalgic tour around her former school.

The event was one of many that took place during Francis Holland’s book week, which included visits by other well-known writers and ended with pupils dressing up as book characters in aid of the Roald Dahl Foundation. The school has raised more than £1,000 for the charity this term.