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(adverb) for-SOOTH

In truth, certainly.
The word is now used only ironically.

**Forsooth**, it is the Chosen One, Saint Wayne of Rooney, sent to us wretched England fans to rescue us from our slough of despond.


Like too many desperate thinktanks these days (hairdressers, **forsooth**?), it searches for something new to say for the sake of it: why bother to propose creating a host of health-insurance providers competing for the custom of NHS patients?


In an informal e-mail tooth survey of 27 colleagues and friends, I asked, among other things, whether they noticed other people's teeth, and two-thirds said **forsooth**.


She spoke: "By my troth, good husband, say quickly if they promise to end their telephonic importunings, thus granting us surcease of salesmen offering suspiciously low rates on long-distance calls to places we never call **forsooth**."


Would it not be simple idiotic to keep absolutely quiet because, **forsooth**, it is supposed that our rulers are indifferent to what we natives may think or say regarding measures affecting us?

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