

56/1.YEAR STARTS WITH A BANG.

At Berchtesgaden, where Hitler used to brood in his mountain retreat, Bavarian peasants mark the turn of the year with an ancient - and noisy - tradition. If Noah had any pistols in the Ark, this is what they must have been like. The object of the exercises - to scare away evil spirits. There should be quite a few round Berchtesgaden.

Can you hear us, Adolf?