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Wot'cha Friends and Fans everywhere. By the time you are reading this the 92 Season will only exist in memory, as hopefully, will the indigestion caused by a heavy surfeit of stale Mince Pies and Turkey Rissoles over the Festive Season. Once again, its mostly Official Winter Kip Time, apart, that is for your bleary eyed scribe, who, already has a tingling in the Fur, in anticipation of the coming Season. Easter on the Eastern Front aint too far away, so break out the Thermal Longjohns.

As we said in R.C.26, the 92 season was, like the curates egg, good in parts, and among the good parts were the interesting items of correspondence that dropped through our letter

Ready, teddy, go . . .



■ **DOWN TO EARTH . . .**
David Felt greets one of the daring teddy bears

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Box. From Dropnik Kidd, who by the way claims to come in a large economy size, we had news of one Bob Air of Bob Bearlines, a well set up Dutch Bear whose kin come toggged up in a snazzy 'Aviator' gear, with a range of Wallets, Purses and Credit Card Holders.

Mr KIDD also sent news of a Teddy Bear Club named the Beer? Bericht Club. Apologies to our many Dutch friends, but as the info for this Club was in Dutch, we were unable to read it. However, one name sprang from the info, that of Marie-Jose' Webster, from this we can say that if the well known Webster Kite Group are involved, then it must be good.

Whilst we're in the Netherlands Dropnik Kidd also told us about a large Emporium in Den Haag which is devoted to Teddy Bears and all Fauna of a Soft Cuddly Toy Persuasion. The Colour Photo he sent shows a great display of Fauna of all Specie and Sizes. However, we were unable to discover if any of the Fauna were equipped with a Jolly Old Rag, so it looks as if another session on the Sewing Machine will be required.

Beren Goed. Akkerman Pass, Den Haag

BEMUSED residents in Raunds wondered what on earth was going on when they spotted teddy bears parachuting down from the parish church spire.

The teddy bear extravaganza was organised to raise cash for St Peter's Church.

Part of the event involved parachuting the cuddly creatures from the spire.

Vicar, the Rev Brian Leatherland, launched the bears from a height of 100ft after their owners donated £1 for church funds.

Organiser David Felts said other events at the teddy bear spectacular included stalls and competitions for the best and oldest bears.

Evening Telegraph picture via Dave Hughe

Kraken und Schlangen über Berlin



Cor, Kraken und Schlangen Über Berlin, wot a jawbreaker. This was a headline in the Berliner Morgenpost at the time of the 92 Berlinfest. We are reliably informed that it Translates to 'Octopusses and Snakes over Berlin.

This Pic, plus info, together with a useful translation of the pertinent captions was supplied by Sidney Bear, the Founder of The First Oregon Bearforce

Sidney, pictured her with Chief Dropnik Don Counce, tells us that the F.O.B.F's Trip to the Berlin Kite fest, came as a result of Winning the second place in the Grand Draw at the Washington State International Kite Fest.

Just in case you wondered, the First prize also was a Trip to Berlin. However, be that as it may, Sidney and Don had a rare old at the Fest, even if the Winds were so light that Fauna Bombing was impossible. well almost.

Sidney also says that the highlights of the Trip were a meeting a meeting with the Patron Saint of Hang Gliders, Francis Rogallo, and an excursion to the Otto Lilienthal museum in the former East Germany.

As you can see from the Pic. Don is another Dropnik who comes in the Large Economy Size. Don does't appear to be Po Faced, even though he occasionally goes Barmy and flies Stunters.

We've also heard other anecdotes about the former East Berlin. Amongst these, in passing

was the amount of Ex Soviet Bloc Military bits and pieces for sale at bargain prices. we were told that for a price you could have probably purchased a T.60 Tank complete with Ammo, though the Airlines would have most likely jibbed at one of those as Hand Baggage.

Hmm... at.60 Tank? That would be just the Job for a Rush Hour thrash around the M 25.

More Dosh Raisin Capers than ever took place recently in aid of BBC T.V. Children in Need Appeal. Bluebottle Bear and Steve Billings did a series of Jumps in various Parks around Northampton, and at the Racecourse as well. Although they had a mention on Local Radio, Bluebottle says that they ploughed a lonelly Furrow as very few People apart from a few Dogs and thier owners turned up. However that did not discourage the Intrepid Pair, for at a cost of getting smothered in Mud, they managed to raise £60 from thier sponsors which is not bad, for as they say, 'Every Penny Counts' Well done Lads.

Some really strange things occur from time to time at the BMISS H.Q., none moreso than what happened recently. One evening there was an OOH,AAH at the Front Door, OK I know what you're thinking, why an OOH,AAH and not a Ring at the Door? Well, you know the BOF is barmy so barmy in fact, he doesnt have a Doorbell, he has an Electric Bicycle Hooter that goes, as we've said, OOH,AAH,OOH,AAH. anyway, apologies for the Digression, where were we, yes there was an OOH,AAH at the Door and as customary, it being Late ish, the BOF answered it with the usual Baseball Bat concealed behind his back(he's bleedin'paranoid) No real probs though, just something a bit peculiar.

There outside, was a strange looking Parcel with a weird looking head poking out. around the neck was a Typewritten note saying that the parcel was in reality a Firebreathing Welsh type Dragon. On discoverig that the parcel was'nt a Booby Trapped Bomb(told you he was paranoid) sent by the PoFaced Kilters, the BOF brought it in and unwrapped it to find that it was indeed a rather shagged out looking Welsh Dragon of an SCT persuasion. The Note went on to say that his name was Clifford, that he'd had a slug of Listeriene to put out the Fire, he looked shagged out cos he'd traveled from Wales, and that he'd decided to shack up here for about 100 Years. (another freeloader who will soon get a Chute)

We've heard again from Lord Colin of Checkley, you know, the Medieval Combet Society Kite Loony. Lord Colin appears to be settling down nicely in Spain as he has purchased a plot of land strictly for flying Kites (cor, there must be plenty of Dough in the game) he also says that the Spanish seem to be going a bundle on Kites which is all to the good, and that his Alcoholic Pink Dragon, Coggers, is now so heavy with all the Metal Pins that he wears, that when Lord Colin lofts him on his Flexifoil and then casts the lines and handles loose, Coggers is now at the optimum weight to fly off and Paraglide around the flying site. Hmm... Dragons, Welsh, Soft cuddley Toy for the use of.... makes you wonder if Cliff the Dragon who turned up at the Bide a Wee Fauna Home recently, comes from Spain via FELTHAM. Rocket Ron says he's nothing to do with the Tottenham Mob.

IT'S STUFFED WITH FUN

Something of note occurred last Backend when we finally saw the long (and how) awaited new book from Ron Moulton and Pat Lloyd It certainly has been a long time coming but as of now 'KITES' A practical handbook is available everywhere.

We hope that Santa did the Bizzo for you and that one way or another, Moneywise or Booktokenwise you are now in a position to increase your Kite Book collection. You could do worse than purchase this Book. We are not going to give a full review, others can do that far better, suffice it to say that we dont think this Book will get into Theodore Edward O'Bears 'Read 'em and Weep' column.

What we will say though is that this book gives the most in depth details of how to Parachute Fauna from Kites. O.K. we'll admit that the BOF was involved in a small way with Chapter Six, which is entitled 'Paradrops, Skydivers and Bearly Made It Squads'. but the Artistic skill with which Pat Lloyd has produced the Drawings and the Literary Skill with which RON has written the text for this chapter, means that we can honestly endorse Chapter Six of 'KITES' as the BMISS Workshop Manual.

An added bonus is the numerous intresting Photos which are contained within. In fact for those of you who do not know just how 'ORRIBLE' the BOF looks, turn to page 88, where you'll see him in FULL CHAT SUPER WALLY MODE, It was taken all of Ten Years ago, YUK....

You may have seen from time to time various Certificates for Faunas first Parachute Drop.

Having seen quite a few and having appreciated every-one, we must say that the Certificate shown, right is perhaps the best we've seen so far. Its from the Pen of Hugh Andrew of Bristol no, it does't come with that thick Black line through it, you must know what thats for. If you reuire a Repro deal, then contact Hugh. se R.C.18. for his A/D Nice one Hugh,,,,

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FOR THE NEW YEAR AND
THE COMING SEASON.



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