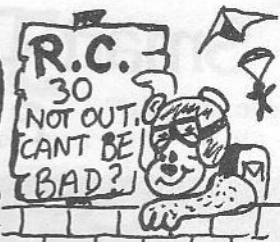


# ROMAN CANDLE 30



The International Journal of the Bearly Made It Skydive Squad. The International Brother and Sisterhood of Parachuting Fauna and the U.K. Ted Devils. Worldwide Kitings Number One Dollop of Mindless Drivel. Close of Play score on a Sticky Wicket, 30, Not Out.

Looking back over a period of 12 years and 30 issues, its hard to believe that we could keep this running gag going for so long. Its a tribute to all you Crazy Sods out there, for without your help, encouragement and contributions, R.C. would have long gone the way of the Cockoozalum Bird, you know, the one that hid its head under its wing and whistled out of its... wait for it, Earhole..... Cheers you Rotten Lot.

Perhaps the event of most note this Season was the Marriage of Suzy Bear and Biggles at Stratford Racecourse. This charming ceremony was only marred by the BOF, who as usual was smashed out of his head on Lemonade, and shocked the entire Wedding Party, by trying to conduct the Burial Service. This Wedding was a hastily arranged Shotgun affair, after Dropnik Oakhill discovered some severe Mularky going on in the back of his Car. It really was a case of "Dont bother knocking, if the Motors Rocking". Fine upstanding Dropnik that he is, Mr Oakhill insisted on instant regularising of the situation, which is how the BOF came to be conducting the Burial whoops Marriage Service at a Kite Fest.

A sad footnote to the above, rumors abound that the marriage is down the Pan already, due in part to the fact that Suzy Bear is knocking it off with the notorious Drunken Dave. pictured below with long suffering Ann.



Be that as it may, the latest is that Dave is at long last a Parafauna. He was Bearnapped by the Brighton Mob at the Pompey Fest, and after lots of Kicking and Vomiting Dave was launched on Dropnik Rays ferry with a BOF chute. Give Dave his due, he ruined the first jump with a perfect go wrong. However his second ascent was perfect. Dave has changed his mind on Parachuting since he discovered that he can Booze on the way down and with a judicious drift on the chute he can give a Po Faced Display, a Technicolour Yawn as he drifts by.

We, should perhaps spare a thought for poor Ann Heanes, Daves long suffering owner, who, when Dave, having his first jump, was cast in the role of the Shocked and Terrified Hume, and maybe we should Grass Up the Dodgy Duo who Bearnapped Dave, twas Dropniks Mik and Toody of the Top Marx Rok Team who are almost as fond of the Amber Neckoil as Dave, who contrary to popular belief, does'nt drink Carling Black Label, nope. he gets thoroughly S... Faced on Kestral Super and Tennants Extra Strength Lagers.

By the way, just for your information Drunken Dave Bear was named after the one and only El Supremo Posero, 3i/c of the White Horse Kiters Hostility Suite and chief bottle washer Dave, your friend and mine Robinson. Not sure if Dave is a Dropnik, who cares, its just that nobody can decide who's got the Bigger Belly, Dave or Dave, Hic, Hic.

Dave Bear, well known "p...s artist," has no time for 'chuting, as it cuts into his boozing time.

"Is Dave sober?" we cry.

"Nope, as usual, he's p....d as a pudding," is the reply.

Ann Heanes has to cart home the wreckage.



# Smart David's a prize guy!



**SCHOOLBOY** David Cowan is helping rid Penarth of its reputation of being the accident blackspot of South Wales.

David, aged 10, has won a competition to name a six-foot bear which heads the Safe Child Penarth campaign.

This piece, left, came from our member, Red Baron of Cardiff, R.B. goes on to say that he doesn't think that the Penarth Safety Campaign is anything to do with Cycle Safety, its a new scheme to make Kids wear safety Helmets in case they are Biffed by a Totalling Parafauna. R.B. also says that they are so switched on in his locale that even the Kettles are Furring Up. We'll give him Ten out of Ten for coining a new word for an ascent of 1,000ft or more, Wowview!

R.B. say he also gets Wowviews indoors as he's shackled up with a Chic French Bear Chick named Carmen, and when she cuddles up and whispers "Cher Baron Rouge" in his lughole, his Short and Curlies go all Polar. Carmen also said something else, but as R.B's writing was bad, we could not decipher it. He finishes his letter to R.C. with a saying he says his Dropnik Henly is always using, and R.B. wonders what the item in question is. Its "Keep your Pecka Up!" R.B. whants to know what is a Pecka ?.....

## "NAZI BOMBERS WRECK KITE WORKSHOP"

The good News about the above Headline is that the Kite Workshop was making Stunters and the Bad News is that it is Repairable. Ha,Ha, all Jokes aside, The Truth of the matter is that the Luftwaffe did destroy the Kite

Workshop involved in making the Kites for our Kite and Bomb Barrage Trials at Plymouth. This Air Raid occurred on the 23rd of April 1941 and was one of the reasons that the K&BB Trials were ended. Need we add that this Headline was extracted from the Historical Section of Old Toms Rustic Kitecraft. We did have a rather shirty letter from Old Tom himself, who was a bit Miffed at us quoting his real age of 94. It would seem that this rather put the cat amongst the Pigeons with Old Toms current Lady Friend as he told her he was only 69.

## FRUITY KIWI NEARLY BREAKS DUCK.

The long awaited Debut of our only known Flora Member occurred at the Bristol Fest. We've waited a long time for this, but it was well worth it. Pete the Kiwi Fruit (or should that be Mr Lynn) certainly is a Trier and definitely aint a Bottle Job, and being equipped with a Cakehole that big, he can certainly do some Chomping on the Po Faced, when he gets his Jump Tecnique sorted. Mind you it was'nt Petes or the Sky Squads fault that he only had a lowish Jump. You know the score, typical Kite Fest, the Slot for Dropping the Kids Bears and the Sweet Drop amounts to about 45 seconds, the Wind Drops, the P.A.s attention span is Miniscule and theres a horde of Po Faced eager for the piece of Sky that the Bear Drop is occupying, bleeding typical aint it ? Its enough to make you take up Macrame.

When we first Clapped Eyes on Pete the Kiwi Fruit, we could see at once the problems that Dropnik Legs Lester is having in trying to equip Pete with a Chute and Harness, its a right bummer putting a harness on a Ball. Pete is in the Legs mould as his little feet really were Skydancing just like the big Legs when he was hoisted on the Kiteline.

### BEAU PEEP

By Roger Kettle and Andrew Christine



Due to the fact that Pete only had a very lowish Drop, with an already Deployed Parachute, we were not going to number him as a full BMISS member for life, but after some deliberation we decided that as Pete was a Tryer, as of now, he's in.

# THE MORE I SEE OF PEOPLE THE MORE I PREFER MY TEDDY!



## Jet-setter missing in mid-air

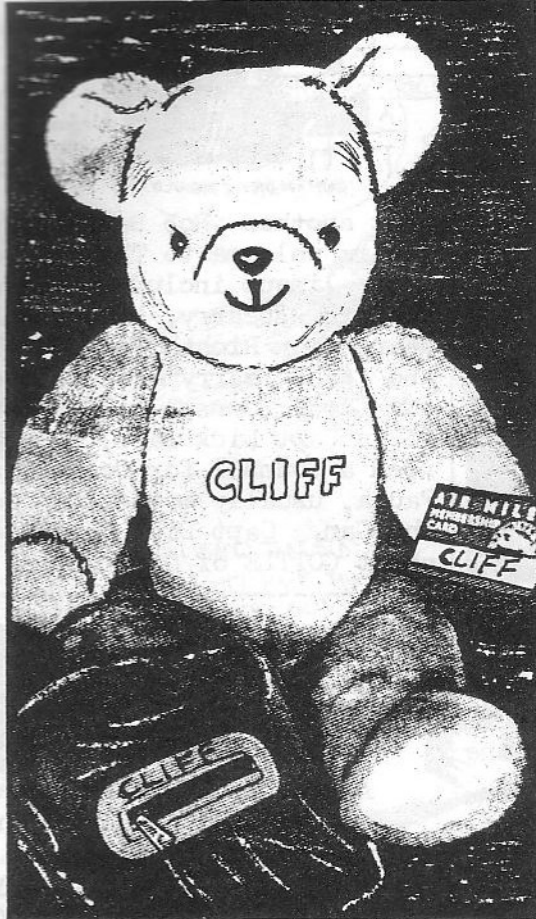
CLIFF, the flying bear, hitch-hiked his way around the world to raise money for a good cause.

The jet-setting teddy clocked up hundreds of thousands of air miles to help support Brighton's threatened Coppercliff Hospice.

But, sadly, the brave little bear never made it back to base.

Cliff was last spotted on a long-haul flight bound for Gatwick.

Organisers of his around-the-world voyage believe he was kidnapped by a fellow passenger.



This sticker left, was sent to us by Norman King who we don't see too much of these days since he now flies in the far Southwest. Norman says there are times for most Dropniks when this Sticker just about says it all and we agree, cheers Norman.

## ALSO MISSING, A JOLLY OLD RAG

Little Cliff may have Air Hitched his way around the World for Umpteen Thousand Miles in aid of a good cause, but all he seems to have had is a small Travel Bag and an Airmiles Card, nary a chute in sight.

It's a bit much you know, sending a Bear out into the world without the means of support, after all even that Notorious Non Dropnik Stateside, err, wots 'is name, equips his non parachuting fauna with a chute by Weeks for Air Travel.

Certainly is a Rum old world when some 22 carat brass bound Tow Rag has the Bear faced affrontary to Bearnap a Brother before his good cause is done.

Thanks to Dropnik Oakhill for bringing this to our attention.

## "FOTY 93"

Thankfully the BOF got his act together this Year and the cock up we had last year with the BMISS Fauna of the Year Trophy92, not being awarded till

this year becomes a past faux pas. Tah Dahhh. Big Fanfare, after much consideration, (cos you're such a Good lot of Fauna ) The BMISS Fauna of the Year Trophy 1993 was awarded to GRIZZ Dallmer, of the Pennsylvania Bear Force. By the usual BMISS / Fauna Telepathy we are aware that Grizz is well Chuffed as is his Dropnik, Mike Dallmer. Mike, by the way does his Bear Bombing, the hard way, for not only does Mike Tog up his Bears with Chutes etc, first off, he actually makes his Bears from scratch.

## CLIFF THE DRAGON, ON THE SLIPPERY SLOPE?

It would seem that Poor Old Cliff the Dragon, he, of a Welsh Cuddley Toy persuasion is definitely on the slippery slope to oblivion. Andy King says that it's got so bad now that Cliff insists on being known as Soak, he's never even seen Andys Des Res as he's leading a Nomadic existence, travelling from Po Faced Des Res to Po Faced Des Res, only moving on when the Booze runs out. Nobodys sure if this was triggered off by the BOF chucking Cliff in the bath then getting him frozen stiff, or maybe that Gobfull of D.Z. Cliff got via Rocket Ron and the BOF.

We saw Cliff at the Pompey Fest, it wasn't a pretty sight.

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CAPTAIN DICK & THE OLD SALT

Yet another Mob Bearing Up Stateside, its a warm welcome to The Rainbear Skydive Corps whose lineup includes such notables as Sir Bearard Asbearry, Madame DuBearry, Rasbearry, Bearon von Richthofen, Douglas Bearbanks Jr and Ethel Bearrymore. They even have thier own Legal Counsel called Bearry Mason, which if as Capt Dick says, he's Commanding, he may need a Counsel for Commanding a Mob of Para-Fauna, usually means that you end up carrying the Can. Capt Dick did'nt say if his Fauna shout GOTTLE of GEAR on the way down.

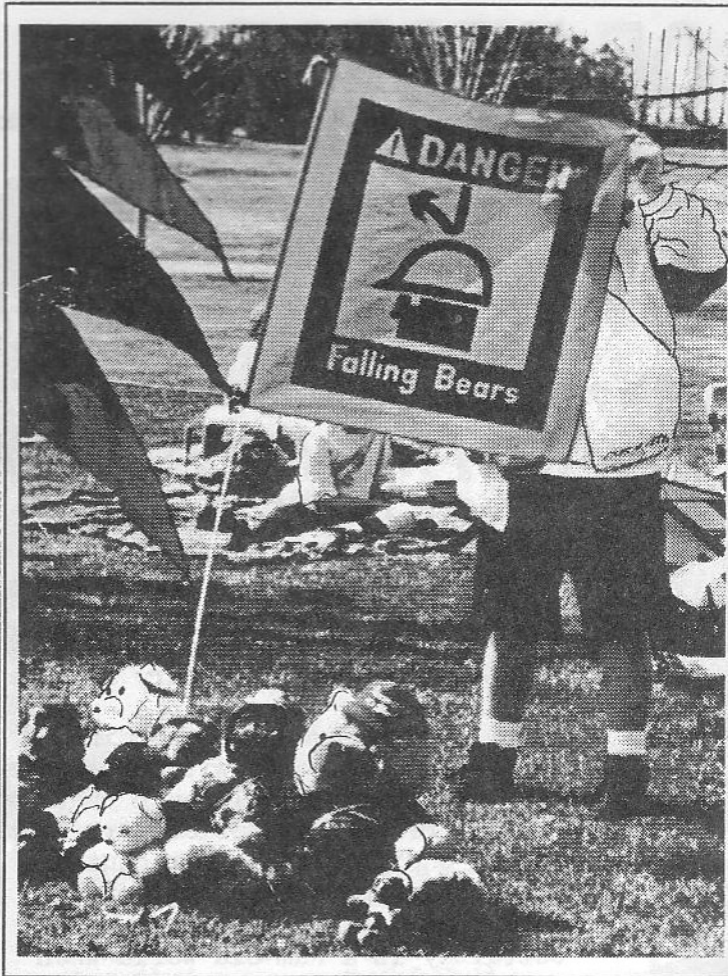
**BIRFDAY BEAR  
SCOFFS THE LOT  
NOT A CRUMB FOR US.**



An intresting item arrived from Birfday Bear aka Dropnik Slater and the rotten sod never left a single Crumb inside. The item was the Box for a Birthday Cake from good old Marks and Sparks. The Soft Iced sponge Cake with Buttercream and Raspberry filling is tastefully Hand Decorated with a Parachuting Teddy. Birfday Bear did'nt say how much the Cake is, as he never bought it, he just scoffed it. Captain Bear, who owns Birfday Bear, says its rumoured that BB was 69 on his Birthday, though we're not too sure he looks more like 79 (stone that is)

Would the Rotachute Bear who had some ferry jumps at Middle Wallop tell us his name as the Braindead BOF has forgotten. We think you own one of that noisy Lodden Valley Mob.

The Skydiver who was saved by the Pond has not so far appllied to BMISS for membership just as well as the Criteria is now 7,600.



Theodore Edward O'Bears Printed Page is transformed into Applique via the Red Hot sewing of Vi Weeks. Below the Banner are the Members of the Sky Trek Skydive Squad, and we're not sure if they are Vi's knees peeping fron behind the Banner.

"LEO the Lion" who showed the BOF and Dropnik Billings how to do the Bizzo from steves Mega at Bristol. Please tell us you real name and your Dropniks also, we'd like to give you credit.

## POND SAVES SKYDIVER

ROOKIE skydiver Klint Freemantle plummeted 4,000ft when his two parachutes failed — but walked away unhurt after landing in a duck pond.

The daredevil, 22, then stood up in the pond, shouted "Yes!" and waded to the bank to tell

waiting ambulance men he was fine.

Klint's dad and sister had watched in horror as his chute failed and a back-up one got tangled. But as he fell towards the 3ft deep pond at 70mph, Klint leaned back and undid the harness.

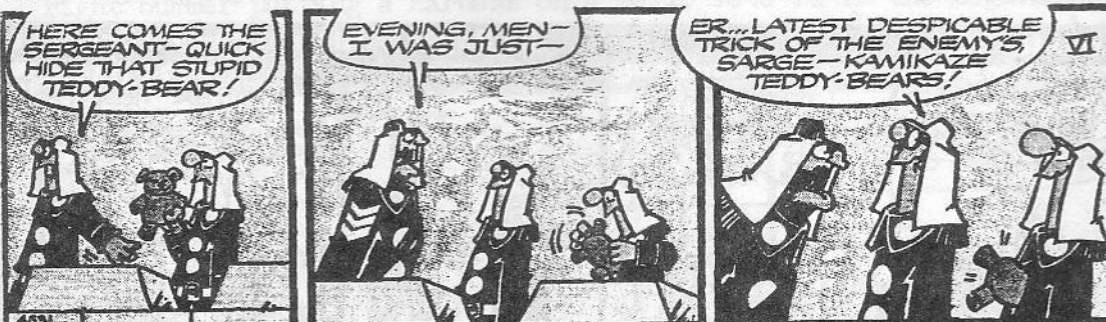
Experts said leaning

back saved his life by spreading the force of impact. Tim Russell, Klint's instructor in Napier, New Zealand, said: "It was a one-in-a-million accident and a one-in-a-billion escape.

"I'm planning to dig a few duckponds at our base now."

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As always, its the usual to the usual, c/o the BOF, 48 Laurel Lane, W/Drayton, Middx, UB7.7TY. U.K.