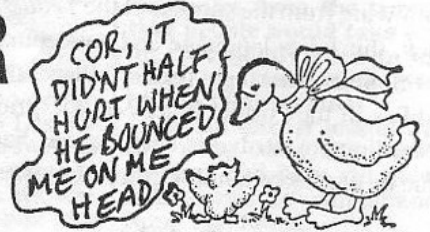


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"Offensive Writing" R. Beavon....."Not for Seven Decimal Five Year Olds" R. Kean.
"Its Disgrrrrrraceful, It ought not to be Allowed" Mr Grouser. "Unfair to Slapheads"
Follicarly Challenged Monthly."Bad Language and Inane Stupidity" R. Kean."Why Us?"
Po-Faced Kite Group. "A Right Load of Crap" Various. "100% Mindless Drivel" The BOF

BEACH HORROR Red Baron Causes Tragic Accident



EXCLUSIVE

By JERRY SWIFT

BYSTANDERS watched in horror as an unknown schoolboy duck from Dusseldorf in Germany plummeted to an uncertain end on WEYMOUTH BEACH.

The spring bank holiday kite extravaganza saw Dropnik Rolf Sturm operating a ferry on a large flowform from Don Mock.

Don is usually better known for his bizarre Indian inspired creations.

Rolf Sturm is responsible for the Red Baron and other inflatable aircraft. His latest kite is a Betty Boop monoplane for the Boop Troop.

As the ferry hit the stop and the duck dropped his chute RC'd and he hit the deck hard. His condition is unknown as a Rolf carried away the injured lad.

Sturm appeared unrepentant about his involvement in the accident.

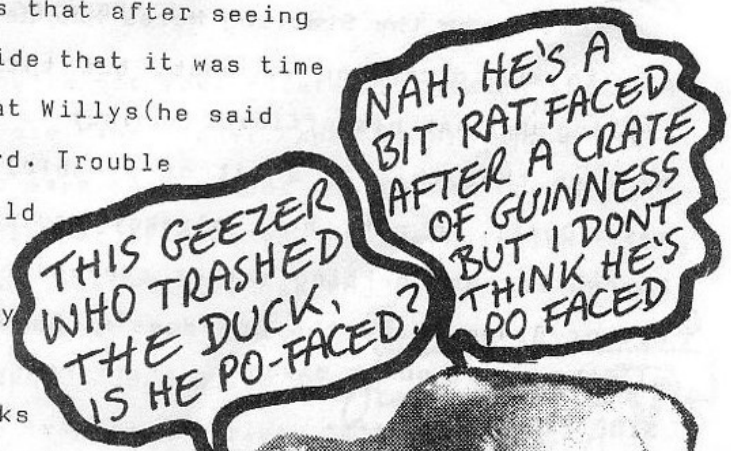
Considering the advanced state of Sturm's equipment, this accident is particularly surprising.

An expert commented "He obviously spends a lot of time on the dropper and not enough on the chute"

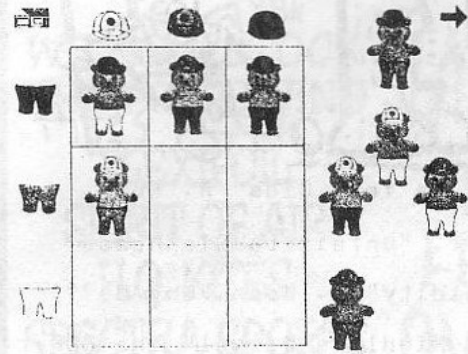
Our correspondent in Germany is trying to seek relatives' views. The only three ducks he could find were too plastered to comment.



Vic@tossler.bear.drop.splatt.soddit.co.uk says that after seeing references to the Internet in our last,he decide that it was time he went Surfing. So, after cruising down to Fat Willys(he said its only a rumour)he purchased anice surf board. Trouble was, when he got it home the sodding thing would not fit into his A Drive. Some bloke down the pub said he really needed 95 Windows to as they say Hang Ten. Luckily, Jewsons Joinery had an intrest free deal on at the time, but Vic thinks they must have turned him over with some old stock in feet and inches, 'cos he still cant get any of them into his A Drive, in fact he cant even get into his room either So if any of our readers out there want some Double Glazing then Vic can do them a good Deal.

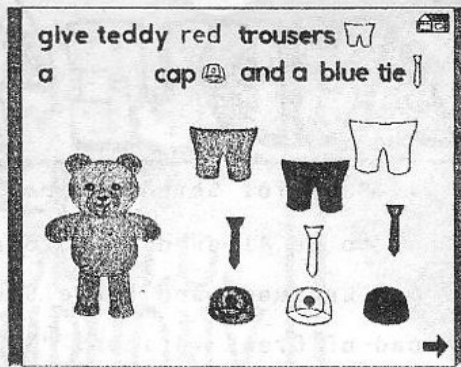


My World 2 - Teddy Grids



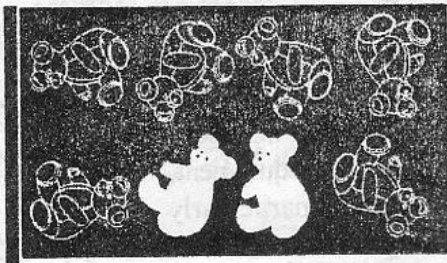
Following from the success of the *Teddies* pack, this takes language and conceptual development a stage further: Place the teddies in the correct places on the grid, according to attributes such as red hat, blue tie etc. Excellent for group activities.

My World 2 - Teddies



A multi-disc pack for KS1. Matching, sorting and counting activities, all using teddies and their belongings.

My World 2 - Rotate



This info is probably very Old Hat to all you Mega Byte Heads out there but may be of interest to some Dropnik who wants some other type of programme for the Sprogs other than the usual crappy Shoot em up Bang, Bang type .

Unfortunately these progs seem to be a little short of Kites and Parachute, but as our detractors would say, That's probably a good thing (yah boo sucks) Still, any thing that teaches Sprogs somethig worthwhile cant be bad.

For more info you can contact SEMERC on 01223 254214.

B.M.I.S.S. GOING TO THE DEVIL? NOPE, HE'S COME TO US.....



Its probably been arguable ever since the BMISS was started, that it was going to the Devil amongst other things. However, believe it or not, the Devil has come to us. Yes, you're right membership is open to all even Devils,

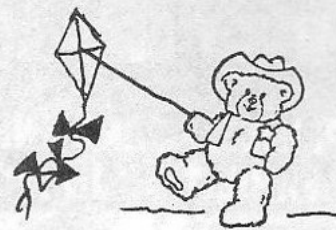
We're not sure if the little sod has been cast out of you know where, but its says something when we found out that this particular resident of a very Hot Spot arrived at BOF Towers by way of Swindon.

Hmm, maybe the Starving Horse Mob have a surfeit of Devils and have decided to cast one in our direction or what, but this Devil is keepig pretty Schtum, apart from telling us that his official moniker is Beelzebub Eight million and twentythree, but as he says that this is a bit of a Gobfull, he prefers to be called Dick. Be that as it may, Devil or not, he's already equipped with a Chute, and awaits his first drop. Meanwhile were getting rather cheesed off with hearing "FIRE" by the Crazy World of Arthur Brown. Nope the Bof does'nt have that particular record, but we keep hearing it all the same, oo'er missus.....

STOP PRESS.....

Holy Cow, literally Beelze, ah s**t, Dick broke his Duck at Cowpat, and proved to be a right little Devil with two R.C's straight off. However his third jump, which was successful was of the Weird Sh**t Happens variety. Question, for all you Trivial Pursuit fans out there. "How many Gallons of Cow Slobber do you reckon a 6 cell Ram Air chute can soak up? Loads and loads yuk. thanks to Brave Mr Croxton for rescuing Dick from the Jaws of a Slobbering Cow. well to be honest it was Dicks Rag that was being slobbered. Meanwhile we are watching to see if Dick Chute develops Mad Parachute Disease.

Ted the travelling bear lives happily ever after



MR POO VIA MIK+TOODY



THINKS, COULD DO WITH A CHUTE



A TEDDY bear has been reunited with his owner after an adventure spanning three countries.

Nine-month-old Bobby Worsley's mum Mary was distraught when they returned from a trip to Ireland without the brown bear his grandma had bought for him.

'She gave up hope of seeing it again — but she reckoned without the determination of the Hughes family.

Trevor Hughes' son, seven-year-old William, had been entertaining Bobby, of New Hall Lane, Heaton, Bolton, during the flight from Derry to Manchester and absent-mindedly held on to the bear when they said farewell at the airport.

Engineer Trevor, 43, and his wife Briegen, of Wrexham, did not know where to return the bear but their other son Richard, 10, remembered enough details about Bobby and Mary to place an ad in a Bolton newspaper.

Mary's neighbour Helen Leigh spotted the ad and alerted her.

Mary, 38, a teacher at Bolton School's girls division, contacted Trevor who then drove 60 miles with his family to take the bear — called Ted — back to Bobby.

Today Mary said: "Bobby and I had been to visit my mum in County Tyrone and gave him the bear.

"On the way home we got chatting to Trevor and his wife and their boys were playing with Bobby at Derry, on the flight and again at Ringway before we went our separate ways.

"William was keeping the baby entertained by doing the Bobby Bear Show on the bus which took us to our cars and forgot to give it back. When we got home I searched high and low for Ted and was very upset to find he was missing."

Trevor said: "William was distraught when he realised he'd forgotten to give Bobby back his bear. He cried all the way home.

"Richard remembered how old the baby was, what Bobby's mum was called and that she taught girls in a school.

"So we put those details in the ad and sure enough Mary's neighbour read it.

"The least we could do was drive over to deliver Ted in person."

Mr Poo the bear comes unstuffed at hands of Frankfurt customs

AP in Flint, Michigan

AT LEAST his last days were full of fun — overseas trips, visits to Las Vegas, zoos. But the travels of Mr Poo, a toy bear, came to a tragic end when he was shredded at the hands of a suspicious customs worker.

The stuffed bear, which school children sent, complete with backpack, on a trip with a USAir crew in January, came un-stuffed some time in April in Frankfurt.

He was to return with postcards, notes and other

souvenirs from the travels that people would take him on. The pupils were to use what was sent back with him in their lessons.

But the harder lesson was learning that Mr Poo's stuffing had been shredded in a search for contraband. None was found.

The pupils got the bad news shortly before their bear was due to arrive home on a flight from Pittsburgh. The crew presented them with a replacement bear, but the backpack was gone.

The new bear did have two plastic bags stuffed with little packets of airline snacks and air travel brochures.

"I'm kind of mad that Mr Poo got cut," said 11-year-old Antione Minor. "But at least they sent this new one. I don't want to see any bear guts."

The bear's flight log book, which also returned to Flint, showed Mr Poo had crisscrossed the United States for two months before going to Europe, where he saw the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame and the Louvre.

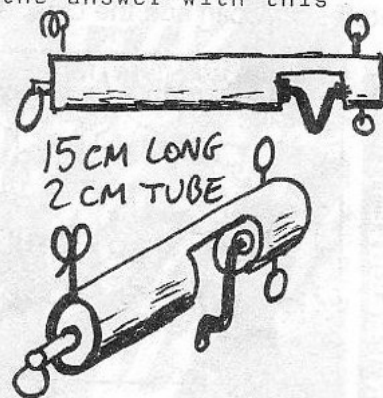
As well as not apparently having an X-Ray machine, it's a cert that these Jerks atwhe- relse? are in need of a sense of Humour. Right tossers.

Kiteability "TEDDYDROPPER....."

Right, so you've got your Parafauna through its basic Jumps, but the old Pipecleaner Caper is proving a bit tiresome. Sods law says that either you're not too clever at knocking up a Dropper or that you have other Fish to Fry. Not to worry as Team Dingley has the answer with this nifty devicewhich does the bizzo. The spring loaded dropper which is of the seperate trip line variety works quite well and is made from plastic ,ali, steel and nylon and comes with 200ft (approx) of trip line, just add a Kite and fauna.

Available from the one and only

Kiteability for 15½ drinking vouchers or £15-50.....



TEDDY BEAR APPEAL

PRINCESS CAROLINE OPENS EXHIBITION IN MONACO



UP TO THE MINUTE ? AINT WE JUST...

The only problem with producing a quarterly Dose of Mindless Drivel is the fact that most of what you include is of the Been and Gorn variety. The Princess Caroline piece, via Don Henly is a case in point. However its included for what its worth.

Don wonders, from the last paragraph, wether or not someone has been playing the Goat whilst on their Euro Hol. This Cross matching seems to be catching. If this "Free for all" mentality is 'nt nipped in the Bud, Don reckons,, Humes'll soon be setting up a Gene Bank for Pure Teds.

Hows abou, says Don, a Health Slogan..."STOP BARE JUMPING" and keep for the Bears.

As regard this Cross matching for years the Poshest bears have been made from Goats or Moh-air (pew, always did wonder what a Mo was) For us lesser lights plush is mostly used, Hmm, is Plush Man Made from chemicals? and if so does that mean that the majority of us Soft Cuddleys are the result of some

Princess Caroline got down to the "bear necessities" of life recently when she inaugurated a unique exhibition of teddy bears at Monaco's National Museum.

The exhibition, which runs until September, traces the story of this much loved soft toy back to its origins in Germany in the late 19th century. It boasts a fine display of bears from the Margarete Steiff private collections, many of which have never been shown to the public before - including a teddy bear called Alfonzo, once owned by Princess Xenia, the granddaughter of Tsar Nicolas I; and a pristine-looking 93-year-old bear!

The Princess did not take her own three children along but she was keen to make sure that the accent of the day was on the world's children. She presented a smart-looking teddy bear, wearing a gold medal, that she had previously chosen to be reproduced in a limited line and sold to raise funds for AMADE (Association Mondiale des Amis de l'Enfance - the Worldwide Association of Childhood Friends).

The Princess also stayed for the auction of a group of bears made from mohair, a collector's item specially created for the exhibition by the Margarete Steiff company. The money raised from the auction will also go to AMADE.

The bear necessities

Siemens Nixdorf has won an order to supply IT systems to one of Britain's latest retailing successes, the English Teddy Bear Company. The point-of-sale systems will be PC-based and modular in design, thereby enabling the company to develop its IT systems in line with future business growth. Formed by three university students just three years ago as a dedicated supplier of teddy bears for all ages, the English Teddy Bear Company already has stores in Japan and the USA, as well as the UK.

Test Tube Jiggery Pokery in some Seedy Laboratory somewhere or other. Bleeding Ada. that makes yer think a bit.

Gordon Bennett, once again we've huffed and puffed and cobbled together another dose of M.D.

Thanks to all who contributed amongst others. Jerry Swift, Vic Winton, Arthur Dibble and Don Henley. Apologies to those whose names are not mentioned, rest assured, you're much appreciated.

To those out there who profess not to read this, Did yer Muvva wean you with Prunes and Vinegar?

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DON'T BELIEVE IT!

by Dick Millington