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THE JOURNAL OF THE BEARLY MADE IT SKYDIVE SQUAD. THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHER AND SISTERHOOD OF PARACHUTING FAUNA AND THE U.K. TED DEVILS. MINDLESS DRIVEL CONTENT EXCEEDS 100%, POLITICALLY INCORRECT, BUT THEN YOU ALREADY KNEW THAT.

Look at the fine print before you leap

AND AS SURE AS NIGHT FOLLOWS DAY YOU'LL FIND THAT FAR FROM BEING THE FIRST TO DO ANYTHING OF GREAT IMPORT, A HUME WAS USUALLY A JOH-

NNIE COME LATELY OF THE FIRST ORDER. A case in point recently in Paris where they were celebrating the first Practical Parachute Descent.

Twas a grand affair, as Seventy Six Parachutists, including the the French National Skydiving and Precision Landing Teams, plus representatives of the French Army and Air Forces, along with a sprinkling of Television Celebrities, leapt from a Transport Plane above the Champs de Mars Gardens, next to the Eiffel Tower.

At the same time as the Parachutists jumped from the Plane, Hundreds of Model Parachutes made by French Schoolchildren, floated down from the first floor of the Tower. Very spectacular was the verdict of Marie-Pierre Michel of the French Parachute Federation, and, he added, very, very, safe.

The City of Paris has it as its duty to remind the World that it was a Frenchman, and a Prisian at that, who became the first Parachutist in History, Trumpeted the Mayor of Paris as he Unveiled a comemorative Plaque to one Andre- Jaques Garnerin, who, clutching a small French Flag, landed safely, apart from a Twisted ankle ,after jumping from a hot air Balloon at 5.28pm on October the 22nd 1797.

Garnerins jump was from an estimated height of 1,300ft, say 400 metres and was witnessed by a sizeable crowd in the Parc Monceau. However M. Garnerin was not the first Parachutist in the World.

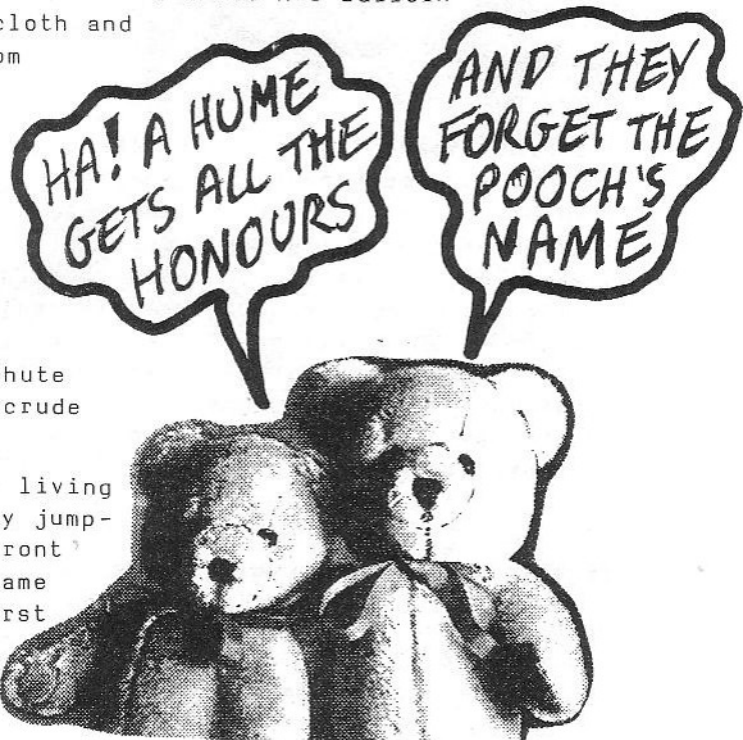
Actually, some months earlier in 1797, whilst aloft in a Hot Air Balloon M. Garnerin tied his Dog to a large piece of cloth and promptly threw the poor unfortunate animal from the Basket. Wether by luck or judgement, the Dog was recovered completely unharmed.

Born in 1769, Garnerin was 14 when he saw his first Balloon flight over Paris. Years later whilst held prisoner of war, by the Austrians he began to mull over the problem of providing a means of escape from a punctured Balloon.

Ultimately he came up with a practical Parachute although by todays standards it was extremely crude the device did perform as intended.

In later years M. Garnerin made quite a fair living and was also to fund his Paracuting Research by jumping from Hot Air and Gas Filled Balloons, in front of Paying Crowds, Sadly no one remembers the name of his brave little Dog, who really was the first living thing to successfully make a Parachute Descent.....

Whats the French for GNASHER?



Low jump by troops proves they can beat radar



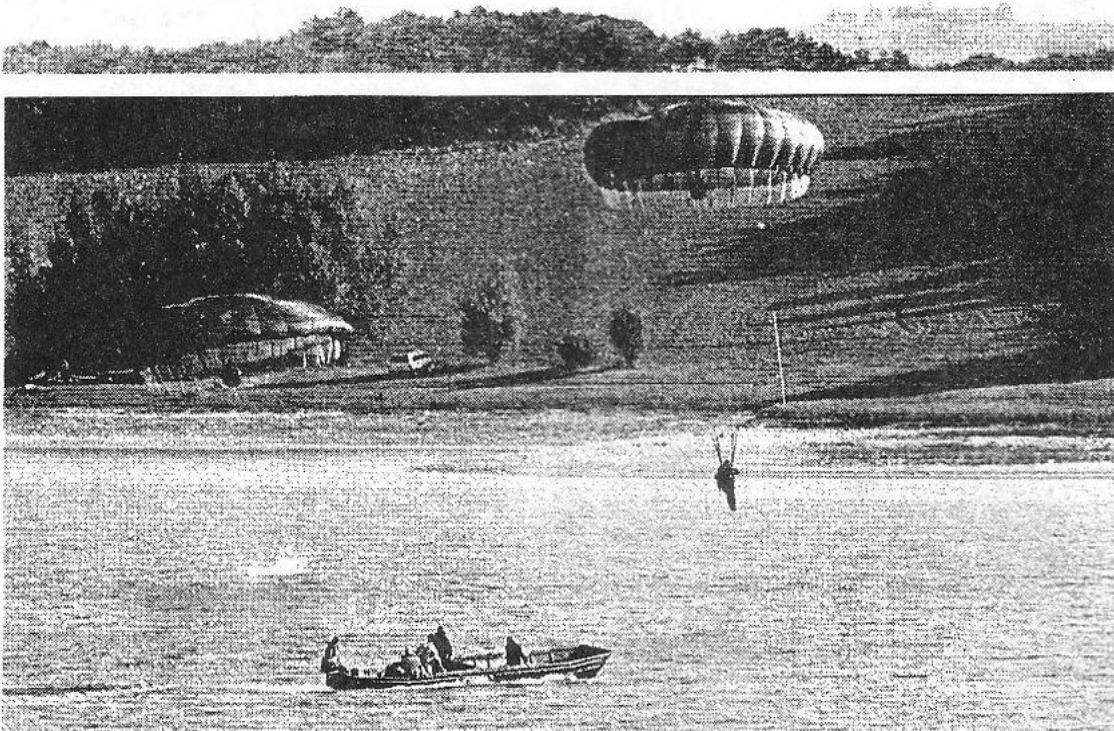
A RECENT TEST PROVED that from now on Paratroops and Members of the Special Forces can be delivered safely and fully equipped, below enemy radar.

Officers and Men of the Parachute Regt, the Royal Air Force and the French Special Service jumped from an RAF Hercules at a height of 250ft say 75 metres, into a fresh water Lake near Toulouse.

A series of jumps was completed, initially from 600ft, say, 200 metres, down eventually to the height at which there was no room for error.

Due to the extremely low height, reserve Chutes could be of no use whatsoever but the Test was designed to minimise the risks normally associated with Parachuting from such low levels.

It took 10 seconds between leaving the Hercules and hitting the surface of the Lake at



a descent speed of 18ft, or 6 metres a second, each Man had to spreadeagle, steer himself, drop his equipment container and adopt a landing position.

When you realise that the men were halfway down before the Chute deployed, standing in the door of a Hercules at 250ft, "Certainly concentrates the mind wonderfully" said one Paratrooper, "There simply is no room for error".

Aircraft Flying at 250ft are extremely unlikely to be detected by Radar, whereas an Aircraft at 500ft can be spotted on Radar from a distance of 30 miles.

So far only the British Airborne Brigade is able to operate at such a low level.

Parachutists have jumped from lower than 250ft or less when forced to leave aircraft and Sports Parachutists may have done so, but this is the first time that anyone has jumped from this height with a full load of Military equipment.

ALL THE ABOVE, SOUNDS REALLY GOOD, ITS ABOUT TIME THE HUMES GOT DOWN TO WHERE WE OPERATE,

though we're not sure if they will ever master the Ancient Art of the BMISS Bounce, Oh, Boy, dont we all know from long experience, all about that. will they have time from now on to emit the famous cry of Geronimo? or will it be modified to something approaching **GER.....SPLAT.**

HOLY COW, ONE OF OUR MEMBERS CAUGHT "in flarante delecto" OR SHOULD THAT BE UP TO NO GOOD?

Judging by the smile on the face of this young lady, you could be forgiven for thinking that one of our Members was up to no good as usual.

However, all is not what it first appears. This Picture, which, by the way has nothing whatsoever to do with Parachuting Fauna, (we just bunged it in for the benefit of some of our more Prurient readers), yes, we know that there are quite a few of you out there, just as there are quite a few of our professed non-readers hate the slightest hint of a combination of Hankey Pankey and Parafauna of a Soft Cuddley Toy Persuasion.

This Picture comes from a Do It Yourself answer to the Pirelli Calendar, put together by the Patrons of a liquid lunch establishment in the Hamlet of Canada, near Romsey in Hants.

The customers of the Rockinham Arms had the Famous Calendar on the Pub wall every year, but thought that its standard was falling, They were of the opinion that they could do better, and what you see here is one twelfth of the end result.

We dont know about you dear reader, but we think that the Amateur Models have done really well, all things considered. In fact you could say that they are more realistic than the Professionals.

No doubt there are those of you out there who require all the details, this picture is for the Month of November, the Models name is miss Louise Broomfield, (her mum by the way, is landlady of the Pub) and we're not taking bets on the Bears name being Gobsnacked.

■ A honey-loving bear with a memory has attacked an 18th-century wooden church in the remote Bieszczady mountains of south-east Poland for the second time to try to get to a comb lining its dome, a local priest, Fr Henryk Dobosz, said yesterday. The bear left claw-marks on the door and on the side wall of the sacristy of the church. In October, it wrenched away several planks of wood, but failed to get in. AFP, Warsaw



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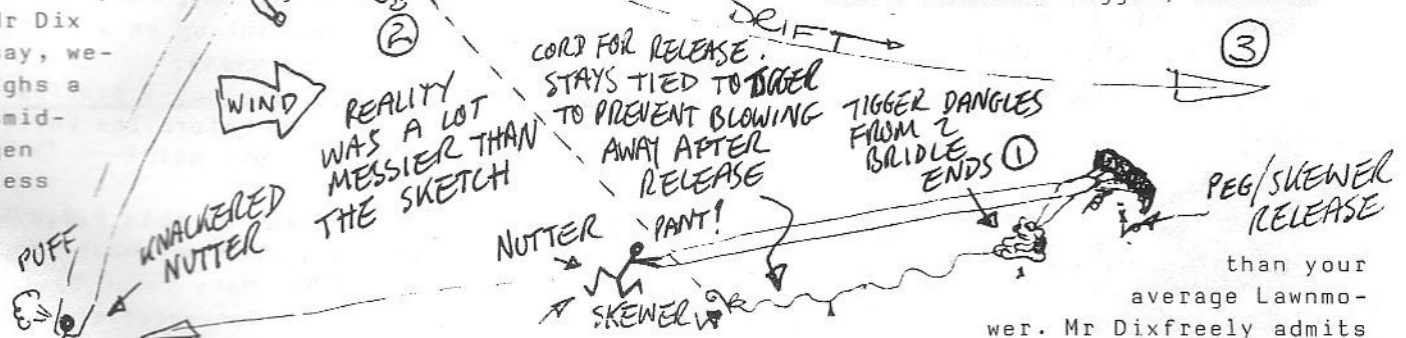
MR DIX DISCOVERS ENERGETIC WAY TO LAUNCH HIS SOFT LAWNMOWER.....

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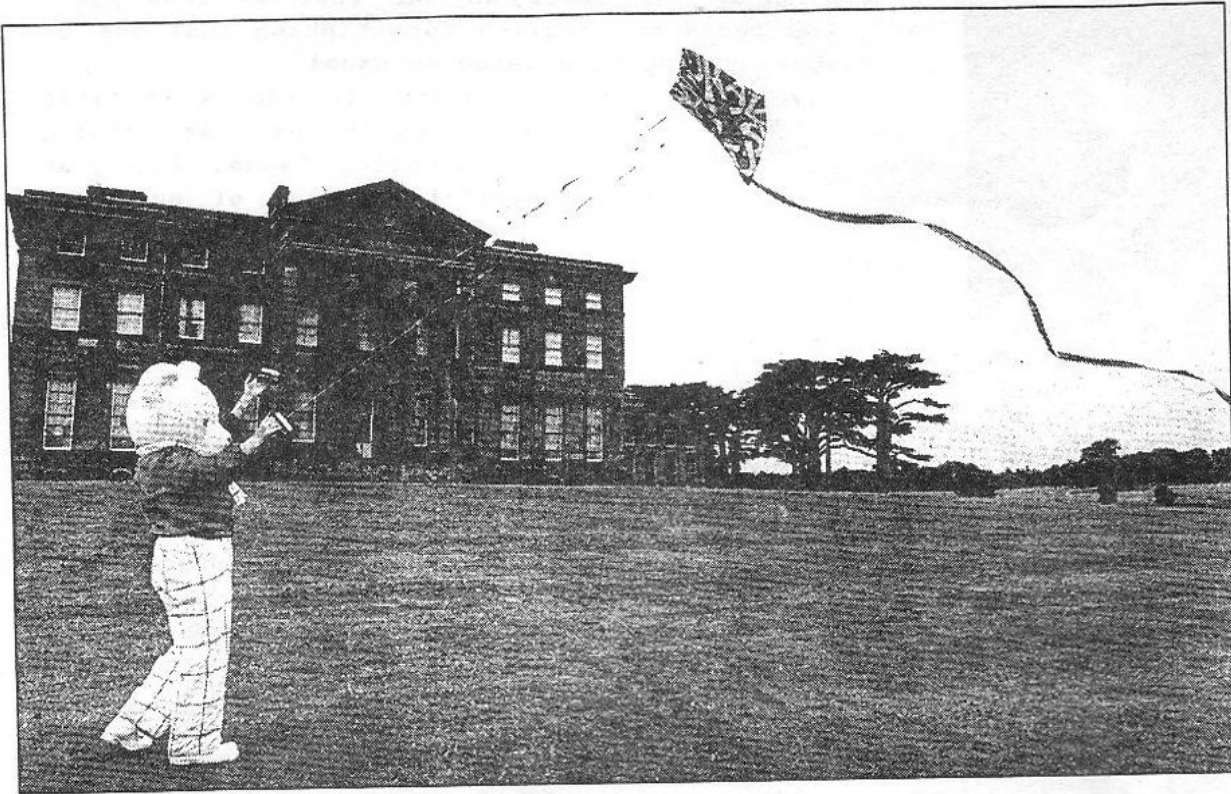
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than your average Lawnmower. Mr Dix freely admits that he was 5 minutes from the end of his tether when he was nailing together the 4metres of Ripstop and 186 metres of sewing thread on a 14 night nocturnal sewing marathon. Nethertheles, the aforesaid lawn whoops Tigger together with a launch rig cobbled together from kitchen skewers, a Lolly Stick, a Film canister and assorted King size Paperclips, enabled a rather knackered Mr Dix to celebrate the first launch of his Fauna from a 2.4 metre Parafoil.

There are of course easier ways to bomb Fauna on yer Tod, but this method does burn off those Calories, even if you do end up out of breath.



Dropnik Slatter wonders if this picture foretells the imminent arrival of our Po-Faced chums worst nightmare.

Think about it for a moment, they are used to keeping a weather eye open for display mucking up Furry capers from above, only to find that the Curse of the small furry objects is sneaking up the Blind side.

Terror piles on Terror as they see that this onslaught is fronted by the incucous Rupert. Where will it all end

Having a crack

AT THE POLITICALLY CORRECT BUMS WHO CAME UP WITH THE BAN OF FURRY WOTSITS from the front of Hastings Dustcarts, the aforesaid Crack being delivered by means of Cricket Bats would do us all a load of good. What is it with these Tossers, are they anti British or what? As you know

from time immemorial British Dustcartshave been proudly decorated with all manner of Furry wotsits and other assorted mascots, including tastefully handpainted Patriotic signs.

Why, it only seems like yesterday that our local Dustcart was emblazoned with a large sign on the front, which read "two world wars and one world cup, doo dah, doo dah " whilst the myriad assorted furies tied to the grill each waved little Union Jacks.

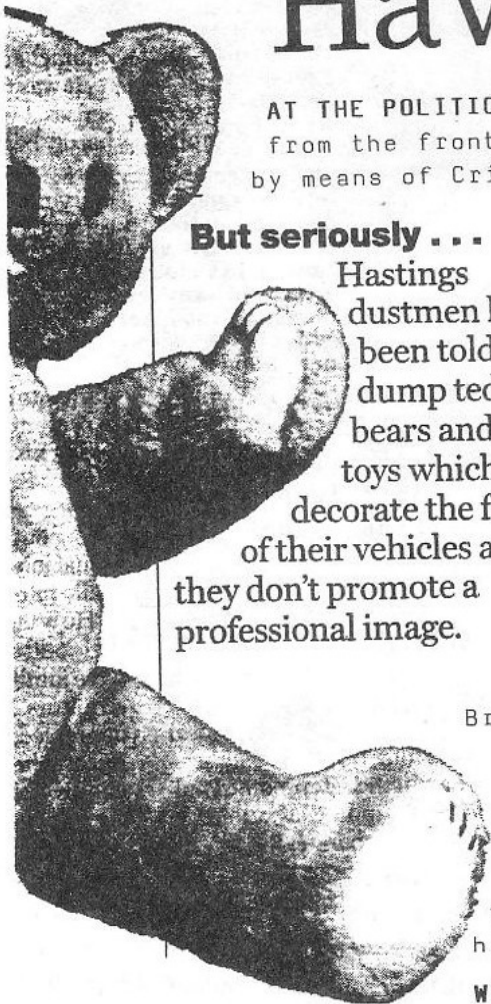
Get real you Smeg Heads, its Tradition, the lot of you should think yourselves lucky you aint up on a charge of TREASON.

And as for the Nanny like Bleat "its not a professional Image you are promoting" Get a Life, before the Furry Brothers and Sisters of Hastings get you, Nuff said?

Are we the only ones to have had a gutful of this P.C,B.S. of late, dont do this, dont eat that, when we shout Shoot you jump on the Shovel , cant say G'Day Mate to an Oz, cos its racist, bone in Beef banned cos the Cat murderers say they know best, crypto prohibitionists hide under every stone, how long, before the Bums try to ban soft cuddley Toys?

WHATS THE BETTING THAT SOMEWHERE,SOMEONE IS WORKING ON ANOTHER E.C. Directive, in English that should read EUROB****CKS, DOING JUST THAT,GORDON BENNETT, DONT IT MAKE YER WANNA Puke.....

Thanks to all those who contributed, you know who you are, So its the usual to the usual c/o THE TEDDY-TORIAL,48. Laurel Lane, West Drayton, Middx,UB7.7TY. U.K.



But seriously . . .

Hastings dustmen have been told to dump teddy bears and toys which decorate the front of their vehicles as they don't promote a professional image.