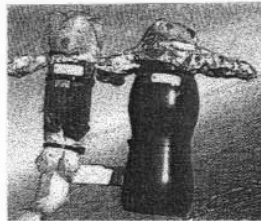
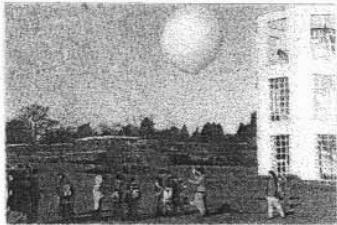


# 42 ROMAN CANDLE 91.



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 unaffected by the CreditCrunch, though the Ferraris have been Repoed and the Gin Palace at Monaco went down with all Beer Pumps.... Do we give a Toss? Nope.....

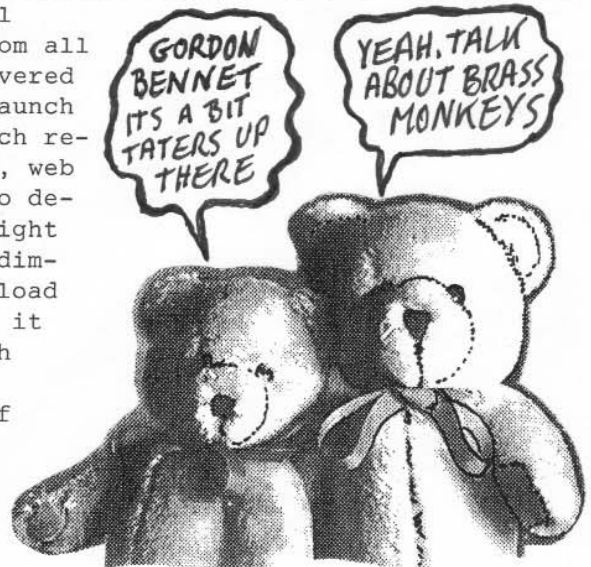
## Teddies in space, 19 MILES ABOVE EARTH



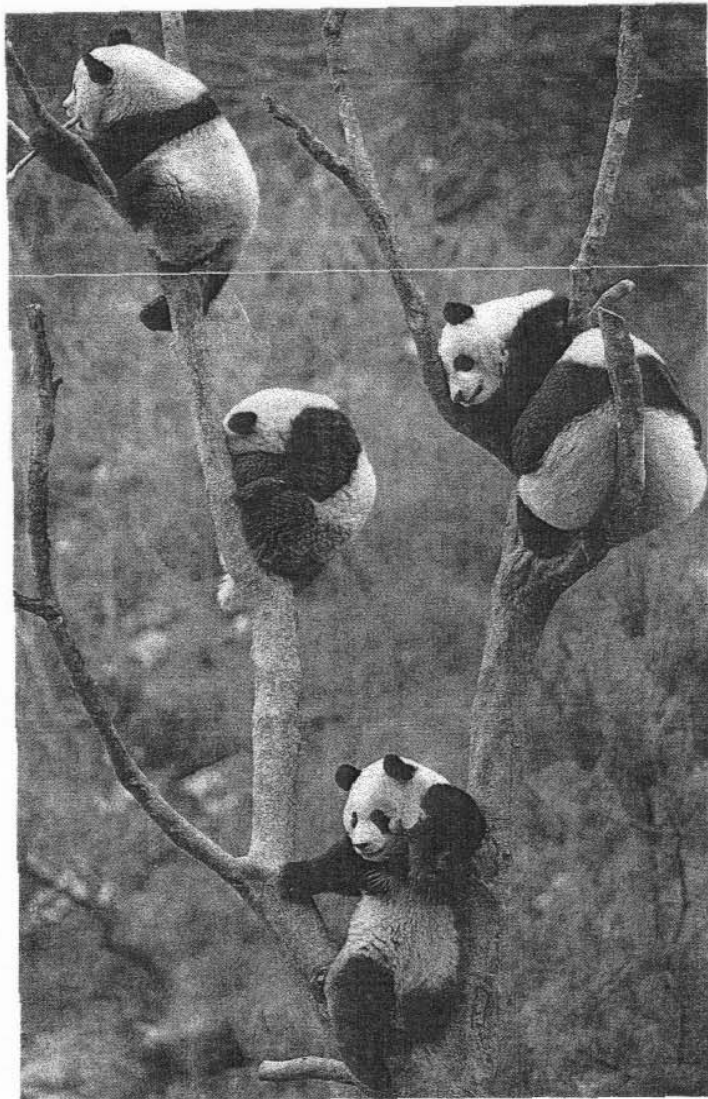
**HUMES PROPOSE, BEARS DISPOSE.....WITH ALL THE RECENT HOO-HA ABOUT PROPOSED TOURIST TRIPS INTO SPACE AND THE NECESSITY OF PARACHUTING DOWN, ITS NICE TO KNOW THAT FOUR TEDDYBEARS HAVE BEEN THERE, SEEN IT AND PARACHUTED DOWN SAFELY. HUME PARACHUTISTS EAT YOUR HEARTS OUT**

Part of a Cambridge University science clubs ongoing study into high altitude weather conditions, four Teddy Bears, who lets face it could only be described by their mothers as good looking were attached to a helium balloon and ascended to a height of some 18.4 miles.

Why, you may ask were Teds involved. The University Bods engaged the pupils of two local schools to assist with the experiment and the kids made space suits for the Bears from cooking foil to stop the bears from freezing solid in the -31f encountered at approx 97,000ft above the earth. Part of the payload on this balloon flight was a laptop computer with a webcam connected which via a radio link transmitted pictures back down to earth also the rig included a modified mobile phone which automatically sent GPS data when the balloon finally burst. This of course was essential for recovery of the the complete payload, which from all accounts worked perfectly, the payload being recovered from near Ipswich some fifty miles away from the launch point in Cambridge, which brings us to the bit which really does interest us. The payload of Bears, laptop, webcam and mobile phone parachuted down but we have no details as to how the chute was deployed, at what height did it deploy and perhaps above all what were the dimensions of the chute. T.V. pictures showed the payload descending, obviously from a set up low height but it was hard to suss out all the details, likewise with the balloon. Publicity shots show the kids with a weather balloon, but we dont think that this was of use on the actual ascent due to the simple fact of gas expansion. Still for all that it was good that the Scientists got the Kids involved in a worthwhile project.



# SHAOLIN PARA PANDAS LEGENDS NO LONGER.



OVER THE YEARS RUMOURS HAVE ABOUNDED ABOUT THE FABLED SHAOLIN WUSHU PARACHUTING PANDAS, BUT WITH VERY LITTLE IN THE WAY OF VERIFIABLE FACTS.....

Now however, we have positive proof that the Shaolin Parachuting Pandas do exist, they are legends no longer.

It takes a great deal of effort to be a Shaolin Panda and the basic training is particularly tough with the recruits known to their instructors as "THUDS" having to literally take a leap of faith from trees sans chutes and nary a sign of kites

As it happens the picture shows pretty well the full gamut of "THUD" attitudes to this basic training with some of them showing a complete nonchalance whilst the others get pretty uptight about it.

Top left, we have "If I jab myself in the eye, maybe" Centre "Oh no, I cant take this anymore" Right "Please dont make me jump again" Bottom "Get out the way or I'll jump on yer bleeding head" Yes you always get one lairy sod. But no matter, its all grist to the mill in the ongoing search for recruits of the right calibre to be a Shaolin Parachuting Panda

To be part of a Thousand Year or more tradition is not an easy matter and it involves large amounts of selfless fortitude and the consumption of vast amounts of Bamboo, so maybe the whole Shaolin raison d'etre is a lot to do with a high fibre diet, who knows.

At the risk of insulting the intelligence of the majority out there, perhaps we should explain why the recruits are known as "THUDS" pretty obvious when you think about it. What sound do you think a Bamboo laden furry wotsit makes when it

launches itself from a tree, sans a parachute? Yes, of course it could be squelch, But perhaps "THUD" in Chinese is pretty much the same as "THUD" in English.

## Polar bear sex mystery is solved

**YET ANOTHER IN THE "YOU COULDN'T MAKE IT UP SERIES"  
ITS EITHER THAT OR PERHAPS "DONT THE JAPANESE ZOOLOGICAL BODS KNOW THEIR ARSE FROM THEIR ELBOWS" OBVIOUSLY NOT.....**

A Zoo in Hokkaido Japan recently solved a six month mystery surrounding the lack of interest in mating shown by two Polar Bears. Both are Female. Zoo experts were confounded by the lack of chemistry between Tsuyoshi, named after a Japanese baseball player and a female Polar bear named Kurumi. It finally dawned on the experts that maybe they should do a DNA test. They did and it was confirmed that Tsuyoshi was not a he but a she.

Desperately trying to hide their red faces, the Experts bleated that trying to sex Polar bears was difficult due to long hair covering the reproductive organs, but we know that really an expert is nothing more than an ex, something that has been and a spert, a drip under pressure.

There again, should we expect anything better in this day and age when what us mouldy oldies used to regard as common sense is thrown out like chucking the baby out with the bathwater. Yep, the P.C. brigade are so far up their own fundamentals its quite amusing to see the expressions on their faces, and dont think for one minute that being very P.C. has nothing to do with the mating of Polar bears.

# GR8 SKYDIVER



Europe



S America



N America



Australia



Asia



FOLLOWING THE FURRY FAUNA IN SPACE CAPER, IT COULD BE SAID THAT THE HUMESKYDIVERS ARE PRETTY MUCH ON THE BACKFOOT THESE DAYS. EVEN SO, MENTION MUST BE MADE OF SOME HUME SKYDIVERS ATTEMPTS TO REGAIN THE ASCENDANCY.

At the risk of boring the pants off of you, the humes, as you know are forever desperately trying to outdo the legions of the furry wotsits. Here we have something that took some doing but raised a few bob for charity.

Martin Downs created a new world record by skydiving in six continents in eight days. This feat has won a mention in the Guinness Book of Records. Martin started with a jump in Natal, South Africa, he then flew to Madrid in Spain for the Euro jump, thence a flight to Caracas in Venezuela for the South American jump. onwards to Los Angeles for the North American descent. Onwards to Sydney in Australia and finally to Nhatrang in Vietnam for the Asian Jump.

The elapsed time for this escapade was eight days, seven hours and thirty minutes, which you must admit was going it a bit. We're not sure what charity Martin was supporting, but we hope he raised a good sum for a good cause. One thing is for certain, he did his air miles tally a power of good.

## Did big chill kill off the vegetarian bear?

COME NOW, TITTER YE NOT YOU ROTTEN LOT, HERES SOMETHING YOU DID'NT KNOW.....

The European cave Bear was probably finished off by climate change according to the experts. *Ursus Spelaeous* was found across europe from Spain to the Urals, but no further east, sggesting it was not suited to areas of extreme temperature variations, and unlike most bears today it was vegetarian and could not adapt when the vegetation dissappeared.



Once again we have a load of experts who cover all the bases when it comes saying what an extinct species did or did not do when it existed. They say that the cave bear weighed up to half a ton, it only ate rabbit nosh and popped its clogs at the same time as the spotted hyena, whilst other large mammals such as the woolly mammoth, giant deer and cave lion survived for several thousand years more. At least the experts are not claiming that a large size carbon footprint did the dirty deed, no in fact we reckon that the cave bear died out from a surfeit of giant venison dinners which totally overloaded their parachutes, weird... 'appens.

## Skydiver ace killed

YET ANOTHER VERY EXPERIENCED SKYDIVER AND TOP FREE FALL CAMERAMAN RECENTLY BOUGHT THE FARM.....

Sam Bailey who had carried out more than a thousand jumps was killed in a parachute accident. It is believed that in trying to do a daring 180° turn just before landing, Mr Bailey struck his head on the ground and died from severe head injuries. please be careful humes, we like to take the mick, but we dont want to lose you.

HUMES, PLEASE BE CAREFUL, WE DONT WANT TO LOSE YOU





# In seventh heaven

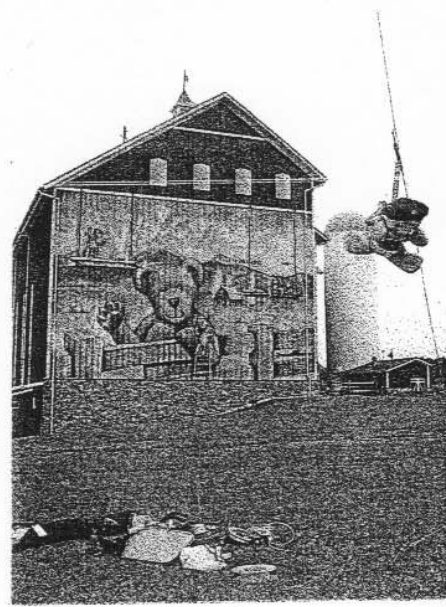
WELL IF NOT SEVENTH HEAVEN, FROM ALL ACCOUNTS IT WAS PRETTY CLOSE, MAYBE SIX AND SEVEN EIGHTHS AT LEAST. BUT OF COURSE THIS IS ONLY TO BE EXPECTED AT AN AKA CONVENTION.

The 31st edition of this annual Kite Bash took place at historic Gettysburg, not far from the scene of the most famous battle of the American Civil War.

This years convention, as always notable for oodles of the most gorgeous and innovative Kites was a large presence of the legions of the furry wotsits with an invasion by the Ted Berets, lead by the one and only Electric Arthur. For the most part Arthur said that the Ted Berets were very well behaved and his talk and presentation seemed to go down well and it was a pleasure to meet up with Mike Dallmer and his wife Celia with their contingent of the PAWS finest furies.

Arthur said also that they got quite a few good drops, he never mentioned wether or not the totals or go wrongs were up to snuff, no doubt they were, but for all that there was one little thing that was notable about this amazing Kite thrash. Try as they may, and it involved lots of sore paws and dry throats, the furry wotsits were unable to find the Beer Tent. Was the AKA convention therefore the first Kite do in recent years to have sober furies in attendance. This is rather scary the more you think about it, and that coupled with the fact that the U.S. immigration service let the Ted Berets into the States without declaring a Toxic Bio Hazard Emergency, makes you wonder that maybe on the Q.T. Arfa actually drenched the little swine with a full carton of Tang of Mouldy Mohair, the essential Teddybear deoderant.

As it may be of intrest the thought does occur to us that Arthur was probably being kind to all in the vicinity as no doubt that the usual pong which accompanies them thar parachuting furry wotsits of a soft cuddly persuasion, i.e. Ullage de stale beer a la miasma( see, we can yak frog) could have sent the American early warning system into panic mode, Holy cow, Bikini Black to DEFCON 5, in one easy step. Footnote... Arthur says that Mike has made a version of a Ram Air chute, but he's a bit dubious about dropping it with one of the PAWS underneath, due to possible drift distance. No worry on that front as potential drift distance is probably greater with a conventional round canopy. Go for it Mike....



## ANOTHER LITTLE BIT OF THE FUN HAS LEFT THE BMISS....

Its with great sadness that we have to report the departure from this vale of tears of Uncle Len Patten after a short illness. A long termsupporter of the BMISS and parachuting what nots in general was well into his eighties and as he said himself he was not as active as he used to be due to his getting on a bit. But via lots of phone calls and letters between him and the BOF, Len proved to be very aware of what was going on in the Kite and fauna bombing caper. Does any of you long term Fauna bombers remember Lens Gollilocks, the Dolly Bird with the amazing long blonde hair and the amazing long blonde legs, of whome Len said she would do better if she occasionally remembered to open her parachute, and thats going back quite a few years. Farewell Uncle Len, yoo was a good'un.

## Once again after cobbling together another load of mindless drivel.....

Its the usual to the whatnot, c/o the BOF, at the Teddytorial, 48. Laurel Lane, West Drayton, Middx, UB7.7TY. in what will always be ENGLAND NO MATTER what the Traitors have planned.....Right, run that by us again. If you're going down the pan you can borrow large sums and spend your way out of a recession. cor wot aluvverly load of beer.....

ALWAYS LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE OF LIFE, LIFES A PIECE OF S\*\*T BUT BE A PART OF IT.....