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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. As ever Mindless Drivel content exceeds 100%, but there again, WYSIWYG, NO MORE, NO LESS.....

## Paras can't jump, we don't have enough planes

ONE IN THREE BRITISH PARATROOPERS IS NOT QUALIFIED TO JUMP FROM AN AIRCRAFT DUE TO A SEVERE SHORTAGE OF SUITABLE AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE FOR TRAINING PURPOSES. A SITUATION THAT HAS BEEN CALLED YET ANOTHER SERIOUS EMBARRASSMENT FOR THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, IN THE WAKE OF EQUIPMENT SHORTAGES.

Seven hundred of the Army's 2400 men in the 16 Air Assault Brigade are not qualified to jump and Commanders are also concerned that even elite forces such as the SAS are struggling to get their men qualified. In the past year, three special forces jump courses and eight basic programmes have been cancelled, leaving three hundred recruits on hold for their first parachute course, whilst the qualifications of another four hundred and fifty personnel had quite simply had lapsed.

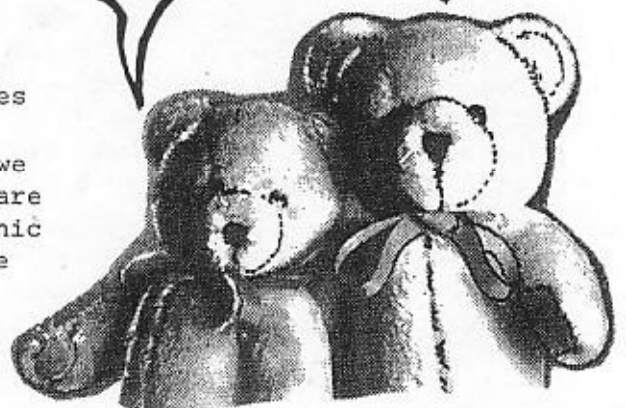
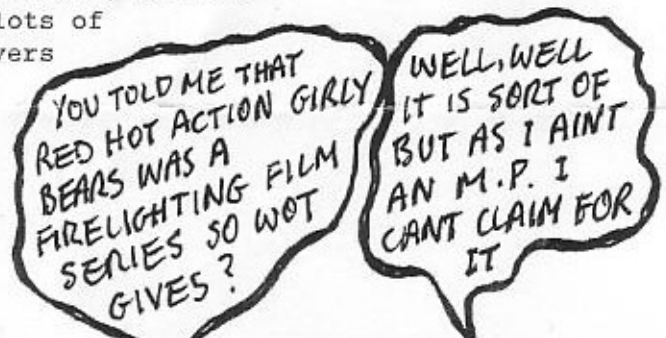
Paratroopers must make at least one jump every two years. If they do not, they must take a course of five jumps to requalify. Basic parachutists make seven jumps to earn their wings. The lack of aircraft is proving to be really bad at the moment with only eighteen of the thirtynine strong Hercules fleet used for training are fit for purpose.

The RAF have had to retask training aircraft onto operations which take priority but the loss of three Herkybirds due to enemy action in Iraq and the Stan, coupled with the unserviceability of others means that even the RAF is struggling to fill their operational tasks, let alone worry about training duties. The Commander of the 3rd Bn The Parachute Regiment said that nineteen of twentytwo training sorties had been cancelled and so far there had been no courses this year. He also went on to say that lack of training was a serious and long running issue which the Ministry of Defence has consistently failed to address.

The situation has also been compounded by the disasterous Airbus A400M programme, this aircraft is supposedly the Hercules replacement, and was due in service this year, but in common with lots of other things sucking up vast amounts of taxpayers money, no in service date has yet been set.

### SO, BE AWARE, ALL YOU FURRY WOTSITS OF A PARACHUTING SOFT CUDDLY TOY PERSUASION.

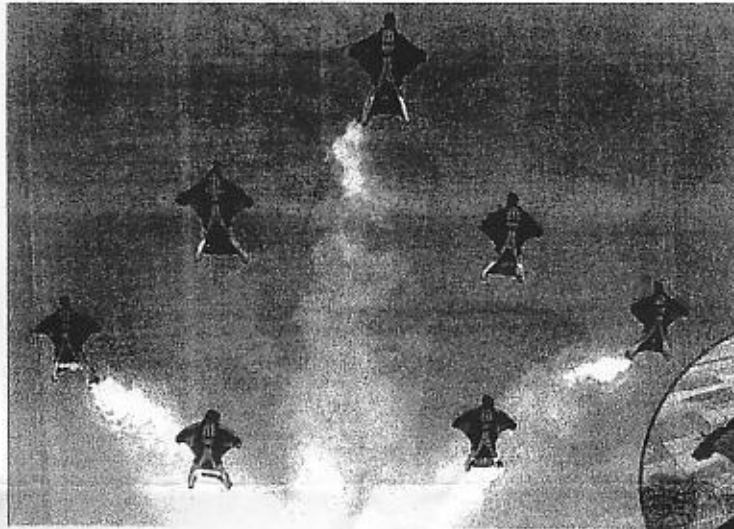
As you are more qualified on average, than any current Paraless Trooper, them beady eyed buuggers at the MOD may decide to use your expertise and call you up to be a Brown Job on the cheap as it were, well cheap that is for them, but not for you as it will cost you an arm and a leg to equip yourself for Brown Job service as theres no juicy fiddles for squaddies, unlike them dodgy barsteward Members of Parliament, who we are led to believe are so hard up that they are forced to charge the Taxpayers for pornographic films and other delectable items deemed to be essential to the lifestyle that goes with the job, cor dont yer heart bleed for them put upon Swine with their snouts in the Trough,



# Human Red Arrows

SINCE THE RECENT BEARY BALLOON AND CHUTE CAPERS ON THE EDGE OF SPACE, HUME SKYDIVERS HAVE REALLY BEEN ON THE BACKFOOT.

Desperately trying to regain the lead from the furry wotsit onslaught (they'll be lucky) the long suffering humes have come up with formation Wingsuits, where they jump from 13,000 ft, perform a few choreographed manoeuvres complete with smoke canisters, then deploying their jolly old rags, to hopefully land safely.



Called the Topgun Team, the humes spokesperson said that the wingsuits give the sensation of flying which is quite re-air collisions which are the modern wingsuits are first appeared in the skyflying pioneers

markable and apart from one or two mid to be expected performing this closely safe, unlike the earlier versions which 1930's and over the years led to quite a few to lucking out and buying the farm.

## ON WITH THE SHOW

SO THERE YOU GO, ITS TIME TO ROCK AND ROLL IN THE TIME HONOURED WAY. BY A DINT OF SEWING MACHINE BASHING YOU HAVE MADE A PARACHUTE. ITS

IN WHAT PASSES FOR A PACK AND HAS BEEN NAILED FIRMLY TO A NON SPECIES SPECIFIC CUDDLY OF THE USUALSOFT CUDDLY TOY PERSUASION SO WHATS NEXT?.

Now you have to Bomb it. Yes this can be done on yer Tod, but its much better to have as large a gang of hijits to help, all ready to throw in their eightpences, and to do the whole schmear in front of as many spectators as possible. The overall effect when the fauna decides to throw in a go wrong is much better.

O.K. so it has to be on yer Tod. Pick a Kite from your vast collection, and yes bigger is better, but it can be any type of Kite. Hammer in a ground anchor. Run out about three to four hundred feet of line and attach Kite. Now, with one of those pipe cleaners you purchased earlier, about 20 ft down from the Kite, wrap one end of the pipe cleaner very tightly around the Kiteline then feed the free end through the faunas suspension strap D ring then fold the free end of the cleaner loosly a couple of times over the Kiteline.

Making sure that the static line is attached above the tightly wound end of the cleaner and any safety clip on the pack to prevent premature deployment is removed launch Kite and with any luck the fauna will be aloft ready to do the biz. If everything goes ticketyboo, you should have enough time to saunter back to the ground anchor, where you can apply a few jerks to the Kiteline, which will enable the pipe cleaner to let go resulting in a perfect drop.

Mind you, as with everything, there is vast scope for complete and utter cockups. The fauna may have decided to put a crimp in your day by spinning around or rolling around the Kiteline, anything in fact, so as to put as much egg on your face as possible, and be warned, the little sods are well into this and its almost guaranteed that the swine will always do this in front of as large as possible crowd of spectators, it goes with the job.

If after all this you still want to be a dropnik wait till you get bitten by the droppers, multidroppers and ferries, may the lord have mercy and all that.....



# TEDDY KICKED OFF JET

ONCE UPON A TIME THERE USED TO BE LARGE AMOUNTS OF WHAT WAS KNOWN IN THE TRADE AS COMMON SENSE. THESE DAYS HOWEVER COMMONN SENSE HAS BEEN THROWN OUT AND ITS ALMOST LIKE THEY HAVE DECIDED TO THROW THE BABY OUT WITH THE BATHWATER.

An angry mum recently blasted easyJet for banning her six year old daughters teddy bear from a flight. Tearful Alba Apreciado-Peris was told her beloved bear Bebe was classed as excess baggage.

And her mother Amparo Peris- Bordes was asked to pay £9 to have the bear stowed in the hold on the flight from Glasgow to Stanstead.

She refused and instead posted the bear home to Willingham, Cambs. Amparo

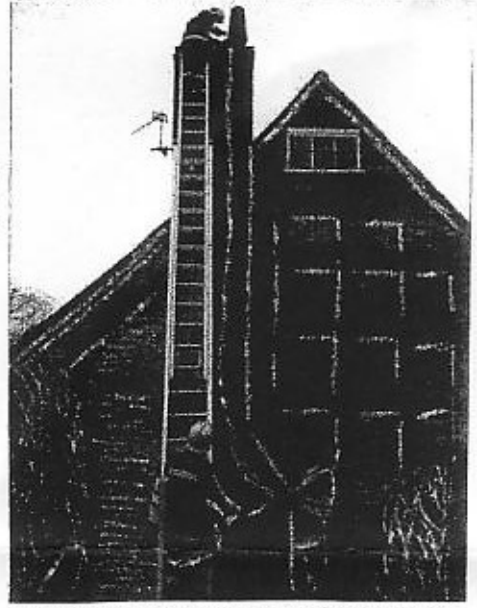
a Spanish born publisher said she was stunned when the woman at the check in counter said Alba could'nt have Bebe the bear in the cabin with her as it counted as an extra bag. She went on to say that she found it hard to understand, never mind trying to explain to a confused little girl.



Little Alba did'nt like the thought of her teddy alone in the big dark hold, but quite liked the idea of the bear sorting mail on the way home. An air-line spokesman apologised and said they would refund the postage and wait for it said that a common sense approach should have been taken..... you could'nt make it up.

## Brave Bungee Jumping Bear

DAVE WEBSTER OF THE SOLENT KITE FLYERS SAYS THERE WAS MUCH EXCITEMENT RECENTLY WHEN BARTIE BRISTLE A LOCAL CELEBRITY TED DID A BUNGEE JUMP FOR THE CYSTIC FIBROSIS TRUST... The venue for this jump was on Beaulieu High street and before any of you hard cases out there start Poo, Pooing, no this jump was'nt on the scale of a dropoff from El Capitan or the north wall of the Eiger, the local anklebiters thought it



Fire Officers in attendance as Bartie Bristle makes his daring jump

was pretty cool.

For those of you who are not familiar with Beaulieu, its a picture post card village on the solent long connected with shipbuilding and well worth a visit, Anyway, if Bartie is a celeb there more power to his elbow.

Right, lets cut to the chase, Bartie in oversize tee-shirt and wearing what appears to be a wooly Humpty Dumpty hat on his bonce was assisted to the top of the chimney stack of the cottage opposite Bear It In Mind which we assume is a local Teddy Bear emporium, by members of the Beaulieu fire brigade and cheered on his jump by children from the village primary school as well as local traders and visitors. The big bounce was engineered by local business women, JulieTatchell and Amanda Middleditch in response to an invitation from an ogre who apparently resides in the New Forest, to represent the aforesaid New Forest as part of a Nationwidein support of the Caharity type mega jump. It was said that the ogre called Jeff did his bit off of Bognor Pier, see ogres can swim, Bartie was brave, only faceplanted the chimney once and hey Mr Webster is'nt about time The Solent Mob introduced Bartie to a nice big Delta and a jolly old Rag, show him the real meaning of life in the fast lane..... Not sure how much dosh old Bartie raised, its just nice to know about another Bear willing to do his bit for a good cause.

So, Ogres do exist, Hmm, seems like it, Sounds a bit far fetched if you ask me. This one can apparently swim, On yer Bike, you're having a laugh, Nope, I've even heard that he wears the full SCUBA kit as well, Get stuffed, you'll be telling me next he wears a parachute as well, Oh, Yes, just to be on the safe side of course.....



Solo record ... Guy

# Youngest skydiver is Guy, 16

**WELL NOW THERES A THING WE NEVER EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT AND ITS A SUREFIRE BET THAT NOT A LOT OF YOU KNEW THAT AGE THING RE SKYDIVING.**

Schoolboy Guy Wells became Britains youngest skydiver when he jumped 15,000ft out of a plane just two days after turning 16. Guy had to wait for his birthday to be old enough to make his first tandem jump attached to an instructor.

Within 48 hours he completed a course of seven jumps to become qualified to make solo freefall jumps. He then made the record breaking jump on his at speeds of upto 120mph after packing his own parachute. Guy who trained at his local airfield in Dunkeswell in Devon, said it was quite scary, but it was the best birthday present ever.

His instructor Jason Farrant said that it was a fantastic achievement in such a short time, but that Guy literally flew through his course.....

**HMM, SO HUME JOLLY OLD RAG STUFFERS HAVE TO BE 16 BEFORE THEY CAN DO A PARACHUTE JUMP, TANDEM OR NOT.** Whoops, we'd better not put it around too much that along with underage binge boozing, them furry bleeding wotsits are well into underage skydiving. Holy cow , wait till the P.C. nanny state gets a load of that, can you imagine the headlines? And should the Plods find out that a lot of them are sporting Accrington Stanley Intercity Firm tattoos why the bunny huggers will never get over the shock.

**TIMOTHY TREADWELL SYNDROME SUFFERER BITTEN IN BERLIN,WELL WHAT DID SHE EXPECT.....** Maybe we should not be too harsh on another in a long line of deluded individuals who seem to think that real bears are exactly like those of a soft cuddly toy persuasion, only somewhat bigger. A woman who jumped into the Polar Bears enclosure at Berlin Zoo recently, because she wanted to bathe with the Bear, was very lucky to only be bitten once, before being rescued. Talk about the old saying, "More out than in"

**AS IT HAPPENS IT MUST BE ALMOST A YEAR SINCE WE HEARD RUMOURS ABOUT A RADIO CONTROLLED PARACHUTE FOR FAUNA BEING UP AND RUNNING.** Thinking along the lines of it wont be long before we can give the full details we must confess that we are deep in mushroom territory, you know,kept in the dark and fed you know what as regards this. Nevertheless as soon as we get the full griff, if ever,we will let you know all about it.

**TOO GOOD TO MISS, OLD PARA RE-ENACTS D-DAY JUMP WITH THE RED DEVILS, AGED 84.** Some of you may be thinking why so much about humes in a parafauna journal. Why? because its worthy of note, in fact its quite historic. Jock Hutton was serving with 13 Para in 1944 aged 19 and was dropped on to the Ranville D.Z. where a ferocious fight took place before Ranville was liberated. Jock was wounded during the battle but survived the war.

Jock was invited by the Parachute Regiment Display Team the famous Red Devils, to take part in a tribute jump, albeit a tandem descent which went off without a hitch, for Jock it was as he says an honour and for the Red Devils, their C/O Major Paul Blair said Having a D-Day veteran jump with us was was inspiring andhumbling, and Jock gave little evidence of any nerves, he landed smoothly, jumped up, clamped his famous Maroon Para Beret on his head and was quickly on parade.



**AS EVER ITS THE YOU KNOW WHAT TO THE YOU KNOW WHERE C/O THE BORING OLD FART.....AT THE TEDDYTORIAL.** 48 Laurel Lane, West Drayton, Middx, UB7.7TY. In what will always be **ENGLAND** no matter how much those Traitors try to undermine it.

Alright how many of you moat owning Teddybears who do a bit of parachuting on the Q.T. claim the full amount for a dredging session, you could be in trouble if you exceed the E.U. fishing quotas in your moat. Maybe you should put in a claim for a few more bags of horse poo for your twenty second residence.

Bear, Some of your readers are a little bit peeved by your attitude to our noble and upright politicians who do a lot for very little reward and are portrayed as having their snouts in the trough.