

# ROMAN CANDLE 15.



The Journal of the Bearly Made It Sky Dive Squad, the International Brotherhood of Parachuting Fauna, and the U.K. Ted Devils. Guaranteed to be Ozone and Cabbage Freindly, Yoo Wot.

This Time of the Year is perhaps the best of all, for as most of our Long Suffering Dropniks know its Hibernation Period. Apart from a bit of Snoring its Peace Perfect Peace. As this is probably the only issue of the year in which anything vaguely resembling a little bit of Sense can be written without Fear of having your Kneecaps Glued together with Honey, we will hopefully be able to Cobble up an issue in relative Safety.

Whilst we are on the subject of Potential Fauna Violence, and the said Fauna are hopefully Mutt and Jeff and not able to Retaliate, we can Print a Letter from someone who seems to have also noticed Fauna Violence.

Dear Fred,

I am a little worried by the sudden Outbreak of Violence amongst the Fauna, directed against Dropniks.

It is apparent that while on Holiday in Scotland, (In true Lemonade Lout Tradition.) Shortarse Inflicted a Grievous Injury on Dropnik Carline and Exhibited his Head as a Warning to all Dropniks not to Hassle Fauna. (Picture, Kiteflier 41, Roman Candle 14.)

If this is left to Fester during the Hibernation Season, I am Fearful for all Dropniks and Joe Public, at the first Outing at Blackheath in the Spring, when a Mass of Rioting Fauna could overrun Blackheath and take over the Funfair.

Perhaps I am Misjudging the Situation, and Dropnik Carline has just lost his Head over the Situation, in which case I apologise to Shortarse.

But a word or two in the Ear of assorted Fauna might save a lot of embarrassment and Riot Squad Overtime Payments.

I await your reply,  
Fauna Friendly  
Ding Dong.

Well now, theres a thing.

Its only after another look at the said Photo, that I can see what Ding, Dong, is getting at. It certainly does look as if Paul has lost his Head, and one can only assume that if this is the case, then Paul has inadvertantly opened a Jar of Honey within 50yds of Shortarse. I did forget to warn him of this, In fact the only safe Method of Honey Use anywhere near a Fauna, is to stuff a 1lb Jar of the Sticky Delight into a Sock, then Sneak up the Blind Side of the Fauna, and Apply the Contents of the Sock to the Faunas Head, Whack, Just like that.

Re the Potential for Fauna Violence in the coming Season. Hopefully, if we just Bury our Heads in the Sand, maybe the Problem will go away.

## TEDDY THE TOFF TAKES OFF

★ AN upper-crust teddybear called Hindmarsh is earning a fortune for student John Crossick.

He invented the bear during a history lecture at Cambridge University.

Now he stands to make up to £80,000 in profits this year from sales of teddies, and spin-off goods like posters and tea sets.

### MONOCLE

John, 21, from West London, plans to open his first Hindmarsh shop in Cambridge next month, followed by a chain of them when he leaves university next year.

Hindmarsh is a top-notch English bear, with waistcoat, bow tie, monocle, and mortar board.

The bears are factory made, finished by hand, and sell for £29.95.

John says: "This business will set me up when I leave university."



John Crossick—with top-notch teddy

When the H.Q. Mob saw this Piece in the Sun, they were creased up with laughter. Hindmarsh. Wow, thats almost as daft a name as Carwash. And as for the Monocle and Mortarboard, they thought that they were a Real Hoot. Leroy was of the opinion that as a Bear, this Hindmarsh Bozo, would do better as a part time Panda. Either that, or perhaps he went Three Rounds with Mike Tyson.

From conversations I've had with different Dropniks and Dropniks to be, it would appear that quite a few of them are having problems Sewing and working with Loomstate or Unproofed Ripstop. First off, I would like to say that it is not essential to use Loomstate when making a Parachute, in fact Ordinary Proofed Ripstop is satisfactory, as is Industrial Nylom, or for that matter any lightweight Material.

I'll be the first to admit that Unproofed can be a bit of a Fig to work with at times, but the end result is well worth the effort. One problem which was discussed was the sewing of unproofed with an Electric Machine, with a slot for a swing Needle. This is a problem for which I have no answer as the Ayteenhundred an ows yer Farva Sewing Machine is a Hand Operated, straight Stitch Machine. So if anyone has an answer to that problem, please let us know.

When sewing up a Chute a problem occurs in the centre of the Chute due to differential stretch of the Ripstop. This can be overcome by Hotcutting around a Cardboard disc to make an even hole in the centre, of course the foregoing only applies if you are sewing up a Chute the easy way, I.E. from the Rim to the Centre.

Those of you not into the Aggro of cobbling up your own Chute may be intrested in this Ad for a Double Broly which could be the basis for a real Fasers type of Parachute, wether or not it would perform is another matter, but it would be intresting to find out.

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Len Conover, erstwhile Kite Loon and long suffering Dropnik in Chief of the Greater Delaware, Soddit, the Little Bleeders Biting Me ankle Kite Society. Suggests that in the Current Spirit of Glasnost, Perestroika and Gordon Bennett the Berlin Walls fallen down, that we should make a "Lucky Commie" an honorary Member of BMISS. Hmm, well he did meet the Criteria we stipulate, but I'm not too sure if he would be happy to be a Member of such a Notorious Mob.

Parachute, Longest Fall Without Parachute. The greatest altitude from which anyone has bailed out without a parachute and survived is 22,000 feet. This occurred in January, 1942, when Lt. (now Lt.-Col.) i. M. Chisov (U.S.S.R.) fell from an Ilyushin 4 which had been severely damaged. He struck the ground a glancing blow on the edge of a snow-covered ravine and slid to the bottom. He suffered a fractured pelvis and severe spinal damage. It is estimated that the human body reaches 99 per cent of its low level terminal velocity after falling 1,880 feet. This is 117-125 m.p.h. at normal atmospheric pressure in a random posture, but up to 185 m.p.h. in a head-down position.

The Piece about the Lucky Commie was taken from the 1970 Guinness Book of Records, and Chisov is still the Longest Free Air Fall, though the Current GBOR lists Vesna Vulovic of Yugoslavia who came down inside the Tailplane of a DC9, as the Longest Fall without a Parachute.

**PARACHUTE IN A CAN**

Canned parachutes were apparently a staple of our G.I.'s just like canned everything else. These are 24" nylon chutes, have (8) 18" shroud lines and are a real "Ripley" in terms of fitting into an unlikely can. The shroud lines are attached to the lid, whereas the 3-1/2" dia. round metal can base just fell free when the "rip cord" was pulled, perhaps to do damage to enemy (or our own) troops. At a minimum they'd get a good chuckle out of it. The paramilitarist here guesses the can lids floating down played havoc with enemy radar - another opinion is that these were drogue chutes that pulled out the main chute to lower material. A fascinating bit of military history. Some rust on can. Chute is fine.



4563 Canned Parachute \$2.00/each  
(10) or more \$1.65/each

Also via Len Conover came this AD for a Chute in a Can, which is a bit different to the usual canned Bullybeef which I'm reliably informed was the usual Diet of Soldiers in Action.

Whilst a Pipecleaner is OK for Dropping a Single Fauna, if you intend to drop a Bunch of them then a Multidropper is essential. Shown is a Schematic For one of these, Easily made from odds and ends.



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