

DWARF NEWS

The Official Newsletter of the Dwarf Owners Society of Great Britain

No Dwarfs were harmed in the making of this publication

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to April's 'Dwarf News'. Secret papers passed to this publication by a source deep within The New Age Sisterhood of The Dwarfs Of Albion feature in our lead story this month. The papers were stolen from a government department charged with ensuring the Labour Party wins the next election. They make shocking reading.

Also this month, we can finally reveal the truth regarding Jane's cosmetic surgery, plus her admission that she tried to oust the Dwarf Keeper Royal by sending a fake letter to 'Dwarf News', in order to make him appear the object of ridicule, over the size of his wedding tackle.

'DWARF NEWS' INVOLVEMENT IN GOVERNMENT PLOT REVEALED

The minutes of a top-secret government think tank have been passed to 'Dwarf News' by Louise, on behalf of The New Age Sisterhood of The Dwarfs Of Albion. Louise, who has long been suspected of being a Dwarf who lies about her true height by Jane Von Smith B.A, Assistant Editor of the paper and a leading expert on radical Dwarf feminism, informed the Editor that the papers were obtained by a member of the New Age Sisterhood who is a cleaner at the Labour Party Headquarters.

The minutes reveal that Tony Blair, concerned that he may lose his job in the forthcoming election, set up a task force ten months ago, to find a way of guaranteeing re-election. After much deliberation, this task force reported back with the suggestion that the only way to ensure victory was to target those on benefits, and old age pensioners. By increasing both pensions and incapacity benefit by fifty per cent, the government could rely on the votes of a large part of the population, who would certainly support anyone who had increased their income by such an amount.

After giving this report to the Prime Minister, the task force was told to go away and come up with a way of paying for it, and incidentally, if they could find a way to cut hospital waiting lists at the same time, it would be much appreciated. The task force's solution to both these problems was as appalling as it was effective.

"We recommend that the NHS remit is re-defined, to exclude a large number of patients", the task force's report states. "This has been done before, and although there are initial complaints, as there was after it was decided to make road traffic accident victims pay for

their treatment, including the ambulance to take them to hospital in the first place, this practice soon became accepted as the norm.

We suggest defining the role of the NHS as being to provide immediate care for those suffering injury or disease, and to provide long-term care free of charge for all those requiring ongoing treatment for any physical ailment or condition. This will re-assure the population, who will not notice that the statement does not include treating those suffering from stress, or other mental conditions. This vulnerable group is too disorganized to provide an effective opposition to the changes, even if they realize what is going on, which is unlikely. The enormous resources at present being wasted on mental health can then be used to reduce waiting lists, and fund a short-term increase in benefit payments. Wards and hospitals formerly used for the treatment of the mentally infirm can be used for the treatment of the truly sick, and staff who are presently employed caring for this group can be re-assigned to putting on bandages and emptying bedpans. This way, the NHS will get value for money from these staff, instead of paying them to sit around providing tea and sympathy to a bunch of inadequates, as they do now. Those staff members who complain about the new workload can go and work in the private sector, where they will really have something to complain about. The enormous amount of money saved by not treating the mentally unstable can then be used to increase pensions and benefits before an election. It can always be clawed back by increasing tax on pensions and making incapacity benefit liable to tax straight after the last vote has been counted.”

The report goes on to suggest alternative treatments for the mentally ill, as it will be difficult for the general public to accept that the price of reduced waiting lists and raised benefits includes having a bunch of nutters wandering the streets twenty-four hours a day, strolling across busy roads and causing accidents, with subsequent damage to people’s cars.

“The problem is to identify those people who are most likely to suffer mental illness in the future, and stop it happening, as well as keeping those at present affected by mental conditions sedated enough to stop them annoying everybody else. Research shows that most people suffering mental illness are of below average intelligence, if only slightly, have a very strange sense of humour, and are inclined to belong to social groupings of similarly afflicted people. Oddly enough, this seems to accurately describe the readers of a little-known publication called ‘Dwarf News’. Anyone who reads this is more prone to mental illness than the populace at large, indeed most of its readers are more than half mad already. We therefore suggest that this paper is made available free of charge to all in the target group, along with an enormous supply of free tranquilizers. They can then use ‘Dwarf News’ as a tool of self-diagnosis, in the same way that diabetics read their own blood sugar levels, and adjust their insulin dosage accordingly. We tell all those on the list to read ‘Dwarf News’ every month; if it starts to make some sort of sense, they should immediately double their medication, and keep doing this until the paper seems like a load of rubbish again, as it does to sane people”

‘Dwarf News’ contacted Number Ten, Downing Street, however a spokesman for the Prime Minister denied involvement in the scheme, and answered all further questions with “no comment”.

SUSPECTED DWARF IN OFFICE VISIT

The papers mentioned in our lead story were personally delivered to 'Dwarf News' by Louise, an attractive young lady who has long been suspected of being a Dwarf who lies about her height by our Assistant Editor, Jane Von Smith B.A. Jane has stated on many occasions that she will one day prove that Louise is a Dwarf, and a leading member of radical Dwarf feminist movement The New Age Sisterhood of The Dwarfs Of Albion. Louise herself has always denied the allegations, although she freely admits that her mother is a known Dwarf.

Louise delivered the papers to our Editor, after arriving at the office dressed in skin-tight black motorcycle leathers, complete with crash helmet. Known locally for hanging around with various motorcyclists and other undesirables, Louise told the Editor that she had been given a lift by "one of my boyfriends", who was waiting outside.

Assistant Editor Jane Von Smith, making one of the rare appearances at work that her busy social schedule allows, asked Louise to join her in her office for a cup of tea, and walked off down the corridor from the reception area, followed by Louise. Moments later staff heard a thud, followed by a muffled scream. Louise re-appeared in the reception area on her way out, and told the Editor that Jane had had an accident.

After a lengthy discussion, staff slowly ambled their way down the corridor, to come to the aid of their favourite colleague. On arrival at Jane's office, they discovered the Assistant Editor leaning against her desk, holding a large wad of bloodstained tissues to her nose. Jane promptly accused Louise of causing the injury.

There followed a discussion by various members of staff, who decided that this proved conclusively that Louise could not possibly be a Dwarf, as this would make it impossible for her to break someone's nose, due to her not being able to reach. The Deputy Editor pointed out to Jane that if Louise were a Dwarf, Jane would have ended up with broken kneecaps, rather than a broken nose. This ignored the fact that Louise would not have been able to conceal even a small hammer underneath her leathers, and would in fact be unable to carry a coin in her back trousers pocket, without people being able to read the date on it.

Through muffled sobs, Jane finally managed to explain that Louise had not personally caused the injury. "I tried the old Dwarf test on her. I went through my office door first, then turned round and slammed it in her face. It's never been known to fail; someone can claim to be six feet tall, but when they end up with a bruise on their forehead from the door knob, it's case proven", Jane informed her colleagues between attempts to stem the flow of blood. "Just as I slammed the door, she put her crash helmet back on".

It appears that the thud heard by staff was the sound of the door bouncing off Louise's crash helmet; the scream was due to the door rebounding, and hitting Jane on the nose. Louise's status as a Dwarf is therefore still up for discussion, although the Sports Editor has pointed out that the incident has answered another question that has puzzled staff for some time, namely whether or not Jane has had cosmetic surgery to enhance her chest. "They're definitely genuine, nothing fake about them", the Sports Editor has concluded. "Let's face it, if they were silicone, which is, after all, a form of rubber, then the door would have bounced off them long before it got anywhere near her nose".

ASSISTANT EDITOR CONFESSES TRYING TO OUST DWARF KEEPER ROYAL

While being taken to hospital by the Editor to have her broken nose treated, (he charged her five pounds to cover his petrol), Assistant Editor Jane Von Smith has confessed that she was responsible for sending letters to 'Dwarf News' claiming they came from Gill the tea Dwarf, who is married to the Dwarf Keeper Royal. The first letter, published in last May's issue, suggested that the Dwarf Keeper Royal was losing his mind, and had become obsessed with Dwarfs. The second letter, published a month later, thanked the Society for sending a neutering kit, and claimed that the bricks included in the kit were "more than big enough for the job."

"I know his wife doesn't read 'Dwarf News', so I could get away with it. I thought if I could make the Dwarf Keeper Royal look stupid, and make members believe he was under endowed in the family jewels department, he would be forced to resign when he became a laughing stock. I wanted to be the first female Dwarf Keeper Royal", Jane admitted. "The whole thing was a fabrication, apart from the bit about the bricks being more than big enough. From what Gill has told me privately, you could probably do the job with a couple of matchboxes full of lead shot."

The Dwarf Keeper Royal, who last year threatened Jane with loss of membership after she posed nude for Play Dwarf, was unavailable for comment.

GOVERNMENT TO TAKE OVER 'DWARF NEWS'

In a late night telephone call, Louise has told the paper that her source inside Labour Party Headquarters has been arrested, and that the police have been instructed to take over the 'Dwarf News' office and place all the staff under arrest, in an attempt to suppress information about the Prime Minister's plan to reform the National Health Service. She has also admitted that she is the Chair Dwarf of The New Age Sisterhood of The Dwarfs Of Albion. Those staff working late have decided to sabotage the office computer and printing press, to prevent it falling into the hands of the Government's propaganda department, and try to get an issue out by traveling to Middle Whallop and using the old 'Dwarf News' steam press, which is now a fully restored exhibit at the Middle Whallop Steam Museum. Louise has promised to meet staff at Middle Whallop if she can avoid the police, who have issued a warrant for her arrest on a charge of Conspiracy to Steal Government Papers.

OLD PRINTING PRESS FIRED UP FOR LAST ISSUE

An Open Letter to 'Dwarf News' Readers, By The Deputy Editor

I am pleased to report that I have managed to reach Middle Whallop and gain entry to the Steam Preservation Society, aided by Grim The Cyber Dwarf. Before leaving the 'Dwarf News' office, Grim sabotaged the new office computer. "You don't know how long I've dreamed about really screwing up one of these things, I'm looking forward to this", Grim

told me as he sat down at the keyboard. I am not sure what he did to it, but he has told me that it is unlikely anyone can undo the damage before we can publish an edition from Middle Whallop.

Louise has managed to dodge the police, and arrived at the Steam Museum carrying two large suitcases full of bricks. She has told us that if she can evade capture, she intends to commit Upsy Daisy, as a way of drawing people's attention to the Government's plot.

We have managed to fire up the Old Press, although we could not find any kindling to get the fire started. Grim, whose courage and dedication to the paper has been an inspiration, selflessly sacrificed his wooden leg, which he chopped up himself, in order to start the fire.

After printing, we will post off these copies to members, once they are in the hands of the Post Office, even the Government will find it impossible to keep the story quiet. Louise received a phone call on her mobile as we finished the print run. Her sisters in the radical Dwarf feminist movement have contacted Jane, and helped her to avoid arrest. They hope to smuggle her to America, to contact the American Dwarfs Association. It is hoped she can publish future issues in the USA, and send them to Britain to keep readers informed. In order to help Jane, who is a very well known figure due to her prominent bust and her marriage to the late Eric Von Smith, to evade capture, a doctor at Little Hampton Hospital who is a radical Dwarf feminist sympathizer has performed major surgery on her, and removed her breast implants, so it seems they were fake after all. She is recovering from the operation at a secret location. Louise will not tell us where she is hidden, in case we are captured by the police.

Louise has asked Grim the Cyber Dwarf and myself to be the judges at her Upsy Daisy attempt; we have told her that we would be honoured. She has produced the longest bungee I have ever seen, and stated that she intends to use the top of Nelson's Column as her take-off point. If she succeeds, the Government will never be able to keep the news out of the national press. As we are certain that the police are hunting for us, we will travel at night. We will have to reach London from Yorkshire on foot, as trains and buses are certain to be watched. Louise has insisted that as a true Dwarf, she will carry her own bricks. I will carry Grim the Cyber Dwarf, as it's too far for him to hop. If you receive this issue, then you will know that we were at least partially successful.

Thank you for your membership and support,
The Deputy Editor,
'Dwarf News'

A NOTE FROM THE SOCIETY

The Dwarf Owners Society Of Great Britain would like to apologise to readers for the late delivery of this month's issue. This is due to the office computer and printing press suffering a major malfunction the day before the issue was due for printing.

It has come to the Society's notice that a fake April issue was sent to members on the first of the month. This issue contains many false statements and inaccuracies, and should be ignored by readers.

Members of the Society should rest assured that a full investigation will be carried out, and the guilty parties will be identified, and dealt with.

As the staff at 'Dwarf News' have been working overtime to get the office computer up and running, in order to get this issue to readers as soon as possible, there has been insufficient time to include the Colour Supplement in this month's issue. The Supplement will return next month.

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Welcome to April's issue of 'Dwarf News'. March has seen a lot happening, both in the Dwarf world at large, and here at the office. The old 'Dwarf News' printing press is back on the front page, after the tragic events at the village of Middle Whallop at the beginning of the month.

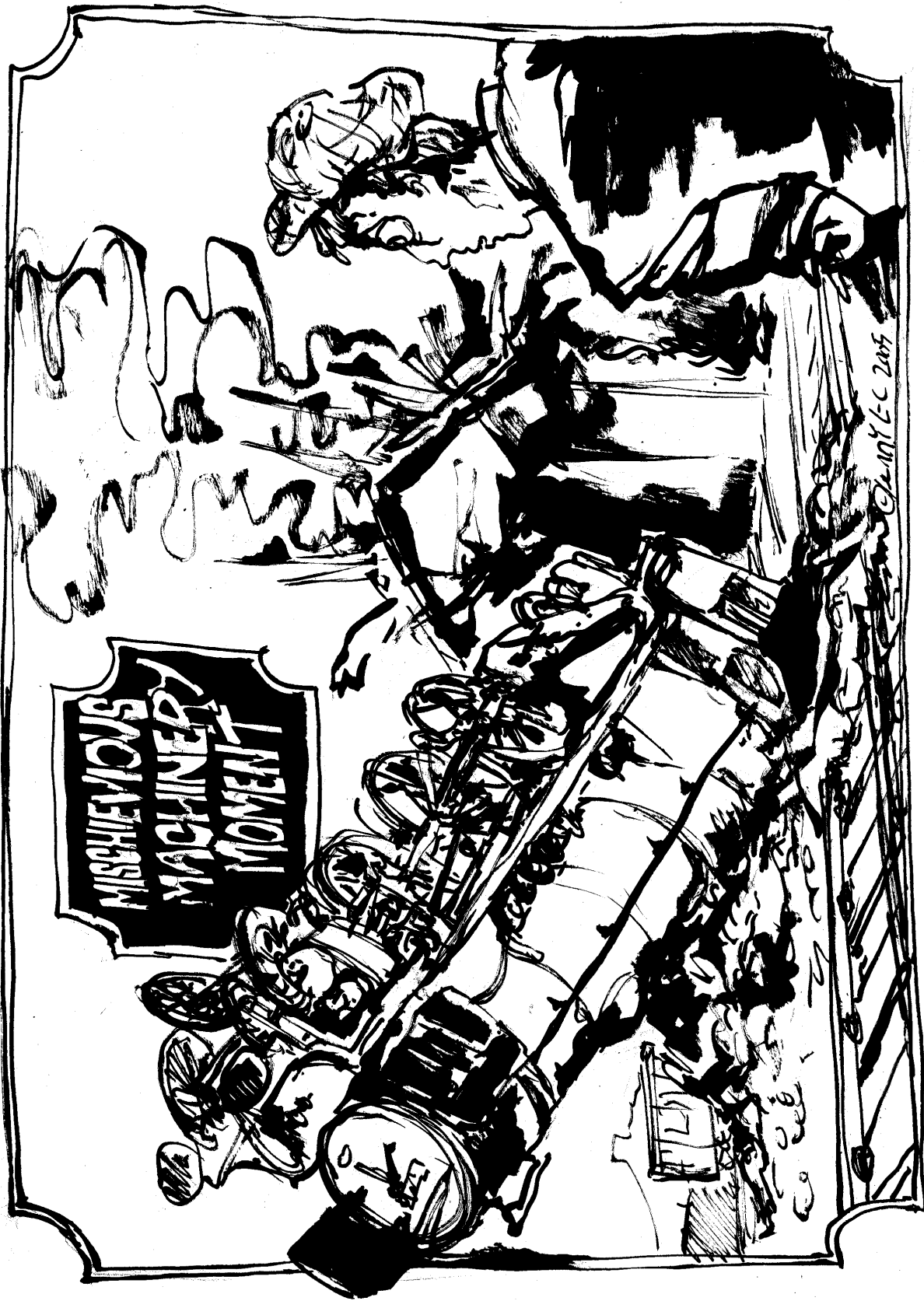
April each year sees the arrival of The Dwarf Owners Society Of Great Britain's auditors, to check the books for the last twelve months. They are expected to recommend to the Society that the monthly colour supplement is in future printed in black and white, to save money. This is due to an unexpected rise in the cost of green paper.

Our Assistant Editor, Jane Von Smith B.A. has stunned her colleagues with a surprising announcement, while Secretary/Reporter Without Portfolio Sophie has had a make over. In Sports Diary for this month, we have a full report on the World's Strongest Dwarf contest in South Africa, as well as the final placings in the Dwarf's Indoor Leapfrog League as the season draws to a close. 'Dwarf News' would like to take this opportunity to wish the captain of the British Naturist Dwarfs Over Sixties Unisex Leapfrog Display Team a happy retirement, as the competition next season will not seem the same without him. After nearly twelve years at the helm, he has decided to make way for a younger man. We also wish his replacement, sixty-nine year old Arthur Crabb, all the best.

VILLAGE OF MIDDLE WHALLOP SHAKEN BY HUGE EXPLOSION AT STEAM MUSEUM

Sunday 6th March

The peaceful Yorkshire village of Middle Whallop was woken up in the early hours of Sunday morning, by a loud explosion from the vicinity of the old Middle Whallop Junction Railway Station. Now the home of the Middle Whallop Steam Preservation Society, the station was shut back in the nineteen sixties when the branch line to Lower Whallop, via Much Whalloping and Whallop's End, was closed by Doctor Beeching, in an unsuccessful attempt to convert British Railways into an organization that would actually make a profit. **(To give him credit, by shutting three quarters of the rail network, he did reduce the number of late running trains by seventy-five per cent. – Ed).**



“I knew something was up as soon as I got close to the engine sheds, and saw one of the old steam locos parked outside”, said Mr. Jonas Sludge, the landlord of ‘The Bodger’s Arms’. “I know they leave it out at weekends, but it’s not usually upside down. The fifty foot high column of flame coming out of the roof was a bit of a giveaway too”.

The Society is home to the oldest surviving printing press in the country, the Former ‘Dwarf News’ Olde Printing Press, which is on loan to the museum. It is owned by the paper’s Assistant Editor, Jane Von Smith B.A. who also paid for its refurbishment.

Fire crews who arrived within the hour spent most of the morning attempting to prevent a major fire from spreading to the signal box and booking hall, having decided that the engine sheds, thought to be at the center of the devastation, were beyond salvage. At the height of the inferno, seven fire appliances were in attendance.

The blaze was finally brought under control in the afternoon, and the Fire Brigade’s forensic team managed to enter the remains of the engine shed. They removed one body, later identified by his pocket watch chain as that of Mr. Richard Arbuthnott, the museum’s proprietor.

The senior fire officer at the scene spoke to reporters at six o’clock in the evening, explaining that a full enquiry would be carried out, however early indications suggested that Mr. Arbuthnott, who regularly entered the engine sheds in the early hours at weekends in order to fire up the various exhibits before the Society opened to the public at ten o’clock, was the only victim. “We think one of the boilers blew up, and started a chain reaction. The rapid pressure rise in the engine sheds that occurred when the first boiler exploded would have had the effect of instantly supercharging any other engine running in the vicinity to a pressure of several thousand pounds per square inch. Even a modern boiler isn’t meant to take that much strain, and some of the engines in the shed were well over one hundred years old. As to which one went off first is anyone’s guess at the moment”, he told ‘Dwarf News’ Secretary/Reporter Without Portfolio Sophie, who had just arrived after she had been telephoned by the Editor at four thirty in the morning, and told to get on her moped and travel to Middle Whallop as quickly as possible.

The Middle Whallop Steam Preservation Society has since announced that the museum is likely to be closed for the foreseeable future.

ALL CHANGE AT ‘DWARF NEWS’ OFFICE

By our Staff Reporter

Assistant Editor Jane Von Smith B.A, who’s husband Eric lost his life in a tragic accident last year, due to his stair lift reaching an estimated speed of one hundred miles per hour after an unfortunate short circuit, has astonished her colleagues by announcing her engagement to French Dwarf tennis star Marcel Bouffant. Mrs. Von Smith, who partnered Bouffant in their recent doubles win at the Australian Mixed Height Tennis Tournament in January, has asked the Society’s Membership Secretary to register her as the owner of Marcel, thereby retaining both her status as a Dwarf Keeper, and her position at ‘Dwarf News’. Marcel, who refused to leave his Sydney hotel after Mrs. Von Smith left Australia to return to England two weeks after the tournament ended, is flying to Heathrow on the first available flight, after Jane proposed by telephone.

Formerly the fiancée of one time Floodlit Dwarf Racing Champion and recovering meths addict William ‘Super Dwarf’ Bigger, Jane broke off that engagement last month. She later confessed to Sophie, our Secretary/Reporter Without Portfolio, that she ended her relationship with William after an altercation regarding his opening of the Eric Von Smith Memorial Museum at the author’s former home, purchased by Mr. Bigger after the author’s death. William Bigger, when asked for his reaction to the news, is reported as saying he felt he has had a lucky escape. Sophie has volunteered to be the bridesmaid, as she still has the dress she wore at Jane’s last wedding. The Editor is now offering odds of three to one on that Marcel will be Jane’s next husband, although there have been no takers so far. William Bigger, meanwhile, has been re-priced at two hundred to one.

Sophie herself has surprised her colleagues at the office with a new look. She has announced that she has hung up her red wig, as she has been suffering severe headaches in the mornings after she has been wearing it to assorted social events. Sophie, a natural blond, (**allegedly, - Ed**), has now bought herself a jet-black wig, and an outfit to match in black PVC. The Editor informed her that he did not approve of black nail varnish, but withdrew his objection after Sophie explained the varnish was actually two pack acrylic paint, which she had inadvertently got on her hands when re-painting her boots in gloss black, to match her new outfit. She has also brought in a third mug for tea breaks, to go on the shelf in the kitchen alongside her Sophie mug, (white, with blue lettering), and her Sophia the red head mug, (World’s Greatest Party Girl). It is black, with a high gloss finish. Unfortunately, while putting it on the shelf she accidentally knocked her Sophie mug into the sink, and broke it. The Deputy Editor, who is suspected of harboring impure thoughts about Sophie, offered to buy her a replacement. She refused the offer, explaining that she didn’t need it any more. He later confided to the Editor that the new look Sophie made him feel uneasy, as with black hair, a mini skirt and jacket in black PVC, and thigh length high gloss black boots, he kept thinking she must have had a whip when she came in, and had put it down momentarily in order to drink her tea. Sophie also told staff that Sophie is a childish name, and advised her colleagues to call her Sofia, at least when she was wearing the new wig.

The Deputy Editor, meanwhile, was taken to hospital in the afternoon, though this time he appeared to be suffering from food, rather than alcohol, poisoning. Doctors at the hospital, who had to pump his stomach out three times, were at a loss to explain what caused the sudden attack of vomiting and diarrhea, as the only thing he had eaten or drunk all day was the coffee Sofia made for him at lunchtime. Sophie, minus the new wig, has been to see him in hospital, and reports that he is expected to make a full recovery.

VON SMITH DIARY OFFERED FOR SALE TO HIGHEST BIDDER

A collection of private papers, including diaries and research materials allegedly belonging to the controversial author Eric Von Smith, is being offered for sale by an anonymous source. The late author, who inflamed short people throughout the world with his best seller, ‘*Chariots of the Dwarfs*’, died in a tragic accident last year, just three

months after his wedding to the Assistant Editor of 'Dwarf News', the former Jane Longfellow/Collins B.A.

The papers are said to prove that many of Von Smith's claims of an extra-terrestrial origin for the Dwarf race were either stolen from other sources, or are completely fictitious.

A spokesDwarf for The Ancient Brotherhood Of The Dwarfs Of Albion, one of many Dwarf organizations who had sworn blood oaths to break Von Smith's kneecaps before his untimely death, has demanded that the papers are made public.

Three pages from the collection have been sent to 'Dwarf News', with an invitation to make a substantial offer for the complete set. They are typed on ultra-thin economy paper, of a type Mr. Von Smith is known to have used before the publication of his best seller. These pages are at present being studied by experts at Merkin College, Cambridge, in an effort to establish whether they are genuine. Professor Henry Quigley, formerly Chair of the Department Of Dwarf Mythology before his unfortunate dismissal earlier this year, has told 'Dwarf News' that the experts face an uphill task. "Apparently, the papers have been typed on a variety of machines, so handwriting analysis is useless. It is also impossible to reliably date the papers, as radio carbon dating techniques are not accurate with such recent samples", he told our reporter. "If something is believed to be six thousand years old, then a report dating it to four thousand B.C., plus or minus fifty years, can go a long way to establishing if the item is genuine or not. It's not much use if you want to prove that a letter was written on a Tuesday afternoon in August last year".

The author's widow, Jane Von Smith B.A, has claimed that, as Eric's next of kin, any papers left behind by the writer are her property, and if they are worth a considerable sum, then the money is rightfully hers. This claim has been challenged by a counter-claim from former Floodlit Dwarf Racer and recovering meths drinker William Bigger, who states that as the new owner of the Von Smith house, which he purchased after being left three million pounds in the will of his former owner, Floodlit Dwarf Racing Club President and trainer Lady Felicia Crumble (Deceased), they belong to him "These papers must have been stolen from Eric's house, and as I bought the house and contents after his death, they are rightfully my property", he claims.

Matters have been further complicated by the late author's solicitors, who are now acting on behalf of The Alien Life Forms Department of The University of California at Los Angeles, who were left the bulk of Eric's estate in his will. "Mr. Von Smith wanted his house and contents sold, and any money donated to the University," claimed Mr.Crunge, of Patel, Cohen and Crunge. "Obviously, if these papers are proved to be genuine, then they should be included in the estate".

'Dwarf News' Secretary/Reporter Without Portfolio Sophie was told to ring The Alien Life Forms Department of UCLA, and spoke to one of the researchers. She asked him why the department wanted the papers. "Hey, the old guy in the wheelchair left them to us in his will, whether they're genuine or not", he told her. "Besides, if they are fake, you can never have enough really thin paper, you know what I mean?"

We will keep readers informed of developments in future issues.

TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES SUCCESSFUL TEST OF NEW AUTOMATIC DWARF NEUTERING DEVICE

Dwarf Friend Chris Straw, who heads the Society's Technical Department, has found a use for his exploding motorcycle seat buttons. As reported in last month's 'Dwarf News', the device was originally developed to prevent children from twisting the buttons off a friend's motorcycle seat when the bike was parked outside his house. Although the idea had much to commend it, the bike's owner was warned by police that deliberately blowing children's fingers off in order to prevent them doing it again was illegal, and could lead to him being prosecuted. The police, who told him that they did not have time to charge the children concerned with criminal damage for removing his seat buttons in the first place, also threatened to charge him with keeping a man trap, so the idea was abandoned.

The exploding buttons have now been put to a new use. When fitted to a motorcycle seat, they provide a quick and effective method of Dwarf neutering, without the possibility of injury. "I can guarantee that the Dwarf's owner is one hundred per cent safe; broken or badly bruised thumbs are a thing of the past", Chris proudly told 'Dwarf News'.

The honour of being the first Dwarf to test the automatic Dwarf neuterer fell to the department's newest recruit, seventeen-year-old Test Dwarf Brian Short, (4ft 9in). Brian is now recovering from the test in the new Chris Straw Ward and Mortuary at Little Hampton Hospital. The ward was opened last year to increase the number of beds available whenever the Technical Department begins testing one of Chris's latest ideas.

'Dwarf News' Secretary/Reporter Without Portfolio Sophie dropped into the hospital to see how Brian was getting on, and ask him if he felt the device was effective.

"What device?" Brian asked her, before he explained how the test was conducted. "Chris turned up in the morning on his friend's Virago 535, and said he had to do some work on it. I love motorbikes, but being a Dwarf, I'm really only able to get my feet down on a custom bike. I could never ride a great big bike, like my hero, celebrity Dwarf Simon Bruce. I can fall off just like he does, though; I've been practicing. At going home time, Chris asked me if I would like to ride the bike round to the front of the workshop for him. He's a great bloke like that, I love working for him. Of course, I jumped at the chance. I remember getting on it and sitting down, the next thing I remember is waking up in here. Do you know what's wrong with me? I keep asking the doctor, but he's always too busy to talk to me, he's a very busy man".

Sophie later phoned Chris, and asked why he had decided to choose the department's newest recruit for the dubious pleasure of being the first Dwarf to test the latest invention. "He's only been here for three weeks", Chris explained, "so he doesn't qualify for sick pay while he's recovering. Besides, he's seventeen, and I reckon his acne will clear up in no time, now he's got less hormones floating around in his system".

The Dwarf Keeper Royal, who is believed to have a financial interest in a motorcycle seat re-covering business, has since spoken to 'Dwarf News', denying any involvement in the scheme; however any readers who have recently had the seat of a custom motorcycle re-covered by Vinyl Wizard are advised to mount their machine with care, and avoid riding on uneven surfaces.

THIS MONTH'S COMPETITION WON BY ZENA

This month's T-shirt competition has been won by former Awards Committee Chair Zena, for coming up with the best Dwarf related use for Chris Straw's exploding motorcycle seat buttons. Her entry is reproduced overleaf, for the amusement of readers. There will be another competition in next month's issue.

COURT DIARY

SOCIETY MEMBER CHARGED WITH GRIEVOUS BODILY HARM AFTER DOMESTIC DISPUTE

Mrs. Cecelia Dunworthy, a Dwarf Keeper and member of the Society for the last twelve years, has been charged with GBH, (**Not giraffe bollock hoarding on this occasion, - Ed**) after her Dwarf and Husband, Harold Dunworthy, was admitted to the Intensive Care Ward at Little Hampton Hospital last month. At first, he was believed to have fallen from the bedroom window of his home, possibly while urinating when drunk, however Mrs. Dunworthy later confessed that, after confronting her husband about the possibility of his having an affair, he admitted that he was involved with a colleague at work. Mrs. Dunworthy, who first suspected her husband after noticing that a hole in his left sock she saw in the morning had mysteriously moved to his right sock over the course of a day at work, wrote to 'Dwarf News' relationship counselor Auntie Linda, and was advised to confront her husband with her suspicions.

Mr. Arthur Law Q.C., who has been retained by Mrs. Dunworthy to act in her defence, has accused Auntie Linda of inciting his client to commit the offence. In a statement to 'Dwarf News', Mr. Law stated "In her reply to my client's letter, she advised throwing his possessions, which obviously included his boots, out of the bedroom window. I contend that she should have mentioned that this did not include the boots he was wearing at the time of the assault, and that she had a responsibility to make sure that Mrs. Dunworthy and her husband did not live on the fifth floor of a block of flats before suggesting this course of action. We will be suing 'Dwarf News', and Auntie Linda personally, over this incident. I am pleased to inform you that Mrs. Dunworthy has forgiven her husband for his transgression, and a reconciliation is on the cards, once Mr. Dunworthy is taken off his life support".

Auntie Linda was unavailable for comment, after being warned by the Editor to keep quiet, and not to talk to the press. 'Dwarf News' legal advisor Mr. Joseph Cohen, of solicitors Patel, Cohen and Crunge, has advised us to suspend Auntie Linda's Problem Page pending the outcome of this action.

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Our scientists have been working steadily for a month designing these fantastic, new, *Leaping Loo Boots!* Each detachable sole houses no less than 8, yes 8, exploding buttons (except soles meant for the Lightweight Dwarf). These exploding buttons ensure a swift, smooth flight skywards so your Dwarf can reach the toilet bowl in one flowing movement.

In tests, 98% of Dwarf Owners interviewed, preferred the *Leaping Loo Boots* to the 'Standard Issue' Toilet Trampoline, offered within the pages of 'Dwarf News'.

Mrs. D Little says: *'With the Old Fashioned Toilet Trampoline I had no where I could store it, without all my visitors knowing I'm married to a Dwarf. The Leaping Loo Boots are so much easier to hide. Thank You Leaping Loo Boots!'*

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WARNING: These boots must NOT be worn during Sexual Intercourse.

POLICE COOK BROUGHT BEFORE MAGISTRATES

Mrs. Julia Muffin, who was formerly employed as the cook at Half Street Police Station, was before the magistrates early this month. She was charged with destroying evidence, namely a giraffe's testicle. She asked for two hundred and ninety-nine similar offences to be taken into consideration. Acting on her behalf, her solicitor explained that Mrs. Muffin suffered from defective vision, and had mistaken the testicles, which were vital evidence in a case of GBH, (**In this instance, back to Giraffe Bollock Hoarding, - Ed**), for kidneys and sliced liver.

In her defense Mr. Hari Patel, of the firm Patel, Cohen and Crunge, pointed out that Mrs. Muffin had not destroyed the evidence; she had merely utilized it to provide meals for the station's personnel. "If anyone is guilty of the destruction of evidence, then it is surely the officers who ate the meals provided," he explained to the court.

Mr. Scrote Q.C, acting for the Crown Prosecution Service, asked Mrs. Muffin why she had not noticed the difference when tasting the dishes, supposedly steak and kidney pie followed two days later by liver and onions, only to be informed that she was a vegetarian. "I stopped eating meat the week I got my job at the police canteen", she claimed. "Most of the meat I get to cook consists of cheap cuts and offal, due to them only allowing twenty-seven pence per policeman per dinner per day. The only meat I would eat in the police canteen is the pork sausages. They have so much sawdust in them, and so little meat, that a Jewish vegan could eat them without a twinge of conscience".

After due deliberation, the magistrates found her guilty, and fined her one hundred pounds. She is set to appeal, and also intends to sue the police for unfair dismissal. Meanwhile, it has been revealed that over ninety per cent of the officers serving at Half Street Police Station have now followed the example of Mrs. Muffin, and become vegetarians.

SPORTS REPORT

The annual contest to find the World's Strongest Dwarf has been taking place in South Africa this month. The competition this year featured no less than three former winners. Sponsored once again by Oglesby Plants International of Florida, producers of the Super Dwarf Tissue Cultured Banana, (**Honestly, look them up on the web. - Ed**), the event developed into a thrilling trial of strength, which went right down to the final heat.

The ten competitors, representing ten different countries, started as they do every year with the Giant Throwing Contest. The volunteer giant for this year proved too much for the first four competitors, and even the heat winner, German Dwarf Horst 'Hungliker' Gruber, could only manage a distance of three feet, four and a half inches. Britain's Nigel 'Mighty Atom' Wilkins came second, with a throw of two and a half feet. Australian Scott 'Boomerang' Brown summed up the feelings of many of the competitors after the heat. "It wasn't the weight, it was the girth", he explained. "I've lifted heavier, I just couldn't get my arms round far enough to get a good grip." Afterwards the organisers thanked British television personality and 'D' list celebrity Vanessa Feltz for volunteering.

This year, the vehicle pull saw all the competitors achieve reasonable times, though none to beat American Dwarf Wee Willy Wilson's time of fifteen seconds to pull the 750cc Urinal and sidecar, complete with three full-sized adults on board, a distance of twenty yards. Willy, who is well known in film circles as a body double for Arnold Swartzenegger, spoke for all the competitors when he expressed his relief that Vanessa Feltz was too large to fit into the sidecar. "It was hard enough as it was, even I would have struggled with the suspension bottomed out and the wheel rims digging up the tarmac", he told our reporter on the scene.

For the final event of the first day, competitors faced the dreaded Suitcase of Bricks dead lift. As the event progressed, with another five bricks added after each lift, contestants began to drop out until only the last two, Britain's Nigel Wilkins and New Zealand sheep shearing champion Bill Pearson, were left standing. Bill, who puts his success as a shearer down to not having to wrestle the sheep onto their backs to shear the underside, as he can walk underneath and reach up, was awarded the heat win after Nigel suffered injury, when the suitcase broke off its handle and landed on his feet.

The second and final day of competition began with the sad news that Britain's Nigel Wilkins had suffered ten broken toes, and was unable to continue. He has promised to be back next year, with his own suitcase. The remaining nine competitors were reduced to the top four points scorers from day one for the last three events. These were Wilson of America, Gruber of Germany, Pearson of New Zealand, and Brown of Australia.

This number was unfortunately reduced to three after the first event of day two, the Giant Hod Carry, when Pearson of New Zealand was forced to retire after he picked up a splinter from the hod handle. Afterward he explained that soft hands were one of the problems faced by all shearers. "Sheep's wool is full of lanolin, it makes my hands lovely and soft, but it means I get blisters and splinters very easily", he confessed. "On the plus side, the sheep appreciate it". The heat was won by Australia's Scott Brown, leaving him tied for second place with Wee Willy Wilson. The German, by finishing second in the heat, moved to the top spot on the leader board, by two clear points. All this was to change with the penultimate heat, the Sumo wrestling. Gruber was taken to hospital suffering from a triple hernia after trying to lift his opponent above his head for a throw. Vanessa Feltz was also injured, and the reserve, Lisa Riley, had to be called in for the last two contests. Both bouts ended in draws, leaving all to play for in the final heat, the beer barrel lift.

The barrel, which must be lifted to a height of four feet, holds one kilderkin of ale. As all members of local motorcycle club The Barrel Bikers are aware, one kilderkin is equivalent to two firkin. A firkin is nine gallons, which weighs ninety pounds; therefore a kilderkin of ale tips the scales at one hundred and eighty pounds, plus the weight of the barrel. On this occasion, it proved two firkin heavy for both competitors, so they set to drinking enough of the contents to reduce the weight to a manageable level. As predicted in last month's 'Dwarf News', Scott 'Boomerang' Brown's heavy training schedule throughout the last six months stood him in good stead. After reducing the barrel's weight by only thirty pounds, he was able to lift it with apparent ease onto the platform, thereby winning his first international title. He claimed afterwards that he could have managed another ten pints, though whether he was referring to the lift or the consumption was unclear.

Next year's contest, traditionally held on the champion's home ground, will therefore take place in Australia. Last year's winner, South African Dwarf Willi Van Koff, who was excluded after the first day's heats, showed true sportsmanship by helping to carry the winner back to the competitor's hotel afterwards.

The Dwarf's Indoor Leapfrog League has ended for another year, with the Lancashire Leapers once again finishing on top. The British Naturist Dwarfs Over Sixty Unisex Leapfrog Display Team has again finished in last place. New captain Arthur Crabb, now fully recovered from his hernia operation, has stated that the team will rise up the league next season, due to his having replaced half the squad with new, younger members. "For the first time in many years, we will be fielding a team with an average age below seventy-five", he has told 'Dwarf News'.

LATE NEWS

POLICE HUNT FOR SECOND BODY

Accident investigators working to determine the cause of an explosion at Middle Whallop Steam Preservation Society have announced that they are searching through the rubble for a second body. The remains of the owner, Mr. Richard Arbuthnott, have already been removed, and identified by his pocket watch chain. It has now been revealed that Mr. Fred Clegg, a fellow steam enthusiast, has been reported missing by his wife. "He left home early Sunday morning, after Richard asked him in the pub on Saturday to help fire up the engines before opening on Sunday morning. He hasn't come home yet," his wife has told police. "He often disappears for a few days, or even a week, you know what men are like. But after a three weeks, I started to worry."

"If Mr. Clegg's remains are in there, we'll find them", a police spokesman promised. "As he's now been missing for three weeks, we are hoping the rats will lead us to the body."

'Dwarf News' Assistant Editor Jane Von Smith B.A. is said to be devastated by the loss of the old 'Dwarf News' printing press, which she had purchased for twenty pounds before loaning the exhibit to the museum, and paying out around ten thousand pounds of late husband Eric Von Smith's money to have it restored to pristine condition as a memorial to her first husband, 'Dwarf News' engineer Charles Longfellow. Mr. Longfellow died last year, after falling under the main print roller while adjusting the steam pressure release valve. As the press, the oldest working example in the country, was insured for a seven-figure sum, she is set to receive a substantial payout from Norwich Union in the near future.

DWARF NEWS SECRETARY ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL

Dwarf News Secretary/Reporter Without Portfolio Sophie has been admitted to the exclusive Nuthatch Private Mental Health Facility at Cambridge, after suffering a breakdown while staying at the home of Assistant Editor Jane Von Smith B.A. She is under the care of Dwarf psychiatrist Dr William Bodkin, who is Chair of the Little Known Department of Dwarf Psychiatry at Merkin College, Cambridge. Dr Bodkin, when contacted by 'Dwarf News', has stated that it is far too early to make an accurate

diagnosis, however his first impressions are that Sophie is definitely suffering from some form of mental illness. “In layman’s terms, she’s as nutty as a walnut whip, if I was her, I’d seriously consider changing my name to Hazel”, he told our reporter.

Doctor Bodkin has asked us to point out once again that he is not, in fact, a Dwarf, although he is descended from Earl Bodkin, a famous Dwarf of the Elizabethan era. “I treat Dwarfs, that’s why I am referred to as a Dwarf psychiatrist. If someone says they’re a car mechanic, you don’t expect them to have four wheels and a bloody bonnet, do you?” he asked our reporter.

Sophie’s Column will return when our Secretary/Reporter Without Portfolio has recovered sufficiently to return to work.

EMERGENCY PRODUCT RECALL NOTICE

Motorcycle seat re-coverers Vinyl Wizard, a business in which the Dwarf Keeper Royal is believed to have a financial interest, have issued an emergency recall notice on all custom motorcycle seats re-covered during the last six weeks, after it was revealed that the Dwarf Owner’s Society’s Technical Department, run by Dwarf Friend Chris Straw, has lost a box of their exploding seat buttons. “This is the first batch, designed as a deterrent to prevent children pulling the buttons off a friend’s bike seat” Chris has revealed. “As a result, they have a very light trigger”.

While Vinyl Wizard had previously denied being involved with this idea, they have advised customers who may be covered by the recall notice not to sit on the motorcycle concerned. “If customers are worried, they should remove the seat, and post it to Vinyl Wizard immediately, we will refund the cost of postage”, a spokesman for the company has said. “Please place the seat in a strong box, preferably steel, and put plenty of packing round it, then weld the lid on. Please label the box “DANGER OF EXPLOSION, LIVE AMMUNITION.”

“There shouldn’t be any problems posting it, as the Post Office never read anything written on a parcel, half the time they don’t even read the address properly”, he added. “Just ask anyone who has received a box of broken bike bits from their local postman, that was marked, Fragile, Handle With Care”.

Local entrepreneur Biggles, husband of ‘Dwarf News’ relationship counselor and grandmother of five Auntie Linda, and sole proprietor of Captain Biggles Used Motorcycle Emporium and Multi-Coloured Swap Shop, has been known to recommend Vinyl Wizard to those customers who have purchased a bike with a torn seat cover, rather than having to pay out to have it re-covered himself. He is said to be reviewing his referral policy in light of recent events.

EDITOR SUSPENDED PENDING AUDITOR’S REPORT

As we go to press, the news has reached the office that the Editor has been suspended pending an investigation, after the Society’s auditors discovered financial irregularities in the accounts for the final quarter. It is believed that these irregularities may be related to Assistant Editor Jane Von Smith B.A.’s expense account, after her trip to Australia in January, to report on the Australian Mixed Height Tennis Tournament. Full details will appear in next month’s issue.