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Gum to Santa: 'Keep away, you hassler!'

» Townsfolk outraged by nasty letter

» Rudolph's nose in grape threat

Robyn Reddbrest reports

Lamonic Bibber was today reeling in shock after it emerged that Mr Gum has sent Father Christmas a letter telling him not to bother visiting this year. 'Oi, reindeer features!' the letter begins. 'I don't like Christmas an' I don't like fun an' I don't like to see no smilin', happy children playin' with no presents. An' most of all I don't like you. So keep away from me blibberin' town – or else!' Mr Gum goes on to accuse Father Christmas of being an 'interferin' hassler with a stupid face' before ending with this chilling threat: 'If I even hear so much as a sleigh-bell or a "ho ho ho" on Christmas Eve, I'm gonna come after you with me bashin' fists. An' I'm gonna pull off Rudolph's nose an' replace it with a grape.' But local residents are outraged at Mr Gum's unseasonal greetings. 'I hope Father Christmas don't takes that horrifyin' letter seriously,' said nine-year-old Polly. 'Everyone knows Mr Gum's just a stinker what's got too much time on his hands an' too much evil on his mind an'



Mr Gum: 'I'll bash him up!'

too much gravy on his jumper.' 'I agree with Polly,' said Town Mayor, David Casserole. 'I agree with David Casserole,' said Old Granny. 'I agree with Old Granny,' said Jonathan Ripples. 'I agree with Jonathan Ripples,' said Mrs Lovely. 'I agree with Mrs Lovely,' said Martin Launderette. 'I agree with Friday O'Leary,' said Friday O'Leary. 'Mr Gum's gone too far this time.

Christmas is a time for friends, family, eating so much you can hardly move, falling asleep in front of a really boring black and white film on TV and stuffing your face with sweets, even though you feel sick and don't really want them anymore. It certainly isn't a time to go threatening jolly old men with bashings and grapes.' As for Father Christmas himself, he issued a brief statement yesterday. 'I have received Mr Gum's letter,' he said, 'but I'm afraid I can't possibly comment on it. You see, I don't actually exist.'



Well-known fun merchant: Father Christmas, yesterday

World in chaos as 'space-squirrels' prepare to attack

» 'Global warming has made them too hot,' says expert

» 'Now they want revenge'

Georgia Onmymind reports

Space-squirrels could be planning to attack Earth at any moment - at least, according to one expert who has spent years studying the stars and thinking about such things. 'A lot of people don't believe in aliens but it is entirely possible they exist,' Professor Richard Bounce told reporters yesterday. 'My guess is that they are a type of "space-squirrel", with special tails through which they are somehow able to breathe.' Professor Bounce said that the aliens had probably once been peaceful. 'In the past they probably enjoyed sliding around on Saturn's rings and exploring the galaxy for little hats. But now, due to global warming, the sun may have become too hot for their fur and

they have decided to get their revenge – by attacking Earth. Even as I speak, they could be building huge sponges to dry up our oceans and gigantic scissors to cut off the tops of our mountains so they can steal the rich creamy ice-cream inside.' But the Professor warned that even worse developments may be just around the corner. 'We don't know for sure,' he said, 'but we think the squirrels may have developed a type of enormous window as big as the Earth itself. We still don't understand exactly what it is for – but it is possible they could sit on the other side of the window and laugh at us through it.' According to Professor Bounce, the aliens are intelligent, deadly and highly organised. 'Their leader is probably slightly larger than the other squirrels,' he explained. 'I imagine he is called "General S". When General S talks, all the other squirrels obey. They would do anything for him. Until we capture General S, we have no chance of stopping them. General S is the key to it all.' Professor Bounce's words have triggered mass panic around the globe, with riots in London,

New York and that place in Iceland that no one can ever spell properly. When asked what actual evidence he had to support his startling theories, Professor Bounce told reporters, 'none at all.'



Professor Bounce: 'The truth is out there – and it's furry'

Stockings ahoy!

Our round-up of the best Christmas toys!

Hello, mums and dads. Are you going crazy trying to pick the right toys for your kids this Christmas? Are you? Are you? ARE YOU? Of course you are. It's very bewildering. But don't worry because we have the answer with our pick of this year's 'must have' stocking fillers...

Brick

Made of sturdy brick, this genuine brick is the latest thing in bricks - and it seems that all the kids want one! Use it to build a very small wall of one brick, or why not buy two and double the fun.

29p

From R. J. Gilbert Building and Masonry Supplies

My Little Scorpion

Awwww! Just what every little girl wants - a little pet scorpion to call her very own! These delightful characters are made from top-quality rusty metal, and each features a realistic sting that actually hurts! Collect them all - Mr Pokey, Nasty Eric, Ouch-O and Bleedmaker.

£3.99 each

From Illegal Toys Ltd; accessories and bandages sold separately



STAR BUY
£11,000

Travolta comes complete with detachable eyebrows and a twenty-foot long tongue - just like the real thing! Pull the string on his back and he says three phrases: 'Hello, I'm John Travolta,' 'Hello, I'm still John Travolta,' and 'Please stop pulling that string, it really hurts.'

From John Travolta Startime Enterprises

Life-Size John Travolta Action Figure

You've seen him in films such as *Saturday Night Fever*, *Sunday Morning Still-Not-Feeling-Very-Well* and *The Ten-Thousand Ton Wasp*. And now's your chance to give your child their very own life-size version! Made from 100% plastic, hair and monkey's teeth, this beautifully crafted replica of John

£139.99



Kriffleball

It's crazy! It's wacky! It's the Kriffleball! Kick it! Throw it! Roll it! Bounce it! It's the Kriffleball! Wooo! The kids won't just go mad for the Kriffleball - they'll go 'Kriffle-Krazy'! And who could ever imagine it was just a normal rubber ball with the word 'Kriffle' put in front of it to make it sound more exciting and zany?

From Hypey-Hypey Toys



Bike That Costs 1p More Than Anyone Else's

Are you tired of buying your children expensive bikes to show how much you love them, only to find that some other parent has spent even more on their own kid? Well, here's the solution! When you buy this bike, you will be charged absolutely nothing until your child's found out which of their friends got the most expensive bike for Christmas. Then you simply phone up the shop and they'll charge you that same price plus 1p more - so your child can officially be the most spoilt of them all!

From Boastful Bicycles Ltd., prices may vary

Panda gives birth to money

A giant panda at the Lamonic Bibber Zoo has astounded keepers by giving birth to a sack of money containing over three hundred pounds in twenty pence pieces. 'It's astonishing,' said head zookeeper, Ed Zookeeper. 'I never seen nothing like it before, no I never, not in all my days. I seen that panda sitting there one minute, an' then the next minute, nine months later, a massive sack of money drops out of it. It were extraordinary.' The giant panda, whose name is Shelly, is one of only three animals known ever to have given birth to money. In 1986 an elephant at an American wildlife park gave birth to over seventeen thousand dollars, whilst two years ago in London zoo a warthog did a fiver.

8% of people not real

Startling new research from the University of Lamonic Bibber has shown that roughly 8% of people in the world are not actually real. 'It's very worrying,' said Dr Michael Licky, who led the study. 'We had suspected for quite a while that some people are not real, but we had no idea the figures would be so high.' Dr Licky said that some of the unreal people were easy to spot - 'they are usually just scarecrows, or chunks of iron with faces painted on them', he explained. But he said that some of the unreal people were almost indistinguishable from proper people. 'The only difference is that unlike you or me they never die, they just get smaller and smaller over time.'

Wolf attacks 'just as bad as ever'

Wolf attacks in Lamonic Bibber are as bad as they have ever been, said Mayor David Casserole yesterday. At an emergency meeting held in the Town Hall, he said that despite increased measures, including sprinkling anti-wolf powder on the streets and forbidding small girls to wear little red riding hoods, the number of wolf attacks had not dropped since the previous year. 'Last year there were no wolf attacks at all,' he said, 'and this year there haven't been any either, so things are just as bad.' But the Mayor pledged to try harder. 'I am personally doing everything I can to reduce these vicious attacks,' he told the assembled crowd. 'I won't rest easy until the number of wolf attacks has dropped from zero to minus one or even less.'

We've just discovered the person that writes this bit isn't real so we are leaving this bit blank.

Tanglers Win Wrong Match

By our sports reporter, Jim Jupiter

The Lamonic Bibber Tanglers won by one goal to nil last Saturday – but they should have been playing a different match altogether. The game started out as normal, with the Tanglers up against their old rivals, Wample-Upon-Stample United. There was no score in the first half, although Kevin Spittle twice came close to putting the Tanglers ahead. But in the second half the ball rolled off the pitch and bounced onto a nearby aeroplane standing on the tarmac. ‘After it!’ shouted the Tanglers’ captain – and the next moment, the entire Lamonic Bibber team had jumped aboard and the plane was off to Mexico. Apparently the team spent the fifteen hour flight kicking and heading the ball around the aircraft as they practiced their skills. ‘It was dreadful,’ said one passenger. ‘The ball kept hitting me in the chin and making me spill my complimentary peanuts.’ When the plane eventually landed in Mexico City, the Tanglers bundled out, passing the ball to each other across the runway. They then dribbled it through customs and across noisy streets crowded with taxis, donkeys and Chihuahuas until they reached the football stadium,



Flying to victory: the Tanglers reign supreme

where Mexico City were in the dying seconds of their match against Argentina Rovers. 40,000 spectators looked on in astonishment as the English team burst on to the pitch. Then Spittle passed to Rogers, Rogers flicked it on to Harrison and Harrison unleashed a mighty shot with his left foot. ‘GOOOOOOAAAAL!’ yelled the crowd, the referee blew his whistle and the match was over. ‘It was an amazing victory for us,’ said Kevin Spittle afterwards. ‘Not only did we beat Mexico City, but we also beat Argentina Rovers into the bargain.’ However, back in England, Wample-Upon-Stample had taken full advantage of their rivals’ disappearance to win convincingly in their absence.

FINAL SCORES:

Mexico City 0 - Argentina Rovers 0
- Lamonic Bibber Tanglers 1

Lamonic Bibber Tanglers 0
- Wample-Upon-Stample United 836



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