Lamonic Bibber's Second Best, & Only, Newspaper

# The Lamonical Chronicle

### 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 too much gravy on his jumper.' 'I agree with Polly,'



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

nose an' replace it with a grape.' But local residents said Town Mayor, David Casserole. 'I agree with are outraged at Mr Gum's unseasonal greetings. 'I David Casserole,' said Old Granny. 'I agree with Old hope Father Christmas don't takes that horrifyin' Granny, said Jonathan Ripples. 'I agree with Jonathan letter seriously,' said nine-year-old Polly. 'Everyone Ripples,' said Mrs Lovely. 'I agree with Mrs Lovely,' knows Mr Gum's just a stinker what's got too much said Martin Launderette. 'I agree with Friday O'Leary,' time on his hands an' too much evil on his mind an' 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'

# 5 the season to write poetry!

### Tra-la-la-la! La-la-la!



7ell, we asked you to send us your Christmas poems and what a response! Some of them made us laugh, some made us cry, some made us feel a bit sick and one seemed to have been written by a goat. But never mind. Here's the best of the bunch to make your Christmas the rhymiest one yet!

#### crissmass is brilian By Georgina (age 5)

crissmass is brilian I likk it an I likk it wen you come down in the mornin an ther is presens all under the tree an my mummy says it is fatha crissmas an one year he bringeded me a apron an a doll an one year he brighded me a choclets an this year i wonder if he will get me nintendoos an if he don't i will be very sad but i wil not cry cos i am 5 an my frends name it is Misha but she is only 4 an once she wetted hersel in asembly an she cryed but not me becos i am a big girl i am 5

#### **CHRISTMAS**

By Polly

C is for chestnuts, what tastes nice in your tum H is for holly what prickles your thumb **R** is for Rudolph what flies through the air I is for icicle what you better beware! S is for snowman what you builds in the street T is for turkey what's a Christmas Day treat M is for money, what you gets as a present A is for angels what sings carols so pleasant S is for snowman, I already done told you that one. THE END

#### Christmas at the Launderette By Martin Launderette

Every single Christmas Day While you are having fun There is me All alone

To get the laundry done.

What a boring life it is While you are eating sprouts

There is me

Trying to get

Old ketchup stains washed out.

#### **Butcher's Bells Are Ringin'** By Billy William the Third

ing dong! Ding dong! Butcher's bells are ringin'! Come, my friends, an' gather round To hear the song I'm singin'!

Ding dong! Ding dong! Butcher's bells are playin'! Come one, come all an' gather round And watch me do me slayin'!

Ding dong! Ding dong! Butcher's bells ring free Choppin' up them stupid turkeys That's the life for me!

Yes, choppin' up them stupid turkeys That's the life for me! Bing! Bong! Ding! Dong! Bing! Chop! SQUAWK!

#### Snowflakes By Friday O'Leary

Snowflakes. Crystal clear. Sparkling. Unique. Nice. Flakey. Snowy. Cold. Really cold.

Absolutely freezing.

Snowflakes. Snowflakes. Snowflakes. Snowflakes Cornflakes.

Brr.

#### HOROSCOPES WHAT DOES YOUR FUTURE HOLD?

With Old Granny and her amazing assistant, a bottle of low-price sherry.



#### Aries March 21 - April 19

Today you will find a penny on the ground. Tomorrow you will find a penny on the ground. The day after that you will not find a penny on the ground. Sorry, Aries, but some days just aren't as exciting as others.



#### Taurus April 20 - May 20

Taurus is the sign of the bull, so why not try stapling a couple of horns to your head, running through a china shop and getting killed in front of thousands of cheering Spanish people? You never know - it could be just the change you need!



#### Gemini May 21 – June 20

With Mercury rising in the fifth house of Venus, Neptune on the rise and Mars in its final cycle before the new moon, now is a good time to look at the sky and say, 'really? I can't see anything but some clouds and a couple of pigeons fighting over a crisp.



#### Cancer June 21 – July 22

Are you stuck in a rut at work, Cancer? Serves you right for being a ditch-digger. Do you feel your life is full of ups and downs? Serves you right for being a crane operator. Do you fear that danger lurks around every corner? Serves you right for being a professional dangerous-corner-investigator.



#### Leo July 23 – August 22

The planets are not looking kindly on you at the moment, Leo. Mars thinks you're an idiot, Venus keeps laughing at you behind your back and Jupiter's telling everyone that you smell. Take my advice - stay indoors until things blow over and they start picking on some other star sign instead.



#### Virgo August 23 – September 22

Here are your lucky and unlucky things for the day. Lucky colour: green. Lucky number: 4. Lucky letter: H. Lucky fruit: melon. Lucky shape: hexagon. Unlucky instrument: grand piano balanced precariously at the top of a tall building on your way to school. Best of luck, Virgo!



#### Libra September 23 – October 22

A wise man once said, 'a cat can see in the dark but a carrot cannot jump over a fence.' Think about it, Libra, it could be important.



#### Scorpio October 23 – November 21

Today someone will give you a nice ring but when you put it on you'll go all invisible and weird powers will start happening and then this massive eye will try to get you and you'll have to fight a giant spider and climb to the top of a fiery mountain and throw the ring away so it can't do any more evil. Later on you'll have beans for supper.



#### Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

Stop whatever you're doing and go outside RIGHT NOW and stand there for a few minutes until you see what I'm talking about. OK, are you back yet? Good,



#### Capricorn December 22 - Januray 19

A chance encounter with an old friend will lead to a boring afternoon spent with an old friend. If you've been thinking of buying any turnips lately, don't bother. They're revolting.



#### Aquarius January 20 - February 18

Think of a card, any card, FOUR OF DIAMONDS Now, don't tell me what FOUR OF DIAMONDS FOUR OF DIAMONDS that card was. Just FOUR OF DIAMONDS FOUR OF DIAMONDS concentrate on the FOUR OF DIAMONDS card you're thinking of. Right – was it the nine of hearts? No? Darn it.



Pisces February 19 - March 20 Today will be OK, if you like that sort of thing.

### 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.

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.

From Illegal Toys Ltd; accessories and bandages sold separately



## Life-Size John Travolta Action Figure

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

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



#### 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'

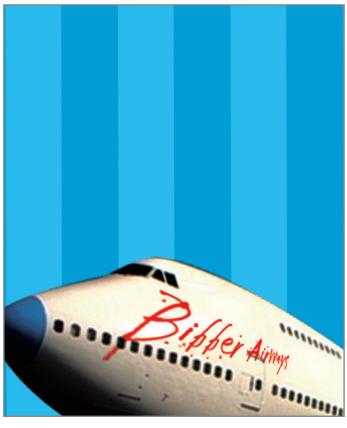
Wolf attacks in Lamonic Bibber are as bad as they have ever been, said Mayor David Casserole yesterday. At an emergency meeting held in the Town Hall, he said that despite increased measures, including sprinkling anti-wolf powder on the streets and forbidding small girls to wear little red riding hoods, 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. 'GOOOOOAAAAL!' 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

