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It's catchup time

It has been over two years since Issue No. 3 of DafNews was published and now it is time to catch up, by recalling some of those humorous memories and other notable events that have occurred over the past two years.

Jonathan et l'eau francais

When Mummy was testing Jonathan's knowledge of french drinks he had to think a bit on the third question.

Nicola: 'What is coke?'
Jonathan: 'Cola.'
Nicola: 'What is orange?'
Jonathan: 'Orange.'
Nicola: 'What is water?'
Jonathan: (Long pause whilst deep in thought) 'Watare.'

Whater moore can I sayer.

Grandpa's no longer a bum

Thanks to her learning the language of diplomacy, Hayley finally started referring to Grandpa by the more attractive 'Grandpa' title following many upsetting months of 'Bum-Bum'.

Darren gets another job

Having failed to entice enough housewives into letting him in their houses to read their meters (or 'take their measurements' as some would have it), Darren opted for a new job with a local company (AT Drainage). Maybe he's hoping to pop up in the

same housewives bathrooms to 'check out their plumbing!!!!'

I don't know. The lengths some people will go to!

Geoff gets the job he nearly got!

The title of this article may, at first, sound gobblygook (I suppose it is really), but yes! He's done it at last. After having a job offer withdrawn the day after he had accepted it, Geoff found it somewhat amusing when the same company offered him the job again a couple of months later and he's still there, two years later, working three days a week and not getting under Sheila's feet any more.

Thomas & friends

Thomas' friend Edward said a big hello to Jonathan and Andrew when the engines puffed along the Water-cress Line during summer 2000.



Up to their necks in it

When Sean and Jonathan dug themselves into a hole (believe it if you will) at the seaside (it also being Sean's first trip to the sea) Jonathan began to regret it. The sands of time were running out!



Bethany starts school

The beginning of the end for Grandma and Grandpa is looming ever closer as Bethany starts school. Not too much longer now, when they are all at school, and visits to Grandma and Grandpa will be boring.



A cash less event

Hayley was rather put out when she received a birthday card from Nana and uttered the words 'There's no money in it'. Nana! Really, what are you playing at?

The talking blanket

Yes, it's really true. Mokey, Hayley's beloved blanket, can talk. An independent witness, who was looking after Hayley at the time, can vouch for this amazing occurrence. When she asked Hayley if she would like a drink, Mokey replied with 'Mm, mm' in its characteristic squeaky voice. In fact Mokey now knows all the letters of the alphabet ... And is still going strong!

The cold (Slimey) shoulder

When Grandpa told Hayley off (yes really) after a visit to the park with Bethany, the stropiness blossomed forth as she wiped her nose on Grandpa's shoulder in protest at being carried. Needless to say

Grandpa gave her a good spanking! (Yeah. Right.)

Hayley's identity crisis

It seems that sometimes Hayley gets a bit confused about who's who in the Broomfield household. On one occasion when she answered the phone the caller said.

'Hello. Is that Bethany?'

To which Hayley replied

'No, it's mummy.'

I've heard of young mothers but this is ridiculous!

Wet, Wet, Wet

No, it's not the pop group. It's what happened when Grandpa (again!) let Jonathan take Sam's lead whilst walking around the lake. When Jonathan got too close to the water and fell in, who do you think got the blame? It's a dog's life isn't it?

Grandparents day

Grandma and Grandpa were invited to Bethany's school for a Grandparent's day to view her work and meet her friends.



Bethany plans for the future

Thinking ahead to when she leaves home and buys her own place, Bethany expressed the wish to buy a house near Grandma's & Grandpa's, rather than stay with Mum and Dad.

Jonathan horsing around

Jonathan couldn't resist a ride on the horse when he visited Fisher's Farm with brother Andrew, Mum, Dad, Grandma and Grandpa. He also did the obligatory disappear-



ing act invoking panic amongst his seniors. What's new?

Mokey visits grandma's

Mokey had a treat when he/she/it was taken on a trip to see Grandma and Grandpa. Apparently Mokey had a good time and expressed thanks with a 'mm, mm' for Grandma.



TV titters

When Jonathan's blow-up 'Thomas' chair was punctured, he was asked what sort of chair he would like as a replacement.

'A Scooby Doo?'

'No thank you.'

'Thunderbirds?'

'No thank you.'

'What then?'

A 'The weakest link' chair.

Ann Robinson! You should be flattered.

The art of disguise

It seems that Jonathan doesn't need a lot of different toys when a set of masks would suffice. Even Teddy surprised mummy when he popped his head round the door disguised as a monkey! (Sounds like the silly sort of thing grandpa would do!)

I am what I am

Nana: 'You're a clever boy.'

Jonathan: 'Yes, I know. I'm very Clever.'

I guess there's no answer to that!

Sean's skateboarding

Some children sit and read books; some sit and play games or do jigsaw puzzles; and some are happy with doing craft activities. Not Sean. No, he whizzes up and down the room practicing his skate board manoeuvres -and that's not all. In his quieter moments he demonstrates another valuable skill - impersonating Poke-

mon characters, adopting a variety of facial expressions and leaving the observer to guess who he is supposed to be. Obvious of course!

The closing months of 2001 and beginning of 2002 was a period of both exciting and sad events culminating in an eventful but very sad March in which we complete this biennial issue.

New schoolboys

Both Sean and Jonathan started school in September 2001. Here, they proudly present themselves in their school uniforms ready for the exciting times ahead.



Loss of a dear friend

Following a surprise diagnosis and rapid deterioration it was with great sadness that we received news of Georgina Knight's passing away. Georgina had a very close friendship with Sheila over many years that will never be forgotten.

Cinderella

Bethany attended her first ballet when she saw Cinderella with Grandma and Grandpa. The performance was preceded by a visit to McDonalds and followed by hours trying to get out of the car park! Still, she enjoyed the ballet very much.

Cheerio Mum

We conclude this issue with the sad news of Nana's passing away on 12th March 2002. Although she thoroughly enjoyed seeing her great grandchildren - Bethany, Sean, Jonathan, Hayley & Andrew - from birth she always missed Poppa so very much one can't help feeling that she was glad when the end finally came.

Goodbye Mum (Nana)