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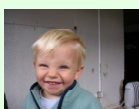
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Welcome at last to issue number 8 (nearly two years since the last one) and a few more anecdotes for posterity.

It's Two-Jay

It was at the end of a day out on the way home in the car when Grandma said out loud "Gosh, I am tired. I expect you are too Jay." To which the response was "I'm not Two-Jay. I'm One-Jay". That was a mistake. Now, when people visit him they say "Hello Two-Jay", which doesn't go down very well!



Grocery Girl

Mel started her evening job at the local (Balmoral Drive) Tesco Express in February 2005. So, if you happen to be in the area when she is working, pop in for something. You never know, you might get a discount (or not).



Card Sharp

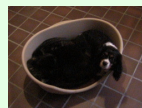
There was a time that Melanie's job at The Card Department in Camberley was under threat, when the company went into liquidation. Fortunately things turned out better than expected when the senior accounts lady resigned, which left Melanie in



charge. Her boss, Richard, can't thank her enough for the quality of her work.

Sam's Demise

Following months of deteriorating health Sam's life was sadly terminated on 26th August 2005. His continuing problems with severe fluid retention and its impact on his quality of life was the deciding factor to release him. Such a docile and happy dog, he will be missed by many, including Murphy & Twinkle.



Take a chance

Darren had just put Jay in the car. Jay: "Close the door then." Darren: "Give me a chance." Jay (holding out his hand): "Here's a chance"

Florida

In memory of and as expression of thanks to George & Kathleen Davies Geoff & Sheila took the whole family for a three week holiday in Florida during March/April 2005. All aspects of the trip went well and members of the family made the most of the theme parks, water parks and other locations. They were lucky enough to be joined for a few days by their friends Jenny, Dave and Chris & his



family.

Scrap book albums were presented to all the children to record their favourite memories and the holiday concluded with a celebration of Sheila's 60th birthday at Planet Hollywood in Downtown Disney.

40th Anniversary

It was a great surprise when, on 10th July 2004 Sheila & Geoff were taken on a mystery trip to Mychett Community Centre, there to be welcomed by a large gathering of friends & family to celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary (11th July). It was a day to remember with plenty of food, drinks and conversation. Thanks to Nicola, Melanie, Darren and partners for making it such a wonderful event.



Sorry, we're Closed

That was the effective response from all dentists contacted (including emergency services) when Sean broke half a front tooth at school in January. Let's hope he doesn't smash all his teeth!

Don't make a pig of yourself

Not that you avoid it if you eat any meat. According to Andrew, all meat, including chicken, comes from pigs.



Grandma cares

Especially when one gets told off - like Jonathan. "I want grandma. She cares about me".

Now who's a tease

When Bethany wasn't very well the other day Hayley decided to get her own back by taunting her sister.



"Come on Bethany, there's nothing wrong with you. You can go to school."

Bethany: "Oh, oh, oh. Why is Hayley so horrible to me?"

'Well, look who she's had as a teacher!' Comments Mum.

Boy racer gets his car ... And prangs Sheila's

In March 2004 Geoff took delivery of his MR2 roadster and shot off looking for dolly birds. Nearly two frustrating and fruitless years later he took it out on Sheila's Jazz by scraping the side in a B&Q car park. The things some people will do to get attention!



A Teasy Auntie

Hayley (in the car during a car journey): "When I have children and they say 'Can we go and see uncle Ricky' I will say 'No, I don't want to see Auntie Bethany because she always teases me'" (Ricky is a boy from Bethany's class).

Retirement

Having threatened it for so long with lots of 'Shall I, shan't I's, Sheila at last took the plunge and retired from her job at the Milestone Surgery in Farnborough.. Sheila joined the surgery in 1989 and finally decided she wanted to spend more time 'doing her own thing'. The downside is that she is now getting under Geoff's feet. Still, in time it will be



the other way round!

The biggest surprise was a completely unexpected family gathering at The Ely restaurant where all the family wished her well. Have a good rest Sheila!

Football crazy

Sounds like Geoff and Mel are the odd ones out, now that Sean, Jonathan, Andrew, Bethany & Hayley are in football teams and the rest of the adults like to watch games. Jay? Perhaps he will go in for bird watching!

Mid week mania

As part of their rejuvenation treatment Grandma & Grandpa volunteered to look after Jay every Wednesday. Most of the time though it seems they wear him out, dashing off to gardens, garden centres and shopping expeditions. Lunch times end up being a bit bleary eyed.

He's certainly not mouthy

Darren: "Eat your dinner up."

Jay: "I can't, my mouth's too small." He must take after his namesake with his small beak!

What a life!

Melanie: "Hayley, take your things up to your bedroom."

Hayley: "I hate this life. I just have to do jobs all the time."

What's the motto? Brownies always lend a hand?



In Darren's Footsteps

By joining Mychett Athletic Football Club and playing in goal, Sean is following in his Dad's footsteps. He has already been named 'man of the match' on more than one occasion.

Lee's Graduation

Having completed his foundation degree in Personal Training and Sports Performance. Lee's graduation took

place at Farnborough Technical College. On Thursday 27th October 2005. The event was attended by Melanie & the girls, Lee's parents & grandmother and Sheila.



It's Not About Winning

The Popes are watching a football match where Real Madrid are playing Arsenal.

Someone: "Real Madrid are playing well."

Jonathan: "Yes, but Arsenal have scored."

Andrew (angrily): "It's not just about winning, Jonathan."

Really?

Skinny Minny

Broomfield Conversations ...

Lee: "Who is Bethany most like in the family?"

Melanie: "She's like you Lee."

Lee: "No she's not. She's like you."

Melanie: "Come on Lee, she's a Broomfield."

Lee: "What about Grandpa?"

Bethany: "No, I'm not a skinny old man."

Gromit's Younger years

The Popes had watched one 'Wallace & Grommet' film and then decided to watch a second one.

Nicola: "Hey, I think this film was made first.."

Jonathan: "Yes. I think Gromit looks younger in this one."

Surprise! Surprise!

Well, we finish this issue the way it began - with Jay. Two-Jay, oops sorry - Three-Jay celebrated his third birthday at Grandma's & Grandpa's, when Darren invited everyone to their house for the event. His presents included a light sabre, which he used to cut guests' arms and legs off and bubble gun to give everyone stingy eyes.