

The Flying Pussy



Peace at Christmas Time

DO you consider that your matchless column is correct in its view that the spontaneous Christmas truce between Britons and Germans in 1914 was the last time that any two European nations were nice to each other?

A memo to the Oxford English Dictionary

A new verb has, this Christmas, been co-opted into the English language. It is - to 'europe'. This neologism has wide applications. The following interpretations should be noted.

It is correct to use the term 'europe' in the event that individuals are ignored or rendered impotent by Neo-Democracy (aka, New Fascism); when folk have severe limits placed on their freedom of choice; when bureaucracy is bloated to the point of absurdity; when individual nations' histories are rewritten or abolished entirely . . . and there are many other meanings that may be added to these.

"To europe" is a fluid verb - limited only by the imaginations of those who use it to define the horrors of multi-national governance, and football*.

Another quadrant of the English Flag

This addition to the design, done especially for the festive season, replaces the blank space at the top left hand corner of our flag; it portrays a European footballer reacting to a passionate Scotsman's innocently clenched fist (see issue 54) by claspng his jaw in pretended agony, while dramatically falling to the ground.

The referee points to the penalty spot

The English are, once again, being europed* out of a football competition due to their total lack of reciprocal cynicism.

2006 and all that

As the year draws to a close, a review of your favourite column's activities over the past eleven months is appropriate.

The Flying Pussy, in company with its legion of fans, touched upon a variety of matters in the course of 2006.

We all saw how the Lottery inspired the fit of avarice that drove Mr Smithers to insanity; how R Reg Peugeot wrote, using exquisitely crafted prose, of his distaste for automotive cleanliness; how the Mother of all Parliaments habitually diminishes the quality of our lives; how Dr Samuel Johnson would have gotten a most severe reprimand had he been alive in Wivey in the year six; how the Charmolax Experiment failed to rectify constipation in the House of Commons; how, puzzlingly, the Bradford Bulls came to be mentioned in a Somerset newspaper; how a large slice of Shakespeare was read in a millisecond; how Scottish men came to support England's cause; how Thomas Bessie, the Winged Cat of Wiveliscombe, inspired this fabulous column. And there was much else besides.

What additional treats will the Flying Pussy serve up in the New Year? (Answers on a post-card, please - Ed.)

A final thought for Christmas

Your column found this item on scrap paper in the bottom of an old briefcase: "Sophistication is OK . . . but . . . from time to time, we should slake the thirst of dry city shoes on the misted slopes of Avalon."

Let us dream of the misted slopes on Boxing Morn.



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