

# hole in my pocket

Hello everyone, we hope this newsletter finds you well.

Just wanted to send you a little message of festive cheer and to remind you, in case you hadn't realised, that next Saturday is in fact Christmas. The day of birth of Jesus, Annie Lennox and Dido, we hope you will be celebrating these facts in grand style with coloured paper hats, roast potatoes and reading jokes from crackers. We certainly will.

It's been a fun and busy year here in himp land this year. The most fun and the least sleep we got was while setting up and running our Seanchaidh exhibition at the Intermedia Gallery, Glasgow. It turned out even better than we had hoped and we'd like to thank everyone that came along, it was fun chatting to you. (Except the guy who stole the remote control for our DVD player cause now it's only use is as an oversized mug coaster.) A special greeting to the old drunk who came in several times and shouted at a photo, that he thought it was talking to him.

One of our favourite highlights of the year was our trip to the states in September where we saw a singing dog, a circus boy, some dancing girls and the world's tallest man. Ah, what a country.

Next year looks to be even bigger and better with a new exhibition opening at the Arches, Glasgow in April and a new project entitled "The Small World Experiment" beginning in February. We will hopefully finally get round to finishing and publishing the book about our trip round Scotland sometime in March (fingers crossed) and will be introducing a new section at himp where we will be selling hand made T-shirts and other items in an attempt to try and finance our continuing adventures. We also have a few new ideas up the sleeves of our Christmas jumpers which we hope to be able to get you all involved with in the future.

Finally this brings us to our Christmas Competition, where you can win yourself a cuddly bear that when squeezed plays the sound of five Greek girls singing happy birthday Lindsay. It really is a wonderful item.

"Please, please, please, how may I win this?" I hear you ask, well calm down, it is simple, hoping to harness the various talents of all who visit himp you can apply in the following ways, either

Email us a picture of the worst Christmas card you've received, draw us a Christmas Jumper or write us a Christmas poem.

Closing date is 12 midnight on 24<sup>th</sup> December. Our team of top Judges will then assess the entries and the favourite three shall win prizes. Good luck.

Please keep in touch with any exciting stories you may have over the festive period- we enjoy hearing from you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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