

SINGLE AND DISTRESSED BACHELORS ORGANISATION (YORKSHIRE)

2015 APPEAL

This year, think of those in needy plight....

Take Rupert (not his real name), now past his Golden Jubilee and with a variety of special needs. Practical considerations are impinging with progressive urgency. He has exhausted the creative possibilities of fish fingers, turkey drummers and baked beans...but even these grim standards of gastronomic fare are being surpassed with progressively increased regularity. Indeed, for Rupert, matters are reaching a critical stage.

Imagine therefore the difference that a 'special other' would make... the vista of heightened aesthetic quality to banish the gloom of the darkest winter morning; the wholesome meal and cheery welcome waiting for him as he comes in from work; the ability to move the large sofa around the room without having to call in the neighbours, or turn the mattress without ending up under it. Imagine too, the halving of journeys with heavy shopping from the car to the top floor flat...or the freedom to answer a call of nature at the station during a long journey ...(or catch up with the latest railway journals in the newsagents)... without having to take in all his luggage.

So, please let us know of anybody within your regular and verifiable orbit who might be suitable...or take a good look on your shelves. Perhaps, even someone within your close circle of friends or family might be able to help.

Even if they are uncertain whether they can avail themselves on a long term basis, just someone with whom to share Tiffin in the park on a Sunday afternoon, (or at the organ recital in bad weather), or to wash while he dries...would be a start and someone to practice (his charms) on.

However, we regrettably cannot take those with off-putting or dangerous habits, personal attributes and idiosyncrasies. These include wearing of pungent perfumes; smoking Cuban cigars or Woodbines; keeping peanuts or chocolate in pockets, especially on warm days; keeping small animals about their person, even for the most noble of reasons; major psychological problems; whacky or excessively zealous theology or political views; unpaid credit card bills etc. etc.

Also excluded must be those with an undue natural propensity for perpetuating the species, spending other people's money or with a clear track record of disposing of previous unwanted associates by non-legal means. Candidates with hostile or impoverished parents or with an obvious requirement for copious consumption of alcohol to effect spontaneous and affectionate interactivity must also be viewed with considerable caution.

Candidates from the caring or creative professions, e.g. doctors, nurses, teachers, musicians, psychologists are usually very welcome, as are violinists, oboists, zither players, reformed go-go dancers, organ sympathisers and offspring of clergy from respectable denominations, especially those with considerable personal, (as opposed to tied), assets. (This regrettably cannot include those of clergy from Low Church Methodist or Catholic churches).

However, exclusions must apply to saxophonists, piano tuners, untrained guitarists of the over-enthusiastic kind, lawyers, purveyors of ladies' cosmetics, fishmongers, pub landladies, taxidermists, failed dentists, defrocked councillors, Tranmere, Torquay United or Arsenal supporters; missionaries with a calling to the darker places on the planet, (especially Glasgow), ... and practitioners of martial arts, kick boxing and javelin throwing.

Someone originating from Yorkshire would be preferable, but not Lancashire or the West Midlands and especially not South West Essex or the less favoured parts of Stoke-on-Trent. Scots might also be considered, provided they are not unduly aspirational in the nationalist direction. Also, mature individuals and nothing too young and silly, (i.e. over 21's only).

Expertise would be welcome in plumbing, joinery, electrical work, car maintenance, procuring gastronomic fare of a pleasing and varied nature, consumer law, and the medical and social needs of budgerigars; also in providing emotional and practical support during bouts of rodent infestations, especially bad ones. A passion for buses of the period 1950-70 and ability to demonstrate empathy with steam trains, particularly ones going up steep gradients, would be very much appreciated. Creative talents in the provision of suitable entertainment during particularly wet holiday weeks at Bridlington would also be advantageous. A recent super-modelling background, a good track record in keeping their step clean and their virtue intact would further enhance the suitability profile of a candidate.

Rupert struggles to understand his circumstances, which can so often happen to anyone through no fault of their own. However, he is hopeful for the future and, (these understandable small provisos apart), is as ever very open to whom The Lord sends.

So do think of such people as Rupert and may God bless you, (and Rupert)!