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Bruno sniffs out missing £50 note



Sun newspaper admits mistake

WHEN is an exclusive not an exclusive? Sometimes when the Sun says so!

The Kentish Express Tenterden edition was first to break the story last Thursday of the honest folk of Tenterden.

When Scotsman Angus MacArthur lost his wallet, the £700 it contained was scattered by the wind.

Delighted schoolgirls, shoppers, pensioners and an ex-assistant chief constable came across the windfall and returned the £655 they found to Tenterden police station.

The following day the Sun ran the story on Page Three and cheekily tagged it Sun Exclusive.

Kentish Express editor Brian Lewis protested to Kelvin MacKenzie, his Sun counterpart.

Mr MacKenzie was quick to acknowledge his error. By return of post came a soothing letter — and a bottle of expensive champagne.

A LABRADOR called Bruno has managed to get in on the act in the most honest town in Britain after nosing out a further £50 from a wad of cash that was dropped and blown to the four winds.

The remarkable story about the St Michael's engineer who lost his wallet containing around £700 — and got £665 back — appeared in national newspapers and was broadcast on television and radio nationwide.

Tenterden was instantly dubbed the most honest town in Britain and its reputation grew as the press put residents to the test by deliberately dropping money in the street — and having it returned without fail.

Angus MacArthur of St Michael's Terrace in Grange Road, Tenterden was in for another surprise at the weekend, when another £50 turned up, with the compliments of the town's most honest pet.

It happened after Sally Klemen of Oaks Road, Tenterden took Bruno for a walk in teeming rain.

STORY PROMPTS CIVIC RELATIVE TO CONTACT THE FORMER MAYOR

by JENNI BALOW

Monopoly

Social worker Sally said: "He stopped in his tracks and started snuffing around some soaking wet paper that had been blowing in the wind.

"Then I realised he was sniffing at a £50 note that had got stuck in the hedge.

"At first I thought it was monopoly money — it's the first £50 note I have ever seen!"

Sally who works with Ashford social services Link Scheme, helping families with handicapped children, took the note to Tenterden police station on Saturday.

She said: "I took it in

because if I had lost something, I would have liked it back."

Former mayor of Tenterden Robert Cruttenden of Ashford Road, who discovered a £50 and £20 note blowing in litter behind his garden wall, may have found a relative as a result of the nationwide publicity.

A letter has been sent to the town clerk by Marjorie Schikowsky whose maiden name was Cruttenden and who is deputy mayor of Saltash in Cornwall.

She wrote: "May I offer my congratulations to the townfolk of Tenterden

on their most public spirited honesty.

"This is a wonderful example to everyone in these uncertain times."

Belief

She went on to write that her grandfather Edward Cruttenden came from Hastings and served with the Royal Artillery.

Hers is the only family with that name in the south west.

Mr Cruttenden believes the families may be related because his grandfather came from Sedlescombe near Hastings.

A FATHER of three has donated several hundred pounds to Children in Need to fulfill the opportunity of a lifetime — to conduct an international symphony orchestra.

Malcolm Williamson, who is head of an advertising and design agency and chairman of the governors at Tenterden junior school, is to conduct the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra on Monday.

Mr Williamson, of Appledore Road, Tenterden, put in a successful bid to achieve his lifelong ambition during a BBC radio auction to help needy youngsters.

He said: "Children figure largely in my life and I was glad to make a donation to Children in Need. But I'm also driven by a madly selfish desire to satisfy an ambition to conduct a really worthy orchestra."

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Malcolm, who started playing the piano and violin when he was eight years old, has been practising with his own musical trio of Emma, 11, Thomas, nine and Sarah, seven.

He has a room full of musical instruments at home and enjoys a wide range of music, including the classics, rock and jazz.

He will travel to studio seven in New Broadcasting House, Manchester, to conduct Borodin's Prince Igor Overture, the slow movement from Mozart's Eine Kleine Nachtmusik and the last movement of the New World Symphony by Dvorak.

Ninety members of the orchestra will be under his command and the concert will be filmed by the BBC.