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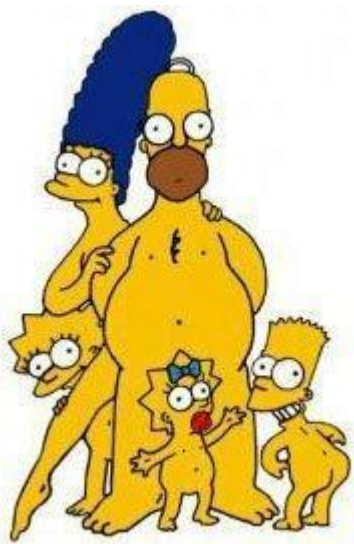
Dear Robert,

Complaint re Mark Bass – further additional evidence

Further to my letter to you of 24-11-22 bringing a formal complaint against Mark Bass, I am now offering some further evidence (below) in support of that complaint.

On pages 149 to 152 of the Evidence, there is this exchange between Mark Bass and me; it is self explanatory:

Can you please let me know why this post was deleted from the thread 'Cultural Dress day':



[mark.bass 42,864](#)
Replied: 13 October

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Images of minors is not an area where we play fast and loose. This is a drawing rather than a photo so is certainly in the grey area. Grey area regarding minors means no. There was actually a lot of controversy about the portrayal of a naked Bart Simpson at the time with sectors claiming it represented or encouraged child pornography. The fact there was controversy demonstrates that these things do not lie outside the usual sensitivity around minors.

Oh come on Mark! You can not be serious. A stylised cartoon (which doesn't even show anything like genitals) of the Simpsons pornography!? I think you're taking this all too far. Where's your sense of humour?

Maybe you ought to take your own advice and remove all the images of minors from the galleries which you have taken and put there, e.g. NKD ? They show more than a cartoon of the Simpsons, are real identifiable people and are as available as anything on the Forum.

Or is it OK because it is you?

• **Never answered**

Of relevance to the above exchange, I reproduce *below* two images from the recent BN magazine (No 234 Winter 2022):



ON THE *Right Track*

It's easier than we think to let some friends know that we are Naturists. Member Paul Russenberger has never met with a significantly negative reaction – mild curiosity perhaps – though nobody has ever asked if they can join him. Undeterred, he conceived a cunning plan, using another of his hobbies, railway modelling.

Paul says, 'In the scenery of my layout, I have included people indulging in my other pastimes such as mountain walking and photography. There is also a group of Naturists beside a stream. The layout has been exhibited and only once drawn a comment – 'Oh look, they're Naturists' –

from a lady in, I guessed, her seventies. I was able to speak to her at the dinner after the meeting and she told me that she often sunbathed topless in her back garden. I was happy to inform her that the bottom half of her bikini was not a legal requirement either.

The railway modellers among us may be interested to know that the layout is booked to appear at the Warley Exhibition at the NEC on 26/27th November this year and, since it is set in western Switzerland, will be with the Swiss Railways Society.'

Top image credit: Paul Russenberger

WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?



News stories edited by John Little. If you come across items that you think others would like to read – please send them in! magazine@bn.org.uk

Drink your tea in the nude.

Yorkshire Tea suggested on Twitter that drinking their tea in the nude would be one method of coping with the heatwave. And it wasn't just a throwaway marketing ploy. The tweet inspired a number of positive responses from the public and the Company gleefully joined with in the spirit of the idea, running with the theme and joining in with the banter – as did many Naturists and BN members who you might expect would never think of drinking their tea in any other way.



This image is of models of naked children, which are at least as explicit as the line drawing of The Simpsons, which Mark Bass was so concerned about.

NKD Family & Youth Festival

26th – 30th May

NKD is back in its original dateline over the late may bank holiday. Our new dates mean NKD now won't clash with various club family events, so we are expecting the biggest one yet! Places are always limited so be quick!



Highland Walking Weekend

2nd – 5th June

The ever-popular walking weekend is booking up fast – your chance to explore the highlands as nature intended.



Windermere Woodland Weekend

16th – 18th June

Our back-to-nature break overlooking the majestic lake Windermere is back and in its new timeline around the summer solstice. A weekend to remember: fell-walks, skinny-dips, folk music and holistic activities.



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and
bn.org.uk/calendar
for more



www.bn.org.uk 39

The top image on this page is an actual photograph of identifiable naked children taken at a BN event. Somewhat more explicit than a cartoon line drawing of The Simpsons, I think.

Both of these examples show that Mark Bass is applying a standard of judgment to my attempted post in a humorous thread entirely different to that applied within BN generally. Clearly it is the fact that it is me who posted it which is really Mark's problem than any real concern for public morals or BN's liability. Once again he has used his position to impose restrictions on me which he would not on anyone else (not least the editor of BN Magazine!).

Please consider this additional evidence as an equal part of the overall evidence in this complaint.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours Sincerely,

Duncan Heenan
BN Member 30001020