



## Ben Iarnen d' story.....

Orl ucklun bin excited f' weeks nouw. Lornng fore Kresmes wi bin traenen uckluns horse ready f' raes dae. Ewry dae ef nor bin raen, I geddup fore se light en ketch myse horse en ride ett frum Carscaed een Touwn f' traen. Jess ess wal se summer en se light 5am koss I hawa get hoem fore 6.30am f' feed a fouwl en do myse tadda chore. I gutt jess nuff time f' do couple a run rouwn ar track den cool myse horse orf walken ett back hoem.

Dar raes course es orn ar common dair side dem gutt dar Golf Club. Enta flat un, semmes dem wae from ya, dar f' ukluns gutta dip en sum ben een. Dar hoem straet ess dar lornng flat kummen back down gen dar graewyard den ben back gen dar club houws. Orl dem sullun yoosa sti dair rouwn dar lars corner f' cheer orn dem riders.

Dem horse raes ooni yoosa happen ewri New Years Dae en sometime orn Easter too. Plenty dem young maen like-a ride een f'

shoew orf gen em gairl en shoew a sullun houw gude wae dem ell ride. Kar foot koss ooni dem f' ucklun who ell do d' raes ess dem piarli maen ulla boys bout 14 en up who nor se groe dar much yet en nort se too heavy. Sum dem horse mard ess a mard, but den agaen sum dem riders daffy too!

Enihouw, glory be dar dae se ya! I wash myse horse yesteddy so look gude. I hoep nor bin roel sence en hoowi-hoowi up. I bin clean myse saddle enna bridle en I gutt wun I shiny red shirt f' wear lorng f' myse joddys, (I bin borrow dem from Tom). Shelley putt wun red ribbon orn myse horse bridle krors dar headband f' maek ucklun match. I noe I gwen feel houw wharwuha when I ride down dair. I thort wi se ready but I hawa dig een; time f' get ouwta baed en get gwen.

Myse Mum se sly let I start fore I se do myse jorb en itt sum I brekfess. Ess a wonder I nawa chock I itt dem porridge dar fars. En fore yoo nohwett I se dunna feed a fouwl, get Mum sum fie-wood en melk a kouw - een record time! I run ketch myse horse, heawe dar saddle enna bridle orn, en I se orf.

I se jess orna roed en I si Albert farya uppa roed. I dig myse lairg een myse horse rib en wi canter up gen ett. Hi si I kummen en kick up his horse en wi gallop up dar straet roed. Wi laughen en belowen ooda wun nadda en maeken plenty noise. When wi get gen dar corna wi sloe down. Wi nawa wunta tire uckluns horse fore wi se begenna raes. Wi teck ett easy, den fore wi nohwett wi se orn ar common en moosa dair.

Nor se time f' dem raes yet but plenty sullun bouwt setten up furret. Dem who hadda horse f' raes se jes begenna tun up en orl ucklun starn bouwt en talk a'gadda short while. Sum dem oela maen tease ucklun yungun en call ucklun eeyulla skrepa en ars ef wi noe whutta wae f' ride a horse? Albert gurret, but I ooni laugh orn dem, en hi soon kum gude. Wae dem tull – d' proof a pudden een d' itten. Wi si whuthen happen whar!

Car enna truck full a sullun begenna tun up so wi shef dem horse o'er d' tadda side a dar golf course ouwta wae bembair wun dem lettlet sullun do sumthen mard roun dem horse kloesa gen d' start. Dar f' mine se begenna jumpy en jig bouwt d'bargenen ess real raes horse.

I nawa mine koss maek dem gairl arta orn me, en I feel real wharwuha. I stig ouwt myse chest en sael pars feelen houw gude.

Rouwn side dem horse ess had Old Bob writen douwn d' naem f' orl dem rider, en wun maen lorng f' hem was checken dem horse. Hi kum krors gen me en write myse naem orn dar paper too. Hi arsa mi whuts myse aege, en when I larn 15 hi ooni grunt fore hi walk wae. I teck myse horse o'er gen Albert en wi starn dair let uckluns horse graze en look orn dem tadda horse enna rider. Semmes-a-thing ooni had me en hem worn ess young rider, but den wi si Waed o'er farya, hi saem aege ess ucklun but ess nairsy-un soe wi yoosa sti wae frum ett. I mean I gwen ride fars en beat hem.

Se time f' start dar fuss raes soe dem larna ucklun mounwt up en get ready. Een two shaeks I se orn myse horse en headen douwn f' line up lorng f' dem tadda horse orn ar line. Ooni had bouwt 8 tadda horse – wun a dem dair g' laem soe nawa run en nadda wun dar fulla inspecten tull too morga en wouldn't let ett run. Dem horse se excited en jostlen bouwt. I bin shorten myse stirrup d'bargnen I ess real jockey en I lean forwud holen myse reins ready f' dar start. Den dar gun crack, en wi orf en runnen.

Rouwn dar fuss korna wi goe orl t'gadda, den wi begenna string ouwt ess dem farsun, semmes myse horse, get up frunt. I kar whairs Albert, but I si Waed kloes een frunt me. I kick myse horse en wi ketch up lorng f' hem en d' two ucklun fight f' dar lead rouwn em ben tull wi se orn ar hoem stretch. Dar krouwd se excited en plenty belowen ouwt, but I nawa teck any notice a dar. Had nadda horse chaesen ucklun. D' 3 ucklun was fly tare gallopen alorng – hadda dot flyen up en wi thunda gen ar finish line. Waed jes een frunt. Sullun cheeren en callen ouwt a thing. I sohry Waed se win, en I mean I gwen beat ett orn ar nexun.

Dem tadda horse begenna kum een krors ar line. Wun dem hardly se dair en begenna buck en heawe orf d' rider, Hussa. Hi straet back orn en get bucked orf gaen. 3 ulla 4 time do daffy – dar krouwd was laughen en giwen hem kurri furret. Finally, he get orn en ride ar horse o'er dar waeten area.

Dar next raes semmes-a-thing teck lorng time f' call ett. Yoo fine ess f' let uckluns horse cool orf. Finally time se kum en wi line up gaen. I maek sure I lorngside Waed soe I ell keep a eye orn. Dar gun fire, en

wae wi goe. Des time had wun gairl's horse eena lead, en doomine wae wi try, wi kar ketch ett. I ooni run third – Albert een frunt me f' sekun.

I meanen dar third raes gwen be mine. Myse horse se feel ett too en once wi start his laeg hardly touch a grouwn. Wi fly rouwn dar track en noen a dem ell ketch ucklun. Wi streak krors dar line en se win. Wun dem gairl I yoosa tinna-eye orn belloh ouwt ooda me, en I quite peppa.

Orn t' dar 4<sup>th</sup> raes, en dae wun ess grudge raes. Waed meanen hi gwen beat me des time, en I meanen hi nor gwen. Nawa had soe much horse des time – sum se tired en sum dem rider se hilly I thort. Enihouw wi line up f' start en wae wi goe. Noen dem tadda wun hadda charns – dae wun ess between me en Waed en wi g' neck en neck rouwn dar track. Orn dar lars corner he jess dair een frunt me, but I dig een en wi right lorngside kummen up dar straet. Right orn dar lars 2 meters I jess get een frunt en beat hem krors dar line. Hi nunnoo en ugly ooda me but I nawa care. I se giddy f' happy!

Dad kum krors en larna mi dars nuff raes – myse horse se futtoo en dar lars raes ess vets wun. I se kine-a futtoo too en quite glaird f' get orf en watch dar larsun while myse horse graez. Dad tull he ell hoel myse horse f' I get sumthen f' itt. I walk krors gen ar krouwd a gairl en swagga pars. Myse mum hadda wettles f' I itt en I glaid furret. Dar krouwd maek plenty noise when ar lars raes kum douwn dar straet. I stop dair en belloh lorng f' dem.

Dars ett Raes Dae se dun en sullun begenna pack up f' start. I walk krors en get myse horse f' ride hoem. Albert dair waiten f' me en wi mouwnt up en start. Was a lorng sloe walk hoem f' ucklun – dem horse se tired en ucklun d' same wae. I se haw nuff a raesen f' nouw.





