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Wedding Jells



Remember how I told you my mum L♥VES **PARTIES!** and quite likes her boyfriend, Julian? Well she's thought of the BEST excuse for a party EVER!

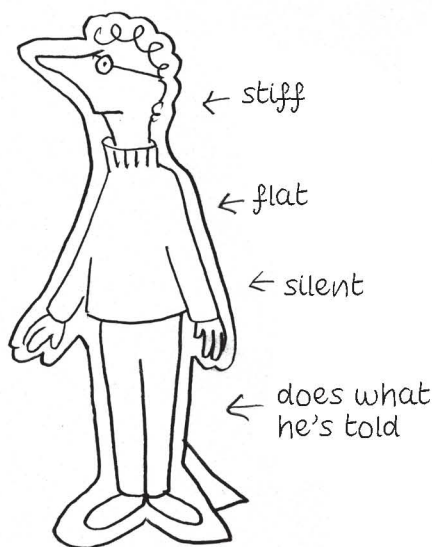
She and Julian are getting married! It's a leap year, so SHE asked HIM.

He tried to get out of it.

I don't mind getting married as long as I don't have to be there.



Would a cardboard cut-out of me do? No one will be able to tell the difference.



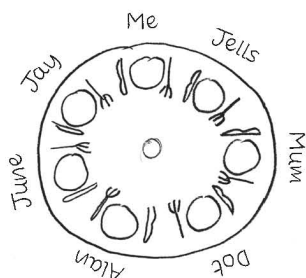
Mum was plumoxed for a moment.
Then she S-L-O-W-L-Y started to
take offence.

If you don't marry
me I'll KILL you!

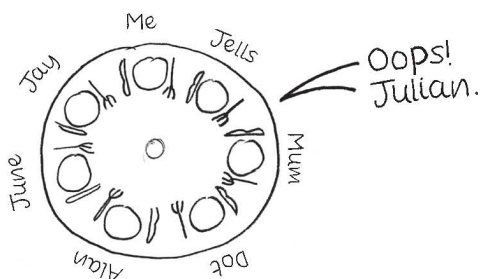
Oh, OK, if I have to.



It wasn't the most **romantic** of proposals or acceptances but Mum was satisfied and immediately started doing the table plan . . .



. . . forgetting to include Julian.



It was Mum's fourth marriage so it obviously wasn't going to be a big posh affair with a meringue dress, a **GIANT** cake and **embarrassing** speeches. Just something small and informal . . .

AS IF !!!?*?!?

She wanted six bridesmaids to suit her shades-of-summer colour scheme.

They were going to be:

- * Me
- * Mum's annoying friend's annoying daughter Brittainee from L.A.
- * Annoying Cousin Amelia, who's only 8 but thinks she knows everything



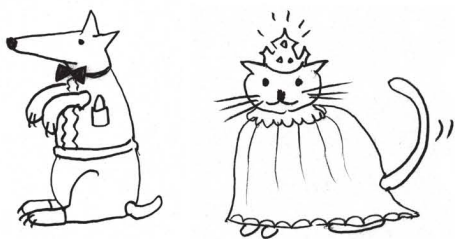
And in desperation:

- * My best friends, Myf and Roobs
- * Cat



Fatty the dog and Ricky from next door were going to be pageboys, and Fatty was also the ring bearer.

(Yes, you can get cat and dog wedding outfits. If you don't believe me, look on eBay.)



My annoying older brother Jay is going to be best man, and his



friends – Jock, Brendan and Roger (my ex-crush) – ushers.

(Obviously, I was only cheered up for a nanosecond regarding Roger's involvement – he would be bound to see me looking my **worst** – again.)

Myf and Roobs were **'shaking'** with excitement, Julian with naked FEAR and Jay with repressed **'rage'** about being best man.

I already couldn't take any more!
And I'd only known for 2 minutes and 6 seconds.

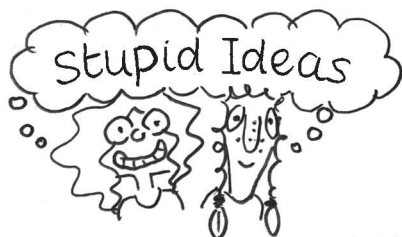
Annoying Brittainee

Me, me, boys, me, me



Annoying Cousin Amelia





I met Myf and Roobs in the Faithful Club shed in my back garden. We have been members of the Faithful Club since primary school but now we are at Big School it has become more of a secret CLUB to avoid any accusations of immaturity.

Ricky Chin from next door is our only boy member, and had obviously already forgotten about the meeting.

Instead he was in the garden torturing Fatty (who considers himself to be Ricky's BFF) with a digestive biscuit. A fine pair of pageboys they'll make.



Myf and Roobs were VERY EXCITED about being bridesmaids because they had

never been bridesmaids before.....



Whereas I had three times.



I let them get it out of their systems before we got down to the **serious** business of the day . . .

How to raise enough money to get tickets to see **OM.G.!**

OM.G! are our FAVOURITE band.
Even Ricky (secretly) likes them
and they are going on TOUR
this year!!



The members are:

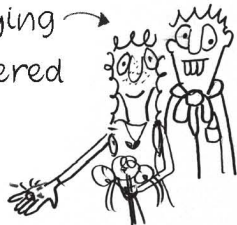
Keyboards and lead singer – **Buster Bauble**
(who Myf and I not-so-secretly fancy)

Lead guitar – **Archie Triumph**

Bass – **Dizzy Deakins**

Drums – **Jaz Jenkins**

Jaz Jenkins is the ugly one who Roobs
fancies, because she did a mathematical
equation to work out which one she has the
greatest chance of marrying
using information gathered
on their website.....



JAZ JENKINS
Twitter followers: 3
Height: 4'9"
Weight: 7 stone
Age: 17
Interests: Maths, computers, Manga



We play their album
We ♥ **O.M.G.!** continuously.

Right, OK, ideas to make money.

Last meeting we said:



1. Go on Dragon's Den –
stupid idea
2. Buy a shop – totally stupid
3. Rent out shed – bit stupid
4. Have fete – slightly less
stupid, but still stupid
5. Beauty parlour, cleaning
service, put on musical in
West End . . .

STUPID, STUPID, STUPID.