



Welcome to the Back Issues Sales leaflet and a look at Followers' publications and their beginnings.

In 1983 a gentleman by the name of Tony Shuker decided he would like to share his love of all things Rupert and formed the Followers of Rupert. As a means of conveying news and views on Rupert he started producing the *Nutwood* journals. There were thirteen editions of *Nutwood* altogether, each one produced by Tony, containing such items as the now familiar "Rupert in the Daily Express" (but then on a less frequent basis), "Nutwood Portraits" and "Postbox". There was also an article by Terence Stamp in *Nutwood* no.3 and an interview with Terry Jones in *Nutwood* no.4, amongst other celebrity features, and *Nutwood* no.7 included an extensive tribute section following the death of Alfred Bestall.

As well as producing the *Nutwood* Tony also produced the *Followers' Notes* which, until recently, were out of stock but are now available again through the photocopy service.

In addition a number of *Nutwood Specials* were produced, including the now out of print *In Conversation with Alfred Bestall* and *Rupert: The Daily Express Annual – A Fiftieth Birthday Celebration*. More recent, and still available, *Nutwood Specials* are *In Conversation with John Harrold*, *Rupert and the Daily Express*, a seventy-fifth anniversary special chronicling Rupert's development in the Daily Express from 1920 to 1995, and Mary Tourtel's *Rupert in Dreamland*.

In 1990 Tony Shuker resigned his positions of secretary and *Nutwood* editor, Raymond Cassidy took over as secretary/editor and the *Nutwood Newsletter* was born. The *Newsletter* combined the best elements of *Nutwood* and the *Followers' Notes* and has continued the excellence established by Tony Shuker.

In addition to these publications we have the *Bestall Reprints*. Originally these were six *Specials* which put into book form the seven Bestall stories which had not previously been printed in the annuals. The seven stories, with their issue dates, are:



- Book 1 – *Rupert and Dinkie/ Rupert and the Coronation*
- Book 2 – *Rupert and Prince Crab*
- Book 3 – *Rupert and the Last Cracker*
- Book 4 – *Rupert and the Unicorn*
- Book 5 – *Rupert and the Tree House*
- Book 6 – *Rupert and the Weather Man*

- (July 1991)
- (September 1995)
- (December 1994)
- (August 1994)
- (August 1994)
- (September 1995)



Note: *Rupert and the Unicorn* was Alfred's favourite story as he had a great interest in heraldry, which was the main theme running through the story.

To these were later added two books containing the short stories which were published in the *Boys' and Girls' Book, 1936* (Book 7) and the *Boys' and Girls' Book, 1937* (Book 8). Both of these are now out of stock but are available through the photocopy service. In 2000 we added *Rupert on Coon Island*, the story that was responsible for the 1946 Annual not being produced as a facsimile, and followed that in 2001 with *Rupert's Christmas Adventure/ Rupert and the Goblin Cobbler*. More recent additions have been *Rupert and the Jack-in-the-Box* (2005) and *Rupert and the Flying Bottle* (2008). Between times, in 2003, we added a *Special* focusing on Origami, a feature introduced into the Annuals by Alfred Bestall in 1946. To the *Bestall Reprints* we have now added a series of reprints of Mary Tourtel stories, with specially commissioned colouring by Gina Hart, starting with *Rupert and the Twins' Birthday Cake/Rupert and the New Neighbours* and *Rupert's Christmas Pudding* and continuing with *Rupert and the Snowman/Rupert and Bingo* and *Rupert at School*.

These then are the sort of publications available from Back Issues Sales. Some are unfortunately out of stock, others are plentiful, while a few will shortly run out.

We already have some special offers in place on the Back Issues Sales form however, if any new member purchases *In Conversation with John Harrold*, *Rupert and the Daily Express*, *Rupert and the Origami Master* and *Rupert on Coon Island* within four weeks of joining, all four publications can be purchased for the special price of £14.00 as opposed to the published price of £17.50. In addition to the above offer we are also making the offer of a bundle of 25 copies of *Nutwood Newsletter* at the special price of £35.00 (against a list price of £49). Please note, postage and packaging advised on application either by post to the address on the form below or by e-mail to [mikeward.nutwood@talktalk.net](mailto:mikeward.nutwood@talktalk.net).

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