

Liz Bentley:

Book Extract

A Smaller Place

I've been studying aeroplanes and how airhostesses deliver refreshments via trolleys On my next flight I will time their comings and goings and at a point at which all toilets are blocked from all seated passengers we shall be in the toilet queue to become members of the mile high club.

The toilets are small but so am I and have managed in the very small ones on trains.

Is trolly dolly an abusive term for an airhostess?

As a child I wanted to become a trolly dolly but I was deemed too short. I probably like to call trolly dollies trolly dollies because I envied them. They had something that I could never have at their age.

For all I know, a certain height may not be criteria for this position now, but I'm 45 and the job doesn't appeal to me anymore.

I was also too short to become an ambulance person. They told me that it would be a problem carrying stretchers. "We don't want patients sliding off" they said.

I asked them why they couldn't employ two people of small height then this wouldn't be an issue. They said "but what would happen if one went off sick? Sickness is a huge problem in the NHS."

Up and coming gigs -

Wednesday Feb 24th 2010 7.45pm £3
Articulate Apples and Snakes
ARC, Stockton Arts Centre, Dovecot Street,
Stockton on Tees TS18 1LL UK

Thursday Feb 25th 8.30pm £5
Rhythum and Muse
The Lion, 27 Wick Road, Teddington, TW11 9DN

Sunday 7th March doors 6pm show 7pm £10 Finger in the Pie
Madame JoJo's
8-10 Brewer Street
Soho, London W1F OSE

Monday March 8th 6.30pm
International Women's day event
Ross Street Community Centre
Cambridge CB1 3UZ

Thursday March 4th 8.30pm £5
Bang Goes the Gun Poetry Night
The Roebuck
50 Great Dover Street
London SE1 4YG

Wednesday March 10th 7.30pm £3
Compering Poetry Open Mic with Apples
and Snakes
Vibe Bar
The Truman Brewery
91 Brick Lane
London E1 6QL

Saturday 20th March 12pm - 2pm Free
Sundown Multimedia
Union Chapel
Compton Avenue, Islington, N1 2XD

Saturday 20th March 8.30pm £5
Women's comedy night @ The Magnolia
211 Lordship Lane, Dulwich
London, SE22 8HA

Friday May 7th (£125 members £195
non members)
CPC 2010 Conference Kings Fund,
11-13 Cavendish Square, London W1G
0AN
Certainty.....The 8th Deadly Sin
Working in Uncertain Times

Hope to see you very soon. If you have read this far then I am truly appreciative of your time and I assure you will enjoy the gigs and the books. Please don't hesitate to review the book on-line.