



WHAT'S IN A NAME MISKELLY



Written by my brother Kieron John Miskelly on the birth of his son
Kieron Christopher



NO, SON I didn't find it on the packet of corn flakes. And it's not an anagram from the Daily Telegraph crossword.

Kieron Miskelly is 100pc Irish - and it's given me trouble than I've had pints of Guinness and you've had rusks.

So why am I passing it on to you? Blame your grandma. Towards the end of the forties she had a crush on a certain Irish film actor called Kieron Moore - he was the heart-throb of the day. Why, I'm still trying to discover because each time he pops up on telly he plays a villain in a horror movie! Now there's no need to scream yourself silly. I'm sure it wasn't a reflection on how your dad looked at your age. Anyway think yourself lucky... she also like Rin-Tin-Tin.

Well, I'm passing it on to you in the hope that you will pass it on to your son and so on. And believe me, after 29 years you'll be happy to pass it on!

When you start toddling around in the big wide world don't expect any favours from tiny tot pals. For awhile you'll just have to get used to being known as Wotsisname, him at No.6 and just plain 'it'.

You see it's tough enough for adults to get their tongues around Kieron Miskelly. Heavens knows what would come out if you asked a toddler to say it.

I'd stop that gurgling and grinning if I was you. It gets worse when we send you down the road to a place called 'school'. That's when your problems really start.

You'll find that teachers suddenly start grinning at roll call when heir eyes catch the name tucked in between Miller and Mitchell.

Usually the first dozen or so names on the register dissolve into one quickly spoken word. Now this isn't because the tracher wants to get the roll call over. No. As soon as he gets through 'Andrews,Black,Davies,Edwards,Francis,Ford,Jones,Laspping,McGarr,Miller...' he'll suddenly roll his eyes, make sure he has the gaze of the rest of the class and slowly say 'Miss..... Kelly...'

This is followed by five minutes of hysteria and ten years of being called everything from Miss Kelly to Miss Spelly at every turn. There'll be a bit of welcome relief when your real chums just call you Skelly.

And another ting you'll more than be glad to see the back off is the new term at school. this is the yo-yo season for us Miskellys. That's because you'll forever be standing up then sitting down after you explain that your name is spelt **K-I-E-R-O-N M-I-S-K-E-L-L-Y** to every teacher who asks.

And when you start sitting your exams don't go scribbling your name at the top of the paper in longhand. Write it out in capital letters. An exam certificate for Miss K Kelly is no use to you.