



Transform Your Team – 25th September 2017 “I was lost and then I was found.”

#The Essential News Story - Bowled over Vicar reunited with cricket ball 38 years after losing it

A vicar has been bowled over after being reunited with the cricket ball he lost 38 years ago - as a seven-year-old boy. Reverend Simon Ward, 45, mislaid the shiny red ball in 1979 while playing with it in the garden of the rectory where he lived with his family. When they moved out, he jokingly asked the new occupants to keep a look out for his beloved ball, never expecting to see it again.

But almost four decades later, the cricket ball, which he bought with his pocket money, resurfaced in an old neighbour's pond. Simon said: 'It was brand new, a nice shiny cricket ball, my first one. 'We barely got the first over before it got lost, I remember I cried my eyes out.

'It was one of those curious things. It's (the ball) is now a shrivelled husk of its former glory. It's not the red shiny ball I fell in love with. But it was charming to discover it.' The cricket ball was found by Rosie Bunn - the current rector of the All Saints Church, at the rectory in Belton, Norfolk. Work was being done on the bathing pond, thought to be a relic from a bygone age, when it was scraped from the muddy bank. 'I saw him on Friday, the day before we found it, and we talked about it. 'We've just been working on it (the pool) and found it in the mud.

'The red leather of the ball is rotten now, it's been a long time. But it was definitely the inside of a cricket ball.' Simon used to live in the rectory when his father was the rector at Belton and Burgh Castle, near Great Yarmouth, Norfolk. He then moved to Norwich before returning to the parish to live with his wife Georgette, two sons, two cats, tortoise, and fish. Speaking about the cricket ball find, Simon added: 'We are calling it the curious incident of the cricket ball in the pond. 'We had a laugh about it, I remembered the bible passage 'I was lost and then I was found.'

View from @PhilJBish – Lost looking for your marbles? – what are you searching for in your heart?

Tootles one of the lost boys appears in almost all Peter Pan related material. He is described as the humblest of the Lost Boys because of his terrible luck with adventures: as soon as Tootles goes away to complete a chore or some such, bloody battles and thrilling adventures take place. Later in Neverland, Thud Butt gives Peter a small bag containing Tootles' marbles, revealing that they were his happy thoughts and he lost them literally rather than metaphorically. Once Peter and his children return home, Peter gives Tootles his marbles and rejoices. Lost but now found ! Finally a Leona Lewis song has some interesting words .

“Why do we say things we can't take back, Why do we miss what we never had, Both of us fell to the ground
The love was so lost, it couldn't be found, Why do you tend to forget whose vain
I'm tired of crying at the sound of your name, Why don't we turn this around, love ain't the enemy
Don't you want to be lost then found, lost then found, lost then found, Love ain't the enemy, We could be lost then found.”

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