

Resolutions, Resolutions

This is a sketch about new year resolutions

Cast: husband and wife. Husband is dozing in a chair when wife enters

W Happy New Year!

H *(looking washed out)* Urrr

W Come on, be happy – it's a whole new year ahead!

H I think I'll give it a miss this year.

W Come on you miserable man, just because you were up late last night to see the new year in

H I wish I were back in bed – I think I'll go back

W Come on. You've got nothing a brisk walk around the block won't blow out!

H What's all this happiness with you? I don't remember you being happy yesterday. In fact, I don't remember you being happy. Have you fallen over and bumped your head?

W *(sarkily)* Ha ha.... No it's my New Year's Resolution. I'm going to have a positive attitude to life this year. No more worrying about this and that. I have resolved to always be bright and happy!

H And how many hours is that going to last? Perhaps as long as your resolution last year not to pig out on prawn cocktail crisps? Remind me of what I caught you doing the week after?

W Ok, I admit that it was a bit ambitious.

H So how long do you think "Mrs Happy" is going to last?

W It's going to last all year. A joyful spirit is one that brightens everyone's day?

H And where did you get all that nonsense from?

W The Blue Peter Annual 2004 actually. If we were all nicer to one another then the world will be a better place.

H And the rest. *(looks out the window)* Hey isn't that next door's cat digging up the spring bulbs you planted last week.

W *(angrily)* I'll kill that mangy beast. Just wait until I get my hands on that Mavis next door. She should keep her pet under control. That cat is nothing but a pest.

H Wait wait That resolution lasted ... about 5 minutes. Not quite as good as the prawn cocktail crisps last year.

W Ha, ha. So what about your resolution Mister Clever.

H I haven't made one

W So you're so bad that you can't keep them then?

H No, it's because I'm so good at keeping my resolution in 2000.

W And what was that then?

H I resolved to never make another new year's resolution – and I've kept it ever since. No problem.

W *(sarkily)* Ha, ha.

H *(looking out again)* Hey, that cat next door has brought in five moggie friends to dig up your bulbs. It always did like tulip beds. I guess it's made a resolution to pester you big-time this year!

W Right. That's it. Come here you moggies – dig up my tulip bulbs would you? *(marches off)*

H *(to audience)* Tut, tut. Poor pussy cats they'll have to make a run for it. Remember children, don't try this at home