

Hamelin Gazette

Pied Piper removes Rats

At last Hamelin has been freed of the ugly plague of rats. Many of our people have lost loved pets – cats, dogs and other precious animals. The huge rats which stole our food and ruined our lives have gone! And the hero is a strange, tall thin man with nothing more than a pipe!

Mayor Hans Gruber tells us more. “We had a meeting in the Town Hall and this strange man walked in. He promised to get rid of our rats. We didn’t really believe that it was possible, but it was worth a try. Now we are free!”

Witnesses tell us that the piper just played his pipe and all the rats came out of the houses and followed him. When they came to the river, they all jumped in and were drowned.

“It was amazing!” say Mrs June Graveness. “The rats didn’t try to escape, they just dived in and drowned. I am so grateful.”

The hero did not want to say anything to the papers. All the same, there is a rumour that he is not happy. The town clerk, James Dorney, reports, “We told him that we would pay him 10,000 Guilders, but we didn’t believe he could do it. Now the rats are gone, it looks as if the Mayor won’t pay. I was told that the Piper has said threatened us, but I’m not sure what he can do. After all, the rats are all dead now.”

Lets hope that the mayor doesn’t do anything stupid now!