



Write your own Will

Mr & Mrs Cobweb thought it would be a great idea to make a will, but they didn't want to go to the expense of using a Solicitor, nor did they really want to discuss their business with a complete stranger!!

Mrs Cobweb saw a form in the Post Office "*Write Your Own Will*" ! "Marvellous" she thought "that's just what we want" and rushed home with two – one for her and one for him!

The form came with advice but, of course, Mr & Mrs Cobweb were not sure of the relevant laws, nor did they fully understand how it should be correctly executed.

Nevertheless, they knew it was very important to make a will and they knew exactly how they wanted to leave their money and possessions. They didn't want *that Government* to end up with even more of their hard-earned cash than they had already taken!

Mrs Cobweb's will was easy – she was leaving all her money and possessions split equally between her two children, Frankie & Bennie. She wrote her will accordingly and, needing two witnesses, she asked "that Jean from next door" and got Frankie to sign it on his way out to the pub! (She knew that her witnesses should both be over the age of 18!)

Tragically, some months later Mrs Cobweb was knocked over by the number 9 bus and killed outright!

The family discovered Mrs Cobweb's handwritten will in the kitchen drawer but were horrified to be told that Frankie's bequest was invalid because a beneficiary cannot also be a witness to a will!

Poor Frankie, there was nothing he could do but appeal to his brother's better nature or make a claim against the estate, which would be both costly and lengthy.

Relations became strained between Frankie & Bennie, who never spoke to each other again Mrs Cobweb would have turned in her grave!!

The moral of the story is don't risk getting it wrong – employ a professional to make sure your wishes are carried out to the letter.