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Bugs Flying Around With Wings Are Flying Bugs
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Yesterday Ben the baker's son made a miraculous discovery.

Since the dawn of time our ancestors have presumed winged insects such as flying ants, grasshoppers, ladybirds and the ironically named 'fly' used their small transparent wings for nothing more than propellers, decoration, or intimidation strategies.

I am sure not one of us has failed to notice while lounging in the sun on a warm summer's day a small blue-bottle frantically circling his little wings (not unlike an air boat on the Florida swamps being pursued by an alligator) in an attempt to out run a hungry spider.

Or two male grasshoppers battling at each other with their long thin sugar paper wings (much resembling two gentlemen having a bitch fight in the early hours of a Saturday night outside the local gay bar) in an effort to win over an on-looking lady grasshopper.

It is also common knowledge especially among those of us who are in the habit of making long car journeys, or who perhaps work for a haulage company, that bugs which require migration such as the midge and its cousin mosquito will hitch a lift by lying flat to the windscreen of our unsuspecting vehicles, or cling for dear life to the bumper head lights, radiator etc. before depositing themselves at their desired location.

However it seems that evolution has finally caught up with our bug buddies as Ben the baker's son watched (the now aptly named) fly soar through the air towards him and land in Mrs Maple of Trout Stream Lane's custard cream bun.

Unfortunately Ben was too startled and in a state of great disbelief to warn Mrs Maple before she gobbled the bun up, cream, custard, fly and all.

It is said Mrs Maple is in fine health but has been kept in hospital over night for further tests.

Now are we to believe our lives can carry on undisturbed by our now airborne insect companions, or could this be the beginning of the end?

All I know is that my house is now an insect safe zone, if they rise up, I want to be on their side!