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Put us all out of their misery

It was terribly brave of Richard and Judy to reveal that they have agreed a "death pact". Should either one of them become seriously ill, the other has agreed to bash their head in with a spade, like you would a mortally wounded badger. This revelation has caused controversy, but my worry is that they have laden down this pact with too many caveats.

Richard Madeley insisted it would be only a "last resort", when all hope had gone and illness had incapacitated one of the two of them. That is possibly leaving it too late: why should they have to suffer at all? I think Judy Finnigan, or Richard, should get the spade out of the shed right now and prop it up by the side of their marital bed, in preparation for the moment when Richard develops a nagging cough, or she is beset by inexplicable headaches.

Looks like the head teacher Laura Blair will soon be back in business, with her exciting, progressive, go-ahead ideas. She formerly ran a school in Surrey where teachers were authorised to hand out razor blades to a pupil so the girl could self-harm "safely" then have her wounds dressed in a sanitary environment.

I don't know if this self-harming was marked by teachers — "scarcely a graze; come on, you can do better than that (C-)" — but probably not, as it would only further lower the self-esteem of the pupils.

Anyway, Blair has been cleared of misconduct by the National College for Teaching and Leadership, which is presumably sponsored by Gillette.