

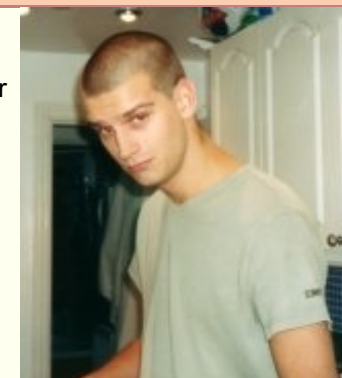
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About me

My name is Jake Waskett. I am a 33 year old gay man, currently living in the North of England.

I am a computer software engineer, an unashamed nerd, and a Linux user. I am fascinated by computer operating system design.




Milestones

As of today (20 Jun 2010), I've been editing Wikipedia for about four and a half years, and have made exactly 12,117 edits.

Major edits

These articles needed a friend, so I adopted them:

- [Amchitka](#) ★
- [Balanitis xerotica obliterans](#)
- [British nuclear tests at Maralinga](#) 
- [Orford Ness](#)
- [Circumcision](#) (along with [Bioethics of neonatal circumcision](#), [Medical analysis of circumcision](#), [Prevalence of circumcision](#), etc. See below)

Adoption plans

I intend to adopt these articles at some point:

- [Operation Chariot \(1958\)](#)
- [Totskoye range](#)
- [Kharan District](#)
- [Kiritimati](#)
- [Lop Nur](#)
- [Malden Island](#)
- [Moruroa](#)
- [Montebello Islands](#)
- [Smiling Buddha and Pokhran \(merge?\)](#)
- [Novaya Zemlya](#)
- [Ras Koh](#)
- [Semipalatinsk Test Site](#)
- [White Sands Missile Range](#)
- [Tsar Bomba](#)
- [Bawdsey](#)
- [North Sea oil](#)

Created articles

- [Underground nuclear testing](#) (currently in MPMILHIST peer review)

Circumcision

In 2003, I became aware of the deceptive activities of many activist groups opposed to neonatal circumcision. My research has continued and intensified since, and I now consider myself something of an expert on the subject. I've published several letters and articles on the subject in academic journals.

I am neither in favour of or against neonatal circumcision, but am opposed to misleading information. As the American Academy of Pediatrics states, "[t]o make an informed choice, parents of all male infants should be given accurate and unbiased information and be provided the opportunity to discuss this decision." How nice to have an (unintentional) endorsement for [NPOV](#) and [Verifiability](#)!

Barnstars/Other

I'm suitably honoured. :-) - **Jakew** 13:30, 30 Jan 2005 (UTC)

Indeed. I don't always agree with you, Jake, but your calmness under fire is something I admire greatly. [Kasreyn](#) 21:50, 25 May 2006 (UTC)



The Template Barnstar

For creating [KIS](#) alternatives for all those users who prefer to Keep It Simple I add here a lapel pin barnstar in case you want to add to your KIS rack.



[Heltzen](#) 08:45, 29 August 2007 (UTC)]



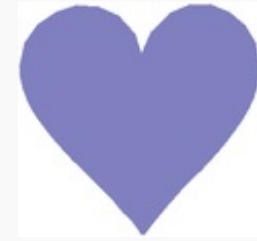
Awarded by [Theo](#) for the warmth shown by starting the [Wikipedia:Nominations for WikiMedals](#).]]



I award you the Barnstar of Tireless Contributor, for your valour shown in warding off trolls on [circumcision](#)-related pages. [JFW](#) / [T@lk](#) 22:17, 12 June 2006 (UTC)]]



I award you the Barnstar of Tireless Contributor, for your ridiculously thorough work on [Amchitka](#). [drumguy8800](#) c t 23:21, 18 October 2006 (UTC)]]



In gratitude for all the thankless work you do around here - **especially** for dealing with the onslaught by anti-circumcision activists who would have others tearing their hair out - I hearby award you this [purple heart](#). - [Robert the Bruce](#) 05:37, 30 Jan 2005 (UTC)]]



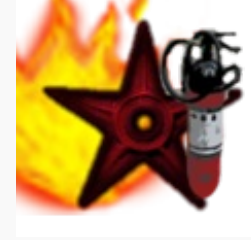
I award you this Civility barnstar, for always remaining civil in the face of incessant and entirely unwarranted incivility. [Jayjg](#) ^(talk) 06:12, 8 July 2008 (UTC)



I award you this Editor's barnstar for insisting on the highest quality sourcing and most neutral presentation of material for all articles. [Jayjg](#) ^(talk) 06:15, 8 July 2008 (UTC)



For demonstrating, with boundless patience and logic, that the pen is mightier than the sword; for basing arguments firmly on policies and reliable sources while consistently upholding Wikipedia's [neutral-point-of-view policy](#); and for some of the Wikipedianliest comments I've ever seen in policy talk page discussions, I, [Coppertwig](#), hereby award thee, Jakew, this well-earned barnstar. 😊 01:51, 9 July 2008 (UTC)



By staying cool, calm and collected – and courteous – no matter how frumious or flainstering the situation, thou hast earned this Anti-Flame Barnstar, which I, [Coppertwig](#) hereby bestow upon thee. 😊 01:51, 9 July 2008 (UTC)



Jakew, I award you this barnstar for the unexpected move of (temporarily) restoring the NPOV tag to the Circumcision article on June 3, and for your unfailing civility and patience in continuing discussions (not to mention an exactitude which renders me almost aneologic). ☺ [Coppertwig](#) ([talk](#)) 22:37, 19 June 2010 (UTC)

Random thoughts on WP policies...

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Warning: the following is is neither policy nor guideline, though it is based upon both.

"But it cites sources" is a surprisingly common argument for using an [unreliable](#) source in Wikipedia, but it is not a valid argument for inclusion.

Anyone familiar with editing Wikipedia itself will know that misrepresentation of sources is a common problem. The fact that a source is cited is no guarantee that the source supports the claims made. Occasionally there is doubt about even the *existence* of a source. In the case of *reliable* sources, some of the qualities that make it reliable (checking by others, peer review processes in particular) help to guard against this. But in the case of an unreliable source (such as a random web page), there are no checks.

Furthermore, sources (both reliable and otherwise) are not bound by our prohibition against [original research](#), so they may extrapolate far beyond their source material, and — again, because the source is not reliable — we cannot have any confidence

that these extrapolations would be considered reasonable, or even sane, by experts in the field.

Thus, in a limited way, many web-based sources are actually *less* reliable than Wikipedia itself, since at least multiple editors watch Wikipedia and are able to verify additions (it should be noted, however, that Wikipedia is not considered a reliable source). However, it may be worth retrieving each of the sources cited, to evaluate whether they can be cited *instead*.

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