

The Chronicle

Parish Magazine for Aston Abbotts



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



December 1994 No. 132



Welcome to the December Chronicle.

Can there really be only three weeks until Christmas? This issue is packed with festive recipes, festive humour and even festive adverts so any Scrooges out there may as well stop reading now.

I have enjoyed editing this months copy (well, apart from the typing) and have been greatly helped by contributions from all sorts of people. This is what the Chronicle is all about - I am sure there are many more articles as yet unwritten, so, don't be shy, put pen to paper right now and pass your contribution to Caroline at 2 Church Row. I'll end in the traditional manner (and at the traditional time, Chris) by wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Deirdre Whyte.

P.S. This weeks winning numbers were 6, 7, 9, 23, 27, 36 & 49



Please deliver anything to be included in the January issue to
2 Church Row by Friday 23rd December

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GOOD LUCK TO ANDY BYSTRA FOR THE JANUARY ISSUE

What's on

THURSDAY 8th Whist Drive, Church Room 7.30pm
TUESDAY 13th Floral Class Church Room 7.00pm
THURSDAY 15th Bingo Church Room 7.30pm
SUNDAY 18th Rambling Club meet L.Buzz.Tesco car park 2pm
THURSDAY 22nd Whist Drive Church Room 7.30pm

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THURSDAY 5th Whist Drive Church Room 7.30pm
SUNDAY 8th Rambling Club meet Weston Underwood(Olney) 2pm
THURSDAY 12th Bingo (In Aid of Lifeboat) Church Room 7.30pm

CHURCH NEWS

Winners in the November St. James's 100 CLUB draw were:
Mr. M. Hasler, Mr. A. Ford and Mr. D. Von Simpson.

The last fundraising activity (for 1994) in aid of St. James Church was held in the Church Room on Saturday (19th) in the form of a QUIZ EVENING which raised £65.50.

Thankyou to everyone who has supported our fund raising events; given prizes, refreshments or helped in anyway to make them such a success.

Regulars

Tuesdays
Trawler wet fish shop,
The Green, 1.40 - 2.00pm

Mobile Library,
Wingrave Road, 9.30 -
9.45am
The Green, 9.50 - 10.20am

Tuesdays, Thursdays
Butchers van,
about 3-4pm. Will deliver to
door. (0296 75220)

Wednesdays
Bin Day
Toddlers, Church Room
2-4pm.
Fish & Chip van

Bricstock 8pm -ish
Bull & Butcher 8.15 -ish

Fridays

Free bus to Tesco in
Aylesbury, depart from The
Green 10.06am, arrives Tesco
11.01am and back to Aston
Abbotts at about 1.40pm.



REFUSE COLLECTION FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON

Usual day Wednesday 28th December - Collected on Thursday 29th

Usual day Wednesday 4th January - Collected on Thursday 5th

TUNNEL UPDATE

Not that tunnel but the Aston Abbotts Tunnel - hands up if you've heard the rumours.

Our suspicions were first raised when we noticed the amount of earth being moved from the grounds of the Bull and Butcher. Having turned one pub into two (the front being The Bull and the rear being The Butcher or is it the other way round) perhaps the landlord had decided to turn them back into one and join them together by tunnel. There seemed no other answer at which a reasonable person would arrive, given the facts before him.

So your intrepid reporter set out to interview the landlord face to face. Black Frank McGuinness was confronted as he got into his car this morning and the vital question was put to him. "Black Frank" I said "Are you building a tunnel between your two pubs" A perplexed look came over Black Frank's face and he wiped a sweaty palm over his soil-stained brow. " I don't know what you mean " he replied, immediately banning myself and all of my family from both of his pubs for the next 20 years. " There is no truth in this rumour at all " he said " and if I find out the source of the leak, steps will be taken to deal with that person."

This added a whole new dimension to the issue. Where was the leak? Was it water or gas? We needed to know.

There was no other way forward. I drew myself to my full height - about level with Black Frank's belly button - and put it to him. " Black Frank, where is the leak? "

He looked at me mystified, turned on his heels and splashed away.

(to be continued)

Digger Deep.

Aston's own investigative reporter

METHODIST CHAPEL - A REPORT

Engineers were spotted in the village earlier this week. When asked what they were up to, they denied that they were checking on the Methodist Chapel to see if it had moved out of line due to problems perhaps associated with tunneling in the area.

This denial can be confirmed.

Eilleen Dover



Merry Christmas

From BRIDGET and everyone involved in
the PEOPLE page.



Happy Birthday

Thanks!

GLADYS HOOK (95)	6TH DEC.
ALISON HEWITT11TH DEC.
ROSIE MANNING.12TH DEC.
JACK TURNER.15TH DEC.
CLAIRE BARNETT18TH DEC.
MARGARET CHESHER18TH DEC.
ANDREW LOVELL.25TH DEC.
NICHOLAS OSBORNE25TH DEC.
VAL SMITH.25TH DEC.

TO LOL AND HELPERS FOR
THE EXCELLENT DISPLAY OF
FIREWORKS, AND A BONFIRE
THAT BUNRT EXTREMELY
WELL CONSIDERING THE
SOAKING IT HAD THE DAY
BEFORE.

CHRISTMAS SHOW 1994. (9TH & 10TH DEC. 8P.M.)

AT THE TIME OF WRITING THERE ARE A FEW TICKETS REMAINING FOR
THE FRIDAY NIGHT. CONTACT CHRIS ON 681425 FOR MORE INFORMATION.
I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT WE HAVE SOME FRESH BLOOD APPEARING
THIS YEAR (SUCH IS THE POWER OF THE CHRONICLE) WHICH MAKES A
PLEASANT CHANGE. RAFFLE PRIZES WOULD STILL BE APPRECIATED BY
MARGARET ON 681201, OR RITA ON 681690, OR FAILING THAT, BRING
THEM ALONG ON THE NIGHT. CHESH (681201) WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM
YOU IF YOU ARE DESPERATE TO TAKE PART. DON'T FORGET, IN THIS
SHOW IF YOU CAN TALK YOU ARE CONSIDERD TALENTED.

SEE YOU THERE.





THE FIVE ELMS

*Fires a' burning, chestnuts a' roasting, let us fill your chalices to overflowing
(a modern day christmas carol ??).....*

.....and not a TURKEY in sight....aaaaahhhhhhhhhhh, throughout the whole of December

Tranquility Base the turkey has landed.. are you over the moon ?????

SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER

NOT-A-ROAST-TURKEY-LUNCH

*BUT ...The return of our Sunday Chef, to do you a one-off special ROAST BEEF LUNCH, a
choice of homemade puds, including Xmas pudding, and coffee.*

12.30 - 2.30pm

PLEASE BOOK

£10.50 / Head

WEDNESDAY 14th DECEMBER

CHINESE EVENING

*Where the curry chef has taken leave of his senses, and traded in his BMW for a rickshaw
who is Rick Shaw anyway...actually, he was a line backer for the Calgary Stampeders.....(?)
Our Chinese Chef prepares the authentic taste of the Orient, and still no turkey !!*

7.30pm onwards

BOOKING ADVISED

£9.50 / Head

TUESDAY 20th DECEMBER

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

*Problems getting into the festive spirit ? or just lost the corkscrew ??
A candle lit pub, mince pies, mulled wine, carols and lots of festive spirit optic(ally) speaking.
.....who mentioned turkey ??*

XMAS & NEW YEARS EVE

We're here, we're open, AND we're happening....

BBQ NEW YEAR'S EVE IF DRY

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PARISH COUNCIL

Unofficial notes from the meeting on 2nd November

Planning applications

1. Stone faced boundary wall, The Abbey: this is a proposed stretch of wall to act as a noise barrier, and would be inside the existing hedge. The parish council had no objection provided that toads could still get to the moat.
2. Nash's Farm, conversion of two barns into residential and building of eight further dwellings: after much discussion among councillors and comments from members of the public present, the following comments were made. (1) Building materials had not been specified; it was extremely important that materials should complement houses in the conservation area. (2) Boundary demarcation not specified; recommended that developers plant a continuous hedge of native species, preferably holly or hawthorn. (3) What was the purpose of the access left open to the field behind? Further development in the field behind this site would be unwelcome. (4) Although not grounds for objection, the parish council felt an opportunity had been missed to provide starter homes within reach of local people; all the units, although not spacious, had three bedrooms.
3. Dwelling next to Windmill Hill Barns refused on appeal.
4. The parish council would write to object to the application to build a microlight training base in the area.

Accounts Electricity £25.66; street light repairs £93.54

AoB Caroline Lane would attend Cottesloe School Speech Day. Councillors felt the new Weedon sign outside the shop was far too high and the Clerk would send a letter to BCC. Wingrave School had asked if pupils could plant bulbs in Aston following their successful Bring & Buy sale. Councillors were pleased to grant permission and suggested possible locations. The Clerk would find out when BCC were going to mend the pavement outside 69 The Green (wrecked after the Hole in the Road fiasco).

Next meeting WEDNESDAY 14th December, 8pm, Church Room

THANK YOU

to the children who planted bulbs in the verge opposite the shop and at the entrance to Bricstock, paid for by their Bring & Buy at Wingrave School. Look out for them in the spring!



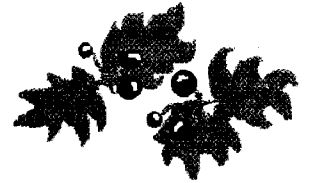
Bring & Buy

Saturday 3rd December
2-4pm, Church Room

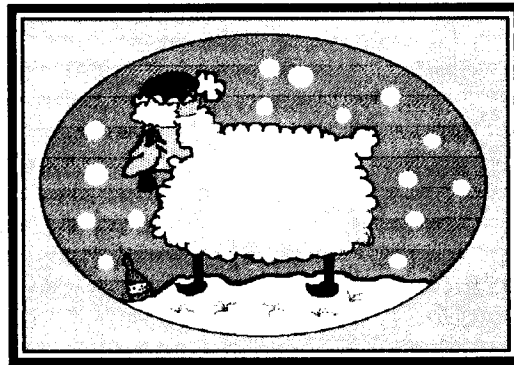
Organized by children from
Aston Abbots to provide
safe drinking water in India



LOOK



**RUGS
COATS
HATS
GLOVES**



**MOCCS
MULES
SLIPPERS
BOOTEES**

CHRISTMAS !

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Autumn

Acorn cups on the ground.

Under the great round Harvest sun.

The spiky shells with secret cakers
inside.

Up and around the wind tugs at the leaves.

Many little animals hide in the leaves

Now all the nuts are in the nut bowl.

by Sarah Smith

(Age 7)



WINGRAVE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



CHRISTMAS FAYRE



SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER 1994

2.00PM TILL 4.00PM

COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN AT THE ABOVE EVENT

LOTS OF ATTRACTIONS

FATHER CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS DRAW

CAKE STALL

REFRESHMENTS

BOOKS

TOYS

TOMBOLA

LUCKY DIP

RECTOR'S REPORT

Firstly, my thanks to those who contributed so generously to the Rwanda Appeal. At the time of writing we have raised over #450. But time passes so fast, and Rwanda and its needs have faded from the news bulletins. Their need is still as great as it was three months ago.

Getting help where it is needed on time is actually quite a good theme for a December report. After all we are all about to be caught up in the "25th December deadline". All those things that we feel that we must have completed before the 'big day'. Presents to buy, food to be prepared, cards to be sent, and all the rest of the many things that seem to be 'essential' and without which, Christmas would not seem like Christmas.

Maybe we are less good at preparing ourselves mentally and spiritually for Christmas than we should be. We do need to make time to think about the mystery of the Word made Flesh. The way in which at the right moment God came to Man's aid - sending his only Son to take our nature upon him. And we have to make that preparation against the backdrop of all the Christmas Hype. It isn't easy amid the often false bonhomie to be still and hear the still small voice - to hear the message of the angels amid the clamour of the secular hurly-burly.

* One of the ways to prepare for Christmas is to come to the Mysteries in Wingrave Church. It will be on for four evenings - 14th - 17th Dec. and - even if you don't get the message, I am sure that you will have an enjoyable evening. It is quite high on my list of "jobs to do" at the moment - or maybe that should be "words to learn".

Learning the words is much the same as getting the message. And we frequently find it takes a while to sink in. The message from Rwanda was simple - just HELP! And we have responded. The message of Christmas is similarly simple - even though it often wrapped up in the complicated language of St John's Gospel. Jesus is the Christmas present that we all really need.

I hope that you will discover his presence among your presents!

Bob Willmott

* Please see opposite page for further details.

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(Driving you to the doctor,
picking up prescription and so on)

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12 Bricstock, 681425

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20 The Green, 681201

JOHN FORD
2 Ross Road, 681865

ROY MALIN
3 Ross Road, 681358

JOHN WHYTE
14 Bricstock, 681685

GEORGE FOX
1 Church Row, 682024

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

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2 Ross Road, 681865

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2 Church Row, 681373

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11 The Green, 681488

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MARGARET CHESHER
20 The Green, 681201

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BRYAN ROUND
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PLEASE CRUSH YOUR CANS

PAPER All newspaper and
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with small quantities of
directories.)

NO CARDBOARD PLEASE

TEXTILES All old clothes, rags,
blankets

THE CENTRE IS OPEN FROM
8.30 am TO 6.30 pm
MONDAY TO SATURDAY

CHURCH SERVICES

WINGRAVE	4th Dec	10.0	Parish Communion
	11th		Communion at Aston Abbotts 10.0
	18th	10.0	Parish Communion
	24th	4.0	Blessing the Crib
		11.0	Midnight Eucharist
	25th	10.0	Morning Service at URC
	1st Jan	10.0	Parish Communion
ASTON ABBOTTS	4th Dec	11.15	Morning Worship
	11th	10.0	Benefice Service
	18th	3.0	Carols & Readings
	25th	10.0	Family Service & Communion
	1st Jan		Service at Wingrave 10.0
CUBLINGTON	4th Dec	10.0	Family Service
		6.0	Evensong
	11th		Communion at Aston Abbotts 10.0
		3.0	Carols & Readings
	18th	8.45	Parish Communion
	25th	8.45	Christmas Communion
	1st Jan		Service at Wingrave 10.0

Sunday Readings:

4th Dec	Advent 2	(p.427)	Isa 55.1-11; John 5.36-end
11th	Advent 3	(p.432)	Isa 40.1-11; John 1.19-28
18th	Advent 4	(p.437)	Isa 11.1-9; Luke 1.26-38
25th	CHRISTMAS	(p.446)	Heb 1.1-5; John 1.1-14
1st	Christmas 1	(p.451)	Gal 4.1-7; John 1.14-18

FROM THE REGISTERS

FUNERAL 9th November Reginald Cousins at Wingrave

Wingrave Garage

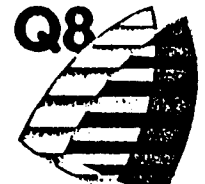
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1st Wingrave Brownies



We were very pleased to start the term by welcoming five new Brownies into the pack. While they were preparing for their enrolment the rest of the pack were busy working for their hostess, jester or friendship badges.

On November 1st the Brownie meeting place was so covered in hay, straw, newspaper and old clothes we wondered whether we would ever see the floor again. By the end of the meeting however we had four guys in an interesting array of clothes, ready to be entered into the best dressed guy competition.

There was an excellent turnout of Brownies to provide a short sing at the School Association Bonfire Party. It included a variation on "I'm Singing in the Rain" which was quite appropriate for the day.

Standing, shivering in a temperature of -24'C is perhaps not an ideal way to spent part of the Brownie meeting, but that is what took place recently when we had a behind the scenes look around Leighton Buzzard Tesco Stores which included a very brief look inside the freezer. It was a fascinating visit for all ages.

We are now looking ahead to our Christmas activities which we hope will include some fund raising at the School Bazaar, a party (*Brownies do enjoy food!*) and if we are in good voice, carol singing for a charity.

Finally, the Brownies are planning to take a active part in the Wingrave V E Day celebrations. If anyone has any information, pictures, uniform, mementos etc. of Brownies and Guides during the war we would be delighted to hear from you.

Jane Muir *Brown Owl* 681513

José Ricketts 681847

*

* Anna Lee and Fiona Whyte were enrolled as Brownies *
* atWingrave on 14th October - Well Done, Well Done! *



WINGRAVE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



CAN YOU HELP US!

WINGRAVE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION ARE HOLDING A CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT
THE SCHOOL ON SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER BETWEEN 2.00PM AND 4.00PM

- WE ARE LOOKING FOR CONTRIBUTIONS -

CAN YOU HELP?

ANYTHING WILL DO BUT IT MAY HELP IF WE OFFER A FEW SUGGESTIONS

BOTTLES OF WINE OR OTHER ALCOHOL

CAKES

TOILETRIES

MINCE PIES

IF YOU CAN HELP CAN YOU PASS ANY DONATIONS TO:-


DIANE ROBERTS

OR


THE SCHOOL SECRETARY

**OR
JOHN WHYTE!!**


AUTUMN



The colourful toadstools along a rotten log,
The huge conkers amongst a rustling tree,
And juicy blackberries beside a quiet lane.



A busy spider amidst a dewy web,
A hibernating hedgehog beneath a rusty grate,
And playful badgers inside a cosy sett



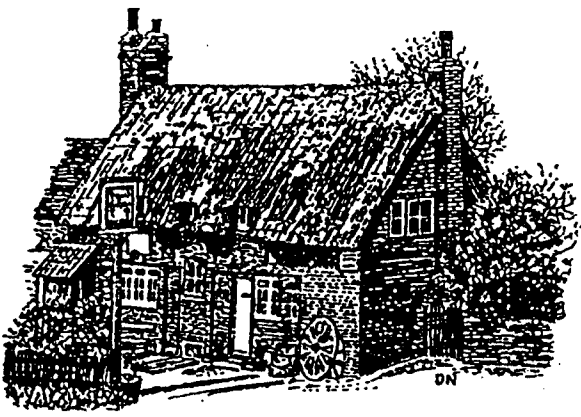
A silvery moon above the frosty grass,
The migrating birds over the ploughed field,
And curling smoke from a crumbling chimney.

Jenny Lee

Class 6

WINGRAVE COMBINED SCHOOL





THE FIVE ELMS

THE FIVE ELMS AT CHRISTMAS

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

XMAS DAY 12 - 2pm NO TURKEY
Evening Closed

BOXING DAY 12 - 3pm NO TURKEY
Evening Closed

New Years' Day 12 - 3pm LUNCHES
Evening Closed

Jan. 2nd 1995 (Monday) As Normal Lunches & Evening Meals

Jan. 3rd 1995 (Tuesday) CLOSED ALL DAY
CATCHING UP ON THE ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ's

XMAS DRAW FIRST PRIZE BALLOON FLIGHT FOR ONE

IN CONJUNCTION WITH CHAMPAGNE FLIGHTS

DURING DECEMBER MULLED WINE
ROAST CHESTNUTS

ROARING FIRES — NOT ROARING KIDS — NOT A ROAST TURKEY LUNCH

CHINESE EVENING / CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT (NO, NOT HER)
(For details see our other advert)

THE INNKEEPER & INKEEPERESS thank you VERY MUCH for your custom, and :

WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS

and ALL THE BEST for THE NEW YEAR

WINGRAVE TWINNING ASSOCIATION will hold its ANNUAL OPEN MEETING on Thursday 5 January at Wingrave Community Centre. This is your chance to find out what we have been doing and what we hope to do in 1995.



1995 will be an important year for the Twinning Association, because we celebrate 10 years of twinning with La Bouëxière. Plans are already in hand for their stay in Wingrave (25-28 May) and for our trip to La Bouëxière (1-4 September). We hope to take a larger than usual group for this anniversary celebration, and there will definitely be a coach.

All are most welcome at our meeting, from experienced twinners to the merely curious! Drinks and refreshments will be provided.

Jean Keighley

GOOD FOOD

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GOOD FOOD

RECIPE FOR TUTTI FRUITI

(SERVES 6)

1 PKT TRIFLE SPONGES
1 11oz CAN MANDARINS
1 oz MARACHINO OR GLACE CHERRIES
1 LG CHOCOLATE FLAKE BAR
PKT GELATINE
1 PKT DESSERT TOPPING MIX
6oz MILK
5 fl oz DOUBLE CREAM

SPLIT SPONGE CAKES IN HALF AND LINE BASE AND SIDES OF 1.5 PINT PUDDING BASIN. DRAIN MANDARINS - RESERVE SYRUP AND 12 SEGMENTS. SPOON 3 TBSP OF SYRUP OVER SPONGES. CUT CHERRIES INTO QUARTERS RESERVING SOME FOR DECORATION. CUT FLAKE INTO 0.5 INCH PIECES. WHIP DESSERT TOPPING AND MILK UNTIL THICKENED. STIR IN MANDARINS, CHERRIES AND FLAKE.

PUT 3 TBSP MANDARIN SYRUP AND GELATINE INTO CUP AND DISSOLVE OVER HEAT. ADD TO OTHER MIXTURE. FOLD GENTLY IN, THEN POUR INTO SPONGE LINED BASIN. PLACE IN FRIDGE UNTIL SET THEN TURN PUDDING ONTO PLATE. WHIP CREAM, COVER PUDDING AND DECORATE WITH RESERVED CHERRIES AND MANDARINS.

FREEZES WELL, PUT IN FREEZER WHEN PUDDING IS SET AND STILL IN BASIN. KEEP FOR 1 MONTH

TO MAKE A LARGER PUDDING LINE A LARGER PUDDING BASIN USING 2 PACKS OF SPONGES. MAKE UP 2 PACKS OF DESSERT TOPPING AND 12 fl oz OF MILK. EVERYTHING ELSE STAYS THE SAME.

THIS IS A FAMILY FAVOURITE - POPULAR WITH THE YOUNGEST TO THE OLDEST AND IS AN EXCELLENT ALTERNATIVE TO XMAS PUDDING AS IT IS LIGHT AND NOT TOO RICH. YOU CAN ALSO ADD 3 TBSP OF SHERRY WHEN FOLDING IN THE MIXTURE FOR AN ADULT FLAVOUR.



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GOOD FOOD

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LET'S EAT OUT. PART ONE

As someone who commutes regularly between Brussels, Paris and London, I suppose it was only natural that I should be asked to be your Roving Gourmet reporter.

First stop - "The Old Masters Restaurant"

This Gourmet's Paradise is run by Juan and Brigitte Gutierrez. Juan is of course, a chef of international repute and Brigitte is the Brains. On entering the restaurant - once the village school - you will be greeted by Juan; full of Spanish friendliness. The menu is Spanish, English and Continental. Continental cuisine. Tony, the chef, will actually cook you anything you require, given some notice. Fresh fish of all descriptions is always on the menu. Spanish paella is a favourite and crepe suzette.

For starters, I chose Feuillettes of mushrooms and Artichokes with Hollandaise sauce (£4.75) They were wonderful, just melted in the mouth. I followed this with Fillet of Beef Strips stir-fried with green peppers, ginger and soy sauce (£15.50). The taste was quite unique and cooked to perfection.

My partner chose Soup of the Day- Leek and Potato (£2.95). As an expert on soup he said it was "superb". Being a vegetarian, he followed with Crepes filled with ratatouille, served with melted cheese and Provencal sauce - equally superb (£7.95).

Unlike some establishments I could name, lots of fresh vegetables are served with the main course, many grown in the garden.

For pudding we had Tropical Fruit Favlova (£3.10) and Orange Sorbet - delicious.

We washed all this down with the house white wine - a rather nice Spanish dry white wine. There are plenty of wines to choose from on the wine list. Coffee and mints finished off this delightful meal. The service is impeccable, the atmosphere is quiet and friendly; just the place to go to unwind or celebrate.

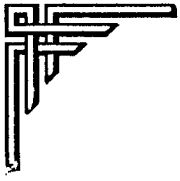
The Old Masters Restaurant comes highly recommended and I'm awarding it a Gold Star.

A special Xmas menu is on offer throughout December. Five courses at £16.50 (Friday pm £18.50 and Saturday pm £20.50)

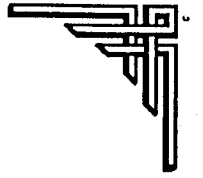
Do go and give yourself a treat.

Your roving gourmet

PS Other local eating establishments will be reviewed at a later date.



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Christmas Menu



£12.95 per head

Starter

Prawn Cocktail

Farmhouse Paté

Homemade Soup

Main

Roast Turkey - Chestnut Stuffing

Roast Beef - Yorkshire Pudding

Served with Seasoned Vegetables

Sweets

Christmas Pudding - Brandy Sauce

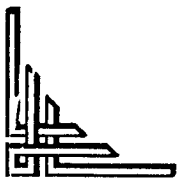
Profiteroles - Chocolate Sauce

Sherry Trifle

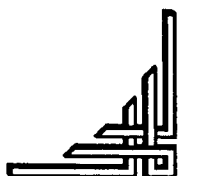
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FROM FRANK AND LOUISE

WHERE IN THE WORLD?

"A Merry Christmas"

- 1) Joyeaux Noel
- 2) Frohliche Weihnachten
- 3) Felices Pascuas
- 4) Bon Natale
- 5) Nadolig Llawen
- 6) Noeliniz Kutluolsun
- 7) Gledelig Jul
- 8) Vrolijk Kerstmis
and finally.....
- 9) Nollaig faoi shean
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duit!

Go on, have a guess!
Answers on next page.



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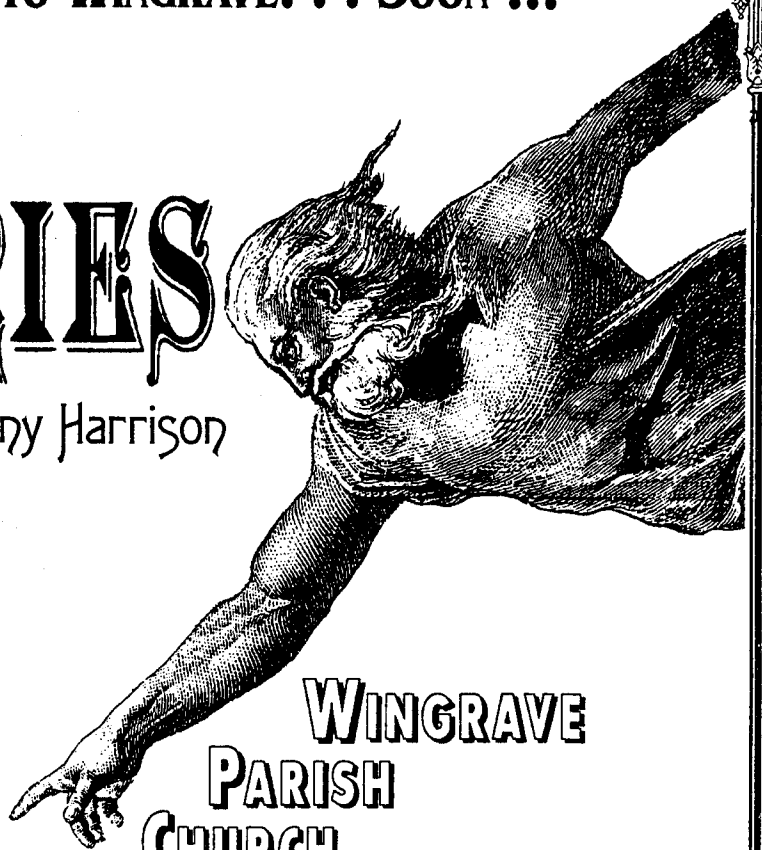
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Answers:

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Italian

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Welsh

Dutch

German

Irish

Turkish

Yes, these are the
answers, but they
are not in the
right order!

COMPLETE ANSWERS
IN NEXT MONTH.

LADIES CLUB NOTES FOR DECEMBER

- DEC 1ST TALK ABOUT THE WORK OF THE RSPCA
- DEC 15TH LADIES CLUB CAROL SERVICE AT ST JAMES CHURCH
AT 2.45pm
TEA IN CHURCH AFTERWARDS
- JAN 11TH LADIES CLUB MEMBERS ARE GOING TO THE APOLLO
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Christmas on the other side of the world

Growing up in New Zealand Christmas was very different to the Christmas experience in the UK.

For a start the seasons are reversed. Christmas in New Zealand falls in the middle of summer. I used to wake very early on Xmas morning - it was daylight at about 4am and very warm. There was no need to huddle up in the blankets until the central heating came on.

When I was a child I could never understand why all the Christmas cards depicted snow - something which I had never experienced. I think this was because they were based on the traditional northern hemisphere view of Christmas. After all New Zealand has only been settled by Europeans for 150 years and most of them came from the UK.

Christmas dinner used to be based on the English tradition of roast and steamed Christmas pudding. We used to stuff ourselves on all this hot food including chicken, turkey and ham and then go out into the sun to play with our new toys until late, while the adults rested.

These days more people are abandoning the traditional Christmas fare for a BBQ or picnic, which seems far more sensible in light of the weather. Now the meal consisted of mainly cold food with BBQ'd chicken. We have smoked mutton ham - which is a cheap replacement for the more expensive smoked ham.

One of my favourite Christmas desserts is pavlova. New Zealand used to be called the 'The Quarter Acre Pavlova

Paradise'. It is claimed by New Zealanders that the pavlova was invented there and not so long ago most houses were built on a quarter acre of land.

For anyone who wants to try a New Zealand dessert here is the recipe for pavlova.

Fruit Salad Pavlova

*4 egg whites
¼ teaspoon salt
1 cup castor sugar
4 teaspoons cornflour
2 teaspoons vinegar
½ teaspoon vanilla
1 cup cream
Selected seasonal fruit*

Pre pare a baking tray by lining with foils and greasing with melted butter.

Beat the egg whites and salt until soft peaks form when the beater is lifted from the mixture. Add the sugar, a little at a time, beating well after each addition. Continue to beat until the mixture is very stiff. Add cornflour, vinegar and vanilla. Beat thoroughly.

Pile the mixture into a circle about 20 centimetres round, on the prepared baking tray.

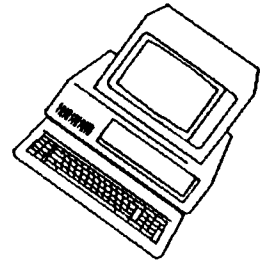
bake at 125 degrees C for 1½ hours. Turn oven off, and leave pavlova in the oven with the door closed, until completely cold.

Remove carefully from the foil, and place pavlova on a serving plate. Just before serving, whip cream until stiff. Spread it over the pavlova. Prepare fruit and arrange on cream.
Serves 6

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