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# EDITORIAL

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Happy New year to you all. A relatively slim issue to start the year (unlike what most of us are feeling at the moment I suspect) following the Xmas break, which unfortunately may not arrive with some of you until mid-January due to the timing of the school term where the Chronicle is printed. Things should be back to normal from February.

With some appalling weather conditions around the country, it's always somewhat of a relief to look down the Vale, and while we may suffer some strong winds and coverings of snow it's most unlikely we'll have water encroaching into Aston Abbottsm I dread to think what the vale would look like if it did!

Continued thanks to Phil Spooner for the cover photos, including the current issue, he must have trawled the archives for this one, I wonder where did Neil got that hat!

Phil

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## CHRISTMAS MORNING 1959

Christmas day was no different from any other in that it began at 6 a.m. in the cowshed – but we had to get there. Uncle would wake me at 5.45 a.m. I would dress quickly, searching for my clothes which had been carefully placed under the top blanket of the bed the night before. Here they kept slightly warm, but at least dry. There was no heat in the upstairs of a farmhouse so in winter everything seemed cold and damp.

Once dressed I would clatter down the stairs and for a brief minute warm up in front of the comforting Rayburn stove, brace myself, then into the scullery for the wellingtons which, though indoors, would be hard and cold. Then outside, stumble across the yard, through the barn to the cowshed door. Here no matter what the weather, rain sleet or snow the world changed. To step into the cowshed, close the two halves of the door behind you, speak to the cows and switch on the light – it was another world first of all the warmth, the comforting warmth of 20 contented cows. I know now that each cow gave out the same heat as a one bar electric fire, but then suffice it to say that compared with my bedroom the cowshed was heaven. Then there was the smell, not the acid smell of silage and dung as today but the sweet perfume of hay, rolled oats and the cows themselves. Then there were the sounds; a cow gently coughs, the clink of her neck chain as she turned to look at me; the sound of chewing and hooves on the concrete. Bluebell, the greedy one, may well low, wanting her rolled oats and beans.

Uncle has assembled the milking buckets and switched on the vacuum pump and shovelled more oats into the barrow and we are ready to go. Always start with the same cow, talk to her, as a friend, press your head into her warm flank and hear her stomach working on yesterday's food. The routine gets under way – 20 cows to milk, I can manage on my own. Uncle goes to feed the pigs and prepare the milk cooler and churns in the dairy and I'm alone in the warm friendly company of friends.

Auntie's voice breaks into the world of gently sounds – "Here's some tea, Happy Christmas". Tea in the cowshed, a tray with pot, mugs and sugar – milk we had, there on the windowsill between the Curry combs and Stockholm Tar, the old brown tea pot. Fresh steaming tea, I fill a mug, having squirted milk from Peggy's front quarter – two spoons of sugar. Could life get any better than this - in that cowshed Christmas morning on a Leicestershire farm – not for me.

God was most surely in this English heaven and, lucky me, so was I.

## ALLOTMENT DIARY

Since it is the start of a new Year (and because there is nothing to report, allotment-wise), I thought I would change my usual format, and give you a fruit & vegetable Quiz. How many of the following plants can you identify?

1. This is a staple food in N. & S. America. It can be baked, boiled, ground into flour, or turned into a snack to eat at the cinema. One thing it cannot do, however, is reproduce unaided: it is dependent on humans for survival.
2. This fruit is now grown globally, and the market for it is estimated to be worth £150 billion. Julius Caesar introduced it to much of Europe, including the British Isles. Incredibly, if all the plants growing this fruit were planted on Iceland (which would be a bit of a waste, since they would all die), they would cover the whole island.
3. For centuries, this plant was used to treat liver complaints. Then a new use was discovered for it, and today 98% of the plants are used to sterilise, add flavour to and preserve the shelf-life of a popular drink.
4. This annual is used to produce one of the world's main sources of oil, used to make soap, in cooking and to make varnish. The pith of the stem is so light, it has been used to make life-belts.
5. This plant is largely responsible for civilization as we know it; before its discovery, homo sapiens could only live in small groups, because, as hunter-gatherers, they could not obtain enough food to feed large numbers. It is highly nutritious, being full of starch, protein and vitamins.
6. The silkworm is a fussy eater, and will only eat the leaves of this tree. Without it we would not have silk
7. This plant has been a very mixed blessing. It has saved thousands of lives, and has provided pain relief for over 6,000 years. However, it is, unfortunately, addictive and can be lethal.
8. This plant is a member of the nightshade family. It is the world's 4<sup>th</sup> largest food crop, with over 1,000 different varieties. In 2007, over one third of its production occurred in China and India (which will probably surprise you, when you know the answer)..
9. A member of the rose family, this plant came from Central Asia originally – although it is grown world-wide today. The fruit does not contain fat, sodium or cholesterol. Its seeds contain a cyanide compound, but fortunately they have a protective coating that keeps it safe inside.
10. This fruit is unknown in the wild, and is a hybrid of two other fruits, one of which is little-known today. It was first mentioned in Chinese literature in 314 B.C. In 1987 it was the most widely cultivated fruit in the world.

The answers are on page 8

How did you do? Did you know your onions?

Peter Shorrocks

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**Village Stuff.** From our new gossip columnist

**Singalongssixties** - this convivial, bucolic evening raised over £600 for the Village Hall, well done the Whytes.

### **ALLOTMENT QUIZ ANSWERS**

1. Maize
2. Grape
3. Hop
4. Sunflower
5. Wheat
6. Mulberry
7. Opium Poppy
8. Potato
9. Apple
10. Orange

Please send dates any Birthdays to [Astonnewsandgossip1086@gmail.com](mailto:Astonnewsandgossip1086@gmail.com)



## Future Dates of Interest

23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> July Fete & Festival weekend

### CHANGES TO 165 BUS SERVICE

0733 Aston Abbotts - L/Buzzard withdrawn Mon - Fri

1445 Aylesbury - Wing rescheduled to 1430 Mon - Fri, Unchanged Saturdays

1740 L/Buzzard - Aylesbury re scheduled 1710

1755 Aylesbury - L/Buzzard withdrawn Mon - Sats

Replaced by taxi - bus to Cublington

### O.A.P Bus Pass Trips

From Feb on the second Tuesday of the month I will be running various trips to ensure we use the bus.

Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 9.08 bus to LB, coffee stop, then 1038 to Woburn Sands & MK.  
Return 1610 to LB - 1710 return to AA

Mar 8<sup>th</sup> 1000 bus to Aylesbury, then onto Buckingham (market/lunch)  
Onto Bicester return to Aylesbury and 1610 return bus to AA.

Colin

# BELLRINGERS QUIZ

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016

7.30 p.m. Village Hall

3 Course meal followed by tea or coffee

(Bring your own drinks and glasses)

ONLY £10 per head

We need a full house to pay the bill.

Ring 681478 for tickets if you have not already done so  
come as a table of six or individually and join  
a team on the night

# HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE POSTBOX

As we enter 2016 the Aston Abbotts email Postbox celebrates its first year of operation. During the past year we have distributed nearly 200 notices—around 3 to 4 per week—and we hope that you have found them informative and useful.

If you have any suggestions or comments on this service then please send them in to the Postbox. Comments won't be sent out to subscribers, but they will be read by the Postbox team.

In the meantime, the Postbox team would like to wish you all a very Happy and Peaceful 2016.

*Steve, Stuart and Phil*

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We don't like to send out Word documents for fear of distributing viruses. We will endeavour to convert them as appropriate for you, but please bear in mind this might cause a delay as it is a manual process.

Finally - **check your junk/spam folder!** At least one subscriber was missing many of our emails as his email program was incorrectly seeing some Postbox messages as junk mail. You may need to add our server address - *postbox@emailedo.com* - as 'good' in your email settings.

*Thank you.*

## What's on in January:

|                        |                         |                                       |            |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>   | Rambling Club           | meet @Ship Inn Lindslade<br>For Lunch | 2.30       |
| Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> | Coffee Shop             | Village Hall                          | 10-12 pm   |
| Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>   | Quiz & Supper           | Village Hall                          | 7.30 pm    |
|                        | Tickets £10 from 681478 |                                       |            |
| Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>  | Mobile Library          | The Green                             | 10.30 am   |
| Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> | Coffee Shop             | Village Hall                          | 10 - 12 pm |
|                        | Whist Drive             | Village Hall                          | 7.30 pm    |
| Weds 27 <sup>th</sup>  | Parish Council          | Village Hall                          | 7.30 pm    |
| Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> | Coffee Shop             | Village Hall                          | 10 - 12 pm |



## BURNS NIGHT CELEBRATION

FUND RAISING FOR THE VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY

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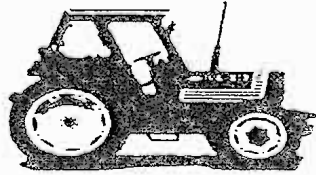
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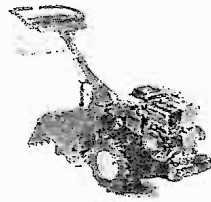
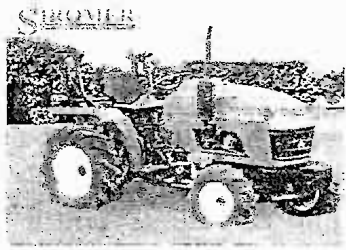


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The Arty Bits .....Books.....Music....Theatre...Travel & Food....  
and the bits I'm not sure where to put!

Books

Obviously a quiet month !

## *The Astonians Part 16.*

### *Brocklebank-Fowler takes my hole in one*

Astonpete.

Gutted! Bloody gutted! My posh mate from the Aston Arms, Steven Brocklebank-Fowler and I decided to go golfing in Scotland. So we loaded up my minivan and headed north. After driving for a few hours, we got caught in a terrible blizzard. So we pulled into a nearby farm and asked this attractive farmer lady who answered the door if we could spend the night.

'I realise it's terrible weather out there and I have this huge house all to myself, but I'm recently widowed,' she explained, 'and I'm afraid the neighbours will talk if I let you stay in my house.' 'Don't worry,' Steven said. 'We'll be happy to sleep in the barn and if the weather breaks, we'll be gone at first light.' The lady agreed and the two of us found our way to the barn and settled in for the night.

Come morning, the weather had cleared and we got on our way. We enjoyed a great weekend of golf. But about nine months later, Steven got an unexpected letter from a Solicitor. It took him a few minutes to figure it out but he finally determined that it was from the Solicitor of the attractive widow we had met on the golf weekend.

He came round to my house and asked, "Pete, do you remember that good-looking widow at the farm where we stayed overnight on our golf holiday in Scotland about 9 months ago?' 'Of course I do,' I said. He asked, 'Did you, er....., happen to get up in the middle of the night, go up to the house and pay her a visit?' Eye's wide with shock and a little embarrassed about being found out, I replied, 'Well, errm....., yes!' 'I have to admit that I did.' 'And did you happen to give her my name instead of telling her your name?' I felt my face turn beetroot red and I said, 'Yeah, look, I'm sorry, mate. I'm afraid I did. Tell me, why are you asking me these things?'

He said, 'she just died and left me everything.'

Gutted! Bloody gutted!



## ABBA MANIA

This was my first “win” in the Theatre ticket “draw” and having only ever seen one Tribute band previously, which was in Australia, I wasn’t really sure what to expect.

In the bar before the start of the performance, there were a few people who had already “got into the spirit” of the occasion by wearing “ABBA” type outfits; some sparkles, some “flares” and a few hats! The audience were from a wide range of ages groups - there were quite a few children and young people, quite a lot in their 30s and 30s, as well as the “more mature” who clearly remembered ABBA from their heydays in the 70’s and 80’s

We took our very good seats in the stalls and the programme started at 7.30 with some familiar numbers - by 7.45 the band, complete with appropriate outfits and wigs, had the whole audience on our feet.

It was a great programme, and all but one song was familiar. It’s amazing how many hits they had. 95% of the audience entered into the spirit of the occasion with lots of clapping, waving, dancing and even some singing! There were 5 different costumes for Agnetha and Anni-Frid, and a couple less for Benny and Bjorn. The four ABBA members were supported by 3 talented guys on drums and guitar.

I would not count myself as a big ABBA fan but the show was a great 2 hours; it was a high energy, fun performance which we enjoyed enormously. I wouldn’t hesitate to see another tribute band show.

Liz Barlow

## AYLESBURY WATERSIDE THEATRE - SPRING 2016

I'm pleased to advise that the Waterside Theatre is continuing to offer pairs of Press Tickets for the following shows. If you would like to enter the draw for any or all of the shows then send me an email to [johnhardcastle@me.com](mailto:johnhardcastle@me.com) the draw will take place two weeks prior to the show date

| Show   | Date & Time          |
|--|----------------------|
| <i>THE GLENN MILLER STORY</i><br>Starring Tommy Steele | TUE 19 JAN<br>7.30PM |
| <i>RAMBERT</i>   | THU 11 FEB<br>7.30PM |
| <i>REHEARSAL FOR MURDER</i>                            | MON 22 FEB<br>7.30PM |
| <i>END OF THE RAINBOW</i><br>Starring Lisa Maxwell     | TUE 1 MAR<br>7.30PM  |
| Noel Coward's<br><i>PRIVATE LIVES</i>                  | MON 7 MAR<br>7.30PM  |
| <i>ANNIE</i><br>Starring Lesley Joseph                 | MON 14 MAR<br>7.30PM |
| <i>SUPERSLAM WRESTLING</i>                             | SAT 26 MAR<br>6PM    |
| <i>TAP FACTORY</i>                                     | WED 30 MAR<br>7.30PM |
| Ellen Kent Opera<br><i>DIE FLEDERMAUS</i>              | FRI 1 APR<br>7.30PM  |
| <i>TOM: A Story of Tom Jones. The Musical</i>          | TUE 5 APR<br>7.30PM  |
| <i>GOODNIGHT MISTER TOM</i>                            | TUE 12 APR<br>7.30PM |
| Richard O'Brien's<br><i>ROCKY HORROR SHOW</i>          | MON 18 APR<br>8PM    |
| <i>BARRY STEELE &amp; FRIENDS</i>                      | THU 28 APR<br>7.30PM |
| <i>ILLEGAL EAGLES</i>                                  | FRI 29 APR<br>7.30PM |
| <i>LET IT BE</i>                                       | MON 2 MAY<br>7.30PM  |
| <i>AN EVENING OF BURLESQUE</i>                         | THU 12 MAY<br>7.30PM |
| <i>THE SOUND OF MUSIC</i>                              | WED 18 MAY<br>7.30PM |

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**Services at  
Saint James Church - Aston Abbotts  
January 2016**

|                             |                |   |                                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|---|--------------------------------|
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Jan.</b>  | <b>6.00pm</b>  | <b>Evensong</b>   | <b>Revd. Philip Derbyshire</b> |
|                             |                |   |                                |
| <b>10<sup>th</sup> Jan.</b> | <b>10.30am</b> | <b>Parish Communion</b>   | <b>Revd. Peter Binns</b>       |
|                             |                |   |                                |
| <b>17<sup>h</sup> Jan.</b>  | <b>9.30am</b>  | <b>Breakfast in the Village Hall<br/>followed by Family Service</b> |                                |
|                             |                |   |                                |
| <b>24<sup>th</sup> Jan.</b> | <b>10.30am</b> | <b>Parish Communion</b>   | <b>Revd. Roger Hale</b>        |
|                             |                |   |                                |
| <b>31<sup>st</sup> Jan.</b> | <b>10.30am</b> | <b>Parish Communion</b>   | <b>Revd. Ian Ogilvie</b>       |

**We look forward to seeing you**

**100 Club Draw December 2015**

**1st Prize, £50: Caroline Abel Smith**

**2nd prize, £10: Colin Gilbert**

# Church Matters



## The diary of St. James's

The centrepiece of the Christmas decorations in the Church, our tree, was donated by J.G. Page & Co of Oxleys Farm, Wing. Our thanks to them for their generosity.

Carol singing round the village and later in the Royal Oak raised £105 for the **Church Housing Trust**. The Trust supports homeless people by funding the help they need to rebuild their lives. The Trust was started in 1882, when Revd Wilson Carlile began working with homeless people in central London. Today they help more than 4,500 people every year. Our thanks to everyone who joined us in our singing, those of you who contributed to this good cause and those who provided food for the singers in the Pub. Marvin and Tom (the Donkeys from the Old School), joined us in our walkabout, and were a big hit. Tom was keen to join us in the Pub but Marvin it seems is teatotal.

The Christingle Service on the 20<sup>th</sup> took place after a breakfast in the Village Hall and was well attended by both young and old. The collection of £131.70 was donated to the **Children's Society**. Thanks to Ro for organising and leading the proceedings.

Roger Hale's Christmas morning service was also well attended. He is always happy to have a reason for avoiding being press-ganged into doing the vegetables for the large gathering at his home on Christmas morning!

Don't forget the Quiz and Supper for the Village Bell fund on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January and the Burns night celebration on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> in aid of the Village Hall.

The allotment rents are due this month so please look out for the reminder that will be sent to all Allotment holders. The growing season seems to have started early with all the spring flowers coming up at the same time and many trees are already in blossom such as the cherry in Humphreys Close. These are some of the more positive results of global warming but we feel for the poor souls in Cumbria who have seen devastating floods over the Festive season.

A New Year wish of Peace in the World seems a forlorn hope. There has always have been hostilities somewhere around the world but modern media brings them to our attention so much of the time that we lose sensitivity to these issues.

The Novice

Dear friends,  
 What a year 2015 has been!!  
 As we look to the New Year I am reminded of the speech that George VI made about entering into a new year in a time of trepidation and danger:  
 'And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:  
 "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way".  
 So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East'.

And we do indeed need guidance through the many storms and troubles we encounter in our world in the 21st.

century. How very far we humans have come and yet maybe not so far after all.....

Whether we have faith or not I don't think it can be very far from anyone's mind that we are not necessarily making a great success at managing our planet or ourselves.

The prophets of the Old Testament tried to get through to the obstinate people of the time, Jesus lived and spoke the great example and yet we still remained deaf to the pleas of the Almighty. Others have tried and equally failed: why is it so very difficult for some to believe in the maleness of humankind?

But the good news is that God still loves us and reaches out to us with His open Hand. Let's endeavour to reach out also and make our bit of God's creation maybe a little safer, a little kinder, a bit lighter.

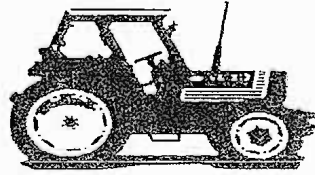
God Bless you all in 2016!

**Reverend Philip Derbyshire**

## Church Duties

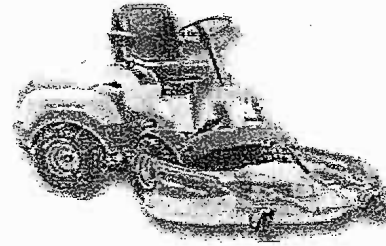
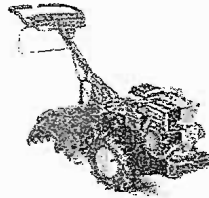
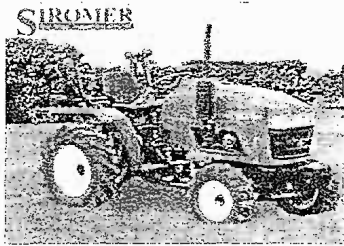
|                      | Cleaning     | Flowers |
|----------------------|--------------|---------|
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan  | Ann & Gordon | Ann     |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan | Alex & Anita | Ann     |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan | Colin & Gay  | Anita   |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan | Colin        | Anita   |

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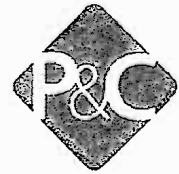
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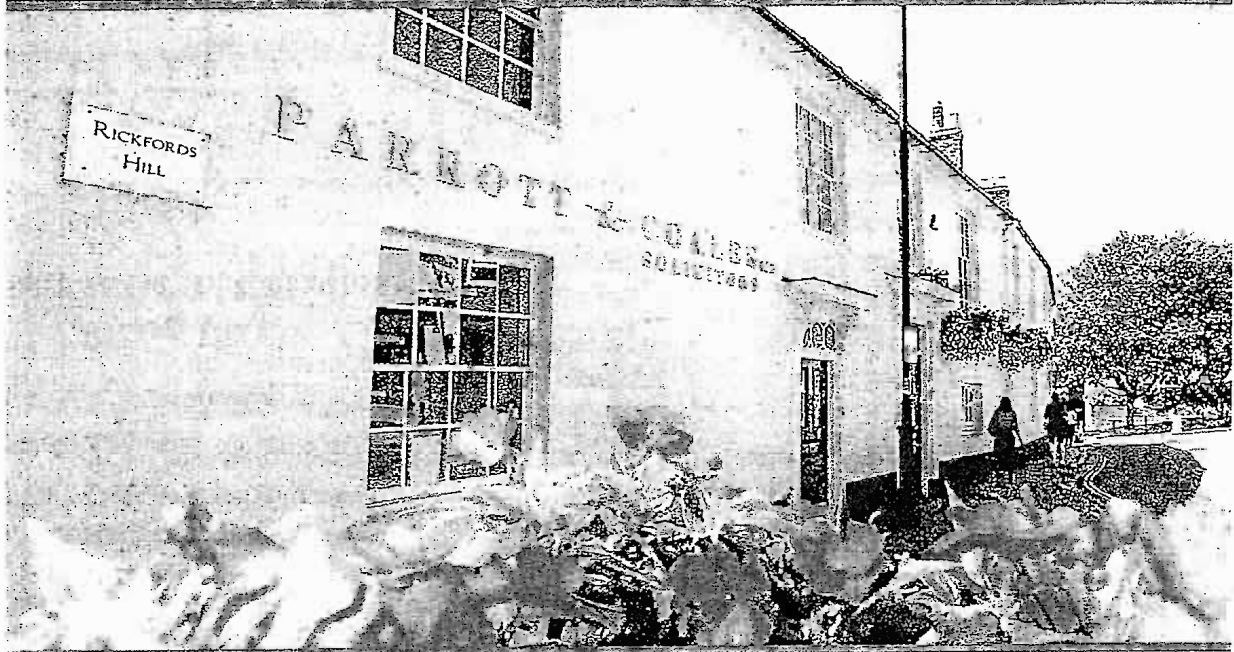
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| NHS Direct             | 24 hr Advice Line     | 0845 4647     |
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| Wingrave Post Office   | Stores                | 681696        |
| Wingrave School        | Office                | 681436        |

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To contact them call

**101**

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Alternatively, email them on:

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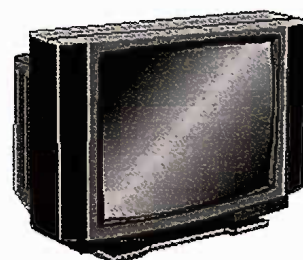
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Husband: ‘Darling, do you remember that little jewellery shop where you saw that beautiful diamond necklace and totally fell in love with it but I didn’t have the money at that time and I said “Darling it’ll be yours one day.”’

Wife, tremulously, ‘Yes, I do remember that my love.’

Husband, ‘Well I’m in the Pub next to that shop.’

An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.

~ *Bill Vaughan*

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