

# Newsletter

## February 2012

*Welcome to our February 2012 Newsletter.*

**Hello everyone,**

I had a lovely poem sent to me “by Anon” about Valentines in this newsletter but Bruce & Lesley made me take it off – unjust censorship in my view – so if you want to read it you’ll have to go to our Facebook or Twitter! Actually I made it up myself, I best say that just in case you think that people do send me poems or, in fact, any form of correspondence, or indeed that Anon is now divorced. Anon is fine. Anyway, people don’t send me anything and if I’m perfectly honest I think I’m a good few years away from the popularity Take That encountered in the 90’s but I’d like to think I’m up there with the likes of Chas and Dave.

So the point of the poem was to warm your hearts and remind you all that it’s **Valentine’s Day** this month. Valentine being the patron saint of ‘cuddling with your tops off’ - again, completely fabricated; I don’t know what’s wrong with me but I will lie again and blame my researcher. So, you do know what you have to do? You have to go out for dinner; why, there are two reasons. Firstly, you’re deeply in love, so in love that nothing could move you or change your feelings, nor are there any words in existence to describe the way you feel. The second reason is that you will be seen as ‘Scum Bag Dave\*’ (\*add your own name) by your other half, their friends and both your colleagues; other derogatory names may include ‘The padlocked wallet’, ‘Scrooges Apprentice’ and ‘Mr. Sleeping on the couch’. So do yourself a massive favour and book with us. Our menu is so good that you’ll be able to milk the Brownie Points for months to come! We’re putting on the same menu in all the places and it’s available for you to have a look at on all the websites. We’re not full (although nearly so at Turtley) but don’t think about it for a moment longer, just get on and do it. If you don’t, you won’t be given any leeway when you forget to take the rubbish out or you haven’t taken down that old set of drawers – no pun intended. Anyway, statistically speaking, 33% of you reading this will get divorced and we’re really aiming to get this down to a more manageable 20%!

**Pancake day, aka Shrove Tuesday on the 21st February** - The day prior to Ash Wednesday and Lent so a really good time to fill your boots! It seems a bit odd to me that we only eat pancakes once a year but I won’t dwell. We will be tossing our pancakes throughout the day to cater for most tastes from sweet (sugar and lemon) to savoury (crab filled). Come along, it’ll be flippin’ marvellous (sorry!)

**Mother’s Day - Sunday 18th March** – This one isn’t until March but it’s the busiest day of the year for us so we need to give you fair warning. Now you know what your mother is like “Don’t go over the top for me, just as long as I have all my family around me”. This is utter, utter rubbish. She’s been eyeing up that date like a meerkat eyeing up an approaching snake - and not in a romantic way, the last thing the meerkat wants to do is get fruity with the snake. Nature has strict rules and if you don’t stick to them then all hell breaks loose. Look at the Americans for example. So although she says she doesn’t want any ‘fuss’ if you fail to deliver you are way down the inheritance pecking order! So if you don’t want the dog to get the house then think on; we will be putting on three sittings of a three course set lunch menu with loads of choices and smaller portions for the children.

### **Turtley Corn Mill**

You may have noticed something different about us? Nope you’re wrong, the staff had their annual bath last September. The pub has a had a lick of paint throughout the interior, and all by one painter, overnight as we all sleep. We’ve been a little cautious over the years because we don’t want to lose the character, but there’s a difference between character and just plain filth! We are also expecting some ex-battery hens to arrive at soon to join our thoroughbreds! Now this way of keeping poultry has been stopped there are thousands of hens across the country that need re-homing and we thought we would step in and take half a dozen. So if you see some mangy, balding, confused creatures that resemble chickens plodding around outside, please don’t scream and point or declare the discovery of a new species, just take heart because they think that they have just won the lottery! The chicken lottery of course - actual money would be useless to them. I’ve also just been informed that we will be expecting some more ‘pretty’ chickens this month too. I’m not sure what makes a chicken pretty so I’ll ask around.

I’m not going to go on too much about the Bridge and the Finnygook as you know by now what and where they are. The only thing I will say is now that our lunches going really well at the Bridge it may be worth booking in advance, just to be sure of that window table! It’s also worth mentioning that the Gook Beach Café is available for private functions. It’s a



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truly unique location, right by the beach and with stunning views over the ocean, so please contact the Finnygook Inn if you're thinking of something like this.

Dates for your diary this Month...(These are actual, genuine nominated days)

Friday 3rd - Wear Red Day – Great for those of you that get embarrassed really easily or surgeons.

Saturday 4th – Ice Cream for Breakfast Day – What better example to set the kids than wolfing down copious amounts of sugary frozen cream.

Sunday 5th – Nutella Day – This weekend is gearing up to be a really unhealthy one. Although you don't have to have it for breakfast. I don't make the rules.

Monday 6th – Lame Duck Day – I love this one. Not to be taken literally and you help lame ducks (not that I'm saying ignore injured water fowl. If you do see a duck in distress try to calm it with a song or call the RSPCA), but instead a day for helping those that, as my source says, "look like they're on the way out"!

Saturday 11th – White Shirt Day – No bolognese for me today thank you.

Monday 13th – Get A Different Name Day – This day is for you Richard Richards!

Sunday 19th – Chocolate Mint Day – A great day for the After Eight and Mint choc chip ice cream. A true champion of ice cream flavours.

Thursday 23rd – Curling is Cool Day – For all of you that really like curling please do understand that curling will never, ever be cool.

Tuesday 28th – Rare Disease Day – Wondered why you are always itching your kneecap and you have gills? Today is the day you are not alone.

Enjoy February,

**Bruce and Lesley, Sam and Scott, et al.**



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