

## QUIZ FOR FEBRUARY

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#### TV Programs Old & New

- 1 Accident Victim
- 2 Small Country
- 3 Can I Help You
- 4 Money Upstairs
- 5 Marriage Vow
- 6 Rural papers kept here
- 7 Home of Mythical Beast
- 8 Ask Now
- 9 One Bottle Left
- 10 We Never Close

### ANSWERS TO JANUARY QUIZ

#### HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW SOMERSET?

- 1 Name Somerset's two cities. **Bath & Wells**
- 2 Which Somerset Hill is the steepest "A" Road in the UK? **Porlock**
- 3 Name Somerset's largest seaside Town. **Weston-Super-Mare**
- 4 Which range of hills is Cheddar Gorge in? **Mendips**
- 5 Which battle fought in 1685 was the last battle of the Monmouth Rebellion? **Sedgemoor.**
- 6 King Arthur is linked to which Somerset Town? **Glastonbury**
- 7 What is the name of the triangular obelisk located in the Blackdown hills? **Wellington Monument.**
- 8 What did William Herschel discover On 13 March 1781 from the rear garden of his house in Bath? **The Planet Uranus**

# THE FAMILY MOOSE NEWS

## FEBRUARY

*Caring and Thriving in Today's World - Something for all the Family*

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

**Happy Birthday to the following members who have birthdays this month:-**

Feb 01 – Phil Wight  
Feb 03 – Cathal Kelly  
Feb 05 – Roji Joseph  
Feb 11 – Judy Ware  
Feb 12 – Pat Leamon  
Feb 20 – Jenna Parker  
Feb 25 – Charley Kirton

**We hope you all have a great day!!**

If you would like to send a card to any of the above please contact Larry for the address which will ONLY be handed out to another member. **This information will NOT be disclosed to Non-Members**

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We would normally be thinking about looking forward to the Burns and Valentines nights now. Not to be this year so I have looked up the history of both and here it is.

### BURNS NIGHT



**Robbie Burns** was born on 25 January 1759 and died on 21 July 1796

Five years after Robert Burns died, a group of his friends got together to remember him and his poetry. The tradition became established and now, every year on his birthday, 25th January, Scots all round the world celebrate Burns Night with a Burns Supper which follows a format similar to the original dinner (often with much toasting).

The original menu was the same as we have today – Cock-a-leekie soup, Haggis with neeps and tatties and either Cranach or Topsy trifle.

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## St VALENTINE

The Feast of Saint Valentine was established by Pope Gelasius I in AD 496 to be celebrated on February 14th in honour of Saint Valentine of Rome, who died on that date in AD 269.

### NOW TO THE PRESENT DAY

#### SERIOUS LOCK DOWN ADVICE (but not to be taken seriously)

Everyone PLEASE be careful because people are going crazy from being locked down at home!

I was just talking about this with the microwave and the toaster while drinking my tea, and we all agreed that things are getting bad.

I didn't mention any of this to the washing machine, because she puts a different spin on EVERYTHING!! Certainly couldn't share with the fridge, cause he's been acting cold and distant!

In the end, the iron straightened me out! She said the situation isn't all that pressing and all the wrinkles will soon get ironed out!

The vacuum, however, was very unsympathetic...told me to just suck it up! But the fan was VERY optimistic and gave me hope that it will all blow over soon!

The toilet looked a bit flushed but didn't say anything when I asked its opinion, but the front door said I was becoming unhinged and the doorknob told me to get a grip!!

You can just about guess what the curtains told me: they told me to "pull myself together!"



*Ancient*  
LUPERCALIA FEST TOOK PLACE FROM FEB. 13 - 15 IN CELEBRATION OF FERTILITY. DOGS AND GOATS WERE SACRIFICED. WOMEN WERE WHIPPED WITH THE HIDES OF THE SACRIFICED ANIMALS TO ENSURE THE WOMAN'S FERTILITY. SWEETS WERE THEN CONSUMED.



*3rd century*  
ST. VALENTINE WAS IMPRISONED FOR MARRYING SOLDIERS AND WORSHIPPING THE CHRIST GOD. WHILE IMPRISONED HE WROTE A LETTER TO A GUARD'S DAUGHTER AND SIGNED IT, "YOUR VALENTINE." HE WAS EXECUTED SHORTLY AFTER.



*5th century*  
AROUND 496 A.D. THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ESTABLISHED THE FEAST OF ST. VALENTINE, IN ORDER TO SUPPRESS AND REPLACE THE PAGAN LUPERCALIA FESTIVAL. IT IS BELIEVED THAT SWEETS WERE STILL CONSUMED AT THIS FEAST.



*14th century*  
IN THE AGE OF COURTLY LOVE AND G. CHAUCER, VALENTINE'S DAY WAS FIRST ASSOCIATED WITH SYMBOLS OF LOVE AND ROMANCE: HAND-MADE GREETINGS, SWEET CANDIES, LOVE POEMS, A NAKED FLYING BABY WITH A BOW & ARROW, AND SO ON. MAKES SENSE.

I hope you enjoyed this. I must confess that I do talk to myself and to items in the house. Usually it is to tell myself off for forgetting what I am supposed to be doing or what I go into a room for. The other day I had quite a lot to say to myself when I put the dirty washing in the clothes dryer before I had put it into the washing machine.

I have realised that face masks have a very good secondary use when wearing one. If you are talking to yourself people can't see that you are.

On the subject of face masks we are back to lock down again. Not a position we expected to see ourselves in again.

I know that a number of our members have already had the vaccine or on the list for it. This is hopefully the golden key that will unlock the lock down and enable us to get together again.

Looking at the age profile of our members a large number of us should have had the vaccine by mid-February.



### DECEMBER 50/50 DRAW RESULTS

First Prize No 216 Mick Fay, Basingstoke Lodge No 152 £121.50

Second Prize No 163 Neath Lodge No 18 £75.75

Third Prize No 276 Burnham-on-Sea Ladies' Circle No 123 £30.30

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### THE MIGHTY MOOSE

It walks the plains with ambling stride  
Mighty creature with hairy hide.

With width of horn above face,  
It lifts its head with poise and grace.

Keep the Lion, they say is king,  
Or any beast who's praise you'd sing.

Give me the horned monster strong,  
And I will do him proud in song.

A gentle creature this, I venture,  
"Moose" the symbol of our

"Order".

