

# Christmas feasting

THE newly refurbished White Hart restaurant could be the venue for your pre-Christmas celebration meal this year.

Whether you choose an intimate dinner with someone special or a larger group of family and friends, the £17.95 Christmas special menu of four delicious starters including crab and lemon grass spring rolls with chilli and salad or venison terrine, followed by roast turkey, roast beef, sea bass or a sweet potato and basil rosti will satisfy your palate, especially if you indulge in the traditional Christ-

mas pudding or one of the lighter choices like lemon and lime cheesecake or chocolate fondant with orange shortbread, then finish with mince pies and coffee.

Carlos and Simon look forward to welcoming you; the menu is available until Christmas Eve.

Chef Dave Gaughan has given the Messenger one of his favourite pudding recipes:

## Chocolate Ganache (4-5 portions)

8 oz good quality dark chocolate  
2 1/2 oz butter  
12 fl oz double cream  
2 eggs  
1 shot of Amaretto (optional)  
2 tblsp honey  
Raspberries

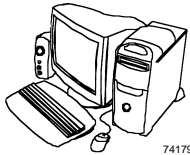
\* Melt chocolate and butter together over boiling water then whisk until thick. Whip cream to soft peak stage. Whisk eggs, Amaretto and honey together and add to chocolate mixture. Fold in the cream to the mixture. Pour into glasses and put in the fridge to set. Serve with raspberries.



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FOLLOWING The Flying Pussy's request for limericks in the last issue, you have responded magnificently.

Before reading the verses, it may be as well to consider the form of this particular branch of our proud literary heritage:

Edward Lear, in his 'Book of Nonsense', published in 1846, set an absolute standard for the five-line limerick. He affirmed that the last words (or, in some cases, phrases) of lines 1, 2 and 5 shall rhyme - as must, in conjunction with each other, the final parts of lines 3 and 4.

The traditional number of 'beats' per line is 9, 9, 6, 6, 9, though Gilbert, writing to Sullivan's music, established the acceptable variant - 8, 9, 5, 6, 8.

It should also be stated that a proper limerick must have a discernable sense; it should amuse, or inform,

and can, with great care, be employed to ruminate pithily on philosophical matters.

Now, judge for yourselves:

From Daphne Kelly of Wivey:

*In past years in Wiveliscombe*

*People weaved all day at a loom*

*Then someone would dye it*

*So Fox's could buy it*

*And kids cleared up by using a broom*

From Mrs W.E. Walton of Milverton:

*Vivienne who lived in Wiveliscombe*

*Fell in love with Wills from Triscombe*

*When their love grew so strong*

*That they couldn't be parted for long*

*They married and lived in 'Viv-Wills-combe*

From Alan Zulman of Wivey:

*When Red Indians enter Wiveliscombe*

*Totem poles will help them assume*

*That tepees with medicine men come out of the gloom*

*To soothe park bench bruised bums...*

*Will insurance claims loom?*

*Can we expect more designs by some loony buffoon?*

From Valerie A. Ward of Watchet:

*A lady from old Wiveliscombe*

*Makes cakes for friends over in Triscombe*

*Found the eggs for one batch*

*Had started to hatch*

*And thought she'd better not whisk 'em*

From Rose Somerville of Wivey:

*The old Grumpies of Wiveliscombe,*

*All drowned on a day trip to Holcombe.*

*Now they're watching The Bear*

*From their cloud in the air,*

*And moaning 'cos nobody's missed 'em.*

Rose would have the most votes from Mr. Lear! Thanks to everyone who contributed.

# Wivey Limericks

## From Wiveliscombe to Rajasthan - four wheels in the dust

MAKE a note in your diary for 9th December, it will be a night to remember!

A date with your dancing shoes as Jane and Bronwen host a night of global dance music at the Tithe Barn in Fitzhead.

Jamie Robertson of "Under One Sun" music promotion fame will be playing the music and all the proceeds are going to Voluntary Services Overseas.

It's another evening's entertainment being put on by Bronwen Gwillim and Jane Crockett to raise money for the charity.

They are going to cycle 400 kilometres in Rajasthan, northern India, in February of next year and they have a target of £2,500 each to find before mid-December.

The "Dance Your Socks off for VSO" night follows on from a successful American breakfast at the Wivey swimming pool in August and a Spanish tapas evening and a Middle Eastern mezze evening which were both busy and full of interesting people eating interesting food!

They have also been selling raffle tickets with the first prize a specially designed silver necklace, and throughout the 10 Parishes Festival there was a competition to make the best peg dolls from "do it your self" kits.

These peg doll kits and other Christmas items and gifts for Christmas can be bought at the Christmas Market at the Primary School on December 2nd and at the Community Market in the Community Centre on 10th December.

If you see two women out on a dark and windy November evening either running or battling on bikes against a cold and bitter wind, that will be Jane and Bronwen training for their trip and trying to imagine that it's actually a Rajasthani desert they are in, and the cows that are watching them in such a startled manner are actually camels.

If you would like an excellent night out with great music, good food and fine company while at the same time contributing to help VSO continue their amazing work in developing countries, tickets are available from Whelan's Bistro, Wiveliscombe House, Design Therapy in Silver Street or call 01984 624121.

# Who owns the Recreation Ground?

THE Recreation Ground is held in trust for the people of Wiveliscombe.

In 1920, Philip F Hancock and William Penberthy, the first trustees, purchased Broads Meadow, using funds raised by public subscription, as a memorial to those who gave their lives in the Great War.

The ground is not, and never has been, owned by a local authority. It is true that a proportion of the costs of upkeep are born by a grant from Taunton Deane, but without sports club and other rents, together with the proceeds of Bonfire Night, it is difficult to see how this wonderful Wivey asset could survive in its present form.

Chronology - Wiveliscombe War Memorial Recreation Ground

1920. Land purchased by public subscription

1927. Swimming Pool built by Wm. White and Sons at a cost of £778.

1935. The Pavilion was completed, and was opened 11th April.

1937. Lloyd George was refused permission to speak to the public on the Rec.

1941. Cricket Club given permission to play matches on Sundays in aid of charities.

1946. Memorial Tablet to the fallen, 1939/45, donated.

1947. Rugby Club granted permission to install sunken bath in pavilion (to the relief of the rest of Wivey, no doubt...)

1950. Rec. bylaws adopted.

1963. New Rugby clubhouse approved.

1966. Cricket Club granted leave to install a car park at the ground.

1969. Swimming Pool modernised. Cost £3000.

1970. Grant from local rates approved at a public meeting. A New Rec committee was formed to include Parish Council representation. (As is the case today.)

1976. Lease agreed to enlarge the Rugby Clubhouse.

1978. Land sold to Somerset C.C. for relief road, £650.

1993. New heating system on stream in the Pool.

2005. Upgraded children's play area built for £69,000.



A dogged reader (Photograph by Christine Brooker)

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