# CHAS'S ROCK'N ALLOTMENT

HE CLOCKS went back a week ago and I'm still getting used to it. I've now got less afternoor light for my allotment visits so, after getting up at the crack of noon, I can't hang about too long over breakfast.

Can't I get up any earlier I hea you cry? No. I don't like mornings. The only mornings I like are the wee small hours. Like now. It's 2am. I love it. All is guiet and I can think. I've got the old stove going. Run out of logs so I've got a bit of coal. Like the smell of coal.

Don't get the coalman coming round any more though, more's the pity. The coalman's horse used to smell lovely. Warm horse and coal dust. What a wonderful combination. Our coalman used to smell of coal dust and beer sometimes. I loved the state of his face though and I wondered how he managed to get it like that, so completely covered, not

### 'Why don't we eat more rabbit? I think we should'

a white bit of flesh to be seen. I pictured him having a cup of tea at breakfast, pitch black coal dust, all over his face, all round his neck, in his ears and nose and all up his arms too. What a magnificent way to go to work. I thought. Try telling HIM that

his nails are dirty.
So now it is allotment tidy up time. Got to have a bonfire. Love the smell of the bonfire too. Well, allotment bonfires. Bonfires in my back garden when I was a kid smelt of burnt armchairs.

Always an armchair appeared on firework night for the bonfire. Can't remember ever getting a new armchair for the house. Always seemed to get one passed down from someone else's house Our house usually being its last port of call, so after at most a year in service, it was ready for the bonfire. Good way of getting rid of any potential bugs though

But after being sat in the



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rain it would take a couple of hours before any kind of flame got going on it. Šo for two hours we would all stand round it in a complete fog of thick smoke while granddad poked around, (you could hear him but you couldn't see him) trying to get some sort of flicker happening

Now and again a sparkler would appear in an effort to get the party going, accompanied by "ooohs" in the midst of the smoke. It was on one of those smoky bonfire nights that I had acquired a few ha'penny banger or "Boy Scout Rousers" as they were called, and to cheer up the proceedings I tested 'em out on ny sister's old dolls house that had been left out in the garden. I blew it up.

The shallots I saved from my

crop a couple of months ago and planted out a month ago to overwinter are going lovely. Never overwintered shallots before so I will keep you posted.

Heard a programme asking why don't we eat more rabbit? I think we certainly should. People who haven't tasted it should try it It is a nutritious white lean meat and it tastes lovely.

My favourite stew is of wild rabbit and I can remember eating it when I was three and

particularly liking the kidneys. The programme talked about good and bad farmed rabbit and wild rabbit, which was declared the best. Now I can't see the point in farmed rabbit at all when there is wild rabbit in abundance all around the country. These are pests to the farmer, and allotment

holders ain't mad on 'em, but they taste wonderful in a stew, so it's obvious what should be done with them. They should end up as lovely dinners.

The best way of catching them think is with a ferret. A good erreter deals with 'em quick and humanely. Also, a brace of rabbit over the bar always has and always will be good for a pint. Or two pints in some inns.

• Chas and Dave's autobiography All About Us (John Blake, £7.99). Chas and Dave gigs: Assemblu Hall. Tunbridge Wells, tonight; Theatre Royal Windsor, Tuesday; Central Theatre, Chatham Saturday, For a full list of Chas and Dave tour dates

"Come out!" Her crustal voice he hears

## Kupert And Jenny Frost

EPISODE 12 Rupert calls again, his teeth chattering with cold, and this time the little tinkling voice bids him to come out.

"How can I?" he cries, "I'm surrounded by ice. I can't break it and I shall soon freeze solid in here!"

Then to his astonishment a hole appears in the ice curtain near the grass. Crawling shakily through, he is confronted by a slender little dancing figure. Snowflakes seem to be falling constantly around her and she stands in a patch of snow as she giggles mischievously at him.



A dancing maid, with fairy grace Laughs merrily in Rupert's face

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WITH DISCOVER DOGS STARTING ON SATURDAY (AT EARLS COURT), HERE IS HOW **DOGS BARK IN OTHER LANGUAGES** 

Haw haw, hab hab - Arabic Kung-kung – Batak Gheu gheu - Bengal Bow bow - Bulgarian Bup bup - Catalan Wu-wu - Cantonese

Haf haf - Czech Waf waf, woef woef - Dutch **Woof, bow wow –** English Auh auh - Estonian Hau hau, vuh vuh - Finnish

Ouah ouah, ouaf ouaf, wouf wouf - French, wau wau. waff waff. wuff wuff - German Ghav ghav, woof - Greek

Hav hav, haw haw - Hebrew Gav gav, tyaf tyaf - Russian

BRYAN ADAMS, WHO IS 55 ON WEDNESDAY, HAS A PLACE ON CANADA'S WALK OF FAME. THESE INDUCTEES WERE ALSO BORN IN

Pamela Anderson, k.d. lang, Paul Anka, Margaret Atwood, **Dan Aykroyd**, James Cameron, **John Candy**, Jim Carrey, **David Cronenberg**, Celine Dion, Linda Evangelista, Michael J Fox, Eugene Levy, Gordon Lightfoot, Rich Little, Joni Mitchell, Mike Myers, Leslie Nielsen, Mary Pickford, Christopher Plummer, Robbie Robertson, William Shatner, Martin Short, Donald Sutherland, Shania Twain, Jacques Villeneuve, Fay Wray, Neil Young

## THIS WEEK'S PONDERABLES

● When the music in a bar is turned up by a fifth, it makes people drink a quarter faster. • For the past two centuries, the rulers of Russia

have alternated between bald and hairy Parking wardens walk about 15 miles a day. South Korea and North Korea are sworn ene but a few years ago, a South Korean naval unit

defended a North Korean ship against Somali pirates ● A baby quail is known as a "cheeper"

■That small pocket in the front of a pair of jeans was originally intended to hold a pocket watch

• If you eat too much, it dulls your hearing Perhaps it is not surprising but red underwear

more popular in Wales than anywhere else in the UK • Germany is the world leader in solar power

THIS WEEK'S IMPONDERABLE: WHY ARE **BAKED BEANS SOLD IN TOMATO SAUCE?** Because that is the way people like 'em. They weren't always: until 1895, people ate them without any particular sauce, or just with butter. People also ate them for the most peculiar of reasons: in the 17th century eople thought they cured baldness. Then, in 1895, Henry J Heinz created baked beans in tomato sauce in Pittsburgh, US. They were introduced to Britain nine years later where they were sold with a lump of pork and considered a great delicacy. Once British factories started making them they came down in price and proved incredibly popular. So much so that, today, more baked beans are sold here than anywhere else. We eat twice as many baked beans per person as in any other country

It is better to deserve honours and not have them than to have them and not deserve

## HURRY! CASH PRIZES DELIVERED THIS SATURDAY!

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of the three word lists for the chance to win an extra £1000.

## **TESTIMONIALS**

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