

# Happy New Year

The start of another year with the promise of untold possibilities.

This year has been a very strange one.

The Global Covid-19 Pandemic

Finally exiting the EU after a very long 5 years.

The rolling out of the Covid-19 vaccine, with the possibility of getting back to some sort of normality, when we can meet friends and family.

Maybe we will appreciate the simple things more now that we have had to restrict the contact with loved ones, the most precious gifts, a hug and a kiss.

Lets start the year off on a positive note.

What things make you smile?

When should people take their Christmas decorations down? Boxing Day?

Or by the 6<sup>th</sup> January?

Well the answer can be found in the popular festive song – The Twelve Days of Christmas.

In Christianity the Epiphany, when the three wise men visited the baby Jesus, happened 12 days after Christmas, and is seen as the end of the Christmas period.

According to tradition it is unlucky to leave your decorations up after the twelfth night

And this is why people generally take them down in time for the 6<sup>th</sup> January.

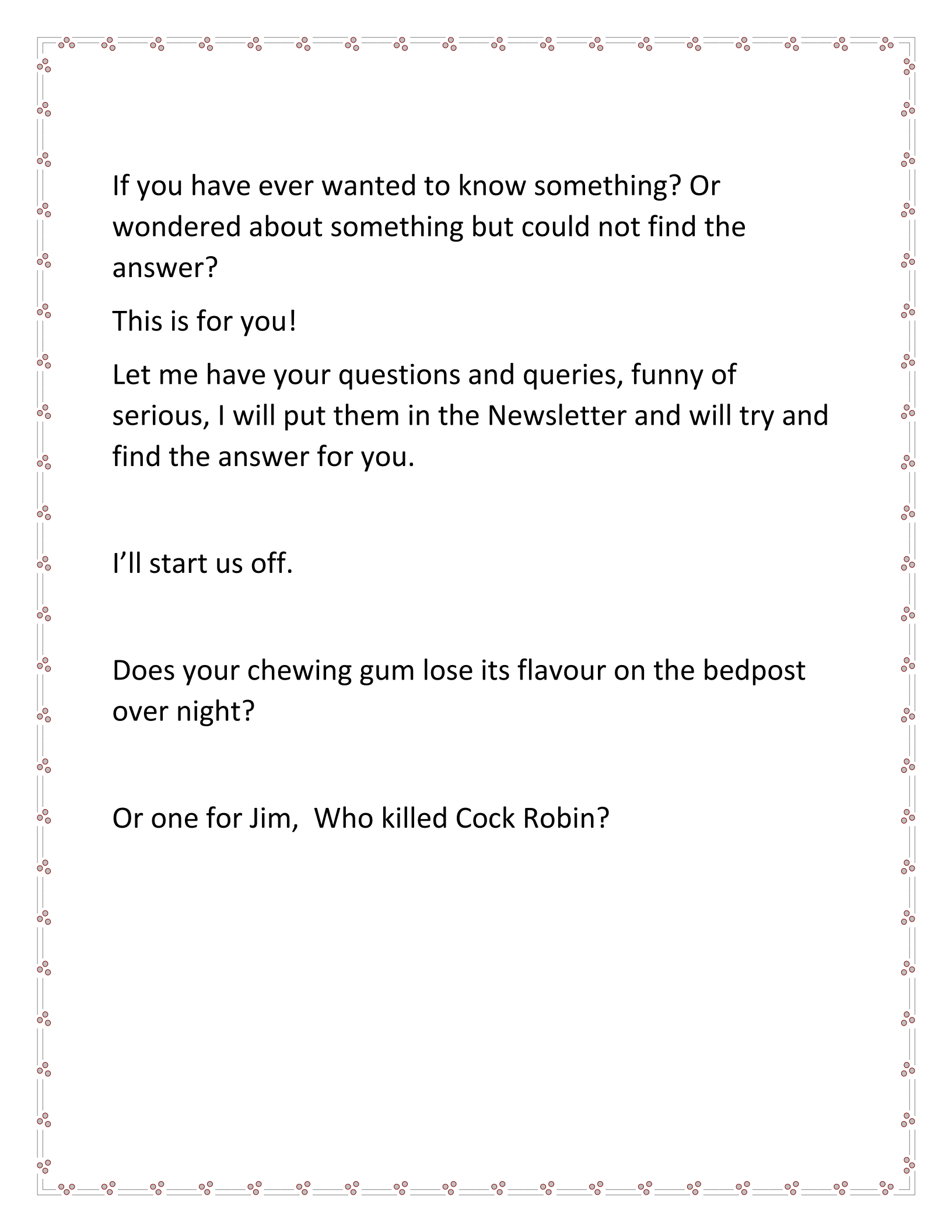
It has not always been this way, in the Victorian era, they used to keep their decorations up for well over a month after Christmas. In fact they would not take them down until 2<sup>nd</sup> February, when Candlemas would be celebrated.

## Good Things

I once heard an old man say  
Shaping vases out of clay  
Into subtle forms sublime  
“Listen, son, good things take time”

All my life I’ve thought this  
When a task was lacking bliss  
When the work seemed awfully tough  
And I thought I’d had enough.

So, I’d give a little more  
To what sometimes seemed a chore  
And, you know, without a doubt  
Good things always came about.



If you have ever wanted to know something? Or wondered about something but could not find the answer?

This is for you!

Let me have your questions and queries, funny or serious, I will put them in the Newsletter and will try and find the answer for you.

I'll start us off.

Does your chewing gum lose its flavour on the bedpost over night?

Or one for Jim, Who killed Cock Robin?