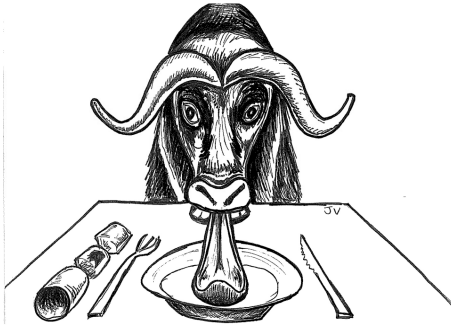


Tongue in Cheek

Somewhere recently I read the words 'Christmas meal' and it caused me to remember a time, when my poor Mother, was on bed rest following what was in those days a dramatic, vein operation.



Then, probably next day, I had to remove the outer skin, which left a beautiful, soft curved tongue. I didn't know how to roll and press it, it was left as it was on a meat plate, and I managed to slice it for sandwiches for my sister and father to take to work for a week. It is amazing when you recall some

An Unusual Raffle

Father had followed his usual routine, of once or twice a week after work, enjoying the refreshment of the local pub (usually the Red Horse) and in some Christmas raffle he won an Ox Tongue. It came long and curved and without any treatment, so on instructions from Mother, I put it in a large saucepan and covered it with water. I cannot remember if I was told to put anything else in, like seasoning, (I was only twelve). I boiled this repulsive thing until it had swollen into a huge ugly mess, then I was told to remove it when the water was cool enough for me to handle. I placed it on a cake rack to drain and cool.

of the things donated to raffles in the 1940s and 50s!

A Piece of Cake - and a Fork

Dad came home on another occasion with a special cake. The Americans were at Brize Norton, and many lived in Shipton or Milton. The cake was a soft sponge confection, with sugary-soft white icing, and chocolate buttons. It was large and sweet and we ate it grandly with a small fork.

It was a bit OTT for Shipton village people in those days.

Phyllis Clarke

Milton Fete Goes 'Down on the Farm'

The theme of next year's Milton-under-Wychwood fete will be *Down on the Farm*. As the Fete will be on its usual date of **Saturday 6th July** it is early days, but we are planning some great events and attractions. We are hoping to have animals in their pens for the children, farming displays and plenty of local produce on sale.

All the usual suspects will be there including the joust run and go-karts. The Classic Cars will feature again and anybody who would like to show their car or motorcycle can contact Paul Young at: miltonclassics@btinternet.com.

Just in case the weather is unkind we are planning more undercover work this year, with a few more tents and gazebos. If you would like to exhibit at the show or just volunteer to help out, contact Dee Brooker on: 01993 831704.

Watch this Space!