

Leisure



Your stars

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★ **ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20):** It's important to build strong and solid foundations otherwise your principles or personal schemes will be as fragile as a house of cards. There are private areas in your life that must be transformed for undercurrents persist that eat at the very fabric of your most intimate relationships. You have the opportunity to construct a secure world.

★ **TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21):** It's an odd week when you can't really predict the outcome of either your love or financial life. It's possible that interplay between the two will put compromise at risk especially if you're sorting out possessions or seeking control of a situation that's out of your hands. You'll get all you deserve now but more if you co-operate.

★ **GEMINI (May 22-June 21):** Be up front, know exactly what you're doing, research the facts and you won't be tripped up by spurious so-and-sos who try to catch you out. It's an excellent week to find out where you stand when it comes to authority or neighbourhood issues. I wouldn't trust someone in the workplace who misuses their power or plays psychological games.

★ **CANCER (June 22-July 23):** The economic structure of your life should be given the once over to ensure that whatever happens in the coming months you can standfast financially without falling flat on your face. A purge is needed as it's possible that YOU know what you're doing materially, but you're being drained by loved ones or circumstances beyond your control.

★ **LEO (July 24-Aug 23):** Have faith in yourself for if you project and present your ideas and creative notions now you'll eventually reap some rapturous rewards. More importantly it's a time for you to achieve both prestige and praise. Support your self confidence but you must rise above any emotional debris you may be choked by due to a recent trauma or upset.

★ **VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23):** It's a peculiar period because a persons' feelings turn off and on like a tap. One minute they're all gushing and the next guarded. A problem or two could be caused due to a third party interfering with your personal or domestic situation. You'll win the day if you treat your beloved or partner to something a little bit special. Pamper him or her!

★ **LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23):** You don't know which way to turn this week as you want to get away from it all, but you've duties and responsibilities to uphold which prevent you from doing your own thing. A problem with a neighbour or local authority will have you plotting and planning to find the most suitable way of alleviating any troubles. You want peace at any price.

★ **SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22):** The gargantuan Sun/Pluto aspect may bring a few chickens home to roost, but don't cook your own goose by continuing with anything that has had its day. A metamorphosis is about to occur in your world, but you cannot evolve on to a higher plane unless you're prepared to make fundamental changes to your life. Make a clean breast of it.

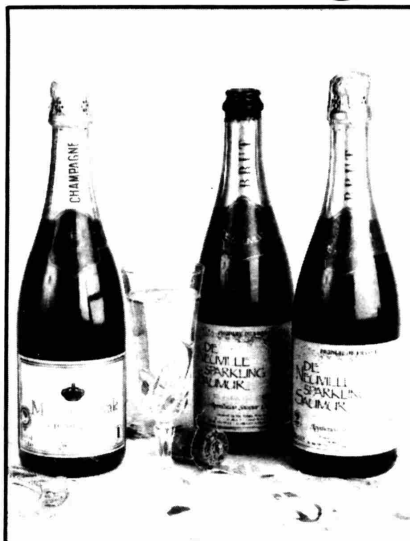
★ **SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21):** You could fair better than most this week, for you've learned from experience over the past months and now's the time to make sure that you never have to go through what you've been through again. For those of you sitting pretty now, don't ignore or neglect any area of your world that requires renovation, otherwise you'll tumble down later.

★ **CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20):** It's the emotional and sexual side of your world that is given celestial instability. So if you've bridges to build rather than burn now's the time to go cap in hand and make your peace. If you've suffered a loss or have been lonely then any desolate vacuums will now be filled by reassurance and security. You're feelings will be crystallized.

★ **AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19):** There's a lot to be said for your future plans and projects but you may have to undergo a test or two to see how rigid and real they are. You might be let down financially or by a person whom you trusted and could do know wrong in your eyes. Don't let your personal life interfere with attaining important goals you've set your heart on.

★ **PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20):** Stay as sweet as you are this week, don't let anyone take advantage of your good nature, in fact, play hard to get and you'll protect your heart. If marriage lines are being drawn or you're looking for love then amorous rays will gladden your soul and spirit. A celebration or grand occasion should be enjoyed for all its worth. Bottoms up!

Win a right Royal tippie!



RULES

● Entry restricted to UK residents aged 18 and over who are not employees or their immediate relatives of the Victoria Wine Company Ltd. or of Middlesex County Press.

● Prizes are awarded to the first five correct answers drawn.

● Entries to arrive no later than July 25, 1986.

● The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

● The winners' names will be published in The Gazette.

JOIN in a Royal toast with Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson!

As our bit towards the wedding celebrations, we've teamed up with the Victoria Wine Company to offer you the chance to add even more sparkle to the occasion.

Enter our Royal Wedding competition and you could be one of five lucky winners receiving a bottle of Maison Royale champagne and De Neuville Sparkling Saumur courtesy of the Victoria Wine Company.

Maison Royale is the 'house' champagne of the wine company. The experts on their buying team (including four masters of wine) rate it as delicious with a clean scented bouquet and dry but full

flavour. Available at more than 800 branches, it costs £7.59 a bottle.

De Neuville Sparkling Saumur is a sparkling wine produced by the Champagne method (ie the wine is fermented in the bottle to produce the bubbles). The taste is light, dry and fruity and costs £3.99.

So if you don't win our bubbling competition, you can still enjoy a refreshing tippie.

To enter our fun and fizzing competition, all you have to do is answer the two questions and send your form to Royal Wedding, The Gazette, 134-136, Broadway, West Ealing, W13 9LA or 1 King Street, Acton, W3 9LA to arrive by July 25. The first five correct answers out of the hat are the winners.

ENTRY FORM

What is the biggest Champagne bottle size?

- Balthazar ☐
Jeroboam ☐
Magnum ☐
Nebuchadnezzar ☐

Which of these is not a British Royal Wedding date?

- 29th July 1981 ☐
14th November 1973 ☐
19th February 1960 ☐
20th November 1947 ☐

Name

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Fine music for a first anniversary

CONCORDIA VESPERA — St Andrew's

THE first anniversary of the foundation of the Concordia Vespera ensemble was celebrated at St Andrew's Mount Park with a wholly delightful concert mixing string quartets, lieder and chansons. What an excellent plan, and why is this format not used more often elsewhere?

Soprano Jessica Cash and pianist Cherry Isherwood's first selection was a group of six well-known Schubert songs all beautifully sung and played. Best of all were the contrasted Litany and To be Sung on the Waters.

Their second group as a choice of five French songs including Chausson, Duparc (L'invitation au Voyage and Chanson Triste) and Fauré — in which the two artists gave a superb account of Notre Amour.

The quartet, consisting of Trevor Williams, Hilary Greaves, John Graham and James Christie began with Mozart's K421 D minor quartet. If they were a little hesitant to begin with they soon achieved perfect ensemble. The Dvorak American Quartet was superb; beautifully balanced in every respect. And what better result could be achieved than to send the very appreciative audience out into the evening humming the lovely themes.

Many happy returns, Concordia Vespera!

Patrick Connelly

The soft airs of summery days

ST BENEDICT'S CHOIR — St Mary's, Perivale

A Summer Serenade was the title of the concert given by the St Benedict's Choir conducted by Bryan Gipps at St Mary's Perivale Lane. Splendid to hear yet again another fine boys' choir. And this one was not only strong at the top but displayed a really firm bass line together with incisive altos and tenors. The tireless accompanist was Philomena Moffatt.

Being a choir attached to a great abbey all the sacred music was stylishly sung. Excerpts from Mozart's Coronation mass and Pergolesi's Stabat Mater and Michael Hurd's Canticle of the Virgin Mary were included with well-known pieces such as Bach's Jesu Joy and Vaughan Williams' Song of the Tree of Life.

A set of folk song arrangements was followed by some barbershop songs. Perhaps the chording at the start of the latter pieces was a bit unclear, but they finished in great form.

The concert finished with a highly invigorating account of the Gloria from Dvorak's Mass in D, but an earlier item which stayed in the mind was a vocal duet and piano version of Schubert's To Music which three of the younger members had rehearsed on their own.

A heartening experience.

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The way to allay our allergies...

Fay Bradley's Bookshelf

FEELING depressed? Permanently tired? Vaguely unwell? Then according to Dr Keith Mumby it's likely you are suffering an allergy and in a paperback called *Allergies ... What Everyone Should Know* (Unwin, £2.95) he expounds his theories in a clear, non-technical way.

Dr Mumby believes most of us have at least one or two allergies either from our diet or our increasingly polluted environment and that many serious complaints like arthritis, migraine, diabetes and epilepsy are allergy based.

A well written book and although the list of polluted foods (and surroundings) is long, Dr Mumby offers positive help and hope to sufferers without the use of drugs.

A WRITER who is concerned about the use of drugs is Jenny Bryan. In *Drugs For All* (Penguin, paperback, £2.95) she questions the benefits or otherwise of drugs prescribed by doctors or bought over the counter, saying that while we all know that heroin and cocaine are highly dangerous the "hidden" drugs are just as bad.

NO considerations about either allergies or hidden drugs weighed with some shipwrecked sailors, who, in 1884, killed and ate their cabin boy.

In *Cannibalism and the Common Law* by

A W Brian Simpson, (Penguin, paperback, £4.95) the true story of the arrest and trial for murder of Tom Dudley and Edwin Stephens is examined in great detail, together with anecdotes and legends of other cannibals and murders at sea.

THE book has a horribly fascinating and macabre quality so on to lighter matters like Frank Keating's *Gent's and Players (Robson, hardback, £8.95)* which is a lively record of major sporting occasions.

EVEN non sporty readers won't be able to resist his wit and subtlety and all sport addicts will find it compulsive reading just as *The Diaries of Evelyn Waugh*, edited by Michael Davie (Penguin, paperback, £6.95) are compulsive.

Beginning with the scribbles of the seven-year old Waugh in 1911 and going on until his death in 1966, the diaries are self revealing, stylish and wonderfully gossipy.

It is a pity there are so many footnotes — they tend to be distracting and spoil what is otherwise an excellently presented edition.



Four for your shelf