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FAREWELL TO A TRUE GENT

CHRISTOPHER HOLLIDAY
1946 -2010

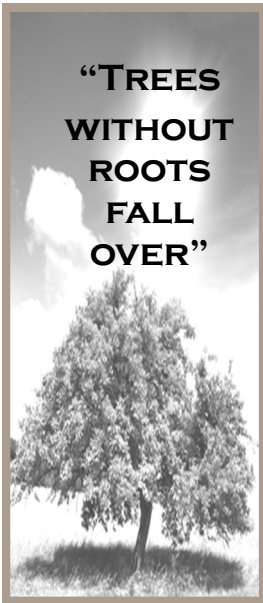
Named after his birth date, Christopher Robin Holliday entered this world in on Christmas Eve, 1946. Chris started his working life in the pet food industry. Then in 1964 he joined Mayhew Brothers in poultry processing, which proved to be the majority of his working life and also his forte. The 1960's with its motorbikes, mods and lambrettas also proved to be an enduring passion. I had the good fortune to work with Chris for twelve years, when he joined Todd's in 1996. His work ethic was legendary. He was up early most days walking the market, white coat flapping, dashing down the aisles of Smithfield, handing out Kit Kats and asking

'would a penny do', only to return to the office always slightly out of breath (hence the nickname Huffy), to work late into the evening. He was not a child of the computer era - he was old school. A trader with a mind and memory, whose only desire was to trade poultry. Paperwork held no interest. Never was he happier than when bidding on and being served on a volume of poultry that had to be sold into a fiercely competitive and volatile market. Persistent Chris saw the sale of products as a matter of honour. On hearing that we may have purchased more product than we required, off would come the tie and out would come his treasured contacts book. The 'buzz' which he emanated when faced with such a challenge, was tangible. Chris retired from Todd's in October 2008 - a one off - irreplaceable. Chris the man then began what proved to be a short but extremely happy retirement. He died on the morning of 6th November 2010, released from the agonies of the brain tumour that so cruelly afflicted him. A true gentleman of the trade has passed.

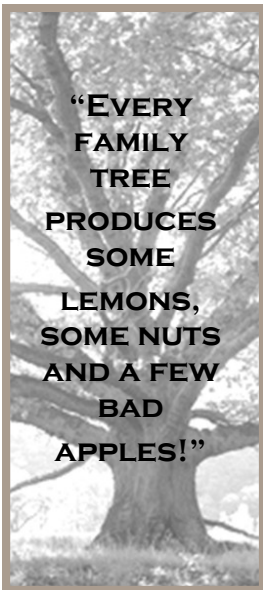
Keep warm this winter

You may have seen from our website that we have become involved over the past year with a charity based in Tunbridge Wells which focuses on providing hot meals for the homeless in the area. We have decided this year to donate fifty packs of thermal socks gloves, scarves, fleeces and blankets, which we are told will be greatly appreciated during the winter Season. We would like to take this opportunity to thank William White Meats and Hugo Foods who have continued to support this worthy cause throughout the year - your assistance is much appreciated.

WELCOME
TO THE
**SOUP
BOWL**



**“TREES
WITHOUT
ROOTS
FALL
OVER”**



**“EVERY
FAMILY
TREE
PRODUCES
SOME
LEMONS,
SOME NUTS
AND A FEW
BAD
APPLES!”**

A heartfelt Thank You from us all at Todds.



We would like to take this opportunity to say a big THANK YOU to all of our customers and suppliers. Just over a year ago we decided to take a chance and change our working lives. After forty four years of depot based life, we moved to an office environment and altered the way we worked. Your support has enabled us to complete our first year more successfully than we could have hoped. To all of you who have borne with us through the teething problems and changes we have encountered, your loyalty and consideration is very much appreciated. To our suppliers both of product and services your efforts and understanding have been of great help in achieving the transition. We now approach 2011 with much less trepidation and look forward to continuing our long standing relationships with you all. Thank you.



**O PORTER
VIVERE
“One Must
Live”**

With the growing interest in programmes such as “Who Do You Think You Are?”, where we all watch glued to the TV as researchers unveil the quite often scandalous past of some well known celebrity, I decided to take a look back at my heritage . My sister had used the services of a genealogist some years earlier, the result of which was a beautifully bound book detailing the past 200 years of the Todd family. Unfortunately we did not stumble across some wealthy entrepreneur type or landed gentry, but it would appear we descended from a long line of Carmen - sometimes driving coaches, but predominantly dust carts.

That side of the family tree depleted, I decided to look into the Todd name. It seems that it's origins are most definitely Scottish, and it's derivatives of the word Tod, Todde or Tode, meaning fox. In fact the crest shows a fox running away with a goose in his mouth – which makes the motto even more meaningful - Oporter Vivere - which translates roughly into “One Must Live”.

Reflecting upon my new discovery, I couldn't help but smile. Its a fact that there is no inherited wealth through my lineage, no figures of great Intellect or influence - just generation after generation of people who worked hard, quite often at the lowest end of the employment ladder - not a blue collar in sight! And that wiley old fox as the motto says - just has to do what he has to do, to get by!



BY LAURA DELLER

VITAI LAMPADA

("They Pass On The Torch of Life")

Sir Henry Newbolt (1862-1938)

Whilst watching dutifully on the sidelines of a windswept pitch on another drizzly afternoon, like many Mums and Dads across the country, I was baffled to see my young son hand a note to a boy who had been on the wrong end of a particularly bad tackle.

At the end of the match I asked him what he had handed the boy and to my surprise this was it!

**There's a breathless hush in the Close tonight
Ten to make and match to win
A bumping pitch and a blinding light,
An hour to play and the last man in.
And it's not for the sake of a ribboned coat,
Or the selfish hope of a season's fame
But his Captain's hand on his shoulder smote
'Play up! play up! and play the game!'**

**The sand of the desert is sodden red,
Red with the wreck of a square that broke;
The Gatling's jammed and the Colonel dead,
And the regiment blind with dust and smoke.
The river of death has brimmed his banks.
And England's far, and Honours a name,
But the voice of a schoolboy rallies the ranks;
'Play up! play up! and play the game!'**

**This is the word that year by year,
While in her place the School is set,
Every one of her sons must hear,
And none that hears it dare forget.
This they all with a joyful mind
Bear through life like a torch in flame,
And falling fling to the host behind
'Play up! play up! and play the game!'**

You look just like ?

They say everyone out there has a double somewhere in the world. Take a look, at the Todd's team and see if you don't do a double take!



From Top to Bottom: Simon Bird (Will from The Inbetweeners). Ray Winstone, Letitia Dean George Michael, Freddie Mercury, Supergran, Wilfred Bramble (Steptoe & Son).



Everyone at Todd's would like to wish all our customers and suppliers a very

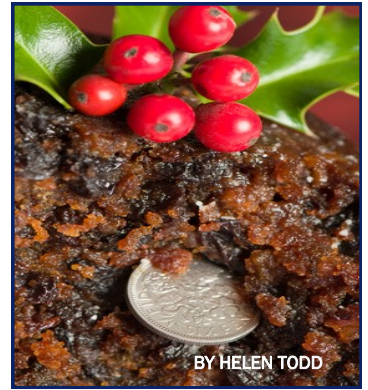
**HAPPY
CHRISTMAS &
PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR**

Mmmm

Christmas Pudding

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hose of you who know Helen, may have tasted some of her baking in the past. Well each year she makes the Puddings for a charity which serves Lunch on Christmas day to approximately 60 elderly people who have no family. This year we sponsored her Puddings and in return she disclosed the Todd's family recipe!!



Ingredients

1 lb raisins	4 oz plain flour
1 1/2 lb sultanas	2 large cooking apples- grated
6 oz glace cherries	3 oz flaked toasted almonds
Rind & juice 1 lemon	Rind & juice 1 orange
4 oz ground almonds	8 oz shredded suet
1 teaspoon of salt	1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
3/4 can Stout	3 eggs
1 large glass Brandy	8 oz soaked prunes - chopped
1 large carrot - grated	8 oz breadcrumbs
8 oz brown sugar	2 teaspoons mixed spice
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg	

Method

Mix all the dry ingredients in a large bowl. Add all the wet ingredients and mix thoroughly. Leave covered for 24 hours. Place into a four pint basin (leave 1 inch of space from top). Place a greaseproof disc of paper on the top, and cover with tin foil (put a pleat in it). Steam for 8 hours. When cool, replace the covering and secure with string and store in a dark dry area until ready for use. Steam for a further two hours on the day. Unwrap and turn onto a plate. Warm a glass of brandy and pour over and ignite, and serve with lots of festive cheer!



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