



Phoenix Film Competition

The Phoenix is offering two free tickets to the **FIRST person to answer two movie questions.**

1. Name the female star of Antonioni's film BLOW UP
2. How many characters does Alex Guinness portray in KIND HEARTS AND CORONETS

The first person to present the coupon with the correct answers to the Phoenix Cinema box office wins two free tickets for any show Tuesday to Thursday.

Compiled by: Anthony Tuck, with thanks to the Phoenix General Manager: Dennis Crowley

Answers plus the winner's name will be published in next month's Archer.

Answers to February Archer/Phoenix Competition:

1.....

2.....

Name:.....

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Answers to November 1996 Quiz

1. Hardy Kruger played the model aeroplane designer in the film The Flight of The Phoenix
2. The setting of the film The Phoenix City Story was Arizona

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Shoot That Poison Arrow

by Ricky Savage, the voice of Social irresponsibility

It's that time of the year again when lovers everywhere exchange banalities and flowers and Interflora does its best business. Yes folks, it's St Valentine's Day and all I know is that I don't like it.

It's not just the tacky cards or the way that the florist bungs the prices of roses into orbit. It's not even the naff adverts in the papers announcing Tweety Pie's love for pussykin's, it's something deeper than that. It's not Cupid's fault that hopeful lovers everywhere rely on his accuracy with the bow and arrow, but if I was him I'd go on strike just to show them. That would force the lovers to behave like normal human beings rather than demanding the ritual slaughter of roses, or trying to demonstrate their love by spending a fortune on fizzy wine.

Cupids Stunt

So who on earth was St Valentine and why he is the patron saint of tacky greeting cards, dodgy messages and all that is naff about February 14th?

Well, St Valentine was a

Roman priest allegedly executed in c269 during the Emperor Claudius II's persecution of Christians. Then again, some people claim he was the Bishop of Turni and was taken the 60 odd miles to Rome to be martyred. Either way he has absolutely zilch to do with the writing of anonymous love letters or champagne or expensive restaurants.

The whole lovey dovey stuff began in the late middle ages due to some spurious belief that February 14 marked the start of the mating season for birds. By the same token, if the birds are mating, then my cat knows that fledglings can't be that far behind. After all, nothing signals the start of spring better than the sight of the average mog slaughtering the local airborne population.

P.S. The Archer's postbag has been bulging with letters from moral elephants and others complaining about my piece on the hypocrisy of the politicians claiming to be more moral than the rest of us. Unfortunately everybody seems to have missed the point. Mrs Lawrence has every right to call for a greater emphasis on society and a lesser emphasis on individual greed. What bugs me is the way that Major, Blair etc. all promptly leapt onto the bandwagon for reasons of personal gain and began spouting moralising jargon like the worst sort of hypocritical Victorian moralist. Those writers who object to anti-Roman Catholic attitudes are entitled to their views, but the current Pope is no friend of social liberalism.



Holiday on Ice

This was the scene that greeted a Sylvester Road resident when he arrived home from his Christmas holidays to find he'd had a burst pipe...

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