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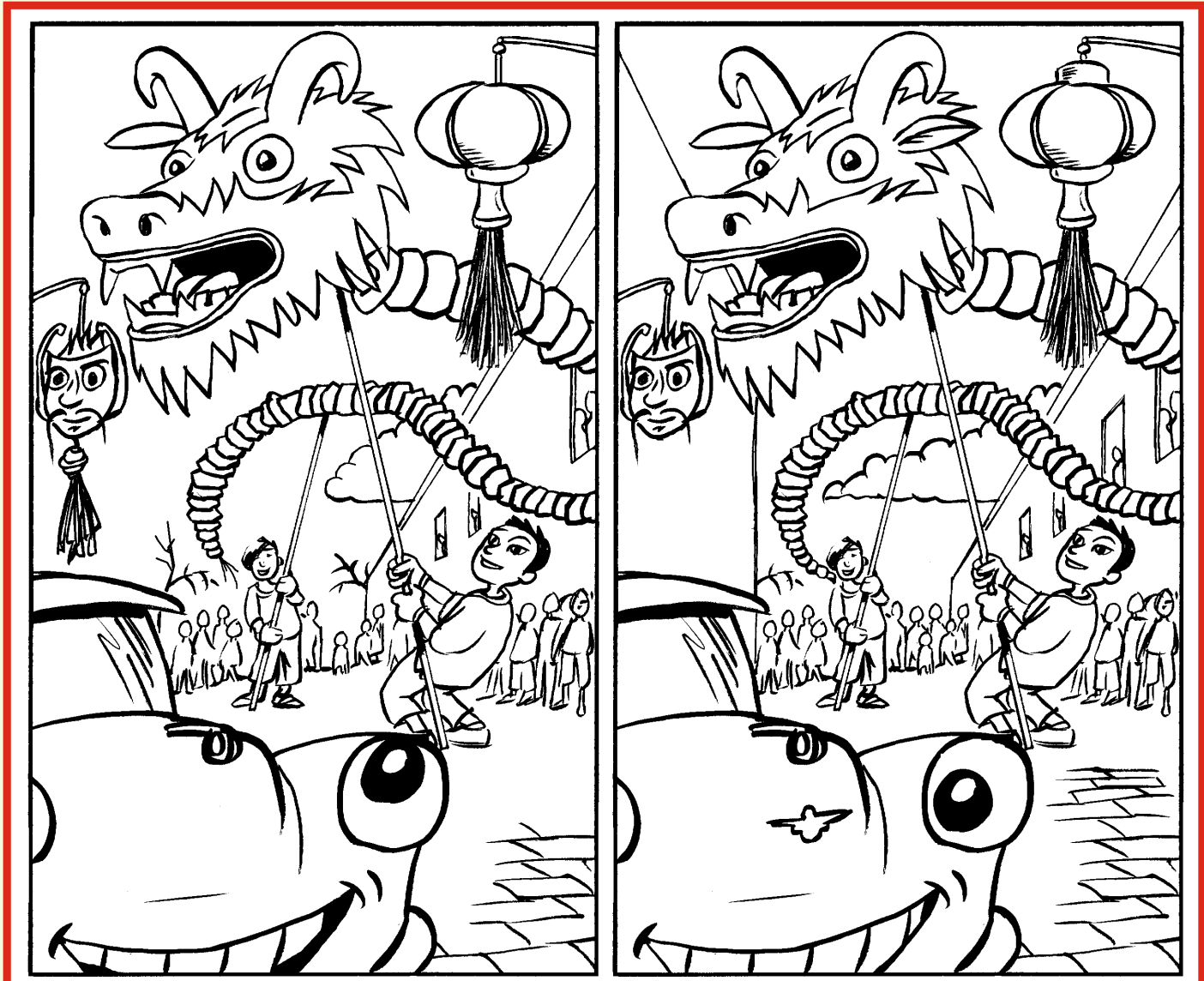
Just because **Christmas** is long gone, it doesn't mean we can't all still keep having fun does it?

You might have to wait a wee while, but only until **February 16th**, because that is the official start of the Chinese New Year and this year it is all centered around the dog.

Every year the Chinese celebrate with a different zodiac animal and according to the 12 year cycle years of the dog include 1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 2006, 2018 and 2030.

All good stuff eh and a reason to celebrate. If you are planning on some fun then drop **Meg** and I a line and tell us you are up to. Just send in via **Rebecca.hay@mmoc.org.uk**

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COMPETITION CORNER

Hey hey as **Meg** and I have been saying in the introduction, **Chinese New Year** is nearly upon us and that means more fun!

Just incase you don't know all the ins and outs of Chinese New Year, then here we go folks. Millions of people across the world celebrate this fine and dandy time.

It is a time to eat lots of food, enjoy fireworks, wear special clothes and hang big red lanterns all over the place.

This year it will start on February 16th and the reason it falls at this time is because it marks the start of the lunar new year, which is when there is the start of a new moon.

This is different to the **Gregorian** calendar which we use traditionally throughout the UK, which begins on January 1st.

Chinese New Year is also known as the spring festival and is the most important time in the Chinese calendar and each year is named after one of 12 animals and this time it is the year of the dog.

To mark the start of the celebrations, people clean their houses, but not using a broom just incase they sweep out the good luck before it comes in!

And after two weeks, the festivities are over and marked by a lantern parade. Sounds great doesn't it? **Peter Rigg the Artist** went along to see for himself what goes on and he was so impressed that he drew a super dooper cartoon for today's competition.

And all you have to do is spot the differences. It is all for fun, but it would be good if you could email it in for Meg and I to see, via **Rebecca.hay@mmoc.org.uk**,

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Hope you are all enjoying our Chinese New Year theme. One of the best parts of the celebrations is the fortune cookies.

The cookies are made from flour, sugar, vanilla and sesame seed oil and they taste mighty fine and if you are really lucky you will find a special message inside.

The message will include a Chinese phrase or translation and a list of lucky numbers used by some people when they enter the lottery.

The cookies are served as pudding in Chinese restaurants in the United States and other Western countries, but this is not a tradition in China.

David Jung, who founded the **Hong Kong Noodle Company** in Los Angeles claims he invented the cookie in 1918 and there have been lots of counter claims since.



But the fun is in the message and Meg and I have some favourite ones which include: "A friend only asks for your time, not your money" and "if you refuse to accept anything less than the best, then you will be rewarded."

Great positive messages for us all to learn from. And today **Meg** and I hope you will send in your favourite messages so we can share them with **Morris Minor** fans everywhere. They can be about cars too if you think that would be fun!

We would love to see your creations, so why not get start now. Then email your efforts in and we might even send you a prize. Just send via **Rebecca.hay@mmoc.org.uk**

MUG MIRTH

Well Meg and I hope you all had a fun Christmas and lots of laughs. We are still recovering from all the one liners our chums **Ruaridh** and **Flossie** told us. They are knock knock jokes which are our all time favourites and here are some of the best. If you have any pearlys, just send them in via **Rebecca.hay@mmoc.org.uk**

KNOCK KNOCK
WHO'S THERE?
WENCESLAS
WENCESLAS WHO?
(WENCESLAS TRAIN HOME?)

KNOCK KNOCK
WHO'S THERE?
SNOW
SNOW WHO?
(SNOW BUSINESS LIKE SHOW BUSINESS)

KNOCK KNOCK
WHO'S THERE?
WAYNE
WAYNE WHO?
(WAYNE IN A MANGER...!)

KNOCK KNOCK
WHO'S THERE?
DONUT
DONUT WHO?
(DO-NUT OPEN TILL CHRISTMAS!)

KNOCK KNOCK
WHO'S THERE?
OAKHAM
OAKHAM WHO?
(OAKHAM ALL YE FAITHFUL...!)

KNOCK KNOCK
WHO'S THERE?
AVERY
AVERY WHO?
(AVERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!)

KNOCK KNOCK
WHO'S THERE?
HOLLY
HOLLY WHO?
(HOLLY-DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN!)

KNOCK KNOCK
WHO'S THERE?
MARY
MARY WHO?
(MARY CHRISTMAS!)

JOIN US

I am sure there are plenty of Morris Minors out there. If you are under 16 then why not fill in the Join Us coupon so I can keep in touch.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

OK folks, you have filled in the **Join Us** coupon and sent it in. But before **Meg** and I get in touch we need you to do some work and send in your competition entries, jokes or letters to the address at the top of the page.

THANKS

