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'The Orchard', at Wick © Peter Hodge, Worcestershire

**The Coronation of King Charles III is a very historic day. A new era begins in our long history of the British Monarchy. We have seen a superb example of leadership by our late Queen. King Charles is ready to follow and set his own mark in history. He has certainly been well trained by his mother and father and has many outstanding achievements to his name already. I am very much in favour of the Monarchy with its unique position above politics, and look forward to seeing our new King developing his own style of leadership.**

The Coronation ceremony will be celebrated all over the world, not only in the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth, but particularly so in America and Europe. This little country of ours is highly regarded, and the

Monarchy plays a major role in achieving and sustaining our influence. We should be very proud of our country and our Monarchy yet we typically run ourselves down, although our country is envied by many.

The month of May is upon us already with three Bank Holidays. This is a wonderful month when nature comes into full summer bloom. The weather normally begins to warm and gardeners need to keep on top of things! We have a very exciting month ahead with so much to look forward to. Pershore Carnival on Spring Bank Holiday, always a great family event. The volunteer organisers put in such a lot of effort and enthusiasm they have to be admired. Well done everyone.

**God save the King!**



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An appeal for information has been launched after the suspected theft of newly planted trees from Pershore's Abbey Park.

The three magnolia trees were discovered missing on Wednesday, 29 March 2023, having only been planted in the last few weeks.

As the trees had been pot grown, they were complete with a root system which is why Wychavon's parks officers believe the trees may have been stolen to replant rather

than taken as an act of vandalism.

The trees will cost more than £500 to replace and replant. Replanting may not be possible straight away as it is outside of the main tree planting season, meaning additional watering will be needed to support any new trees until they are established.

*Anyone with any information should call the police on 101 and quote crime number 22/29822/23*

## Little Comberton street market - Saturday 27th May



Nestling at the foot of Brendon Hill, Little Comberton is excited to be hosting its 37th annual Street Market on Saturday 27th May 2023, between 2pm and 5pm. Come rain or shine, the event is guaranteed to provide a fun filled afternoon for the whole family.

Last year we welcomed over 1000 visitors who came to enjoy this traditional English fête with a host of colourful stalls set amongst thatched cottages, orchards and hay bales, with background tunes of live jazz, bell ringing and Morris dancing, all creating a vibrant and unique atmosphere. The street stalls feature local produce including asparagus and strawberries, while local beer and cider are for sale in the beer tent. Other refreshments include - pork baps, homemade cakes and cream teas. The market boasts plenty of stalls selling books, plants, vintage and collectibles, plus local arts and crafts. If you are a local food

producer or craftsperson interested in trading at the market please contact [carol@rabbette.co.uk](mailto:carol@rabbette.co.uk)

There's lots for children to do also - including a dedicated games area. There will be an art exhibition and sale in our church and, weather permitting, there will be a large display of classic cars.

Entrance to the Street Market is £2 per adult and free for under 12s. Free parking is available on a first served basis.

Little Comberton Street Market is a non-profit making event that supports St.Peter's Church and Little Comberton Village Hall.

*For further information please take a look at our Facebook page:*

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*The Market takes place in Manor Lane, Little Comberton, Pershore, WR10 3EG*

**pershore  
carnival**



## Spring Bank Holiday - Monday 29th May 2023

Pershore Carnival 2023 is back to its usual date of Spring Bank Holiday Monday, 29th May. All the usual attractions will be on offer: funfair, farmers' market, craft stalls, food and drink outlets, sports demonstrations, children's activities, static engines display, fun dog show, pony rides, birds of prey, ferret racing and live music all afternoon. New this year will be a Silent Disco and Punch and Judy shows. Another

change this year is that the Carnival Procession will set off at midday from the market car park. We hope to see a huge turnout again this year to support this popular annual event. Remember to bring plenty of change for the street collection, which this year will be donated to Pershore Community Cupboard.

*For further information visit [www.pershorecarnival.co.uk](http://www.pershorecarnival.co.uk)*

### Special Dates in May

Monday 1st May - Early Bank Holiday

Saturday 6th May - King Charles III Coronation

Monday 8th May - Bank Holiday

Monday 29th May - Spring Bank Holiday

# Revelry at Revills! – Saturday 3rd June

Darren and his staff at Revills Farm Shop have every reason to be holding their own celebrations this year. June 3rd marks the 20th Anniversary since Isabel Revill (Darren's mother-in-law) opened their original farm shop in an old stable selling asparagus. This business quickly moved on to become a fully-fledged farm shop specialising in local produce. Now, based in more appropriate premises with an excellent café, the shop continues to develop and expand its range of products. On Saturday June 3rd from 11.00-15.00 Revills will offer the opportunity for customers old and new to come and join in the celebrations. Apart from a delicious pig roast courtesy of Hunts (Revills' pork supplier), there will be a range of tastings and stalls offering excellent food and drink products as well

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prepared to go further afield to please his customers! Do visit Revills Farm Shop on the day. Darren and his staff will be delighted to see you and there will be lots to enjoy.

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# A few words from... Harriett Baldwin MP



## MP defends rights for local people to agree new housing

Harriett Baldwin MP has defended the principle that local people should have their views respected when major housing developments are considered. The MP called on the Government to shift its policy away from nationally imposed housing targets to allow local people to have a clearer say on where to build new housing. Harriett has shared her views after publishing her response to a consultation on the National Planning Policy Framework, which sets the national guidelines which local councils have to follow. Over the last year, Harriett has been closely involved in efforts to make sure that nationally-imposed housing targets are only advisory, helping to take

pressure off the larger villages to the west of Worcestershire which have borne the brunt of speculative planning applications and major new housing development. The MP has also spoken up for the villages who have developed their own democratically-approved Neighbourhood Plan which sets out where it would approve new building growth. Harriett said: "Over the last couple of years, we've seen a number of policy papers and draft legislation from the Government to return to nationally imposed housing targets and I have strongly resisted this policy. I have always said that planning needs to be decided by local people and their local representatives, and I strongly reject the idea that national policy makers should be allowed to impose new housing on us. Of course, this depends on having a strong and united set of local councillors who are able to take control of this issue and head off speculative planning applications. Nationally, I'm doing all I can to make sure that we get the right policy in place which allows communities to refresh and grow in a managed and organic way, together with the right investment in infrastructure in parallel with new house building."

## MP praises Wychavon Council tax freeze

Harriett Baldwin MP has praised the work of Wychavon District Council, which has again frozen council tax, in a question to the Prime Minister today. The MP highlighted the work of Wychavon's Conservative council to freeze tax over six years and maintain good public services in contrast to the 'rag tag bag of so-called independents and greens' who have put up Malvern Hills council taxes by almost 50 per cent. Harriett commented: "I am proud of the Conservative-run Wychavon District Council which has consistently delivered excellent public services while freezing council tax for the last six years. This is in stark contrast to the rag tag bag of independent and

green councillors who have mis-managed an administration which has seen district council tax burdens increase by nearly 50 per cent for band D properties. I took the opportunity today to highlight the strong performance of Wychavon's Conservative district councillors to the Prime Minister today and hope that they will return to lead the administration after the elections on 4th May. In contrast the muddled Malvern coalition of disparate Lib Dem and Labour defectors has allowed the council tax burden to balloon over the last four years, and I strongly hope for the return of a sensible, unified team of Conservative councillors to tackle the cost of living for my constituents."

# Rotary News



Richard Lees, President

Two new members were welcomed into Pershore Rotary in April. Mina Crisp joins us from the Rotary Club of Whangarei South in New Zealand. Mina and Bill recently moved back to the UK and have settled in the Pershore area. Mina is a very active Rotarian and will bring loads of new ideas to our club. New recruit is Jason Jones, MD of Jones & Associates, Bespoke Estate Agency. Jason is also a member of Pershore's Business over Breakfast Club [www.bobclubs.com/Club/Pershore](http://www.bobclubs.com/Club/Pershore) a networking group for local businesses, supported by Pershore Rotary. Sunday, 30 April saw the arrival of ShelterBoat 2 at the Angel's moorings. The vessel, a converted green ShelterBox, is the brainchild of Rotarian Paul Weatherill, a creative entrepreneur from Norfolk. Paul navigated his dinghy down the Avon from Stratford to Tewkesbury in support of ShelterBox, the disaster relief charity. Pershore Rotary sponsored the Coronation shop window competition which was well supported. The winners will be announced prior to the Coronation and reported in the Pershore Times next month. So, whether you support your own community or overseas, Pershore Rotary is here to help.



Mina & Bill Crisp



Jason Jones

If you can help us and want to know more, follow us on Facebook or check out our website at [www.pershorerotary.club](http://www.pershorerotary.club)

## Wick Care Farm update



The Spring Fair held in April at Wick Care Farm raised an incredible £2146.50. Which has smashed their previous record. The weather was kind and the rain stayed away. There was a lovely atmosphere throughout the whole event. People have given some amazing feedback. "Such a

brilliant day spent at a very special place! Massive thank you to everyone involved for all their hard work. We had a wonderful time."



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# First concert featuring Abbey's new pipe organ

The Worcester Philharmonic is thrilled to be the first orchestra to showcase the new pipe organ in Pershore Abbey. On Saturday 10th June, Joe Davies conducts the Saint Saens Organ Symphony, with John Wilderspin as soloist. The £800,000 instrument arrived in Pershore in early February. It was built in Padua, Italy, and has taken weeks to install and tune. There was no space to accommodate it on the ground, so two bespoke platforms were constructed for it above the nave. The pipes are installed in their magnificent casing for all

to admire. John Wilderspin, our soloist, was Organist to the Voluntary Choir at Worcester Cathedral playing for them in numerous prestigious cathedrals including Westminster Abbey, St Pauls' and Durham as well as Brussels, Ypres and Notre Dame.. He was also Director of Music at Pershore Abbey until recently. *The concert starts at 2.30pm Tickets £15 (free for accompanied under 16s) online at [ticketsource.co.uk](http://ticketsource.co.uk) Tourist Offices in \*Pershore, Worcester, and Malvern. \*cash only*



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Should that happen, then the family have to deal with the Court of Protection and they are a nightmare. They do not understand the word Urgency let alone spell it. The writer has terrible first hand experience with a family member. The Pershore Times have made a special arrangement with Resolve Law Group on behalf of their readers using the Newspaper Code PT80. The arrangement is that the fee for each LPA is £175.00 plus the fee to the Office of the Public Guardian of £82.00. Any person should have this in place whether you are 30 or 70 years old.

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# Flower Club News

We had a very good turnout on Wednesday 19th April with a number of visitors and we were delighted to welcome back a few "old members" who had been missing for a while. Elizabeth Graham from Newport, South Wales entertained us with her demonstration entitled 'Semper Avanti', always forward. She produced a collection of containers and frameworks, some of which she had constructed from whitewashed floorboards making a window box, from twigs, from bending stems of dogwood and willow into hoops and all but her first design using copper chicken wire. She gave us many hints about using this instead of floral foam – or oasis – which we are encouraged to do nowadays.

For her first design, using oasis, she constructed a tall 'fence' of bamboo alternating with golden willow to which she added tall stems of Ornithogalum, better known as Star of Bethlehem, blue iris, yellow snapdragon and pale lilac allium. Elizabeth had already filled the front section of the windowbox with gold violas into which she added gold narcissi, alstroemeria and gold tulips. The next arrangement was made using a framework inserted into a glass cylinder and through which she threaded blooms in three primary colours – yellow alstroemeria, purple iris and large red tulips. Then she added stems of daffodils called 'semper avanti'. The third design consisted of blooms of white ranunculus, stems of pieris and pittasporum all contained in a green shiny pot. To these she added stems of a very pretty grass.

Next we had three small wooden containers which Elizabeth had attached in a row to a single plank. Into these wooden boxes she had placed small metal buckets with the copper netting and jam jars containing agrowool – another alternative to oasis. Small plants of Kalanchoe and Osteospermum were put into the buckets and then gerberas and tulips all in toning colours of coral put in the jamjars. Finally she added stems of a beautiful coral rose called "miss piggy" into the middle of the design. Finally, a bulb bowl again with the copper mesh, and inserted into a large black urn, arrived on the stage already containing delicate trailing stems of a rose and stems of white Exochorda Macrantha 'The Bride'. To this beautiful arrangement, Elizabeth added blue iris, white stocks, pale coloured hellebore, softly weeping tulips, purple blue clematis, sarcococca and finally two large pink lilies. The whole evening was most enjoyable, Elizabeth was very good to listen to and we all much appreciated her tips and advice. *Our next Club meeting is on Wednesday, the 17th May at Bishampton Village Hall at 7.30 pm. to which all visitors are welcome.*



# Pershore Abbey Women's Fellowship



The Pershore Abbey Women's Fellowship are coming up to the end of another interesting, and very good year 2022/2023, after our Easter flower demonstration plus members in their Easter bonnets. Then came our May AGM. We listened to some productive information on The Wellbeing Centre, our charity for the year. A varied programme continued with natural skin care products. The following month a slide show of 'Old Pershore' by Chris Ludlow, which all our local ladies really enjoyed, and would like a return visit from him, sharing all his knowledge of the town. Summertime, a day out to Holland House for lunch and afternoon tea, was a lovely day of reflection. September is our Abbey Service, then into St Andrews for cake and tea plus a bring and buy table, raising funds for

our nominated charity. We continued through the months with talks on Hypnotherapy plus Photography, ending the year in December with songs from Pershore Choir including Christmas cake and mince pies. We brought in the New Year with another delicious lunch at The Star, going through the months with talks on Quilting, Physiotherapy and Chris Parsons with his memories of being in the Fire Brigade. Now, all too soon another AGM. We are looking forward to celebrating the Fellowships 60th Year with a special Anniversary cake and a trip out.

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# Women's Hour! *Le pique nique* Susan Catford



## King Charles III

A future king in waiting right from his day of birth,  
 His destiny was written for his future on this Earth.  
 His early years were happy ones with siblings by his side.  
 His parents warm and loving but needing now to guide  
 And teach the ways of statesmanship so that he would grow strong,  
 Both physically and mentally, the road ahead was long.  
 His mother was his role model, a sovereign through and through,  
 Beloved by her people, she taught him what to do.  
 His father always ready to train this growing child,  
 His wisdom and example to lead him and to guide.  
 The child became a man then, still learning to be king,  
 Acquiring grace and dignity, the things this role would bring.  
 With purpose and integrity, a wife and family too,  
 A sense of responsibility in all he had to do.  
 The years rolled on, still waiting but happy still to know  
 The Queen, his darling mother, would continue on just so.  
 She'd given up her life to be a special Queen,  
 Devoted to her people, her smile was often seen.  
 Charles became her prop now as health began to fade,  
 Supportive in her duties as by her side he stayed.  
 With grief and dreadful sadness this lady Queen then passed  
 To join her much loved husband, together now at last.  
 A new King here to rule us as Charles became our King,  
 His lifetime skills prepared him to take on everything.  
 Camilla is beside him, his Queen and Consort too.  
 This royal pair together determined to be true.  
 To rule and serve the people of this nation they must face  
 With hope for a green future for the World, this special place.  
 So now we send our wishes for a peaceful reign and long  
 With many years before our King, a monarch wise and strong.

Susan Catford

In case you have ever wondered where our word picnic comes from, the clue is in the title! It comes from the French pique-nique which means a light, informal meal eaten outdoors where you can pick or nibble foods. Now there are picnics and picnics. My earliest memories are of eating cold sausage sandwiches by the roadside on our way to Devon after an early start. Then there were picnics on the beach. A loaf of bread (or two), a jar of sandwich spread and a tin of luncheon meat went a long way to feeding six hungry children. The term 'sandwich' did live up to its name. No matter how hard you tried, sand would somehow creep into it. This may have been because we didn't have cling film or Tupperware boxes. A waxed bread wrapper and some sheets of grease-proof paper were not sand-proof. My in-laws had their own traditional picnic which consisted of a flask of tea, a few sandwiches, some rock cakes and an apple. I have never understood how anyone can enjoy tea from a flask; it has a strange flasky taste! Soup in a flask is okay though and definitely welcome on our chilly British holidays. I eventually came to appreciate picnics when I had control of the contents. We were given a lovely picnic hamper with real cutlery and crockery. It was an excuse to pack my favourite foods (not usually sandwiches) with some well-chilled beverages - not a flask of tea in sight! Smoked salmon, mixed salads, cold meats, pies, fresh uncut bread and quiches (more of that later) accompanied us on boat trips, to open air concerts and plays, as well as the occasional point-to-point. The picnic was a delightful outdoor meal for sharing which enhanced these activities. As well as the picnic hamper, we now also took a cool box for wines and beers, folding chairs, a picnic table and, of course, umbrellas (well it is England!). Even so, our picnics did not compare with some others we have seen. Tables with linen cloths, napkins, silver cutlery, crystal glasses, champagne buckets and even candelabra can frequently be seen at outdoor concerts and racecourses. Usually the people

who arrive thus equipped seem to spend their time eating, drinking and socialising rather than watching the event! Picnics have become popular, particularly since Covid when we were encouraged to do our socialising outdoors. The Coronation celebration will, no doubt, involve millions of people celebrating with street parties, barbecues and picnics. Tables up and down the country in gardens, streets and outside pubs will be sporting red, white and blue tableware. Houses, shops and pubs will be flying the flags and displaying patriotic bunting. It will be a jolly affair involving the consumption of much food, tea and alcohol. No matter the weather, we will not be deterred. Gazebos, party tents and umbrellas will protect us. The jubilee celebrations last year were a rehearsal for the Coronation. We all enjoy an excuse to put aside our worries and get together with family and friends. Communities come together - cats, dogs, children, babies, aunts and uncles, parents and grandparents - we'll all be there! Earlier I mentioned quiche, another French name for a savoury tart made with unsweetened pastry and an egg-based filling. It seems that this has been chosen by King Charles and his Queen, Camilla, as the signature Coronation dish. For those who may be interested, its ingredients include spinach, broad beans, cheese and tarragon. I love a quiche but that may not be quite to my liking so I may well stick to Coronation chicken which is a favourite of mine. We will be packing our picnic hamper, our table and chairs (plus umbrellas!) and heading down to our local to join the rest of the village in celebrating this truly memorable event. Whatever the weather, we will enjoy the day.



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# Civilian life in WW2 - Part 2 Tim Hickson



*Gavin and Tim*



*Wood Norton Hall*

As a child, I was in Plymouth during the War and because of its Naval base and dockyards, that was a target for German bombers. I remember that when the the air raid warnings sounded, my mother (father was at sea in the Royal Navy) would tell me to get out of bed and go downstairs whilst she lifted my younger brother out of his cot. In our kitchen there was a large table under which was a steel cage called a Morrison Shelter into which we crawled to relative safety. One night, a nearby exploding bomb damaged our roof and the ceiling fell onto my brother's cot, crushing it. However, we were lucky and all my family survived the blitz. Of course, this part of

shopping in Cheltenham, there were often no longer any bus services. Non-essential travel was discouraged. No matter where we lived, the way we travelled was limited. Fewer people owned cars and for those that did, petrol was rationed - often only for essential journeys. Remember, oil (to be refined into petrol) had to be brought to this island by sea and oil tankers were prime targets for German U-boats. Petrol was needed for our aircraft and for our military vehicles. There was little left over for civilians. Entertainment, as a morale-booster, was considered important and if you were in a band you could get extra petrol

began as it was realised that enemy aircraft could home in on the TV signals. That action also released many skilled technicians and craftsmen who were needed by the armed services. However, we still had the wireless, as we tended to call the radio. There was then a single radio channel, the Home Service and no longer the eight broadcast by the BBC before the war. That was to ensure the listeners heard the important announcements. Radio comedy blossomed. In London, the BBC buildings were targeted by German bombers so departments were moved out of the capital and Drama came to Wood Norton Hall near Evesham. In 1939, with war just months away, the BBC bought the site so that it could relocate its operations away from London and the other urban centres in the event of hostilities. A number of temporary buildings were quickly erected around the historic house to provide an emergency broadcasting centre. A dozen studios were built, and by 1940 Wood Norton was one

of the largest broadcasting centres in Europe with an average output of 1,300 programmes a week. One current Pershore resident was born and brought up on a farm near Norton Barracks, on the edge of Worcester. He told me that, one day, when he was a young boy, two Army officers, with clipboards, came to his farm house. After an inspection of the building, they told Tony's father, the farmer, that he and his wife and their two son's would live in just four rooms whilst they would put (billet) an RAF Wing Commander and his family would be using two more (one as a bedroom and one as a living room/kitchen). Two soldiers from Norton Barracks would be in another bedroom and two Women's Army members would be in an attic room. The last four would wash and eat at the Barracks. A bit of an upheaval for the family whose home it had been but this was war. Needless to say, big houses in Plymouth and other target areas did not have people billeted in them!



*Morrison Shelter*

Worcestershire was not such a target for German bombers so, here, people did not need air-raid shelters in their homes or gardens. Nor were their nights' sleep broken. However, the war did make itself felt in many ways. For example, if you lived, say, in Pershore and wanted to go

coupons to allow you to travel to venues. I know of one young farm worker (a reserved occupation) who set up a band just so he could get the petrol. In your home, there was no television. The infant service which had begun in 1936, though just in the London area, was shut down when the war



*Norton Barracks*

## Country Watch

May – ‘Change not a clout till may be out.’

After a month with typical April showers, we wait to see what May will bring. At least it has been good growing weather and the blossoms have continued to flourish. The hedgerows have clouds of white Hawthorn blossom and the grass verges are full of dandelions, buttercups, celandines and cowslips. In the woodlands the bluebells are appearing with their vibrant colour and delicate scent. In the countryside the fields are changing colour. There seems to be an ocean of rapeseed which gives a glorious golden glow like sunshine from the ground! Interestingly it is less bright on dull days which is a pity! Where there once was newly ploughed earth, the shoots of wheat, barley and beans are replacing the brown with green.

We are lucky in Worcestershire, particularly in the Vale of Evesham, to have so much blossom because of the fruit crops. Late frosts can be detrimental to these crops and

unfortunately we have had a few frosty mornings recently. Let's hope there hasn't been too much damage. It always seems such a shame that when the blossom is at its best, the winds seem to come along and strip the trees, filling the air with a confetti of petals.

Yesterday I heard my first cuckoo of the season which is a good sign heralding the summer days ahead. The birds are still busy building nests and we will be seeing the return of birds that migrated for the Winter. Swallows, swifts, house martins, yellow wagtails, nightingales and redstarts will soon appear as summer visitors. Our usual garden birds will still appreciate our bird tables and be gathering materials for their nests.

Soon more insects will begin to appear, in particular butterflies and bees. There are 270 species of bees to be found in Britain so keep a look out for the different varieties.

May is still an unpredictable month weatherwise so be prepared for anything and don't be putting those coats away yet!



### VETERINARY ADVICE ESPECIALLY FOR YOU!



My name is Ella and I am Martin and Carr's newest recruit, having graduated from the University of Bristol in July 2022. After five years of studying, I was itching to start my career as a vet, whilst at the same time being absolutely terrified for my first day of work. Would I be good enough? Would I remember everything I'd been taught in my lectures? Would the clients warm to me? Cut to now, 6 months in the job and yes, these questions still plague my mind multiple times a day and no, I don't remember every miniscule detail from my lectures, because that would make me a textbook rather than a human being, and I am ok with this... most of the time.

The dreaded imposter syndrome rears its ugly head once in a while making me doubt my knowledge and abilities, but I am lucky to be surrounded by a brilliant team who support and believe in me every day. A WhatsApp group with my university friends where we share funny and often embarrassing anecdotes from our working days is another reminder that we are all in the same boat just trying to do our best.

As time goes on, I am becoming more confident with tackling the challenges each day brings, and make a point of celebrating my 'firsts' and little wins, from blood sampling a not-so compliant pooch to performing a solo cat spay to lancing a really juicy abscess (gross but very satisfying, trust me)! It's a demanding and stressful job, but so far I love being a vet, and although coming to see me is almost certainly not the highlight of your pet's day, meeting and caring for them is definitely mine.

Best wishes *Ella*

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# Ants in your plants?

As everything is starting to grow, it's advisable to check all your pots and containers for bugs that have been over-wintering and likely to cause damage to your plants during the coming months. Take your plants out of their pots and check the roots for activity.



**Ants:**  
Although these are harmless to the plants, it's advisable to remove them and their eggs. Either put them in the hedgerow or a spot in the garden where they can reside happily. Wash the pot and then add fresh compost when repotting. As a side note, ants feed off the honeydew created by aphids, so they love aphids and obviously don't like ladybirds as they eat the aphids, so you may experience a bit of warfare in the garden!

**Aphids:**  
These are commonly known as greenfly and blackfly. There are 500 aphid species in the UK and you can usually see them easily on plant tips (new growth) flower buds and the underside of leaves. I usually find aphids on lupins just before they come into flower, rose leaves (new growth) and nasturtiums. It's best to remove them as they will suck the life out of your plants and ultimately kill them. I remove mine by hand and then use a solution of washing up liquid and water in a squirty bottle and give the plant a good spray and repeat it for a few days to ensure the aphids have gone.

**Vine weevil:**  
These insects can feed on a wide range of plants, both indoors and outdoors, but can

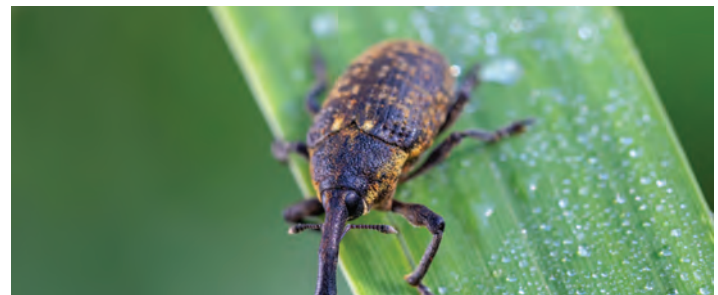
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be especially damaging to plants grown in containers. It is a very widespread and common insect. The adult weevils eat leaves during spring and summer, but it is the grubs that can cause the most damage over autumn and winter when they feed on plant roots. This damage can result in wilting and plant death. It's best to inspect the whole plant and tip out the pots onto a newspaper. The grubs are C shaped and white in colour so are easy to spot amongst the rootball. They are loved by birds, so you can pop them on the bird table. The adults will eat chunks out of the leaves which is a good sign they are prevalent in your garden. The best way to

remove them is to check the plants at dusk and pick them off by hand. This is the best way to control the insects eating your plants without using any chemicals which can be harmful to other beneficial insects, birds and mammals living in your garden.



# May gardening tips *Reg Moule BBC Hereford & Worcester*

**Early May**  
Keep all newly planted items well watered. This includes ones planted last autumn. Sow seeds of herbaceous plants. Sow or turf new lawns and keep mowing established ones – but not too low. Treat difficult lawn weeds e.g. clovers, black medic with Weedol Lawn Weedkiller, it has the right ingredients for these weeds. Hang up a codling moth trap in your apple tree, or a plum moth one in your plum tree, to reduce the number of maggoty fruit. There is also now a trap readily available for catching box tree moths which are now quite widespread in our area. Plant out cabbage, cauliflower and other brassicas but take precautions against root fly. Keep on top of pest and disease outbreaks, as well as controlling weeds. Don't forget your houseplants, feed and water them regularly. Control algae and blanketweed in ponds.

**Mid May**  
Sow suitable varieties of pansies to flower from autumn throughout the winter. Sow biennials for flowering next spring onwards e.g. wallflowers, myosotis, sweet williams, foxgloves and honesty. Plant out chrysanthemums for flowering in borders or for cutting. Plant out summer bedding plants when frost risk is minimal. Tie in wallshrubs and climbers to their supports try to train them at 45 degrees or horizontally to encourage flowering. Trim over aubretia and arabis after flowering to keep them neat. Prune wall trained pyracantha and chaenomeles after flowering. Keep strawberry fruits off the soil using straw or mats. Cut down spring flowering perennials – e.g. pulmonarias and dornicums after flowering to produce a neat mound of new foliage.

Untrimmed plants often become mildewed. Sow swedes, beetroot, carrots, parsnips, French and runner beans outdoors. Plant out sweet corn in blocks, rather than a long row, as they are wind pollinated. Take cuttings from dahlias and chrysanthemums for flowering later in summer. Plant tomatoes, peppers, aubergines, cucumbers etc in a cold greenhouse or outdoors if in sheltered site. Make up summer flowering hanging baskets and containers. **Late May** Brighten up your patio with some spectacular frost tender container plants, like brugmansia. Prune clematis montana straight after flowering, if they are getting out of bounds. Plant out leeks, marrows, courgettes and melon plants. Enjoy more herbs by sowing Basil, Corriander and Parsley every fortnight. Spinach often runs to seed if sown after mid May – so sow



leaf beet instead. Sow some half-hardy annuals for use as winter pot plants e.g. calceolarias, schizanthus and cinerarias. Sow ornamental cabbage and kale for winter colour in tubs and borders. Beware of houseplants getting scorched on sunny windowsills. Listen to the weather forecast in case of any nasty late frosts.



## Cooking for fun! *Ailsa Craddock*

No one, no country does pomp and circumstance better than us. From flags and bunting to gun salutes and flypasts. We will all be part of history on May 6th and remember when a new King was put upon the throne. Throughout hundreds of years, for the end of wars, for weddings, for funerals, for birthdays and new homes, we have always celebrated by coming together and “breaking bread” and this day will be no exception with street parties planned up and down the country. Thus, I am giving you some ideas for sandwiches and a cake and a non-alcoholic drink (you can mix it with gin or champagne/prosecco if you want though!) so that everyone from young to old can enjoy! There are so many bread and wraps out there, I am leaving the hard bit of what to use up to you - I'm just going to give you the fillings, a meat, fish and veggie one. Each one makes 1 big round of sandwich or 2 dainty ones!

### Meat and Pickled Cucumber

*Meat of your choice - leftover roast, specially cut ham, even fish meat will do!*

*1/4 cucumber, thinly sliced  
1 tablespoon cider vinegar  
1 dessertspoon olive oil  
1/2 teaspoon brown sugar  
Mayonnaise*

Combine the cucumber, vinegar, olive oil, sugar and salt and pepper in a bowl then pile up the meat, cucumber mix and mayo on top.

### Smoked Salmon and Avocado Sandwich

*2 ounces cooked salmon  
1 mashed avocado  
1 tablespoon mayonnaise  
1 tablespoon chopped celery  
1 teaspoon chopped chives  
1/2 teaspoon lemon zest (you can zest the whole lemon, squeeze the juice and freeze separately - or you can make yourself a gin and tonic!)*

Combine all the ingredients in a bowl and pile up your bread with a dusting of black pepper!

### Beets, Spinach and Goats Cheese

*1 small cooked beetroot  
1 dessertspoon olive oil  
Good handful of spinach  
1 teaspoon red wine vinegar  
1 ounce goats cheese*

Cook the spinach in a tiny bit of water until wilted, stir in the vinegar and cool. Layer up the sliced beetroot, spinach, cheese - and munch!

### Apple Sharlotka

*6 large, tart apples  
3 large eggs  
200grms granulated sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
125grms plain flour*

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line the bottom of a 9-inch springform pan with parchment paper. Butter the paper and the sides of the pan. Peel, halve and



core your apples, then chop them into medium-sized chunks. (I cut each half into four “strips” then sliced them fairly thinly — about 1/4-inch — in the other direction.) Pile the cut apples directly in the prepared pan. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, using an electric mixer or whisk, beat eggs with sugar until thick ribbons form on the surface of the beaten eggs. Beat in vanilla, then stir in flour with a spoon until just combined. The batter will be very thick. Pour over apples in pan, using a spoon or spatula to spread the batter so that it covers all exposed apples. (Updated to clarify: Spread the batter and press it down into the apple pile. The top of the batter should end up level with the top of the apples.) Bake in preheated oven for 55 to 60 minutes, or until a tester comes out free of batter. Cool in pan for 10 minutes on rack, then flip out

onto another rack, peel off the parchment paper, and flip it back onto a serving platter. Dust lightly with ground cinnamon and icing sugar.

### Gooseberry Cordial

*250g sugar (Remember, you are only going to use a tiny amount to dilute so don't panic at the sugar mound!)*

*3 large lemons, zested and juiced*

*350g gooseberries*

*3 sprigs of mint leaves*

In a large pan, gently melt the sugar in 250ml of water. Add the zest, juice, gooseberries and mint leaves and bring to a simmer. Cook until very soft. Strain through a piece of muslin into a bowl. To serve, dilute with water (still or sparkling), ice, more mint and lemon.

*PS if you can find them, you could add a couple of elderflower heads whilst cooking*

## Jazz News

*Peter Farrall*

News last month that Ahmad Jamal, esteemed jazz performer, composer and mentor had passed away at the age of 92. He certainly enjoyed a full lifetime in jazz; at three years old he could pick out tunes on the piano and was formally studying music at the age of seven. His studies and interests were wide and varied, taking in the likes of Bach and Beethoven alongside Art Tatum and Count Basie. At fourteen he began a long professional career touring as a jazz pianist and, after embracing Islam somewhere along the way, Fred “Fritz” Jones became Ahmad Jamal. In the nineteen fifties heyday of frenetic bebop Jamal developed a contrasting, understated approach to the music where, as he maintained, the silences between notes were as important as the notes themselves (he also learned the

lyrics of all the standard songs in his repertoire as an aid to a more sympathetic delivery). The influence of his innovative styling has permeated the jazz world and beyond and hints of his phrasing have even been heard in some contemporary pop and rap arrangements. Perhaps Jamal’s greatest influence was on Miles Davis whose later music reflects the inspiration gained from the man who would become a lifelong friend. A long and creative life revered by generations of jazz musicians. RIP Ahmad.

We welcome a very popular band to the club this month, Tad Newton’s Jazz Friends, whose traditional six piece line up suggests a repertoire of golden oldies but, in fact, they bring us a far more eclectic programme to include rhythm and blues, novelty numbers, humorous pieces and many



more - all played in their distinctive swinging style. We look forward to joining in

their celebration of forty years on the road. Congratulations guys!

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# Gregory's World!

Gregory Sidaway Exeter College, Oxford

## Isle be back

When I sit down to write to you, fellow reader, it sort of feels like getting into a familiar car and taking it for a monthly spin. My experiences over the past month are the fuel, switching on my laptop turns the ignition key, you're getting comfy in the passenger seat ... Probably too much elaboration – and a strange comparison, considering I haven't got a license yet (a sneak preview for the October article, which I hope will cover my successful driving test), but my point still stands: I want each article to be an epic thrill ride.

So, to shake things up a bit, this monthly spin takes us beyond Oxford, beyond Pershore, beyond two-lane roads, to the Scottish Highlands. Having spent the first few weeks of the Easter holidays chilling out and living in my joggers, the time was nigh for new discoveries. We followed the M6 like the yellow brick road all the way to the land of bagpipes, haggis and tartan – as well as lesser known inventions such as adhesive stamps, bicycle pedals and motor insurance – and arrived in the Argyll and Bute region. If you picture the outline of Scotland, this is basically half way up and towards the west, where things begin to look more fragmented and islandy. We stayed on the shores of Loch Ruel, which climb into rugged hills on either side of the water and yawn open like Pac-Man around the Isle of Bute to the south. I wouldn't exactly say Pershore is the most built-up of places – but it is a metropolis

uniting the four corners of the world when compared to the sprawling, solemn moorlands, where only a string of telegraph poles reassures you that you haven't hopped back a thousand years without noticing. I understand the argument for going to Majorca or Tenerife on holiday, but there is a particular charm to the Highlands. You're not always packing shorts, sandals and sun cream, but no weather can ruin a holiday up there. Mist and rain only lend to the primordial vibe; it is quite something to stand at the top of a hill, overlooking the valleys below, surrounded by ankle-twisting tussocks and gorse bushes which boast an impressive prickle.

When you read the word 'rainforest', you probably think of somewhere tropical and humid an expensive plane journey away – but Scotland (like Wales and the South West of England) has a sprinkling of oceanic and hyper-oceanic zones, home to the remnants of our very own Atlantic Rainforest. These trees are gnarled and crooked, with nobbles and bobbles, branches that wear sleeves of moss like knitted arm warmers, and have been at war with a non-native, invasive species of rhododendron since the 1700's. Midway through the week, I also made a new friend, a very close friend – it took a pair of tweezers, salt water, red wine and Germolene to prise him off my arm.

The Isle of Bute consists of lowland countryside and farmland, bookended at the top and bottom by highlands. Just

south of the island's highest point, aptly named Windy Hill, Bute pinches inwards at the middle – giving the entire place a sort of chromosome shape. The east-facing pinch (not a topographical term) is the location of the main town, Rothesay. When I took a look at Bute on the map, I wasn't too sure of the exact scale of the island or its villages. I visited the Isle of Iona a few years ago (getting as close as I could to its famous abbey without paying) and it seemed as though there were very few locals still living there. Bute, being bigger and closer to the mainland, had a bit more going on. A Vegan-friendly cafe, American diner, and independent bookshop – with a



'crime and thriller' section larger than 'general fiction' – are just a few places I recommend if you ever happen to be within the vicinity. Well, this concludes our Scottish road trip, leughadair eile (a bit of Google Gaelic for you). My next destination is back to uni, where I hope to see you again very soon.

"If you think about your and my grandchildren, this is what really worries me. I don't want them – if I'm still alive by then – to say, 'Why didn't you do something about it?', when you could have done"

*King Charles III*



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## Business bank accounts

Carol Draper

If you run your own business or rent out property it is worth considering whether you need a separate business bank account. As with many things the answer is not clear cut but depends on factors such as your business structure and the volume of transactions completed.

If your business is a Limited Company, you need to have a business bank account. A Limited Company is a separate legal entity, the money in the business belongs to the business and as such it requires a bank account in the name of the Limited Company. Ideally that account should be used just for limited company expenses and should not be used for personal purchases.

If you operate as a sole trader, the answer is not so clear cut. While you are not required to separate your business and personal finances, it is much easier to keep track of business income and expenses if these are in a different bank account. HMRC have placed a much greater emphasis on recording income and expenses digitally and if you use cloud accounting software that links to your bank account, it may be safer and more efficient to use a separate account for business transactions. If you are just starting out there is no reason why you cannot open another



account in your name and use this for your business transactions.

As your business grows, your requirements may change. Opening a business bank account means you can start to build your business credit rating which in turn can help when accessing business loans and credit cards. Customers may also consider your business to be more professional and trustworthy. While business bank accounts are likely to incur higher bank charges they give access to additional tools such as invoicing features, online software and access to business support services, so you need to work out if the benefits outweigh the costs. If you are not sure what to do, speak to your accountant or search online to compare business bank accounts.

Carol Draper FCCA  
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"I think we'd be very foolish to expect that we can just import everything from somewhere else and imagine that that's going to last forever and ever and ever"

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## Visitors

Angela Johns

I had several friends come and stay with me for the weekend recently, ones I don't see that often and not always together. Luckily, I had a free day just beforehand (funny how the Universe provides these opportunities). I cleaned and cleaned and tidied, as of course they would be going into every single room in the house. When I was done I felt a massive sense of achievement and, I have to say, a little bit of disbelief. Every single room in the house was clean all at the same time! A whole day when the whole house was clean and tidy. That's like every plate spinning, at the same speed, and being able to step back to admire them all. That hasn't happened since 2019 which, incidentally, was the last time they all came and stayed. Life has got easier as the kids have got older in this respect, almost without me noticing. When I think back to when they were little I wonder how I did it all. Well, in truth I didn't as the house was never clean all over all at the same time. The bits that mattered usually were and the kids were happy though. All sorts of people ask me how Reiki works, what will happen, how long does it take. I can't give definitive answers: it just does, all sorts of things may happen, and it might be quick but may also be gradual. You may not even see it as you are going along. That doesn't seem very satisfactory answers but what I can say is that over time I have seen beautiful things happen in people's lives and in my own. When you think you are still stuck, still in the same place, it is not until you look back that you realise how far you have come. You may see



all the changes that have been for the better, though they may have been painful at the time. And all the opportunities that have arisen, whether you chose to take them or not. I love the way that the Universe works so subtly and beautifully like that. It hands you the power and you use it as you will.

When I look back at bringing my kids up, I know I didn't do it on my own, I had help from others as well as from a higher power, (whatever that may mean!). It may have felt super busy and hard work at times but as the years have gone by it's not until I look back that I see how much it has changed. I may still feel busy but the demands, and the skills I use to manage them, have changed in nature. Many of our past challenges that we've overcome we can marvel at and say we don't know how we did it. Applying the principles of Reiki in my life I can marvel as I look back and say, it just did.

Currently training as an Emotional Therapeutic Counsellor with the AETC, Angela is a qualified Reflexologist, Aromareflex Practitioner and Reiki Teacher/Practitioner. She is passionate about her therapies and spends quality time with her clients to facilitate their wellbeing. You can find her at [angelajohns.co.uk](http://angelajohns.co.uk)



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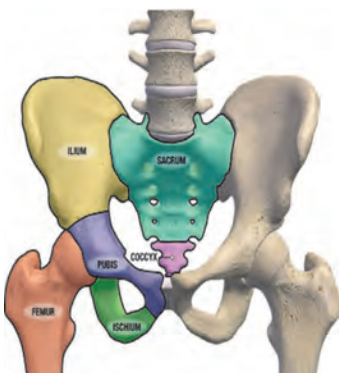
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# Movement or strength?

Karen Harris

“Core strength”. It’s one of the “buzzwords” that is very often associated with back pain. It should never be assumed that our “core” is weak and that we need to strengthen/stabilise it just because of back pain. I’ve had clients that regularly take part in many classes including “core” conditioning classes and also Pilates. One such client suffering from hip pain had a biomechanics screening which concluded that she didn’t actually have much “core strength” at all. Of course, given all the training she was doing she instantly dismissed it. But when tested for “core strength” she was informed that there wasn’t much hip stability, and there was a lack of movement at the hip joint. It was only recently that the hip pain had started and she had been doing these classes pain free for years so she was perplexed. I’m always harping on about the body’s connectivity, the opposite of which is disassociation. This lady had what is termed as hip disassociation. Look at the picture. This makes up our pelvis, spine and hip joint.



Our hip should be one of the most mobile joints in the body. If the hip joint alone cannot carry out full range of movement, the body will compensate by moving more in the joints closest to it. In this case that will be the pelvis (S.I joint) and the spine. Think about what muscles attach on to the pelvis and spine... the abdominals and lower back muscles. Now if that pelvis/spine is moving too much to make up for lack of hip movement what will be happening to these muscles? Some will be overworking whilst the opposite muscles will be under working. What usually happens when a muscle becomes overworked or underworked? In most cases, pain or weakness. In a lot of cases the lower back muscles become painful (short/tight) whilst the opposite muscle (the abdominals in this case) become long/weak. Now imagine if we just want to simply strengthen her “core muscles” without addressing the hip movement. We would continue to overload the spine, whilst the hip still lacked its full range of movement, so not only are we continuing to overload the back muscles (which could result in further pain), we are further restricting the hip joint from full range of movement. That’s why doing lots of sit up’s and planks is unlikely to help with back pain in the longer term. Effective body alignment exercises should always come before ‘specific area’ body exercise otherwise the dissociation and imbalances will continue.

# How Anxiety can affect you

Emily Papirnik

## Your physical body

- Heart palpitations*
- Rapid breathing*
- Holding your breath*
- Raising of your blood pressure*
- Higher risk of heart disease*
- Higher risk of stroke*
- Higher risk of auto immune diseases*
- Chronic pain in joints and muscles*
- Memory loss or confusion*
- Weight gain*
- Increased fatigue*
- Excess adrenaline and cortisol flooding your body*

## From an Emotional perspective

- Fear*
- Anger*
- Frustration*
- Sadness*
- Helplessness*
- Leading to inability to make decisions*
- Feeling like your life is out of control*
- Exhausted by everything and nothing*
- Apathy and disinterest*



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# A lot to celebrate . . .

Brian Johnson-Thomas

This coming month really has so much going for it. Already the rigours of the Covid pandemic seem a long way behind us and, not only do we have the Coronation to look forward to next weekend, there's so much going on in our area for the rest of this month.

Let's start with the weekend after which sees both the RHS Malvern Spring Festival at the Three Counties Showground and also the Cotswold Festival of Steam at the Gloucestershire and Warwickshire Steam Railway.

To take Malvern first, they are expecting over 100,000 visitors with a host of exciting new features. The theme for this year is 'Gardening for Everyone' so they intend to make gardening and horticulture accessible to all while encouraging sustainable and environmentally friendly practices – which is why they have an area called the Planet Friendly Gardening 3P Free Zone – an area Plastic, Pesticide and Peat free. For food lovers the new Fire and Feast Theatre will be a highlight of the weekend where visitors can pick up ideas to improve their al fresco cooking skills with live demonstrations from talented chefs, outstanding local food producers and a whole gamut of special guests. Those visiting with little ones are being offered a special Discovery Dome which will host free family fun with arts and crafts sessions, workshops and entertainment. Also, the University of Worcester will run insightful activities about unseen garden inhabitants. Finally, there are lots of dining

options including the new Taste Pods, offering 90 minutes of relaxation, sophisticated nibbles and 360 degree views for groups of up to six people.

Pre booking only for this experience and for all information See [www.rhsmalvern.co.uk](http://www.rhsmalvern.co.uk)

Meanwhile over at the GWSR (which I always think of as the Toddington Railway even though it now runs from Broadway down to Cheltenham Spa via Toddington and Winchcombe) is operating the ever popular Festival of Steam with up to eight steam locomotives running. This will give a very intensive timetable of trains including goods trains and shunting demonstrations. The engine sheds and carriage and wagon workshops will also be open, offering a rare behind-the-scenes glimpse into railway life. These steam behemoths themselves have, in some cases, travelled a long way to take part, including from the Swanage Railway, the Dartmouth Steam Railway, East Lancashire Railway, the Didcot Railway Centre and the Great Central Railway at Loughborough.

For further details see [www.gwsr.com](http://www.gwsr.com)

Towards the end of this month, to be exact on Pershore Carnival Day, Monday the 29th (The 3rd Bank Holiday this month!) also sees the opening of the Longborough Festival Opera's season with a performance of Wagner's *Götterdämmerung* (runs until 6th June) in a new production for 2023 and which marks the epic conclusion to their new Ring cycle. The star studded cast also for the first time includes a chorus combining



professional performers with a new community chorus of local amateur singers. The season continues on 20th June with Donizetti's *L'elisir d'amore* – an exuberant and joyful show which will run until July the first, after which Monteverdi's *L'orfeo* will take the stage from 11th to 18th July, which is one of the earliest operas ever written. The season concludes with Purcell's *The Fairy Queen*, performed by 'emerging artists' – the opera stars of tomorrow and which runs from 29th July to 3rd August. Local, live opera of a high standard – go if you possibly can.

For details see [www.lfo.org.uk](http://www.lfo.org.uk)

Finally, if you're looking for a short break destination not too far away, then you might like to know that we've just sampled the delights of Nottinghamshire – which actually is about a lot more than just Robin Hood. Nottingham city itself is a lively vibrant place with a lovely walkable centre to wander around (and full of 'different' dining options – we ate a superb

Vietnamese lunch at a spot called Coco Tang, washed down with a bottle of beer from Hanoi) and, for a cheap-but-good-value overnight stay we used the Holme Pierpoint National Watersports Centre on the outskirts of the city. They've got a whole range of accommodation options from camping and glamping to a mini-hotel called Lakeside where we stayed in a very comfortable and quiet (but compact) twin. There's lots to do there, as you might expect from a national sports centre, with outdoor adventure activities for all ages and abilities including, for the kids, such fun as Archery Combat and Lagoon Wipeout (sounds fun?). Only downside was the lack of a proper restaurant on site, but we found the Istanbul Barbecue Kitchen in nearby West Bridgeford – ten minutes away by car – and had another excellent meal – with, yes, another excellent beer.

See [www.nwscnotts.com/hpcp](http://www.nwscnotts.com/hpcp) for more details.

Spring is here! let's enjoy . . .

## Thoughts from the Snug . . . Dark humour: accidents

There's not a pub or snug where dark humour is not alive and kicking. Our local is no exception. Inspired by John Lloyd's Q I publication '1339 QI facts' one of our group quoted:

"Three times as many Japanese people die in the bathtub as in cars. Furthermore, Saudi Arabia has the highest motor accidents rate in the world and there are no women drivers!" Quiet descended as we sipped our drinks and tried to make the link. Puzzled, we were. After a short silence someone chipped in:

"My uncle died at 11.03 precisely and his grandfather clock also stopped precisely at that moment. It fell on him." A chuckle from the others, but most had heard it before.

A fresh voice announced, "I had a cousin who fell down a lift shaft on Ascension Day." Ironic, hard to believe,

but actually true. She insisted, "He did survive."

"Well!" said another, "I had a friend who slipped on a copy of the Nursing Times, left carelessly on the stairs, and he broke his ankle! Even more ironic, his wife, a nurse, was on duty at the local A&E when he was handed over by the ambulance crew. Imagine the conversation in Triage." Lots of chuckles.

Finally, again quoting a fact from John Lloyd and the Q I Elves we were told: 'If we could extend our lives indefinitely we'd still die but in an accident at the average age of 1,200!' Nobody fancied that.

All agreed the first 100 years might be the best, but no more, please.

Butty Bach

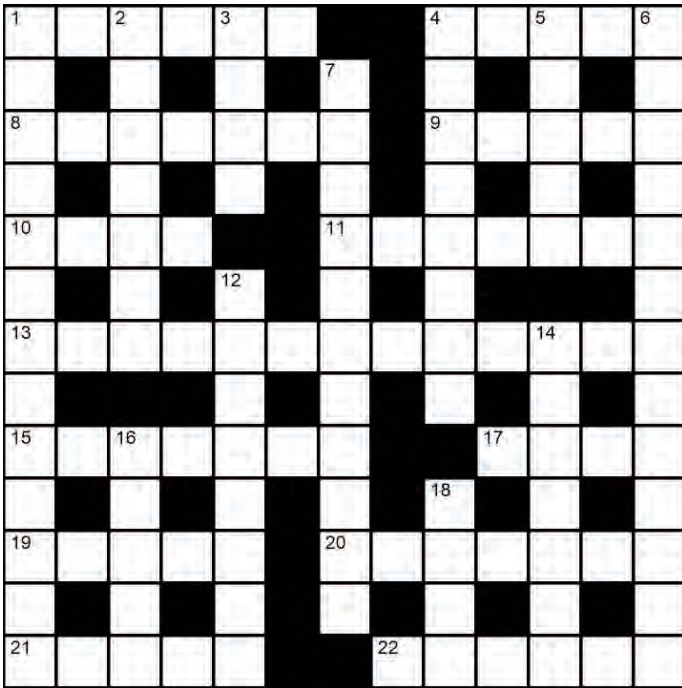
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# Coffee Break

## Across

## Down



- 1 Utterly senseless (6)
- 4 Dry red Spanish wine (5)
- 8 Plain variety (7)
- 9 Operated by sound waves(5)
- 10 Wander (4)
- 11 Galilee native (7)
- 13 Unworkable (13)
- 15 Largest penguin (7)
- 17 Legal instrument (4)
- 19 Minor actor in crowd scenes (5)
- 20 Aardvark (3,4)
- 21 Sum (5)
- 22 Israeli currency (6)

- 1 Paid announcement (13)
- 2 Tanner's aid (7)
- 3 Depend (4)
- 4 Confine (8)
- 5 Unit of weight (5)
- 6 Relating to building design (13)
- 7 Born in early December, perhaps (11)
- 12 Affliction of cats and other fur-lickers (8)
- 14 Violently frenzied (7)
- 16 Small in number (5)
- 18 Home of Salt Lake City (4)

## Sudoku

Each row and column must contain the numbers from one to nine, without repetitions.

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- Date
- Drupe
- Fig
- Filbert
- Grape
- Haw
- Hip
- Lemon
- Lime
- Lychee
- Mango
- Medlar
- Melon
- Nut
- Ogen
- Olive
- Pear
- Pecan
- Prune
- Satsuma
- Seville
- Sloe

## April Answers





# Poets' Corner

## A Shropshire Lad

X

### March

The sun at noon to higher air,  
 Unharnessing the silver Pair  
 That late before his chariot swam,  
 Rides on the gold wool of the Ram.  
 So braver notes the storm-cock sings  
 To start the rusted wheel of things,  
 And brutes in field and brutes in pen  
 Leap that the world goes round again.  
 The boys are up the woods with day  
 To fetch the daffodils away,  
 And home at noonday from the hills  
 They bring no dearth of daffodils.  
 Afield for palms the girls repair,  
 And sure enough the palms are there,  
 And each will find by hedge or pond  
 Her waving silver-tufted wand.  
 In farm and field through all the shire  
 The eye beholds the heart's desire;  
 Ah, let not only mine be vain,  
 For lovers should be loved again.

A. E. Housman 1859-1936

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### Spot & Shop - April Winners

- |                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1) Linda Thorley | 2) Paul Felton  |
| 3) Mary Cope     | 4) Karen Warner |
| 5) Jane Machin   | 6) Alex Kennedy |
| 7) Susan Allard  |                 |

Last month's answer:  
**Andrew Bird Hearing**

# Fun Quiz!



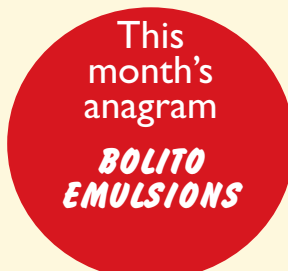
- When is King Charles' birthday?
- Where did King Charles attend university?
- What is the date of King Charles' coronation?
- How many times had King Charles and Princess Diana met before getting married?
- Which three musical instruments has King Charles played?
- In which supermarket is Charles' organic food brand sold?
- Where did King Charles and Camilla's wedding take place?
- What is the name of the charity King Charles founded in 1976?
- In what year did King Charles and Princess Diana divorce?
- How many grand children does King Charles have?
- Where did Prince William and Kate Middleton meet?
- What was the date of William and Kate's wedding?
- Who designed Kate's wedding dress?
- What is the name of Kate and William's dog?
- What unusual gift did William buy Kate when they were first dating?
- Where did the couple go on honeymoon?
- Which fantasy TV show did the couple say was one of their favourites in 2019?
- How many siblings does Kate have?
- What is the name of the mental health campaign, that brings together eight mental health charities, the couple championed?
- When did Prince William serve as an air ambulance pilot?

Answers: 1. 14th November 2. University of Cambridge 3. 6th May 2023 4. 13 times 5. Cello, piano and trumpet 6. Waitrose 7. Windsor Guildhall 8. The Prince's Trust 9. 1996 10. Five - George, Charlotte, Louis, Archie and Lilibet 11. University of St Andrews, whilst both studying here 12. 29th April 2011 13. Sarah Burton at Alexander McQueen 14. Orla 15. A pair of binoculars 16. The Seychelles 17. Game of Thrones 18. Two - Pippa and James 19. Heads Together 20. 2015 to 2017



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**In memoriam**

**Davis. Rosemary Francis**

Passed away peacefully at home on 18th April 2023, aged 84 years  
 Devoted wife to the late Barry, a much loved Mother and  
 Grandmother. Rose will be sadly missed by all who knew her.  
 Funeral service at Pershore Abbey on Thursday May 11th at  
 11am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired for St Richards  
 Hospice may be sent to E Hill & Son Funeral Directors.

**Henry. Lawrence Paul (Paul, "H")**

Passed away suddenly at Worcestershire Royal Hospital  
 on April 7th 2023, aged 62 years. Beloved Dad to Scott, brother  
 to Val, Dave, Bob, Richard and the late Kevin.  
 Paul will be very sadly missed by all his family and friends.  
 Funeral service at the Pershore Abbey on Thursday 4th May at  
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**Letters to the Editor**

Dear Editor,  
**White Water Course at  
 Wyre Lock - Planning  
 Application**  
**W/22/02649/FUL**

I am writing this Open Letter as a resident of Wyre Piddle and a thirty year Avon licence holder, but echoing a large body of opinion here locally in Wyre Piddle village and amongst the Boating community to make an impassioned plea to the Trustees of Avon Navigation Trust (ANT) to reconsider their support and application for this 'White Water Canoe Course' at Wyre Lock. Whilst few would oppose this concept at its original location in Pershore Town with all its facilities and the existing Riverside Centre, it cannot be transferred to Wyre lock without insurmountable difficulties and lasting damage. This facility, if built at Wyre lock, will blight the lives of some 200 people who have property or moorings adjacent to Wyre Lock, none of whom ANT has previously consulted prior to formally lodging

this Application. Also for those who regularly visit on holiday to Avon Meadow Caravan Park, or who walk to and fro between Pershore, The Wetlands and Wyre Piddle down Mill Lane. This Local Community are simply aghast at how this plan will impact their lives, and in the manner in which ANT have made this Application in their 'home location' without consideration of our interests or consulting, even with their immediately adjacent businesses! This 'project', as ANT have called it, is I am afraid widely considered to be deeply flawed. The location is totally unsuitable: in its proximity to those residing by the lock, to the tranquil environment and to wildlife, and by its only controlled access to be from Pershore by river. There are serious Health and Safety issues: for participants, in their only access to the lock by water from Pershore in a canoe through the tricky weir stream or on

completion of the short course, as described by one retired Trustee in his objection as 'an accident waiting to happen'! Or worse a multiple drowning through a collision with a narrow boat or cruiser leaving the lock downstream, (ask any boater who regularly uses Wyre Lock). Then due to those using Google Earth trying to access the site or launch upstream from Smiths Meadow in Wyre Piddle, all other access only via private land owned by those totally opposed to the scheme. The Lock is also proven to have limited access for Emergency Services, the police and Ambulance service struggling recently to gain access. And to a site with no public facilities, no public access or parking for participants, clubs or spectators, let alone safety services. There has been conflicting information in the Public Domain : of it "being in the very early stages", to being a 'done deal' in Wychavon, publicity stating it will

be constructed by the end of the 2023/24 financial year! There was insufficient initial planning notice or signage, regarded by many as an attempt to get the application through 'under the radar' There will be a massive loss of Amenity to those who currently enjoy the tranquil setting and lifestyle around Wyre lock together with a serious threat to protected Wildlife including established otters, as well as swans and other fowl. A totally unproven Business Model with questionable levels of Flow during the Summer months, a short experience distance (90m), and lack of on site registration and support facilities when compared to other established sites. Then there is imprecise detail as to who and how the facility will actually be managed and controlled, with implications that ANT may outsource the management and staffing to avoid a potential conflict with

their own Articles of Association and Charitable status. In short, a compromised concept which deemed unable to proceed in Pershore, is now being 'shoehorned ' into a totally unsuitable location with massive impact on so many. We in Wyre and the local boating community are simply horrified at how this application has been made and created such local angst and distrust in an organisation which many of us have supported or volunteered for over many years. I urge ANT to reconsider and withdraw this application. Maybe a worthy idea, maybe to be rethought and remodelled in a more suitable location, but NOT in a totally inappropriate environmentally damaging, potentially dangerous location which will blight this community for ever. Surely in all conscience the Board of Trustees cannot allow this to proceed.

*Anthony Peachey*

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Anchor Inn, Main Road, Wyre Piddle, Pershore, WR10 2JB.  
Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans), 8 (external materials) & 9 (obscure glazing) attached to planning permission 21/01169/FUL (Erection of 1No. new dwelling and parking on land formerly associated with the Anchor Inn). Drs Ainscow and Mashford OBE

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#### The Lost King (12A)

Saturday 13 May - 7.30pm  
Tickets: £8.50 1hr 48 mins

#### 80 for Brady (cert tbc)

Screenings subject to confirmation:  
Monday 15 May - 11.00am & 7.30pm  
Tuesday 16 May - 7.30pm  
Tickets: £8.50, Daytime £7.00 running time tbc

#### Women Talking (15)

Friday 19 May - 7.30pm  
Tickets: £8.50 1hr 44 mins

#### A Good Person (15)

Monday 22 May - 11.00am & 7.30pm; Tuesday 23 May - 7.30pm  
Tickets: £8.50, Daytime £7.00 2hrs 9 mins

#### The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry (15)

Screenings subject to confirmation:  
Friday 26 May - 2.30pm & 7.30pm;  
Tuesday 30 May - 7.30pm;  
Thursday 1 June - 7.30pm  
Tickets: £8.50, Daytime £7.00 running time tbc

#### Dungeons & Dragons: Honour Among Thieves (cert tbc)

Screenings subject to confirmation:  
Saturday 27 May - 4.00pm & 7.30pm  
Tickets: £8.50, Daytime £7.00 running time tbc

#### The Super Mario Bros. Movie (cert tbc)

Tuesday 30 May - 11.00am;  
Thursday 1 June - 2.00pm  
Tickets: £6.00 running time tbc

#### Summer Holiday (U)

Wednesday 31 May - 11.00am  
Tickets: £6.00  
1hr 37 mins, 1963

### Events Listings

#### Orchestra of the Swan: Rococo

Friday 5 May - 7.30pm  
Pre concert talk 6.45pm  
Tickets: £16, 16 & under £10 2hrs (inc interval)

#### Heathers the Musical

Saturday 6 May - 7.00pm  
Tickets: £15, Students £10 2hrs 20 mins (inc interval)

#### A Year of Birdsong & Bird Songs

Friday 12 May - 7.30pm  
Tickets: £17, Friends £16 1hr 50 mins (inc interval)

#### National Theatre Live: Best of Enemies

Thursday 18 May - 7.00pm  
Tickets: £16, Seniors £15, Students £10, 16 & under £10 3hrs (inc interval), Cert 15

#### Fleetwood Machine: Celebrating the Music of Fleetwood Mac

Saturday 20 May - 7.30pm  
Tickets: £19.50  
1hr 50 mins (inc interval)

#### The Royal Ballet: The Sleeping Beauty

Thursday 25 May - 7.15pm  
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 Alpine Garden Society's office. The  
 garden contains a wide range of alpine  
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 contemporary gardens over a long  
 season. Visitors can see different settings  
 and ways to grow alpines, including  
 rock and tufa, a scree, a dry  
 mediterranean bed, and both shade  
 and sunny areas.*

**The Bishampton  
 Summer Fete is back!**

*Believe it or not, the last great fun  
 family event was held back in 2019 - we  
 all know where we have been since then.*

This year's event will be held at the  
 Villages Hall, Broad Lane in  
 Bishampton which is a wonderful venue.

*Save the date!*  
 The fete will be held on  
**Saturday 24th June**  
 from 1pm to 4pm.

We'll have a great entertainment  
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 Bretforton Silver Band, 'Chance to Dance',  
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 raffle with great prizes.  
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**Monday 29th May 2023**  
*Spring Bank Holiday Monday*  
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**Second Thursday of  
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- 3 After football and cricket, bowls has the third highest number of clubs in the country.**  
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- 4 Age and gender differences don't really affect a game of bowls,** so it's a perfect sport to spend time and enjoy a bit of healthy competition with your family.
- 5 Bowls clubs are sociable places full of people looking to have fun,** so bowls is a great way to relax, make new friends and feel part of your local community.

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*For more information and to register your interest contact: Keith Llewellyn 07900 688742 or Ron Eagles (Secretary) email: [persshorebowlingclub@outlook.com](mailto:persshorebowlingclub@outlook.com)*

## Vale Golf Club Seniors - Peter Azizi wins the Bill Kelly Cup!



Club house and 18th green on a beautiful spring day

Sixty Four Vale Golf Club Senior members contested the Bill Kelly Cup played in a 95% handicap format under very difficult conditions due to the recent wet weather. The winner on countback with a score of 35 points was Peter Azizi. The rest of the results were:

<i>Div 1</i>	1st Azizi	35 points
	2nd Brian Brumhead	33 points
	3rd Ian Macrae	32 points
<i>Div 2</i>	1st Steve Marsh	35 points
	2nd David Bradford	32 points
	3rd Steve Peacock	32 points

*Div 3*  
1st Colin Powell 31 points  
2nd Joseph Bryan 30 points  
3rd Carlo Martinelli 28 points  
There were three other competitions played in April. The First was an individual Stableford played over nine holes due to very heavy overnight rain. There were 47 players the results were:  
1st Dave Alesbury 21 points  
2nd Mark Harris 19 points  
3rd Rob Sharp 18 points who also got nearest the pin on the 5th.  
The following week unfortunately the weather had not improved. We were still experiencing a lot of rain so the Stableford Competition was again reduced to nine holes. 34 players braved the very challenging conditions. The results were:  
1st Rick Hawkins 19 points  
2nd David Bradford 18 points  
3rd Steve Donovan 18 points  
Nearest the pin was Andy Struthers.  
The weather conditions were still very challenging for the next week's competition which

was the first qualifying competition of the season. Contested by 52 players in a Stableford format of 95% of their handicap. Results were:

<i>Div 1</i>	1st Mark Harris	34 points
	2nd Steve Hampton	33 points
	3rd Ian Macrae	33 points
<i>Div 2</i>	1st Steve Peacock	34 points
	2nd John Milward	32 points
	3rd Colin Powell	32 points

Nearest the pin was Captain Will Reading.



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During 2022 the team travelled around the country attending festivals and race meets, ending the year by rising up the league tables to be within the top five of 27 teams for the open category. In addition the team is very proud to share the news that two of their paddlers have been successful! They will be heading to Thailand in August to compete, and their experience will be followed closely. The race season starts again this month with the team competing on the river at Stockton on Tees. In May a full crew will be attending the International Festival in Barcelona! Other meets include Salford Quays, Manvers nr Rotherham, London and Nottingham. The team meets regularly on Sunday mornings throughout the year, and in addition on



Wednesday evenings in the summer months. They welcome and encourage all ages and abilities, complete beginners to experienced paddlers. Fees are not onerous, and coaching, paddles and buoyancy aids are provided. The team are inviting

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