



Cog in the Tree

West Midlands Federation of Women's Institutes

May 2021

NHS Frontline Workers Day

LYNNE STUBBINGS

The WI proudly supports NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers Day on **5th July 2021**, and we are delighted to be a part of this special celebration to say thank you for the continued hard work and dedication of NHS, social care and frontline workers. We are particularly so proud of the many incredible WI members who are also NHS staff and frontline workers, our WI heroes, who throughout the pandemic have shown such strength and resilience by bravely stepping forward to support others.

We would love to see WI members across the country organise special Afternoon Tea events within their communities to mark the NHS and Frontline Workers Day this year, and we encourage as many others as possible to get involved too. The WI has created a unique celebration cake, which can be made by people of all ages from all backgrounds, all across the country, and be shared together at the same time on this special day. We hope this will be an opportunity for communities, families, and friends to come together in whatever way possible, to truly celebrate our remarkable NHS and frontline workers.



Register your event at:

<https://www.nhsfrontlineday.org/>

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NHS
SOCIAL CARE &
FRONTLINE WORKERS' DAY
5 JULY 2021

WE THANK YOU

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For details of how to make the cake and download the recipe, please visit :

<https://www.thewi.org.uk/life-at-the-wi/food-and-cookery/a-taste-of-my-wi/nhs-cake>

Don't forget to share your photos with us of your baking!

If you haven't already planned an event there's no time like the present. As we are now allowed to meet outdoors in groups of up to 30 for a picnic, or 6 friends and family indoors, there really is no excuse!



200 Club Winner £10

17 - J.Jones, Solihull WI



Chairman's Address



Hello Everyone,

In a fit of misguided enthusiasm in that spell of lovely weather we had in April, I put the summer duvet on the bed and started preparing all the borders in the garden ready for summer bedding plants. Now May is here and the winter duvet is back on the bed, and the greenhouse is bursting at the seams with plants desperate to be bedded out but are too tender to survive the ground frosts that we have been enduring most nights. On the plus side the blossom trees here in Bournville have been flowering magnificently. It always amazes me that Nature is so extravagant in providing such a proliferation of beautiful blooms for our delight.



A couple of Sundays ago I went off to the Lickey Hills for my annual pilgrimage to see the new green of the leaves on the beech trees and the carpet of bluebells that so encapsulate Spring in England and was rather taken aback to find that nothing was fully out yet. When I think back to my much younger days though, it was always in late May that we used to go

to the Rivacre Woods on the Wirral peninsular where I lived to see the bluebells. It is only in more recent years that they have been flowering in April; whether that is a sign of global warming or simply because it is generally slightly warmer in the Midlands is a conundrum I can't answer. My mother had a strange saying that "blue and green should never be seen without a colour in between" that I still don't understand because I find the combination of that lovely shade of green on new leaves underpinned by the blue of the bells a glorious juxtaposition of colours.

I have attended some of your Annual Meetings via Zoom over the last few weeks and I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing so many members still keen to take as full a part as possible in WI life, albeit at a distance. I have been delighted to receive an invitation to a REAL Annual Meeting which is planned for next month when we can legitimately start getting together again. I can't tell you how excited I am to be visiting a WI where I shall be able to talk face to face with people rather than via a screen!

Along with those members who are acting as Delegates, I shall be attending the NFWI Annual Meeting later in June but again, that will be a virtual experience and however good the technology is

hearing Jerusalem being belted out with gusto in the Royal Albert Hall by such a large number of women is an experience to be remembered and I say that as a former member of the CBSO Chorus who has performed there several times.

I am sure you are all looking forward as much as I am to getting back to life as normal as possible very soon now. There will be lots of gossip and laughter as well as some sadness in that first meeting as we put the last 18 months behind us and move into a post-Covid time in true WI spirit. Let's look forward with hope that never again will we live through a pandemic that disrupted our lives to such an extent.

Lynn

WMFWI News

The 2021 NFWI Annual Meeting will take place as a virtual event on **8 June**. The event will run from **10.30am to 4.30pm** with scheduled intervals.

Any member wishing to join the meeting as an observer can purchase via mywi.thewi.org.uk. This will be a very large online event with high profile speakers open to WI members only.

Tickets are priced at £9 each. Ticket purchase generates an access code. Sales will close on 1 June 2021.

We would encourage those members who are not digitally active, to speak with members who are, to possibly arrange small group viewings, in line with local Covid restrictions at the time.

Guest speakers are, HRH The Countess of Wessex, Dame Cressida Dick and Baroness Brenda Hale.

Dates for your Diary 2021

27.05.2021	Zoom Workshop – Paper Windmills
08.07.2021	Zoom Talk – Poisons in Literature
19.08.2021	Garden Visit – Ashwood Nurseries
09.09.2021	ACWW Walk – Barston Lake
16.09.2021	Black Country Night Out – The Core
25.09.2021	Skittles – King George Memorial Hall
12.10.2021	WMFWI Annual Meeting – Hyatt Hotel
04.12.2021	Carol Service – St Martin's in the Bullring



The 2022 WI Diary is now available to order via your WI cost £5.50

The diary will have a green cover and be entirely recyclable except for the ribbon

Closing date is Tuesday 22nd September 2021

Order now to avoid disappointment!

Over to you

Hedge cutting and bird nesting: To those members who read my article on bird nesting last month, I must clarify a matter which has been raised by a member. She was horrified when she read that (as it appeared) I was recommending hedge cutting in April.

Unfortunately, the article had been unavoidably delayed by a month so that if it had appeared in March, the advice that everyone should have cut their hedges "by now" was appropriate see [RSPB.org.uk](https://www.rspb.org.uk) for more details

Liz Galloway, Kings Norton

Could you fill this space with news from your WI?

Tell us what you've been doing recently, share your photos, stories, projects, recipes, makes, triumphs and disasters.

The Cog is not just for federation news, it is also a great way to advertise your WI and a great way to share your own personal news as a WI member.

wmfwi.media@gmail.com



Zoom: Tuesday **8th June 2021**. 19.00hrs- 20.00hrs.

Find out more about the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games (July 2022) and opportunities to volunteer!

Harborne Village WI would like to invite members from across the West Midlands to join our June meeting to hear all about The Commonwealth Games and the volunteering opportunities available.

We have 25 places available to pre-book, for members from other WIs to join us.

It's a great way to be involved in this 11-day sporting event and legacy for the region.

Follow this link to find out more about volunteering,

[How to volunteer at the Commonwealth Games | Birmingham 2022](#)

Please e-mail harbornevillagewi@gmail.com to book a place, before Friday 4th June 2021. Don't forget to tell us the name of your WI too!

We'll confirm your booking and send you Zoom passcodes at least 48 hours before the meeting.

My Family of Newts

Many years ago, part of my work in conservation involved restoring creating and restoring ponds and I remember on one occasion being asked to restore a small dewpond which had virtually dried up. It was overgrown with mainly bullrush and flag iris and so had to be cleaned out. All the plants which were to be restored were carefully housed in large tubs which also contained as much of the water as we could salvage. Imagine our surprise when we found that amongst the plants were newts. We needed to identify them in case they were great crested newts which are a protected species under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. They turned out to be smooth newts, the commonest in the UK and so we relined the pond and replaced the plants. As there were quite a few left over and no call for them, I brought a few flag iris home for my tiny pond. Alongside the pond I'd constructed a stone wall out of old pieces of sandstone which were lying around in the garden. I soon discovered that I had inadvertently brought a few newts in the roots of the iris and they swam around happily in the pond. Towards winter, I began to worry about them as I didn't realise that my stone wall would provide the perfect hibernaculum for them over winter. However, they can be seen climbing out at the base of the wall in spring and happily finding their way into the water.



They're still thriving some thirty years later and even cope with the pond being drained occasionally but are quick to return to the water and celebrate their freedom to swim again.

Liz Galloway

Victory Belles WI would like to invite other WI members to join them for a Zoom talk about the wartime WVS.

Thursday 3rd June 7.30pm

Historian and WW2 re-enactor Karen Wiles will be talking to our members about the tasks and occupations covered by the Women's Voluntary Service during WW2.

Victoria Wood's portrayal of Nella Last, Housewife 49 may give you some idea of the subject matter.

If you would like to book a place, please contact us at victorybelleswi@gmail.com. Confirmation of your booking and joining details will be sent to you.

Claire Woodland, Victory Belles WI

Public Affairs

The Great Big Green Week



These are the partners planning to make this the biggest, greenest week the UK has ever seen



This event will take place between **18 and 26 September 2021** and WIs are invited to organise events and activities to celebrate the event – what you're doing to make your area a cleaner, greener place to live. There are many and detailed ideas to help you plan events, get media interest and involve your local MP. The scope of resources is vast and I really recommend you to follow up the links and consider what's possible and interesting for your WI.

Click the link and [**find out more here.**](#)

You are invited to add your voice to keep up the pressure on government and sign the Climate Coalition's DECLARATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER online. They have ramped up the UK's ambition to reduce carbon emissions by 78% in the next 15 years. We are only seeing this increase in ambition because of the pressure put on government by people like you.



FOR A BETTER BUS SERVICE

NFWI has launched a report entitled [A New Route for Local Bus Services](#) as part of the Get on Board campaign.

The report explores the impacts of a significant reduction in local bus services on mental health, isolation and social exclusion and makes recommendations for the future.

Members are also being urged to write to their Local Transport Authority asking them to support our recommendations. A template letter will be available after the local elections on 06 May.

<https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/public-affairs-and-campaigns/nfwi-report-into-local-bus-services>

Preparing for COP26 - WI Action Pack (Message from NFWI)

This year, the UK will be playing host to COP26- the annual UN climate change conference that will 'make or break' the strength of global climate agreements for decades to come.

COP26 will be the biggest ever diplomatic conference the UK has ever hosted, and Parliament, devolved administrations and local councils alike will be working to demonstrate that they are committed to raising the ambition of their climate commitments.

The WI is developing a range of resources for members to use in preparation of the conference. If you want to be the first to receive it when it's ready, [please email the Public Affairs team.](#)



**UN CLIMATE
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Associated Country Women of the World



Pamela Griffiths (ACWW Representative) attended a Special World Conference by Zoom in April which was held to discuss a resolution to postpone the 30th Triennial World Conference to May 2023 in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia. ACWW societies voted unanimously in favour

Our Federation Chair (Lynn Smith) and Pamela Griffiths have filled in a questionnaire from Southern Counties ACWW Supporter's Group to gauge the level of awareness and support for ACWW within the W.I.

Around 70 % of people who require a blood stem cell donation are unable to find a sibling match and must hope for a match on the national stem cell registry.

Find out more about becoming a stem cell donor at www.dkms.org.uk/thewi or www.anthonynolan.org/WI



If you've donated your stem cells or received a stem cell transplant, the (NFWI) Public Affairs team are keen to hear your story.

With your permission, they'd like to share some of these experiences to help raise awareness amongst other members.

Also, if your WI is hosting a 'Make a Match' event, please let them know. They can help to promote such events.



Associated Country Women of the World

The Associated Country Women of the World is an International Organisation that pursues its charitable objectives through its member societies, individual members, and networks. Together, we represent more than 9 million women in more than 80 countries around the world. We do this through advocacy, partnership, sharing knowledge and local activities. This includes using our Consultative Status with the UN and its Agencies to represent rural women, facilitate better access to better information resources, funding community development projects and training programmes.

What is Pennies for Friendship?

Pennies for Friendship is the general fund of ACWW. It enables us to maintain the office and staff, where we host Board and Committee Meetings, and keep an extensive archive. Pennies for Friendship also allows us to facilitate the network that connects women across the globe. We produce awareness raising material, advocate for rural women at the United Nations, and our Area Presidents carry extensive work all over the world.

The Idea

The idea was simple: every member, and member of member societies would give one small coin in addition to their membership payment. This led to the establishment of the Million Members Campaign – as ACWW grew, so would the funds which are – needed to maintain this great organisation.

Further Reading

More information can be found at acww.org.uk/

Donations

Pennies for friendship donations can be made by all WI's who take part. Cheques are payable to:

ACWW Pff Mrs Pamela Griffiths Clinton Barn, 2A Clinton Lane, Kenilworth CV8 1AT

Competitions

The Huxley Cup

WI's are invited to design a planted area that could be recreated within their local Community. The planted area can be designed for any season, themed to reflect the spirit of the WI, local community, or which tells a special story.

Members are encouraged to work together and submit a design (or mood board), no larger than A3, containing a sketched 2D design (birds eye view), a clear explanation behind the design theory, research undertaken during the creation, colour schemes, examples and reasoning behind plants and materials used plus a clear, drawn image of the finished planted area. It is up to the WI to interpret the theme as they wish and decide whether to base their design on a season or theme.

Deadline for entries is FRIDAY 27 AUGUST 2021.

Secretaries have received application details

If you are crafty you can enter the **Montgomery Shield** outgoing Chairman Iris Montgomery has kindly donated a shield to the federation trophy cabinet. An annual competition will be held for Best in Craft to be awarded at the Federation Annual Meeting each year.

2021 members are invited to design and make A Thistle

Using any media: knitted, quilted, embroidered, painted, beaded, sculpted etc (excluding photographic) A4 size.

Closing date is Friday 3rd September 2021

Prizes will be awarded on 12th October 2021

200 Club

200 Club raffle tickets for 2021 can still be purchased.

Tickets cost £5 each for the whole year.

Each month your ticket number is entered into a prize draw and you could win £10.

At the end of the year at our Annual Meeting the grand prize draw could win you £150 or more.

You have to be in it to win it! Remember the more tickets sold the larger the payouts!

Please write your name, address, and WI branch on a slip of paper stating how many tickets you would like. Send to Iris Montgomery 38 Wensley Road, Birmingham B26 1NA together with a cheque made payable to WMFWI and remember to include a stamped addressed envelope.

Iris Montgomery, Federation Treasurer

Crafts

PROJECT LINUS UK



There are 3 sizes of blankets/quilts that the project need, they are: - baby, approx. 36" square, child: - approx. 45" x 60", and teen: - 50" x 72". You need to use 100% acrylic yarn, please no wool because some children are allergic to wool and acrylic is easily washable. If you wish to create patchwork blankets, 100% cotton is to be used, they must be lined and all bindings to have no raw edges. This information is taken from - projectlinusuk.org.uk

10 Stitch Blanket

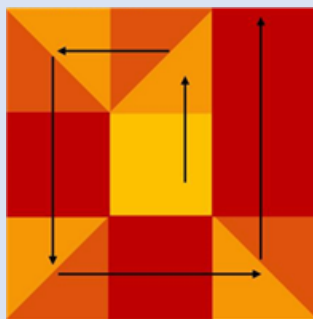


Can be knitted or crocheted.

To avoid sewing up when strips are completed use this **join as you go method**:

K9, slip next stitch knitwise, pick up and knit one stitch from the edge of the next row of knitting, pass the slipped stitch over. Now turn and knit all 10 stitches to complete the row.

If using crochet do exactly the same, just pick up the stitch next to the current row.



Shaping is achieved by working short rows. Knit the specified number of stitches then wrap the following stitch, turn the work and knit back. This wrapping and turning will be abbreviated as w&t in the pattern and is worked like this:

Bring the yarn forward, slip the next stitch purlwise, take the yarn back again, replace the slipped stitch on the left hand needle, bring the yarn forward again and turn the work.

Because of all the turning, it's best to knit this blanket on short needles. As it grows you'll find that you won't need to turn the whole blanket so the process is smoother.

To begin:

Cast on 10 stitches and garter stitch 18 rows to form the central square.

Work the corner steps 1&2, then repeat to form a double corner. All other corners will be single from then on.

Corner: Step 1

Row 1: K9, w&t, K9
Row 3: K8, w&t, K8
Row 5: K7, w&t, K7
Row 7: K6, w&t, K6
Row 9: K5, w&t, K5
Row 11: K4, w&t, K4
Row 13: K3, w&t, K3
Row 15: K2, w&t, K2
Row 17: K1, w&t, K1

Corner: Step 2

Row 1: K2, w&t, K2
Row 3: K3, w&t, K3
Row 5: K4, w&t, K4
Row 7: K5, w&t, K5
Row 9: K6, w&t, K6
Row 11: K7, w&t, K7
Row 13: K8, w&t, K8
Row 15: K9, w&t, K9
Row 17: K10, turn, K10

Now work 20 rows of garter stitch using the join as you go method or alternatively sew up at the end.

Continue to work around in a spiral increasing the number of rows as you go and shaping the corners by following steps 1&2.

Its surprisingly addictive.

This month I thought I would look at what to do with all those oddments of yarn that seem to accumulate in bags and boxes. There are times when we think that some of them can be too small to do anything useful with, but at the end of last year a useful post appeared on my Instagram feed just showing me what I could do. The result is sometimes known as a 'scrappy happy' yarn ball or a 'magic' yarn ball. You can either knit scarves, squares or crochet blankets or shawls using this technique.



Firstly, we have to join all those oddments of yarn together, I am going to show you a 'Russian join' or a 'Russian knot' on the following page.

Zoom Workshop:

May 27th, 2021 at 10:30am

As summer will soon be upon us, I have decided to demonstrate and make paper windmills. Once you have learned to manipulate the paper, you can then develop the idea and make brooches. This workshop is for WMFWI members only.



Materials and Equipment for the workshop

You will need the following: -

Craft paper size 8cm or 10cm square. Paper scissors, button(s), garden cane or barbeque skewer, sticky foam pads or double-sided tape.

For a brooch you will need, felt or cotton fabric size, safety pin or brooch, button(s) or beads, needle, and thread. Meeting details below.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86781091164?pwd=NmthbVB2N2hiZGJkMEdLT3VWZ1FSZz09>

Meeting ID:
867 8109 1164
Passcode:
434502

I hope to be able to repeat this workshop as an evening event possibly in late June.

Debbie Arkinstall

Russian Knot

Select two ends of yarn to be joined and lay them out on the work surface as shown.



Thread a wool needle with one of the yarns and weave the needle back through the yarn leaving a loop.



Insert second colour through the loop and then pull the needle through the yarn.



Repeat the threading process with the second strand of yarn and pull tight. This makes a smooth and strong join.



Continue joining scraps together and wind into a ball as you go.



The results can be quite interesting!



A 10 stitch blanket in progress. I can't remember what comes after the green yarn, which makes this technique all the more interesting.

Don't forget!

Project Linus, you will need to bring your completed blankets to our Annual Meeting in October.

Montgomery Shield.

The closing date for entries is FRIDAY 27TH AUGUST.

I know of only two entries so far, it would be good to have more for judging.

Zoom workshop paper and fabric windmills on Thursday 27th May at 10:00am. If all goes well, I will be doing another in November for an eco friendly door swag for Christmas. I will be putting the instructions for the paper/fabric windmills into the COG for those of you who missed the workshop.

Block of the month will return in June.

Leisure & Wellbeing



Skittles evening with fish and chip supper

at the King George VI Memorial Hall

Stratford Road, Hockley Heath B894 6NY

ON SATURDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 6.45PM

Please bring your own drinks as there is no bar

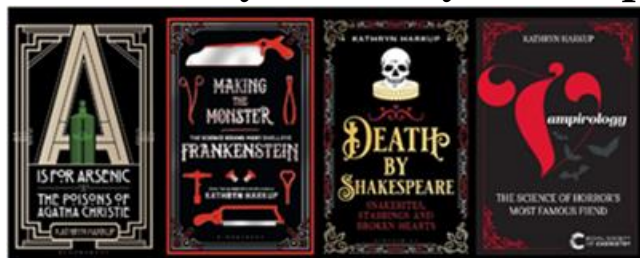
(Coffee/Tea served after supper)

TICKETS £10.75 available from Judy Massam

Closing date 31st August 2021

Poisons in Literature

Zoom talk by Dr Kathryn Harkup



Free Event -Thursday 8th July 2021 at 7.30pm

Dr. Kathryn Harkup is a chemist with extensive knowledge of poisons and a passion for Agatha Christie's mysteries. She is a freelance science communicator who delivers talks and workshops on the quirky side of science and has published *A is for Arsenic*, analyzing the poisons used by Agatha Christie in her novels. She's an excellent speaker who involves the audience in the development of her stories and delivers them with a light-hearted humour.

Register at wmfwi.media@gmail.com for joining instructions

Entertainment



Date- 11th June at 7.30 pm Early bird £15 Standard £20
<https://originaltheatreonline.com/>

Revenge is a dish best served cold. Fifty years after the war that brought them together, three Special Operations Executive Officers meet to record interviews for a television documentary. As Leo, Vera and John, wait to be interviewed in a beautiful English garden, drinking tea and doing a crossword, pleasantries give way to deeper darker subjects. A web of self-deception, lies and guilt begins to emerge. Only when all 3 are about to leave London in a taxi for, "a cold supper behind Harrods" does the disturbing truth emerge.



Live streaming 5th June, £18 plus £3 transaction fee
 Recorded streaming from 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19th JUNE
 Performances from 10th June £15 plus £3 transaction fee.
<https://www.stream.theatre/home>

Danny is a young man, waiting to be let into heaven. There seems to be some difficulty with it, but Judy Garland reassures him all will be well. Away from this dreamlike place the people closest to him, in life struggle with his death from AIDS.

This production contains strong language and depictions of drug taking. 2 hours

Denman at Home

Wednesday, 2nd June 2021 at 7:30-8.30pm

Cost £5

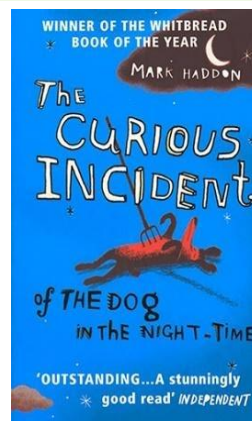
<https://www.denman.org.uk/>



Tutor: Peter Lawrence

Join Peter as he looks at examples of vintage postcards, chosen reflect the changes in lifestyle, fashion and transport from the late Victorian period through to more recent times.

Locked into Reading



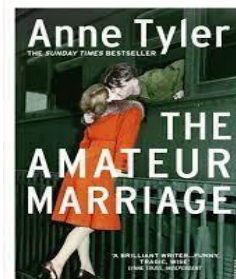
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time – Mark Haddon

This is a riveting, and in many ways very sad, book about a young teenager with Asperger's Syndrome. At the same time, it is also a very funny book. It won numerous well-deserved literary awards when first published and was also adapted for the stage into a marvellous play.

It gave me an insight into the workings of someone living on the autistic spectrum and hopefully I will look with sympathy and more understanding of people who are different. I cannot imagine how Mark Haddon wrote this book – it is incredible. I would also say it is a totally absorbing enjoyable read. It starts with a "murder" and it is a story of misunderstanding by the boy, Christopher, of misguided cover-up by his father and the lack of understanding from people who do not understand his condition. Go on a journey with Christopher and cheer him on, as I did. I cannot recommend this remarkable book too much – it is brilliant.

The Amateur Marriage – Anne Tyler

This book follows a young couple from their marriage into old age starting at one world changing event through to another. In it Anne Tyler captures the evocative nuances of everyday life during these decades with such telling precision that every page brings smiles of recognition. Throughout, as each of the competing voices bears witness, we are drawn ever more fully into the complex entanglements of family life in this wise, embracing, and deeply perceptive novel.



The Running Hare – John Lewis-Stempel

It's all about converting a once chemically farmed field into an old-school style arable patch with the aim of bringing back the natural nature cycles of less intensively farmed areas.

Written in exquisite prose, The Running Hare tells the story of the wild animals and plants that live in and under our ploughland, from the labouring microbes to the patrolling kestrel above the corn, from the linnet pecking at seeds to the seven-spot ladybird that eats the aphids that eat the crop.

Patti Pearson, Walmley Evening WI

Puzzle Page

Sudoku

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May

WORDSEARCH

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Blossom, Bluebells, Cast, Clout, Daisies, Dancing, Day, Ducklings, Hail, Hawthorn, Hayfever, Late Frost, National Health, Nesting, Park, Picnic, Pole, Rain, Ribbons, Sapling, Seed, Sunshine, Tricorn Leek, Wild Garlic, Wind



Answers in June Newsletter!

True or False

1. If you're born between May 1st and 20th, you're a Gemini
2. Emma Roberts is the daughter of Julia Roberts
3. There are over 2,500 stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame
4. Fruit flies were the first living creatures sent into space
5. Cyclones spin in a clockwise direction in the southern hemisphere
6. The Channel Tunnel is the longest rail tunnel in the world
7. Stephen Hawking declined a knighthood from the Queen
8. Michael Keaton's real name is Michael Douglas
9. According to Scottish law, it is illegal to be drunk in charge of a cow
10. The first tea bags were made of silk
11. A metre is further than a yard
12. A woman has walked on the moon

April Puzzle Page Answers

True or False - 1. False Federer won eight, Navratilova won nine 2. False it has three 3. True Clarence Birdseye was an American Scientist 4. True a baby has 300 bones, adults have 206 5. False Goldfish memories last for months 6. False Ben Nevis is in Scotland 7. True Sharks have eyelids 8. False its four A, AB, B, O 9. True 10. True

Say What You See – All pull together, Last but not least, Rub up the wrong way, Blood is thicker than water, Broken heart, Ambiguous, Big wig, Hot under the collar, Crossed wires, Wolf in sheep's clothing, Double doors, Step Father, More haste less speed, Bermuda triangle, Mirror image, All around

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