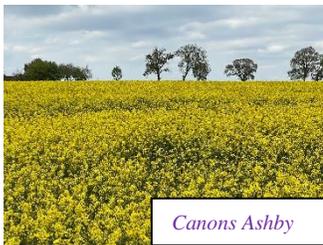


Goodness, edition 04 already! Thank you for the encouragement and suggestions of content.

It is hard to believe we are already in May. Nature grows at such a speedy pace and already we see the roadsides and hedgerows lush and green and our gardens becoming a blaze of colour. The birds are singing loudly, the butterflies fluttering and the busy bees buzzing as they collect pollen and nectar; what a pleasure to observe.



Canons Ashby



Mantles Heath



Fawsley Park



Preston Capes

These pictures have been taken on our allowed exercise period. In the unusual circumstances we find ourselves, it is uplifting that we have such beautiful local areas to explore and enjoy.

Lockdown – The first liaisons at home..

It was the first Sunday of lockdown, I should have been at church but there were no services. The weather was overcast and I was wondering whether to put a load of washing on and if it would dry outside when something in the distance caught my eye. It was two fields away and although I had my glasses on it was difficult to see; whatever it was went behind a bush which did not help. Out emerged Sir Henry, the roe deer with antlers, just for a fleeting moment before he went to call on my neighbours in Welton Park. I had never seen him before, not even his cousin the muntjac deer comes to this part of



the village. I felt it was a bonus for not being able to go to church.

A couple of days later, the weather was warm and having had no rain for a few weeks the pond needed filling. The hose was pulled out and the tap turned on. It was an hour later before I remembered the pond and when I got there it was nearly overflowing. As I was retrieving the pipe



from the water a frog croaked his word of thanks. He told me his name was Fergie, a cousin of Freddie's who sits permanently by the pond. Fergie said, 'I come to visit Freddie whenever I can but he

doesn't say a lot, I don't know what's the matter with him'. I thanked Fergie and said that I would have a word with Freddie before I left the pond with the hose pipe.

The following week I was sitting in the garden having just finished lunch and was reading the Welton WI Newsletter before stirring myself back to the chores when I saw a ladybird. She was in a rush but said breathlessly, 'Hello, my name is Scarlet'. I asked, 'But why are you in such a hurry and you have run a long way?' She said, 'My babies are waiting for me in the flowerbed'. 'Why not fly?' I asked. 'We can't now, it is quicker to run', was the reply as she sped into the forget-me-nots. Another victim of the lockdown who cannot get a flight, I thought.



Margaret J

Garden jobs for the next week or two

- Plant out your dahlias once the risk of frost has passed
- Prune spring flowering shrubs such as forsythia now the flowers have faded
- Plant up hanging baskets and pots, with annuals, but protect at night until all risk of frost has gone
- Sow carrots, beetroot and spring onions if you haven't already. **Any** tips for getting carrots to germinate, please let me know.



Anita

Members Snippets and Posers

Well I never..... Box Office

In the early days of theatres, such as the Globe theatre in Shakespeare’s day, there were no printed tickets and those wishing to attend put a small coin in a sealed box as they went in. After the performance, this box was taken to a small office at the back of the theatre, and the seal broken and the contents counted.

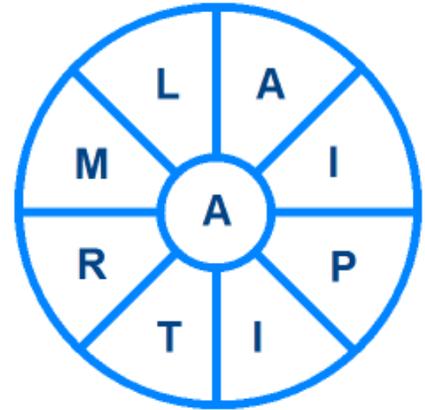
Which type of entertainment has cars, but no roads, curves but no figure and white knuckles?



This is Buddy, I bought him as a surprise present for my husband but it turns out he’s allergic to dogs. Unfortunately, I’m going to have a find new home for him and I’m wondering if anyone out there can help? His name is Alan, he’s 61, great at DIY, drives a nice car and plans wonderful holidays.

Anita

How many words can you make from the letters in the wheel? Each word must contain the hub letter A. Can you find a 9-letter word and at least 20 other words of 5 letters or more avoiding proper nouns?

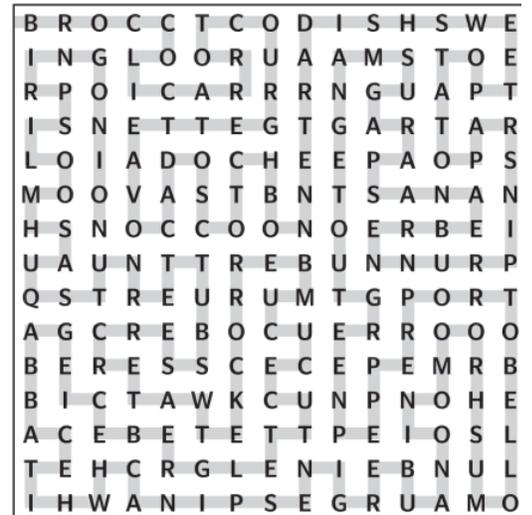


1st MAY 2020 ANSWERS

What am I? Coffee

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Can you identify the villages?

- A pain in the neck
- A small “Godfather”
- The home of a famous battle
- All houses have them – wooden or concrete
- To make a good effort
- No good putting water in this place
- A valuable stone
- Not a good bargain
- To make a good noise
- The Young of a sheep mixed with a strong red wine

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