



THE NOVEL NEWSLETTER



Weekly news, updates and entertainment for Ashton Hayes and surrounding areas during the COVID-19 outbreak Ed.10

**Volunteers
Week
1-7 June**



THANK YOU...

This week, we celebrate and say a huge thank you to each and every one of our volunteers. From those in the shop, to those on the phones, the Bridging the Gap initiative simply couldn't have achieved what it has if it wasn't for the boundless support shown by members of our wonderful community.

The Bridging the Gap initiative would also like to congratulate OPAL Services (one of its partners) who are receiving The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. This is the highest award given to local volunteer groups in the UK and recognises outstanding work done in the community. To read more about this achievement go to:



www.OPALServices.org.uk/news/

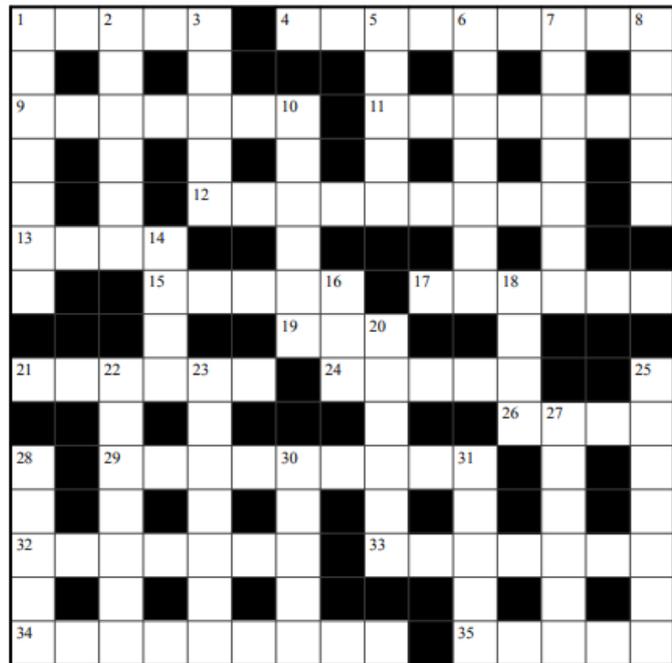
Thank you to everyone who has registered their interest in the upcoming Scarecrow Trail. The response has been wonderful and the event really is set to be the biggest and best yet. The online entry has now closed and households will be working away behind the scenes throughout June. A date for your diary is Saturday 5th July when all displays will be in place and you can start immersing yourself in our story world on your daily walks.

THE LOCKDOWN DIARY... as many schools open for greater numbers of children this week, we have been able to gather the thoughts of one local student.

Being a University student during this time is an interesting experience. On one hand, it has been difficult to adjust to all of my learning being online and having no face-to-face support from teaching staff. I have also found that I am less motivated to do work whilst at home as it is not my usual studying environment.

Whilst it has been challenging, I am grateful that I get to be at home with my family. Having free food in the house is something I definitely won't complain about! My friends and I have also made sure to have a virtual pub quiz every week in order to have more social interaction. The next hurdle will be completing all of my exams online which is new to both myself and the university. I'm trying to take everyday as it comes and making the most out of walking in the countryside with my dog, as a break from revision!

Jenna



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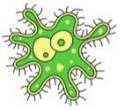
- 1 4 portrayed by the artist I left (5)
- 4 Underling of a Count is in position (9)
- 9 Isotope – it is found in most of the victory (7)
- 11 Pick artist to be the epitome of fatherly love (7)
- 12 Seed nomad cast around for 4 (9)
- 13 4 takes article back to the island (4)
- 15 Number 4 is "The Times They Are A-Changin'" (5)
- 17 You will find most nurses in such harmony (6)
- 19 Draw 16 to dance (3)
- 21 Put the tea on – it's 4 (6)
- 24 Juncture that is 1 of 4 exhibited by 26 (5)
- 26 4 – I would be very happy to get over it (4)
- 29 Father supports the proposal? Hopefully not! (3, 6)
- 32 Many play around, thus producing 4 (7)
- 33 Firm that is in a rush to punish (7)
- 34 Declan is lost in Eastern America, giving 4 (9)
- 35 Birds that may be spotted in better nests (5)

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- 1 1 across has first-class return for 4 (7)
- 2 4 to test weight, we hear (6)
- 3 4 sees the return of man these days (5)
- 5 4 from ancient city, though it's pointless in the end (5)
- 6 A song to possess the rest (3-4)
- 7 These may contain letters, as fashionable Eliot eats a fish (2-5)
- 8 4 that is a real disaster (5)
- 10 Middleweight starts and is punched, maybe by a hook (6)
- 14 A space station for an Arab leader (4)
- 16 Drain the juice (3)
- 18 Feature of 15 turned, losing a second (4)
- 20 4 has an afterthought about a tramp (6)
- 22 Cake decoration comes up short, but it's very good (7)
- 23 The die is cast, surrounded by stone, describing the counterpart of 11 when complex (7)
- 25 Measure ashes for courses (7)
- 27 Honour given to seamen, absorbing oxygen for 4 (6)
- 28 Ideal place to hide one's money, it's said (5)
- 30 Nothing, absolutely nothing, is oval (5)
- 31 Finished about 1, or was it 4? (5)



KIDS' ZONE



DINGBATS



The Wildlife Trusts have launched their annual nature challenge, **30 Days Wild**. They are encouraging you to take on 30 random acts of wildness throughout the month of June.

Sign up at www.action.wildlifetrusts.org and you will receive a pack containing activities and ideas such as:

- Minibeast hunt
- Make a bird feeder
- Create an Andy Goldsworthy style piece of art
- Try bark rubbing
- Climb a tree
- Try pond dipping
- Watch the sunset and look for bats

Woodland Trust Nature Detectives

Get twiggy with it! Will you spot these sticks on your travels?

Twig ID

Ash	Beech	Hawthorn
Field Maple	Horse Chestnut	Blackthorn
Birch	Rowan	Larch
Alder	Oak	Sycamore
Elder	Lime	Dog Rose
Hazel	Lilac	Elm

How're your detective skills? Did you find them all?
 Feel free to copy and share this for personal and educational use... and don't forget there are loads more brilliant activities to download on our website!
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Challenge...

Yorkshire based artist James Brunt arranges natural objects to form visually striking works of art. Visit his website jamesbruntartist.co.uk for inspiration and perhaps have a go at creating your own. You could use pebbles, sticks & twigs and any fallen leaves. Remember to take a photograph as it is nature after all and will disappear over time.



HEDGEHOGS ON THE UP

Lockdown and less traffic are among reasons why experts believe UK hedgehogs, whose numbers had plummeted, are making a comeback. Hedgehogs are only pregnant for about 4-6 weeks before giving birth to their babies and a 'hoglet boom' is now expected in June and July. The number of hedgehogs dying on UK roads has nearly halved since people have been at home. Hedgehog population levels have been a concern for a long time, so this is very good news for wildlife.

CHESTER ZOO

Chester Zoo has revealed its plans to reopen while maintaining social distancing. It costs them £465,000 a month to run and with no recent visitors, many zoos are having to use up valuable reserve funds. They have said they will "heavily limit visitor numbers each day and every visitor must book online". Indoor areas will remain closed and additional outdoor picnic areas will be made available.

The Seven Dwarves have been told that from Monday, they can meet in groups of six. One of them isn't Happy.