

THE NOVEL NEWSLETTER

Weekly news, updates and entertainment for Ashton Hayes and surrounding areas during the COVID-19 outbreak Edition 14

An Introduction to the Wildflowers of Ashton Hayes and its Surrounds

We live in a beautiful area of rural Cheshire but sometimes we are unaware or perhaps unappreciative of the wildflowers around us. Indeed some of these wildflowers are unattractive, grow where we do not want them to, or indeed are a nuisance, and we call them weeds. However, all of these are part of the web of nature and bring benefit to the wider wildlife community e.g. the hedgerows for birds, nettles for butterflies.

To help raise awareness and appreciation, the Parish Council website will now include photos and the common names of some of the wild plants as they appear over the seasons. All of these will be native British wildflowers found in the area, albeit in our case some may be escapes from cultivation.

This reference can be found under **Community Info** on the Ashton Hayes website at

www.ashtonhayespc.co.uk/guide-to-wildflowers/

It is structured as a series of separate reference sheets. Starting from June 2020, new entries will be added as the season's progress. The reference sheets are organised by the common name of the wildflower within colour within month. They will include as appropriate a brief summary of some of their past uses

However, please remember that some of the plants may flower over several months depending on the plants habit, soil conditions and weather.

We are fortunate to have in the village several people with botanical knowledge, but if you would like to contribute or join in then please do contact us, via the Parish Council Clerk. Indeed, if you spot something not covered in the associated list of plants then please let us know and we can see if we can identify it and include it. If you would like to learn more, then the Wild Flowers of Britain & Ireland by Marjorie Blamey, Richard Fitter and Alistair Fitter is a good reference source. It is well presented with good text and illustrations.

Hopefully this local wildflower reference will be of interest, in particular to children (young or old) and general appreciation of the area in which we live.

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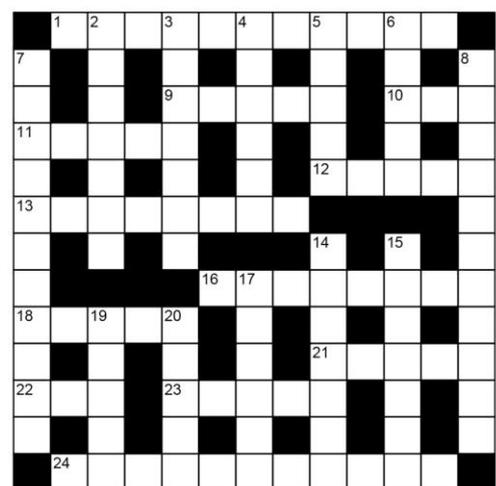
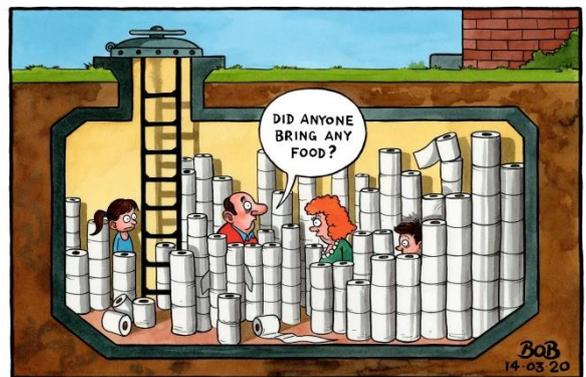
Quarantine Quiz

The **final** quiz will be held on Thursday 2nd July at 8:30pm. Please email Lauren Colville at lauren.colville@gmail.com if you want to take part

Getting back to normality

As I'm sure everyone is aware we are now into another phase of lockdown with some restrictions relaxed or lifted after more than 3 months. I think everyone will agree that our Bridging the Gap team of volunteers have been outstanding in the way they have given of their time and energy to support others over this time, whether that be in partnership with our shop or through the other services we have been offering.

We are as you would expect discussing with the shop how long the existing shopping services will run through our Bridging the Gap scheme will run and we should be in a position very soon to talk to those of you who have been receiving this service about what is being proposed. Nothing will happen suddenly and everyone's individual situation will be taken into account. More information will follow soon. **Jane Colville**



No. 1

Across

- 1 Sector of a population (11)
- 9 Trample heavily (5)
- 10 Illumination unit (3)
- 11 Compact (5)
- 12 Mythical monster (5)
- 13 Large burrowing African mammal (8)
- 16 All-round view (8)
- 18 Erect (3,2)
- 21 ___ Klum: supermodel (5)
- 22 Flightless bird (3)
- 23 In some degree (combining form) (5)
- 24 Act of making peace (11)

Down

- 2 Capture; entrap (7)
- 3 See (7)
- 4 Lodger (6)
- 5 Songbird (5)
- 6 Ice home (5)
- 7 Children's game (4-3-4)
- 8 Reason given for doing something (11)
- 14 Clever but false argument (7)
- 15 ___ Monroe: famous actress (7)
- 17 Ordered arrangements (6)
- 19 Donald ___ : US President (5)
- 20 Stimulate curiosity (5)



KIDS' ZONE



Throughout June, the entrants have been busy behind the scenes creating their scarecrow displays and it is almost time for you to view them. You will start to see them popping up this week, but from Monday 6th July all 57 displays will be in place across all three villages. To ensure you do not miss one and to help you to plan your route, we are in the process of producing a 'Google Map' that has the location plotted, an image and a short bio to accompany each display. Please visit <https://ashtonhayespc.co.uk/> and look for the scarecrow trail banner to access the dedicated page where you will find the link to the map and lots of other information. While the official judging will take place on Saturday 11th July, we will also be holding a people's vote for you to tell us what your favourite is. Please encourage friends and family from further afield to vote using this feature too, as we are actively discouraging anyone from outside the three parishes from visiting in person as we continue to follow social distancing rules. A picture of each display will be available to allow those who cannot see them in person to make their decision.

The voting form will be on the webpage mentioned above.

Thanks must go to all participants, judges and organisers for helping to make this the biggest and best year yet!

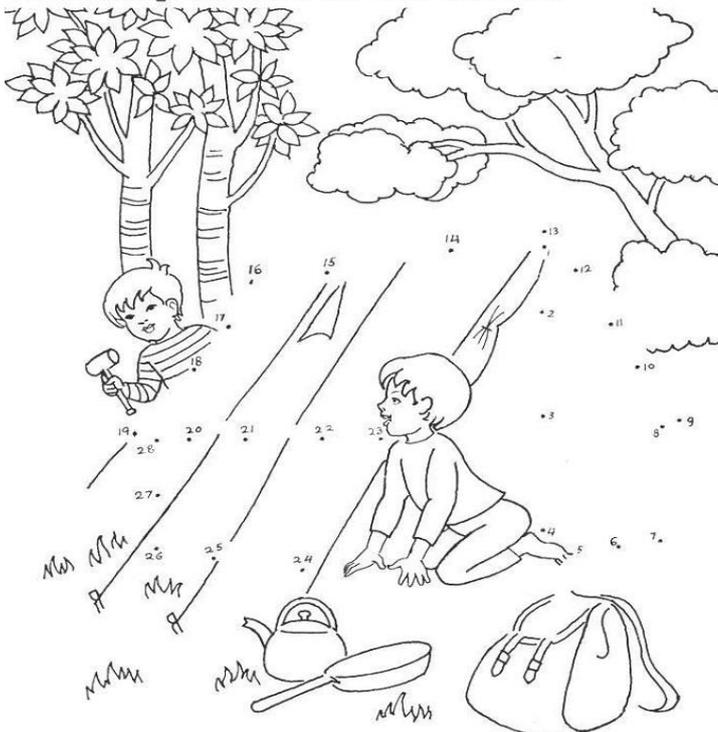


Words like "big" and "small" are opposites. Find the opposites in each line and mark them.

1	behind	before	into	after
2	play	dream	pay	work
3	come in	fall down	get lost	go out
4	laugh	cry	shout	like
5	on time	on foot	at once	by plane
6	bring	repair	take	see
7	everyone	someone	who	nobody
8	sun	wind	summer	rain
9	take off	put on	wear	carry
10	hate	like	love	cry
11	trousers	tie	skirt	coat
12	blue	white	green	black
13	long	tall	round	short
14	nice	new	sure	old
15	clean	nice	dirty	bad
16	boring	funny	silly	ready
17	under	between	over	onto
18	Thank you	You're welcome	How are you?	Hello

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Complete the picture by joining the numbers from 1 to 28 and then color it with your favourite colors.



MOODS

INSTRUCTIONS: Solve the cryptogram using the table below. Then, match the statements to the corresponding mood using a different color for each.

I am ☹️ * 🙄 ❄️ 🌀



I am 😊 ☹️ ➡️ ⚡️ 🌀



I am ✂️ 🙄 ❄️ ➡️ ❄️ ↗️ ✂️ ✂️ ⚙️



I am ✂️ ☹️ ⚙️



CODE

a	☹️	b	✂️	c	🌀	d	⚙️	e	✂️
f	➡️	g	🙄	h	😊	i	↗️	j	🙄
k	🙄	l	❄️	m	❄️	n	*	o	🙄
p	➡️	q	★	r	❄️	s	✂️	t	🙄
u	🙄	v	🙄	w	🙄	x	☒	y	🌀
z	🙄								

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Treasure Trails
The fun way to explore

Treasure Trails: A fun day out with the family, exploring your area safely outside. These trails are a fun and imaginative way to explore and learn about different areas of the UK. Full guidance on how to stay safe whilst doing the trails is given on the website. For Cheshire there are 11 trails to choose from. You can purchase the trail packs on line. The website is:

www.treasuretrails.co.uk and simply select the area you want to explore.