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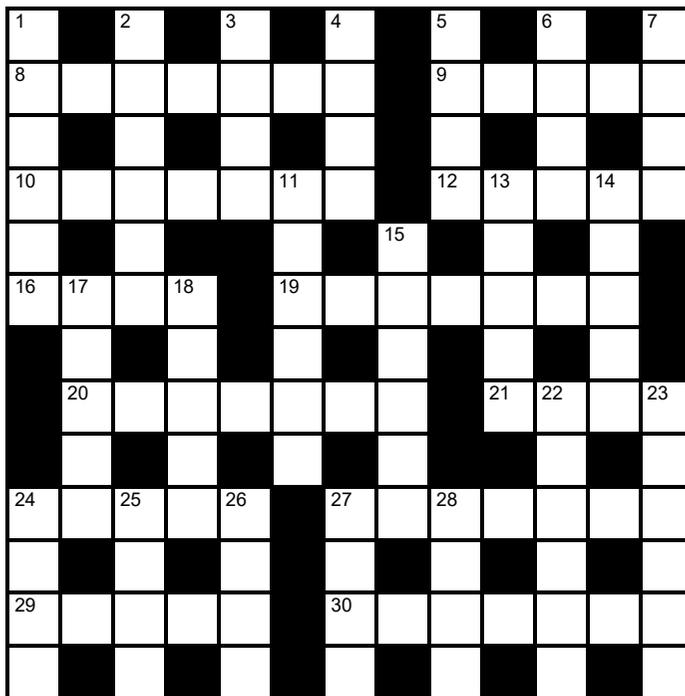
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Inside our March magazine, we have our amazing advertisers offering services for you, your pets and your home, our What's On, Quiz, Wordsearch and much, much more



Crossword



Across

8 Not for money (3,4)

9 Elevate (5)

10 So soon? (7)

12 "Oleanna"
playwright (5)

16 Parliamentary
output (4)

19 Kind of
entertainment channel
(5,2)

20 Gentlemen's
preferences, maybe (7)

21 Partial darkness (4)

24 Vesicles (5)

27 A girl's best marriage
prospect (2,5)

29 Middle Eastern
heights (5)

30 In name only (7)

Down

1 Spread out lazily (6)

2 Take a loan (6)

3 Prolonged
unconsciousness (4)

4 £25 (4)

5 Metric mass unit (4)

6 Thin layer (4)

7 Euro fraction (4)

11 Crack a cryptogram
(6)

13 Modify (5)

14 Roof overhang (5)

15 Vituperative person
(6)

17 Forced to turn and
face attackers (2,3)

18 Talent-spotter (5)

22 Imploring (6)

23 Small boiler? (6)

24 Minor but essential
workers (4)

25 River sediment (4)

26 Opposite/
hypotenuse (4)

27 "I had not thought
death had undone so
---" (Dante Alighieri,
"Divine Comedy") (4)

28 City of Seven Hills
(4)

Solution on page 30

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Charlcombe Toad rescue had a toadally great time at the Christmas Market!

Did you see us at the Bath Christmas Market?

We were there on the opening night, nestled among the artisan chalets and mulled-wine stalls. Thanks to the Market organisers allocating us an evening on the Community stall on Milsom Street, we were able to run a hugely successful tombola with some fabulous prizes from very generous supporters (check them out on our Facebook page). It was a fantastic evening.



Our stall helped us not only to spread awareness but also to raise crucial funds to enable us to close **Charlcombe Lane** for a few weeks each Spring to aid the annual amphibian migration that takes place there. We met some incredible people who were interested in learning more about the amphibians, their migration patterns and life cycles. Many residents of course knew of us, but visitors to Bath had no idea this is happening right here in the city and it was very exciting to be able to share our story with them. A huge thank you to everyone who stopped by our stall, and of course the Bath Christmas market organisers, you have all played your part in helping the smallest of travellers along Charlcombe Lane this year.

And so to this year. **The lane will be closed from 9 February - 29 March to facilitate the migration.** Charlcombe has a thriving toad population which is bucking the national trend of declining populations. In 2025 we rescued almost 4,000 amphibians, with a much lower mortality (compared to previous years) of 3%. This is due in no small way to the closure of the lane to through traffic.



Without the closure our population too would be declining like other areas. We are very grateful to BANES Council, Volker Highways and to the motorists who avoid using the lane during the closure. We are also very lucky to have the support of the residents of Charlcombe Lane and our many volunteers who brave the wet and dark evenings in the spring, patrolling the lane and helping the amphibians across road.

With so much support we are looking forward to another successful season this year.





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Fridays: We Get It is a Bath based charity offering support to anyone who has been diagnosed with any cancer or who is supporting someone with cancer. The friendly & informal Get Together is every Friday at Walcot House, 90B Walcot Street, Bath, BA1 5G between 10AM-11:30AM. You are very welcome to join us for a coffee and a chat any Friday. For more information see our website - wegetit.org.uk - or email us at together@wegetit.org.uk

Saturdays: Walk Bath is a free walking group which takes place every Saturday at 9am. We organise group walks here in the beautiful city of Bath each week and all participants donate to Shelter. www.walkbath.co.uk



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Hellebores - Juliet Davis

Juliet Davis has been a specialist grower of Lenten Roses, helleborus x hybridus since 2003 and opens her garden in early March, supporting Dorothy House Hospice and The Wessex MS Therapy Centre in Warminster.

At a time of year when most of us are sensibly staying indoors, Juliet will be busy pollinating her plants in her freezing greenhouse, ready to produce seed in May. This is the start of the long process of growing on the seedlings in January until the plants have matured three years later, ready to come into flower. The dramatic garden beds come into their own in March and the flowering season lasts from February until April. Starting with a very small collection of Hellebores from specialist nurseries, Juliet has now been able to produce her own stunning flowering plants, both singles, doubles and anemone forms in a myriad of colours.

Her passion has resulted in opening her garden to visitors in early March when there are a few plants for sale.

She also opens her garden by appointment for Garden Clubs and Societies and more information can be found on her website 'Kapunda Plants'.



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Demand for journeys is growing; SWAN are having to turn passengers away as a result of not having enough volunteers to transport them. Volunteers use their own vehicles to transport passengers on pre-arranged journeys across Bath and North-East Somerset. They offer a friendly and supportive presence to often isolated individuals and provide door to door assistance to those in need. Volunteers can choose the days and times that suit their schedules and are reimbursed their mileage and related expenses from SWAN.

Anyone with a full driving licence, their own vehicle, and a desire to help others is welcome to apply. A DBS and reference check is required and arranged by SWAN, but no prior experience is necessary. "It's incredibly rewarding," said one of SWAN's current volunteers. "I meet wonderful people and knowing that I've helped someone get to an important appointment or simply enjoy a day out makes it all worthwhile."

**To find out more or to apply as a volunteer driver with SWAN, please contact
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The popular Wellow Way 10K event will be back on Sunday 22nd March, bigger and better than ever!

Last year over 300 people participated in the various activities the event has to offer with Bath and England rugby star, Ollie Lawrence, firing the starting pistol on the runs.

The 10K and 5K circuits take in both road and off-road running, ideal for spring marathon training or as a standalone challenge to increase your fitness, get out outdoors and connect with fellow runners. The 10k route is also offered as a ramble to do at your own pace.

The colour run, organised by St Julian's School PTA is a fun circuit on the Wellow recreation ground complete with multiple colour stations, hay bale and tyre obstacles en route. New this year, parents can buy pouches of colour to douse their kids. Time to get your own back!

As always delicious refreshments will be on offer provided by The Fox and Badger BBQ and St Julian's School PTA cake stall, plus coffee van.

The Wellow Way 10K is a community-driven affair, raising funds for St Julian's School PTA and the Wellow Community Chest, which supports St Julian's Church, Wellow Parlour Shop, and Wellow Recreation Ground itself.

"Family friendly", "fun" and "a brilliant event that is accessible to all" are just some of the comments we consistently hear about this event so why not come and be a part of it?

Last year's runs were a sell out, so for more details, and to register for any or all events, visit:
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Key tick awareness messages

- **'be tick aware'** and remember that you could be exposed to ticks whenever you spend time outdoors, including when in your garden or the local park
- ticks mainly attach to animals, but sometimes they may bite you or your family. It is important to remember that bites can occur on any part of the body and more than one tick can be attached at a time
- you can reduce the chance of tick bites by walking on clearly defined paths, using insect repellent and performing **regular tick checks**
- some tick bites can result in infection, so it is important to remove ticks safely and as quickly as possible
- the safest way to remove a tick is by using a pair of **fine-tipped** tweezers or a tick removal tool
- if you begin to feel unwell with flu-like symptoms, or develop a spreading circular rash (which usually appears within 1 to 4 weeks after being bitten), **contact your GP or dial NHS 111 promptly**

More information

For more information, search for the phrases 'ticks' and 'Lyme disease' on these websites: www.nhs.uk www.gov.uk

www.gov.uk/government/collections/lyme-disease-guidance-data-and-analysis

www.nhs.uk/conditions/lyme-disease/

www.nhs.uk/conditions/tick-borne-encephalitis/

You can also send any ticks you find to our Tick Surveillance Scheme. Visit www.gov.uk/guidance/tick-surveillance-scheme to find out more.

NICE Lyme guidance: www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng95

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Enjoy the outdoors but 'be tick aware'



'Be tick aware' to avoid tick bites and know how to take action if you or your family get bitten by ticks

Tick sizes compared to a one penny coin



What are ticks?

Ticks are small, spider-like creatures that feed on the blood of animals, including people. The size of a tick can vary, with a larva being as small as a tiny freckle, and fully fed females similar in size to a baked bean.

Where do you find ticks?

Ticks survive in many habitats, but prefer moist areas with leaf litter or longer grass, like in woodland, grassland, moorland, heathland and some urban parks and gardens.

Ticks don't fly or jump. They wait on vegetation for a host to pass by, and then climb on. They bite and attach to the skin and feed on blood for several days, before dropping off. Ticks are found throughout the year, but are most active between spring and autumn.

Main health risks

- ticks can sometimes transmit microbes that may cause human diseases such as Lyme disease and tick-borne encephalitis (TBE), though TBE is rare in the UK. It is important to be tick aware and see your GP promptly for diagnosis and treatment if you recognise the symptoms of tick-borne diseases which can include:
 - a flu-like illness, fatigue and muscle and joint pain
 - a characteristic expanding red rash, known as erythema migrans (present in many but not all cases)
 - persistent headache, confusion or sensitivity to bright light
- you may not always remember being bitten by a tick, so if you have spent time outdoors and develop any of these symptoms, seek advice from your GP or dial NHS 111
- Lyme disease can be treated with a course of antibiotics. Without treatment, more serious conditions can develop such as swelling in some joints or problems with the nerves and heart, so prevention and early detection are key
- rarely ticks transmit tick-borne encephalitis (TBE), however the risk in the UK is very low. Symptoms include flu-like illness, persistent headache, confusion and sensitivity to bright light

Avoiding ticks

- walk on clearly defined paths to avoid brushing against vegetation
- wear light-coloured clothes so ticks can be spotted and brushed off
- use repellents such as DEET
- carry out a tick check

Carry out a tick check

Make it a habit to check your clothes and body regularly for ticks when outdoors and again when you get home. Check your children and pets as well.

Areas that ticks may frequently be found include skin folds, armpits, groin, waistband area, back of the neck and hairline. Data from UKHSA's Tick Surveillance Scheme shows that adults are commonly bitten on the legs, whilst children are commonly bitten on the head or neck area. It is important to remember, however, that bites can occur on any part of the body and more than one tick can be attached at one time.

If you have been bitten

- remove ticks as soon as possible
- the safest way to remove a tick is to use a pair of **fine-tipped** tweezers or a tick removal tool
- grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible
- pull upwards slowly and firmly, as mouthparts left in the skin can cause a local infection
- clean the bite area with antibacterial wash/soap and water, and monitor it for several weeks for any changes
- contact your GP promptly if you begin to feel unwell with flu-like symptoms or develop a spreading circular red rash. Remember to tell them you were bitten by a tick or have recently spent time outdoors

Tick removal with tweezers



Tick in the environment



Tick attached to skin



Lyme disease bullseye rash



Tick found under hair



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Charlcombe Lane will be closed for a few weeks to aid the annual amphibian migration - see page 4.

1st & 8th March, Sundays, Hellebore Open

Days at Kapunda, Southstoke, BA2 5SH. See advertisement on page 8.

3rd March, Tuesday, 1pm. Bath Flower Club

have a flower arranging demonstration by Fleur White entitled "Musical Memories". Arrangements raffled after the demonstration. The demonstration starts at 1pm. Coffee/tea and cake available before the demo. Visitors very welcome. We meet in the Centre at St Stephens Church, Lansdown Road, BA1 5SX. Contact: Sue Southgate, susanmsouthgate@aol.com. Tel: 01225 314531.

3rd March, Tuesday, Full Moon

4th March, Wednesday, 8.45am-12noon.

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5th March, Thursday, 2.30pm - 4pm. Bear Flat

Community Tea. Community Hall, Bruton Avenue. Call in for company, conversation, a hot drink with cream tea and home made cake. No set cost - any donation welcome for Charity.

5th March, Thursday, 7.30pm - 9.30pm, Bath

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6th March, Friday, 6-9pm. Articulate Craft

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11th March, Wednesday, 8.45am-12noon.

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12th March, Thursday, 7.30pm. Weston Village

Gardening Club at All Saints Church, Weston, Bath. Chris Inchley- Kilvert Court Gardens. All welcome. Visitors £5. More details www.westonvillagegardeningclub.co.uk

13th March, Thursday, 3-4.30pm Welsh

conversation group, Burdall's Yard, London Road, Bath. Organiser Catherine Dhanjal. Call Catherine on 07941669925 or follow <https://www.facebook.com/CymraegBrysteCaerfaddon>

14th March, Saturday, 2.30pm. 10th Bath

(Combe Down) Scouts Jumble Sale, Scout HQ, The Avenue, Combe Down BA2 5EQ. See page 18.

15th March, Sunday, Mothering Sunday

15th March, Sunday, Bath Half Marathon

18th March, Wednesday, 8.45am-12noon.

Barney's Community Cafe. St Barnabas Church, Mount View, Southdown. Yummy cakes and drinks, no set costs!

18th March, Wednesday, 7.30pm. Combe Down

Heritage Society monthly talk. Combe Down Primary School Hall in Summer Lane, BA2 5JX. Doors open at 7pm. This month we have a talk entitled SS Great Britain from Launch to Re-launch given by Ian Caskie. His illustrated talk tells this famous ship's remarkable story, from her original design through the different phases of her working life. Ian has been a Visitor Experience volunteer and tour guide with the SS Great Britain Trust since 2007. Non-members are very welcome at all our talks. Entry £4. (£2 for members.) Sign up for our regular emails: membership@combedownheritage.org.uk

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1. Where are we?

4. What colour are the formal coats of the Chelsea Pensioners?

6. The pineal gland is in which organ in the human body?

8. The brown swiss is a breed of which type of farm animal?

10. Fleet Street was the traditional home of which industry?

12. What sign of the zodiac has five syllables in its name?

14. A tanner normally works with which material?

16. Which English scientist wrote the 1704 work Opticks?

2. Mr Bumble features in which Dickens novel?

3. What type of animal is Miffy in the children's books?

5. The battle of agincourt took place during which war?

7. What shape is the red, stop sign according to the Highway Code?

9. What flavour is Poire Williams liqueur?

11. In weights and measures, which two letters are used to indictae a pound?

13. A 30th wedding anniversary is traditionally given what name?

15. Which letter is represented by four dots in Morse Code?

17. Rolex is a famous maker of which items?

Answers on page 30





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New PlayPod Boosts Playtime and Learning at Roundhill Primary School

Children at Roundhill Primary School in Bath are enjoying benefits to both playtime and learning with the introduction of a new PlayPod, thanks to the Children's Scrapstore in Bristol, and the Friends of Roundhill.

The PlayPod is a facility which provides pupils with access to a wide range of loose 'scrap' materials designed to inspire imaginative play. From plastic tubing and steering wheels to keyboards, crates and cardboard tubes, children are encouraged to use their creativity and teamwork as they explore, build and invent during playtime.

Roundhill pupils said: Amos, Year One: "I love it! Lara, Year One: "I think it's excellent because there is so much to play with". Gracie, Year Four: "It's fun, it helps us play together. I like pretending to capture people with the hoops!" Sofia, Year Four: "I like it because we can role play more easily: we play families."

The PlayPod was funded by Friends of Roundhill, who have been fundraising through the school's Summer Fete, Christmas Fair and other activities. The Children's Scrapstore installed the PlayPod this term, trained staff and visited regularly to support each class as they began to use the facility.

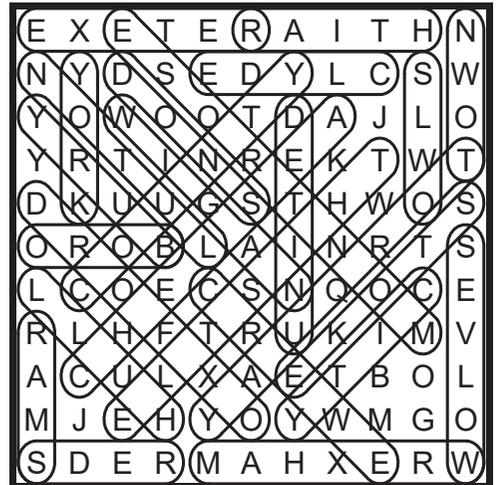
Emma Cooper, Headteacher at Roundhill Primary School said:

"We have been thrilled to work alongside the Children's Scrapstore to redevelop our PlayPod, and thank you to our amazing Friends of Roundhill who made this happen by funding the project. Playtimes have become more positive and joyful, with both children and adults enjoying creative and imaginative play together. As a consequence, engagement in class has improved, supporting a calmer, happier, and more focused learning environment."

Sudoku - solution on page 30

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Ingredients

1250g dark chocolate (70%)
250g unsalted butter
4 large eggs
250g golden caster sugar
2 heaped tablespoons self-raising flour
2 heaped tablespoons cocoa powder



Method

Preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F/gas 4.

Tear off a large piece of greaseproof paper, scrunch it up under cold water, then unfold and use it to line a 20cm square baking tin. Snap the chocolate into a heatproof bowl, dice the butter and add with a pinch of sea salt. Melt over a pan of gently simmering water, stirring regularly, then remove from the heat and leave to cool slightly. Crack the eggs into a large bowl, then add the sugar and whisk until light, pale and fluffy.

Sieve in the flour, followed by the cocoa. Whisk to combine, then fold through the melted chocolate.

Spoon the mixture into the lined tin and spread it out evenly. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, or until crisp on the outside but slightly wobbly.

Leave to cool in the tin for 15 minutes before slicing and serving warm – delicious with vanilla ice cream, crushed hazelnuts and caramel popcorn.

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- Plan your meals - this helps reduce waste.
- Make a shopping list and only buy what's on your list.
- Batch cook meals, freezing portions for another day.
- Cook from scratch - raw ingredients are much cheaper than 'ready meals'.
- Buy reduced items and freeze them for use another day.
- Consider your portion size - you may be able to reuse leftovers for another meal.
- Have more 'meat free' days. Use beans, pulses and legumes (such as lentils) to replace meat.
- Check the 'price per 100g' price.

Whist Club

The Whist (cards) Club in Saltford Hall, Saltford Hall, Wedmore Road, Saltford, Bristol BS31 3BY are looking for new members.

We meet every Monday with a start time of 13.30hrs sharp, finishing 16.00hrs.

It is a very friendly club who love to play cards, there are currently about 16 members, first week is free and then £3.00 a week.

Anybody interested in joining should contact David on **davidvgray13@outlook.com** or on **07900 218226**.

More Trees BANES launches Bath Art Fair raffle to fund community tree nurseries and local tree planting.

More Trees BANES, the Bath & North East Somerset charity that grows trees from seed with local people and plants them in public spaces, has launched a fundraising raffle as the official charity partner of the 2026 Bath Art Fair (27 February–1 March 2026).

The prize is an original artwork donated by Alce Harfield, organiser of Bath Art Fair. The painting—titled *You're in my heart*—was inspired by Rod Stewart's iconic Legends slot at Glastonbury Festival 2025. "Bathed in glorious sunshine, the crowd was captivated—not only by Rod's flamboyant costume changes, but by the boundless energy he brought to the stage... It was, quite simply, an unforgettable treat," said Harfield.

The Bath Art Fair has previously raised around £2,000 each year for its chosen charity through a raffle, and More Trees BANES hopes to build on that success this year—raising both funds and awareness at a key moment for the charity's community tree nursery network.

Entries cost £5 per ticket (supporters can buy multiple entries). To ensure entries can be verified and winners contacted, participants must follow a simple two-step process: donate via the raffle page, then complete a short entry form to confirm details. The raffle will remain open for around a month after the fair, with the draw taking place at the end of March 2026. Note: raffle entries are not eligible for Gift Aid. Closing date is 31st March 2026, with draw date on 1st April 2026.

**Raffle page: <https://localgiving.org/fundraising/Bath-Art-Fair-Raffle>
More Trees BANES: www.moretrees.earth**

More Trees BANES will also be present at Bath Art Fair over the weekend, inviting visitors to learn more about local tree growing and planting—and how to get involved as a volunteer, donor, or community supporter.



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Raccoon dog
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Find out all about our services on our website: www.shareandrepair.org.uk

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What's On March (continued)

19th March, Thursday, New Moon

20th March, Friday, 2:46 pm, Spring Equinox

20th March, Friday, 6-9pm. Articulate Craft Group Organisation, Hillside Hall, Hillside Road, Oldfield Park, Bath, BA2 3NX. articulatebath.com. Prebook.

21st March, Saturday, 9.30am - 12.30pm. Bear Flat Community Market with Share and Repair Workshop. Community Hall, Bruton Avenue. Stalls selling a variety of locally made artisan bread and pastries, preserves, jewellery, cards, gifts and plants. Bring along your items to be repaired and enjoy a drink with home made cake and savouries. Contact details : helenscamell@gmail.com

22nd March, Sunday, 8.30am. The Wellow Way 10K, 5k and Kids' Colour Run. Ticket info, timings and to register for all events <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/ww10k> see page 10.

25th March, Wednesday, 8.45am-12noon. Barney's Community Cafe. St Barnabas Church, Mount View, Southdown. Yummy cakes and drinks, no set costs!

28th March, Saturday, 11-3pm. Bath City Farm Spring Fayre. Join us at the Farm for a fun celebration of the arrival of Spring! With Live Music and bar in the barn, craft and gift stalls, facepainting, games and activities to try, plus a Lambing Talk as well as delicious treats in the Roots to Work cafe. Free entry! More info at bathcityfarm.org.uk/events

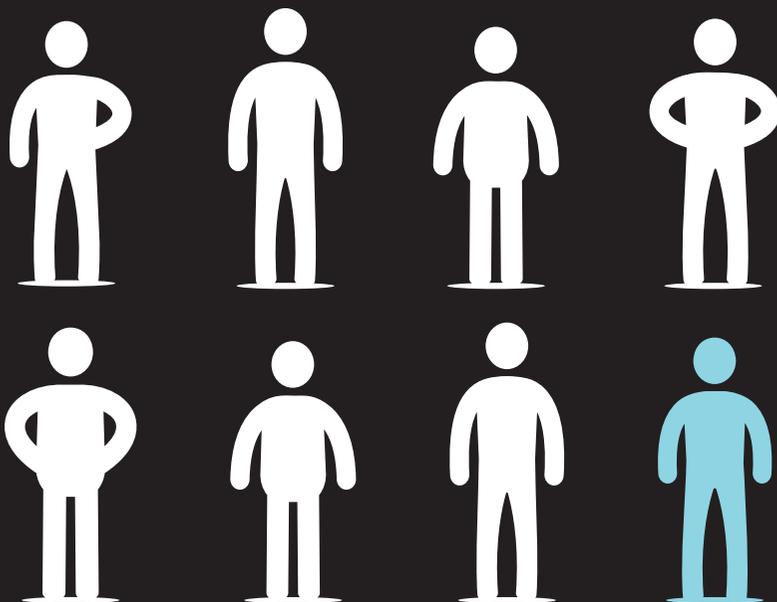
29th March, the clocks go forward 1 hour at 1am. British Summer Time.

9th April, Thursday. 6.30pm. Bath Dahlia Society, a talk by Rachel Golding Barrett from the Tetbury Flower Company at New Oriel Hall, Larkhall. Annual membership will be £5 and a ticket to the talk will be £10. We are a new Dahlia Society setting up this year and hoping to stage a Dahlia show in September. Rachel is a Flower Farmer and Dahlia grower who has been featured on Gardeners World with an award winning display at RHS Hampton Court flower festival in 2025.

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Sudoku solution

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Pukka Bath Quiz answers

1. Twerton Roundhill
2. Oliver Twist
3. A female rabbit/bunny
4. Red
5. The Hundred Years War
6. The brain
7. An octagon
8. Cattle
9. Pear
10. British newspaper and printing industry.
11. LB
12. Sagittarius
13. Pearl
14. Animal hides and skins
15. H
16. Sir Isaac Newton
17. Wristwatches

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