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And for those you not jetting off on your Summer holidays and staying local there's some great articles in here on Summer concerts and sculpture parks.

Whatever you do this Summer, have a great time and make the most of all the great places to go on your doorstep!

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miles and cross through at least 18 different countries across mountains, desert and highly variable and unsuitable terrain. With no backup, no support and no set route, this is an expedition that will test their car, their minds and their newly formed marriage. The adventure doesn't stop when

they reach Mongolia, as Shane and Georgia will continue their travels around the world on planes, trains, buses, ferries, tuk tuks and everything in between. But it's not just

for fun - Shane and Georgia are doing this to raise as much money as they can for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, in memory of their friend Asha, and Cool Earth, the official charity of the Mongol Rally.

If you are able to provide support in any way, Shane and Georgia would love to hear from you. To find out more about Shane and Georgia's adventure, to donate to their charities or to discuss sponsorship opportunities please visit

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sculpture parks

The sculpture parks and trails of England are a rather well-kept secret. They are found all over the country and are great places to visit and introduce the kids to real art. They are also good introductions to for anyone who is curious about art but feels they would be a bit out of their depth in a gallery. You can take a picnic and the children can run around. Many are free, or very cheap to enter. Each sculpture park is different in character depending on the surrounding

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Our picks of the parks are:

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able to pass on your knowledge to your replacement and allow them to gradually take over. If you regularly deal with clients it can be very reassuring for them to know that you are still around.

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www.jobcentreguide.co.uk provides an abundance of information on vacancies and also free CV advice, which is especially helpful if you are out of practice in the art of selling yourself to a prospective employer. You can register your CV on line with any number of agencies, such as www.reed.co.uk, which show jobs in your area, and assist with careers advice. If you prefer to register in person, pop into your local

Job Centre or Recruitment Agency. These are all positive moves which will help you feel more confident and in control.

There are many ways to research information about employment. The library and your local college are good starting points. Libraries often have computer terminals available for public use, and some run courses if your PC skills need polishing.

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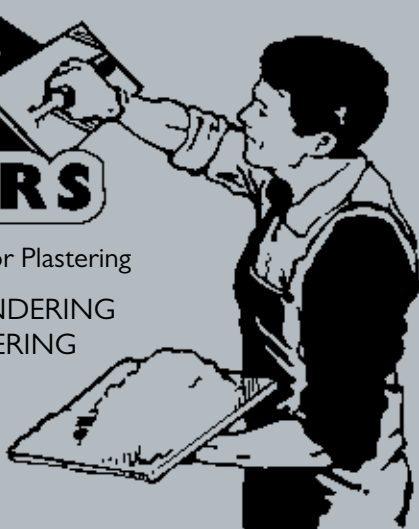
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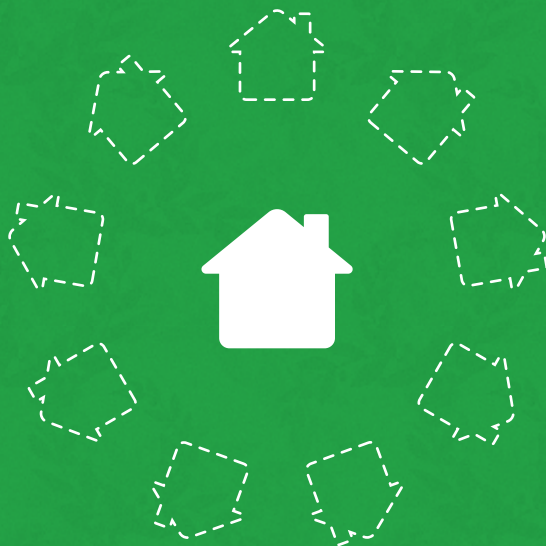
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Emojis are like seasoning. Used sparingly they add flavour and a personal touch to your texts. Over use them and they become off-putting very quickly.

One place to avoid them is in more formal relationships, like with your boss or immediate superior.

Also, bear in mind that emojis don't always translate well across mobile platforms. So an iPhone user sending a 'stressed' emoji can appear to be sending a happy emoji to an android user!

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the correct emoji. My mother (notice the theme here) once sent a text notifying me that my father had hurt his back. She thought she had sent a crying 'sad' emoji, but in fact had sent me a 'crying with laughter' emoji, (which incidentally accounts for 20% of all emojis sent!). I assumed it was a comedy accident and replied accordingly, only to find out my poor dad was completely immobilised.

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After World War II the pawnbroking went into something of a decline and by the Seventies it had almost died out as a trade with maybe just fifty or so in the whole of the British Isles, generally in poorer areas which boasted a high concentration of itinerant workers.

Now there are over a thousand pawnbrokers in the UK and they are appearing in traditionally affluent areas. The industry is worth an estimated £100 million per year! The Australians have also followed suit with their Cash-Converters, high street buy-back chain.

What's caused the change?

Many of us seem to have lost faith in the banking system which in turn seems to have lost faith in itself as it restricts credit. People suddenly see pawnbrokers as a way of generating cash.

Modern pawnbrokers offer a discreet and confidential service where clients can pledge anything from a piece of jewellery or a watch through to a prize car or even a house. One London pawnbroker says he was once offered a Lear Jet!

Likewise the clients have changed too. In the old days it was men trying to make enough to pay the rent man or the landlord. Now it's just as likely to be a middle class couple looking for a way to pay the mortgage or the school fees.

So how does it work?

Pawnbrokers and their like give a client money in return for an object that is held as security until the customer pays off the loan and any interest charges. There are no credit checks and, once the item is valued and a rate of interest agreed, the customer

leaves with the money.

If the loan is paid back within the agreed time the client can reclaim their goods. If the loan is not paid back then the pawnbroker has the right to extend the terms or sell the goods, though many are reluctant to do this as they thrive on repeat business.

Buy-back shops are slightly different. Here the client sells their item with an option to buy it back within 28 days. If they don't reclaim it then the shop can sell the item.

The Consumer Credit Act states that a pawnbroker must give their client a receipt displaying the date the redemption period ends; the amount of credit secured by the pledge, and the interest rate, plus any other charges that individual lender may apply. If you lose your receipt inform your pawnbroker immediately so that no one else can present it.



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Little Altars Everywhere

by Rebecca Wells

One of the marks of a great book is that it can let you travel the world, and even through time, from the comfort of your own living room (or coffee shop – depending on where you are reading). This is exactly what *Little Altars Everywhere* does. From your familiar surroundings in the UK this transports you to Louisiana in the heart of the southern states of America and throws you into the lives of the Walker family. Siddalee is the eldest daughter in the family and she is the narrator who opens the story. Growing up in the 1960s life is changing around her and it is only as an adult that she can begin to deal with the turbulence of her childhood.



Each chapter is told by a different member of the family. There is Vivi, the matriarch, and Shep, a father who tries to provide for his family but is under a lot of pressure and unable to quite express his feelings. Siddalee's voice is joined by her siblings, Little Shep, Lulu, and Baylor. This is, in many ways, a collection of short stories, each giving a glimpse into life for the Walker clan.

From the summers spent in Spring Creek, to dance classes, a pregnant dog, and a runaway daughter, the pieces gradually come together. Accompanying the family through their experiences are the Ya-Yas: four close friends, including Vivi, who are loud, colourful, and vibrant. But this is not always an easy story to read. Families can hide secrets that the outside world will never know and the consequences won't be felt for years.

The Beast Within

by Serena Valentino

We all know the story of Beauty and the Beast. Whether it is through the original fairy tale, Disney's 1991 animated hit, or the recent live action remake. But is there something missing from the story? How much do we know about what happened BEFORE Belle arrived at the Beast's castle to rescue her father? What really happened to turn a beloved prince into a reclusive beast?



Offering a fresh twist on the classic story, this tween/teen read contains many 'ooh, that's clever' moments. Of course, we know that at the end of the story Gaston will arrive at the castle to kill the Beast. But suppose they were once best friends?

Filled with familiar characters such as Lumiere and Cogsworth this novel offers another layer to the story we all know. Whilst it is not the greatest work of literature it will definitely appeal to fans of either the animated or live action movie, and is one of a growing series of novels telling the darker side of Disney classics.

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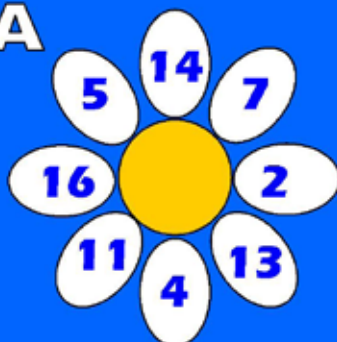
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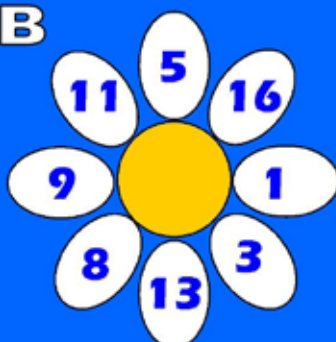
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If you're a summer concert virgin and you're not sure how your offspring will behave, try a free concert in a local park first off. You will feel more relaxed and they can clap and sing along without you worrying that their antics might disturb other people.

But even larger, more formal concerts tend to be rather informal. It's probably best that your kids are versed in basic etiquette like not running through other people's picnic areas and not throwing food or scrapping with siblings, but with a dose of general good manners normal lively behaviour is well tolerated at such events.

Most concerts tend to take place in large fields



anyway so there's plenty of room for running around and even outdoor games such as frisbees and football, providing they're played well away from the main crowd.

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Tips for Outdoor Concerts

Choose to sit further back from the stage than you

would if you were alone. Dedicated concert goers and those without children tend to sit near the front and they might not take kindly to boisterous youngsters. Sitting further back gives you all more room to stretch out and wander around.

Take small amounts of lots of different foods. Variety will keep them interested.

Take folding chairs, sunscreen, hats, insect repellent or citronella candles and lots of rugs. Comfort is important, especially as the sun disappears.

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take a seat

This year I decided to buy an all-weather seat for my garden. Bizarrely I didn't actually have a permanent place to sit where I could admire my hard work.

There is an art to choosing and placing garden seating. First decide whether you want to sit in full sun, or dappled shade. Watch the path of the sun and make a note of which particular parts of the garden are illuminated at each time of day.

Think about when you will sit in your garden. Will you want to eat breakfast out there? If so pop a seat and little table in a spot which catches the morning sun. If like many of us the only chance you get to sit out is during the evening then look for an area which is bathed in golden light of



late afternoon. Would you like to dine out doors in the evening? Can you make room for a table, and would a patio heater be a good investment, so you can make

the most of the setting.

If the only area you can place a bench is in baking sun then it's good to place some sort of overhead structure. It can be as simple or elaborate as you like. Sawn tanalised timbers can be used to make a very simple frame over which you can train a vine or climber. Use galvanised screws and it should last 20 years, providing a delightful place to rest.

Choose all-weather furniture for ease of use unless you have oodles of storage space for the winter months. Plastic is cheap but can look



very tacky. There are some wonderful synthetic wicker style pieces available now though, and excellent metal furniture which requires no care at all. My favourite material is wood though mostly this does require ongoing maintenance. I did discover some rather attractive polystyrene slatted furniture on an aluminium frame which looked remarkably like the real deal. If finances allow you can buy beautiful teak wood furniture which requires very little in the way of after care. Try before you buy! Yes



you want your furniture to look wonderful but the most important factor is comfort. Are the seats wide enough? Is there enough back support? Does it come with pads?

Finally, to bring a touch of indoor comfort and style to an outdoor area I discovered outdoor rugs!

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By Rachael Leverton



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coronation chicken

A Retro Summer Supper



Preparation time: 1-2 hours

Cooking time: 30 mins to 1 hour

Serves: 4-8

Ingredients:

1.5kg/4lb free-range chicken
4 spring onions, sliced
6 garlic cloves, peeled, left whole
1 tbsp sea salt
10 whole black or green peppercorns or a mixture

For the sauce:

1 tbsp vegetable oil
1 onion, chopped
1 tbsp curry powder
1 tbsp tomato purée
85ml/3fl oz red wine
150ml/¼ pint water
1 bay leaf
salt and freshly ground black pepper
caster sugar
2 slices lemon
squeeze of lemon juice
425ml/15fl oz good-quality mayonnaise
2 tbsp apricot purée (You can make your own by blending 4-5 ready-to-eat dried apricots with 3 tbsp water)
3 tbsp whipped cream

To serve:

1 tbsp roughly chopped coriander
Boiled rice

Method

Place the chicken into a large saucepan with a tight-fitting lid. Cover with water and add the spring onions, garlic, salt and peppercorns. Bring to the boil uncovered and simmer for 30 minutes. Turn the chicken once during this time. Cover with the lid and turn off the heat. Leave for one hour. Remove the chicken, allow to cool completely, and then tear the chicken from the bones and chop into chunks. For the sauce, heat the oil in a pan over a medium heat. Add the onion and cook gently for 3-4 minutes until translucent. Add the curry powder and cook for a further two minutes, stirring well. Add the tomato purée, wine, water and bay leaf. Bring the mixture to the boil. Season with salt and freshly ground black pepper, then add the sugar, lemon slices and lemon juice, to taste. Reduce the heat and simmer uncovered, for 5-10 minutes. Strain the sauce through a sieve and set aside to cool. Once cold fold in the mayonnaise and apricot purée, to taste. Add more lemon juice if required and then finally fold in the whipped cream. Arrange the chicken on a large platter, pour the sauce over the top, sprinkle with the coriander and serve immediately, with rice or salad.



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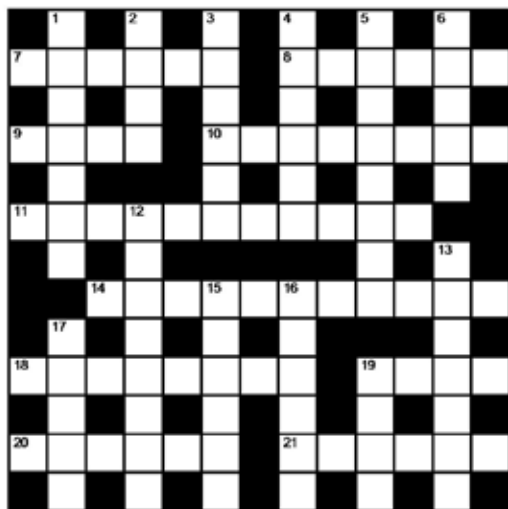
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About the Show:

Dotty lives in a dusty old castle with her grumpy dad, Mr Dragon. She loves to watch the children playing in the village below, and wishes she could play with them, too! One day Dotty has a brilliant idea - she will fly down to the village and say hello! After all, everybody loves surprises, don't they? But will Dotty make new friends, or will the village folk chase her back home again?

Little people aged 3 + will love this funny, heart-warming tale of true friendship!

crossword



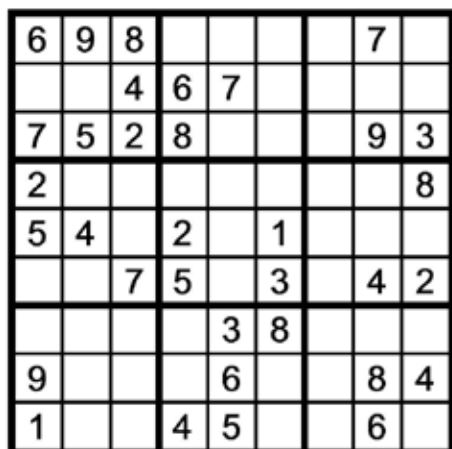
clues

Across

- 7 Metal percussion instrument (6)
- 8 Left, departed (6)
- 9 Inflamed eyelid lump (4)
- 10 Survives a storm (8)
- 11 Headliner which attracts a large audience (5,6)
- 14 Exemplified, epitomised (11)
- 18 Frenzy, delirium (8)
- 19 Well-made, superior (4)
- 20 Except for, lest (6)
- 21 Conundrum (6)

Down

- 1 Whodunit (7)
- 2 Woodwind instrument (4)
- 3 Explode (4,2)
- 4 Minutiae, triviality (6)
- 5 The product of 2 and 9 (8)
- 6 Slightly inebriated, cheerful (5)
- 12 Grappled (8)
- 13 Nom de plume (3,4)
- 15 Scarcest (6)
- 16 Ascended skyward (6)
- 17 Deceiving, perjuring (5)
- 19 Equitable, honourable (4)



how to play sudoku

It's simple!

Fill in the grid so that each row, column and 3x3 box, contains the numbers 1 through to 9 with no repetition. You don't need to be a genius. These puzzles use logic alone. Watch out! Sudoku is highly addictive.

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Sudoku Solution
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I	L	E	R	A	A
U	N	L	E	S	S
G	D	T	D	R	E

Crossword Solution
from page 59



Solution to Mind benders

1. Not bad
2. On second thoughts
3. Bits and bobs

Mindbenders Solution
from page 11

useful numbers

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