



## Home Fires

What to do when you can't go out...  
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Another beautiful week in Berwick, but we're all missing friends, family and freedom. Some days can feel particularly hard. On those days, knitting squares, phoning a friend, and settling down to do this week's Berwick in Spring Word Search might be just the thing.



*Thank Ewe NHS and Careworkers*



*Thanks to Helen Lodge*

### Plant Swap

At this time of year, some of us have potted up more of one type of plant than we need to plant out, while we're missing some others. With the garden centres closed, except online, we are organising a Berwick Plant Swap. Let us know before 12.00 on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May **what plants you have spare**, and/ or **what you're looking for**.

If you need plants, but don't have any to swap, we're suggesting a small charity donation instead to Age UK Wiltshire, who are helping many older and vulnerable people at this time. <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/wiltshire/>



### Knit a Square to Show We Care

While the focus is on COVID-19, we're also thinking about the many other people in hospitals, hospices and care homes. Julie has come up with the excellent idea of knitting blankets made of squares that we can all contribute to, and donate to a hospital or nursing home.

- No.8 (44mm) needles
- Double knit (DK) wool
- 6"/ 15cms – about 30 stitches, 46 rows
- Any colour, pattern or stitch
- Or you can crochet granny squares – DK wool, 4mm hook

Julie has spare wool and needles if you need them. While Julie has volunteered to sew up the squares into blankets, others might like to as well. Please drop off squares in clean plastic to Julie at 2, Hop Gardens. 828024

### This Week's Quiz Berwick in Spring Word Search

The weather forecast isn't quite so good this week, so attached to this week's Home Fires you'll find a bumper Berwick word search  
No prizes, just something to pass the time with tea and, ideally, cake

### Trussell Trust Comes to Berwick

With so many of us at home, fewer people are visiting food bank donation points at supermarkets. Food banks are more vital than ever, so Trussell Trust will be visiting Berwick St John on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May** and collecting contributions at **11am** from the **Bus Shelter**.

They are keen to receive (must be in date please):

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| Cereal                            | Tea/coffee  |
| Tinned or packet soup             | Biscuits  |
| Pasta and rice                    | UHT milk  |
| Tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce      | Long life fruit juice   |
| Lentils, beans and pulses         | Toiletries, sanitary items, baby supplies and cleaning products |
| Tinned meat, vegetables and fruit |   |

<https://www.trusselltrust.org>



## Last Week's Wild Flower Quiz

We had an amazing reaction to last week's Wild Flower Quiz. Congratulations to our top four: Linda, Julie, Pat and Bunty. The answers were as follows:

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| 1. Greater stitchwort              | 14. Wood anemone  |
| 2. Bird's eye or speedwell         | 15. Red campion   |
| 3. Dandelion                       | 16. Cowslip   |
| 4. Green hellebore/<br>Lenten rose | 17. Bugle   |
| 5. White violet                    | 18. Perennial cornflower  |
| 6. Ground ivy                      | 19. Lungwort  |
| 7. Wild garlic/ ramsons            | 20. White deadnettle  |
| 8. Daisy                           | 21. Bluebell  |
| 9. Violet                          | 22. Celandine   |
| 10. Comfrey                        | 23. Sweet cicely/ cow<br>parsley (not quite the<br>same, but we're not<br>sure which it is) |
| 11. Summer snowflake               | 24. Early purple orchid   |
| 12. Aubrietia                      | 25. Purple honesty  |
| 13. Primrose                       |   |

This was very popular, so we'll publish some more 'outdoor discovery' quizzes in due course. Any ideas, or volunteers to put a quiz/ competition are very welcome!

## Home Fires Helping Hand



### Manure Request

Neil has been clearing and digging a big bed in the back garden that we plan to put shrubs in. Does anyone have (or know someone who has) some well-rotted horse manure that we can dig in before we plant it up? Please email me if you can help, [Jon.dyer@sky.com](mailto:Jon.dyer@sky.com) or phone 01747 828529.

*Jonny & Neil*

### Any Village Dressmakers?

I've bought two pairs of trousers online but they're too long. I'm not confident enough with a sewing machine to alter them – is there anyone who could help? Please email or phone me – details at the bottom of this newsletter.

*Helen*

### Ahead of the Slug Attack

Lots of us are starting to plant out now – does anyone have tried and tested ways to repel slugs? Please email or phone me at the details at the bottom of this newsletter, and we'll publish them next week.



## Photos from our Gardens & Walks

Thank you to everyone for your photos - please keep on sending them.

## In These Times

I'm normally a social girl  
I love to meet my mates  
But lately with the virus here  
We can't go out the gates.

You see, we are the 'oldies' now  
We need to stay inside  
If they haven't seen us for a while  
They'll think we've upped and  
died.

They'll never know the things we  
did  
Before we got this old  
There wasn't any Facebook  
So not everything was told.

We may seem sweet old ladies,  
Who would never be uncouth  
But we grew up in the 60s -  
If you only knew the truth!

There was sex and drugs and rock  
'n roll  
The pill and miniskirts  
We smoked, we drank, we  
partied  
And were quite outrageous flirts.

Then we settled down, got  
married  
And turned into someone's mum,  
Somebody's wife, then nana,  
Who on earth did we become?

We didn't mind the change of  
pace  
Because our lives were full  
But to bury us before we're dead  
Is like a red rag to a bull!

So here you find me stuck inside  
For four weeks, maybe more  
I finally found myself again  
Then I had to close the door!

It didn't really bother me  
I'd while away the hour  
I'd bake for all the family  
But I've got no bloody flour!

Now Netflix is just wonderful  
I like a gutsy thriller  
I'm swooning over Idris  
Or some random sexy killer.

So let's all drink to lockdown  
To recovery and health  
And hope this bloody virus  
Doesn't decimate our wealth.

We'll all get through the crisis  
And be back to join our mates  
Just hoping I'm not far too wide  
To fit through the flamin' gates

*Jean Deacon  
Thank you Pamela!*



If you're struggling and need support, and don't feel you can talk to friends and family, you can contact:

Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub  
0300 003 4576. [wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk)  
Mon to Fri – 8am – 8pm; Sat – Sun – 10am – 4pm

**Samaritans** – 116 123 - 24 hours a day

**Wiltshire Mind** – 01225 706532 - Mon to Fri – 9am – 3pm



Please keep sending any ideas, recipes, thoughts, podcasts, photos, competitions, book recommendations and things you think might entertain by

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 12.00  
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## BERWICK ST JOHN IN SPRING

See if you can find the 50 words hidden in the grid

Words can go up, down, sideways or diagonally, forwards or backwards

Letters can be used more than once

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| ASH           | DOGS        | NETTLE       | WAR MEMORIAL |
| BLACKSMITH    | EASTON FARM | OAK          | WATER STREET |
| BLIND LANE    | FERNE       | ORCHARD      | WIN GREEN    |
| BLUEBELL      | FIELD       | ORCHID       | WINKELBURY   |
| BRIDMORE      | FOLLY       | OWL          | WOODLANDS    |
| CHAPEL FARM   | FORGE       | PATH         | WREN         |
| CHURCH        | GARLIC      | PRIMROSE     | YEW          |
| CHURCH STREET | GATE        | ROBIN        |              |
| COWS          | HARE        | SHEEP        |              |
| CROSS FARM    | HOLLOW      | STONE MASON  |              |
| CROW          | HOLLY       | STREAM       |              |
| DAISY         | IVY         | TALBOT       |              |
| DANDELION     | LYCH GATE   | THRUSH       |              |
| DOG LANE      | MANOR FARM  | VILLAGE HALL |              |

