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Dear Readers,

*Is your heating off yet? April was so all over the place we weren't sure what we should be doing and neither were the plants! Fortunately it left with a spurt of sunshine and now it seems all the blossoms are in a race! This month stretch your green-fingers and get those summer baskets done, you'll be smugly patting yourself on the back for months afterwards.*

*May is also 'Photo Month', so if you've been drooling over Insta-worthy pictures and fancy taking some of your own, read our top-tips for beginner photography.*

*The weather is warming up, but sometimes we need some tips to cool off and we're not talking about string vests. Anger is a healthy emotion but sometimes it can cause significant difficulties if we're prone to letting it consume us. Read our five ways to cope with anger.*

Happy May,

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It goes without saying that most of us carry our phones, complete with tiny digital cameras, so to get the best from your device and possibly ignite a further passion for photography, here are some tips on taking better photos on your phone:

1. Get close. You can disarm an uneasy subject by getting into their personal space bubble. This can make them laugh, feel freer to show their silly and happiest side. You could even (with permission) try some personal contact such as hold their hand when you're taking their photo, the human contact can put people at ease.

2. Shoot the moment, not the subject. Don't spend too much time composing and arranging shots as this can lose the essence of what drew you to take the photo in the first place. Life is a series of moments, not images.

3. Move around a lot. Don't take the same picture over and over again, with tiny variations. Try every angle and get creative, you never know what you'll end up with.

4. Get down to the eye level of your subject. If you're shooting babies or toddler or even chickens, get low. Get your knees dirty. The eye-to-eye vantage is powerful, while the looking-down view is often distancing. Your photos will feel more intimate.

5. Notice the details. Details tell stories. They trigger intimate memories. A photo of a half eaten piece of cake at a birthday party helps to capture that moment. Take time to look around for the details.

6. Play with props. Everyday things like chairs, ladders, empty boxes: all of these serve to trigger emotions, illustrate scale or frame people in fun ways.

7. Know the light in your house. As

you wander around your house with a morning coffee or after dinner or in the middle of the day, notice when and where the light is most beautiful.

8. Get people away from bright, direct light. Often it's as simple as taking a person around the side of a summer house, for example, where indirect light is much softer and more beautiful.

9. Shoot everywhere, always. Take photos at times and places where it feels strange to do so. There's always something beautiful or interesting worth capturing.

10. Shoot lots. Digital "film" is virtually free, and you never really know when you're getting a good shot: the little screen on the camera — even on the iPhone — can't always tell in the moment. Expressions vary, heads tilt, eyes look away or into the camera: and then suddenly you have the perfect picture - a totally natural, candid shot.

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The wild strawberry will be growing in woods and hedges and should be flowering at this time, along with the other hedge plants and nettles. Maybe visited by the first of the Red Admiral butterflies if the weather is conducive.

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# Hangin' Out

**W**ell after that crazy weathered April, we were holding off doing anything in the garden lest a glacier move on in and undo all our hard work! Now that the warmer days are here (phew!) we think it's safe to get going on some of the garden jobs we've been putting off and what could be better than getting our hanging baskets established for a good summer-long bloom! Here's how to get the best from your baskets...

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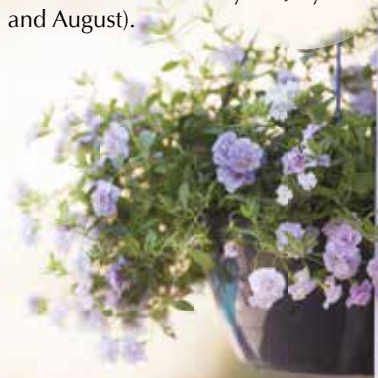
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## Which?

Choose your flowers according to whether the baskets will be in sun or shade. A sun loving basket in the shade will remain sad looking for the whole summer.

## Water

Keep your baskets watered according to their requirements. On cool, calm, sunless days plants require less water. On hot, windy, sunny days always water, possibly even twice a day (especially in the heat and humidity of July and August).



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**M**ore than any other emotion, anger can have a serious impact on health long term as well as create tension on a daily basis. It immediately affects both us and those around us physically and emotionally.



Anger is a natural emotion experienced by all of us, and *feeling* angry is normal and healthy. When your anger becomes explosive, volatile and hurtful, however, then it's time to change *how you express your anger* so that it no longer takes control of your emotions. Here are 5 tips to help you express your anger in more productive ways.

**1** Identify the physical response of your anger. Do your fists clench? Do you grit your teeth? Becoming aware of your body's physical reactions when you become angry is the first step in helping you manage your anger.

**2** Walk away until you calm down. If you are angry with someone, let them know why you are walking away: to help you calm down before speaking to them because you don't want to say or do anything that might be hurtful.

**3** Count to 10. Yes, this really can help. Counting to 10

slowly is another way to help calm your body's physical response to anger.

**4** Once you have cooled down, express your feelings in a non-aggressive, assertive way, making sure not to make any hurtful statements.

**5** Expressing your anger through writing how you feel in a journal can be quite cathartic. It can help you release any pent up anger you may be experiencing without letting your emotions get the best of you.

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### Ladies Badminton Club

Meet every Tuesday afternoon from 2 'til 4pm at Tutbury Village Hall. All abilities welcome. Ring Prim on 01283 327591 to arrange free visit.

## WEDNESDAY 23RD MAY

### Priory Art Group

We are a small friendly group of artists meeting at the Priory Centre, Church Road, Stretton, every Wednesday morning, 9.30 to 12. New members are always welcome, whatever your level of experience, so why not come and have a chat to see what we have to offer. Contact: Sandra: 01283 329743

## THURSDAY 24TH MAY

### Dementia Walking for Health

Every Thursday, meeting at 10:45am at Oaklands village in Swadlincote for an 11am start. All participants must be accompanied by a carer/dementia friend on this walk. For more information on any of our Health Walks call Judi Whileman on 01283 563483

## FRIDAY 25TH MAY

### Friendly Fridays

Friendly Fridays, aimed at those living well with dementia and their carers. Brewhouse's cosy cinema space at 1.30pm. We enjoy music with low lighting and controlled sound levels with tea and biscuits.

## SATURDAY 26TH MAY

### Central Stage Academy

Performing arts class in Barton under Needwood. We will be offering both drama and singing classes for young people as well as performance opportunities, LAMDA speech and drama exams and LCM singing exams. Please contact us to book your child's place on either: 07957 461 569 or info@central-stage.co.uk. For more information please visit [www.central-stage.co.uk](http://www.central-stage.co.uk) or find us on Facebook at Central Stage Academy.

## SUNDAY 27TH MAY

### Claymills Victorian Pumping Station

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### Morris Dancing

Ryknild Rabble meet every Sunday morning 10:30 am at the King's Bromley Village Hall, to practice the Border Morris dances. From January to April, anyone is invited to come along and try out border morris dancing. We are a lively group and in summer perform the dances locally and nationally. For more information call Nigel Moss 01283 790088 or visit the web site [www.risa.demon.co.uk](http://www.risa.demon.co.uk).

## MONDAY 28TH MAY

### Disco & Street Dance Classes

Fun classes and expert tuition for 8 to 12 year olds in Burton every Monday. Call Pat Miller for more information: 09793 478444

## TUESDAY 29TH MAY

### Stretton 60+ Group

Every Tuesday 12.45 to 3.00pm. Social for all aged 60 and over. Join us for a friendly chat, a cuppa, a short game of bingo and occasional trips. Just come along - you will be very welcome. Fresh faces and new ideas needed. Everyone welcome. £1.50 paid weekly. Bingo 25p for 3 games. Contact: Mrs Jane Brooks Tel: 01283 531748

## WEDNESDAY 30TH MAY

### Priory Art Group

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## THURSDAY 31ST MAY

### Dance Roulette

An adults only fitness dance class based at alrewas village hall every Thursday evening. Two classes starting at 6:45pm and 8:00pm. 1hr each, £5. Booking at: [www.tcidanceschool.com/dancerouletteuk](http://www.tcidanceschool.com/dancerouletteuk)

## FRIDAY 1ST JUNE

### Burton Flower Club

Flower arranging demonstration by Anita Wright "At This Time Of Year". We meet at The Priory Centre, Church Road, Stretton, DE13 0HE at 7.30pm. Visitors are welcome £4, for information contact 01283 704180/348754.

## SATURDAY 2ND JUNE

### A Night of Burlesque

Ticket only event, £6 available from Staphenhill Institute, 23 Main Street, Burton-on-Trent. Prizes for the best dressed. Doors open at 7.30pm. Theme for the evening is Red Carpet Ready. Call: 01283 533351.

### Disco & Street Dance Classes

Fun classes and expert tuition for 3 - 8 years in Brantson Village Hall every Saturday. Call Pat Miller for more information: 09793 478444

## SUNDAY 3RD JUNE

### Burton Greyhounds Monthly Walk

Greyhounds love to meet their own kind! Our monthly social walk is on the first Sunday of the month starting at 2pm. The venue is variable, but within about a 5 mile radius of Burton. We usually finish somewhere we can have refreshments. Usual polite dog-walking rules apply. For more information email: [woodlandslulu@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:woodlandslulu@yahoo.co.uk)

## MONDAY 4TH JUNE

### Watercolour For Beginners

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## TUESDAY 5TH JUNE

### Burton Hospitals Friends Bingo

First Tuesday of every month. £1.00 admission this includes refreshments at half time. Raffle and Tombola available to add to the fun of the evening. All proceeds are directed to Queens Hospital to provide the extras for patients and staff. Contact: Julie Hammond Tel: 07517126935

### Bingo

Held on the first Tuesday of every month at Burton Town Hall. Doors open 6pm, Eyes Down 7.30pm. Admission £1, with Tombola and Raffle. Free Refreshments.

## WEDNESDAY 6TH JUNE

### Burton Abbey WI

Meeting at the Brewhouse on the first Wednesday of the month at 10am to 12 noon. Good Speakers, refreshments, also days out organised. New members welcome. For more information contact Pauline Gaskin 01283 565620

### Barton-Under-Needwood WI

1st Wednesday of every month at The Village Hall, Crowberry Lane. Meeting 7.30-9.30 with good speakers, refreshments and fun. Organised events and trips throughout the year. New members and visitors always welcome.

## THURSDAY 7TH JUNE

### Burton Friendship Club

Meets the 1st Thursday in every month 10am for 10.30am in the Rolleston Club. Join us for speakers, quizzes, games, lunches, coffee mornings, day trips and holidays. Phone Stuart and Penny 01283-716626



# Find more events on our website

## Friendship Circle

Meets at 7.30 pm on the first and third Thursday of every month in the schoolroom at the rear of Stretton Methodist Church. We meet for activities, speakers, trips and friendship. All are most welcome. For further information contact Iris on 01283 546909.

## FRIDAY 8TH JUNE

### Bingo at Barton Bowls Club

On the 2nd Friday of every month. Members guests and new members always welcome. Eyes down at 8pm followed by Kids Chocolate Bingo. Come and have a laugh! The more there are, the bigger the prize!

## SATURDAY 9TH JUNE

### French With Songs

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## SUNDAY 10TH JUNE

### Open Farm Sunday

At Highlands Park Farm, DE13 9RU. We have tractor and trailer rides all afternoon, cows will come in from grazing at 3pm for milking - milking will continue until 5pm. There will be homemade cakes and ice-creams available to purchase. We will have machinery in the yard to look at. There will be people around to answer your questions! 2pm - 5pm, Free entry. Call: 01283 713340

## Great Global Greyhound Walk

A chance for local greyhounds to get together to join the national walk! We meet at Burton Library DE14 1AH ready to set off at 10am for a walk around the Washlands, and finish off for a cuppa in the Marketplace. All pointy-noses welcome. For more information call Cherry on 07790435283.

## MONDAY 11TH JUNE

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## TUESDAY 12TH JUNE

### Branston Womens' Institute

Our meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month. We are a friendly group and try to mix our meetings with interesting talks, craft, trips and social events. It is for ladies of any age. Visitors are most welcome. Contact Mrs Barbara Reeves, President, Tel. 01283 546536

## Walton-on-Trent WI

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.15pm Walton - on- Trent WI. We are a small friendly group who meet in Walton Village Hall. Come and join us for fun, friendship, learning and sharing. For more information contact Joan on 01283 713380

## Burton Dance & Social Club

We invite and welcome anyone over 18 years of age. We meet every Tuesday Evening 8-11pm at Marston's Sports and Social Club, Shobnall Road, Burton-on-Trent. Activities include sequence, ballroom and line dancing to professional live music, bingo, raffles and food nights. Come along and join us and meet new friends. For more information contact Pauline: 01283 519159

## WEDNESDAY 13TH JUNE

### Stretton & Claymills Women's Institute

From 7.15pm-9.30pm in the Priory Centre in Stretton. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month. First meeting is free and we are a friendly WI which has super trips and events and new members are warmly welcomed.

## Quiz

Every Wednesday evening at Rolleston Club. Weekly free quiz, open to members and non members. Prize is six drinks tokens. There is a play your cards right game for £1 entry. Contact: Claire Tel: 01283 01283 812072

## Kraftiz

Roslston Forestry Centre - 10am-12noon - Join Julie for a craft activity including stamping and card making. Adults and children welcome. Please call 01283 480272/ 07971 268943 for more details.

## THURSDAY 14TH JUNE

### Burton Belles Women's Institute

From 7.15pm-9.30pm. We meet at the St Chads Centre DE14 2SS on the 2nd Thursday of the month. First timers can visit for free and then you can decide whether to pay £4 a month or £41 a year. Come along, make new friends, try something new and have fun. Contact: Wendy Plant Tel: 07772548230

## FRIDAY 15TH JUNE

### Latin In-line Dancing Class

No partners required! Enjoy cha-cha, salsa, mambo, rumba etc. Friday 18th and 25th May. Improver level 10.30-11.30am and Beginner level 11.45-12.45pm £4.00 each class at the Priory Centre Church Rd Stretton DE13 0HE. Ring 07598159744 or email larhiney@hotmail.com for more details.

## SATURDAY 16TH JUNE

### Yoxall Village Fete

At the Golden Cup, Yoxall from 1.30pm-4.30pm. Parking at St. Peter's School. Fete admission Adults £1.50 Come and join us for a great family afternoon including fun dog show, great tea tent, Uttoxeter Town Band, quality raffle, tombolas and duck race.

## SUNDAY 17TH JUNE

### Burton Ramblers

Walks most Saturdays, Sundays and every other Wednesday. All walkers welcome to join this friendly local group, walking in Staffs, Derbys and Leics. Please visit our website for more information. www.burtonramblers.org.uk Contact: Burton Ramblers Tel: 07724 352529

## MONDAY 18TH JUNE

### Stapenhill W.I.

3rd Monday of Every Month Stapenhill WI meet at Immanuel Church Hawthorn Crescent. Meeting 10am - 12 midday with good speakers and refreshments and fun. Lots of outings and other groups too - Everyone welcome. For more info. contact Rosemary Marsden 01283 561959 or email t.rbmarsden@tiscali.co.uk

## THURSDAY 21ST JUNE

### Rangemore & Tatenhill W.I.

Third Thursday monthly, 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Henhurst & District Recreational Club, Henhurst Hill, DE13 9TB. Friendship, refreshments, excellent speakers, trips, events, craft club. Not just for ladies of a certain age, and certainly not just "I am & Jerusalem"! Visitors most welcome. Contact: Lesley Walker Tel: 01283 561337

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# Fab Fathers

**H**ead's up! It's Father's Day on 17th June this year. Poor ol' Dad's tend to get a little overlooked most of the year... they don't like to cause a fuss. Well now is time for redress! Ok, so we're a bit stuck too for what to buy. What do you get the man that has everything? Well fortunately, drinks and snacks are something that never go out of favour! Here are our top tips!

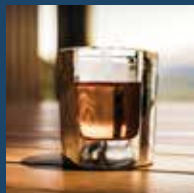
## Craft Beer

Most times there's nothing better than a spectacularly crafted, flavourful beer to make you feel loved! Well, we do live in the spiritual home of the stuff! Why not pay a visit to 'Beers of The World' for a super selection of beers for Father's Day? ***Beers of the World, 159 Station St, Burton-on-Trent DE14 1BG***



## Whisky

Is your Dad a fan of something a little harder? What about getting him a voucher for some whisky? This shop stocks whiskies from all over the world so he's sure to find something that tickles his fancy! ***www.whiskishop.com***



## Coffee

Why not get your Dad a gift that keeps on giving? A monthly subscription box is a great way to feel loved all year around and if your Dad loves coffee, this is just the treat for him. New and delicious brews every month! ***www.bluecoffeebox.com***



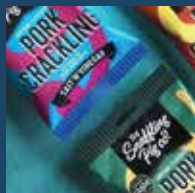
## Tea

A different kind of brew! If your Dad is a tea-drinker, then why not treat him to his very own special mug. These super lovely mugs are truly British, perfect for a very perfect cuppa! ***www.plewsy.com/all/yorkshire-tea-mug***



## Savoury Snacks

The king of the savoury snack has got to be the pork-scratching. A flavour fest that rewards the belly for a choice well made. Our favourites are made by the irreverent Snaffling Pig Co. who create some exiting flavour twists on this old classic! ***www.snafflingpig.co.uk***



## Sweet Tooth

Whether Dad has an allotment or is a fan of spandex on two wheels, you're sure to find a biscuit to match, and oh boy are these the most impressive biscuits ever! They taste so yummy too... if you can bring yourself to bite them! ***www.biscuiteers.com/father-s-day-gifts***



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			7		5			
9	2	3		6				1
2		8		1			5	
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Sudoku is a logic puzzle where you follow one simple rule:

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