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Dear Readers,

June already and summer is finally here! Lets hope its here to stay so that we can enjoy being outside, and what better way than with a picnic! This month we see National Picnic Week sneak upon us, so if like us you're a fan of all things pastry, why not give our picnic bites a go?

We also take a look at Armed Forces Day which falls on the 26th of June. There's more to it than just celebrating serving members, so read on to find out more.

If you've got children and are struggling to fill their days with amusement, you're in luck, this month we also see Children's Art Week make an appearance, so you're sure to get some inspiration for activities!

Stay safe and happy,

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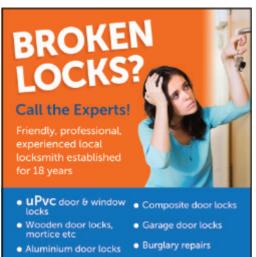
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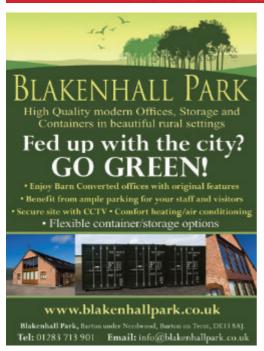
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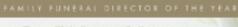
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Although the concept of the picnic originated in France, the British have very much taken it to their hearts. An inexpensive day out, a picnic provides the chance for quality family time playing traditional games such as rounders or just relaxing with a good book.

The only real rule of a picnic is to tidy up when you leave. Apart from that the beauty of the picnic is it can be personalised to suit every family. So whether you are a traditionalist in the food you pack or an adventurous foodie, the important thing is just to be outside having fun.



Ricotta & Spinach Squares

Ingredients

375g pack ready-rolled puff pastry

100g bag young leaf spinach 150g ricotta

1 large free-range egg, beaten 20g freshly grated Parmesan

Method

- Preheat the oven to 220C/200C Fan. Cut the puff pastry evenly into 4 rectangles.
- Put the spinach in a colander and pour over boiling water to wilt. Cool under cold water then really squeeze out the water. Tip into a bowl and mix with ricotta, beaten egg, parmesan and season to taste.
- •Spoon onto 1 half of each pastry rectangle and brush the edges with beaten egg. Fold the pastry over the filling, seal with a fork and transfer to a baking sheet. Brush with more beaten egg and bake for 15-20 minutes, until risen and golden.



Chorizo Chicken Puff Rolls

This recipe is great for using up leftover pasta sauce!

Ingredients:

200g leftover pasta sauce 1 cold cooked chicken breast or pack of cooked chicken 50g finely chopped chorizo 320 g pack ready-rolled puff pastry

1 egg - lightly beaten (this will be your egg wash)

1 tsp black sesame or nigella seeds

Method:

- Preheat the oven to 200C/ 180C Fan.
- •Mix together your pasta sauce, shredded chicken and finely chopped chorizo.
- •Unroll the pastry and slice in half lengthways.
- •Spoon chicken-chorizo mixture down the middle of the two lengths of pastry. Brush the edges with egg wash and fold the pastry over, so the edges meet. Use a fork to press down the edges.
- Brush the tops of the two long rolls of pastry with egg wash, then slice each roll into 9 or 10 pieces.
- •Sprinkle with the seeds and transfer the pastry pieces to a large, non-stick baking sheet leaving at least ½ an inch of space between each pastry.
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rmed Forces Day is a chance to show your support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community: from currently serving troops to Service families, veterans and cadets. There are many ways for people, communities and organisations across the country to show their support and get involved. Armed Forces Day takes place on the last Saturday each June - this year on the 26th.

Showing support for the Armed Forces provides a much valued morale boost for the troops and their families. The public show their support for the Armed Forces on Armed Forces Day, but did you know the Armed Forces Covenant outlines how the Government, businesses and communities support Armed Forces personnel past and present throughout the year?

So who does Armed Forces Day celebrate?

Currently Serving Members

The UK Armed Forces defend the UK and its interests. They are busy working around the world, promoting peace, delivering aid, tackling drug smugglers, providing security and fighting terrorism.

Veterans

A veteran is anyone who has served in the HM Armed Forces at any time (including National Servicemen, Regulars and Reserves). Armed Forces Day celebrates their continued role within the military community.

You can find out more information about support for Veterans on the Veterans-UK website or by calling Veterans UK on 0808 1914 218.

Reservists

Reservists give up their spare time to serve in the Reserve Forces, balancing their civilian life with a military career to ensure that should their country require them, they would be ready to serve.

An annual Reserves Day celebrates their contribution to

the Armed Forces. Reserves Day is the Wednesday ahead of Armed Forces Day – 23 June.

Cadets

The Cadet Forces (Sea Cadets, Army Cadets, Air Cadets and the Combined Cadet Force) currently support over 130,000 young people in more than 3,000 locations across the UK. Cadets learn life and career building skills as well as gaining vocational qualifications.

Families

Our Armed Forces couldn't do their job without the incredible support of their family and friends.

Charities

Although Armed Forces Day is not a charitable event, the Armed Forces have the support of several UK charities and many local events will offer opportunities to support them. To find out more about Armed Forces charities please see here.

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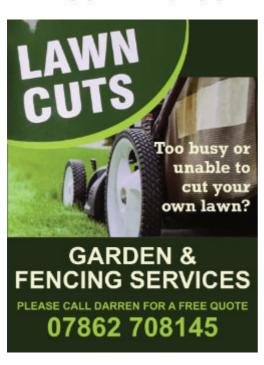
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By The Barn by Angela Sargent

une already and yet, where did spring go? Warmth and a few nightly showers to help grass and crops grow tall will be very welcome!

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Children's Art Week

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Over the past months, the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted how essential creativity and the visual arts are for learning, connecting and wellbeing. While our venues, cultural organisations and some school buildings may be closed, engaging in the visual arts is more important than ever.

Bringing Children and Art together for Children's Art Week takes place in the UK and is organised by Engage. All over the country various events will be held, giving young people and children the opportunity to get involved in a range of art activities.

What is Engage?

Engage provides support and training for gallery education. Gallery education refers to a field which works to widen access to the visual arts for everyone. It works with gallery owners and visual arts organisations. The aim is to encourage families, young people, disabled people, older people and early years groups to be more engaged with visual arts.

How Children's Art Week is Celebrated

invites Engage organisations such as schools, galleries museums, and community groups to organise various visual arts events. Support is provided for organisers with regards planning, running and advertising events.

Teachers who want to take part in the celebration can get hints and tips if they want to plan a gallery visit. There are also ideas to include any gallery visits into the curriculum plan and to take the idea further.

Run an Event!

If you have activities, a campaign or programme already in action, think about how you can respond to this year's themes and join in!

All registered events activities, excluding private events registered by schools or organisations, must be free or low cost to participate, and must be able to be accessed or distributed remotely. Organisers will receive support from Engage to plan, run and publicise their events or activities.

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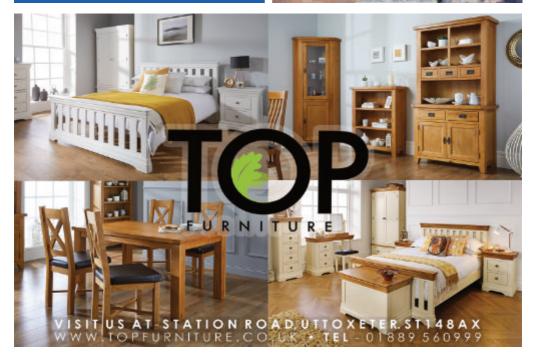
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Bamboo toothbrushes: The World Health Organisation recommends replacing your toothbrush every 3 to 4 months, so switching to bamboo would save a lot of plastic waste for a family.

Buy second-hand clothes: Many manmade fibres used to make cloth are plastic based, so avoiding fast fashion and getting creative with charity shop finds will help the environment. If vou wedded to wearing brandnames, why not charity shops affluent areas, you might be surprised at what designer clothes wind up being given away.

Grow some veggies: The garden is an incredible gift if you fortunate enough to have one and when we grow our own food it does wonders for our connection to what we eat. Growing veggies will easily lower supermarket packaging waste.

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Buy from brands focused on healing the planet: If you have the means to make choices about the food you put on your table, choose brands that are doing it right. It sounds simple, but it really does make a difference. How a brand sources ingredients, the materials they use packaging, how they honor farmers, and the emissions they put out are all big parts of our own footprint. Not everyone can do this, but if vou can, even one or two items can shift demand and support what is doing things better.





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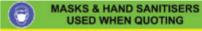
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Free event. Every Monday. Starts 7pm. Evening yoga class designed to inspire and give you the tools to transform your life and those around you. Open to all levels. www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kundalini-yoga-and-gong-bath-onlinetic k e t s - 5 5 8 9 0 3 5 5 5 5 8 3ff=ebdssbonlinesearch

TUESDAY 29TH JUNE

The Writing Hour

Free event. Starts 1pm. These sessions are designed for writers with their own ongoing practice or those used to writing alongside others in workshop situations. There is no formal guidance or teaching but simply a chance to come together, open our hearts, minds and language banks and connect with others in writerly solidarity. www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-writinghour - r e g i s t r a t i o n - 1437660832253aff=ebdssbonlinesearch

WEDNESDAY 30TH JUNE

Cuppa & Chat

Free event, every other Wednesday. Starts 8.30pm. An online get together with other SEND parents, carers and professionals who understand. www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cuppachaton line - tick ets-102882187392?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch

THURSDAY 1ST IULY

Tahitian Dance with Hinatea

Free event, every Thursday, starts 6pm. Through this class, there is no worry over performance. The focus is on feeling good about ourselves, being kind with ourselves and having fun with our body. www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tahitian-dance-with-hinatea-onlinetickets-148335865567?affeebdssbonlinesearch

FRIDAY 2ND IULY

Latin-in-Line Dance Class

A new class at a slower pace - Fridays 12.00-12.45pm at the Priory Centre, Church Road, Stretton, Burton on Trent DE13 OHF - £4.00 per class - please book with Larraine on 07598159744 or for more details about the class.

SATURDAY 3RD JULY

Electronics Club For Children

Free event. Every Saturday, starts 6pm. 1 hour session every weekend on Electronics during weekends (delivered through Zoom). Each weekly session will have unique content and will build on the knowledge from the previous sessions. www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/electronics-club-for-children-weekendses in a tick to ket some content and start t

SUNDAY 4TH JULY

Clubmixed - Go Clubbing

Free event. Starts 7pm. A Virtual Reality Night Club open 24/7 New DJs Every Hour. www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ clubmixed-presents-g0-clubbingtickets-144230323781? aff=ebdssbonlinesearch

MONDAY 5TH IULY

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TUESDAY 6TH JULY

Online Life Drawing

Free event. Donations welcome. Every Tuesday at 7pm and Friday at 10am. Our life drawing sessions are perfect whether you're a complete beginner or the next Picasso! www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-life-drawing-with-brixton-life-drawing-tickets-117373428083?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch

WEDNESDAY 7TH IULY

Reading for Pleasure

Free event. Starts 4pm. Michael Rosen explores a rich mixture of text-based classroom activities, with the purpose of creating a 'Reading for Pleasure' culture in every classroom and across the wider school community – and why it's so important to do so! www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/virtual-session-michael-rosen-reading-for-pleasure-tickets-148567388057?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch

THURSDAY 8TH IULY

A Brief History of Autism

Free event. Starts 12 noon. A Brief History of Autism and the Future of learning differently is a webinar by Exceptional Individuals. www.event brite.co.uk/e/autism-a-brief-history-interactive-webinar-tickets-141695917303?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch

FRIDAY 9THTH JULY

Knitting Group

Free event. Every Friday. Starts 3.30pm. Knitting with others ensures we are not alone and yet we can be productive as well. Whatever your knitting level is, is irrelevant. We pass on tips, show what we are doing and learn at the same time. www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/knittinggroup-tickets-134008140957 ?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch

SATURDAY 10TH IULY

Weekly Mandarin Corner

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MONDAY 12TH IULY

Virtual Rhyme Time

Free event. Every Monday. Starts 10.30am. Join us via Zoom for a virtual rhyme time. Bring your instruments and play or sing along to your favourite songs and rhymes. www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/virtual-rhymetime-tickets-133087663785? aff=ehdssbonlinesearch

TUESDAY 13TH JULY

Salsa Dance Lessons

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WEDNESDAY 14TH JULY

Photography Talk - Impressionism Tickets £3.75. Starts 7pm. In this talk, Steven LeProvost will show work from three Fellowship panels, the methods he uses, approaches to being creative, the pictures that work and those that didn't work. www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/photography-talk-a-feeling-ofimpressionism-tickets-142501219985?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch

THURSDAY 15TH IULY

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FRIDAY 16TH IULY

Abstract Art Workshop Donations welcome. Every Friday. Starts 7pm. A workshop for everyone who wants to relax, feels isolated with lockdown and wants to enjoy art and explore new ideas. Children, adults, families, all welcome. www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/abstract-art-workshop-tickets-134217729843?aff-ebdssbonlinesearch

SATURDAY 17TH IULY

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SUNDAY 18TH IULY

Intro to Coding Workshop
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