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We can start thinking ahead, planning Halloween treats, bonfire parties and event starting to think about Christmas plans. There's also lots of interesting and fun things going on locally - whether you fancy being inspired by Grand Designs Live or want to jive the night away with the UK's best jive and swing band in Solihull - just check out page 6 for more details.

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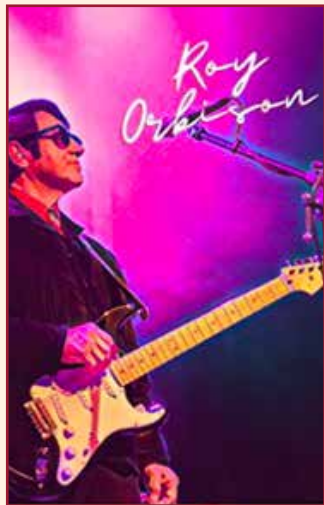
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12:30pm-1:15pm <b>Fitness Friendlies</b> All Round Fitness (Penny)	9:45am-10:15am Spin (Annie)	10:05am-10:50am Spin (Annie)		10:00am-10:30am Legs, Bums, Tums (Iva)		
1:20pm-1:50pm <b>Fitness Friendlies</b> Chair-Based Yoga (Penny)	12:30pm-1:30pm <b>Fitness Friendlies</b> Chair-based exercise and stretch (Penny)		12:30pm-1:30pm Yoga (Jacky)	10:35am-11:20am Body Balance (Iva)		
				12:30pm-1:30pm <b>Fitness Friendlies</b> Line Dancing (Penny)		
5:20pm-6:10pm Slow-Flow Yoga (Jacky)	5:40pm-6:10pm Spin (Rose)	5:10pm-6:10pm Body Pump (Annie)	5:15pm-5:45pm Circuits (Rose)	6:00pm-6:45pm Relaxation Yoga (Jacky/Penny/Rose)		
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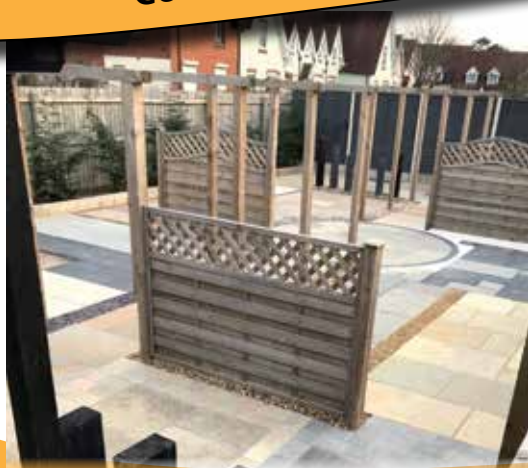
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A massive search was set up but was eventually called off and Hercules was presumed dead.

Then a crofter spotted the 8' 4" (2.54m), half tonne animal as he was swimming. A rescue team arrived and shot Hercules with a tranquilliser dart. He was captured in

a net and gently transported by helicopter back to his relieved owner and trainer.

Following this escapade Hercules was fitted with a radio bleeper...just in case.

The gentle giant went on to become a TV star, appearing regularly on children's TV throughout the 1980's and he even managed a cameo role in the James Bond film, Octopussy.

He also appeared on several Hollywood chat shows and the cover of Time magazine.

He died some twenty years later in February 2000, following a fall from which he never fully recovered.



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## Solution to Mind benders

1. After school clubs
2. Half term
3. Sports day

**mindbenders**  
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# a good read

By Natasha Donovan

## **Perfume: The Story of a Murderer**

**by Patrick Süskind, translated  
by John E. Woods.**



Although *Perfume* is a book from the archives (1985) which was made into a film in 2006, I only discovered it recently. It won a Fantasy award when it was published yet I can't really call it Fantasy. And although set firmly in the past it's not Historical Fiction either. In spite of the explicit subtitle, it isn't Horror, nor is it a Murder Mystery. It's one of those wonderful books which defies a genre. Jean-Baptiste Grenouille is the story of a peculiar boy who becomes a dangerous yet interesting man. He is born without any body odour. As his wet nurse states, "Babies always have a smell, some stink, but underneath it, there's always a warm, cuddly smell that even a cold, heartless, child-hating woman such as I can appreciate." But Grenouille lacks any kind of scent, which marks him out as different. Paradoxically his own sense of smell is perfect, the olfactory equivalent of the perfect pitch possessed by some musicians. He becomes obsessed with scent, particularly the aromas of Paris, and his dark curiosity about perfume is central to the plot. Grenouille knows he is not normal, and his obsession for the pursuit of a perfect fragrance leads him to commit his first murder, for the love of a young woman's particular scent. Süskind perfectly dissociates Grenouille from the abhorrent acts he performs. On the one hand he never stops telling the reader directly how awful Grenouille is but at the same time, through Grenouille's actions, the reader can't help but become attached to this unusual protagonist. Grenouille is driven, constantly working towards his goal, then right at the peak of the story Süskind changes gear with jarring, dramatic effect, as the tale heads into a frenzied denouement. I feel this is a novel readers will love it or hate. You will definitely not remain indifferent.

## **The Smell of Other People's Houses**

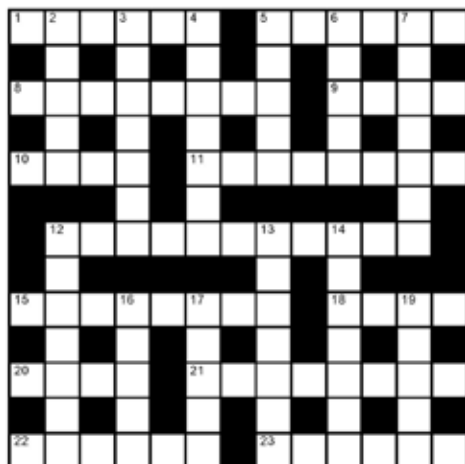
**by Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock**

In keeping with the theme of smell this month, this is a beautiful Young Adult novel. It's actually a collection of deftly interwoven stories. The lives of teenagers in a small town are simply told, in sparing language with concise description, and highlight how the weighty issues of the world are experienced and processed every day by ordinary children.



There are dark undercurrents flowing through the backstories, yet the overriding message is of hope, friendship, and community. Hitchcock's descriptions of the Alaskan landscape are exquisite, and her handling of cultural and background issues sensitive. This is an emotional, yet never sentimental novel which observes how young people are shaped by the events happening around them.

# crossword



## Down

2 Communication device (5)

3 Examiner of accounts (7)

4 Actions producing responses (7)

5 \_\_\_\_\_ = distance / time (5)

6 The Pied \_\_\_\_\_ of Hamlin (5)

7 Exact copy (7)

12 Coastal town (7)

13 On the way (2,5)

14 Hiker, leisure walker (7)

16 Frenzied (5)

17 Contraction of Edward (5)

19 Squeezed and twisted to remove water (5)

# clues

1 Pointed tipped weapons (6)

5 Terrific, wonderful (6)

8 Source of wealth or valuable information (4,4)

9 Resides at the Vatican Palace (4)

10 Undiluted (4)

11 Support from beneath (8)

12 Roadside facility for travellers (7,4)

15 Device to measure energy usage (3,5)

18 Weak cry (4)

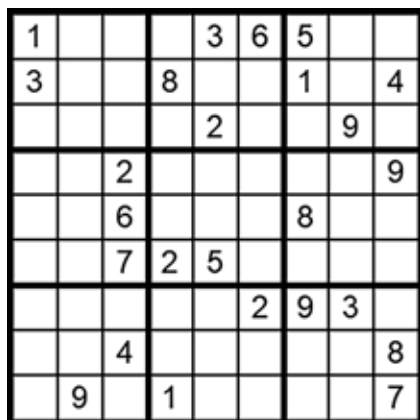
20 Soft feathers (4)

21 Bend over with laughter (6,2)

22 Tacky, gummy (6)

23 Make furious (6)

answer on page 32



# how to play sudoku

## It's simple!

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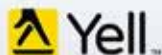
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