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Whether you fancy soul music, a classic musical, or a fun tribute act, there's something for everyone – just check out page 6 to see what's happening in the local area. But if you prefer dogs to humans then head up to Crufts instead for a little bit of puppy love!

And if Valentine's Day will just pass you by, why not show your home some love instead? There's a wide range of local businesses and tradespeople in here who can help you improve your home, whether you need doors, driveways, or decorating...

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community events

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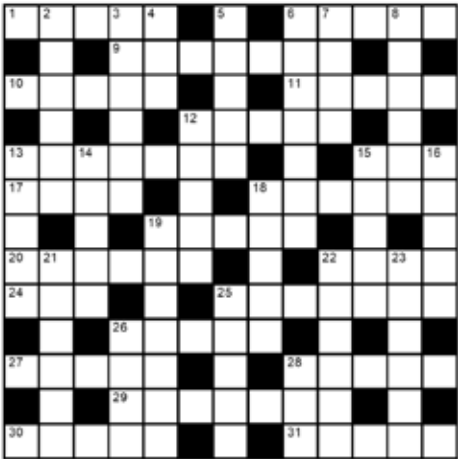
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Down

- 2 Oaty chocolate biscuit (6)

3 Clothes, garments (6)

4 Could be pork, apple or steak! (3)

5 Loathes (5)

6 Alike (7)

7 Could be citric, hydrochloric or sulphuric! (4)
- 8 Deadly (6)

12 _____ Wogan, radio presenter (5)

13 Adult female (5)

14 Journey, itinerary (5)

15 Hedgehog, hero of a video game (5)

16 Destructive insects or small animals (5)

clues

- 1 Inexpensive (5)

6 Attached to a mast (5)

9 Ill-fated ship (7)

10 Subside, wane (5)

11 Merriment (5)

12 Luke warm (5)

13 Anxieties (7)

15 Weaken, drain (3)

17 Reed instrument (4)

18 Coax, wheedle (6)

19 Earlier (5)

20 Blood vessel (6)

22 Thin fog (4)

24 Formerly known as (3)

25 Infers (7)

26 Volatile, liquid (5)

27 Style of car (5)

28 Pontoons (5)

29 Display (7)

30 French hat (5)

31 Liquifies (5)
- 18 Mask, disguise (5)

19 Ploy, ruse (7)

21 Far away (6)

22 Change, alter (6)

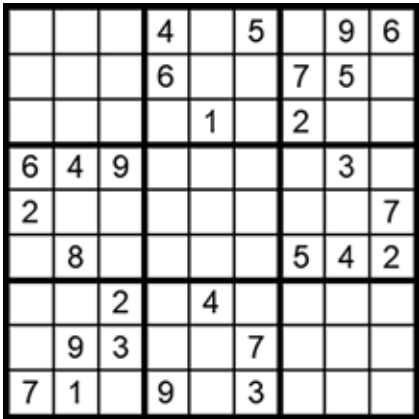
23 Group of seven things (6)

25 Beelzebub (5)

26 Blunt-ended sword used for fencing (4)

28 Outer edge (3)

answer on page 26



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.

answer on page 26

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Cooking time: 10 to 30 mins

Serves: 8

Ingredients

Pastry

175g plain flour, plus extra for dusting
2 tbsp icing sugar
100g butter, chilled, cut into small pieces
1 egg, beaten

Crème Pâtissière

150ml whole milk
1 tsp vanilla extract
25g caster sugar
25g plain flour
1 free-range egg
75ml double cream
Raspberry Topping
4 tbsp raspberry jam
450g raspberries

You will need 8 small 10cm loose-bottomed metal tart tins and some baking beans.

Method

Preheat the oven to 200C/180C Fan/Gas 6.
To make the pastry, rub the flour, icing sugar and butter together until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Or place the flour, icing sugar and butter in a food processor and pulse. Then add the egg and combine until the mixture forms a ball. Place the dough on to a floured surface. Roll it out with a rolling pin. Cut eight rounds big enough to line the base and sides of the tins. Chill in the fridge for 20 minutes. To bake blind, prick the pastry bases, line the tins with baking parchment, fill with baking beans and bake in the oven for 10

minutes. Carefully remove the beans and paper and return the bases to the oven for 5 minutes, until cooked and a pale golden-brown. Leave to cool.

To make the crème pâtissière, place the milk and vanilla in a saucepan. Heat until the milk it is just scalded (just on the point of boiling). Place the sugar, flour and egg in a mixing bowl and whisk. Pour in half the hot milk and whisk until smooth. Pour in the remaining hot milk.

Pour the mixture back into the saucepan and cook over a low heat, stirring all the time, until the custard becomes very thick. Pour into a bowl, allow to cool then cover with cling film and chill in the fridge until cold. Once cold, pour in the double cream, whisking constantly. Spoon this crème pâtissière into the tart cases and return to the fridge to chill.

To make the glaze, heat the jam in a saucepan with a tablespoon of water and whisk to combine. Strain the liquid through a sieve into a small bowl. Arrange the raspberries to stand upright on the crème pâtissière then brush the warm glaze over the top.

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a good read

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The Midwife of Auschwitz by Anna Stuart

Ana Kaminski is a midwife who is taken to Auschwitz with her young friend Ester Pasternak. As they pass through the iron gates and reach the front of the processing line, Ana steps forward and quietly declares her profession, saying Ester is her assistant. Their arms are tattooed, and they're ordered to the maternity hut. There Ana vows to do everything she can to save the lives of mothers and their infants.

But she soon learns that the SS snatch the blond-haired babies from their mothers to place with German families. In spite of her horror Ana realises that for these children there is at least the hope of survival. With rumours of the war ending Ana and Ester begin to secretly tattoo the newborns with their mother's numbers, praying one day they might be reunited.

The novel is fiction, but it's based on a true story and many of the characters are based on real people at Birkenau (the largest camp in the Auschwitz complex). Ana is a Catholic, Ester is Jewish and Ana was the midwife who delivered her. Ana's family were part of the Resistance helping Jewish people escape the Nazi enforced Ghetto until Ana was arrested along with two of her sons. Her husband and other son were not home at the time, so Ana does not know what happened to them at the time she arrives in Auschwitz. She and Ester cling to their friendship and each other through the horror and evil around them. When Liberation comes will they find a way to get home together? And what awaits them there?

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The story is a fantasy set in a parallel magical world. The author draws on mythology and folklore and blends these with themes of friendship, adventure and courage. As a bonus the text is enhanced with beautiful illustrations and maps.

The Girl of Ink and Stars is officially a children's novel but I suspect there are many adults who will also enjoy this richly drawn world and its characters.





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