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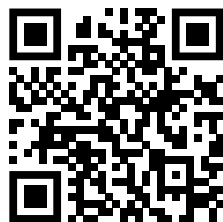
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**Cooking time:** Up to 20 mins for boiling potatoes, 10-12 minutes to fry.

**Serves** 4-6

## Ingredients

900g Jersey Royals  
Thumb-sized piece of root ginger, peeled.  
3 garlic cloves, peeled  
2 large ripe tomatoes  
4 tbsp vegetable oil  
¾ tsp cumin seeds  
1 tsp mustard seeds  
1 large onion, roughly chopped  
2/3 tsp turmeric  
2 tsp ground coriander  
1 tsp ground cumin  
1 tsp garam masala  
½-¾ tsp chilli powder  
Large handful of chopped coriander leaves  
Salt, to taste

## Method

Boil a large pot of salted water. Add the potatoes and boil until just tender, Allow to cool a little.

Quarter one tomato then blend together with the ginger and garlic. Heat the oil in a large non-stick frying pan, then add the cumin and mustard seeds.

When the cumin starts to darken, add the onion. Cook for one minute then add the ginger and garlic mixture, the ground spices and salt. Sauté gently for one to two

minutes until the garlic smells cooked but is not burnt.

Slice the second tomato into thin wedges and add them to the frying pan. Stir well and cook the mixture for three to four minutes.

Tip the potatoes into the pan and cook for three to five minutes allow the flavours to be absorbed.

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By Natasha Donovan

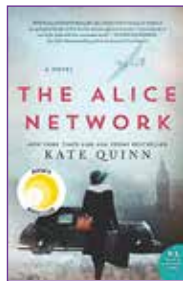
## The Alice Network

by Kate Quinn

The Alice Network is set in the aftermath of World War II though it straddles both world wars, and follows two women, Charlie St. Clair, and Eve Gardiner, as they navigate the dangerous world of espionage in search of a lost relative.

Charlie St. Clair is a young American woman who

is pregnant out of wedlock. She is sent to Europe by her family to have the 'problem' taken care of. But she breaks free to search for her cousin Rose, who disappeared during the war. She meets Eve Gardiner, a former spy for the Alice Network, a secret organization of female spies, who now spends her day drunk, haunted by her past. Together, the two women embark on a journey to find Rose and uncover the truth about her disappearance. As they delve deeper into the world of espionage and the aftermath of the war, they encounter a cast of characters, including former spies, soldiers, and politicians, who each have their own secrets. The two women must navigate this dangerous world, relying on their wits and the support of each other to stay alive. The novel explores themes of friendship, loyalty, and the aftermath of war. Its powerful narrative is a testament to the bravery and resilience of women in a time when their roles were often limited. Quinn's novel is well-researched and beautifully written that will appeal both to fans of historical fiction and anyone who enjoys a page-turning spy thriller.



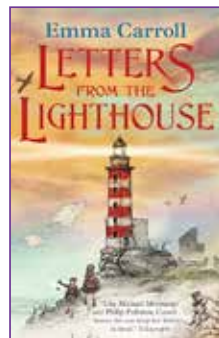
## Letters from the Lighthouse

by Emma Carroll

Letters from the Lighthouse is set during World War II. The story follows two siblings, Olive and Cliff, who are evacuated from London to a coastal town in Devon. Their older sister Sukie went missing during an air raid and they have no idea where she is, though a note found in Sukie's coat pocket suggests that she was

involved in something dangerous. Then, among the close-knit community where they've been evacuated, Olive discovers something which ties Sukie to a plot as dangerous as it is puzzling.

What do the mysterious letters that the children receive from the lighthouse on the coast mean? Written by a shadowy figure known only as "The Keeper", they provide Olive and Cliff with clues which send the siblings off on a dangerous adventure that takes them through the streets of the town and the surrounding countryside. Through their encounters with a spy, a resistance fighter, and a band of smugglers, they must use their wits and their courage to stay alive and uncover the truth.





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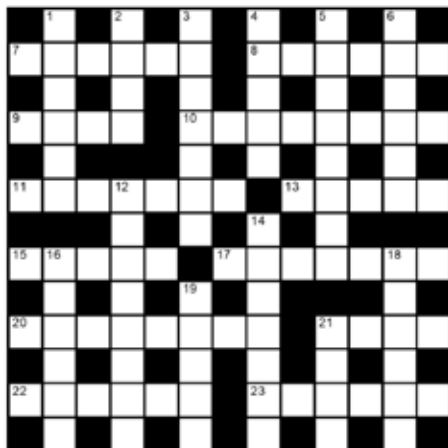
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## crossword



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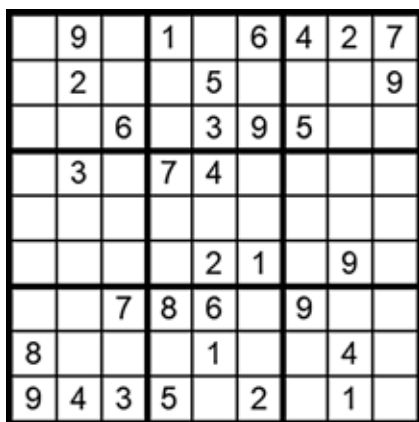
### Across

- 7 Severe mental or physical pain (6)
- 8 Bowed (6)
- 9 Lease, tariff (4)
- 10 Wash, cleanse (8)
- 11 Inscription (7)
- 13 Fossilised tree resin (5)
- 15 Caustic, stinging (5)
- 17 Nicotine-rich leaf (7)
- 20 Dwellings, (8)
- 21 Blanched (4)
- 22 Forbid, ban (6)
- 23 Improve, embellish (6)

### Down

- 1 Zealous, fierce (6)
- 2 Flat-bottomed boat (4)
- 3 Wreath (7)
- 4 Ambiguous (5)
- 5 Scholarly world (8)
- 6 Unit of measurement (6)
- 12 Most unshaven (8)
- 14 Bragged (7)
- 16 Church (6)
- 18 Unbleached cotton cloth (6)
- 19 Type of farm (5)
- 21 Hum, murmur (4)

answer on page 22



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answer on page 22



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# Aquilegia

There is something quite lovely about Aquilegias, bobbing in the breeze. They provide exquisite flowers, which a great for cutting, in May and early June, and come in a variety of colours. Even the foliage is attractive.

Known as Granny's bonnet or Columbine, this delicate-looking flower is actually and undemanding hardy perennial, is unfussy about soil and tolerant of full sun, or partial shade. What's not to like? The plants grow to about 60cm so work well in the middle of a border, where they will happily self-seed and spread the joy.

If you want to plant seedlings rather than seeds, sow thinly on to moist compost in a seed tray. If they are slow to germinate, they may need stratification, the posh word for subjecting seeds to a cold - warm cycle to trick them into thinking they have been through a cold winter. Cover the seed tray with polythene and put in a fridge at 0-5°C for two to three weeks. Remove the tray and place in a greenhouse or on a windowsill at approx. 18-21°C. Remove the polythene when the seeds start to germinate. Transplant



the seedlings into 7cm pots and allow to grow on into sturdy plants. Plant out in the border about 45cm apart in groups of three - five plants for a more naturalistic look.

However, at this time of year I just sow directly outdoors, where I want them to flower.

If you are planting established plants from a garden centre, remove the packaging and stand the pots upright in a bucket of water for 20 minutes, to give the roots a good drink. Then plant in prepared ground in small groups.

Once the aquilegia plants have established, they shouldn't need additional watering. You might want to cut back the foliage after flowering if the leaves are

beginning to look scruffy. Give the plant a drink and a mulch of compost, and it will reward you with a fresh flush of foliage in a few weeks.

Aquilegias need very little after care once they are established. They will self-seed and although offspring rarely look like their parents, they will still be very pretty. I personally like the naturalistic look.

The plant is a member of the poisonous Ranunculus family and all parts of the plant, including the seeds, are poisonous if ingested.

To collect the seeds from your aquilegia plants, wait for the flower to die back to an attractive papery seed head. Use a paper bag to hold over the stem and tap until all the seeds land in the bag. Alternatively cut the stems and hang upside down inside a large paper bag to dry and catch all the seed in the bag. Store in a paper envelope once they are completely dry and label carefully, noting that they are toxic if eaten.

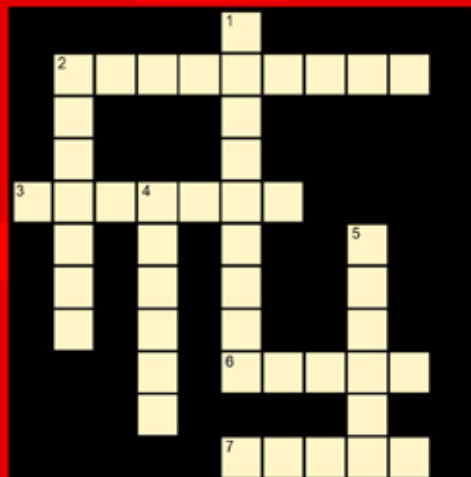
Aquilegias are quintessential cottage garden favourites with nectar-rich flowers that are attractive to pollinators such as bumblebees, butterflies, and moths. This makes them a fantastic, easy-to-grow wildlife-friendly choice.



# Kids' Page



## Coronation Crossword



### Across

- 2 Prince George's sister (9)
- 3 The King's oldest son (7)
- 6 The King's youngest son (5)
- 7 Before he was King, Charles was the Prince of \_\_\_\_\_ (5)

### Down

- 1 Charles' mother's name (9)
- 2 Charles' wife (7)
- 4 The city where the coronation will take place (6)
- 5 William and Kate's first-born son. (6)

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A: Your highness.



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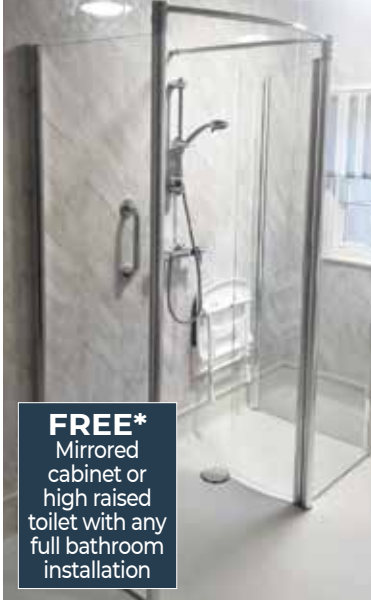


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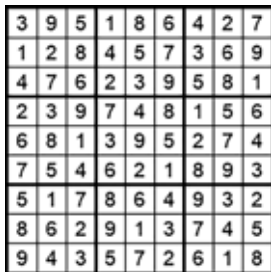
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