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Dorridge Cricket Club Family Fun Day

7th July 2pm, Dorridge

Cricket Club, Grange Road, Dorridge

Dorridge Cricket Club is holding a family fun day and opening its new ground at Grange Road. There will be live music, pop-up food stalls, a BBQ and bar, cricket taster sessions and two cricket matches taking place. Everyone is welcome.

Dolly Parton Tribute Night

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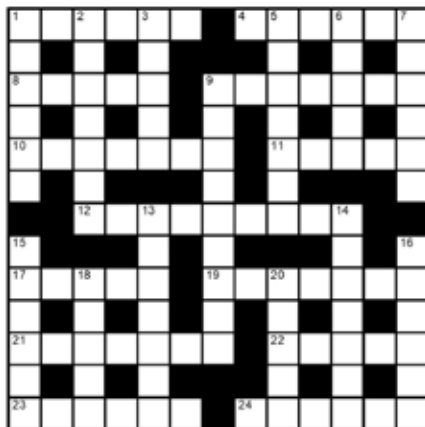
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clues

Across

- 1 Small round stone (6)
- 4 Pristine (6)
- 8 Large black bird (5)
- 9 Zeal (7)
- 10 Type of large military ship (7)
- 11 Rectify, revise (5)
- 12 Scarlet food dye (9)
- 17 Yellow/brown (5)
- 19 Gleaned (7)
- 21 Sparkle, shine (7)
- 22 Barbecue (5)
- 23 Cantankerous (6)
- 24 Burns supper dish (6)

Down

- 1 Robbery at sea (6)
- 2 Temporary, makeshift camp (7)
- 3 Estate, territory (5)
- 5 Recite, recount (7)
- 6 Tally, total (5)
- 7 Make fun of, insult (6)
- 9 Outlawed, prohibited (9)
- 13 The fastest big cat (7)
- 14 Deficient, incomplete (7)
- 15 Purchased (6)
- 16 Grown ups (6)
- 18 Lift (5)
- 20 Belief, principle (5)

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book review

The Kitchen Science Cookbook

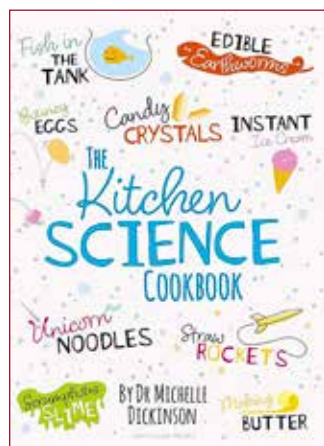
by Dr. Michelle Dickinson

This is a beautifully crafted book with a unique twist: each recipe is a science experiment that you can do at home, using the everyday ingredients you'll find in your kitchen.

You don't need to be a science expert because the easy-to-follow recipes make science experiments fun for everyone. Nanotechnologist Michelle Dickinson is on a mission to show us that we can all be scientists, no matter how young or old.

The book has an easy-to-follow format, and every experiment uses ingredients found in most kitchens. Kids will love following each recipe and learning about the science. When I set aside an afternoon to do a few experiments with my own kids I learned a lot too.

The photos show normal families doing each of the experiments, which contributes to the approachable feel of the book. In spite of it being so accessible, Dickinson, who is a serious scientist, covers the scientific method - coming up with a prediction, testing it



etc; safety precautions, and general science tips which is great for non-scientist parents like me. If you want to get your kids excited about science, this is a fabulous book.

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Microchips, about the size of a grain of rice, are implanted by a vet or trained implanter in a quick, harmless procedure, providing a permanent means of identification unlike removable collars and tags. Since April 2016, it has been mandatory for all dogs in the UK to be microchipped and registered with a government-

approved database, and starting 10th June this year, this requirement will extend to all cats by the time they are 20 weeks old.

The key advantage of microchipping is the increased likelihood of being reunited with your pet should they become lost. While microchipping for pets other than dogs and cats isn't legally required, it is highly recommended for all types of pets. Only authorized implanters, including vets and animal welfare organizations, can perform microchipping.

You can be fined up to £500 if your dog or cat is not



microchipped when they need to be. Dogs are also still required to wear a collar and tag.

If you are buying or adopting a dog or cat you should ask for proof a microchip has been fitted.

You can ask to see: a microchip certificate, vet records, or a pet passport.

For further information visit www.gov.uk/get-your-dog-cat-microchipped

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