



Test your knowledge

Quiz of the week

1. Which country does the fandango originate from?
2. What was the name of the space shuttle that blew up in 1986?
3. Which explorer's ships were called *Pinta*, *Santa Maria* and *Niña*?
4. In which book did two countries go to war over the opening of a boiled egg?
5. Who was the last king of Troy, killed by Achilles' son, Pyrrhus?

Unmissable events

Exhibitions

May 15–29 'The Landscape Exhibition', Red Rag Modern Art Gallery, Bath, Somerset (01225 332223; www.bathartgallery.co.uk)

May 16–August 29 'Planting Paradise: The Gardens of Tom Stuart-Smith', The Garden Museum, London SE1 (020-7401 8865; www.gardenmuseum.org.uk)

Sale

May 17–22 'Kettle's Yard: Found—A Garage Sale', The Brompton Garage, London, SW3. One-off artworks and found objects (01223 748100; www.kettlesyard.co.uk)

Festivals

May 21 The Daylesford Summer Festival, Daylesford, near Kingham, Gloucestershire. Farm tours, local producers and dog show (01608 731700; www.daylesfordorganic.com)

May 20–June 4 Salisbury International Arts Festival, various venues, Salisbury, Wiltshire (0845 241 9651; www.salisburyfestival.co.uk)

Show

Until May 15 Royal Windsor Horse Show, Windsor, Berkshire (0871 230 5568; www.rwhs.co.uk)

Book now

Wine Tasting
May 23 Maximilian Riedel Wine Tasting, The Mansfield Traquair Centre, Edinburgh. £65 per person or 6 for £325 (www.maketimeforwine.org)

Lecture

June 7 'John Swannell: My World in Pictures', Royal Geographical Society, London SW7. The photographer's personal collection. £15 in aid of The National Autistic Society (www.autism.org.uk/johnswannell)

Polo

May 29 Polo at Marriners, Bramdean, Hampshire. Showcasing young British polo talent (www.poloatmarriners.com)

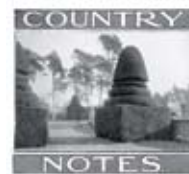


Good to know

Powered flight

In 1897, after two years of experimentation, the engineer Percy Pilcher flew 820ft in his glider called *Hawk* at Stanford Hall, Leicestershire. His achievement broke the then world record for flight, and, in the same year, he took out a patent for an aeroplane in the form of a glider powered by an engine. Two years later, he had developed a triplane glider with a four-horsepower engine and a sprung undercarriage. He returned to Stanford, the seat of his friend Lord Braye, to demonstrate the machine on September 30, 1899. A technical problem encouraged him to fly *Hawk* again instead, and the glider broke in midair. Pilcher was seriously injured and died at the hall two days later. Had he lived, he may have achieved powered and controlled flight before the Wright Brothers in 1903. **JG**

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A fair trial for moles

Might we respectfully suggest to the Board of Agriculture that

it should be doing the farmer a very good service if it would employ an expert to look into the food of moles in different parts of the country. The general idea is that the mole's diet consists chiefly of earthworms; and if this is the case, knowing what we do of the service done by earthworms in aerating and loosening the ground and bringing soil to the surface, there can be no doubt that the mole is to be condemned as an enemy wherever we may catch him, for certainly his heaps are a great nuisance. On the other hand, we ought to give him a fair trial, and if it can be proved that he destroys a large number of worms or larvae which are injurious to agriculture and pasture, then we might spare our hand.



We love... The Dining Chair Company

WITH just enough money pulled together to pay for a two-page brochure, long-term friends Ali Jackson and Tricia Tallon started The Dining Chair Company in 1995. After working entirely out of Tricia's dining room for the first 2½ years, the pair decided to invest in a shop—Tricia's husband John was being driven to distraction by faxes in the middle of the night and the ceaseless ringing of phones.

There are now two workshops and three specialist frame-makers, putting together dining chairs and tables as well as desk chairs. This cow-print desk chair (*right*) can be made entirely bespoke, and would be a great, lighthearted addition to any home study or children's bedroom. Prices start from £889. The Dining Chair Company's shop is on St Barnabas Street, London SW1, but the whole range can be viewed and ordered online at www.diningchair.co.uk, or discussed on 020-7259 0422.

Are you sitting comfortably?:
Tricia Tallon (left) and Ali Jackson



1. Spain, 2. Challenger, 3. Christopher Columbus, 4. Gulliver's Travels, 5. Priam