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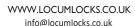
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Congratulations to them. As always, we do have room for more members of the 100 Club, so please let me know if you would like a joining letter..

I know everybody is looking out

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#### **COUNTRY MATTERS**

"June is the Gateway to Summer" - Jean Hersey

It's the time of the long days and short nights with the summer solstice falling on 20<sup>th</sup> June.

Due to the pandemic and 'lock down' we have had more time on our hands to notice what is going on in the natural world and witness significant changes in the way some species of wildlife are behaving.

Hedgehogs were already thought to be on a slight increase in urban areas (Don't hold your breath!) and other mammals too like the fox, the badger and the deer are also venturing deeper into towns and cities. These animals have been quick to notice that the usual hustle and bustle created by humans has lessened and the new found peace has been irresistible to them. There are fewer people about, less traffic and therefore less road kill.

What will happen though when life returns to normal? Will the animals be caught out, especially the young ones? Will we continue to allow animals to share more space more generously with us. Time will tell, we must allow ourselves time to notice. As a result of recent events many people will have had the challenge of home educating their

children until schools re-open, here the natural world comes to the rescue by offering great projects such as perhaps designing the the perfect wildlife sanctuary, give your pupils a hypothetical blank canvas and see what they can suggest to give our creatures a safe place in which to flourish. They could even make a mini garden.

In addition pressing flowers for cards, learning bird songs, photographing and drawing finds are an immersion into nature that we all need right now.

This month you may notice that bird song is starting to fade a little. In fact the cuckoo and nightingale have stopped singing. Look out for one of my favourites – the slow worm. They are found

in gardens, hedgerows and meadow land and they like conditions to be warm and damp. Although nocturnal, you will often see them sunbathing on rocks. Slow worms are often mistaken for snakes. In fact they are legless lizards and completely harmless. The males is a pale brown and the female brown with stripes down her sides. Unlike snakes they

have eyelids. If they feel threatened they can release their tail, a stumpier version then grows.

Too many slow worms, like foxes and toads, fall victim to the dreaded spade, lawn mower and strimmer. They are very vulnerable creatures so be careful not to hurt them when you are gardening. They are a gardeners best friend as they eat slugs, snails and other invertebrates. If kept safe they can live for 20+ years. I hope you enjoy this lovely month and get to know more of the real and natural world in which we are a part. "What is this life, if full of care. We have no time to stand and stare?" - William Henry Davies

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As for the Covid19 we are not out of the wood yet and we have a supply of Hand Sanitiser made by the Greensand Distillery (as well as their gin).

Asparagus and rhubarb herald the start of the new year harvest period after the hungry gap of March and April. New Park (Asparagus) Farm have brought their magnificent asparagus, grown on light sandy soil near Groombridge. In June This

will be followed by the first of our soft fruit, strawberries, when we will welcome Stonepitts Farm with their array of different strawberries.

On the fish front it's really has to be mackerel - bought silvery fresh from the market and cooked the same day to enjoy at its very best. Try it the traditional way for the month - grilled and served with a tart gooseberry sauce.

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#### **GREEN SUMMER RISOTTO**

Taken from The Busy Mum's Vegetarian Cookbook by Mary Gwynn

Prepare: 15 mins/Cook: 25 mins/Serves 4

- 6450g seasonal vegetables (e.g. small courgettes, peas, green beans, broad beans and asparagus tips)
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 shallots, finely chopped and 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 350g arborio risotto rice
- about 1.5 litres simmering vegetable stock from a cube plus 100ml dry white wine 50g butter
- 50g fresh mixed herbs, such as flat-leaf parsley, basil, chives, tarragon, dill or chervil, finely chopped
- 50g freshly grated Parmesan salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1. Cook the vegetables in simmering water for 2 3 minutes until almost tender. Drain and plunge into iced water to cool. Heat the oil in a heavy-based saucepan, add shallots and garlic and cook for about 3 minutes until softened. Add the rice and stir to coat in the oil.
- 2. Add a ladleful of stock and the white wine and simmer until the liquid is absorbed, stirring constantly. Continue adding stock, a few tablespoons at a time, stirring frequently,

until all the stock is absorbed and the rice is tender and creamy but still with a slight bite. This should take about 20 minutes

3. While the rice is cooking, place the butter in a blender or food processor with the herbs and seasoning and process until well blended together. When the rice is tender, add the vegetables and cook for another minute or two to heat through. Stir in the herb butter and Parmesan cheese and adjust the seasoning. Serve immediately



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