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Monday 4th May	1923	Eric Sykes, British comic writer and actor, born		Mending clothes - some are easy jobs, others more difficult	x		Cars with starting handles - putting your back into it - giving it some welly			Girls names that are same as the months			Seaside Challenge - rearrange the letters to find the seaside resorts			Mountains Of Mourne		
Tuesday 5th May	1914	Tyrone Power, film actor famous for his swashbuckling roles, born	x A	Reading habits and preferences – people liking different genres/categories of books			Fountain pens at school: trying to fill a fountain pen and ending up with ink everywhere	x		William Morris' designs and the Arts and Crafts movement			General Knowledge Quiz	x		Maybe It's Because I'm A Londoner		
Wednesday 6th May	1994	Channel Tunnel opens between Folkestone and Calais	x	Town Mouse, Country Mouse - children's fable, and differences between urban & rural living			The £50 note - is it only ever used by criminals? - paying cash to avoid paying tax			Moving house often and finding items in kitchen cupboards and drawers			Postcode Puzzle			Scarborough Fair		
Thursday 7th May	2000	Vladimir Putin inaugurated as President of Russia		Easy recipes for one pot cooking - a good idea and not too much washing up!	x		Ribble buses - Blackpool to Morecambe, and Burnley to Morecambe - both long bus journeys			Station platform tickets in the days before automatic ticket barriers	x		Making A Bed - can you help Joan change the bed?			A-Tisket, A-Tasket		
Friday 8th May	1945	75th Anniversary of VE-Day - Germany Surrenders - Victory in Europe Day	x A	Month of May and May blossom and the meaning of 'not casting clouts till May is out'	x		Motorcycling off-road - scrambles or motocross - Jeff Smith World Champion			Alfred Meakin 'Cornflower' tea set and contrasting modern designs in crockery			Relatives Word Search - find the 12 terms for family members	x		Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better	x	
Saturday 9th May	1936	Glenda Jackson, actress and Member of Parliament, born		Fashions in the 1960s, the relaxed and hippie look versus having to look neat and tidy			Useful and practical presents - a ball of garden twine - tying back plants and staking tomatoes	x A		Lead in pencils is actually not lead, but graphite - was it harmful?			Word Quiz - all the words begin with Att...	x		I Could Have Danced All Night	x	
Sunday 10th May	1940	Winston Churchill becomes Prime Minister as Germany invades Holland		National Portrait Gallery, having your portrait done and portraits in general			Butterfly cakes filled with cream or buttercream - finding cream harder to digest	x A		The novels and films of 'Doctor in the House' - and unusually both were good	x		Flower Power - quiz about flowers, bees and pollen			Lavender Blue		

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Tuesday 12th May	1945	Alan Ball, footballer and member of England's World Cup winning team, born		Glass storage jars such as Kilner jars useful for dry goods and also mouse-proof		School dinners - sponge puddings and custard - going for seconds and even thirds	x A	Postcards of animals in clothes - popular in Victorian days & chimpanzees in TV adverts		What Comes Next?	x	Mama	
Wednesday 13th May	1912	Royal Flying Corps, forerunner of the Royal Air Force, founded - Song Link	x A	Puddle-jumping - without fail always a childhood pleasure - but not so for adults!	x	Ovaltine, malt and cocoa nightcap drinks - the Ovaltine factory at Kings Langley, Hertfordshire		The legend of the American outlaw Billy the Kid - was he a hero or villain?		Brand Names Quiz	x	Those Magnificent Men In Their Flying Machines	x
Thursday 14th May	1957	Petrol rationing, caused by the Suez Crisis of 1956, ends		Being given pearls as a 21st birthday gift and how to look after them	x	Making woollen dishcloths using a crochet hook - knitting and crochet work		Ghost stories and the power of the imagination is it a good idea to read them at night?		Wales By The Sea. Find all 12 of these Welsh seaside towns		You're Nobody 'Til Somebody Loves You	
Friday 15th May	1905	Joseph Cotten, actor famous for his role in 'The Third Man' film, born		Clinic orange juice and cod liver oil. Child Welfare Clinics in general	x	Kilmarnock station in 1957, steam locomotives - both passenger and goods trains		Water lilies, also called lotus flowers and pretty in a garden pond		Using Gas - questions about gas fires, cookers and central heating		Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah	
Saturday 16th May	1965	Spaghetti hoops introduced - easier to eat and favourite food with children	x A	Stained cups from tea and tips for cleaning them		Musicals at the theatre - 'The Boy Friend' of 1954. Dancing, music & song all lift the spirits		Street musicians, listening to music on holiday especially sitting at a pavement cafe	x	General Knowledge Quiz	x	Don't Be Cruel	
Sunday 17th May	1965	Jeremy Vine, journalist, known for his popular Radio 2 programme, born	x A	Lions, and keeping wild animals in zoos and safari parks		Smoking a pipe, the pleasures got from it and tobacco and smoking generally	x	Portraits, modern interpretations and how the sitter feels about them		At What Age - Marrying, driving, voting and retiring happen when?		I Don't Know Why I Love You But I Do	x

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Tuesday 19th May	1932	Alma Cogan, British singer popular in the 1950s, born		Highclere Castle, now rather more famous as the setting for 'Downton Abbey'.	x		Finding something to smile about. Coping with life's troubles. Pessimists and optimists	x		Pottery classes and the many other evening classes in general			Tool Challenge - quiz about hand tools	x		Twenty Tiny Fingers		
Wednesday 20th May	1895	R. J. Mitchell, aero-engineer who designed the Spitfire, born		Whale meat providing protein in WW2 and in Norway and Japan it was considered a delicacy			Children losing their first milk teeth - the Tooth Fairy - indulging children			Craftwork, children making things from inexpensive materials around the house			Faith Quiz - questions about the major world religions			Roamin' In The Gloamin'	x	
Thursday 21st May	1894	The Manchester Ship Canal first opened		Tornadoes and wild weather and Dorothy's Kansas house in 'Wizard Of Oz'			Riley Elf compared to the standard Mini, and buying a brand new car			Reading the tea leaves - not so easy now we all use tea bags			The Library Quiz - questions about working in a library			The Gentle Dove		
Friday 22nd May	1946	George Best, Northern Ireland and Manchester United footballer, born		Plants have been used for medicine, healing and treating injuries for centuries, not just today			Knitting a cardigan for a baby - passing it on in the family, and family heirlooms in general	x		Bats - interesting little creatures, but not everyone likes them			Food Pairs - can you complete these foods that go together?	x		Such A Night		
Saturday 23rd May	1949	Federal Republic of West Germany created, with capital in Bonn		Lending books, and bookplates or ex-libris, small decorative labels pasted into book	x		Inshore fishing boats - cobbles used in the North East - Cullercoats near Whitley Bay			Using and separating eggs - making meringues and avoiding raw eggs			History Quiz- Dates and facts			Music, Music, Music	x	
Sunday 24th May	1956	First Eurovision Song Contest, won by Swiss singer Lys Assia		Half Pay pudding - very economical to make, but probably not very appetising			Royal Enfield 350cc motorbike and factory based at Redditch in Worcestershire.	x		Being a list maker, shopping lists and other lists in general	x		Domino Challenge - questions about the game	x		I'd Never Find Another You		

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Tuesday 26th May	1955	General Election and Conservatives, led by Anthony Eden, win majority		Pyrex kitchenware, a convenient alternative to enamel and tins			Garden wheelbarrows compared to builders' wheelbarrows			Typewriters and training to be a shorthand typist			Mountain, Lake Or Sea?			The Best Things In Life		
Wednesday 27th May	1943	Cilla Black, popular Liverpoolian singer and television entertainer, born	x	Making blanket squares either for some by the easier way of crocheting or knitting them	x		Men wearing braces - is it braces or belts for you and changing fashions			Letter sent in by Mike Bratby on military aircraft re article on Javelin & Lightning planes-13.1.20	x		Keeping It Clean. Quiz about cleaning products			Anyone Who Had A Heart	x	
Thursday 28th May	1907	First Isle of Man TT motorcycle race held		Spare Rib magazine - the voice of women's liberation in the 1960s			Drinking and driving - having 'one for the road' and changing attitudes			Holiday essentials - what to pack for UK holidays	x A		Which of each of these pairs of British or Irish cities is further east?			My Very Good Friend The Milkman		
Friday 29th May	1917	John Fitzgerald Kennedy, President of the United States of America, born		Breakfast - a calm and leisurely one or a rush every morning	x		Taking family photos - a Braun Paxette camera with a leather case - looking at family photos	x A		Fishing or angling as a hobby and a quiet day out beside the river			Potato Puzzle - six types of cooked spud			It's Only A Paper Moon		
Saturday 30th May	1909	Benny Goodman, jazz clarinettist and band leader, born		Bonsai miniature trees - a Japanese custom, and miniatures in general			Ice cream vans and their jingles - children thronging round the van	x A		Panama hats and other headgear - including whether to wear a baseball cap			Bingo! - today's quiz, and put on a game of bingo	x A		Do Not Forsake Me		
Sunday 31st May	1938	John Prescott, Labour politician and Deputy Prime Minister, born		Leaving a clean plate after a meal - children and food and thoughts and opinions on it			The Singing Scott Brothers - close-harmony singers and variety shows			Ready-made cake mixes or home-made? Which did you use and which is better?			Animal Magic - complete the well-known animal phrases	x		I'm Looking Over A Four Leafed Clover	x	