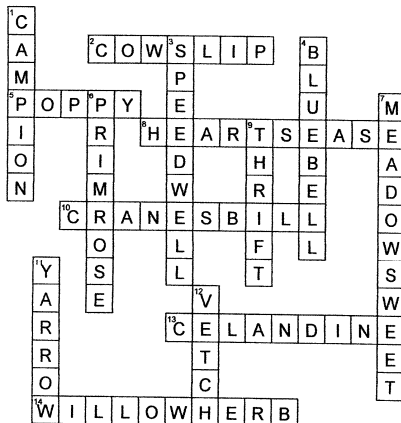


## Puzzle Answers From the last Edition

### A Bunch of Flowers



### Half a dozen things that “Not a lot of people know!”

- Dendrochronology is the science of dating trees from their rings; tree rings can provide precise information about environmental events including volcanic eruptions.
- Britain’s oldest tree is probably the Fortingall Yew in Tayside, believed to be over 3,000 years old.
- Yew wood can outlive iron. A 250,000 year old spear found at Clacton in Essex, is one of the world’s oldest known wooden artifacts.
- Britain is thought to have the largest population of ‘ancient’ trees in Europe.
- A fully grown oak grows - and sheds – 250,000 leaves, and produces around 50,000 acorns a year.
- Broadleaved trees change colour in the autumn because the green chlorophyll in leaves breaks down and is reabsorbed by the tree, allowing other leaf pigments to show through before the leaf is shed.

### And can you answer these?..... (Answers below)

- 1 The wood from which of these trees was used to make bobbins for the Lancashire cotton mills?  
a) Ash    b) Elder    c) Holly
- 2 The stems from which of these plants were used to polish pewter ?  
a) Gorse    b) Horsetail    c) Burdock
- 3 Ruscus leaves are really stems. True or False ?
- 4 2011 marks 70 years since the discovery of the so called “Fossil Tree”. What is its name?  
a) Ginkgo Biloba    b) Dawn Redwood    c) Japanese Maidenhair
- 5 It was discovered growing in a monastery. In which country?  
a) Bhutan    b) Peru    c) China

### Autumn / Winter Activities- a Message from Mike

The group meets at Pearsons Wood between 9 and 9.15 on most Saturday mornings.

Workdays may involve visiting other sites to plant or maintain trees or undertake work at Pearsons Wood. While casual visitors are always welcome, it may be best to phone Mike on 07929 416231 to check what is planned.



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5 China  
4 Dawn Redwood  
3 True  
2 Horsetail  
1 Holly  
Quiz Answers