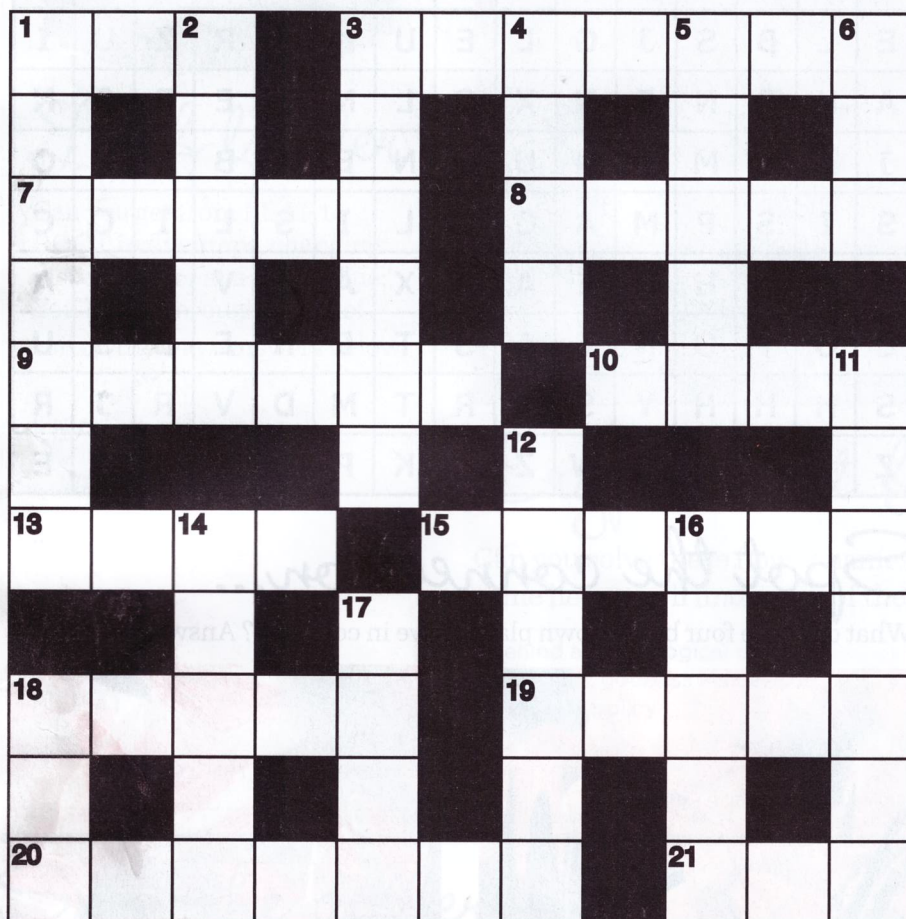


PUZZLES & PRIZES

Test your gardening knowledge with our fun teasers this month!

Prize crossword

Solve our clues this month and you could win a handy cleaning kit – entry coupon overleaf. Answers and winners in our May issue.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1 Long-handled tool often used to clear weed seedlings (3)
- 3 Red-flowering genus of perennials or biennials known as plume thistles (7)
- 7 Coneflower '----- Swan', compact echinacea species (5)
- 8 Conifer of the cypress family of which *standishii* and *plicata* are species (5)
- 9 South American country that lends it name to the tender plume flower, *Justicia carnea* (6)
- 10 Exotic tree of the Arecaceae family, Chamaerops being dwarf and hardy (4)
- 13 Tidy ----, common name for the yellow *Layia platyglossa* (4)
- 15 Tree of -----, China's *Ailanthus altissima* (6)
- 18 Most popular pink-flushed primrose hybrid tea rose dating from 1945 (5)
- 19 Plant of the large genus that includes the Michaelmas daisy (5)
- 20 Lattice framework for supporting climbers, vines or fruiting plants (7)
- 21 --- thrift, *Armeria maritima*, ground cover in coastal gardens (3)

CLUES DOWN

- 1 *Leontodon hispidus*, dandelion-like perennial wildflower (7)
- 2 Heather genus to which the true heaths belong (5)
- 3 Hawk's beard, annual whose rubra species produces pretty rich pink blooms (6)
- 4 ---- *graveolens*, garden herb generally known as rue (4)
- 5 Hardy genus of late ornamentals with golden, spidery flowers (5)
- 6 'Mamma ---', Roma-type hybrid tomato cultivar, good in sauces (3)
- 11 Shade-tolerant genus of herbaceous plants aka bergamot (7)
- 12 Trees, one of which features on the national flag of Lebanon (6)
- 14 London -----, maple-leaved deciduous tree of the *Platanus* genus (5)
- 16 Botanical name for the grapevine genus (5)
- 17 Garden design feature inviting wishes to be made (4)
- 18 Clay or plastic patio plant container (3)

OUR CROSSWORD PRIZE THIS MONTH

There'll be no more muddy shoes indoors for six winners of our Crossword competition this month! They'll be among the first to try the new Aquabrush cleaning kit, an easy way to keep the garden outdoors and not on your carpets.

The Aquabrush is the brainchild of James Koumis, from Hertfordshire, and suitable for cleaning boots, wellies and all types of gardening equipment. The product is now attracting interest from large retailers.

The Aquabrush has a set of double action bristles fitted with a pop-up action nozzle to release a jet of water. British-



made, eco-friendly and durable, all you need to add is a standard water bottle and some water.

The Aquabrush has multiple uses, including cleaning bikes, sports kit, spots on carpets and pet paw marks. It comes in a range of four vibrant colours with a bag and micro cloth and retails at £14.99.

● For more Aquabrush information, see www.ETree.biz

FEBRUARY CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Across: 1 Holly, 4 Ghost, 6 Mullein, 8 Truss, 9 Celery, 11 Horned, 13 Spear, 14 Shallot, 15 Avens, 16 Roses

Down: 1 Heath, 2 Ligularia, 3 Yams, 4 Golden, 5 Tansy, 7 Edelweiss, 10 Bellis, 11 Hosta, 12 Dryas, 13 Star