

# COUNTRY LIFE®

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EVERY WEEK

Does it get  
better than  
a Cocker?

Game Fair  
what to buy and  
how to survive  
the extravaganza

PLUS: Test cricket, an eye for an iris  
and the new threat to the UK art market





Test your knowledge

## Quiz of the week

1. What is *Vinca minor* more commonly known as?
2. How many property squares are there on a Monopoly board?
3. What are you doing if you're sniggling?
4. Who wrote the cantata *Caractacus*?
5. From which plant do we get linseed oil?

## Unmissable events

### Exhibitions

**Until July 30** **The Human Form**, Fisherton Mill, Salisbury, Wiltshire (01722 500200; [www.fisherton-mill.co.uk](http://www.fisherton-mill.co.uk))

**July 21–24** **Art in Action**, Waterperry House, Waterperry, Oxfordshire. Exhibitions and demonstrations (020–7381 3192; [www.artinaction.org.uk](http://www.artinaction.org.uk))

**Until August 26** **Sladmore Contemporary presents Nic Fiddian-Green**, Bruton Place Gallery, London W1J, and Jermyn Street Gallery, London SW1 (020–7499 0365 and 020–7629 1144; [www.sladmore.com](http://www.sladmore.com))

**Until August 30** **The Scottish Exhibition**, Red Rag Gallery, Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire (01451 832563; [www.redraggallery.co.uk](http://www.redraggallery.co.uk))

### Tournament

**July 23–24** **The Household Cavalry Open Weekend**, Bodney Camp, Thetford, Norfolk. International services showjumping, the Band of the Blues and Royals, tradestands and fairground. £15 per car ([www.householdcavalry.info](http://www.householdcavalry.info))

### Polo

**July 30–31** **UK National Women's Polo Tournament**, Ascot Park Polo Club, Chobham, Surrey (01276 858545; [www.polo.co.uk](http://www.polo.co.uk))

### Show

**July 31** **The North Norfolk Harriers Family Dog and Terrier Show**, Scarrowbeck Farm, Erpingham, Norfolk. Entry £2 (01263 761241)

### Music

**Until August 13** **The Summer Music Season**, 51, Buckingham Gate, London SW1. Soprano Bella, Cantabile–The London Quartet, and Viva Live Music perform operatic arias, West End classics and excerpts from contemporary musical theatre. Three-course dining menu available (020–7963 8373)



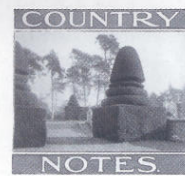
### Good to know

## The Kadir Cup

Pig-sticking—the pursuit of wild pigs on horseback—was a national obsession in the British Raj. Meets took place all over India, and *The Hog Hunters' Annual* was prominently displayed in every cantonment library. The sport even had its own artist, Snaffles, whose sketches of fleet-footed pigs disappearing into the undergrowth (*above*) are classics of their kind.

The Kadir Cup was to pig-sticking what the Wimbledon men's final is to tennis. Held annually near Meerut, it took place over three days and drew enormous crowds. At the start of each heat, an army of beaters drove the pigs out of the jungle towards mounted competitors wielding 9ft spears. Umpires, perched atop elephants, monitored their performance, and the first rider to hold up a bloodied spear progressed to the next round. The cup's most famous winner was Sir Robert Baden-Powell in 1883, who wrote a book on the subject—*Pig-Sticking or Hog-Hunting: A Complete Account for Sportsmen and Others*. **EH**

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## Bowled over

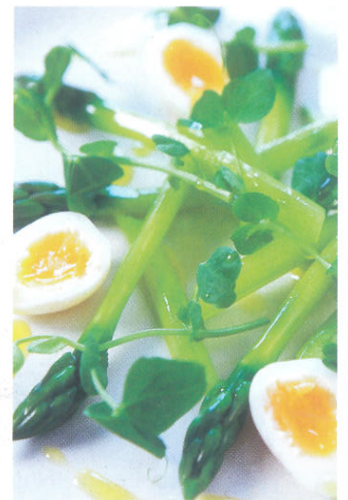
Although Scotland has recently made the game of bowls a national one, it would seem from the result of the International Meeting, held last week at the South London Bowling Club, Wandsworth Common, that England is making a bold bid for the leading place. Since the meeting was inaugurated, at the suggestion of Dr. W. G. Grace, its first president, in 1903, Scotland has won five times, Ireland once and England thrice, counting this year's victory. Bowls have not been so popular in the southern part of the island as in the northern part for the last century or so; but the many references to the game in English literature would suffice to show, if that were needed, how essentially English the game used to be. It in this way resembles golf, which, after having been in early times played at Blackheath, emigrated to Scotland and became the favourite pastime of the burgesses of Edinburgh and St Andrews.



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