

Quiz of the Season 2019

Round 1: Interns

Our intern Haruki was one of THE stories of 2019. She came halfway across the world to learn more about community agriculture and organic growing, and brought to us unrivalled enthusiasm and joie de vivre.

1. Japan is an island nation, comprised of 6,853 islands (564 more than the UK). However it is not the nation with the most islands – Japan actually has the eighth highest number of islands. Which country has the most?
2. Our intern Haruki is from Kagoshima in Kyushu island. What tuberous vegetable is Kyshu famous for, that was pictured in the Canalside weekly update email on the 12th of April this year and if you didn't read it and so can't remeber then shame on you?

Benedek volunteered at Canalside for over 3 years. At first we were concerned that his father was forcing him to spend his Saturdays here doing farm work against his will. Later oin we were even more concerned that as a teenager he actually seemed to enjoy coming here to spend his saturdays doing farm work!

3. Hungary has a coastline on which European sea?

I can't make any jokes about Vendi cos she's sitting over there. But if she wasn't I'd say that she is an astonishingly bright and passionate young grower and if Vendi is the future of agriculture then we really don't have very muchto worry about.

4. In which year did Czechoslovakia partition into the Czech Republic and Slovakia?

Round 2: Veg growing

1. Everyone knows that when measured by weight, potatoes are always our highest yielding vegetable. But which vegetable comes second on the list?
2. Which of the following is the only a true root vegetable, i.e. in botanical classification the part that you eat is classed as the root?
 - (a) Potato
 - (b) Celeriac
 - (c) Onion
 - (d) Kohlrabi
 - (e) Beetroot
3. As a Canalside member you do of course read your twice-annual Canalside newsletter and commit to memory every valuable nugget contained within, in particular my 'Musings from the Land' column... In which case you will no doubt recall my treatise on green manures in the spring 2019 edition, and the name of the plant genus I described as the “most important” green manure for fixing nitrogen, nourishing plants and feeding soil.... Which is?
4. Veg growers are always complaining about the weather. That's part of the job description. But this year's weather felt relatively mild compared to last summer's heatwave. Yet two months of 2019 have recorded the highest ever UK temperature on record for that month in question. Which months?

Round 3: music

Cara, Helda, Lady Di, Matina and Express Eleonora might well have been the line-up of a 90s girl band, and their name would have been The Sprouts Girls. They are in fact the names of 5 vegetable varieties grown at Canalside that you have frequently received in your share this year. Match the variety name to the vegetable.

Cara	Broad Bean
Express Eleonora	French Bean
Helda	Potato
Lady Di	Runner Bean
Matina	Tomato

Round 4: Growing Up

As a father to two young children, I can tell you how important growing up is. At Canalside we used various forms of plant support to help our crops grow upwards... match the plant support we use to the crop!

Canes	Blackberries
Netting	Runner beans
Nothing	Squash
Strained metal wire	Sugar snap peas
Strings	Tomatoes

Round 5: Pests

1. Which tiny insect caused crippling damage to our cucumber crop back in the spring?
2. In summer 2018 they nested in the straw-bale wall between the pole barn and collection space. In 2019 they nested in a duvet at the back of the barn and were discovered the day before the summer party. What are they?
3. We use so-called “humane traps” consisting of a cage to trap rats and rabbits. Which mammal were we surprised to find in one such cage on a Tuesday morning in July this year?

Round 6: Canalside people

1. Some of you may know that for the first time in Canalside’s history, we started a waiting list in October last year, as demand was simply too high. But at its peak earlier this summer, how many households were on the waiting list?
 - a) 2
 - b) 12
 - c) 32
 - d) 52
2. It is a sign of Canalside’s maturity as an organisation that we have successfully navigated our first full spell of maternity leave – ex-workshare Stephen Hayward provided maternity cover for Assistant Grower Lena from November until July. Steve is now sharing the AG role with Lena, and has firmly established himself as one of Canalside’s most talented, hard working and valued Assistant Growers. But what Icelandic name did Lena and her partner David choose for their organic-certified newborn?
3. It was rhubarb at the summer party in 2017. It was aardvark at the summer party in 2018. It was kale at the summer party in 2019. What was?
4. Where on site can you see the slogan “Raised on Canalside veg?”

Tie breaker:

Which members of the solanaceae family are grown at Canalside?

Find out how you did [here!](#)