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Our famous lady this month has lived in the 20th / 21st centuries and is the famous fashion designer of the 1960's Mary Quant born in 1934. Her work is being celebrated by a major exhibition in the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.

We are now in the relaxed dress season of Summer, what would all the young girls do without the **mini skirt, hot pants** or God forbid without **tights!** Unthinkable!

We'll believe it or not there was a time before this all existed and the fashion designer who brought it all into our lives is now **85 years old!**

Her name is **Mary Quant**, the daughter of two Welsh teachers first trained at the **Goldsmith College of Art in London**, where she met her future husband and very clever business partner **Alexander Plunkett-Green**.

Her first job was designing couture hats but she soon realized that there was a gap in the market for affordable clothes for young girls, street fashion, trendy and sexy.

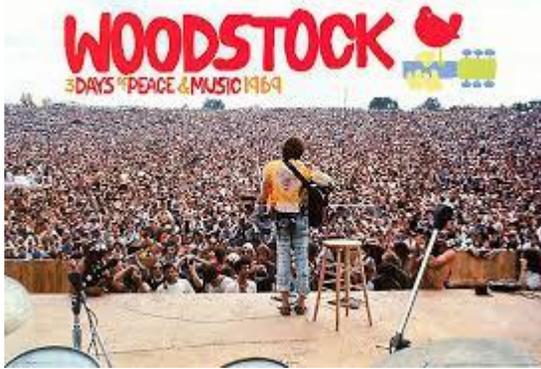
She opened her first retail shop on the **Kings Road, London in 1955** called **Bazaar**. This was the launch of the **Chelsea Look** which became known throughout the world as the **London Look** and a major part of the incredible **swinging sixties**.

Knee high white plastic lace up boots, tight skinny rib sweaters in bold stripes and checks were the hottest looks and her fame led to the opening of her next shop in **1961 in Knightsbridge**. At this time Mary Quant was exporting to the USA and going into mass-production to keep up with the demand. The Mary Quant worldwide brand was born. Mary Quant fashion clones were to be seen everywhere around the globe. The mid-1960s saw Quant at the height of her fame, when she created the **micro-mini** and the **paint box** makeup of **1966**, and added the shiny, plastic raincoats and little grey pinafore dresses that came to epitomize the 1960s fashion era. She expanded her brand further into a range of original patterned tights, a range of cosmetics and almost every kind of other fashion accessory.

Quant has claimed that she did not invent the miniskirt, but, rather, the girls who visited her shops did, as they wanted them shorter and shorter. These skirts were also in development by other designers, but Quant is the name most associated with them. She even named the garments after her favorite make of car, **the Mini**. In **1966**, Quant received her **Order of the British Empire** for her contribution to the fashion industry. She arrived at Buckingham Palace to accept the honor in a miniskirt and cut-away gloves. That same year, she wrote her first book, **Quant by Quant**. Quant went on to popularize hot pants in the late '60s, and concentrated on household goods, makeup and clothes during the 1970s and '80s. In **1988**, she designed the interior of the **Mini Designer Car**, which incorporated black and white striped seats with red trimming and seatbelts. An icon car never to be forgotten!



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It is 50 years since the legendary Woodstock Music Festival

The **Woodstock Music and Art Festival** was a rock music festival at Max Yasgur 601 acre (2.4 km²) dairy farm in the town of Bethel, New York from **15–18 August 1969**. It was the most famous rock concert and festival ever held. It showed the counterculture of the 1960s and the "**hippie era**„. It was a utopian moment in human culture. It was a short time when we saw that half a million people could live together in harmony under very difficult conditions. Food and water were scarce, there was no place to get out of the rain, and it was muddy, so, physically, people were not comfortable. But spiritually and mentally, they were. Sharing together the feeling of freedom and listening to music from the new wave which launched the idea of the protest song. Song texts with a message!

Some of the music stars of Woodstock were the Who, Jimi Hendrix, Bob Dylan, Joni Mitchell, Janis Joplin and Pete Townshend. Jimi Hendrix had a big show with the songs he played, including a new version of **The Star Spangled Banner**. The song caused some protests, because the Vietnam War was going on, and the sounds that Hendrix made with his guitar were like the sounds of the violence of the war.

The festival was called Woodstock because of the investment group who backed it were **Woodstock Ventures**. Although all the municipalities were told no more than 50,001 people would come, the organizers thought they would get as many as 150,001, and infact there



were more than three times that number over the three days. Most did not pay to get in, and the festival lost money as a result. But it was not about profit!

Woodstock was the start of the culture of the Summer out door music festival of which there are an uncountable number throughout the world from epic city size to small town and village but none are so unbureacratric, spontaneous, chaotic and totally original as **Woodstock**.



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Queen Victoria and Buckingham Palace an exhibition in the palace to celebrate 200 years of Queen Victoria for those of you lucky enough to be in London until 29th September



Buckingham Palace is one of the world's most iconic buildings and a focal point for British national life. From balcony appearances to state banquets and investitures, the palace is frequently in the background as history is made. And this summer, an exhibition showcases how it all began with Queen Victoria, who transformed an empty royal residence into the most glittering court in Europe.

The English Theatre Frankfurt

The new season Flirting with Madness has started and the first play is:

One flew over the Cuckoo's Nest. Until 19th October.

McMurphy, fun-loving trickster with several assault convictions to his name, has once again got himself into trouble and is sentenced by the court. To escape labor duties in prison, he pleads insanity and is sent to a mental institution, assuming it will be a less restrictive environment. But tyrannical Nurse Ratched rules her psychiatric ward with an iron fist, keeping her patients cowed through abuse, medication and the threat of electric shock therapy. His arrival disrupts her regime, especially after he decides to oppose her rules on behalf of his fellow inmates. The battle of wills between the rebellious McMurphy and the inflexible Ratched soon turns into an exuberant, ribald and devastatingly honest portrayal of the boundaries between sanity and madness.

Das Fürstliche Gartenfest Schloss Wolfsgarten 2019, 06 – 08 September

Plant Market in Hessenpark, 07 – 08 September



Two lovely garden events on one weekend to start of September.



Birthdays in September:

Juliane Ott

Happy Birthday Juliane !!

