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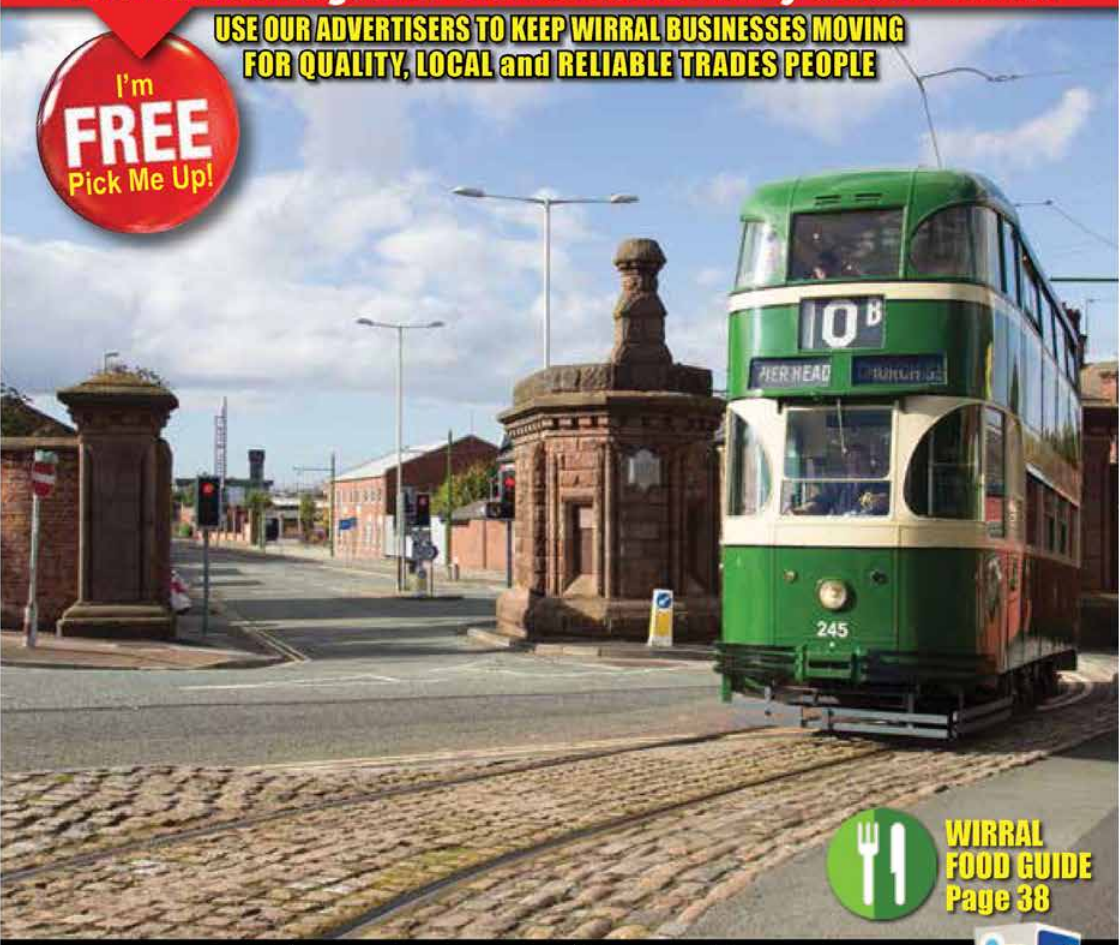

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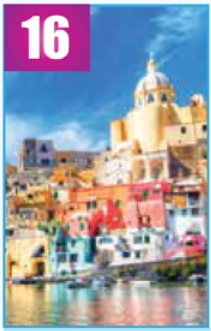

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A NEW SEASON - NEW START

The disappointment of failing to secure promotion lingered for a while among Tranmere fans. Many are still in disbelief that Rovers find themselves in the fifth tier, far away from their natural home in the Football League, so missing out on the playoffs was a severe reality check. Nevertheless, plans have already been enacted to improve next season, and optimism, the very fuel of football dreams, has cautiously returned to Prenton Park.

Despite his main objective going unfulfilled, Tranmere decided to keep manager Gary Brabin at the helm. While Rovers must never accept mediocrity, and although his maiden campaign was ultimately a failure, a strong case emerged for allowing him to continue an extensive project.

In the second half of last season, Rovers were outperformed by very few teams, which spoke to Brabin learning from and rectifying his mistakes. Tranmere enjoyed a record unbeaten run away from home, and finally found a successful formula. However, it came too late, as woeful results at Prenton Park derailed their promotion push. The hope now is that Brabin can carry on from where he left off in February, March and April; honing his approach and achieving the required results.

One main problem from last season was the way Tranmere recruited their squad. Several key players, such as Steve McNulty and Lee Vaughan, never signed until a month of two into the season, by which point Rovers were struggling for momentum. As we've seen, every single game matters in this division, where only one team is promoted automatically and the margins are so fine. Tranmere must have their squad assembled and raring to go from the first match, not the tenth or fifteenth.

To that end, Rovers have already done some positive early business in the transfer market, as attention shifts to the new campaign. In May, the club released Marcus Holness, Jack Mackreth, Michael Higdon, Martin Riley, Liam Hogan, Matt Hill and Gary Taylor-Fletcher. While a case could be made for keeping one or two of those players, none of them are irreplaceable. Releasing such fringe players will free up some money with which to enhance the core of a promising squad.

In this regard, Tranmere gave new contracts to captain Steve Jennings, star goalkeeper Scott Davies, and cornerstone defender Michael Ihiekwe, who learned a lot besides McNulty last season. The aforementioned Vaughan also signed an extension, while Rovers are still negotiating with talented winger Adam Mekki and experienced midfielder Jeff Hughes at the time of writing. Hopefully those players can complement the existing squad, headed by top scorer James Norwood.

While re-signing players can be exciting, the biggest buzz so far this summer was created by Rovers' early efforts in the transfer market. Andy Cook, a 25-year old striker, arrived on a two-year deal from Barrow, where he scored 24 league goals last season. Only two players in the entire division scored more, which should help a Tranmere attack that traditionally struggles for goals.

A few weeks later, Rovers clinched the signing of Connor Jennings, one of the brightest stars in the fifth division. Jennings was captain, top scorer and Player of the Year at Wrexham, fierce rivals of Tranmere. That really excited Rovers fans, who will love watching a 24-year old with pace, energy, heart and the ability to make a difference in the final third.

The potential of Norwood, Cook and Jennings is outrageous. All three have terrific goalscoring records, and are just about to enter their prime years. They combined to score 57 league goals last season, and a repeat of that performance would surely see Tranmere challenging for automatic promotion. Norwood and Cook will likely play as a central striking pair, with Jennings tucked in behind or even attacking from the wing. Whatever combination Brabin chooses, Rovers will have a potent cutting edge ready to capitalise on any chances.

In the remaining weeks before pre-season training starts, the greatest task will be finding the players to create those chances. Last season, Tranmere lacked a midfield playmaker with the agility to roam from box to box and the vision to open defences. Signing somebody in a similar age range and ability bracket as Jennings and Cook would be ideal, and hopefully Rovers have some targets in mind. It's also vital that Mekki stays at Prenton Park, while a mercurial star for the other wing would be great, too.

Ultimately, things are quickly falling into place for Tranmere. They haven't been in such good shape this early into an offseason for quite some time. At present, the squad lacks a little depth, although that is bound to be addressed in the forthcoming weeks. But what it does have is solid foundations and exceptional potential for growth. It has vast experience, in the person of McNulty, Davies and others; and it has exciting youth, headlined by an attacking trident without equal at this level of the English game.

It feels slightly strange to be so optimistic about Tranmere, who've encountered nothing but pain for many seasons. However, this is shaping up to be their best squad in perhaps four years. So please get involved and support Rovers. A lot of people are putting in plenty of hard work to restore this club to where it belongs. With your backing, those dreams can become reality even sooner.

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22. Astronauts often lose their fingernails after conducting spacewalks.
23. Manhole covers are round so that they don't fall into the opening.
24. Bill Gates once said that he always gives the laziest people the hardest jobs, because they'll find the easiest way to do it.

25. A fulgurite is a type of mineral formation that only occurs in nature when lightning strikes sandy soil.
26. The earliest known intelligible recording of a human voice was made in 1860.
27. Daylight Saving Time costs the U.S. an estimated US$434 million in lost productivity and decreased health.
28. Jimi Hendrix was the highest-paid performer at Woodstock, making US$18,000 at the festival. That's US$114,624 today.
29. China's "SkyCity", planned in 2013 to be the tallest building in the world with a record-breaking construction time of just 90 days, is now a massive fish pond.
30. Julian Lennon had to buy at an auction the letters he wrote to his father, John Lennon, because Yoko Ono wouldn't give them to him.
31. During WW2, the U.S. Air Force dropped more than 5 million leaflets warning Japanese civilians to evacuate cities that were going to be bombed.

32. TRYPOPHOBIA is the fear of objects with small holes.
33. The Moon is now about 18 times further away from Earth than when it was formed 4.5 billion years ago.
34. Multiplying 21,978 by 4 reverses the order of the numbers to 87,912.
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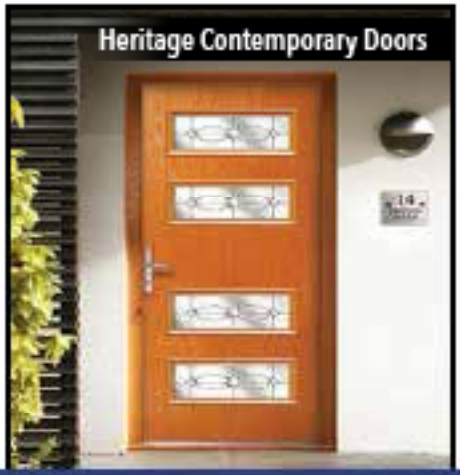

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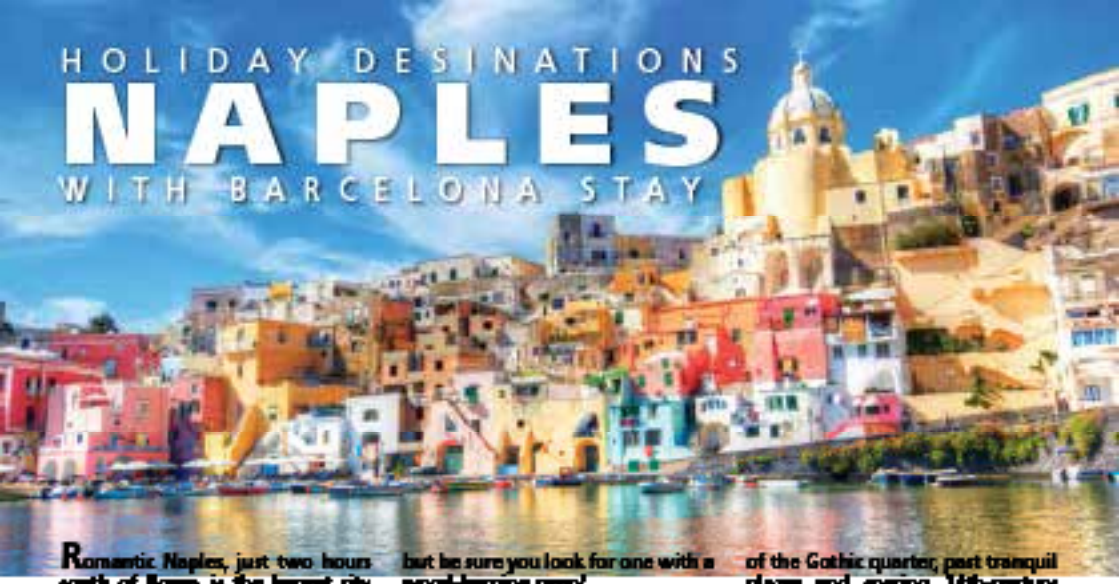

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Visiting a city such as Naples means, of course, a diverse schedule of sightseeing: exploring its museums, art galleries, and nicest streets for strolling. While a week would do this phenomenal city more justice, one day is still enough to get lost in the alleys of its Spanish quarter (and observe the genuine life of the Neapolitans), enjoy a fantastic pizza, and relax in a prestigious coffee spot such as Gambrinus. Be prepared to get up very early and put on your running shoes!

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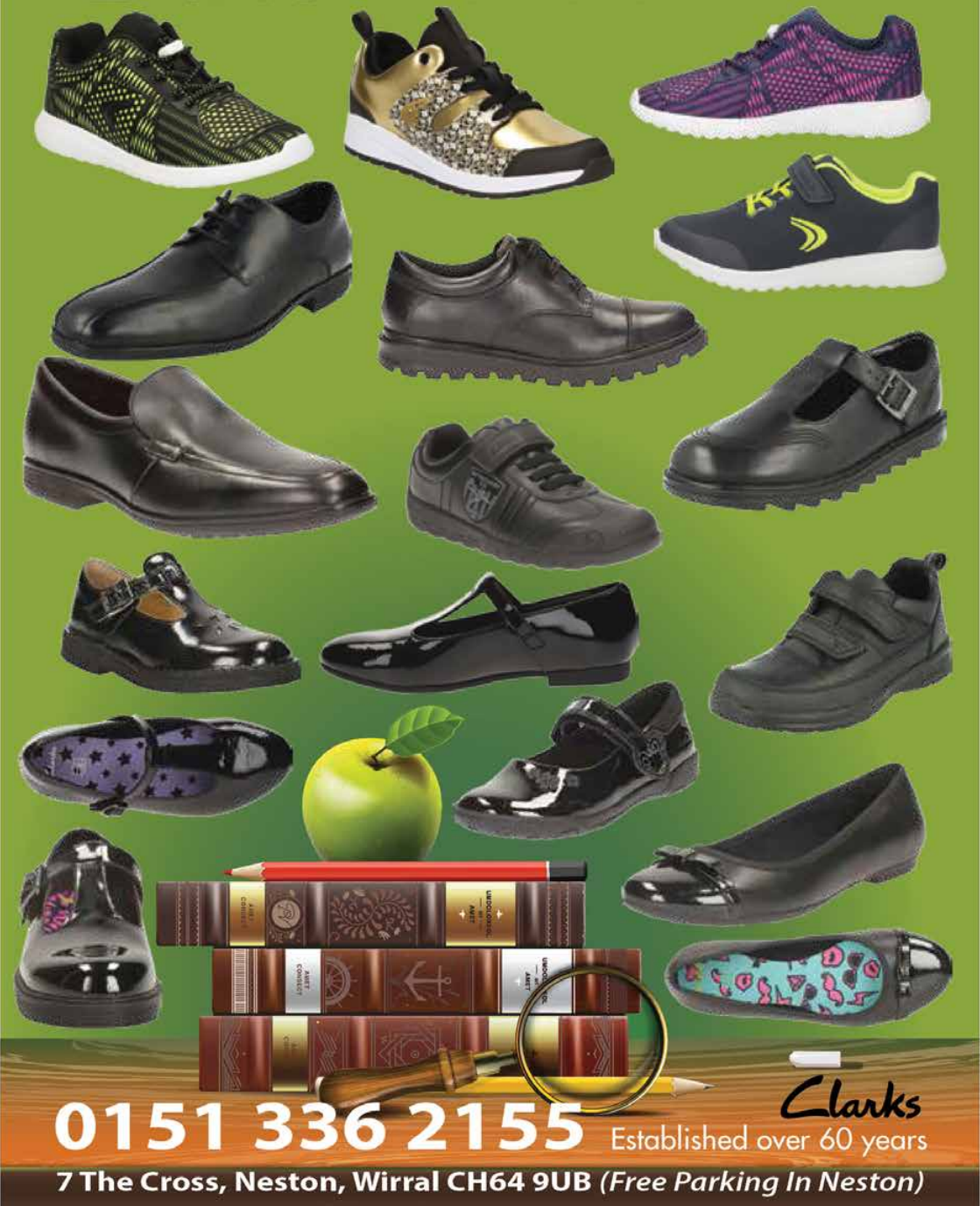

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CUTTING STRONG GROWING HEDGES

To make sure that hedges grow densely and evenly, they should be cut several times a year. After the main breeding period of birds from March to late July, you can start cutting your hedges again.

SHAPE YOUR BOXWOODS

To preserve the details of boxwood trees or bushes which were cut in shape, you should now cut back your boxwoods and other evergreens. For perfect shapes you can create templates from cardboard.

PRUNING LAVENDER

When lavender has mostly finished flowering, the shoots should be reduced approximately by one third. This prevents the lavender plants from investing too much energy into seed production. The following year, your lavender will be back with a strong bloom.

REMOVE DEAD FLOWERS

Removing wilted flowers is not only done for aesthetic reasons, but also supports the formation of new flowering shoots. The plant can concentrate its power to the fresh flowers. Moreover, the dead flowers will not become a breeding ground for pests or fungi. Some summer shrubs like larkspur, produce flowers a second time in autumn, when they are cut back after the main flowering.

FIRST AID FOR SUNFLOWERS

If your sunflowers did not come through the latest summer storm, the final chapter has not yet been written. With first aid for sunflowers, you can save even turned down stems. Put the fracture in a splint made of bamboo sticks and fix it with duct tape. This way the water supply is guaranteed.

SOW FRESH SEEDS ON VACATED PATCHES

In August the gardening year is almost over. Some vegetables, however, can still be sown without any problems at the now-vacated patches. These include Radishes, Lettuce, Rocket, Winter Onions and Spinach.

DIVIDE SHRUBS

Should the flowering of your shrubs get weaker or should the blossoms get bald inside, it's time to give your summer shrubs a rejuvenating cure by dividing them. August is a good month for dividing spring and summer flowering shrubs. Dig the shrubs out with a spade or a fork and divide the plants into parts. The single parts should be at least as big as a fist. Remove sick and withered root parts as well as bald spots. Planted at suitable locations the shrubs will return in full blossom.

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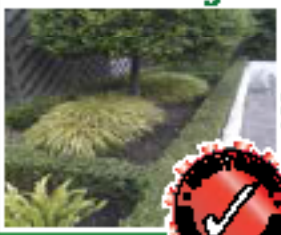

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1/2 teaspoon oregano
1 teaspoon minced garlic
1 1/2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice

1. Heat oven to 400°F. Spray a shallow roasting pan with rack with no-stick cooking spray.
2. Mix oil, oregano and garlic. Brush mixture over entire chicken. Season chicken liberally with salt and pepper. Place in prepared pan, breast side down. Let stand 30 minutes. Turn chicken breast side up.
3. Roast 65 to 70 minutes, basting occasionally. Chicken is done when meat thermometer registers 170°F or when juices run clear when thickest part of thigh is pricked. Transfer chicken to carving board; tent with aluminum foil. Allow to rest 10 minutes.
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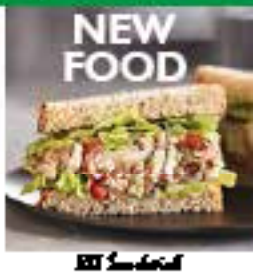

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Right: The sign above the door reads 'RV 1733' and probably refers to Richard Vernon. In 1822 records show that it was named 'The White Horse' but by 1850 it had changed to 'The Nag's Head' in Willaston. In the 1930s the building was structurally altered. See below photograph. Wm. Delamere was the victualler as well as the shopkeeper.
George Barnes was the licensee in this 1910 photograph.

Left: Taken in the early 1930s. The Nag's Head has undergone major alterations from the inn pictured above.
The house plate was repositioned to the centre, all the front windows have been altered and the brickwork pebble-dashed. The building to the right which was once owned by the bailiff had been demolished, the road widened and Cannell Court Flats built on the site.

Below: The original village inn stood opposite the Hooton Arms in Eastham. Pictured here in 1906 the Hooton Arms was once the school masters house and the school was the adjacent old barn with thatched roof and mud floor.

Above: Stanley Lane in Eastham at the turn of the century. Eastham village school is seen behind the four boys on the right. The other boys are sitting on a sandstone outcrop in front of Laurel Cottage. St. Mary's Church is situated to the right behind the sandstone wall.

Above: **Heswall Castle** was built on land between The Mount and Telegraph Road and was home to the Female Orphan Society. The castle was demolished in 1935.

Right: **Telegraph Road**, showing the Church of Good Shepherd and a crosville bus entering the depot in the distance. c.1955

Below: The Kings Cinema in Telegraph Road, Heswall was taken around 1950 and was showing Alan Ladd in a film called "After Midnight". The King's Hall, built c.1912, was upgraded by John Pye in 1928 – it closed in 1958.

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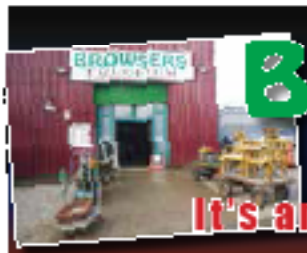

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Birkenhead Fake Festival is a brand new date on the Fake Festivals tour, and licensees George Thomas and Gary Hunt are excited to be part of it. "I've always been a huge music fan, and my wife and I have supported many previous Fake Festivals" explains Gary. "When the opportunity came along for us to bring the party to Birkenhead, we jumped at the chance."

"Fake Festivals is pretty well represented in the north of the UK, but the Wirral was missing out" said George. "Now it's easy for the whole peninsula to enjoy a great festival atmosphere on their doorstep. We hope everyone will embrace it, come along and have a great day."

The Fake Festivals Tour is celebrating its 10th anniversary, and at Birkenhead we'll be able to party whatever the weather, as the stage and bar are inside a giant marquee. There will also be food and entertainment stalls outside within a secure arena to create a true festival atmosphere that has something for all the family.

"We've been amazed with the response from around the Wirral since bringing the event to Birkenhead" says Gary. "The area has a great spirit, and the event will be an opportunity for family and friends of all ages to come together and have an amazing day's entertainment without breaking the bank...."

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The Dream Stage featuring by popular demand the Bethania Puppets will be held in our bandstand now overseen by the Cheshire Community Foundation and Neston Town Council; and old favourites too – the Assault Course, Bungee Run, Bouncy Castle, and of course the Classic Cars. There will be entertainment all afternoon from the local schools, choirs and dancers. We are having the Edsel Isle Parkside

As a reminder of the fun in store, we have all the usual stalls – tea and beer tents, cakes, BBQ, hotdogs, candy floss, Junk & Disorderly and Brica-brac, books, Hamper Raffles, Craft Stalls and much more. The information stalls show the wide variety of interesting groups in our area.

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The Tragedy of HMS Thetis

The unveiling of the 60th anniversary commemorative plaque in 1999, by the then Mayor of Wirral Hugh Lloyd.

Derek Arnold, the son of a survivor of the Thetis disaster, accompanied by the President Elect of Birkenhead Rotary Jill Maclaren.

A warm welcome was given to Derek Arnold, who came to speak at a Birkenhead Rotary Club meeting about the submarine HMS Thetis that was lost on 1st June 1939. It was lost whilst carrying out its first sea trials in Liverpool Bay, with the loss of 99 lives out of a complement of 103 on board.

The subject was of considerable interest to Birkenhead Rotary President Hugh Lloyd, who, whilst serving as Mayor of Wirral in 1999 had officiated during the unveiling of the 60th anniversary commemorative plaque at Birkenhead Priory.

Above:
Mayor of Wirral Hugh Lloyd

Left:
Derek Arnold & Jill Maclaren

Solicitor on the Run! Again.

Birkenhead solicitor, Malcolm Norman Jones once again took to the roads in his trainers, taking part in the recent Port Sunlight 10K run.

His time of 1 hour, 7 minutes and 57 seconds meant he came 960 out of 1086 runners, most of whom were much younger than Mal!

Most importantly Norman raised an amazing £1,700 for Rotary supported local community organisations.

Woodchurch High School Film

Pictured left to right is High Lloyd President of Birkenhead Rotary, Rebekah Phillips, Headteacher at Woodchurch High School, teacher Tim Shelton and Historian Peter Davies.
Ms Phillips and Mr Shelton attended a lunch meeting of the Club to show a special film about the thriving school Interact Club, that had been recently shown during a national Rotary conference held in Bournemouth. The young Interact Club members were invited to the Rotary conference but were unable to attend due to exam commitments. So the next best thing was a video about their club's activities, running fundraising, support for the wider community, as well as commenting on how valuable it had been for them to be part of Rotary and "Service Above Self".

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The studio is owned and run by a family trio; Lauren and Kris Heath and Sue Barnes. Lauren Heath says 'We live and work in such a beautiful place, it is a real joy to share our environment, expertise, and enthusiasm with our guests. All our creative courses are inspired by the location and being eco-friendly is part of who we are, from our building, our artworks, our community activities, and our courses' The family host two day courses and two hour taster workshops from their beachfront studio and whilst they have advertised dates and online booking Kris Heath explained 'Being independent and working from home means we can be totally flexible with our visitors, we often put on bespoke courses and workshops for small groups, birthday parties, and craft based hen-dos. We have even had local businesses using us as the most unique meeting venue on the Wirral!' Sue Barnes credits their success as a visitor attraction to their warm welcome. 'We keep our class sizes small so we can give individual attention to each guest, all our refreshments are homemade, and the teaching environment is nurturing allowing even timid first timers to take home something they can be proud of.'

The art studio is just entering its third year and has become a firm favourite with visitors, earning a coveted five star TripAdvisor rating. With visitor numbers increasing and word of mouth spreading it surely won't stay Wirral's best kept secret for long. Come and discover the magic for yourself, the studio is taking part in the Wirral Open Studios Tour 11th and 12th June, drop in to this free event to experience the atmosphere, browse for art, book places on courses and workshops or buy gift vouchers.

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9th JULY - Wirral Farmers Market - New Ferry Hall, New Ferry

9th JULY - 12.30pm to 11pm - Bidenhead Palm Festival - Bidenhead Park - three world class tribute bands for Queen, Rods and Kings of Leon and five top local support acts - Dr Strangelove, Problem Child, Table 72, The Clone and the Heroes - all in a huge marquee with a fantastic atmosphere, also an outdoor arena and children's entertainment. Children under 5yrs free...go to www.bidenheadfestivals.co.uk to buy tickets and find out more.

9th to 24th JULY - Wirral Festival of Firsts - bringing together of hundreds of artists, performers and musicians to celebrate the power and diversity of the Wirral art and music scene - exhibit raising money for charity. Held in various venues in and around Hoylake. See their website www.festivaloffirsts.com

10th JULY - 10am to 4pm - Tree O'Shanter Farm - Summer Fair - Live Music, Comedy Line, Bees from Beyfarm, 'Wheels n Bell', Lollipops to Keyboard, Tractorbus and lots more including stalls - pram/kids go to woods to enjoy the animals.

10th JULY - 10am to 3pm - Heswall Farmers Market

10th JULY - 2pm to 4pm - Ashton Park - Ellesmere Port Council Brass Band performing

12th to 16th JULY - matinees at 10.30am & 2pm and 8pm - Shakespeare's Midsummer Madness by Hilbert Players, showcasing scenes of Shakespeare's finest words walking. See website for further details www.hilbertplayers.co.uk

22nd JULY - 7.30pm - Chichester Theatre - Bobby Ball and Tommy Cannon present 'The Running Bears' a taste of life behind the scenes plus a variety show - for further details go to www.chichestertheatre.org - Tickets £18

23rd JULY - Wirral Kirby Farmers Market - St Andrews Church, West Kirby

24th JULY - Wirral Wetlands Triathlon Relay - see website for further details - www.wirralwetlandstriathlon.co.uk

24th JULY - 2pm to 4pm - Ashton Park - Parkgate Accordion Ensemble.

Another busy month at Wirral Radio, so much going on as we move into the summer. Welcome to our new listeners and a big hello to all our regulars. We celebrated local radio day at the end of May where we gave away FREE DAB radios across the Wirral. To celebrate our second birthday in June we announced our biggest ever giveaway. We are giving you the chance to Win A Wedding. We are also inviting you to our Wirral Kids Summer Party, a black tie event for grown ups.

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Wirral Kids is our charity campaign, we began raising money for those children who need it most here on the Wirral a few months ago. Since then people have started raising money for Wirral Kids in many ways including sponsorships and more. You are invited to Wirral Kids Summer Party on the 16th July at the Hollins Hey Hotel. A black tie 5 course dinner with evening entertainment. Tickets are £50 each or a tables available at £500. Visit our website for details.

Spotlight On:

The Cherry Tree Shopping Centre – Our partners at the Cherry Tree Shopping Centre in Liscard are the sponsors of our Breakfast Show with John, Bev and Ian. We have been working with Centre Manager John White for nearly two years. John is a big supporter of Wirral Radio and our events. John has also sponsored our '12 Days Of Christmas' competition for the last two Christmases. The Cherry Tree Shopping Centre has a wide range of retail outlets from local businesses to high street names. Parking is available and frequent busses pass through making it easily accessable. Visit them at Cherry Square, Liscard CH44 5XU.

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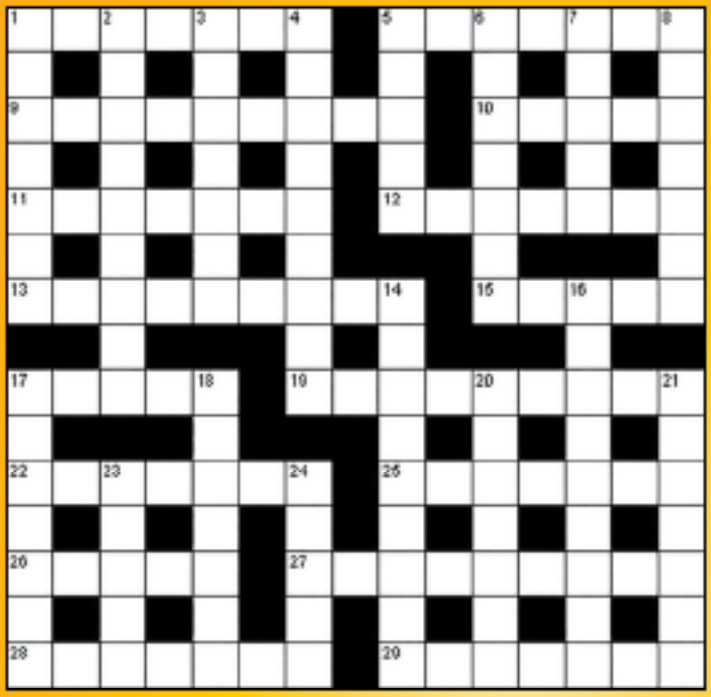

Down

1 Boundaries (7)
2 Be a delegate for (9)
3 Flyer (7)
4 Infamy (9)
5 In a poor fashion (5)
6 French country house (7)
7 Horrible in savagery (5)
8 A personal with confidential information (7)
14 The lower joint of the leg of a fowl (9)
16 Bum rides (9)
17 Social deportment (7)
18 How a snake moves (7)
20 Acrobat or tumbler (7)
21 Reverses the tape to the beginning (7)
23 Writing style (5)
24 Secretes a hormone (5)

Across

1 Deal (7)
5 Rod-shaped bacteria (7)
9 Reproduced (9)
10 The sharp edge at the junction of 2 surfaces (5)
11 Voter (7)
12 Ceded (7)
13 Lead (9)
15 Show someone to their seats (5)
17 Mongrels (5)
19 Child (9)
22 Biting (7)
25 In an unspecified manner (7)
26 Father of Methuselah (5)
27 Disturbance (9)
28 Smiled contemptuously (7)
29 Baby cats (7)

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