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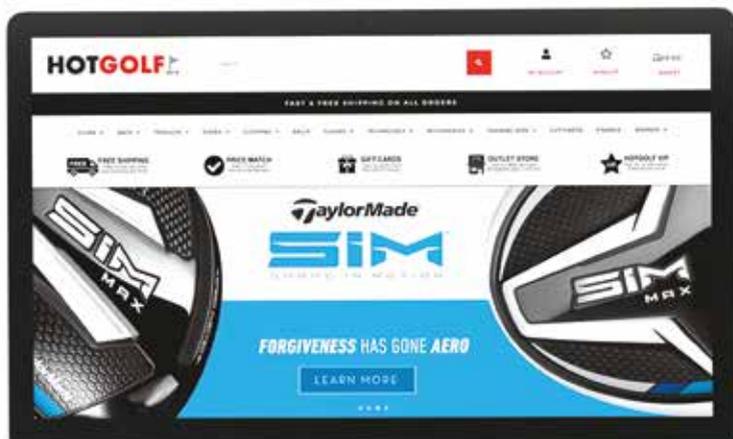
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3. Physicians of the 1800's commonly advised their patients to eat chocolate to calm their pining for lost love.
4. Richard Cadbury produced the first box of chocolates for Valentine's Day in the late 1800's.
5. More than 35 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolate will be sold for Valentine's Day.
20. Fingernails grow nearly 4 times faster than toenails!
21. The Pentagon, in Arlington, Virginia, has twice as many bathrooms as is necessary. When it was built in the 1940s, the state of Virginia still had segregation laws requiring separate toilet facilities for blacks and whites.
22. During World War II, condoms were used to cover rifle barrels from being damaged by salt water as the soldiers swam to shore.
23. One barrel of petroleum holds 42 gallons.
24. In 1936, the first practical helicopter was invented. It was the German Focke-Wulf Fw 61..
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6. A crocodile can't stick its tongue out.
7. If you try to suppress a sneeze, you can rupture a blood vessel in your head or neck and die.
8. A shrimp's heart is in its head.
9. People say "Bless you" when you sneeze because when you sneeze, your heart stops for a milli-second.
10. Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different.
11. Money notes are not made from paper, they are made mostly from a special blend of cotton and linen. In 1932, when a shortage of cash occurred in Tenino, Washington, USA, notes were made out of wood for a brief period.
12. Sound travels 15 times faster through steel than through the air.
13. Guinea pigs and rabbits can't sweat.
14. A group of twelve or more cows is called a flink.
15. Cats often rub up against people and furniture to lay their scent and mark their territory. They do it this way, as opposed to the way dogs do it, because they have scent glands in their faces.
16. The 57 on Heinz ketchup bottle represents the varieties of pickle the company once had.
17. Leonardo Da Vinci invented scissors.
18. Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying!
19. The elephant is the only mammal that can't jump!



26. Dolphins sleep with one eye open!
27. A cockroach will live nine days without its head before it starves to death!
28. The male praying mantis cannot copulate while its head is attached to its body. The female initiates sex by ripping the male's head off.



29. A man named Charles Osborne had the hiccups for 69 years!
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A demand for fitness, sports coaching and high-quality PE lessons for children has led to the expansion of a local sports and coaching business. The move will ensure all schools across Merseyside & Cheshire can benefit from dedicated classes, as obesity levels for the region remain high.

More than 22000 children leave primary school severely obese. 28% of 2-15years were classed as overweight or obese. At the start of primary school one in 10 children are obese and by the end, that has increased to one in five. Those growing up in the most deprived communities are at the greatest risk. The chances of being obese are about twice that of those who live in the least deprived areas.

Through two new franchises, Wirral based Full of Beans Fitness and Sports Coaching, which runs classes in schools by trained PE Teachers & specialised Sports Coaches, will now cover the whole of the Wirral and south Liverpool. This means that even more children could take part in classes, which not only address fitness levels and sporting ability but also support mental health in young people.

The expansion follows an increase in demand from schools and parents, keen to support children with increased physical activity and improved mental health. Full of Beans also runs out of school classes, popular with parents during the school holidays etc. The original founder, Nicky Adams, sold her first franchise to Lauren Thirsk who set up in South Wirral and her business has doubled every year since.

Founder & Director Nicky Adams says eg "We are seeing first-hand the commitment from our schools in supporting pupils to increase their levels of physical activity and we work them to ensure all children have access to a variety of opportunities to suit the least active to the most sporty. We also offer some amazing mental health and self-development programmes and have achieved some fantastic results.

We are also members of the Children's Activities Association so schools and parents know that we have been vetted in providing high quality services.

As part of the expansion, all Merseyside schools are eligible for a **FREE PE Health Check**.

Lesley Roach, Headteacher, Sacred Heart Catholic Primary school in Liverpool said "As a healthy school we promote the health and well-being of all our pupils in school and for the past year we have worked alongside Jordan and the Full of Beans team. They have delivered a range of extra-curricular clubs which have developed our children's resilience and enabled them to be mentally healthy. The clubs have been tailored to meet the needs of our children and Jordan is passionate about offering new opportunities.

The clubs are very well organised and led by trained staff who are so enthusiastic and have really helped our children to develop their confidence when trying new activities.

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AutoReview

by **Tony Yates**

Keeping you motoring

New Peugeot 208 GT Line 1.2 PureTech 100 S&S 6-speed manual



This is my first review of 2020 – so let me start with saying I wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Right, now that's out the way, let's get on with this week's review of the new-look Peugeot 208 GT Line. But, before I do, I just wanted to say that over the Christmas & New Year period, I spoke to a lot of people at various shows and celebrations and one of the topics that constantly came up was EVs. Many people have told me that this year they are ditching their petrol engine vehicles and are instead going out to buy their first EV. Now, call me a critic – but we are not there yet, we're close, but it's not all plain sailing quite yet because we need a decent charging infrastructure first, followed by another dozen things.

So, to align with this – I plan on testing a lot more EVs throughout 2020 which I hope will help you decide if you want to join the 'green revolution' or like me, you think we're just not quite there yet and you would rather wait a little bit longer before you commit to throwing the combustion engine onto the scrapheap

forever. On a personal note; I will always be a petrol head – and when the time comes that the only other option for me is to use a vehicle that's powered solely by battery power - then maybe I just won't bother at all.

Power and Efficiency:

The 1.2-litre PureTech petrol engine has a 0-62 time of around 9.9 seconds and a top speed of 117mph. Fuel consumption is also good, giving a combined figure of 53mpg. So, the next question is; how well does it get a move on? Well, if I'm being honest it moves along quite nicely. That 1.2 petrol engine for me is smooth and silky. The 6-speed gearbox is also slick, and the gear changes are direct and firm. There used to be a time when floppy Peugeot gearchanges were the norm, but not anymore thankfully.

On the road:

The 100PS engine that was fitted to my test car was enthusiastic and pretty much purred its way along. Also, into the corners, the chassis felt

poised and tight, even when dealing with our worst roads. Plus, when the tarmac gets twisty, the little 208 is fun to drive, it's a little corker, giving you maximum grip in and out of every corner. The steering also felt direct and perfectly balanced - with plenty of feedback on what all four corners are doing at any given time.

Interior & Technology:

First off - I'm so glad to see that the designers at Peugeot have finally paid a lot of attention to the detail inside the cabin of the new 208 - thankfully its now refreshing and modern. Also, the seats are comfy once you get the correct adjustment which I found a little annoying to get just right. When it comes to the boot - the space is OK, with more room than I expected there to be if I'm being honest. Trust me on this, you will be very surprised just how much you can fit in. Rear legroom was also not bad.

On the inside:

There's plenty of standard equipment, which includes; managing to fit in a family with minimal effort. Plus; 17" 'Camden' diamond-cut two-tone alloy wheels, gloss black wheel arch extensions, GT Line badging, active safety brake, ABS with EBD, Thatcham Category 1 approved alarm, ESP with Hill Start Assist, Peugeot i-Cockpit 7" colour touchscreen, DAB radio & 6-speakers, automatic headlights and tyre pressure sensors. To find out more, might I suggest you visit www.peugeot.co.uk.

To sum up:

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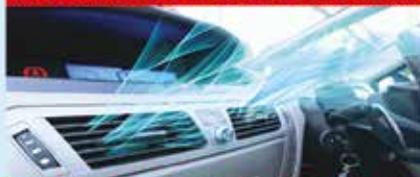
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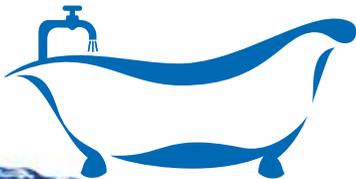
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Although it costs more than £5 million a year to run the hospice, its services are completely free of charge to patients with life-limiting illnesses, alongside appropriate support for their loved ones too. Every single contribution helps Wirral people at their time of most need.

One welcome, and greatly appreciated, source of funds is realised each April when a host of Wirral solicitors partner with the hospice to offer people the chance to make a new, or revise their old, Will.

The participating legal firms offer valuable time and waive their fees to ask people to make a kind contribution to the hospice for the Will-writing service, at a significant discount to the normal cost.

So for a suggested donation of £90 for a single Will or £150 for a double Will, which goes directly to your local adult hospice, you can have peace of mind that all of your assets will go exactly where you wish them to when you're no longer around.

Appointments are available throughout April and fill up really quickly. Early booking is strongly advised and we encourage our supporters to contact the solicitors in March to make their booking. Please quote Wirral Hospice St John's Make a Will Month when booking your consultation.

Why Make A Will?

It's natural for people to believe there's plenty of time before they have to take this important step, but experience tells us that it's never too early. If your Will is not officially drawn up then your assets may be subject to processes under the law which may have negative repercussions for loved ones for many years.

You may already have a Will in place but major changes can happen in life, including marriage, divorce, having children or

even the death of a loved one, which can potentially invalidate some, or all, of a current Will.

Unmarried partners or those who have not registered a civil partnership cannot inherit from each other unless there is a Will in place. Homeowners and people with dependent children are especially encouraged to have an up-to-date Will.

A list of the legal organisations offering the service this April, in partnership with the hospice, appears here.

Legacies

Legacies have become a significant part of hospice income and, although amounts greatly vary according to people's circumstances, Wirral Hospice St John's is extremely grateful when people choose to leave a gift of any size.

Anything that is left to charity is not counted towards the total taxable value of your estate and if you leave at least 10% of your 'net estate' to a charity it can cut inheritance tax from 40% to 36% where that may be applicable.

Please do note that if you further choose to leave something to the hospice, or any other charity, in your will it is totally for your discretion and completely confidential between you and your solicitor, there is absolutely no obligation to leave a gift in your Will to the hospice.

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In April 2019, around 140 people drew up their Wills which, in itself, raised over £16,000 in massively important donations to Wirral Hospice St John's.

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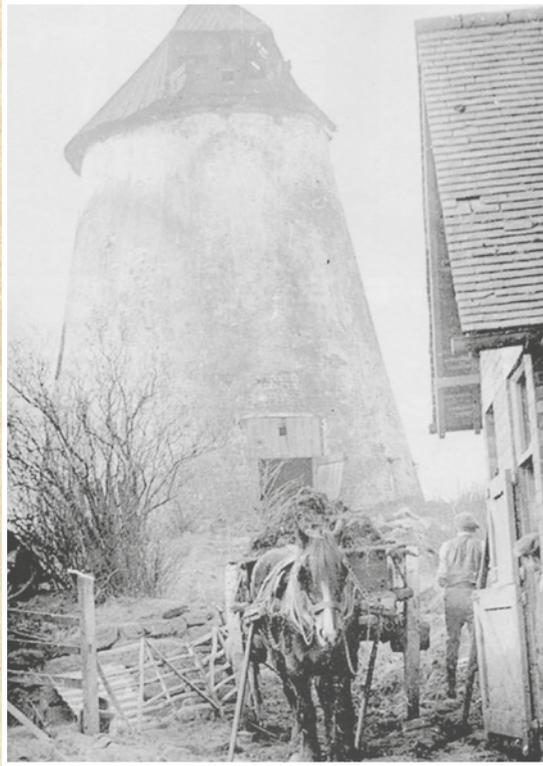
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Left: 1834. **Eastham** windmill was originally sited in Carlett Park but in 1834 it was taken down and moved to the Chester side of Eastham Village. One of the sails was blown off during a gale in the last century so the miller removed the opposite sail. This worked well until a storm in 1895 blew the remaining two sails down, and the miller used them to repair his other mill at **Willaston**. This photograph shows how the mill looked without any sails at the turn of the century. This mill was demolished in the 1930s. In 1932 a transport cafe was built on the site adjoining the mill by Cartwright Bros. This was later to become **The Little Chef** in the 1970s. Today it is better known as **Starbucks** on A41.



Above and far right: C1905. Looking down Ferry Road, **Eastham** with Lock Road on the right where the shed advertises a "covered bicycle stand". The pony and trap probably belonged to the photographer, F. Walker of Little Sutton, whose wife was sitting in the trap. The tea rooms, pictured above in Ferry Road, are here called **Greenwoods**, ready for any visitors to the Ferry from **Liverpool** and **Seacombe**.

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 pebbledashed. 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.

Right: Looking along Chester Road, **Little Sutton** where there is now a set of traffic lights, turning right into Ledsham Road. Walkers Lane is on the left of the photo by the light coloured car. This was named after the local chemist and photographer whose shop was situated at the corner C1932.



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.

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.



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Clean out the garden

It's time to clean your garden and remove all the debris (leaves, leftover branches, etc.) Get rid of weeds, making sure that you get the roots so they won't grow back. This is also a good time to sharpen your garden tools, if needed, because you're going to require them for plant maintenance and soil care.

Revitalise the soil

Because your soil is likely dried out and packed after winter, it's time to add moisture. Add organic material like compost or manure. You might need to test the soil to see what nutrients it needs, so you give it the right mixture. You might also need to add more fertilizer to increase the health of the soil and increase the life of your plants.



Trim old plants

Plants that survived the winter will need to be pruned so they'll grow anew in the spring. Make sure to wait until mid-April or May in case there's an unexpected freeze. Blooming plants should be pruned right after they bloom to avoid cutting off future flowers. Summer plants should be pruned in early spring.

Add mulch

In addition to fertilizers and organic materials, you should think about adding mulch to your flower beds and garden. One to three inches of mulch helps to prevent weeds and diseases. It also keeps the moisture in the garden and maintains the temperature. The rule of thumb is to keep the mulch a few inches from the plant stems to prevent roots from rotting.

Plant new flowers and shrubs

Once you've gotten the garden in shape and handled all of the old plants, it's time to turn your attention to new plants. Some recommendations for good spring plants include:

Pansies

Snapdragons

Vegetables like lettuce, peas and arugula - (rocket)

Redbuds

Transplanting tomato plants from indoor pots to outside

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You should lean towards planting more perennials rather than annuals, because annuals have to be replaced every year. This means you're making an investment in plants that will die every year and require replacement. Perennials, on the other hand, last for two to three years and usually survive winter frosts.

What to do for the rest of Spring

Once your spring garden is up and running again, it's time to look to the future and decide what to do with your garden next. It will need some care so it stays colourful and beautiful throughout the season. Here are some quick tips for garden maintenance throughout the rest of the season:

Mid-Spring:

Consider new flower beds.

Plant some hardy annuals.

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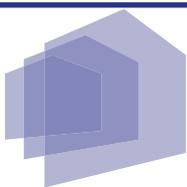
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NHS Rainbow Badges launched at CWP



Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CWP) has signed up to the national rainbow badge scheme to coincide with LGBT+ History Month, reinforcing the Trust's commitment to being a diverse and inclusive employer and care provider.

The Rainbow Badge Initiative, which originated at Evelina London Children's Hospital, aims to make a positive difference by promoting a message of inclusion. The badge is a simple, visual symbol identifying that, if an NHS staff member or volunteer is wearing one, they are a person who an LGBT+ person (or their friends or family members) can talk to about issues relating to sexuality and gender identity.

To support the initiative, CWP has launched a training programme to provide staff and volunteers wearing the badges with the knowledge and awareness to support LGBT+ people with any issues they may face.

Philip Makin, Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator for CWP, said: "I'm delighted to say that CWP is signed up to the NHS Rainbow Badge Initiative. The badge is

a way for us at CWP to demonstrate that we are aware of the issues LGBT+ people can face when accessing our services and also as staff and volunteers. It shows that the wearer is there to listen without judgement and signpost to further support if needed."

To receive their badge, CWP staff are required to complete the online training and give their own pledge.

Chief executive Sheena Cumiskey said: "It's been fantastic to see how many people have already signed up to be a badge wearer. Our staff's enthusiasm for the initiative continues to demonstrate that we take Equality, Diversity & Inclusion seriously in helping people to be the best they can be."



Photo above: Members of CWP's executive board with their Rainbow Badges

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Day Boat Cod with Melted Tomatoes and Shaved Fennel and Orange Salad

Serves: 4

Olive Oil

Salt and Pepper, to taste

4 Cod filets (6 ounces each)

Olive Oil Melted Tomatoes

Orange, Fennel and Olive Oil Salad

4 Lemons, cut into eighths

Heat oven to 400 F.

Heat medium sized saute pan on high. Add olive oil and heat. Salt and pepper cod. Add cod to hot oil and sear very hard on one side, until fish is golden brown and crisp.

Transfer the cod to a baking sheet that has been brushed with olive oil. Place cod in oven until it starts to flake, about 12 minutes. Remove cod from oven and keep warm.

Using spoon, portion Olive Oil Melted Tomatoes onto four large dinner plates. Allow some flavored oil to puddle on to the plate. Carefully transfer cod on top of warm tomatoes.

Then top cod with Orange, Fennel and Olive Oil Salad. Squeeze lemon wedge over entire plate.

Lemon, Basil & Garlic Roasted Asparagus

3 Tablespoons Italian Parsley Leaves, finely sliced

1 Lemon, zested

1 Large Garlic Clove, minced

24 Large Asparagus Stalks (snap bottoms of individual stalks)

1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil

salt and pepper, to taste

Heat oven to 400 F.

Combine parsley, lemon zest and garlic. Set aside.

Place asparagus on sheet pan in one layer and

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Roast 15-20 minutes. Sprinkle with parsley mixture

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Bridge Community Farms volunteer appointed as one of Cheshire's new Deputy Lieutenants



A Bridge Community Farms volunteer has recently been appointed as one of the county's six new Deputy Lieutenants.

Sandra Verity, who lives in Beeston, is a volunteer driver for the popular Ellesmere Post based charity which runs a community farm and a fresh organically grown vegetable box scheme across the region.

She also sits on one of the charity's monthly management committees and regularly helps out on their market stalls. The Lord-Lieutenant is Her Majesty The Queen's Representative in Cheshire. He is able to appoint a number of Deputy Lieutenants to assist in carrying out his many and varied duties.

Deputy Lieutenants are nominated by the Lord Lieutenant to assist with their duties which include advising on official events to the county such as those which warrant a Royal visit.

The commission of appointment is made by the appropriate Government Minister by command of Her Majesty The Queen.

Francis Ball, founder of Bridge Community Farm, said: "We're absolutely delighted that one of our most stalwart volunteers, Sandra Verity, has been appointed Deputy Lieutenant of Cheshire.

"Sandra is a popular member of our Better Lives Veg Box Scheme and regularly helps to deliver our organically grown veg boxes to our customers across the region."

Sandra, who grew up on an organic farm, said: "I got involved with Bridge Community Farms for a number of reasons.

"Mainly it was their approach to supporting young people and their families in a community context, giving access to fresh air and learning to nurture, grow and, where appropriate, eat plants; leading to improved mental and physical wellbeing.

"I also liked their determination to extend the wellness message to the wider Cheshire and Wirral Community through their Veg Box scheme, giving access to fresh, organically grown fruit and vegetables while also supporting a local charity.

"I love meeting our customers and many are fascinated to know how many items are grown by us in Ellesmere Port."

Bridge Community Farms, based in Mill Lane, off Overpool Road, in Ellesmere Port, is looking for more people who can offer their time and expertise, help with sponsorship of their Better Lives Veg Boxes or can offer financial support for a young person on a work placement or for a Better Lives Veg Box to be delivered to a homeless charity.

They also need more delivery drivers who can work 8.30am-11.30am every Tuesday, café staff and volunteers who can help man their various market stalls across the region. Expenses are paid to all volunteers.

The charity offers training and life skills to children and young people who are struggling to thrive in a standard academic environment while ongoing guidance, support and work experience is also available to the unemployed.

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Photo of Sandra Verity with a Bridge Farm Veg Box

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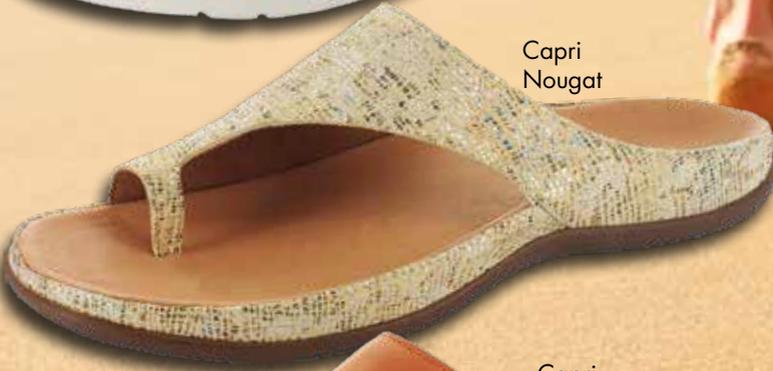


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Guests, including Dame Lorna's husband Ronald, heard some beautiful music and the moving recording of Churchill's speech "We shall fight them on the beaches", chosen by Dame Lorna. Recounting a very happy childhood in Shropshire spent listening to and enjoying male voice choirs and opera courtesy of her parents, provided her with the appreciation of such music.

With thoughts of becoming a doctor, Dame Lorna subsequently became a midwife and met her husband to be Ronald. They

moved to Liverpool, where Dame Lorna spent many years in Liverpool Maternity Hospital and Liverpool Women's Hospital. She served as President of the Royal College of Midwives for 8 years and, between 2006 and 2017 served as Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside.

Spanning those years Dame Lorna picked just 8 of the recordings she loved, although these regularly change. Living in Liverpool she wished to list a Beatles song..."In My Life" with other pieces including the Trumpet Voluntary, March of the Huguenots and Myfanwy.

Rotarians now look forward to hearing the next person to be featured and their special recordings.

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Birkenhead Rotarian Lionel Bolland is pictured presenting funds to Salvation Army Major Jonathan Hamilton, who is also a Rotarian with the North Wirral Club.

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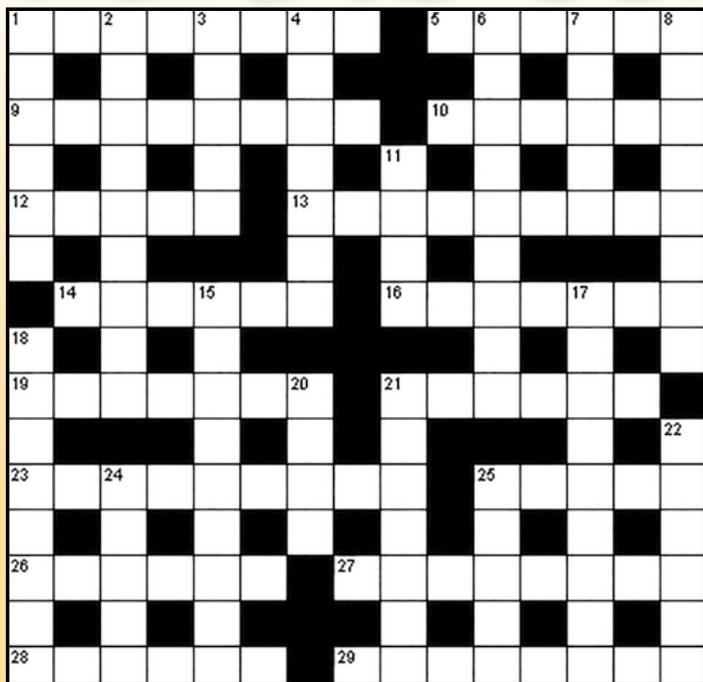
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2. Meddle (9)
3. The tamarack tree (5)
4. Small bag (7)
6. Swellheaded (9)
7. Publish (5)
8. Pastor (8)
11. Expectorated (4)
15. Sickened (9)
17. Convenient for use (9)
18. Turnip cabbage (8)
20. Place to hibernate (4)
21. Often done in a stolen car (7)
22. Appraise (6)
24. Primitive weapon (5)
25. Transparent (5)

Across

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| 1. Without agony (8) | 14. Inner part of a seed (6) | 25. Wireless telephones (5) |
| 5. Boredom (6) | 16. Something a chemist does (7) | 26. Heads off (6) |
| 9. Soak (8) | 19. Uneven (7) | 27. Agreeable (8) |
| 10. Make less taut (6) | 21. A dog-like mammal (6) | 28. Wear away (6) |
| 12. Our planet (5) | 23. Nonindulgence (9) | 29. Brave (8) |
| 13. Joy (9) | | |

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Staff at a Wirral care home raised £100 this week for specialist dementia nurses who support families across the UK.

The team at The Hazelwell, which offers residential, nursing, palliative and respite care in Heswall, added their support to charity Dementia UK's 'Time for a Cuppa' campaign.

Run by Dementia UK, the fundraiser encourages people to get together with colleagues, friends and family over a cuppa and share cake, whilst raising money to help specialist nurses help more families facing dementia.

The Hazelwell is built on the former site of Cleaver Hospital in Oldfield Road and opened in 2016, catering for up to 55 residents. The home plans to open a new dementia suite this summer which will follow the latest guidance in best practice for the care of patients with dementia.

The Hazelwell care home manager Sue Ball said: "Staff and residents from The Hazelwell

enjoyed taking part in this worthy cause to help support dementia nurses around the country. Specialist nursing really does make all the difference as dementia can be a very challenging condition for the individual.

"Dementia nurses not only work alongside people with dementia but their families, giving them one-to-one support, expert guidance and practical solutions. This expertise offers a lifeline to families, enabling them to live more positively and face the challenges of tomorrow with greater confidence.

"Every penny raised from Dementia UK's Time for a Cuppa campaign will help to fund these wonderful nurses so that more people have access to them which can only be a good thing."

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NURSING | RESIDENTIAL | PALLIATIVE | DEMENTIA CARE

The Hazelwell Care Home, situated in the heart of Heswall in the Wirral, is a purpose-built care home offering exemplary standards of care and premium comfort for residents.

Our entire ethos centres on the word 'home' and we would love to welcome you to ours. Each day brings exciting new opportunities for you to embrace and no two days are ever the same.

Call our Home Manager on 0151 342 9654 and arrange a tour to experience life at The Hazelwell for yourself.

OUR FACILITIES

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"I cannot praise The Hazelwell Care Home highly enough, everything about it is truly exceptional."

Daughter of Resident

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