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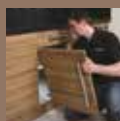
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2. Before he was a famous musician, Johnny Cash was a military code breaker for the US Air Force.
3. A 'bobsled' is so named because early racers bobbed their heads back and forth to gain speed (which didn't work).
4. The first manager of the first McDonald's franchise was called Ed MacLuckie.
5. Chicago has over 60 coyotes fitted with radio collars roaming the city, eating small rodents, especially rats and voles.
6. A whole orange will float on water, but a peeled orange will sink.
7. John F. Kennedy's Eternal Flame in Arlington National Cemetery has only gone out twice since 1963.
8. Iceland is so safe that parents routinely leave their babies alone to nap outside in their strollers while they run errands.
9. Male layer chicks don't produce eggs nor do they have enough meat on their bodies for eating, so they are killed immediately by egg producers after hatching.
10. A study found that a man named Robin Gunningham is probably the street artist Banksy, based on geographic profiling of Banksy's artwork.
11. While filming the movie "Entebbe," about a plane being hijacked, a plane was actually hijacked and landed at the airport. They filmed the real hostages being released and edited it into the movie.
12. Richard Nixon was an accomplished musician who could play the piano, accordion, violin, saxophone, and clarinet.
13. The Moon gets hit by over 6,000 pounds (2800 kg) of meteor material per day.
14. A study found that orcas can learn to speak dolphin.
15. In 1494, Michelangelo at the age of 19 was commissioned by the ruler of Florence to sculpt a snowman in his mansion's courtyard.
16. 33% of the bread produced in the UK is wasted, compared with 6% of the alcohol.
17. An elderly woman slept through the People's Temple mass suicide in Jonestown. She woke up the next morning to discover the bodies of over 900 members of the cult.



18. Vicodin's name is based on it being approximately six (VI is 6 in roman numerals) times stronger than codeine.
19. Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon album was on the Billboard charts for a total of 741 consecutive weeks from 1973 to 1988.
20. Prisoners on Alcatraz always had hot showers so they didn't get acclimatised to cold water and try to escape by swimming.
21. Las Vegas airport has set up a bin outside one of the entrances for people who forgot they were carrying drugs on them.
22. Monaco has the most millionaires and billionaires per capita.
23. A party boat carrying sixty men and women capsized in Texas in 2012 after all the passengers rushed to one side as the boat passed a nude beach.
24. The only difference between fog and mist is visibility: if you can't see more than 100 metres ahead, it's fog, not mist.
25. Prior to 1868, eating meat from four legged animals had been prohibited in Japan for more than a thousand years.
26. Al Pacino turned down the role of Han Solo.
27. Russell Crowe turned down the role of Morpheus in The Matrix.
28. The Dutch army had only one tank during WWII.



29. Porsche's first car, in 1898, was electric.
30. A nurse in Italy was accused in 2014 of killing 38 patients because she thought they were "annoying."
31. The Mayor of Bogotá, Colombia, once hired 420 mimes artists to make fun of traffic violators because he believes Colombians fear ridicule more than being fined.
32. A study says 13.9 Million people call in sick or arrive late to work the day after the Super Bowl.
33. "Scooby-Doo, Where Are You!" was originally called "Who's S-S-Scared?"







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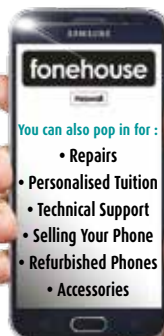
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The Freedom Trail, a well-preserved pedestrian path, weaves in and out of historic neighbourhoods, from the lively Boston Common and Public Garden to the gold-domed State House, Quincy Market and Faneuil Hall. Between landmarks, you can shop in the fabulous stores on Newbury Street, have a delicious Italian meal in the North End or browse the antique shops and distinctive red brick buildings of Beacon Hill.

The more culturally inclined will not want to miss the city's world-class museums, theatres and music venues, including the John F. Kennedy Library and the Museum of Fine Arts.

Just across the river, the city of Cambridge is home to Harvard University and the U.S.S. Constitution. This family-friendly city also boasts a renowned aquarium, children's museum and science museum, making it a great destination for all. You'll then set sail for **NEW YORK** which is one of the most vibrant and exciting cities in the world.

Whether you have come to the Big Apple for the shopping, architecture, nightlife, Broadway shows or just to stroll through Central Park and soak up the electric atmosphere, it is a city that never disappoints.

You can dine in bustling Chinatown or stylish Greenwich Village or wander through SoHo and Little Italy revelling in their vibrant character.

Many of New York's museums and art galleries have recently been refurbished and the choice of exhibitions, shows and performances on offer is staggering.

Along with the more traditional attractions of the Statue of Liberty, Empire State Building and Brooklyn Bridge you can also visit Ground Zero, take a trip over the city by helicopter, tour around on an open top bus, or see the Manhattan skyline from the river at night. Further afield why not explore the colourful neighbourhoods of Harlem and Queens, which have opened their doors to visitors in recent years.

After exploring New York city and its many attractions you will board your ship and head for **ORLANDO FLORIDA**. One of the largest cities in the state, Orlando is recognised as the theme park capital of the world and is now established as one of the most visited cities in the country.

Located in the centre of Florida, the city initially flourished from the citrus industry, only starting to emerge as a popular resort after the war. The starting point for Orlando's transformation came with the development of Walt Disney World in 1971 and the many famous attractions that quickly followed. Along with Disney World, Universal Studios, SeaWorld and Wet 'n Wild are the city's most popular attractions.

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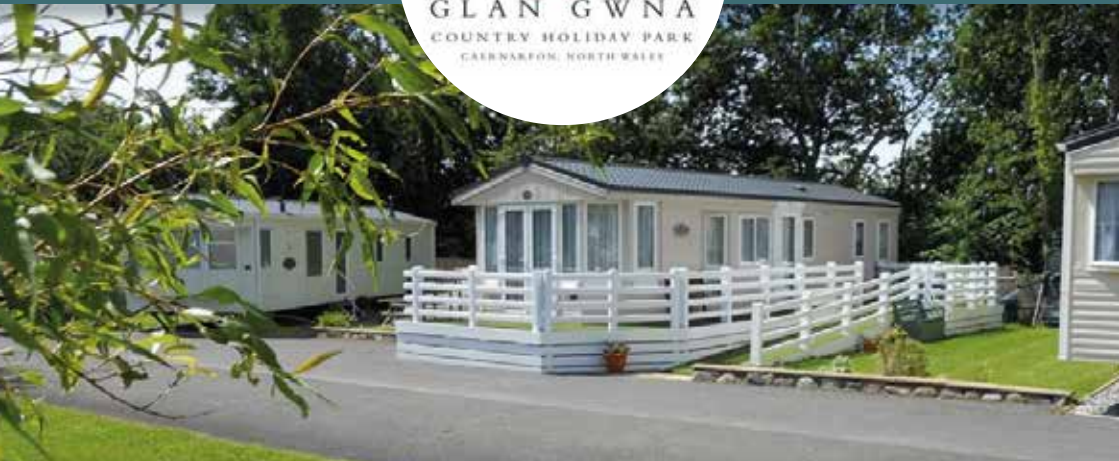
The key attraction is Miami Beach, a thin strip of land between the Atlantic Ocean and Biscayne Bay. The southern section, South Beach, is well known for its pastel-hued art deco buildings, hip nightclubs and smart restaurants, the best of which line Ocean Drive.

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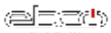
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The Renegade was fitted with a 140bhp 2.0 MultiJet II diesel engine that is punchy, brisk and actually quite refined - which is partly thanks to the 350Nm of torque it has available. The engine also feels very much alive and this has only added to the excitement of driving the Renegade.

Top speed is 113mph along with a decent 0-62 time

of around 10sec. Fuel economy is also rather good considering its size – and on the combined cycle I achieved 47.2mpg which was actually mostly done on urban roads.

### **On the road:**

The Renegade was also fitted with a 9-Speed Automatic gearbox with the addition of 4WD functionality. On the tarmac it actually feels really good, and on the farm tracks on the outskirts of Staffordshire, it just kept on going and there really was very little to complain about.

Remember, this is not a Range Rover, but it does have an ability to do on and off-road rather well and I was really impressed. Although I fear most Renegade owners will never actually take their car off-road. I am going to say though that I found the ride to be a little too soft, but the Renegade happily gets a move on when the need arises and on the motorway it was reasonably quiet, so I am happy to forgive it for not being completely perfect.

### **Design & Technology:**

The Renegade for some may not be the prettiest looking car – but it does offer fun and functionality –

which is what ‘Jeep’ ownership is all about. Then again, you will either love or hate its quirky looks. Yes, it is a bit boxy and in your face, which was the first impression I got when it arrived on my drive – although my views soon changed and I have grown to like it quite a lot actually.

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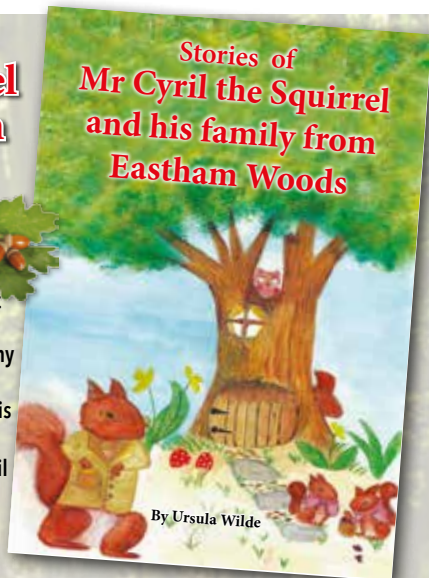
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Leave the old station, crossing Hadlow Road into The Wirral Way. Follow the path as it runs between fields that show a cross section of Wirral's farming activities. After walking for about 15 minutes you pass under Damhead Lane Bridge and, a short distance further on, the Way leads you underneath a cattle bridge continue forward and very soon you will pass over a wooden bridge that spans Cuckoo Lane. From here the Way winds through some trees until you reach another bridge, here you

leave the Way and turn right into the picnic area. When you reach Lees Lane, go right to reach the A540.

Here go to the left for a short time until you reach the Hinderton Arms.

This land was once owned by the Earl of Shrewsbury (that is where the former pub name of the Shrewsbury Arms comes from). Originally a farmhouse, although on a map dated 1810 it is named the Hinderton Inn - more apt perhaps as it dominates the Hinderton crossroads! A warm welcome and delicious food awaits you!

When leaving the pub, cross the Chester High Road into Quarry Road. This is a pleasant winding lane, passing an old stone water tower to reach a bend in the road where 'Roselea' a large house stands, bear left here into a wide track between hedgerows and walk for about 10 minutes until you reach Willow Brow Road. Turn right and you will reach Willaston Road where your direction is left. Follow this road for about 1/4 mile, when the road bends to the left, look right for a signposted and well defined pathway leading into the trees. Following the track you will come across two small ponds, cross a stream and after about 10 minutes walk arrive in open countryside.



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Look left for a great view of Willaston's old windmill built in 1800, this was the largest flour mill in Wirral and was in use until 1930 until a vicious storm destroyed the sails.

Carry on forward until your path meets another, here the way is right. After 100 yards turn left over stone steps and a two-bar stile to enter the fields. Cross, keeping a straight course with the hedge on your left. Cross 3 fields, using the stiles and wooden plank bridge. When you leave the third field, cross the footbridge and turn right into the trees. A well defined bridle path (can be very muddy after heavy rain) winds it's way through the trees to Street Hey Lane, ending at Hooton Road. Enter Heath Lane, straight ahead, walking along this quiet tree lined road for 1/2 mile until you reach the stone bridge over the Wirral Way. Turn right into the Way and follow the path as it leads through beautiful countryside leading back to the car park at Hadlow Station. It is worth having a look around the station as it has been kept as original as possible, looking like it did over 60 years ago!



# How to Plan a Vegetable Garden



## Why Plant a Garden with Vegetables

Starting a vegetable garden at home is an easy way to save money, that £1.50 tomato plant can easily provide you with 10 pounds of fruit over the course of a season.

But planting a garden with vegetables also gives you the pleasure of savouring a delicious, sun-warmed tomato fresh from your garden. In almost every case, the flavour and texture of varieties you can grow far exceed grocery store produce.

Plus, growing vegetables can be fun. It's a great way to spend time with children or have a place to get away and spend time outdoors in the sun.

Learning what to plant in a garden with vegetables, and how to tend them for the best harvest, is probably easier than you think. If you plan it right, you can enjoy a beautiful garden full of the fruits of your labor, without having to spend hours and hours tending it. Planting a garden that includes vegetables and flowers means you've combined natural companions, and that can turn a potential eyesore into an attractive landscape feature.

## Deciding What to Plant in a Garden with Vegetables

At first, when deciding what to plant in a garden with vegetables, it's best to start small. Many gardeners get a little too excited at the beginning of the season and plant more than they need and end up wasting food and feeling overwhelmed by their garden.

So first, take a look at how much your family will eat when you think about how to plan a vegetable garden. Keep in mind that vegetables such as tomatoes, peppers, and squash keep providing throughout the season, so you may not need many plants to serve your needs. Other vegetables, such as carrots, radishes, and corn, produce only once. You may need to plant more of these

## Determining How Much Space You Need

Once you know what you want to plant, you can figure out how plan a vegetable garden with the right amount of space.

Keep in mind when figuring out what to plant in a garden with vegetables that you don't need a large space to begin. If you choose to grow in containers, you don't even need a yard, a deck or balcony may provide plenty of space.

In fact, a well-tended 10x10-foot vegetable garden will usually produce more than a weed-filled or disease-ridden 25x50-foot bed.

No matter how big your vegetable garden is, or how you determine what to plant in a garden, there are three basic requirements for success:

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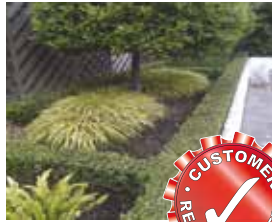
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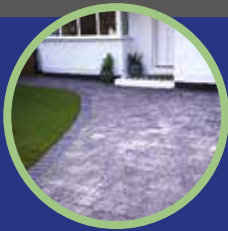
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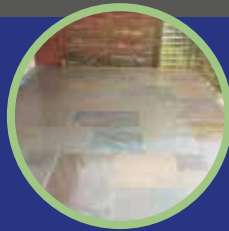


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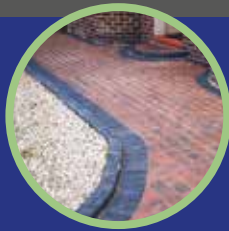
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Changing up traditional meals to incorporate the goodness of seafood is easier than you may think. Just pick a non-seafood protein dish that you regularly enjoy, and replace the protein.

*You could also try one of these other dishes which we will provide you with next month.*

### Cod Parmesan with Zucchini Noodles

**Serves: 4**

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes

- 2 medium zucchini (5-6 ounces each), thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1 teaspoon olive oil, salt and pepper, to taste
- 1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 1/2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/8 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/8 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/8 teaspoon onion powder
- 4 cod fillets (4-6 ounces each)
- 2 tablespoons shredded Parmesan cheese, divided

In nonstick skillet, saute zucchini slices in butter and oil just until soft. Add salt and pepper, to taste. Keep warm.

Heat oven to broil setting. Mix grated Parmesan cheese, mayonnaise, lemon juice, basil, oregano and onion powder together. Add salt and pepper, to taste. Divide and spread topping onto the top of each fillet.

Place fillets on foil-lined broiler pan. Broil 5-7 inches from broiler element for 3 minutes, or until top is browned and bubbly. Reduce heat to 300 F and cook 3-5 more minutes. Cook until fish is opaque throughout.

To serve, place 1/4 of zucchini on each plate. Top with cod fillet and garnish with 1/2 tablespoon shredded cheese.

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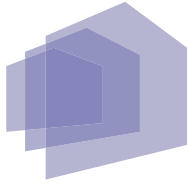
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This year's benefitting charities are: Birkenhead Woodcraft Folk, Sundowns, The Vikes Youth Club and The Oxton Society.

Tickets on sale from Tuesday 3 April from a number of local Oxton Village outlets, Lingham's Bookshop Heswall and Brennan Ayre O'Neill Estate agent Wirral offices. Information and tickets will also be available on-line at [www.oxtonsociety.org.uk](http://www.oxtonsociety.org.uk). Free parking, free minibus from the car park, disabled parking and nearby bus stops give easy access.

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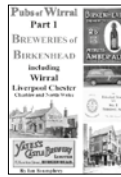
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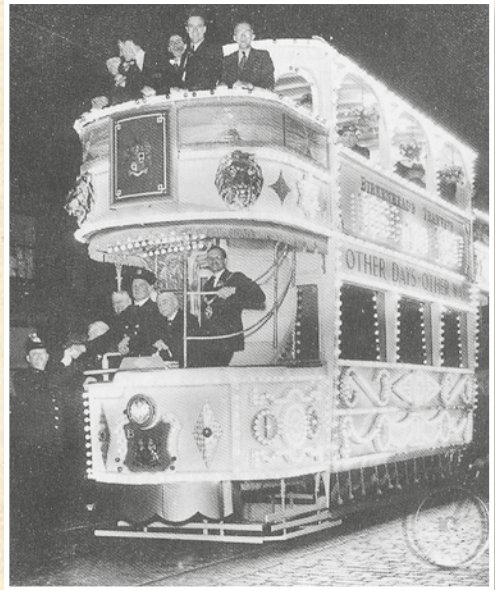


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Right: 1937. **Birkenhead** Tramcar No 22 has been illuminated for this last sad day of the tram era which date back to when Europe's first public tram system started in **Birkenhead** 1860. This illumination tramcar had been used to celebrate the Coronation earlier in 1937 and had been retained for this final role. Owen Murphy the oldest driver who started with the horse-drawn tramcars of the Victorian era was chosen for this final role. The sign on the side of the tram reads "Other Days - Other Ways".



Above: 1945. Right This Leyland Lion PLSCI Reg No. HF4535 (Fleet No 8) started with the **Wallasey** bus fleet in 1927 and was withdrawn in 1941. In 1945 it was converted into an illuminated bus and is seen here commemorating the end of the war. It was also used for other events including the Festival of Britain in 1951 and the Coronation in 1953. It was sold to Morris and Pulford in 1954 and used as a contractors site office .

Bottom Left: 1924. The Old Mill Cafe & Stores, known locally for many decades as Lumsden's Cafe, they held dances here two or three times a week. The land and buildings were purchased in 1938 by Higson's Brewery but the site was not developed due to planning permission being refused. However, eventually planning permission was granted in the 1970's but on condition that the cottage should be saved and any extensions in keeping with the existing property. The Mill Pub was opened in 1980.





# Ness Winning Photographs announced

BOTANIC GARDENS

Selected from over 300 images, we are delighted to announce the winners of this year's Photography Competition. The annual competition invites all our visitors to share their best images of the Gardens with us all.

We have chosen Luke Neale as this year's Photographer of Year for his brilliant picture - Snowdrops! Luke's brilliant image also won the social media category. Congratulations to our category winners:

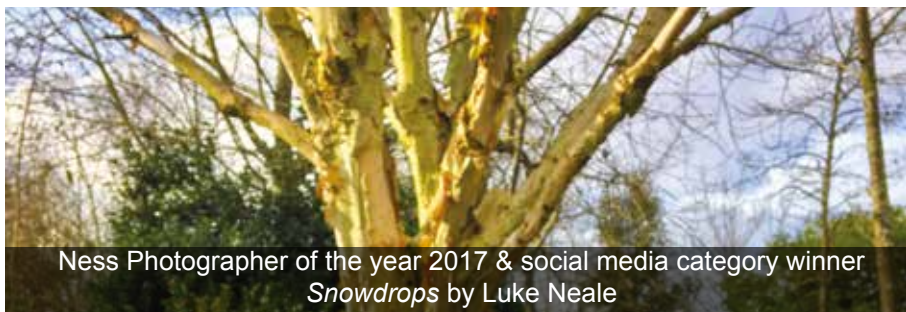
Luke and the winners of our two children's category each win 1-2-1 photography workshop with professional photographer Michael Turner and free entry to the

Gardens for a year courtesy of the Friends of Ness Gardens.

All the category winners also receive free membership to the Friends of Ness Gardens allowing free entry to the Gardens for the year.

The winners & all the shortlisted entries are on display in the Visitor Centre at Ness until Sunday 29 April, pop in and see them.

This year's competition is open to enter until Friday 21 December 2018. More details can be found on the website. <http://www.nessgardens.org.uk/news/winning-photographs-announced/>



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The bunker was built in Derby House, which became known locally as the "Citadel" or "Fortress" due to the extensive reinforced concrete protection given to the basement. It was bomb proof and gas proof, with a 7 foot thick roof and 3 foot deep walls, and 100 rooms covering 50,000 square feet.

The visitors viewed documents and equipment the forces used to monitor enemy convoys and inform the British government of their findings, whilst keeping their intelligence secret from the enemy, including one of only two surviving wartime phones which had a direct connection to the war cabinet in London.

Also on view was where commanders, WRNS and WAAF personnel worked every day and night in the Map Room, the nerve centre of the Battle of the Atlantic. Here they



monitored convoy routes and vital shipping lines, and pin-pointed enemy locations on a huge map.

The tour formed one of many vocational visits presented by Birkenhead Rotary, with the next event being a walk to Hilbre Island – weather permitting!.





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## WIRRAL BIKEATHON SUNDAY 10 JUNE 2018, START 9.30-11.30 ARROWE COUNTRY PARK, UPTON, WIRRAL 14 OR 26 MILE ROUTE

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### The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual WIRRAL BIKEATHON

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Arrowe Country Park,  
Upton, Wirral, CH49 5LW  
Start 9:30 -11:30

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Our great local cycling legend, Chris Boardman, has been our patron and a huge supporter of the event over these many years together with members of his family. The ride is a figure of eight loop around the Wirral with start, midpoint and finish in Arrowe Country Park. It takes in north Wirral through Caldy and the Wirral Way to West Kirby and Moreton. The second section goes from the park to Thornton Hough, Storeton and Landican. There is musical entertainment in the park with hot and cold refreshments and light refreshments at two checkpoints on the route which is 28 miles in all but for those wanting a shorter ride a section of only 14 miles is possible. Each participant gets a T-shirt and a medal is presented at the end of the ride.

For more information and to register visit  
[www.wirralbikeathon.com](http://www.wirralbikeathon.com)

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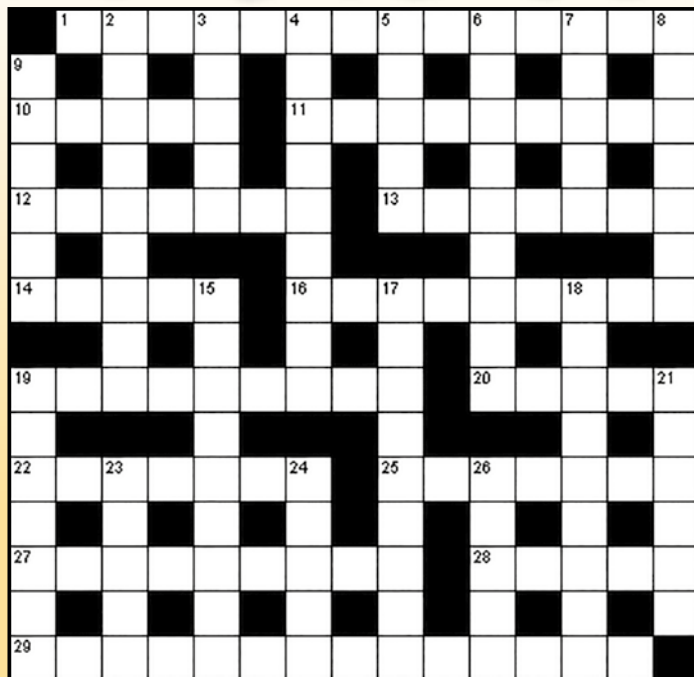
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More than ever this year we are relying on your support to help us reach our target of £1 million for the charity Bloodwise. Since we started the event in 1999 you have helped us raise the magnificent sum of **£920,000**. Cyclists can sign up online from **1 March 2018** at [www.wirralbikeathon.com](http://www.wirralbikeathon.com) or download an entry form. The entrance fee for adults is £15.00 (£25.00 on the day) and for those aged 15 & under it is £5.00 (£5.00 on the day). All those taking part on the day are entered in a draw to win a Boardman Bike generously donated by Chris.

**COME ALONG AND JOIN US!**



# PUZZLE CORNER



## Down

2. Vanish (9)
3. Not out (5)
4. Crucial (9)
5. Half of six (5)
6. Vigilance (9)
7. Absurd (5)
8. Convent (7)
9. Boat (6)
15. Conference (9)
17. Pennants (9)
18. Separation (9)
19. A mild powdered seasoning (7)
21. Leave suddenly (6)
23. Melodies (5)
24. Oar (5)
26. Allegation (5)

## Across

- |                                 |                       |  |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 1. Governance (14)              | 16. Cutbacks (9)      | 28. Discrimination against the elderly (5) |
| 10. Malicious burning (5)       | 19. Circumference (9) | 29. Achievement (14)                       |
| 11. Ceramic ware (9)            | 20. Hair net (5)      |  |
| 12. Male ruler of an empire (7) | 22. Pretentious (7)   |  |
| 13. Far beyond a norm (7)       | 25. Antiquated (7)    |  |
| 14. Utilizers (5)               | 27. Association (9)   |  |

## Sudoku Puzzle

How to play: The numbers 1 through 9 will appear once only in each row, column, and 3x3 zone. There are 9 such zones in each sudoku grid.

There is only one correct solution to each sudoku. Good luck!

Difficulty level: **Hard**.

9			3	5		4		
7			4					
					6			
8				9				1
						8	2	6
		1		2				
			9		5		3	4
	1							
	6					5	9	7

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# DIARY DATES MAY



**04 May 2018 - 08 May 2018**

**Gandey's Thrill Circus  
@ Birkenhead Park**

**Birkenhead Park, Birkenhead Park,  
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Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday,  
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**06 May 2018**

**New Ferry Butterfly Park Open Day**

**New Ferry Butterfly Park, New  
Ferry, Wirral, CH62 5BG**

**From 11am until 4pm - FREE ENTRY**  
There will be lots to see and do for all the family.

- art trail
- art and craft tables
- spider identification
- nature walk
- pond dipping
- tombola
- plant sale
- cake sale
- BBQ



Entry to the event is free, donations welcome.

A new and improved Interpretative Board to be ceremonially unveiled at 11am.

**10 May 2018 - 12 May 2018**

**Hi-de-Hi! by Wirral Community  
Theatre @ Westbourne Hall**

**Westbourne Hall, Westbourne  
Road, West Kirby, CH48 4DQ**

7:30pm - 9:30pm **£6.00**

Gareth Jones  
Tel: 07906265317  
info@wirralcommunitytheatre.com



**12 May 2018**

**Red Rocks Evening Walk @  
Red Rocks Marsh**

**Red Rocks Marsh, Stanley Road,  
Hoyle, West Kirby, CH47 1HN**

7pm until 9pm **£5.00** for adults,  
**£3.00** for children

Please wear suitable outdoor clothing and bring a torch. If you have binoculars, bring them along too.

Please ring 01948 820728.



**13 May 2018**

**The Secret Gardens of Oxton  
2018 @ Oxton Village**

**Oxton Village, Village Road,  
Birkenhead, CH43 6TY**

10:00am Tickets for this event are: Admission on the day **£8** per ticket, Advance Ticket **£6** per ticket.

Tel: 07963248268  
Find out more information about The Secret Gardens of Oxton 2018



Discover the many gardens on view in this conservation village, have a lunch break, enjoy the music and entertainment (including activities for children and adults) and visit the arts and crafts stalls. There is something for everyone. Most importantly, enjoy the day with your friends and family.

**13 May 2018**

**Milkshake! Live 'The Magic Story  
Book' @ Floral Pavilion Theatre**

**Floral Pavilion Theatre, Marine  
Promenade, New Brighton, CH45 2JS**

11am and 2.30pm Sunday

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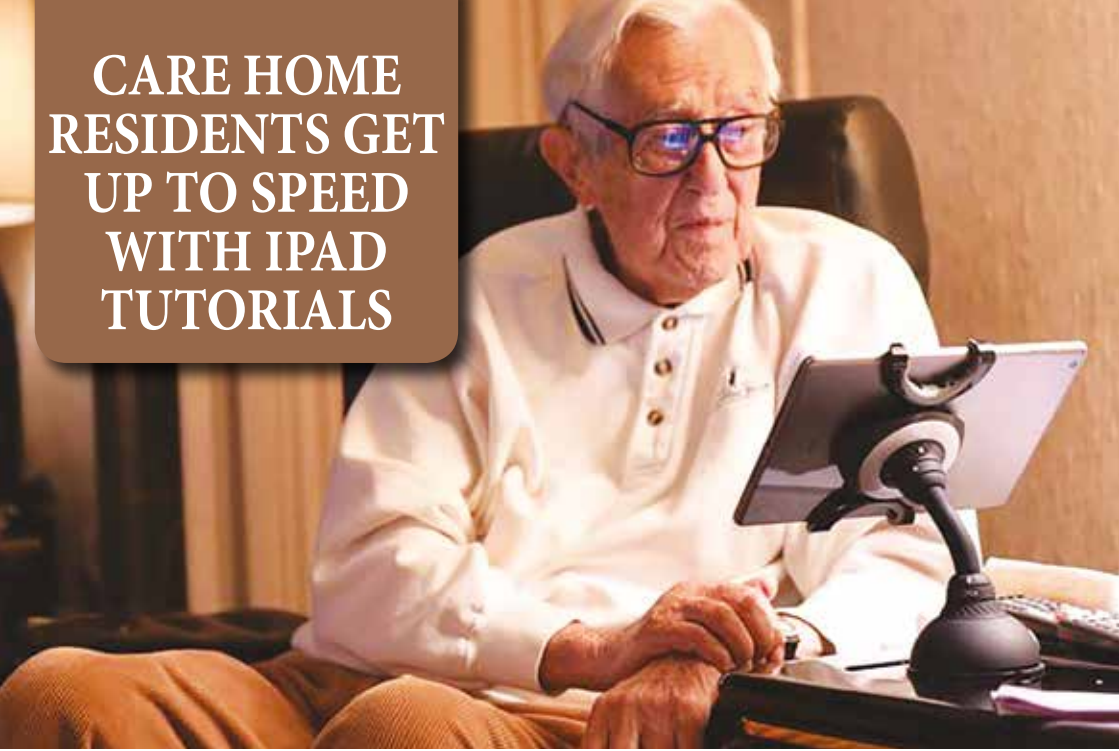
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# CARE HOME RESIDENTS GET UP TO SPEED WITH IPAD TUTORIALS



The residents of a Wirral care home have proven 'you're never too old to learn how to use an iPad' after taking part in technology tutorial sessions.

The Hazelwell, a residential, nursing, palliative and respite care home in Heswall, have started hosting one-to-one sessions with residents which involves teaching them how to use the various features and functions of a tablet.

A recent National Office of Statistics report stated only four in every 10 adults aged over 75 are regular internet users, so staff at The Hazelwell were keen to address the issue with some free lessons.

The sessions are designed to be relaxed and fun and aim to show the residents what benefits an iPad can bring to their day-to-day lives, such as watching films and favourite TV programmes, playing music, and browsing the internet.

Many of the residents are now using iPads to look at photos of their families and loved ones and to remember happy times from throughout their lives.

One resident said: "I'm glad I've learned how to use an iPad. I didn't think I'd be able to do it, but it's so easy to use and you can do so much with it."

The Hazelwell care home manager Liza Millington said "We are so pleased to be supporting our residents in learning new skills and, being able to use a tablet, opens the door to so many useful features.

"Our residents are loving learning to use the iPads and a couple are now looking to purchase their own. Rather than flicking through old photo albums or reading newspapers, they are happy swiping through their pictures on the tablets and tapping on the internet to keep up with the latest news. Some of our residents have even started shopping online!"

**For more information call Liza  
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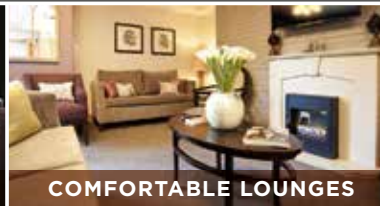
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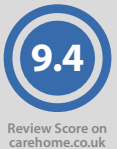
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