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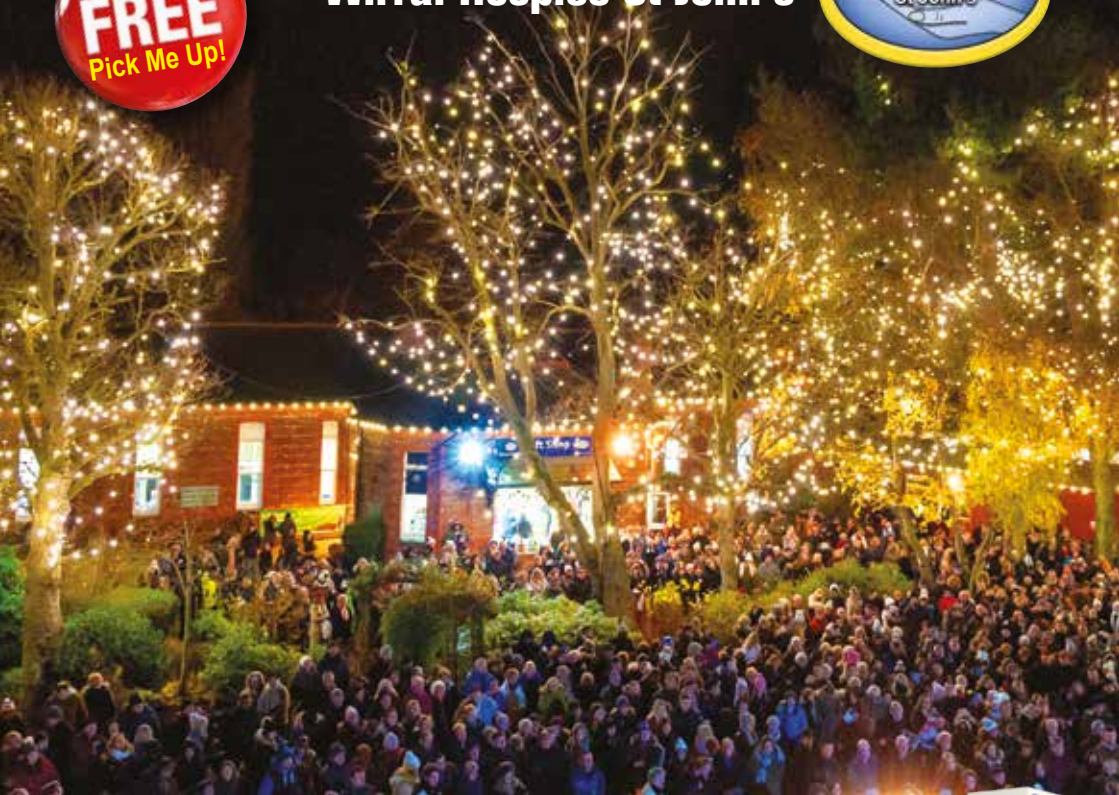


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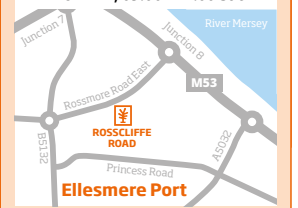
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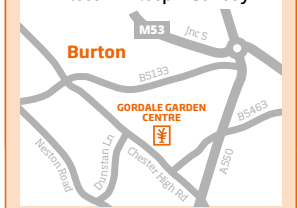
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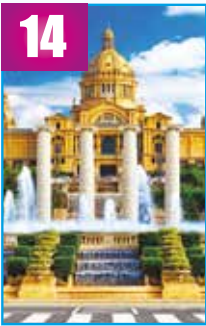
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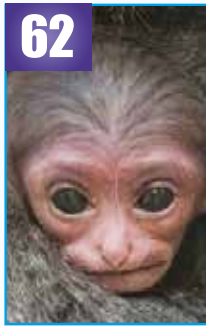
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2. Most of the tallest buildings in the world are in China.
3. After developing a passion for aviation while in Europe, magician Harry Houdini was one of the world's first private pilots.
4. You can buy eel flavored ice cream in Japan.
5. Seven people have keys with the power to restart the World Wide Web in the event of a catastrophic event.
6. In 2016, a woman in China got her 20 boyfriends to gift her an iPhone 7S each, then sold them all and bought a house.



7. John C. Beale, a man who pretended to be a CIA secret agent, flew around the world on first-class flights, stayed in high-end hotels and cost the taxpayers almost US\$900,000.
8. In 1984, a boy wrote a letter to Ronald Reagan asking for federal funds to clean his bedroom after his mother called it a "disaster area."
9. Most Medieval Europeans were illiterate and needed visual reminders of hell to get them into church, so gargoyles were invented.
10. On April Fool's day in 1976, BBC convinced many listeners that a special alignment of the planets would temporarily decrease gravity on Earth. Phone lines were flooded with callers who claimed they felt the effects.



11.  Chimps use medicinal plants to treat themselves for illness and injury.
12.  Crows in New Caledonia were found to be bending twigs into hooks to extract food hidden in wooden logs, confirming that wild birds can make tools.
13. Giant rats have been trained to sniff out land mines in Africa. In Mozambique, they have already been instrumental in the removal of 13,000 mines, helping reclaim 1,100 hectares of land.
14. When illusionist David Copperfield and his assistants were held up at gunpoint in 2006, he used sleight of hand to conceal his possessions from the robber.
15. How you serve food and drink matters in the perception of taste. Hot chocolate tastes better in orange cups, scientists found.
16. The BBC offers free online language courses.

17. Half a million solar panels per day were installed in 2015.
18. Steve Jobs used to withdraw just US\$1 as his annual salary from Apple's account as CEO.
19. The Simpsons have had more guest stars than they have had episodes.
20. Elon Musk was ousted as CEO of PayPal because he insisted on switching from Unix-based infrastructure to Windows.
21. At the time of his death, Libyan dictator Muammar Gaddafi was one of the world's richest man, worth US\$200 billion.



22. There is a stadium in Brazil in which the midfield line lies on the Equator, making each team defend one hemisphere.
23. Kangaroos are almost always left-handed.
24. The phrase 'crocodile tears' refers to a medieval belief that crocodiles shed tears of sadness when killing and consuming their prey.
25. Helium is the only element discovered in space before it was found on earth.
26. Mongooses were introduced to Hawaii in 1883 to control the invasive rat population. However, rats are nocturnal and mongooses are diurnal. Hawaii now has a problem with both.
27. Charles Boycott, an English land agent, was so hated by the community he became a verb.
28. Nazi German troops were routinely given a narcotic called Pervitin, which allowed them to march for longer than normal.
29. London is still paying rent to the Queen on a property leased in 1211. Horseshoes, 61 nails, an axe and billhook are part of the rent.
30. Tiramisu means 'pick me up' in Italian.
31. A Chilean man is so obsessed with Julia Roberts that he has 82 tattoos of her face all over his body.
32. The United States paid US\$25 million in gold for the Virgin Islands in 1917.
33. In 1785, Benjamin Franklin was the richest person in the United States.
34. Bill Gates has a McDonald's Gold Card for unlimited free fast food.
35. Andrew Jackson, who appears on the U.S. twenty-dollar bill, was highly opposed to paper money.





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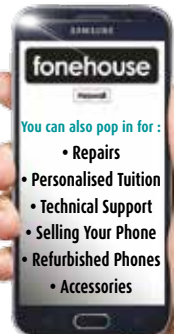
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Barcelona is an enchanting seaside city with boundless culture, fabled architecture, and a world-class drinking and dining scene.

**R**omantic Naples, just two hours south of Rome, is the largest city in southern Italy. It has some of the world's best opera houses and theatres, and is often called an open-air museum, because of its many historic statues and monuments. Join families on promenade as the sun sets on the Bay of Naples. View finds from Pompeii and Herculaneum, destroyed by Mount Vesuvius in A.D. 79, at the Museo Archeologico Nazionale or revel in the art and architecture of Museo Cappella Sansevero, built in the late 1500s.

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 quarters (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!

Naples has very good public transportation and lots of traffic problems so it's best to avoid having a car. The city has a large but crowded bus network, trams, a subway, funiculars, and a suburban train line, the Ferrovia Circumvesuviana, that will get you to Herculaneum, Pompeii, and Sorrento.

Pizza, one of Italy's most famous foods, originated in Naples and pizza is taken very seriously here. You'll find lots of great pizza places

but be sure you look for one with a wood-burning oven!

Eggplant Parmesan originated in Naples and spaghetti also became popular in Naples, try it with clams or mussels. Seafood is abundant and very good in Naples.

Naples gets quite hot in summer so spring and fall are probably the best times to visit. Since Naples is near the coast, it's more temperate in winter than interior cities of Italy.

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*The Supermini market has been growing at an astonishing rate for the last few years – and rightly so. The reason for this climb is that buyers are now looking for the smaller cars because they are not only cheaper to run but in many cases cheaper to buy. You may not know this, but the Suzuki brand sells very well - and the previous Swift models flew out of the doors because it was seen as one of the hottest things to own – and the new Swift Sport is a cracking little hot hatch and also something that I consider to be a pretty good truth be told.*

### **Power and Efficiency:**

The Swift I had on test was powered by a four-cylinder Boosterjet turbocharged 140PS petrol engine with 230Nm of torque at 2500 - 3500rpm. 0 to 62 mph is dealt with in 8.1 seconds – moving onto a top speed of around 130 mph.

The official fuel economy figures from Suzuki are; 50.5 mpg (combined) with a CO2 rating of 125 g/km - although the best I could get was around 45mpg, but then I was not really trying to get near what Suzuki had said was possible as we have to remember the variables here when testing a car in the real world.

### **On the road:**

Like all Swift models – they handle like a go-cart and I can feel where Suzuki has made some major changes over the older Swift Sport model because everything feels so much more planted - which all helps in giving



you a lot of confidence into the corners – as well as giving you a great ride on uneven surfaces. Even on the motorway, all was good, and the road noise at high speed was very minimal.

### **Design & Technology**

The interior is made out of decent materials and the fabric used on the seating is of a good quality and a surprising find for a car in this price bracket.

Space – rear legroom is OK, and the boot is a fair size in comparison to the competition. What I do like is the driving position which is good, plus all the pedals feel in the right place and all the dials and switches are easily accessible. For those who want to know – the max luggage capacity for the Swift Sport is coming in around 265litres (raised rear seating) and 579litres with the rear seating lowered.

Some of the standard features on the Suzuki Swift Sport include; ABS, EBD & ESP, lane departure warning, immobiliser, security alarm, driver & front passenger airbags, curtain airbags, side airbags, tyre pressure monitoring system, adaptive cruise control, keyless entry, engine auto stop/start, automatic air conditioning, LED rear lamps, LED projector headlamps, LED daytime running lamps, rear & side

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### **To sum up:**

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## CROCUS

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## ALLIUM

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Other bulbs which are good for wildlife, particularly insects, are *Eranthis Ciliacea* (Winter Aconites), all crocuses and snowdrops. These bulbs are particularly important as they flower early in the year when not much else is in bloom. On a sunny February day, you may see bumble bees searching for nectar. By planting a few of these bulbs, you can make a big difference to your local insect population.



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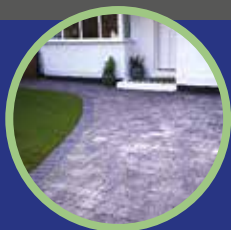


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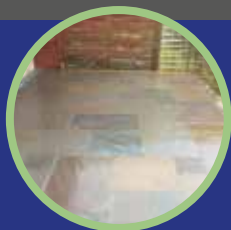
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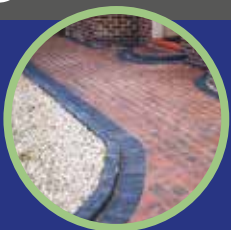
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## The Wirral Kayak Challenge



The Wirral Kayak Challenge presentation evening was held at Whitt's End bar, Hoylake last month and proved to be another great night. Joining us on which was our final event of the year where many of the kayakers and representatives from both charities.

At the end of the evening each charity was presented with a cheque for £2255 and with sponsor money still being collected we hope that the total figure this year will rise above £5000.

This year's Challenge took place on Sunday 24th June. Now in its 6th year the numbers have grown year on year with the numbers of participants taking part this year reaching a fantastic eighty-eight.

Wirral kayak challenge has raised money for Claire House children's hospice since it was set up by Mike Dudley back in 2012 and now stands at approx. £20,000. More local families are going to Claire House than ever before and they can no longer cope with demand which is why they need to build a new children's hospice in Liverpool which will increase the care they offer families in their homes and help more children at the hospice here on the Wirral. The money raised from the kayak events will go a little way in making this possible.

As the event becomes more and more popular each year and the numbers grow our aim is to help more local charities as well as Claire House so this year, we added a second charity, Wirral Holistic Care services, a local charity based in Birkenhead who are now in their 30th year.

Wirral Holistic Care services first proposed the idea that complimentary therapies and ongoing care could help cancer patients to not only cope with the diagnosis of their illness, but also offer them a much greater input over improving their quality of life. The centre offers hope, comfort and support to the many thousands of people living with cancer through a network of qualified and highly dedicated nurses, therapists, clinicians

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As their reputation has increased so has the pressure on their funding but despite the continuous burden on finances their original ethos remains in that 'all our patient care and ongoing support is offered free of charge, and no patient is ever refused treatment'.

Wirral Kayak Challenge hopes to sign up over 100 people for next years event which will take place Sunday 23rd June 2019. Our overall total raised for all charities since 2012 now stands in the region of £ 27,754.

We would like to thank everyone involved with this year's event, the eighty - eight kayakers who took part, National Marine who supply our safety boats and crew, Drone Factor, Chester Kayak Hire, The Shed Brothers band, Whitt's End Bar, Hoylake, Dee sailing club, Thurston, The Acorn pub, Bebington, West Kirby sailing school and all local business in Hoylake, West Kirby, Bebington and surrounding areas for kindly donating prizes for our fundraising nights.

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## Children's hospice launches appeal to reach every dying child



*The Smallman family – top left to right: Hayley, Gary, Ruby and Holly (in the wheelchair)*

### Claire House Children's Hospice today launched an urgent appeal to help more seriously ill children across Merseyside and Cheshire.

The appeal kicked off with a PR launch event at Liverpool's Liver Building on Monday 22nd October.

Families and Claire House staff met members of the media to raise awareness of the importance of the hospice's work.

David Pastor, Chief Executive of Claire House, said: "The number of children coming to Claire House has risen 84% in the last six years.

"We are getting to the point where we risk having to turn families away. To stop this from happening we are asking the people of Merseyside to help us reach every dying child."

The campaign uses real statements telling stories of what life is like for families who need help from Claire House. The statements will be in Claire House shops, on the radio, on billboards around Liverpool and chalked onto the pavements around Liverpool One.

### 'There's no manual to tell you what to do when you lose a child'

"Luckily most parents won't need one. But for those who do, the practical advice of Claire House – helping to arrange the funeral and offering counselling to the whole family can be invaluable," said Nicki Givin from Aintree in Liverpool. Her son Shea visited the hospice for six years but died last October.

### 'There is nothing more they can do for our little boy'

Jackie Wild from Bebington on the Wirral recalled the devastating moment she was told this by the doctors looking after her son. Elliot came to Claire House for end of life care in 2011 and died aged nine. Had the family known about the hospice earlier, they could have benefitted from years more support.

One of the main reasons for the increase in demand is that advances in medicine mean that babies and young children, who are born with - or develop - serious illnesses, are living longer with ever more complex conditions.

Lesley Fellows, Nurse Consultant at Claire House, said: "Our job is to help families spend precious time together making memories that will last a lifetime."

She added: "We cannot change the prognosis of the children who come to Claire House but we can help families cope at some of the toughest times of their lives. This might mean getting a child out of hospital and providing medical care so they can either go home or come to the hospice."

Money raised by the appeal will be spent on increasing the care the charity offers families in their homes, helping more children at the hospice on the Wirral and building a new £14 million children's hospice in Liverpool.

Claire House already has a site in West Derby, Liverpool, from which it offers limited day-care. In order to deliver the complex medical care the children referred to the hospice need on a 24 hour basis, the charity will need to extensively renovate some areas of the old site and build others.

**To find out more about how to get involved with the appeal visit [Clairehouse.org.uk](http://Clairehouse.org.uk)**





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*David Pastor – Chief Executive of Claire House Children's Hospice*



*Wendy Moore with daughter Erin (who comes to the hospice) being filmed by the BBC*

### KEY FACTS:

- The number of children coming to Claire House has risen by 84% in the last six years
- Claire House now looks after over 300 families
- The hospice is only reaching one in two of the children it could be
- Over half the children the hospice looks after come from north of the Mersey
- There has been a 132% increase in the number of bereaved families we offer counselling to in the last 6 years
- It will cost £14 million to build a state-of-the-art hospice on the charity's site in West Derby
- The PR event took place at the Liver Building from 10am to 11.30am on 22nd October.



*The Ruston family – Jessica (who comes to the hospice), Alison and Joe*



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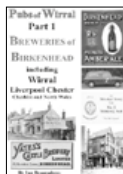
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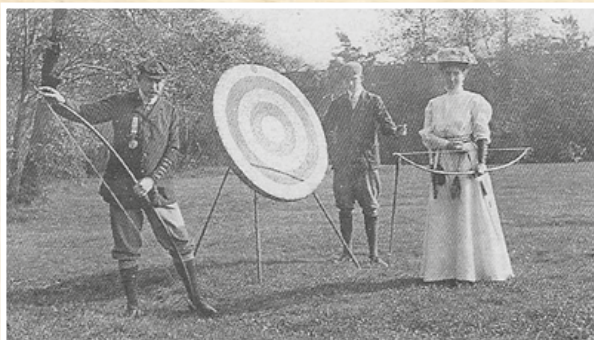
Above: Looking along Chester Road, **Little Sutton** where there is now a set of traffic lights, turning right into Ledsham Road. Walkers Lane is on the left of the photo by the light coloured car. This was named after the local chemist and photographer whose shop was situated at the corner C1932.



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.

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Below: This vessel, the Guiding Star, is pictured stranded at **Thurstaston Beach** on 18th February 1913.



Above 1907. Members of the Wirral Archers photographed in **Birkenhead Park** in 1907. From the left John Keyworth; Osmond Alan Keyworth (his son) and Margaret Keyworth (his wife).



Left 1905. **Leasowe** was a popular site for camping with the tents in front of Leasowe Lighthouse. It was not only popular with the general public but also the military in the form of the territorials who also used this area. However, the pond in the foreground is an indication that this was a low lying area and prone to flooding.

Below 1918. The Coachman's Cottage on the right, in White Row Cottages Village Road Bromborough, was the home of chauffeur to Bromborough Hall Robert Loadman. The two cars on the left are parked outside the Royal Oak - the two farm buildings in front and to the left of St. Barnabas's Church spire belonged to Tellett's Farm. Chester Road was to the right of the seat with the lamp on top.



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The pub has undergone a significant investment that has given the popular eating and drinking spot a more modern, stylish and contemporary feel. A full makeover has seen the transformation of the restaurant, dining and bar area, as well as the pub's fabulous outdoor dining space - perfect for alfresco dining all year round.

General Manager, Jenn Clark has been with the team for seven years and has become a familiar face in the local area. She commented: "The Devon Doorway is a hugely popular pub and provides a hub for the local community so we're really excited to be part of the team as it begins its next chapter.



"Our stunning changes have allowed us to create a modern, stylish look and feel to the pub and hotel, yet still preserving its unique historical features from the original build in 1930. We have loved unveiling the brand-new pub to guests!"

As part of the refurbishment, the pub has received a full makeover, creating stunning interiors and a stylish outdoor dining space – making it ideal for corporate gatherings or family and friends to get together.

Located in the heart of the picturesque town of Heswall, The Devon Doorway was built on Telegraph Road by a local man in 1930. According to folk law, the local man built and named the pub in the style of Devon for his wife as she always wanted to move there. Another story says he built the pub for his wife so they could earn enough money to move to their dream home in Devon.

Guests are able to enjoy the brand new seasonal menu featuring mouth-watering, freshly prepared dishes including sweet chilli king prawn rolls, lamb rack, lamb koftas, vegan mezze platter and an exciting new range of desserts including a delicious chocolate and peanut bomb.

The Devon Doorway has introduced a special Instagram feature to the pub (@thedevondoorway) specifically designed for those who love to share the perfect picture.

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## **Pan Roasted Maple Dijon Chicken with Butternut Squash and Brussels Sprouts**

*Servings: 4*

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 4 chicken thighs
- 4 chicken drumsticks
- 3/4 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 16 Brussels sprouts (about 8 ounces), bottom trimmed, outer leaves removed and halved
- 2 cups diced (1/2 inch) butternut squash
- 1 1/2 cups chicken stock
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- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard

## **Make Chicken the Centrepiece**

*Centre your home-cooked meal around a hearty dish such as Pan Roasted Maple Dijon Chicken with Butternut Squash and Brussels Sprouts to ensure that none of your guests leave the table hungry.*

In saute pan large enough to hold chicken in single layer, heat olive oil over medium-high heat. Season chicken with salt and pepper. Add chicken to pan, skin side down, and saute about 4-5 minutes per side, or until chicken is browned.

Remove chicken from pan and reserve. In same pan, add butter. Allow butter to melt over medium heat. Add sprouts and squash to pan and saute, tossing occasionally, until outsides are golden brown, about 3-4 minutes. Remove from pan and hold separately from chicken.

Turn heat to high and add stock, syrup and mustard. Stir and bring to boil, stirring to scrape up brown bits on bottom of pan. Add chicken back to pan, cover and reduce heat to medium-low. Cook over medium-low heat 20-25 minutes, or until chicken registers 170 F with instant read thermometer.

Add vegetables back to pan, cover again and cook another 8-10 minutes until vegetables are tender. Move chicken and vegetables to serving platter, placing vegetables around chicken. Turn heat to high and boil sauce until it is reduced and slightly thickened, about 2-3 minutes.

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be replaced by guests occasionally.

Leave the pub and turn left along the side of the pub onto Brook Street. When the road forks, take the right hand road and pass the Lady Lever Art Gallery on your left. The fine collections in the gallery represent the personal taste of the first Lord Leverhulme. He began buying art in the late 1880s to use as advertising for the 'Sunlight Soap' brand that he produced. It was opened in 1922 by Princess Beatrice who was the youngest daughter of Queen Victoria.

Continue straight ahead, passing the fountain and through the gardens which run between King George's Drive and Queen Mary's Drive, passing to the right of the War Memorial and going straight ahead eventually passing Hulme Hall on your left and reaching Bolton Road. Cross the road and turn right and then left onto Bridge Street immediately after the bowling green. Follow the footpath straight on over the footbridge and turn right along Park Road towards Port Sunlight station. Cross the road with the station ahead of you and turn left heading towards the factory and turn right immediately before the Gladstone Theatre. Cross the cobbled courtyard diagonally and follow the signs onto the footpath and cycle route.

The route is along part of the Lever private railway last used as an attraction with steam hauled trains during the Port Sunlight centenary celebrations in May 1988 but now dismantled. After passing under the A41, the path finally ends and you walk up the slope, round a hair pin bend and turn left onto Stadium Road. Follow the signposted paths along the road with the retail and leisure parks on your right, turn left down Commercial



Road, right along Riverview Road and when you reach the roundabout, turn left down a footpath with the river directly ahead of you.

Continue along the footpaths with the river on your left, entering Eastham

cosy country pub has fantastic views of the River Mersey. Known as a bikers' pub, it is popular with all. Food is available at all times in our Bear Pit Café. The beers usually include Banks's Bitter and up to two guest beers from the Marstons range.

Turn right out of the pub and walk up the road. On your right is the site of the Victorian Pleasure Gardens which included a zoo with lions, bears and monkeys and on your left the entrance to the Manchester Ship Canal. On reaching Eastham village, on your right is the **Hooton Arms**, a friendly street corner local with up to three changing guest beers.



On leaving the pub, turn left and follow the road to the right passing the church on your left. After a couple of hundred yards you will find the **Montgomery Pub & Kitchen**. Formerly the Stanley Arms, the pub reopened in 2013 as a gastro pub with a rotating range of three cask beers, usually including one from a local brewery.

Leaving the pub turn right and head to the A41. Cross the main road, turn right and after the shops turn left up Bridle Road. After ¼ mile on the left is the entrance to the **Knockaloe Bar & Restaurant**.



Formerly the Octel Social Club, the 'OC' is now a family friendly pub open to all with up to six beers on hand pump including Brimstage Trappers Hat. There is a large patio area outside and food is available throughout the day.



For the journey home, turn left out of the OC and at the traffic lights, go straight on or turn right and onto the A41 for busses or turn left and walk ½ mile to Bromborough railway station.

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**Saturday 29th December - 8.30am - 5.00pm**

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What's happening at Chester Zoo.

## Birth of rare gibbon adds to record baby boom at Chester Zoo



- **Endangered primate is the latest in an unprecedented surge of new animal arrivals at the zoo**
- **Stunning images show adorable ONE-DAY-OLD baby gibbon being cradled by mum Tilu**
- **Zoo hails its “biggest ever baby boom of mammals” on record**

A rare baby gibbon is the latest addition to the “biggest baby boom of mammals” on record at Chester Zoo.

The silvery gibbon – a highly endangered primate – was born to mum Tilu (10) and dad Alven (19) on Wednesday (10 October) after a gestation of around 210 days.

The tiny pink-faced primate, which is much too small to be sexed and therefore



## OUR LATEST NEWS & EVENTS

named, is among an unprecedented number of new arrivals at the zoo this year.

Other new additions include an Asian elephant calf, a black rhino calf, a sun bear cub, a greater one-horned rhino calf, an okapi and a baby West African chimpanzee.

A grand total of 733 mammals have been born so far in 2018, far exceeding the previous highest total of 566 in the same time period.

Mike Jordan, the zoo's Collections Director, said:

*"This new baby gibbon has arrived hot on the heels of a whole host of other important births. Indeed over the last few months we've witnessed a huge baby boom at the zoo – including the most mammal births on record.*

*"Silvery gibbons, as with the vast majority of the species born recently, face threats to their survival in the wild. Importantly, each new arrival is helping us to raise awareness of the issues they face and the conservation work the zoo is doing to try and protect them, as well as being a valuable part of their respective conservation breeding programmes."*

Experts have put the unprecedented period of conservation breeding success down to a range of factors including natural habitats, skilled staff, ever improving levels of care and increasing scientific knowledge of threatened species.



The new baby at Chester Zoo was born to mum Tilu and dad Alven.

Conservationists estimate that fewer than 2,500 adult silvery gibbons remain in the wild, largely due to the large scale destruction of their forest home on the island of Java in Indonesia.

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# The Rotary Club of Birkenhead

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## ROTARY SLEIGH DATES

The Rotary Club of Birkenhead sleigh will be travelling around Birkenhead and stopping at various venues, including the Sainsbury's Stores at Prenton and Upton and the Tesco Store at Bidston on the dates below.

It is hoped that Santa will be able to visit as well.

The Sleigh, will also be featured at the Birkenhead Lights switch on and will undertake some private visits to Claire House Children's Hospice, Foxfield School and the Mayor of Wirral's Tea Dance.

**Friday 23rd November - Birkenhead lights switch on 4/7.30pm**

**Tuesday 4th December - Sainsbury's Upton**

**Wednesday 5th December - Sainsbury's Upton**

**Friday 7th December - Prenton Primary Xmas Fair**

**Friday 14th December - Sainsbury's Prenton**

**Saturday 15th December - Sainsbury's Prenton**

**Tuesday 18th December - Tesco Bidston Moss**

**Wednesday 19th December - Tesco Bidston Moss**

**Thursday 20th December - Sainsbury's Upton**

**Thursday 20th December - Shaftesbury Youth Club evening**

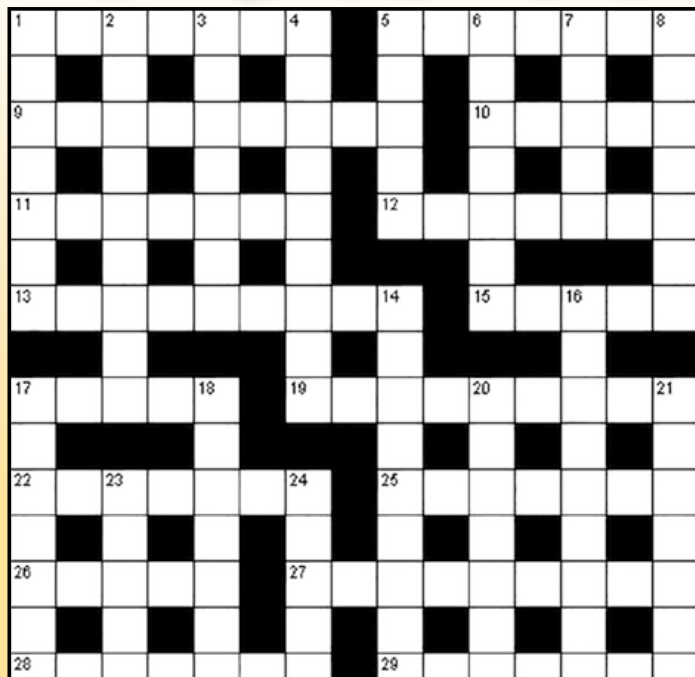
**Friday 21st December - Sainsbury's Upton**



Apart from providing some festive cheer, this is a major fundraising opportunity for the Rotary Club, which supports many community organisations, as well as responding to disasters both at home and abroad.

*The Club is extremely grateful to Tesco, Bidston and Sainsbury's in Prenton and Upton for their support.*

# PUZZLE CORNER



## Down

1. Put into print (7)
2. Compelled (9)
3. Accord (7)
4. Give up (9)
5. Criminal (5)
6. Implore (7)
7. Small Asian goat antelope (5)
8. Public transport (7)
14. Postponement (9)
16. Linked (9)
17. A repairer of horse equipment (7)
18. Make amends for (7)
20. Boat races (7)
21. Approve of (7)
23. Stubble (5)
24. Measured amounts of medication (5)

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|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Affirm (7)                          | 13. Quickly aroused to anger (9) | 26. Andean animal (5)      |
| 5. Cargo (7)                           | 15. Implied (5)                  | 27. One who watches (9)    |
| 9. Having two sides or parts (9)       | 17. Marsh plant (5)              | 28. Sloping roof beams (7) |
| 10. The Earth (5)                      | 19. Citation (9)                 | 29. Prattle (7)            |
| 11. An artless innocent young girl (7) | 22. Any 10-limbed crustacean (7) |                            |
| 12. Used for sewing and knitting (7)   | 25. Bitterweed (7)               |                            |

## 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.

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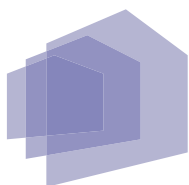
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# DECEMBER

# 2018



**1st June - 31st Dec 2018**

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Liverpool Biennial, 14-18 NOW WW1 Centenary Art Commissions and Tate Liverpool have commissioned one of the major figures of British pop art, Sir Peter Blake, to 'dazzle' a Mersey Ferry in partnership with Merseytravel and National Museums Liverpool.



**Sat 1st Dec - Sat 22nd 5:00pm**

**Ralph Steadman: A Celebration 10am - 5pm**

**Williamson Art Gallery & Museum, Slatey Rd, Birkenhead, CH43 4UE,**

Wallasey born artist, Ralph Steadman Exhibition.

Now in our special 90th anniversary year, we are finally able to showcase this immense painting alongside recent limited edition giclee prints from his latest publication "Critical Critters" and other works from his archive.

Many of the limited edition giclee prints will be available to purchase.

The galleries are open from Wednesday to Sunday from 10am to 5pm, but staff shortages may necessitate early closure of some rooms at the end of the day.



**Mon 3rd Dec 10:30am - 12pm**

**Health Walk Eastham / Dibbinsdale**

**Brombrough Library, 31 Allport Ln, Birkenhead, Wirral CH62 7HR**

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**Mon 3rd Dec 11:00am - 3:00pm**

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## WIRRAL CARE HOME UNVEIL 1,800 KNITTED POPPIES IN MEMORY OF REMEMBRANCE DAY

Residents and staff at a Wirral care home knitted 1,800 poppies to commemorate Remembrance Sunday.

The Hazelwell, a residential, nursing, palliative and respite care home in Heswall, involves residents, staff, and friends and family members knitted the woollen poppies as a fitting tribute to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One.

Starting in March, residents, staff and friends and family have spent a total of around 450 hours – or more than 18 days - knitting around 1,800 poppies with it taking an average of 15 minutes to knit each poppy.

The idea was the ‘brainchild’ of Brenda Newey, the care home’s activities assistant, who came up with the idea as a positive way to honour this

year’s special Armistice Day after speaking with residents at the home.

The knitted poppies were attached together on chicken wire in a striking structure which were displayed in a grand unveiling at the front of the care home on November 8.

Brenda from West Kirby, said: “I came up with the idea after speaking to residents about World War One. Many of them were brought up in the aftermath of the war and grew up hearing stories of war told by their parents, so they felt a real need to commemorate it in some way.

“I had a nutty moment and thought why don’t we try and knit as many poppies as we can. It has been a fantastic way of bringing the community together to pay their respects to those that have fallen. Residents, family members, friends, staff, just about everyone has been involved in knitting a poppy of some sort.

Our residents have thoroughly enjoyed working on the project.”

**For more information about The Hazelwell contact Kathryn on 0151 342 9654, email [info@thehazelwell.com](mailto:info@thehazelwell.com) or visit [www.thehazelwell.com](http://www.thehazelwell.com)**



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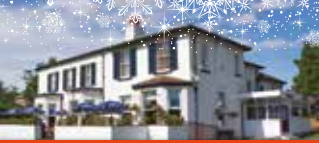
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