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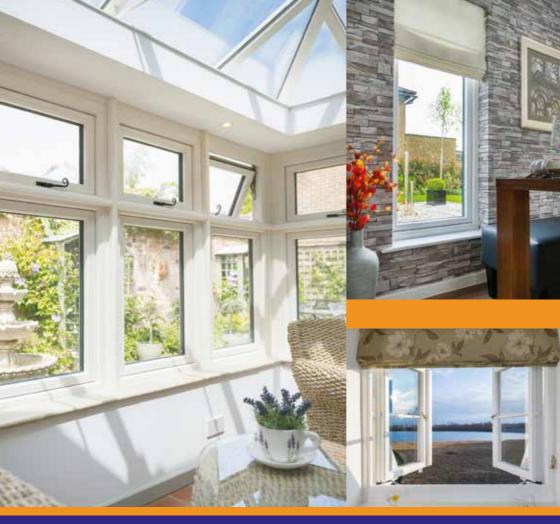
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- 2. An estimated 20% to 25% of people are immune to hangovers.
- Gandhi Was Extremely Racist towards Africans and even Lobbied for Segregated Entrances To Public Buildings.
- **4.** The King of Norway is 73rd in line to the British throne.
- In the UK, you can never be more than 70 miles away from the sea.
- The first President born in the U.S. spoke Dutch as his first language.
- 7. IKEA is an acronym: "IK" are the founder's initials, "E" is for the farm he grew up on (Elmtaryd), and "A" is for Agunnaryd, his village.
- 8. Paul McCartney had a dream about his deceased mother, Mary, who calmly told him to "let it be." He started writing the song the next day.
- **9.** Barack Obama was the first sitting U.S. president to visit a federal prison.
- 10. The 3 tallest statues in the world are of Buddha.
- **11.** Whenever Prince Charles visits the U.S., his Secret Service code name is "Unicorn."
- **12.** A man named Bud Weisser was recently arrested for trespassing at the Budweiser Brewery in St. Louis, Missouri.
- **13.** There are 5,865,696,000,000 miles or 9,460,800,000,000 kilometers in a light year.
- **14.** The volcanic system beneath Yellowstone holds enough lava to fill 11 Grand Canyons.
- During the Cold War, CIA agents used a method of communication based on how their shoelaces were tied.
- **16.** Prince Charles has an Aston Martin that runs on wine.
- **17.** The average meat-eating person eats about 7,000 animals in their lifetime.
- The Statue of Liberty was originally conceived of as being a peasant Muslim woman in traditional Islamic dress.
- **19.** United Artists offered Stallone up to US\$340,000 to sell them the rights to the screenplay of Rocky if he agreed to not star in the movie. He refused.
- **20.** A bilingual individual can be dyslexic in one language and not the other.
- 21. In China, there is an "Elderly Rights" law which makes it illegal for anyone who has parents over 60 not to visit them regularly.

- 22. Titanic II will be a close replica of the Titanic, and is set to sail in 2018.
- 23. In rich countries, obesity is more common among the less educated, but in poor countries, obesity is more common among the highly educated.
- 24. Oklahoma's capitol building sits on an active oil well and has an oil rig out front.
- 25. Of all the countries that celebrate an independence day, 58 are independent of the UK, 26 of France, 21 of Russia and 21 of Spain.
- **26.** The iconic Windows 95 startup sound was composed on an Apple Mac.
- **27.** Only about 1 in 100 marriages in India end in divorce, one of the lowest rates in the world.
- **28.** 1 billion people speak English. That's 1 in every 7 on earth.
- 29. English words "I", "we", "two" and "three" are among the most ancient, from thousands of years.
- **30.** The longest common English word without vowels is "rhythms".
- **31.** 600,000 hacking attempts are made to Facebook accounts every day.
- **32.** Al Pacino was the first "face" on Facebook.
- **33.** Several people have been murdered for unfriending someone on Facebook.
- **34.** Facebook tracks which sites you visit, even AFTER you have signed out.
- **35.** 10% of the world's population is left-handed.
- 36. Famous left-handed people include Napoleon, Da Vinci, Michelangelo, Einstein, Newton, Bill Gates, Oprah, Obama and Jimi Hendrix..
- You don't like the original version of a song because it's better. You like it because it's the one you heard first.
- Warner Music collected over US\$2 million in royalties in 2008 for public usage of the "Happy Birthday" song.
- 39. 149 0 is the highest score ever made in a Football game. AS Adema 149 - 0 SO l'Emyrne was an association football match played on 31 October 2002.
- 40. After the whistle to start the game, soccer player Lee Todd said "F\*ck me, that was loud" and received the fastest red card in history: 2 seconds.









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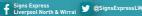


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of Totem Poles. If you're up for adventure, take a conoe and nature trail excursion through the rain forest or a wilderness exploration followed by a sumptuous crab feat you just can't resist.

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# Autoreview by Tony Yates

Keeping you motoring

Kia Niro '3' 1.6 GDi 1.56kWh lithium-ion 139bhp 6-speed auto DCT



I love Kia, and I'm sorry if you don't like the idea of that, but I do. I am a great fan of this brand because you get so much for so little money. So, to cut a long story short, buying a Kia right about now is probably one of the best things you could possibly do.

Of course, you are probably thinking I'm quite mad – but there are many reasons why you should buy a Kia - and I could spend many hours of my life telling you all reasons why you should – but my editor wouldn't be very impressed which is why I have to finish it here.

But, before I go, I will tell you this - many of my friends own one as well as my own parents - mainly because I told them they should of course. So, now we have all that out the way, I'm going to knuckle down and try to explain to you why I think the Niro is a great little crossover.

### **Power and Efficiency:**

The Niro I had on test was fitted with a 1.6-litre direct-injection unit that develops 104bhp and 147Nm of torque which I have to say feels lively and more than happy to be revved hard on the motorway or rumble around in the urban towns where it really does come into its own to help you save fuel and make motoring in our busy streets just that little easier.

Of course, as it's a Hybrid – the engine is paired with an electric motor that is powered by a 1.56kWh lithium-ion polymer battery. Together, the two power units produce around139bhp – which is very pleasing for all those times you need to overtake in urgency or when you just want to get going as quickly as possible. The important part here though is the fuel return or should I say MPG or miles per battery life? Well,

whatever we call it - I managed with very little effort 63.5 mpg plus - now that's pretty good in my book.

### On the road:

As I already said - the Niro is a hybrid, which means that most of the time the petrol and electric power units are working together. However, I didn't really take it blasting into the corners because actually, I wanted to see how the Hybrid systems functioned as a whole around town and urban highways rather than battle the sweeping corners and fast motorways. The driving position is also good and the bumps and potholes are all dealt with effectively thanks to a good chassis and a suspension setup that just glides. Of course, you are probably thinking that carrying a large battery pack would have an impact on the ride itself - but it doesn't truth be told and it feels just like any other crossover you care to mention

### **Design & Technology**

As I said earlier – Kia give you a lot for very little money in my book, and the Niro does not disappoint here either. Some of the standard equipment on my test car included; an 8" Touchscreen Satellite Navigation with European

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### To sum up:

The Niro is one of the first Hybrid's that I have liked. No fuss – just a really good stylish crossover. Five stars from me Kia.

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## A Brief Family History by Cliff Wilde OWNER of CROFT CAR SALES

My great-great-grandfather was Thomas Roberts who moved to **Bromborough** in 1889 from **Denbigh**. His first house was 89 Chester Road where he and his wife had 4 children, including Alfred, my great grandad. They later moved into a converted stable at the back of Muffs the Butcher in Bromborough village.

At this time, most of Bromborough was small farms, owned by Sir William Forwood, who lived at Bromborough Hall, a very stately home whose main gate was where Matalan (*Bromborough*) now sits.



Thomas Roberts

Alfred, went to sea when he was 15 and was lucky to survive 'yellow fever' which killed many onboard whilst docked in America. He loved anything mechanical and when the motor car was invented he was hooked.

Alfred met Emma, my great grandmother, who worked for Mr Forwood as a cook. They were married at St Barnabas in **Bromborough** and lived in a little cottage in Bromborough Rake, they had 2 sons and my mother, Ursula Wilde.

Alfred opened his first garage in **Bromborough Cross**, next to where Barclays is today. It was named Central Garage, he had one petrol pump and it was served in cans and delivered to the local gentry. He also sold and repaired bicycles and my mother used to fashion braiding over the rear wheel to stop the ladies dresses getting caught up.



Alfred opened his second garage at the top of Allport Road (now **Texaco**) named Roberts Garage. At this time the A41 was just a country lane winding through local farmland, some people thought he was mad! He also built a lovely house next to the garage (now gone). My grandmother

remembered her and her brothers helped to dig the holes for the petrol tanks! She went to college and studied accounts and became the company accountant. Her brother Bobby, a TT Racer, was a fantastic mechanic at the garage.

During the war years the garage kept going through all the bombing. It was very dangerous living so close to the petrol tanks and my grandmother was worried sick.

My great uncles kept the farmers machinery in good working order and also many of the army vehicles that were kept opposite the garage under the cover of trees at Carlett Park. My mum remembers the Nissen huts where the soldiers were billeted. A German plane was shot down in the fields opposite the garage, she remembers the authorities were quickly informed, the pilot was taken into custody.



Roberts Garage seen in the background founded in 1925 at Bromborough Cross.



Roberts Garage pictured in 1933 on The New Chester Road and the corner of Allport Road, Now Texaco Garage.

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The urge to garden in early spring is primal. Re-connecting with the earth is affirming, renewing, promising. Waking up the garden to a new growing season is about more than soil

and seedlings...this rite of spring is a tonic to the gardener as well.

A few early preparations for the spring gardening season will bring benefits all year long.



## Spring clean your greenhouse

Cleaning the inside and outside of the greenhouse makes sense to help reduce overwintering pests and diseases. Remove the plants before sweeping out any plant debris. Disinfect the greenhouse paths and staging, and the inside of the glass too. Use a hot solution of garden disinfectant such as Jeyes Fluid. You will need to ventilate your greenhouse well over the next couple of days to dry it thoroughly.

Throughout the months leading to Spring make an effort to wash out pots and seed trays in preparation for the spring sowing and planting. Don't forget that you can still sow plenty of vegetables to grow in winter.

## Repair bowed sides to raised beds. Fix trellises and fencing.

Soggy winter soil puts a strain on raised beds; sometimes a stake will rot and give way. Any bowed or leaning sides should be fixed now. Dig back the soil behind the bowed side and drive in new stakes on the inside of the sideboards with a slight inward lean. Push sideboards up to stakes and fasten well with screws or nails.

Trellises and fencing are also easiest to repair in early spring, with less growth to work around and fewer roots to disturb. Setting new fenceposts, however, is best done after the spring rains have had a chance to drain through the ground.



## Vegetables and flowers

Plant early spring vegetables when soil is workable.

Soil is ready for gardening once it is free of ice crystals and crumbles easily. Soil that is too wet is easily compacted, reducing beneficial soil aeration. Common early spring crops are peas, spinach, lettuces and leeks. For a prolonged harvest, plant several varieties, each with a different maturation date. Follow these crops with broccoli, cabbage, radishes, kale, turnips, new potatoes and onions. Mulch early bulbs if you live in areas where freezing temperatures hang on.

### Shrubs and trees

### Prune out dead or damaged branches.

Prune unwanted branches of trees and shrubs after new growth has begun. Cut back any remaining dead perennial foliage from last season. Prune roses just before they start to bud out. Spring blooming trees and shrubs, however, should not be pruned in late winter; their flower buds are ready to open as temperatures warm. Azaleas, forsythia, weigela, dogwood, and other spring shrubs can be pruned.

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## Cheshire teenager challenges for Young Ambassador Award

An 18-year-old Cheshire golfer is in the running for England Golf's Young Ambassador of the Year Award, presented in association with the Golf Foundation.

Louise McLoughlin, from Bromborough Golf Club on the Wirral peninsula, is one of four finalists.

The winner will be announced at the England Golf Awards 2019, sponsored by adidas Golf at the Royal Lancaster London on Thursday, 21 March. The gala dinner will be hosted by BBC Breakfast presenter Dan Walker.

Louise fell in love with golf when was 11 and went on a family outing. Now aged 18, she's a single figure handicapper, has played for Cheshire since she was 14, and uses her infectious enthusiasm to share her pleasure in the game.

She's just been junior captain at her club and she volunteers to help with junior coaching and at lessons for women beginners.

Louise has been a Girls Golf Rocks Ambassador for two years, helping to inspire more girls to play. She's volunteered at tasters and other events at seven different venues and also visited local schools to encourage girls to take part.

Cheshire is one of England Golf's priority junior counties, aiming to grow the game, and Louise provides a youthful perspective and gives her ideas on ways for clubs and the county to attract new players.

"She's always got a smile and a cheery word of encouragement," said 2018 ladies' captain Jill Holmes. "Louise is a happy, charismatic girl who deserves to do well by her positive mental attitude and endless enthusiasm"

Her challengers for the award are Ella Baker from Warley Woods Golf Course in the West Midlands; Jessica Pilgrim from Stoke Park, Buckinghamshire; and Georgina Wrixon from Ashley Wood Golf Club, Dorset.

England Golf Chief Executive Nick Pink said: "The judges were swept away by these fantastic young people who really love golf and share their pleasure with such enthusiasm. It's hugely encouraging to know that the future of the game is in the hands of players like these."

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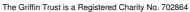
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It is estimated that over 1 million rented homes have hazards that pose a serious risk. The new changes will mean that tenants will be able to take their landlord to court for an injunction to compel the landlord to carry out the works or for damages (compensation) for the landlord's failure to keep the property in good repair.

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Right: Looking up Bebington Village from Heath Road in the 1920's, the Rose & Crown Inn is seen this side of the clock tower. The cross marked above the car on this postcard denotes the 'puzzle stones' set in the wall by the eccentric Thomas Francis. All the buildings this side of the Rose & Crown have been demolished with the 'puzzle stones' being set into a wall in Mayer Park.



Left: The building on the right with the clock tower housed the library, which opened in 1870 at the expense of Joseph Mayer. It was he who had initiated the first library in 1865 in the former house of Thomas Francis. The library moved to its present location in the Bebington Civic Centre in July 1971. The stone gates on the right lead to Mayer Park, where the famous 'puzzle stones' are set into the wall.



Above: The sign on the left is for Bromborough Station. The train is standing on the lines which were the result of the quadrupling in 1907/08; the near ticket office was opened at that time. The original station building is the tall building on the right, in the distance, it housed the ticket office and waiting room on the ground floor, with the Station Master's accommodation on the two upper floors.

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Above: Rivacre Valley
Swimming Pool was opened
in Ellesmere Port in 1934.
This pool closed in the 1980's.

Right: Ferry Road, Eastham in 1901.

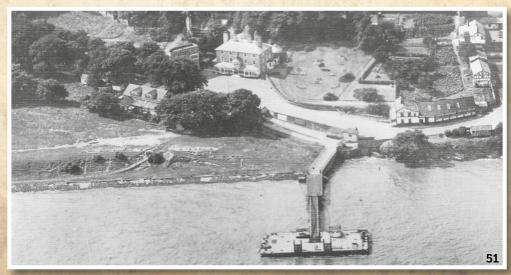
These stallholders are posing ready for customers getting off the ferry from Liverpool to sell them their goods. Donkey rides were also available in Ferry Road and the tea rooms can just be seen in the background.



Below: This aerial view of Eastham Ferry shows the road and path leading to the floating landing stage. The ferry service to Liverpool ceased in 1929 with the pier and landing stage being dismantled in 1935.

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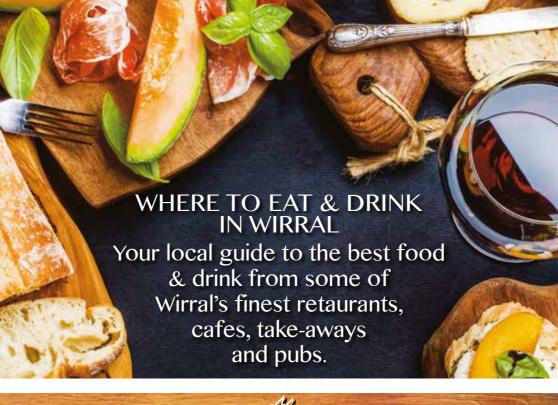
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- 2 cups marinara sauce

½ cup ricotta cheese

- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 cups of shredded Mozzarella

### Instructions

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees.

Lightly grease a cast iron skillet or deep round dish. Break apart frozen garlic bread and arrange in one layer in your dish.

Place frozen meatballs over bread layer. Pour marinara over meatballs.

In a small bowl, combine ricotta cheeese, Parmesan cheese and 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese. Dollop cheese over meatballs. Sprinkle remaining cheese over the top.

Place meatballs in the oven and bake for 25-30 minutes or until cheese is bubbly; broil for 2 minutes or until cheese begins to brown.

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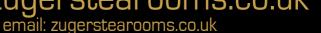








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Children's charity the NSPCC is offering a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to trek through the awe-inspiring Transylvanian Alps with I'm a Celebrity winner Carl 'Foggy' Fogarty.

Over the course of five days Team NSPCC, led by Foggy, will trek through lush forests and alpine meadows, up to the rugged rocky peaks of the Carpathian mountains.

Foggy said: "This is my fourth trek for NSPCC, and I'm really looking forward to taking on this new challenge.

"In the past I've had an amazing time with my team mates, and I know there's nothing better than settling down to camp at night knowing how much you've achieved that day.

"It's not just the miles you trek either, it's knowing that every step you take is helping a child live a better, safer, happier life."

Along with Foggy, thirty others have signed up to take part in the trek – including seasoned adventurer and NSPCC Fundraising Manager Rachel Walker.

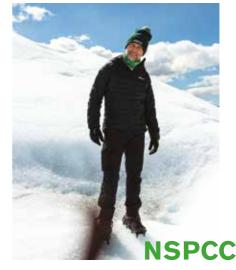
NSPCC Fundraising Manager Rachel Walker said: "I'm really excited about the Transylvania Trek. Not only have we got a great bunch of people already, but the scenery all along the route looks truly awe inspiring.

"Foggy is also going to be a celebrity group leader for us, which is amazing news. He's already done so much for the NSPCC, and on all the treks he's been on with us he's always been right at the centre of the team, making sure everyone's doing well and spurring them on.

"This trek offers the chance to do something really important for vulnerable children across the UK, but it's also going to be a brilliant opportunity to take part in a fabulous adventure, and to make some new friends along the way!"

There are some places left, but these are going quickly, and anyone signing up throughout January can also receive 10 per cent of their registration fee by using the code **BELIEVE2019** 





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The group image below was taken during a very special celebration for the 90th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Birkenhead, formed on 13th February 1929 in Birkenhead Town Hall.



It just happened to be the actual anniversary date, 13th February this year, that the event took place.

Although the attendance was over 100 guests, those pictured include senior club members, mainly pictured left, the current president Bob Hall pictured centre immediately behind the Mayor of Wirral Cllr. Geoffrey Watt, honorary club members, Dame Lorna Muirhead, seated second from the left and to the left of Birkenhead's President is Rebekah Phillips, Head Teacher of Woodchurch High School, the Bishop of Birkenhead The Rt. Revd. Keith Sinclair next to Steve Martin the head of the Rotary District.

The event speaker, Mark Palios, Executive Chairman of Tranmere Rovers Football Club is pictured seated second from the right, alongside Barbara Armstrong President of Birkenhead Inner Wheel Club.

Birkenhead Rotary has always been fortunate to have 50 plus members but trying to get them all in one place for a commemorative photograph was almost impossible, so the Rotary logo was used and features all the members and honorary members as at January 2019.

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# Maggie's asks you to gather your friends and family round your Kitchen Table

Maggie's, the cancer support charity which provides free practical, social and emotional support to those living with cancer, are looking for people to showcase their very own Kitchen Table Day, a day bringing together friends and family whilst supporting people affected by cancer.

Last year we had over 30 people host a Kitchen Table Day raising over £7000 for Maggie's Merseyside and this year were hoping to sign up more people. Friday 29th March is the official date but you can choose a date that is more convenient for you.

Last year Centre visitor Anna Jackson raised a massive £350 for Maggie's after holding her verv own unique Kitchen Table Day by hosting a 'Glow in the Dark Wheelchair Basketball Game,' a cake sale and a raffle all in aid of raising funds for Maggie's. Anna said 'I have been involved with Maggie's since July 2017 when my partner was diagnosed with Cancer and had treatment at Clatterbridge, Maggie's was amazing and the staff and volunteers were there for us right through her treatment and ever since. I am the Head Coach at Cheshire Phoenix Wheelchair Baskethall Club and our club were so supportive to myself and my partner and wanted to do something to raise funds for Maggie's so last year we held a "Glow in the Dark' Wheelchair Basketball Game and a Cake sale and raffle at our club venue - Ellesmere Port Sports Village. We raised £350 and had a great time doing it. Our players and supporters, centre staff and visitors were so generous and are looking forward to doing something again this vear.' We can't wait to see what Anna has lined up this year and all her hard-work and fundraising efforts make a massive difference to those that visit Maggie's for the invaluable support provided.

Centre Head Kathy wright said , 'Anna and all those involved did an absolutely amazing job and the team at Maggie's are extremely grateful for all of the support and dedication to such a good cause. Their efforts and fundraising achievements allowed us to support over

15,000 people last year. We would love to have more people, workplaces and groups on board to ensure we continue to be there for people who need us most. We'd love for more people to get behind us and hold their own Kitchen Table Day event, no matter how big or small – every ounce of support is massively appreciated and it really does make a huge difference to people in need.'

Maggie's is built in the grounds of Clatterbridge Hospital and is a warm and welcoming place acting as safe haven and providing an alternative to the hospital environment. Maggie's relies on voluntary donations to support the ongoing services and the launch of the new centre with the Million for Maggie's Appeal. You can register for your own Kitchen Table Day online https://www.maggiescentres.org/kitchentableday or by contacting the centre.

Your Kitchen Table day can be as big or small as you like to suit your personal preference - whether it be afternoon tea, fizz and cake, a curry night in with friends or even a fun game of prize bingo. A perfect opportunity to catch up with friends in the comfort of your own home or workplace, coming together to celebrate Maggie and helping her legacy continue.

For more information please contact: Sammy on sammy.barker@maggiescentres.org or call 0151 334 4301

To find out more about Maggie's Merseyside and to see how the Centre supports people living with cancer across the North West please visit the Centre or visit the website https://www.maggiescentres.org/our centres/maggies merseyside/ or follow Maggie's on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/maggiesmerseyside







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#### Quick Crossword Puzzle

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- 2 Pillaged (9)
- 3 Zilch (7)
- 4 A sedimentary rock (9)
- 5 Washer and \_\_\_\_\_ (5)
- 6 Solemn promises (7)
- 7 Breed of dog (5)
- 8 Jagged (7)
- 14 Loathsome (9)
- 16 Marimba (9)
- 17 Infant (7)
- 18 Caterwauling (7)
- 20 Responded (7)
- 21 Detectives (7)
- 23 Heir (5)
- 24 Cut wood (5)

#### **Across**

- 1 Normally found at the start of paragraphs (7)
- 5 Portrays (7)
- 9 Reluctance (9)
- 10 Mistake (5)
- 11 Weirdos (7)

- 12 Masts, spars and sails (7)
- 13 Churchgoing (9)
- 15 Twice thirty (5)
- 17 Stuffed bear (5)
- 19 Girds (9)
- 22 Disinherits (7)

- 25 Something to be imitated (7)
- 26 Fifty-eight in Roman numerals (5)
- 27 Vest (9)
- 28 Failed to fulfill a promise (7)
- 29 Female deity (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.

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

Difficulty level: Easy.

Solutions can be found on our website: www.love-wirral.com

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If you would like a gentle introduction to creating your own textile art, this is the course for you. Sue can show you how to take inspiration from a single starting point and develop a design using simple techniques. You will dye threads and a background using a quick microwave process to begin.



#### Thursday 7th March 2019 Naturally 7

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### Friday 8th March 2019 Take me to church

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#### Tuesday 12th March 2019 Eastham Country Park Volunteers

Eastham Country Park, Ferry Rd, Eastham, Wirral

Come and join the Eastham Country Park Volunteers to keep fit, enjoy the fresh air and have a positive impact on local wildlife. Meet at the Rangers Office. For further information e-mail christopherwerney@wirral.gov.uk



# Sunday 17th March 2019 Cheshire Wedding Fayre at Macdonald Craxton Wood Hotel

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# 29th March 2019 An Evening with The Merseybeats & Friends

Floral Pavilion Theatre Marine Promenade, New Brighton CH45 2JS Tel: 0151 666 0000

The Merseybeats are from the Golden Age of 60s music when Liverpool ruled the airwaves and the charts.

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Friday 19:30 22:00





A Wirral care home has welcomed a new deputy manager who followed her mother's footsteps into a life-long career in the caring profession.

Sue Ball has been appointed by The Hazelwell, which offers residential, nursing, palliative and respite care in Heswall, into one of their top leadership roles.

Sue, who is Wirral born and bred, is no stranger to the care industry, having worked in a wide variety of roles since leaving school having been inspired by her mother's own career in care.

The Hazelwell's new deputy manager started as a care assistant in a local care home before quickly progressing to senior carer. Finding the work rewarding Sue realised it was the career for her and went on to study nursing at the North Staffordshire School of Nursing in Stoke-on-Trent in 1988. Since then, she has used her skills and wide experience to benefit the lives of the elderly and people with dementia working in various care homes.

In Sue's new role she will be supporting care home manager Kathryn McGuinness in heading up the staff team at The Hazelwell which is situated on the former site of the Cleaver Hospital in Oldfield Road.

The 55-bed care home opened in July, 2016 and has been rated as 'good' by the CQC, the independent regulator of health and social services in England.

Passionate about 'person-centred care' and a 'dignity of care champion', Sue's first priority is to encourage The Hazelwell's highly-trained staff to continue their high standards in dignity, respect, privacy and independence for the residents.

Sue, a mother herself, who lives on the Wirral with her husband Dave and son Dominic, said: "I'm so happy to be a part of the excellent team at The Hazelwell and to be able to offer my experience and passion to make it the best care home it can possibly be. It's a wonderful thought that I followed my mother into this profession and here I am all these years later still loving it. I am really proud to have followed the same path as her."

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