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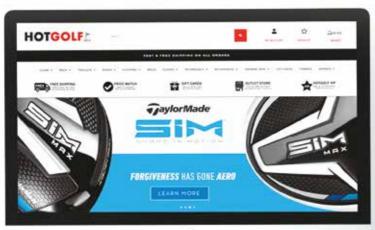
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### Dear Friends, What a busy month!

We are so glad the children have started back to school again, unfortunately with a lot of hard studying to catch up on.

We had some mixed weather over the last few months with the tail end of the hurricanes, afraid Autumn and Winter are on the way, we mustn't complain though.

With so many of our Summer attractions cancelled as well as our holidays it will be nice to look forward to some good news around the corner. Halloween is on 31st and it's lovely to see the little

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### DO YOU KNOW?

- 1. The average British garden contains over 20,000 slugs and snails.
- In 2017, a church in Wittenberg, Germany introduced a robot priest, called BlessU-2, that gives blessings.



A typical microwave oven uses more electricity keeping its digital clock on standby than it does heating food.

- In 14th-century England, some children were baptised in cider.
- 5. The operating cost of GPS is just over \$2 million a day.
- A Pakistan court banned Valentine's Day celebrations across the country in 2017, since the holiday is not a part of Muslim tradition.
- 7. Way before the Web, France had Minitel since 1978, an online service that gave its users access to online shopping, search engines, porn and message boards. It reached 25 million users in the 90s, connecting to more than 23,000 services.
- Inside Singapore's Changi Airport there's a butterfly garden, a rooftop swimming pool and a free 24-hour cinema.
- When Pope Francis released "peace doves" at the Apostolic Palace in 2014, the doves were immediately attacked by other birds, losing feathers and being driven away as a huge crowd watched.
- 10. More than twice as many people were guillotined by the Nazis as during the French Revolution.
- Anyone can become a legal citizen of Dominica, in the Caribbean, for U\$\$100,000.
- The Eiffel Tower was inaugurated the same year Nintendo was founded and Adolf Hitler was born: 1889.
- **13.** Disney quietly cut ties with McDonalds in  $\overline{2006}$  so as not to be associated with childhood obesity.
- Rolling luggage wasn't invented until 1970. Initially, stores didn't want to stock it.
- 15. In 2016, it was discovered that Beyonce's "Empower Women" clothing line was made by women sweat shop labourers working on less than £5 a day.
- **16.** The deaths of those who jumped from the WTC on 9/11 were ruled homicide, not suicide.
- Warrior ants will sometimes carry their injured comrades back to the nest instead of leaving them to die.



- The members of Black Sabbath used to have their cocaine flown to them on private planes.
- To your brain, one sleepless night is the cognitive equivalent of being legally drunk.
- **20.** The first published crossword was called a word-cross.
- The British pound is the world's oldest currency still in use: it's 1200 years old.
- 22. During WW2, an Italian doctor prevented Nazis from taking Jewish patients by claiming they suffered the fictitious 'K Syndrome'. He saved 45 lives.
- Rock star Ozzy Osbourne once joined a Christian protest march against himself outside of one of his concerts.
- **24.** In the UK continues printing and storing its laws on vellum, made from calf or goat-skin.
- **25.** Each square foot of Jackson Pollock's painting "No. 5, 1948" is worth over \$4 million.
- **26.** According to TSA rules, you can get drinks through a U.S. airport security if they're frozen solid.
- Soccer player Edson Arantes do Nascimento, most known as Pelé, was named after Thomas Edison.
- **28.** Shakespeare and Pocahontas were alive at the same time.
- 29. Snapchat's mascot has name: Ghostface Chillah.
- Watermelons contain an ingredient called citrulline that can trigger production of a compound that helps relax the body's blood vessels, just like Viagra.
- **31.** The Burj Khalifa is so tall that residents above the 80th floor have to wait 2 to 3 minutes longer to end Ramadan.
- **31.** Syria had more tourists than Australia in 2010.
- **32.** You have to be a retired letter carrier to live in Nalcrest, Florida. Ironically, the town does not have mail delivery service.
- **33.** Morning sickness in pregnant women has been linked to a significantly reduced risk of suffering a miscarriage, new research has found.
- 34. The town of Whynot, North Carolina has its name because as residents were arguing over a name for the town, someone stood up and said "Why not name the town Why Not and let's go home?" And so they did.
- 35. In 1956, a scientist imported African honeybees to South America. Some of them escaped and bred with European honeybees in the wild, giving rise to a hybrid species: killer bees.





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### Veg Box



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organically grown veg usually
including a core of potatoes,
onions and carrots. The boxes
also include recipe
suggestions.

### Veg Box



### Bumper

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2-3 people

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### Fruit Box



### Bumper

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(1-2 people)

Will always contain bananas and 2 other seasonal fruits.

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(3-4 people)

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(3-4 people)

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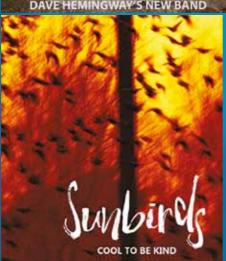
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- 5. Insert Answer Here
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It's 9.45am on a bright Wednesday morning in Market Street in Hoylake. The cafés and bars are preparing their morning coffee and brunch offers, setting out neat tables and chairs for their customers in the open air as well as spacing them safely indoors.

Some retailers are also open and taking the necessary precautions so that their customers can shop safely whilst observing the current coronavirus guidelines.

Wirral Hospice St John's big new Hoylake Donation Centre, at the former site of the Coop store, adjacent to The Row in Hoylake, is already buzzing with staff and volunteers sifting through thousands of items of clothing, toys, household items, bags, and jewellery as well as all kinds of weird (occasionally) and wonderful bricabrac and accessories that piled in the week before.

From rags (gratefully accepted as the hospice earns a donation for recycling them) to potential riches, *witness Hayley in the designer sunglasses* alongside other potentially lucrative branded clothing, shoes, handbags and eye-catching curios which will be sorted for the hospice *ebay* account.

It's only the second week of operation but the donation centre is in full swing. Everything that has been donated in the previous week has now been safely





As the centre is only open on Wednesdays and Thursdays, between 10am and 3pm for donations, all of the previous week's goodies are now being furiously sorted for re-distribution to the charity shops.

There's 6,000 square feet of space with the floors clearly marked off ready for the influx of new donors who have booked a slot to drop off their goods at the rear of the donation centre!

The hospice supporters have followed the instructions at <a href="www.wirralhospice.org/shopping">www.wirralhospice.org/shopping</a> to book a slot and then received an email with a map explaining how to get to the back of the store at their chosen time.

At five minutes to ten the first car arrives with a boot (and back seat) full of boxes and bin bags ready to stack onto the loading bay at the rear of the store.

Paddy (Patrick Smith, the hospice's Retail Development Manager, thumbs up in the pic at the top of this story) is ready, alongside a further two fundraising staff (today it's Hayley and Jamie-Leigh, pictured, although a number of others have helped the week before and are ready to step in for the foreseeable future), to greet the hospice supporters, direct them to safely lay down their pre-loved items and then, if they're

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eligible, advise them on how to sign-up to *Gift Aid* to allow the hospice to claim a further 25% on their donated items.

Now, the safe movement and storage begins and it is literally a *virtual marathon*!

A steady stream of donors start to unload and, after labelling the bags and boxes which are gift-aided, the team start to make the journey, laden with bags, into the space inside and then back outside to receive/carry more, and more, goods.

The donations just keep coming and by 11am the team have already clocked up over 4,000 steps each and their biceps and quadriceps are burning. A great workout, just another 4 or 5 hours to go!



Meanwhile, Kerry (in green here), Sue (in hospice blue below) and Helen (too shy for photo), who normally volunteer at the New Brighton charity shop, are in the 'space beyond storage', opening bin bags and boxes, at socially distanced tables, while organizing everything ready for transport to shops at Moreton, Liscard, Birkenhead and New Brighton which have recently re-opened.

In time the other charity shops, at Claughton, Heswall and West Kirby, will



and the stock that is now flooding into the Hoylake Donation Centre will help to fill up their rails, shelves and displays.

Having to close the shops these past several months due to the coronavirus has inevitably hit revenues hard. All of the donations and the hard work of staff and volunteers gives the hospice the greatest belief that it will, as soon as allowed, rebuild the charity shops back to making their invaluable financial contribution to the specialist care and support services for which the hospice is held in such high regard.

There is now a limited service for people wanting to donate larger items, sofas, three-piece suites, beds, wardrobes and other furniture items. Time and space is currently at a premium for this and potential donors are being asked to send photos, with fire



labels where appropriate, to fundraising@ wirralhospice. org to join the waiting list for pick up.

### OREVIEW by Tony Yates

Keeping you motoring

Ford Puma Titanium - 1.0L Ecoboost MHEV 6-speed Manual



I don't know about you, but I remember the good old Ford classics from my younger days, such as the Escort RS1600i and the bonking mad Escort RS Turbo Mk1 & Mk2.

When I was 21 years old, I bought a rather 'well used' Mk1 Escort Mexico which I then went on to own for about 23 years. A few years ago, I sold it and I very much regret it, because no other car I have ever owned since has made me feel as alive at the wheel as that old Mk1 did - and, I doubt I will ever get the chance to own another one now because the prices even for a banged-up Mk1 Mexico in need of restoration are now 10k plus.

Happily, though - Ford has lent me the new 'Puma' and I have to say that it's probably the only car so far this year I have got really excited about. So, let's give it the once over.

#### **Power and Efficiency:**

Powered by 1.0 Litre EcoBoost petrol engine with 210Nm of torque, 125PS of Ford Power and a 0-62 time of around 9.8 seconds. To finish off, the Puma will achieve a maximum top speed of around119mph.

If you do want to know about fuel economy, then the highest mpg you can expect to achieve is around 61.4 mpg (high end) and 43.5 (low end) Looking good then. Also, I used the Puma as my

vehicle for my summer holiday to Devon and let's just say it was packed full to bursting with holiday gear and three children. Even with all that, it still managed to return a steady 53.4mpg. CO2 Emissions were also g/km: 96

#### On the road:

The Puma feels fantastic to drive – and if I'm being honest, it has outstanding driving dynamics and a suspension setup that's spot on. This is something I have not felt in a while – especially from a vehicle of this type. Also, no matter what the road surface was doing – the Puma handled it very well.

Of course, the ride for some, may feel a tad soft, but for me, it felt stable and a real joy to take into the twisty bends around some of Devon's more challenging roads.

#### **Design & Technology:**

As you can see from the image, the new Ford Puma is a great looking vehicle. Also, while I was away, many people commented on the looks - and one gentleman even said he was looking for a new car and would be off to his nearest Ford dealer that very afternoon to take a test drive.

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### NEW CHARTER FOR OPEN SPACES



The Open Spaces Society(1), Britain's oldest national conservation body, calls for a better deal for open spaces. Today it launches its charter for open spaces [attached] and has written to Robert Jenrick, the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, and to all of England's planning authorities.

The society calls on government to introduce a national plan and standards for open spaces, and to place a duty on local authorities to ensure that everyone can enjoy good-quality, well-maintained and safe open space within 300 metres of their homes. It says that such spaces should be secured as part of development. Local Green Space(2) must offer greater protection than now, and the process for designating it must be improved.

The society urges planning authorities to adopt robust policies for the acquisition, management and protection of green spaces, to have a budget for them and to dedicate their green spaces as town or village green to ensure their protection.

It recommends communities to get involved in their local planning processes before land is allocated for development, to identify spaces which need protection and to form friends' groups to champion local spaces.

The society pledges to lobby government to secure open spaces and access to nature through the 25-year environment plan, the Agriculture and Environment Bills and the new Environmental Land Management Scheme. It will continue to advise its members on how to protect their open spaces.

In particular the society wants to see greater use of the opportunity to register land as a town or village green(3) as mitigation for development, and has asked each planning authority to consider voluntary registration of the land which it owns, and to encourage developers to do the same by making this a condition of planning permission. It has also asked the authorities to send examples of its policies and good practice

for open spaces, so that the society can create a dossier for green space, and spread the word.

Says Phil Wadey, the society's newly-elected chairman: 'During lockdown people have enjoyed their local spaces and paths as never before, and this use continues beyond the pandemic. We know there is a great disparity in the distribution and quality of open spaces, and that investment in these assets provides excellent value for money by improving people's health and well-being.

'We therefore call on government, local authorities and communities to work together to ensure that everyone has access to good-quality green space close to home. This is a vital element of the green recovery after the pandemic. We have made proposals as to how this can be achieved.'



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Use black pouch icing without tip to cover top of cake. Use tip of spatula to create spiral effect. Use black pouch icing with star tip to finish the hair around top edge and two hair strands on cake top.

Prepare a disposable decorating bag with green icing; cut a hole in point of bag the size of tip 3. Attach candy eyeballs with dots of green icing. Pipe green

Use black pouch icing with round tip to pipe dot nose and neck bolts, outline mouth and stitches.

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■Set a festive mood: Creepy Halloween decor, such as spider webs and lanterns, can be placed around the house and garden to help get guests into the holiday spirit. Halloween-themed music, such as "Monster Mash" and movies, such as "Dracula" and "Frankenstein," can help offset any down time, as can sharing scary stories.

■Play some ghoulish games:

Bobbing for apples is a Halloween tradition you can't leave out. Halloween bingo or a pin the tail on the donkey-type game, such as pin the nose on the skull, can also add to the fun.

Or try a treasure hunt for a ghost ship's loot by scattering clues around the house that lead to ghastly goodies.

■Vampires, ghosts and zombies: Add a costume contest to the mix and hand out prizes to some of the best. Try breaking the contest into a few categories or by age, and awarding prizes, such as most creative, judge's choice and crowd favourite.







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### **SOLICITOR ON THE RUN - AGAIN!**









Birkenhead Rotarian, Solicitor Norman Jones, who has taken part in almost 20 10K races raising charitable funds, is undertaking a solo lockdown run in aid of organisations supported by Birkenhead Rotary Club.

With the Club donating over £20,000 last year, the majority of which supported local organisations, the need for finding other ways of raising funds during the pandemic is vital. So, 72- year- old Norman, who has been in strict training, is completing a 5K run, 12noon on Friday 23rd October. The start point will be Birkenhead Rotary Way – the roundabout by the entrance to the Birkenhead Tunnel. He will then travel along Hamilton Street and then complete 10 laps of Hamilton Square, hoping to raise funds from both Rotarians and the public.

Club President Cath Hayes commented; "As with all charities, Rotary Clubs have lost the opportunity of raising much needed funds and, during this pandemic we are seeing

increasing needs for our support. We are so very grateful to Norman for his efforts." Local causes supported by the Club have included Shaftesbury Youth Club – raising funds for a minibus, local children in need, homeless charities, a community shop in Birkenhead, Talking Newspapers, Women and Children's Aid, Charles Thompson Mission and donating following disasters.

Anyone wishing to support "Storming Norman", who served as a major in the Territorial Army-now retired, can telephone him on 07834895786 or send cash or cheque donations; payable to

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Above: Although posted in 1942, this postcard was printed before war broke out as it shows the Cresent West Kirby was still two-way traffic (it became one-way in 1938) there was no shortage of garments in Jones'

window on the right. The Christian Institute is the tall half-timbered building in the distance which fronted onto Grange Road and the Blenheim Cafe was to the right which later became Blenheim Fruiterers.



Right: The sign above the door reads 'RV 1733' and probably refers to Richard Vernon. In 1822 records show that it was named 'The White Horse'

but by 1850 it had changed to 'The Nag's Head' in **Willaston**. In the 1930s the building was structurally altered.



Above: 1953. Teapot Row in the distance, where Greasby Road bends to the left, was demolished in the first road-widening in this part of Greasby in 1960.

The Coach and Horses Inn, extreme left, is still there today but the buildings to the right, Hugh Rowe's Saddler's shop and the smithy were demolished in the second road-widening scheme in 1967.

Right: 1949. Looking along Greasby Road, Greasby towards Upton with a notable lack of vehicles on the road.





Above: 1919. The Station Master; staff and dog pose for a photograph on the platform of **Meols** Station. The slope on the left led up to Birkenhead Road.











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New Ferry Butterfly Park celebrated its Silver Jubilee Local wildlife heroes are celebrated its 25th Anniversary of New Ferry Butterfly Park Nature Reserve.

Acquired by Cheshire Wildlife Trust in 1993 and opened in 1995, New Ferry Butterfly Park has become unrecognisable from the post-industrial wasteland that it used to be. Formerly an old railway siding, brickworks and goods yard, New Ferry Butterfly Park embraces the value of urban wildlife while remaining true to its industrial heritage.

The park sits in a largely developed area next to Bebbington train station yet, provides a significant refuge for local wildlife. Over twenty-six species of butterfly have been recorded on site with at least seventeen of those breeding on-site.

Visitors are free to walk amongst the various wildflower meadows and take part in the interactive exhibits, including a local history trail. Other attractions include pond dipping, a picture scavenger hunt and local art that have been commissioned by the park.

Leased by Cheshire Wildlife Trust, the site is independently managed by a local committee of volunteers, many of whom have been involved with the site since its creation. Dr Hilary Ash is one of those volunteers. She comments:

"It is marvellous to see how the vision of Mel Roberts, the original founder, has been fulfilled in all the wildlife and all the people who come The park had plans to host a silver jubilee celebration with over 1,000 people however, the recent health measures have led to the group cancelling their big plans. Park Manager and volunteer Paul Loughnane has made it clear that the park remains open with social distancing measures in place and hopes that there will be a big 'twenty-five years plus one' celebration next year.

James Melling from Cheshire Wildlife Trust comments:

"The New Ferry Butterfly Park is such a great example of how derelict land can be transformed into something that is fantastic for wildlife. Many people may think that brownfield sites have little ecological value, yet that could not be further from the truth. The fact that this nature reserve has evolved from its industrial past into an eco-friendly community space is testament to the hard work of the volunteers who have been involved in this project. It really goes the extra mile to connect people with nature."

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Your crops have been harvested, and the exuberant summer colour has faded from your borders – but don't be fooled into thinking that it's all over until next spring. Autumn is a busy time in the garden,

clearing away the decaying vegetation of the summer and preparing the garden for the cold winter months ahead. Let the big clear up begin!



#### Spring clean your greenhouse in autumn

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 quiet winter months make an effort to wash out pots and seed trays in preparation for the spring sowing and planting. Don't forge that you can still sow plenty of vegetables to grow in winter. Click here to take a look at our 'Top 10 vegetables to grow over winter' article.

#### **Tidy Borders**

Dig up annuals and add them to the compost heap. You can replant your beds with winter bedding such as pansies, bellis daisies and wallflowers for a colourful display next spring.

Autumn provides an ideal opportunity to move poorly placed plants, and divide overcrowded perennials while the soil is still warm. Cut back faded perennials to 5cm above ground level, but don't be too tidy. They will also provide shelter for overwintering insects. Once your borders are clean and tidy, spread a thick layer of compost, bark chips or well rotted manure across them. Don't worry about digging it in - let the worms do the hard work for you.





#### Lawn maintenance

If your lawn looks slightly worse for wear then autumn is the perfect time to revitalise it. Remove thatch (old grass clippings) and moss using a spring tined rake and add it to the compost heap. If you have large amounts of moss then you may want to use a moss killer first. In areas that receive a lot of wear (such as paths and play areas) the soil can become compacted. Improve drainage and aeration by making deep holes with the prongs of a garden fork every 10cm across the entire area.

A sandy top dressing can be brushed in afterwards, followed by an application of autumn lawn feed to prepare your lawn for the cold winter months.

#### Plant evergreens

Evergreens form the backbone of the garden, providing structure and year round interest, so the more evergreens in your garden, the better it will look in winter! With warm soil and cooler conditions, autumn is the perfect time to fill those gaps in your borders. Sarcococca and Daphne will bring glossy green leaves and beautifully fragrant flowers in the depths of winter while the rest of your garden is dormant. For an elegant larger shrub try spring flowering Camellias or Fatsia for its large architectural foliage.

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Jilly and Jayne pride themselves that White Feather always delivers a happy friendly service to all their customers. They also offer advice on interior design... which is a passion of theirs.

All their products are personally selected to ensure that you can always find that something really special and unique.

Jilly and Jayne look forward to welcoming you in their shop very soon.

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- 2 In an illegal manner (9)
- 3 Front limb of a horse (7)
- 4 Make laws (9)
- French for "Our" (5)
- 6 These stop football plays (7)
- 7 Become liable to (5)
- 8 Food market (7)
- 14 Disaffected (9)
- 16 Well-kept (9)
- 17 Pampered (7)
- 18 Take one's clothes off (7)
- 20 Utmost (7)
- 21 One of New York's baseball teams (7)
- 23 Forever no (5)
- 24 Dirty (5)

#### **Across**

- 1 Deliberate (7)
- 5 Mesh (7)
- 9 Out-and-out (9)
- 10 What chocolate comes from (5)
- 11 Pins (7)
- 12 Make bigger (7)

- 13 Assign (9)
- 15 Effeminate (5)
- 17 A South American rodent (5)
- 19 A finger or toe (9)
- 22 Laid bare (7)
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- 25 Craftsman (7)

- 26 Dike (5)
- 27 Discriminate (9)
- 28 Probably (2 words) (7)
- 29 People watching their calories (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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Difficulty level: Medium.

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#### STAFF TO KEEP SPIRITS HIGH AT HESWALL CARE HOME WITH FUN-FILLED ACTIVITIES



A Heswall care home plans to keep its residents 'entertained and happy' with a fun-filled calendar of activities this Autumn.

The Hazelwell, a residential, residential dementia, nursing, palliative and respite care in Oldfield Road, has closed its doors to non-essential visitors for a second time due to an increase in coronavirus cases on the Wirral.

Care home manager Sue Alexander says the home has taken the steps to safeguard those in its care but remains committed to ensuring residents have lots of fun through its varied on-site activities programme.

The team at The Hazelwell are planning quizzes, painting, arts and craft, baking, singalongs and other recreational activities to keep its residents busy over the Autumn months. They will also be able to continue to enjoy film screenings in the home's cinema room, with appropriate social distancing measures as required.

Residents also have access to The Hazelwell's beautiful rooftop terrace area, with views over the River Dee, while family members will be able to keep in touch with residents through video calling.

The Hazelwell care home manager Sue Alexander

said: "The health, safety and wellbeing of our residents and staff is our top priority. While the home remains closed to non-essential visitors for now, our super team have a fantastic activity programme lined up for residents to keep them entertained and happy this Autumn.

"The facilities here at The Hazelwell are second to none and our residents can continue to enjoy all that we offer here with appropriate social distancing and safety measures in place.

"We will also make sure that families are still able to see and speak to their loved ones as much as possible through video calling. Lots of our residents have become very familiar with video calls and keeping in touch with family members is extremely important to their overall wellbeing."

Opened in 2016, The Hazelwell is well equipped to look after the needs of its residents with 55 tastefully decorated en-suite rooms with facilities including a piano bar, library, garden terrace, and fine dining which is prepared daily by the on-site chef.

For more information call on 0151 342 9654, email info@thehazelwell.com or visit www.thehazelwell.com





The Hazelwell Care Home would like to extend our thanks to our residents, their families, our team and members of the local community for their love and support in these challenging times. Special thanks go to JPL Flavour Technologies for their kind donation of hand sanitiser and Domino's Pizza for donating pizzas for residents and staff to enjoy!

We think it's really important, especially when times are tougher than normal, to keep spirits lifted and spread some happiness. From celebrating International Nurses Day to taking part weekly in Clap for our Carers, it's these little moments of joy that make all the difference to our residents at The Hazelwell. We are extremely grateful for all of the donations, gifts, letters, drawings and paintings received from the local community.

Providing care of the highest standard continues to be our top priority at The Hazelwell. We have processes and procedures in place to safely admit residents into their new home, and welcome all enquiries.

Our new dementia suite will be opening soon, offering residents high levels of specialist care. Purpose-built to help residents with dementia, our dementia suite will include ease of access for maximum mobility, colour-led navigation, photographs, sensory items and much more.



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