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Dear Friends,

Children and parents, are looking forward to bonfire night with their family as there will probably not be any displays this year!

Spare a thought though to dogs, cats and pets who can be terrified of the noise and smells and please ensure children are well supervised.

Christmas countdown has started! With uncertain times ahead, no one can be certain what Christmas will mean this year but we all must stay safe and help get through these times together.

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Light up a Life for Wirral Hospice St John's



Wirral Hospice St John's Light up a Life, a part of Wirral life since 1996, will be very different this year making it, in many ways, even more poignant.

From early December, 10,000 beautiful lights will shine out from the trees around the hospice gardens in the run up to and during Christmas, offering the people of Wirral an uplifting and meaningful way, to remember family and friends who are no longer with us.

Support is needed more than ever, which is why the hospice is inviting everyone, individuals and businesses, to sponsor a light to remember their loved ones and to help fund the hospice's cherished medical and nursing services.

Regrettably, due to the COVID-19 restrictions and to keep everyone safe, the hospice has made the difficult decision to cancel the annual outdoor Light up a Life switch-on service, which sadly includes the viewing of loved one's names in the hospice Books of Honour. People who sponsor a light also have the name of the person they are remembering entered into the specially produced books which, for this year, will be available to view online while a personal copy can be pre-ordered for viewing at home.

A Light up a Life card with a personalised greeting will be sent out to all who request one and there is also the opportunity to buy a metallic silver star tree decoration keepsake inscribed with the words, 'Light up a Life'.

The hospice is endeavouring to reach out to even more families across Wirral this winter, with a pre-recorded service which will be available to view from the comfort of their own homes, via the hospice's website, from 6pm on Sunday 6th December.

The short film will capture the spirit of the lights switch-on, interspersed with carols from a socially-distanced hospice choir featuring locally renowned singer, Sarah Mullis. It will also contain the recollections of people whose families have experienced the hospice's dedicated care as well as heartfelt thoughts and readings from the hospice team, including some wonderful volunteers.

Julia Evans, the hospice's Fundraising Development Manager said, "For the past 24 years Light up a Life has brought people together to remember our loved ones and reflect the loss we all feel, especially around Christmas time. In these unique and challenging times we are so grateful that our Wirral community is continuing to support the hospice. We would normally have the company of around two thousand people at the lights switch-on and we're going to miss everyone so much this year. We really cannot thank people enough as they continue to make their kind and thoughtful donations for Light up a Life which makes a massive contribution to the specialist care the hospice provides to our patients and their family and friends."

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2. The world's most expensive perfume is Clive Christian No 1 Passant Guardant. It costs \$143,000 for 30ml and comes in a flask studded with 2,000 diamonds.

3. Ben & Jerry learned how to make ice cream by taking a \$5 correspondence course offered by Penn State, because one of them couldn't get into medical school and the other couldn't sell enough pottery.

4. Dostoevsky wrote The Gambler to pay off his gambling debts.

5. During the Cold War, President Ronald Reagan and Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev agreed to set aside their differences if the world was ever invaded by aliens.

6. Mantis shrimps' eyes are more evolved than those of humans: they have four times as many colour receptors and can see UV, visible and polarised light.

7. There's high-speed Internet on the way up to Mount Everest.

8. 1 in 3 children can use a tablet before they can speak, a survey found.



9. The tower where Big Ben is located is officially known as "Elizabeth Tower." It was completed in 1859.

10. In August, 2015, Big Ben's Clock was discovered to be running 6 seconds fast, and coins were removed from its pendulum to correct the error.

11. Lin Ching Lan is a deaf Taiwanese professional dancer and choreographer who feels the vibrations of music through wooden floors.

12. King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia was shocked when Queen Elizabeth II drove him around her estate, since women couldn't drive in his country.

13. More than four tons of old U.S. paper money is mulched into compost every day.

14. You can get a Stand-up comedy master's degree at the University of Kent.

15. Alexander the Great's army conquered the world while wearing armor made of linen that could stop any arrow made at the time.

16. Apple headquarters' employees earn an average of US\$125,000 a year.

17. The oldest D20 dice was uncovered in Egypt and dates back around 30 BC.



18. The two parts to the word "helicopter" are "helico" meaning spiral, and "pter" meaning one with wings, like pterodactyl.

19. The cuckoo in the world's largest cuckoo clock weighs 330 pounds.



20. In Bolivia, llama droppings are used to purify water.

21. The term "pipe dream" is a reference to the insane dreams people have when smoking opium.

22. Before he was a famous musician, Johnny Cash was a military code breaker for the US Air Force.

23. A 'bobsled' is so named because early racers bobbed their heads back and forth to gain speed (which didn't work).

24. The first manager of the first McDonald's franchise was called Ed MacLucky.



25. Oscar Peyrou is a film critic and President of the Spanish Association of Film Critics but he doesn't watch films. He analyzes them through the poster alone.

26. Chicago has over 60 coyotes fitted with radio collars roaming the city, eating small rodents, especially rats and voles.

27. Don Gorske was recognized by the Guinness World Records book in 2016 when he ate his 28,788th Big Mac.



28. A whole orange will float on water, but a peeled orange will sink.

29. In South Africa, white people own 72% of the country's farmland, even though they're 8% of the population.

30. John F. Kennedy's Eternal Flame in Arlington National Cemetery has only gone out twice since 1963.



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Founder of Bridge Community Farms made an MBE in Queen's birthday honours



The founder of Bridge Community Farms has been made an MBE in the Queen's birthday honours.

Francis Ball has been recognised for his services to the community in Ellesmere Port during Covid-19.

The list, which also honours medical staff, key workers and volunteers responding to the pandemic, was due to have been announced on the Queen's official birthday in June. It was delayed because of the coronavirus and will now be published on Saturday.

Francis established Bridge Community Farms CIC in Ellesmere Port in 2014. The 10-acre farm grows vegetables, salad and fruit using organic methods and sells organically grown delivered vegetable boxes throughout the Wirral and West Cheshire.

The charity also provides support and a therapeutic environment for those with mental health and life-long learning difficulties as well as work experience for young people and the long-term unemployed.

The charity launched a dedicated service to help vulnerable and elderly people during the pandemic so they could continue to receive vital provisions.

They recruited 30 extra volunteers including drivers to help with the distribution of their popular weekly vegetable boxes after a fourfold increase in enquiries from older people confined to home and worried about getting fresh food.

A Bridge Buddy Club was launched to help vulnerable customers who were feeling isolated, lonely or anxious at home. A Bridge Buddy would call them for a chat as often as they liked.

They also produced nearly 10,000 free meals for struggling families during the school holidays, delivered to their home by Chester charity Passion-for-Learning.

Staff also worked hard to maintain the farm's growing spaces and tend to plants and crops to meet the demand of the vegetable boxes.

Francis said: "I am greatly humbled to receive this honour, knowing how many "Bridge Community Farms" and "Bridge Community Wellness Gardens" colleagues, both volunteers and paid staff, have worked so hard through the pandemic to bring fresh food and some comfort and support to so many people across The Wirral, Chester and West Cheshire.

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Bridge Community Farms CIC, part of the Bridge Community Wellness Gardens CIO, supports people with life-long learning disabilities and mental health issues. We have a 10 acre farm in Ellesmere Port where we offer outdoor study facilities and work experience for young people who struggle in an academic environment, and a variety of activities for the local community. The gardens contain raised beds, several polytunnels, a craft centre, farm shop and café. The farm delivers organically grown veg boxes across The Wirral and West Cheshire. Bridge Community Wellness Gardens work in many areas in the community such as sending out meal kits to those in need, and offering weekly phone calls to those living alone, through the Bridge Buddy Club.

Our veg box delivery service is continuing to thrive. We have recently expanded the "extras" range offering a wide variety of vegetarian store cupboard staples from pasta to nuts and seeds. We have also extended our reach and are now delivering fruit and veg boxes all the way to Wrexham! If you are interested in getting your own box please email bridgevegbox@gmail.com

During October we have launched the Bridge Crafts & Creations club, where members can enjoy an afternoon of crafting, creating, and fun, as well as a delicious meal from our Better Lives Café. We were delighted to have a fully booked club week in and week out from day one, and are looking forward to producing more projects like this where we can support the community and Grow Better Lives.

As we lead up to Christmas the crafting work in the Wellness Gardens has gone into full swing! We have a wide range of hand crafted wooden Christmas decorations including Santas, reindeer, baubles and more! All crafted by our Crafting Lead, Sharon, along with our wellness clients. These decorations would make a great gift for someone you love, or

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A huge honour has come to us this past month, with our founder Francis Ball being awarded an MBE for the work Bridge Community Farms and Bridge Community Wellness gardens have done throughout lockdown. During this time we were able to help many members of our community with the expansion of our delivered veg box service, we've recruited 30 extra volunteers including drivers to help with the distribution of their popular weekly vegetable boxes after a fourfold increase in enquiries from older people confined to home and worried about getting fresh food.

During August we produced nearly 10,000 free meals for struggling families during the school holidays, delivered to their home by Chester charity Passion-for-Learning. Lastly, we have established the Bridge Buddy Club to help vulnerable customers who were feeling isolated, lonely or anxious at home. A Bridge Buddy would call them for a chat as often as they liked.

We are continuing to help those feeling lonely in these tough times via the Buddy Club. If you feel that you may like a friendly chat over phone, the Bridge Buddy Club may be the solution. In the Buddy Club one of our Bridge Buddies will call you every week just for a chat and a friendly giggle. If this sounds like something that may help you, or someone you know, please get in touch and we will get you paired with one of our Bridge Buddies.

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Subaru BRZ 2.0i SE Lux 6-speed manual



In light of the Coronavirus and being unable to test any new vehicles at this moment in time, I have decided we should revisit the review of Subaru BRZ I did a while back.

There are few words that explain the BRZ in full detail such as; dynamic, sophisticated and thrilling – and I still believe this to be true even now.

With its low centre of gravity, rear-wheel drive and taut chassis – it's still able to deliver exceptional road handling which in essence is why I still love the BRZ in every way.

You can still buy a BRZ of course, they are still around – and loved by many, not only because it looks stunning, but because it feels like a proper drivers car. Even now a few years on – I can still feel that tingle. Before you read on, I just wanted to say; Please stay at home & stay safe. We will all get through this, but it's going to take a while.

Power and Efficiency:

Fitted with a 2.0-litre horizontally-opposed (Boxer), four-cylinder, four-stroke (DOHC 16V) petrol engine with 200PS @ 7000rpm and 205Nm of torque. 0-62mph is around 7.6sec, fuel consumption is a decent 33.3 mpg combined and a top speed of around 140mph.

For all those tech nerds out there - the engine's pistons are placed 180 degrees apart allowing a lower, flatter engine profile. This gives the powerplant - and therefore the whole car - a lower centre of gravity. This more balanced weight distribution gives the BRZ exceptional handling, poise and more importantly control.

Boxer engines have taken some stick in the past, but, they fascinate me and the Boxer engine in the BRZ is pretty cool, thanks to key features such as the engine's square bore and stroke (86mm x 86mm), which all helps achieve a balance between mechanical efficiency, environmental performance, speed and power.

The engine is also fitted with an intelligent port injection system, which selects the appropriate fuel injection rate to provide greater fuel efficiency and lower emissions - all wonderful stuff then!

On the road:

Nimble, frisky and if I am being honest, a little minx – and that’s just to get you started. Take the nimble BRZ out on the road and you will feel how well it grips as I said earlier on in this review. Again, all thanks to the BRZ being fitted with a Torsen limited-slip rear differential for improved traction, allowing the more enthusiastic driver to make the most of the car’s rear-wheel-drive layout.

Also, using a rear-wheel-drive sports car drivetrain allows the engine to sit further back in the BRZ chassis, which helps provide a perfect balance for precise control and grip during high-speed cornering. The BRZ is also fitted with a quick-ratio steering system – tuned to react instantly to every input, which makes it feel like a proper racer.

Of course, to get the best out of a sports car you need to have a front-engined, rear-wheel-drive layout – and the BRZ has this by the bucket load.

For 2020, there have been some changes, and although very small – they all make a big difference. Sometimes when you have the perfect balance between man and machine, it’s not worth trying to perfect it more – especially when you got it right the first time around.

Interior and Technology:

First off - I’m so glad to see that the designers at Subaru have paid a lot of attention to the detail inside the cabin of the BRZ - thankfully its refreshing and modern. Also, the seats are comfy once you get the correct adjustment. When it comes to the boot – the space is OK for a large suitcase or your golf clubs. If I’m being honest, you will be very surprised just how much you can fit in.

On the inside:

Some of the additional standard equipment on the BRZ includes; Subaru Boxer engine (2.0-litre petrol), Rear-Wheel Drive, Track Mode function, Torsen® Limited Slip Differential, LED headlights, Keyless Entry & Push Button Start System, 7” multi-function colour touchscreen with Apple CarPlay™ and Android Auto™ and Satellite navigation.

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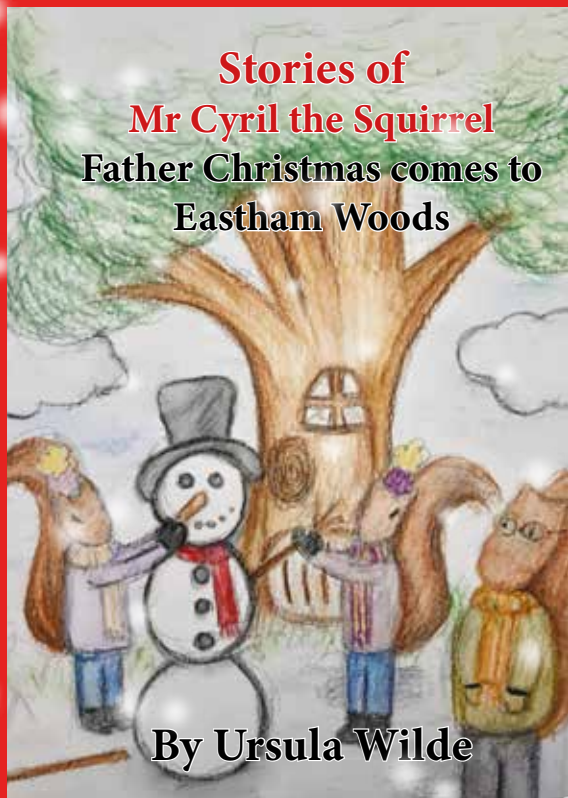
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Little Actors Theatre - Coming out of Lockdown

Little Actors Theatre which is based in Neston is slowly coming out of lock down to offer COVID safe performing arts activities in Neston. All of our workshops are led by professional actors who are experienced in theatre, TV and film. A fully risk assessed programme of work is in place. 2m social distancing is in place but this has not stilted our creativity. We have just adapted to a new way of working.

Christmas Plans

For the Autumn term there is a plan for a Christmas project to be filmed at the end of term. Both Theatre Club (under 12s) and our Brightlights Theatre (over 50s), will be getting festive in front of the camera. This project is supported by Neston Town Council.

Autumn Half term Holiday Course

There will also be a half term holiday course for primary school children. Applications are now open and numbers are restricted so apply early to avoid disappointment. Again supported by Neston Town Council.

Access for All - scholarships

As a charity Little Actors has an access for all policy so low income families are eligible for 50% scholarships and in some cases free places where funding allows. Contact LATC for details.

Survival - Funding

Little Actors has survived this far through the pandemic because of funding from The Arts Council, Neston Town Council, CWaC, Cllr Louise Gittins, Cheshire Community Foundation and other grant and donations from the Masons and Enritec. We are so grateful for the support so far but if we are to survive beyond the new year we need to raise more funding to sustain our charity through to the end of the pandemic. Any support, personal or business would be most welcome.

Workshops and classes on offer Children and young people

Wednesday 5-7pm - InterACT Youth Theatre (ages 13+)
Saturday 9am - Creative Tots sessions (coming soon)
Saturday 10.15am - 12.15pm - Theatre Club (5-12s)
Saturday 12.30pm - LAMDA (examination preparation class)

Adults

Tuesday 11.45am - Tap (Intermediate)
Friday 9.30am - Dance fitness
Friday 11am-1pm - Brightlights Theatre (over 50s)



For details contact Little Actors on 0151 336 4302 or
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Almond & Aubergine Stew

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INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Preheat your oven to 200°C. Put the **water** (amount specified in the ingredient list) on to boil in a large saucepan on medium heat. Add the **vegetable stock pot** and stir to dissolve. Remove the root and dark green tops from the **leek**, cut in half lengthways and thinly slice into half moons. Peel and grate the **garlic** (or use a garlic press). Halve, peel and finely chop the **red onion** into ½cm pieces.
- 2 Add the **couscous** to your pan of stock, remove from the heat and pop on a lid. Set it aside until everything else is ready. Halve the **aubergine** lengthways and chop into 1cm pieces. Put on a baking tray, drizzle over some **olive oil** and season with a pinch of **salt**. Toss to coat then spread out evenly and roast on the top shelf of your oven until soft and brown, 20 mins.
- 3 Put a splash of **olive oil** in a frying pan on medium-low heat. Add the **leek**, **garlic** and **onion**. Cook until soft, about 5 mins. Stir in the **tomato purée** and **tomato passata** and continue to cook on low heat until the **stew** begins to thicken, 5-10 mins.
- 4 Add the **green olives**, a pinch of **salt** and a few grinds of **black pepper** to the **stew**. Once the **aubergine** is cooked, add that in too along with the **ground almonds**.
- 5 Pick the **basil leaves** from their stalks and finely chop (discard the stalks). Take the lid off the couscous and fluff it up with a fork. Stir through three-quarters of the **basil**.
- 6 Serve the **couscous** with the **aubergine stew** on top. Crumble over the **feta** and sprinkle on the remaining **basil**.

Dinner time!

35 mins

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Veggie

Water*	250ml
Vegetable Stock Pot 9) 12)	½
Leek, sliced	1
Garlic Clove, grated	2
Red Onion, chopped	½
Couscous 1)	150g
Aubergine, chopped	1
Tomato Purée	15g
Tomato Passata	1½ cartons
Green Olives	30g
Ground Almonds 8)	15g
Basil, chopped	½ bunch
Feta Cheese, crumbled 7)	½ block

NUTRITION	PER SERVING	PER 100G
Energy (kcal)	528	97
(kJ)	2226	410
Fat (g)	15	3
Sat. Fat (g)	5	1
Carbohydrate (g)	75	14
Sugars (g)	18	3
Protein (g)	21	4
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THIS DAY IN HISTORY FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

1963



NOVEMBER 22, 1963: DEATH OF THE PRESIDENT

Shortly after noon on November 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated as he rode in a motorcade through Dealey Plaza in downtown Dallas, Texas.

Crowds of excited people lined the streets and waved to the Kennedys. The car turned off Main Street at Dealey Plaza around 12:30 p.m. As it was passing the Texas School Book Depository, gunfire suddenly reverberated in the plaza.

Bullets struck the president's neck and head and he slumped over toward Mrs. Kennedy. The governor was shot in his back.

NOVEMBER 17, 2003: THE FIRST TERM OF ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER AS GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA BEGAN ON

The first term of Arnold Schwarzenegger as Governor of California began on November 17, 2003, and ended on January 3, 2007.

The actor's romantic life also captured the attention of the American public: he married television journalist and lifelong Democrat Maria Shriver, niece of the late President John F. Kennedy, in 1986.

Born in Thal, Austria, on July 30, 1947, Arnold Schwarzenegger began body-building as a teenager. He won the first of four "Mr. Universe" body-building championships at the age of 20, and moved to the United States in 1968.

2003



NOVEMBER 5, 1605: THE PLAN WAS TO BLOW UP THE HOUSE OF LORDS DURING THE STATE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

The Gunpowder Plot of 1605, in earlier centuries often called the Gunpowder Treason Plot or the Jesuit Treason, was a failed assassination attempt against King James I by a group of provincial English Catholics led by Robert Catesby.

The plot was revealed to the authorities in an anonymous letter sent to William Parker, 4th Baron Monteagle, on 26 October 1605. During a search of the House of Lords in the evening on 4 November 1605, Fawkes was discovered guarding 36 barrels of gunpowder—enough to reduce the House of Lords to rubble—and arrested. Most of the conspirators fled from London as they learned of the plot's discovery, trying to enlist support along the way.



1605



1922

NOVEMBER 26, 1922: CARTER AND FELLOW ARCHAEOLOGIST LORD CARNARVON ENTERED THE INTERIOR CHAMBERS OF THE TOMB, FINDING THEM MIRACULOUSLY INTACT.

British archaeologist Howard Carter and his workmen discover a step leading to the tomb of King Tutankhamen in the Valley of the Kings in Egypt.

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Apart from developing ways of raising funds, members of Birkenhead Rotary have also organised ways of keeping in touch with each other during lockdown.

With some members shielding, regular telephone calls have been made; a weekly newsletter was emailed containing contributions from members; "Lockdown" video interviews were sent via the Club WhatsApp group

and online Zoom meetings and socials have been held.

One of the main features of the weekly newsletters have been some stunning images of Wirral taken by Rotarian Charles Farnell ARPS CPAGB, whose images also regularly feature on the front page of Love Wirral. A few examples are re-printed below.



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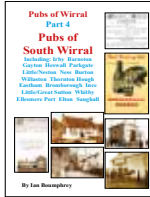
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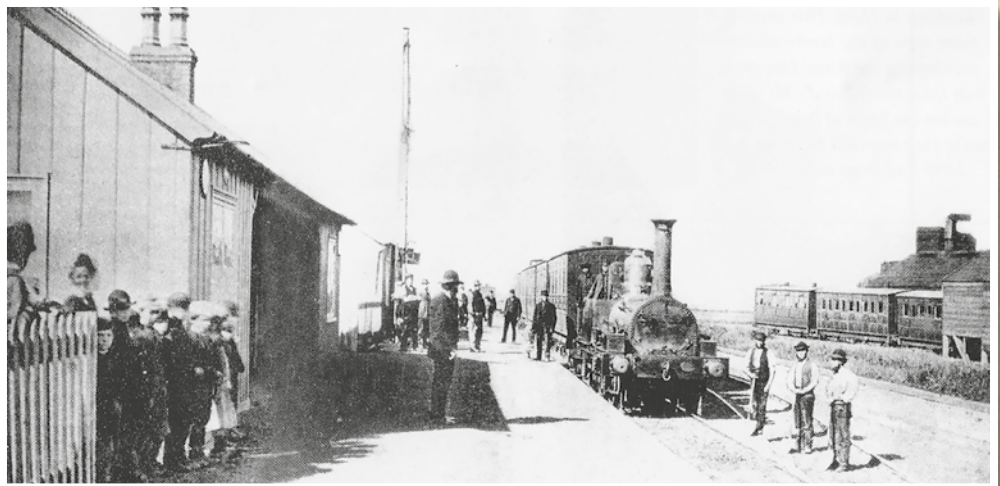
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*Above: The schoolchildren on the left, station staff and officials of the railway are posing for a photograph at the official opening of the **Hoylake Railway** at Hoylake Station on 2nd July 1866 -*

the other terminus being Birkenhead Docks. The locomotive was believed to have been a 2-2-2T named Ashton acquired second-hand from the London & South Western Railway.



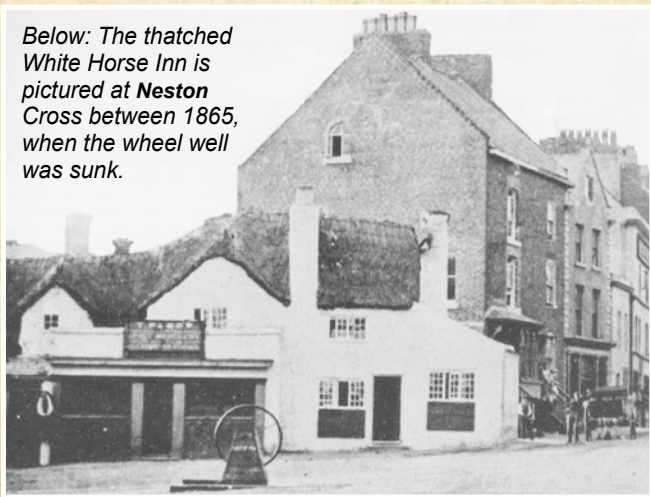
Above: Crowds are proceeding down Station Road **Moreton** (later renamed Pasture Road) towards Leasowe Shore. They are passing Ye Olde English Pasture House which was officially opened 30th April 1921.

Right: The rebuilt Royal Oak seen from the Village Green, Little **Neston** with signs on the gates advertising its owner Birkenhead Brewery.



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Below: The thatched White Horse Inn is pictured at **Neston** Cross between 1865, when the wheel well was sunk.



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I hope those of you who know Wirral well will find something new here, and those who are looking to visit will be encouraged to seek out some more of the secrets of Wirral.



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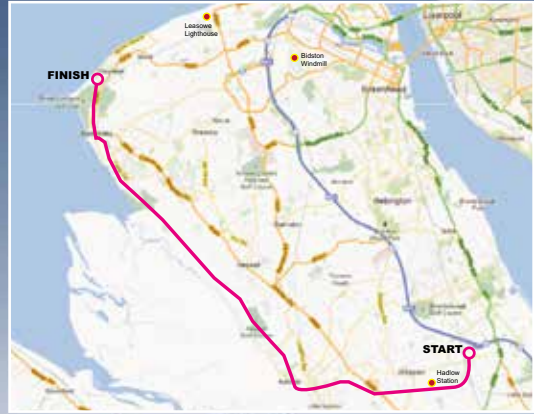


Walk & Cycle the Wirral

There are lots of excellent walk or cycle rides that run along pleasant paths throughout the Wirral coast and countryside which are traffic free. One in particular follows the track bed of part of the former Birkenhead Railway route from Hooton at Hadlow Station along to West Kirby.

Start at Hooton Railway Station near Ellesmere Port and head towards Neston entering the beautiful Wirral Country Park on the way. The path then heads along the beautiful Wirral coastline passing Heswall and Thurstaston before finishing at West Kirby and Hoylake.

There are many beautiful views to take in, as you either walk or cycle along many of the paths that cover the Wirral. On a clear day you can see as far as Moel Famau across the Dee Estuary. Many wild animals nest along the track in the large hedgerows and a large variety of butterflies can be witnessed. Be sure to take plenty of drink and food although you will come across some of the most quaint pubs on the way. The walking guides, including Wirral's Circular Trail can be downloaded from the **Visitwirral** website.



Views from Hoylake at sunset

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In 1330 Wirral developed a trade link across to Liverpool and established the first ferry crossing. The monks home at the time was Birkenhead Priory and Birkenhead and surrounding areas began to rise.

Hadlow Road railway station was a station on the single track Hooton to West Kirby branch of the Birkenhead Railway, on the Wirral Peninsula. The station served the village of Willaston.

Bidston Windmill built in about 1800 and continued working as a flour mill until about 1875. The previous structure, a wooden peg mill, was destroyed by fire in 1791.

Leasowe Lighthouse is the oldest brick built lighthouse in Britain built around 1763, by the Mersey Docks & Harbour Board.

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November

GARDENING JOBS FOR THE GARDEN AND GREENHOUSE

Autumn is without a doubt one of our most favourite times of the year. As the weather changes and turns crisp, it's the perfect excuse to get out for a walk and kick some leaves! And as our gardens welcome the change of the season by shredding its leaves, there is still plenty to be getting on with in order to prepare your garden for the colder winter months, and the spring ahead.

Out in the garden

Although the fallen leaves can look spectacular and make a fun play area for young children, it's important to not let them sit on your lawn for too long as they will prevent the amount of sunlight from reaching the lawn, so be sure to rake these up on a regular basis. If you want to help your local wild animals, you could make a mound out of your raked leaves and help provide a winter bed for some of your little visitors.

Plant out your winter bedding plants and add some colour and interest to your garden during the colder days.



Raise your containers now to prevent possible waterlogging later.

If it's mild where you are and your lawn is still growing, trim it back but set your mower blades to a higher setting. There is still time to give your lawn its Autumn feed, choose one which is high in potassium and phosphorous

as this will help to establish a strong root system and harden your grass ready for the cooler weather.

Clean out and fill up your bird feeders. This will help encourage winter birds into your garden. You should also ensure your bird baths are clean and topped up.

Think about moving your plants into your greenhouse or garage to protect them against winter frost.

In your greenhouse

In preparation for your Spring growth, give your greenhouse an Autumn clean and disinfect it. It will help get it ready for next year's growing season.

Remove any dead or yellowing leaves along with dead flowers.

Maintain good levels of ventilation in your greenhouse to help with air flow and winter growth.

Tidy up any pots and containers you have ready for use next year.

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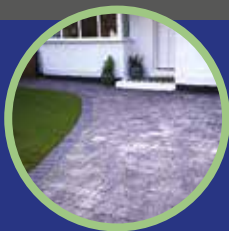
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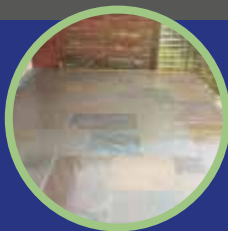
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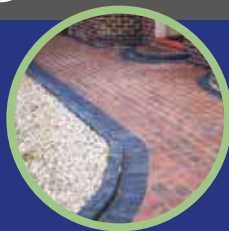
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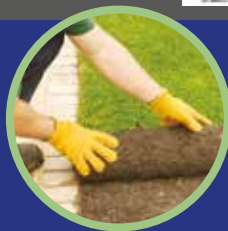
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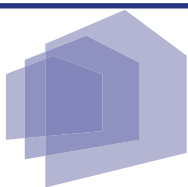
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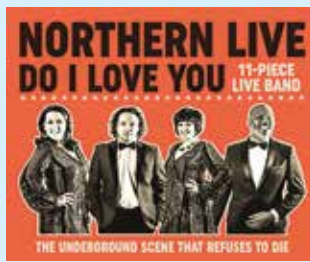


Saturday 6th November 2020

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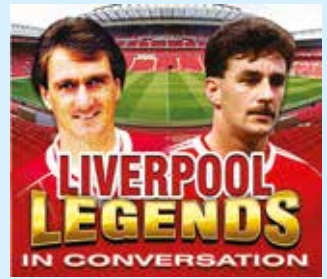
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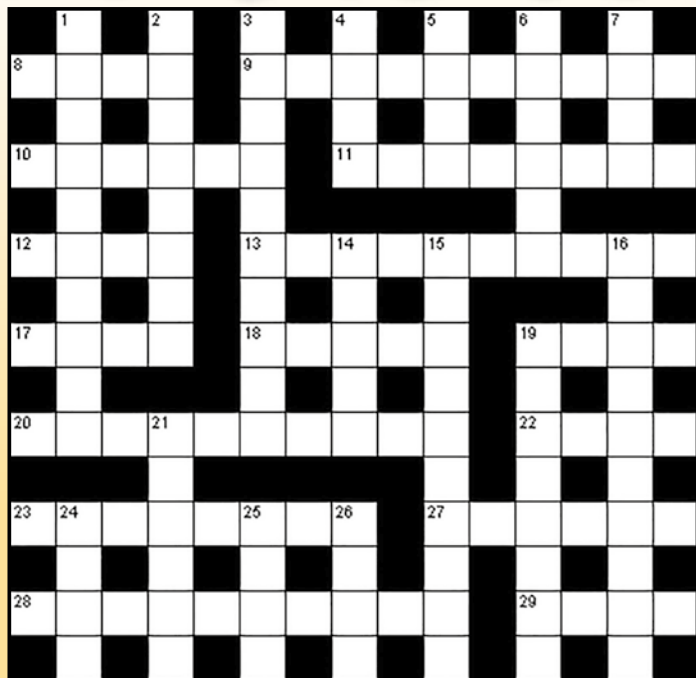
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Down

- 1 Hare (10)
- 2 A city in Canada (8)
- 3 Organized (10)
- 4 Missile (4)
- 5 Picnic animals (4)
- 6 An ointment (6)
- 7 Glance over (4)
- 14 Extent (5)
- 15 Overcast (10)
- 16 Beauty (10)
- 19 A court decision (8)
- 21 Strike with the fist (6)
- 24 Bobbin (4)
- 25 Scottish for "Lake" (4)
- 26 French for "Seven" (4)

Across

- 8 Wainscot (4)
- 9 Oddballs (10)
- 10 Draw (6)
- 11 Operations (8)
- 12 Used to tie a shoe (4)
- 13 Luscious (10)
- 17 Cain's brother (4)
- 18 Combination (abbrev.) (5)
- 19 Jupiter (4)
- 20 Specified as a condition (10)
- 22 Expunge (4)
- 23 Thorny shrubs (8)

- 27 Appointing (6)
- 28 Astronomers tools (10)
- 29 Where birds live (4)

Sudoku Puzzle

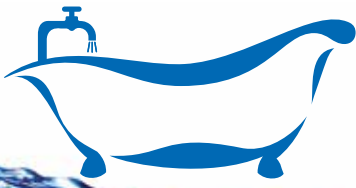
How to play: The numbers 1 through 9 will appear once only in each row, column, and 3x3 zone. There are 9 such zones in each sudoku grid.

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

Difficulty level: **Hard**.

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

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