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Well what a windy and wet few months we have all had.

On a happier note, Spring is on its way now - so we can look forward to blossom, new leaves and our beautiful wildlife here in Wirral!

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3. Aztec mothers who died in childbirth were regarded as highly as warriors who died in battle.
4. Shark Bay, Australia, is now called 'Safety Beach'. It changed its name to attract tourists.
5. 18.3% of Iceland's population uses cannabis, placing them as the top marijuana consuming nation in the world.
6.  When Muhammad Ali lost a fight against Larry Holmes, a 14-year-old Mike Tyson promised him that when he "got big" he would take down Larry Holmes for him. Six years later, he took Holmes down.
7. The main actor of "The Gods Must Be Crazy" was only paid \$300, even though the film made over \$60 million.
8. Rock Paper Scissors was invented in China, but popularized in Japan, where it's called "Janken."
9. Saltwater crocodiles enjoy catching a wave and can travel hundreds of kilometres by "surfing" on ocean currents.
10. 'Orchid' actually means testicle. The surgical procedure to remove one or more testicles is an 'orchidectomy'.
11. More than a third of all sick leave is taken on a Monday, researchers found.
12. The word "vodka" is a diminutive form of the Slavic word "voda" (water), interpreted as "little water."
13. In 1916, the German Empire allowed citizens to take passport photos with their dogs. 
14. It is possible to age a lobster by counting the rings on its eyestalks.
15. Black Sabbath's eponymous debut album was released on Friday the 13th, 1970.
16. 24 is the age you're most likely to shop at IKEA, according to a study.
17. Finland's passport became a flipbook when it was redesigned in 2012. It features a moose that walks across the page as you thumb through it.
18. Lee Harvey Oswald wasn't arrested for killing JFK. He was actually arrested for fatally shooting a police officer 45 minutes after the death of Kennedy.
19. Chewing gum became a global phenomenon during WWII when it was included in American GI rations.
20. In 1986, a Soviet pilot made a bet with his co-pilot that he could land the aeroplane with an instrument-only approach, with no visual contact with the ground. He crashed the plane, killing 70 of the 94 passengers and crew on board. 
21. Taylor Swift has trademarked the phrases "this sick beat", "party like it's 1989," and "Nice to meet you. Where you been?"
22. After the assassination of JFK, all three U.S. TV networks interrupted their regular programming to cover it for 4 straight days, the longest uninterrupted news event until 9/11.
23. Apollo Astronauts couldn't get life insurance. They made their own by autographing cards to be sold by their families if they didn't return. 
24. A British study found that one third of vegetarians eat meat when drunk.
25. The Statue of Liberty employs gum-cleaning staff who use specially designed "GumBuster" machines.
26. In Sweden, IKEA is pronounced "ee-kay-uh" not "eye-kee-ah". The word is made up of the initials of the founder's name and the village he grew up in.
27. During Germany's hyperinflation that peaked in 1923, a loaf of bread cost 428 billion marks and a kilo of butter would run you roughly 6 trillion.
28. U.S. television networks allow alcohol to be advertised as long as no one in the commercial is actually drinking it.
29. Divers who recover golf balls from lakes make up to £116,000 per year or \$150,000.
30. "Euouae" is the longest word in the English language which is made up of nothing but vowels.
31. There are only four artists who have achieved a Top 40 hit every decade since the 1980s: U2, Michael Jackson, Madonna, and Weird Al Yankovic.
31. 1 in 5 kidneys donated in the U.S. are thrown away because a suitable recipient can't be found.
32. Tutankhamun was the only ancient Egyptian who was mummified with an erect penis.
33. The largest volcanic region on Earth is two kilometres below the surface of the vast ice sheet that covers west Antarctica, where at least 136 volcanoes are located.
34. The site of Berlin's Tempelhof Airport was originally Knights Templar land in medieval Berlin, and from this beginning came the airport's name.
35. France paid the highest taxes in Europe in 2016, with a real tax rate of 57.53%.



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BROMBOROUGH DOCK 1940

The Bromborough Dock Ju88 incident Oct. 8th 1940



On the 8th October 1940, a German Junkers Ju88 bomber aircraft arrived in the skies above Merseyside on a mission to bomb the Rootes aircraft factory at Speke and photograph the results of its attack. The aircraft was loaded with four 250kg bombs. It had flown from Caen in France over Southampton, Droitwich, Ellesmere Port and finally to Speke, arriving in the target area around 4pm.

However, before it could reach its target, the bomber was spotted by Czech pilots flying three Hurricanes of yellow section No.312 (Czech) Squadron based at Speke. They had just taken off on a routine mission to patrol the skies above Hoylake. The Hurricanes attacked the Junkers aircraft, which fired back - causing some damage to the Hurricanes.

Eventually, the Ju88's starboard engine was hit and damaged. The pilot, 26 year old Oberleutnant Helmuth Bruckmann, jettisoned two of his bombs into the River Mersey. With two bombs still in their racks, the Ju88 was seen gliding down towards Bromborough Dock where the pilot made a forced landing with the undercarriage retracted. The Ju88 slid across the field for thirty yards until it came to a rest near to an anti-aircraft gun post with the port engine ripped out of its mounting. One of the bombs was torn from its rack and was found lying in the field near to the aircraft along with a fully inflated dinghy.

A bullet wound to the head had killed the observer, 24 year old Leutnant (Pilot Officer) Herbert Schlegel. The pilot, Oberleutnant Brüeckmann was uninjured but 37 year old Sonderführer Horst Lehmann the air gunner and 26 year old Unteroffizierer Helmuth Weth wireless operator were injured.

The three Hurricanes landed back at Speke, the whole sortie had taken just eleven minutes.

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Images showing RAF personnel inspecting the JU88 which crashed next to Bromborough Dock on 8th October 1940



Data Plates from the JU88 which crashed at Bromborough Dock



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**Milkmen of Mortons Dairies join Heswall Primary School
and over 1,000 locals to highlight simple steps to reduce plastic waste**



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Suzi Bowles

Mortons Dairies showed its support for Heswall Primary School's 'Science Under the Stars' event last week along with more than 1,000 local residents.

The focal point for the event was the premiere of the film 'A planet full of plastic (and how you can help)'. The production, a collaborative environmental film made by six schools from the South Deeside Federation, highlighted the plight of plastic in the world and what can be done to reduce it.

Mortons Dairies attended to offer simple steps on how to reduce plastic at home and describe the process of recycling glass milk bottles to youngsters.

The event, on Thursday 23 January, showcased scientific and environmental organisations who are helping to positively impact the environment or ecology of our world.

Julian Harrison, Joint Managing Director of Mortons Dairies, said:

"We were delighted to attend this amazing event that helped children in our local community to understand the positive impact they can make on the environment."

"We are proud to be a local, family-owned business that cares deeply about the environment. By teaching the next generation how we recycle our glass milk bottles we hope to inspire them and their parents to be more environmentally aware."

"This event demonstrated that everyone can make tiny steps, including having a local milkman, to make a positive difference to our environment. We're really proud to have been part of it."

Jonathan Lawrenson, Headteacher at Heswall Primary School, commented:

"We are thrilled so many people attended. We've been raising the profile of scientific and environmental groups and organisations in the local community for four years now."

"The event is for local people and pupils to see how much Wirral has to offer in this area. Mortons Dairies is one of those businesses that is using its influence to really try and educate people on those simple steps to improve a family's environmental impact. We're so pleased they were part of it."

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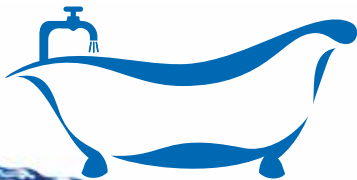
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MG ZS 1.5 Excite: Brand New Friend.



What we have here is MG's answer to the Nissan Juke, Mazda CX3 and Ford EcoSport amongst others, a car that MG already have supreme confidence in, so much so that it comes with a 7 year/80,000 mile warranty.

MG have used their new 'Emotional Dynamism' design philosophy with the ZS to create an upmarket feel to their corporate look. The front grille has been designed with MG's heritage in mind featuring a contemporary version that impresses whilst also allowing for a larger version of their iconic badge to be displayed proudly up front.

Move around the car and the ZS displays perfect proportions front to rear with strong creases running from its clever front lights through to the superb, heavily accentuated rear wheel arches, a distinctive feature of the car and one that certainly catches the eye. Chrome surrounds to the high side windows, front bash plate and stylish roof rails give the ZS a distinctive look to make it stand out from the crowd, especially when combined with the 17" Diamond Cut alloy wheels on this Excite Edition. And that red paint, it's stunning.

On the Road

Sit inside and it's clear that the ZS is a step forward with soft materials covering those surfaces that you regularly touch, a carbon fibre design surround on the infotainment display and even a stitched leather effect

options for the seats. The thing is, the ZS interior is exactly as it needs to be with a decent specification level on even the base Explore model but upgrade to the mid spec Excite Edition, the model on test and you can enjoy: Manual or Automatic gearbox, LED daytime running lights, 8" colour touch screen, 3 steering modes, Parking sensors, Bluetooth integration, Cruise control and so on whilst the Exclusive model adds Leather style upholstery, Satellite Navigation, Reversing camera and sensors amongst other features.

Getting comfortable is simple as the MG is 179mm longer, 44mm wider and 46mm taller than it's direct competition in the form of the Nissan Juke. With easily enough room for five, boot capacity of 448l with the seats up, 1375l with the seats folded flat and you have a vehicle that's easily suited to the needs of the modern family.

Power and Efficiency

A 1.5 DOHC VTI-tech, four-cylinder engine with smooth and responsive five-speed manual gearbox takes care of things up front, and there is an option of a 1.0 GDI turbocharged, three- cylinder version of the engine which, MG say, complements the six-speed automatic gearbox option to produce a fast-paced and dynamic ride for drivers looking to experience a little extra.

The power produced by the 1.5l power-plant on test is a decent 105bhp at 6000rpm with torque of 104 ft/lb at 4500rpm providing an engine that delivers out in the 'real world' with power exactly where you need it whilst still allowing for drivers to stir the receptive five speed manual gearbox as and when the need dictates giving the ZS the ability to take you through the traffic on the daily commute or to comfortably journey further afield. Impressive, especially when you consider that with a conservative driving style a combined figure of 49.6mpg is more than achievable.

There's no doubt that the ZS is a handsome and distinctive looking car that stands out amongst the competition and yet MG have not forgotten that for most of us, our car needs to provide us with different roles and capabilities depending on the journey to be undertaken.

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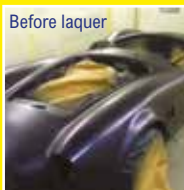
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Below: The rebuilt Royal Oak seen from the Village Green, Little Neston with signs on the gates advertising its owner Birkenhead Brewery.



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Why? Because of how much resource wasting can take place there.

Here are a few clever and common sense landscaping ideas for that greener home.

An Outdoor BBQ Area

An outdoor barbecue area gets you, your family, and guests cooking and eating outside of your home. It's a fun way to eat and entertain at the same time you also lessen your carbon footprint by not having to heat your home on warm evenings. A solar powered fan can be easily found online and works great for creating a cool breeze in your barbecue area to keep your guests cool too. It's just one option from all that's available now to help you create a great outdoor kitchen/dining area.

Low Water Plants

Introduce plants that consume less water into your garden landscape this benefits you in two ways. First of all, as far as a greener home is concerned, less water used in your landscaping means less water that has to be pumped from the ground or from rivers. Then because they are low-water plants, they also require less maintenance which is another bonus. It just takes a little research and a little shopping around because your local garden centre may not have a large selection of them.

A Drip Irrigation System

There's just so many good reasons to switch to a modern drip irrigation system in your landscaping, and the best of those reasons is to make your home a bit more green. Drip irrigation systems use less water because they eliminate runoff and place the water right at the plants base where it's needed. A modern drip irrigation system also produces healthier plants because the water goes deeper. Since it's dripped, it doesn't force out oxygen or wash away precious nutrients.

Don't Overfertilize Your Plants

Most people, and you may be one of them simply don't make the connection between using less fertilizer and ideas for a greener home. What they should know though, is that it takes energy to

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Condition Your Soil

Then improving your soil by working quality soil conditioners like redwood mulch and peat moss in is another way to help cut your carbon footprint. Well conditioned soil holds water better which in turn helps to eliminate runoff. Plants also grow better and the bigger they grow the better they can shade your home to help cut energy costs. Then another big plus of conditioned soil is that your yard just look better as your plants produce more flowers

Use Landscape Rocks

Incorporating rocks into your landscaping is just one more of the many great ideas for a greener home that are out there. Here again, they also come with the benefit that they require zero maintenance. What catches many homeowners off guard however, is how expensive larger landscape boulders in particular can be. So then why not take a drive out into the country where you live to scout around for landscaping rocks that cost you nothing to buy?



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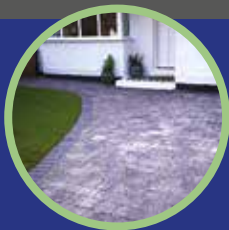
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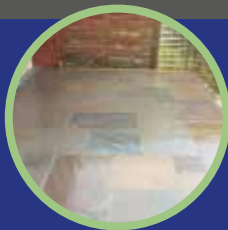
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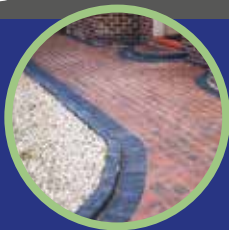
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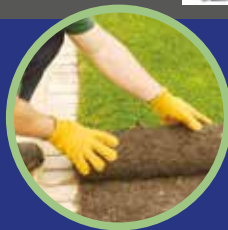
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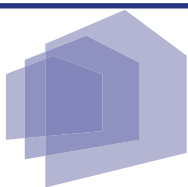
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The Men's Cancer support group facilitated by a psychologist is an opportunity for men to talk to other who been diagnosed with cancer. The group offers a safe place to express emotions they may not want to share with family and friends.

The group is held the first Monday of each month 9:30 – 11:00am but as of February 2019 the time will change to 3:00pm – 4:30pm.

Maggie's Merseyside relies solely on the support and generosity of people and voluntary donations, you can help us to make sure that Maggie's support is available to everyone who needs it across Wirral, Merseyside, Cheshire and North Wales this year, next year and in the years to come.

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 - 1/2 teaspoon oregano
 - 1 teaspoon minced garlic
 - 1 (4 to 5 pound) whole chicken, rinsed with neck and giblets removed
- Salt and pepper

Gravy:

- 1/2 cup cold water
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 (0.87 to 1.2 ounces) package chicken gravy mix
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 1/2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice

1. Heat oven to 400°F. Spray a shallow roasting pan with rack with no-stick cooking spray.
2. Mix oil, oregano and garlic. Brush mixture over entire chicken. Season chicken liberally with salt and pepper. Place in prepared pan, breast side down; let stand 30 minutes. Turn chicken breast side up.
3. Roast 65 to 70 minutes, basting occasionally. Chicken is done when meat thermometer registers 170°F or when juices run clear when thickest part of thigh is pricked. Transfer chicken to carving board; tent with aluminum foil. Allow to rest 10 minutes.
4. Skim grease from the pan drippings. Place 1/4 cup skimmed pan drippings into small saucepan. Add water, milk, gravy mix, oregano, garlic and lemon juice to pan. Cook, stirring constantly until gravy thickens.
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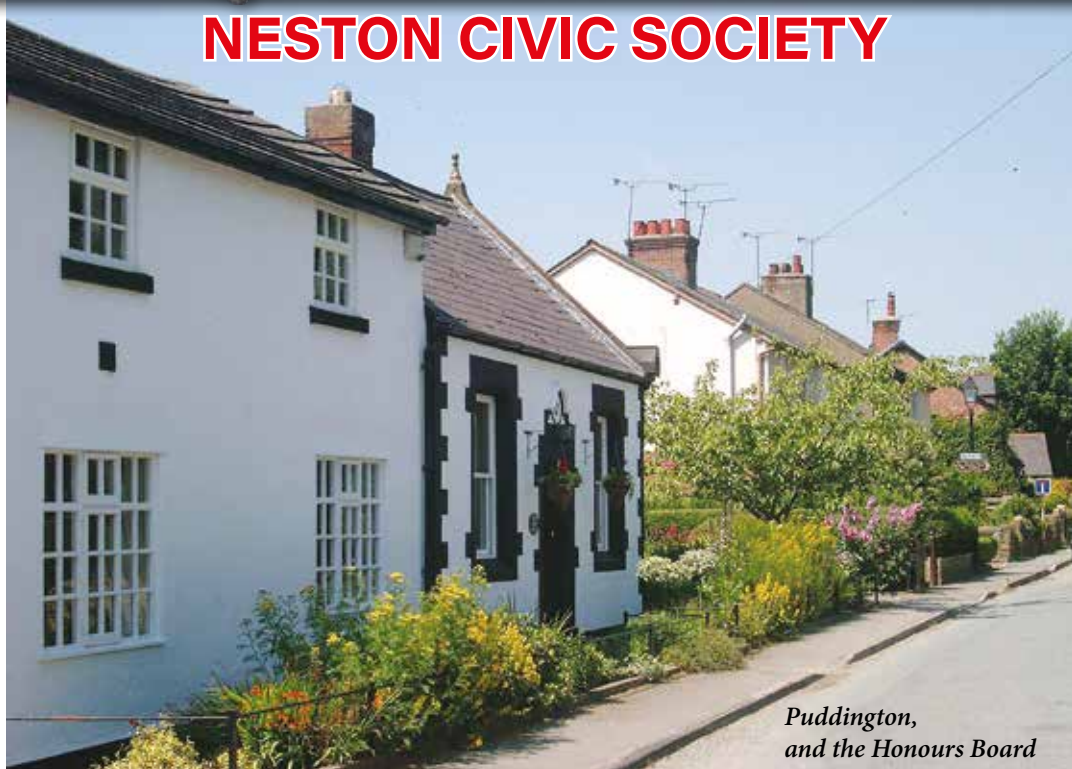
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*Puddington,
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The next meeting of Neston Civic Society is at **7.30 p.m. on Thursday March 19th** at the United Reformed Church Hall, Moorside Lane, Neston CH64 6UZ

Gillian Williams will talk on A Loop in Time - the strange story of Puddington

Visitors are most welcome, for £1.

Contact Janet Griffiths email
janet.griffiths.ncs@gmail.com

Complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits will be served after the talk.

Members were delighted to hear that Neston & Little Neston had won the Award for the Most Improved Village in Cheshire. The Society entered the Best Kept Village competition since 2005, recently entering jointly with Neston

Town Council. This will be the last time the competition will be held, and the cast-iron plaque will be displayed outside Neston Town Hall.

The Society has used part of the Ruby Holloway Bequest to pay for an Honours Board in Neston Town Hall, displaying the names of the leaders of Neston Town Council.



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Birkenhead Rotary is very fortunate to welcome interesting speakers to its lunchtime and occasional evening meetings, none more so than Hilarie McNae, (pictured centre), who is a Freeman of the City of Chester.

Pictured above is Rotarian Barbara Sinclair, whose guest Hilarie was and Steve Lander, President of Birkenhead Rotary Club.

Hilarie inherited the Freeman title from her 98 year old Father, who was the oldest surviving Freeman of the City and a former Lord Mayor of Chester. Hilarie mentioned that Trade Guilds have been in existence in Chester for over 800 years and among the earliest were tanners, weavers, ironmongers and carpenters. From the middle ages the guilds encouraged trade, set wages, organised apprenticeships and working conditions and gave assistance to those in need.

Club's 91st Anniversary Dinner



Pictured above are some of the guests, including the Mayor and Mayoress of the Metropolitan Borough of Wirral Cllr. Tony Smith and Barbara Smith, who joined the President and members of Birkenhead Rotary at the celebration dinner for its 91st year.

The speaker for the evening was Gareth Kennedy, (who is pictured on the second row, fourth from the right) whose title "Flying High with Aer Lingus" had the audience enthralled by the technicalities involved and more light hearted facts about flying across The Atlantic.

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Wed 29 Jan	Bromborough Civic Centre
Thur 30 Jan	West Kirby Concourse
Mon 3 Feb	Birkenhead Town Hall
Wed 5 Feb	Wallasey Town Hall
Tues 11 Feb*	Wirral Change, Birkenhead
Tues 18 Feb	Bromborough Civic Centre
Wed 19 Feb	West Kirby Concourse
Thur 20 Feb	Heswall Library
Tues 25 Feb	Leasowe Millennium Centre
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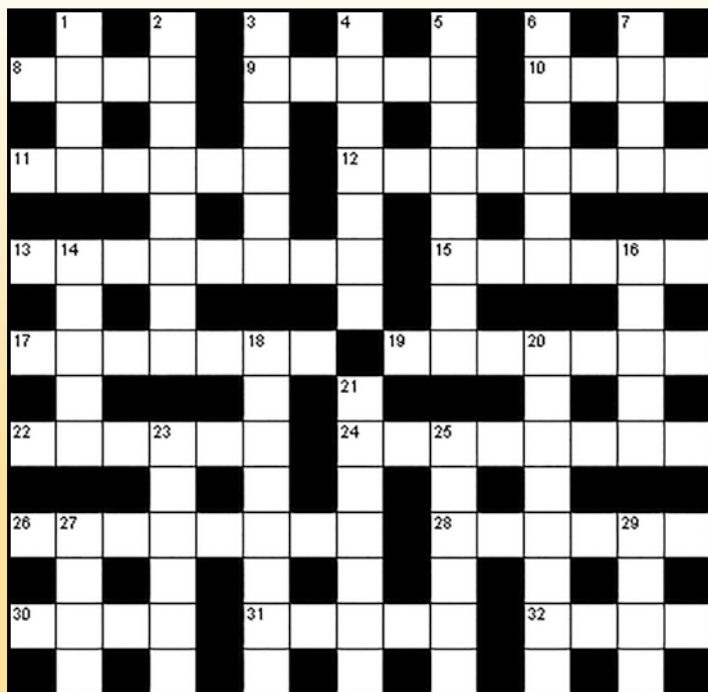
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4. Cattlemen (7)
5. Speed (8)
6. Come up with (6)
7. Discover (4)
14. Open, as a bottle (5)
16. Basic belief (5)
18. A type of curved shape (9)
20. A black candy (8)
21. Outcomes (7)
23. Eluted (6)
25. Dwell (6)
27. Affirm (4)
29. Sponge (4)

Across

8. Modify (4)
9. Positive pole (5)
10. Leave out (4)
11. Perplex (6)
12. Encirclement (8)
13. Breaking and entering (8)
15. Ascribe (6)
17. Not an art (7)
19. Violent rotating windstorm (7)
22. Scant (6)
24. Fury (8)

26. Marine crustacean (8)
28. Termagants (6)
30. Learning method (4)
31. Well-known (5)
32. Make do (4)

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13th March 2019 - 19:30

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14th March 2019 - 18:00

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