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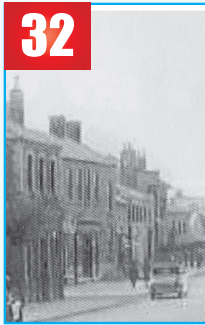
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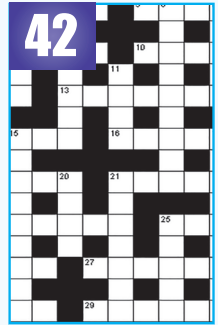
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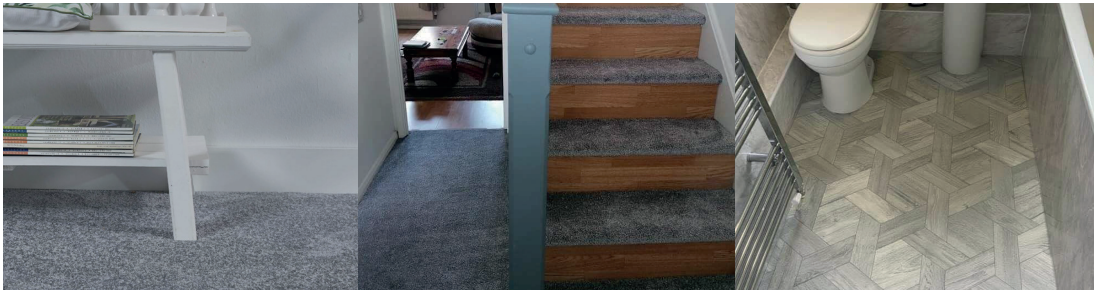
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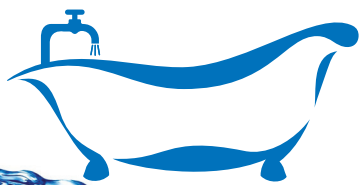


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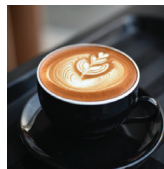
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3. Autism affects about 21.7 million people in the world.
4. The Bible is partially or completely available in 3,384 languages, as of 2019.
5. A cat has been the mayor of Talkeetna, Alaska for 15 years.
6. About 50% of Asians have trouble metabolizing alcohol due to a missing liver enzyme needed to process it.
7. The average office desk has 400 times more bacteria than a toilet.
8. Chocolate has an anti-bacterial effect on the mouth and protects against tooth decay.
9. New brain connections are created every time you form a memory.
10. Owning a cat can reduce the risk of heart attacks and strokes by more than a third, researchers found.
11. Sand from the Sahara is blown by the wind all the way to the Amazon, recharging its minerals. The desert literally fertilizes the rainforest.
12. Couples who live together before engagement have a higher divorce rate than those who wait.
13. 31% of rock star deaths are related to drugs or alcohol.
14. People with blue eyes have a higher alcohol tolerance.
15. Earthquakes turn water into gold.
16. In 1981, a man who had been bullying residents of a small Missouri town was murdered in broad daylight when 46 people rose up against him, in an act of vigilante justice.
17. Coffee is most effective if consumed between 9:30 am and 11:30 am.
18. Over 30% of cancer could be prevented by avoiding tobacco and alcohol, having a healthy diet and physical activity.
19. Dogs Poop in Alignment with Earth's Magnetic Field.
20. Chimpanzees can develop their own fashion trends.
21. Anne Frank's father was an officer in the German army during World War I.
22. Barack Obama won a Grammy in 2006 for the audio version of his memoir, "Dreams From My Father."
23. From birth to toilet training, a baby goes through an average of 8000 diaper changes.
24. The "new car smell" is composed of over 50 volatile organic compounds.
25. "Mortimer Mouse" was the original name of Mickey Mouse before Walt Disney's wife, Lillian, convinced him to change it.
26. Covering nearly 40 square miles, Walt Disney World Resort in Florida is about the size of San Francisco or two Manhattan islands.
27. At its peak, the Roman Empire comprised only 12% of the world's population.
28. 1 billion people speak English. That's 1 in every 7 on earth.
29. 80% of information stored on all computers in the world is in English.
30. Kissing someone is more sanitary than shaking hands, if you want to avoid a cold.
31. A lack of exercise is now causing as many deaths as smoking across the world, a study suggests.
32. Famous left-handed people include Napoleon, Da Vinci, Michelangelo, Einstein, Newton, Bill Gates, Oprah, Obama and Jimi Hendrix.
33. 350 million people of all ages around the world suffer from depression.
34. In 1801, the Kingdom of Ireland and the Kingdom of Great Britain merged to create a United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.
35. Some Fish, like the Triggerfish, can swim backwards.





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This feature each month will give true interesting facts from years gone by. See what you remember that happened in your lifetime.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

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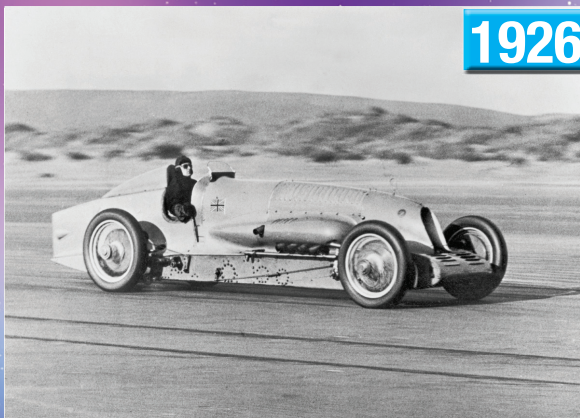
FEBRUARY 1

Sixteen minutes before it was scheduled to land, the Space Shuttle Columbia broke apart in flight over west Texas, killing all seven crew members. The accident may have resulted from damage caused during liftoff when a piece of insulating foam from the external fuel tank broke off, piercing a hole in the shuttle's left wing that allowed hot gases to penetrate the wing upon re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere. This was the second space shuttle lost in flight. After the disaster, Space Shuttle flight operations were suspended for more than two years. Construction of the International Space Station (ISS) was also put on hold.

FEBRUARY 4 1926

Malcolm Campbell sets a new world land speed record of 174 mph (278 kmph) at Pendine Sands in Wales in the Napier-Campbell Blue Bird. Malcolm astonishingly broke the land speed record 9 times between 1924 and 1935, setting the benchmark very high for his son Donald. He became an icon in the public eye with his daredevil image and the sleek futuristic cars, all of which he named 'Blue Bird'. He also broke the water speed record 4 times in speedboats he also called Blue Bird!

1926



FEBRUARY 9 1964

73 million Americans tuned into the 'Ed Sullivan Show' to watch four lads from Liverpool appear for the first time. The Beatles broke viewing records with their appearance, it is still supposed to be one of the largest viewing audiences ever in America.

The boys think that one of the big things that broke them was the hairdo more than the music to start with. American fathers reportedly told their children they were wearing wigs.

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1971



JANUARY 15 1971

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FEBRUARY 6 1952 - King George VI died. His daughter Princess Elizabeth became Queen Elizabeth II, her actual coronation took place on June 2 1953.

FEBRUARY 11 1975 - The Iron Lady, Margaret Thatcher became the first woman leader of the Conservative Party. She became Prime Minister in May 1979 and held office until November 1990.

FEBRUARY 7 1812 - Novelist Charles Dickens was born in Portsmouth. He examined social inequalities through his works including; David Copperfield, Oliver Twist, and Nicholas Nickleby. In 1843, he wrote A Christmas Carol in just a few weeks, an enormously popular work even today.

FEBRUARY 27 1991 - Desert Storm, the 100 hour ground war ended as Allied troops entered Kuwait just four days after launching their offensive against Saddam Hussein's Iraqi forces.

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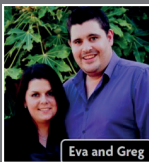
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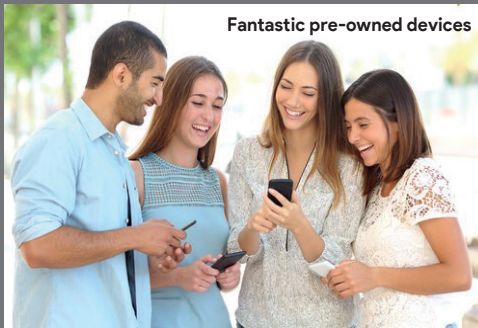


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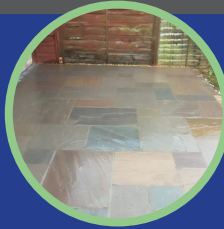


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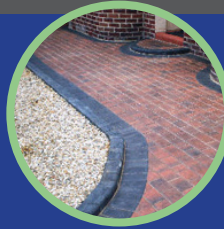
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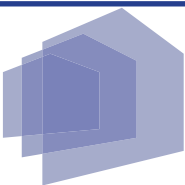
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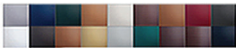
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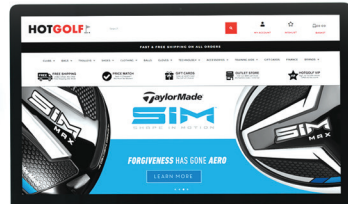
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Rotarian Ursula Wilde, who has just published a lovely new children's book, donated the money raised from all book sales via Rotary members.

Shirley Lloyd made lots of gorgeous Christmas cakes and chocolates to order, and again all those proceeds went into the Club's charity funds.

So where have these funds been donated?

Laptops were provided to Wirral Women and Children's Aid Refuge for its family room. Club Vice President Lionel Bolland is pictured at the socially distanced handover.



Rotarian Wendy Meade is pictured with representatives from Wirral Change, who are supporting refugee and asylum seekers. A donation of £250 was used to supply ethically suitable food parcels.



Donations were also given to:

- Claire House Children's Hospice for all resident children in December to take home gift bags.
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AutoReview

by **Tony Yates**

Keeping you motoring

Ford EcoSport 1.0L EcoBoost 125PS 6 Speed



The Ford EcoSport has been around for a while now. My friend owns one and is very happy with it. So are his wife and the whole family. Now, I'm going, to be honest, I'm not a fan of its looks. Do I think Ford could have done a better job? Yes – basically. But hey, a car is a car. Also, for most, the family car is a functional item for getting from A – B. All the same, the EcoSport is a vehicle that you can load up to the hilt with gear - and is ideal for all those camping trips away or carrying your mountain bike.

Joking aside, The Ford EcoSport is a pretty good all-round vehicle and many people will be very happy after purchase. Also, there are some pretty good deals around for the Titanium version at the moment so shop around.

On the Road

Into the corners, the chassis felt poised and tight, even when dealing with all the potholes and bumps on some of our worst roads here in Staffordshire. (take note – Staffordshire County Council, please repair the large hole at the junction just at the end of my road – it's only been there since September 2020)

Plus when the tarmac gets twisty, the EcoSport's chassis firms up to give you maximum grip in and out of every corner. The steering also feels light, direct and is perfectly balanced with plenty of feedback on what the road beneath you is doing. Also, doing 70mph on the motorway - its all silent and feels quiet and relaxed. Ford has put in a lot of effort into making the cabin as quiet as it can be, and it shows.

Power and Efficiency

The EcoSport I had on test was powered by a 1.0-litre petrol engine that has a 0-62 time of around 11.0 seconds and a top speed of 111mph. Fuel consumption is also good, giving a combined figure of around 47 mpg. Being an EcoBoost engine, it has lots of get up and go.

So, firstly, how well does it get a move on? Well, basically, pretty good if I'm being honest and the engine is quite refined thanks to clever EcoBoost technology. Also, its torque band is not bad 170Nm (200Nm with overboost) You also get a wonderful 6-speed gearbox that's 'smooth' and slick. You are never going to break The World Speed Record or take on anyone from the lights because the point of the EcoSport is to be functional and fun. This is something it has by the bucket load. I like the EcoSport because its practical for a family and its fun to drive. It also has bags of torque and plenty of space on the inside.



Interior & Technology

First off, in Titanium trim - the EcoSport is not lacking in technology or comfort. For a start, the seats are 'well lush' and the interior space is good for a large family. There is also plenty of space in the rear for adults and even people over 6ft can slip in easily.

On the inside; there's also plenty of standard equipment, such as; 17" 10-spoke premium Shadow Silver machined alloy wheels, Automatic headlights, Power-foldable door mirrors with puddle lights, Silver-finish roof rails, Rain-sensing wipers, Partial Sensico seat trim, Centre console with armrest and openable stowage, Cruise control with Adjustable Speed Limiter, Ford SYNC 3 Navigation with 8" Touchscreen, DAB Radio, Emergency Assistance, Apple CarPlay & Android Auto, USB connectivity, 7-speakers and FordPass Connect (Embedded Modem) 4.2" colour cluster display, Auto-dimming rear-view mirror, Rear View Camera with rear parking distance sensors, Electrically-operated front and rear windows with global opening/closing, Ambient lighting, Front door threshold plates with EcoSport logo and Electronic Automatic Temperature Control (EATC).

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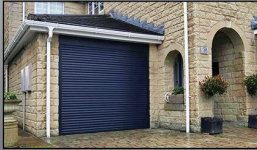
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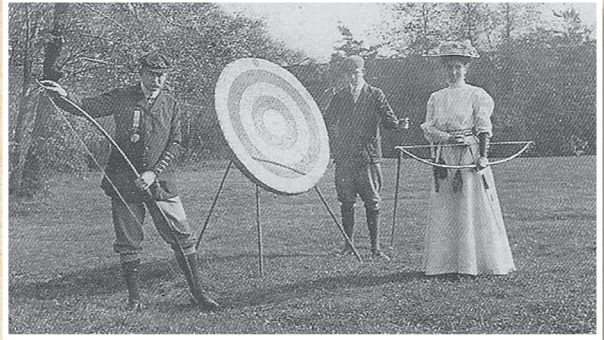
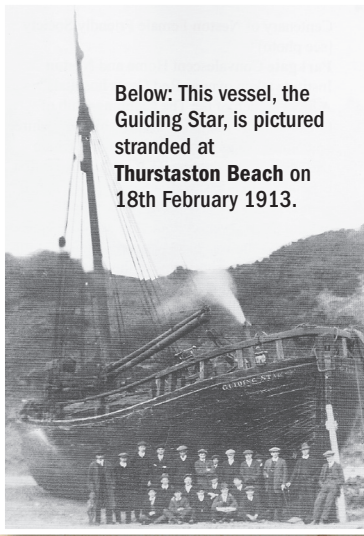
Above: Looking along Chester Road, **Little Sutton** where there is now a set of traffic lights, turning right into Ledsham Road. Walkers Lane is on the left of the photo by the light coloured car. This was named after the local chemist and photographer whose shop was situated at the corner C1932.



Left: 1834. **Eastham** windmill was originally sited in Carlett Park but in 1834 it was taken down and moved to the Chester side of Eastham Village. One of the sails was blown off during a gale in the last century so the miller removed the opposite sail. This worked well until a storm in 1895 blew the remaining two sails down, and the miller used them to repair his other mill at Willaston. This photograph shows how the mill looked without any sails at the turn of the century. This mill was demolished in the 1930s. In 1932 a transport cafe was built on the site adjoining the mill by Cartwright Bros. This was later to become The Little Chef in the 1970s.

Today it is better known as **Starbucks** on A41.

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



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



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

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





Bacon-Apple Red Cabbage Soup

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Prep time: 15 mins, Cook time: 20 mins, Servings: 4

- 2 slices thick-cut bacon, chopped
- 1 medium red onion, chopped (about 1/2 cup)
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 jar (16 ounces) Sweet & Sour Red Cabbage, not drained
- 2 cups low-sodium, fat-free chicken or vegetable broth
- 1 medium apple, chopped (about 1 cup), plus additional for garnish (optional)
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon (optional)
- 1/8 teaspoon ground allspice (optional)
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves (optional)
- plain yogurt or sour cream (optional)
- crumbled cooked bacon (optional)

German Potato Salad Soup

Prep time: 15 mins, Cook time: 15 mins, Servings: 4

- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 cans (15 ounces each) READ German Potato Salad, chopped
- 1 bottle (12 ounces) light beer
- 3/4 cup reduced-sodium, fat-free chicken broth
- 6 ounces (1 cup) diced ham, smoked turkey or sliced smoked sausage (optional)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- rye croutons (optional)
- crumbled bacon (optional)

In Dutch oven or 3-quart saucepan over medium heat, cook onion and bell pepper in oil until onion starts to brown, 5-7 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add potato salad, beer, broth and meat, if desired, and stir to combine.

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In large saucepan or Dutch oven over medium heat, cook bacon 2-3 minutes, or until cooked through and crisp. Remove bacon from skillet; reserve. Drain drippings; return 1 tablespoon to pan; discard remaining drippings.

Add onion to pan. Cook about 2 minutes, until tender, stirring frequently. Add garlic; cook and stir about 30 seconds. Add red cabbage and liquid from jar, broth and chopped apple. Stir in cinnamon, allspice and cloves. Bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, 10 minutes. Add water, 1/2 cup at a time, if soup is too thick. Add bacon to pan. Continue simmering about 3-5 minutes, until apples are tender and soup reaches desired consistency.

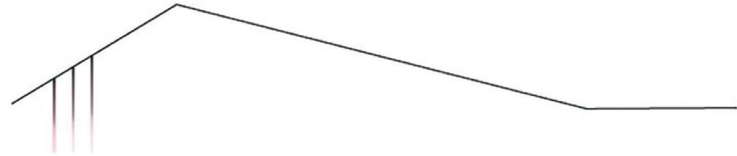
Spoon into bowl. Garnish with apples, yogurt and crumbled bacon, if desired.



German Potato Salad Soup

Bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add salt, if desired, pepper and parsley.

Serve topped with rye croutons and bacon, if desired.



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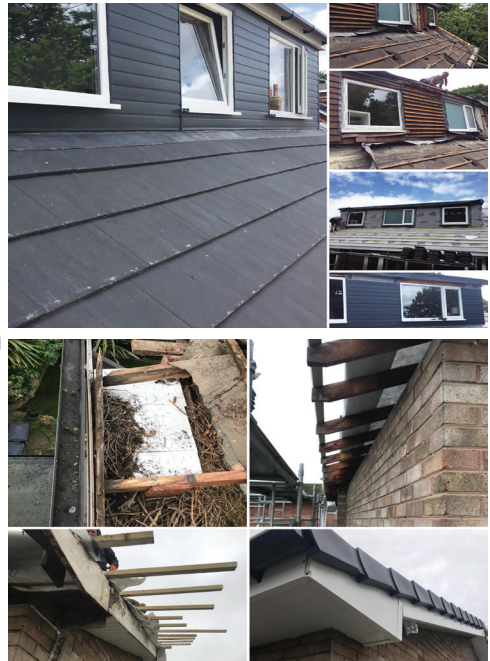


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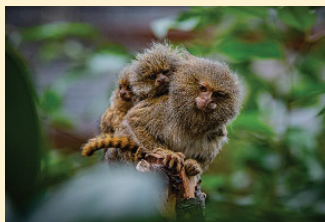


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- Twin pygmy marmosets arrive to parents Zoe and Baldrick
- Miniature infants born measuring just two inches and weighing 10 grams
- Tiny primates spotted taking a ride on the backs of other family members
- Species is threatened in its native South America home from habitat destruction and hunting



Big news about two tiny baby monkeys! Twin pygmy marmosets hitch a ride with dad Baldrick at Chester Zoo

Some of the world's smallest species of monkey has been born at Chester Zoo.

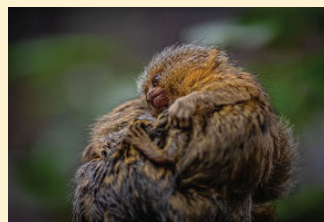
The pair of eastern pygmy marmosets, one of the most miniature primate species on Earth, arrived to parents Zoe (3) and Baldrick (4).

The tiny twins each measure just two inches (five centimetres) in length and weigh no more than 10 grams.

Keepers say the babies are already "highly inquisitive" but are so small that it will be some time yet until their genders are known.

Holly Webb, a Primate Keeper at Chester Zoo, said:

"It's wonderful to see new additions within the marmoset family and it's almost unbelievable just how small the babies are when they are first born. They are no bigger than a ping pong ball!"



"Mum Zoe and dad Baldrick have jumped straight into parenthood. Zoe is ever so caring and, unlike other primates, dad is heavily involved in the upbringing of the youngsters. Baldrick sensed that Zoe was ready to give birth and even put on a little extra weight to give him the energy to care for the twins. He's really got stuck into the parenting - we spotted him carrying the babies around on his back when they were just one day old."



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“New babies always strengthen family bonds and some of the younger primates in the group have also been carrying the new arrivals around. It’s great to see them learn and pick up parenting tips from Zoe and Baldrick, and that experience will be important if they one day go on to have young of their own. The fact that younger members of the family are trusted to carry around such delicate new-borns, builds a lot of trust within the group.

“The babies are already very inquisitive and aware of their surroundings. I can’t wait to see them develop their own little personalities.”

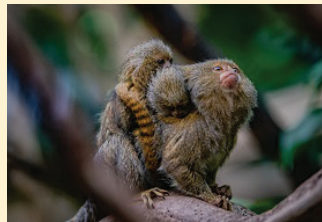
The eastern pygmy marmoset is native to the rainforests of western Brazil, south-eastern Colombia, eastern Ecuador and eastern Peru. These miniature monkeys are threatened by habitat loss and often exposed to hunting or their capture for the pet trade.

Dr Nick Davis, Deputy Curator of Mammals at the zoo, said:

“Many primate species around the world are highly threatened, often due to large-scale habitat destruction, hunting and the illegal wildlife trade. Sadly, this is very much the case for the eastern pygmy marmoset.

“Despite their tiny stature, pygmy marmosets make a lot of loud noises,

especially when calling out to attract a mate or warning others of danger. Even though they are the world’s most miniature species of monkey, their whistles and squeals can be heard throughout the rainforest. Unfortunately, as their forest homes continue to disappear, this can be to their detriment, as a lack of cover leaves them even more exposed to illegal hunters and trappers. Thankfully, conservation teams are working hard to restore forest and create safe areas while new arrivals at the zoo help us to further highlight what needs to be done to prevent their extinction.”



Pygmy marmosets are social animals, have one mate for life and their tails are longer than their bodies, which helps keep them balanced as they pass from branch to branch through the forest. They grow to around eight inches long and just 130g.

The word marmoset originates from the French word “marmouset” which means shrimp and their gestation period is around four-and-a-half months. The species has specialised diet which includes insects, fruit and tree sap.

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This year The Clatterbridge Cancer Charity turns 25 and they want you to join the celebrations! Don your very best green get-up and in turn help raise vital funds, to transform cancer care in our region.

The annual fundraising drive 'Let's Go Green' takes place every February and sees iconic buildings and landmarks across Merseyside and Cheshire light up green, to show their support for the Charity. With the usual fundraising activities this year being unable to go ahead due to current restrictions, never has it been more important to get creative and get involved.

Head of Charity, Katrina Bury commented: "This year the Charity turn 25 and last year we opened the doors to Liverpool's very first cancer hospital, with so much to celebrate we'd really like people to get involved this February and support our Go Green campaign.

Following a difficult year for the Charity and with most of our fundraising activities cancelled, it would be fantastic to see people supporting Go Green. Whilst conventional methods of fundraising aren't possible at this time, we have socially distanced alternatives and we hope people will be inventive and still contribute in any way they can"

To see how you can get involved, have some fun and make a huge difference for local people living with cancer, visit the Clatterbridge website and download the

FREE Go Green pack: <https://www.clatterbridgecc.nhs.uk>

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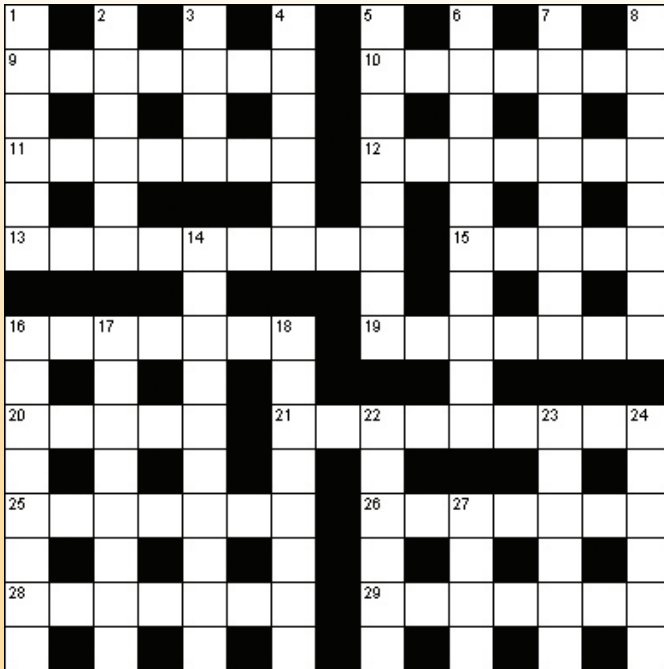


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PUZZLE CORNER



Down

- 1 Pre-built (6)
- 2 Induces vomiting (6)
- 3 Leg joint (4)
- 4 Interfere (6)
- 5 Opposite of explodes (8)
- 6 Torment (10)
- 7 Glue or paste (8)
- 8 Holy wars (8)
- 14 Congratulate (10)
- 16 Apprehensiveness (8)
- 17 Not usual (8)
- 18 Planning (8)
- 22 Surprise attack (6)
- 23 Mean (6)
- 24 Flora and fauna (6)
- 27 Metrical unit of syllables (4)

Across

- 9 Relationship between lovers (7)
- 10 Move in a sinuous manner (7)
- 11 Goof (7)
- 12 Ones who direct or guide (7)

- 13 Players who line up behind the line of scrimmage (9)
- 15 Detected (5)
- 16 Paper fasteners (7)
- 19 Searchers (7)
- 20 Pertaining to sound (5)
- 21 Indigestion (9)

- 25 Correction to a printed mistake (7)
- 26 A cut of meat (7)
- 28 "_____ up!" = Stop being foolish (7)
- 29 Class (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: **Medium.**

Solutions can be found on our website:

1	4			8	9		5	
				6	1	9		
		6		3		1		
			9	4	3			
		3						7
6		2			8			
						7		
7				9			6	8
	5							3

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