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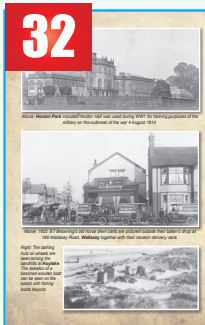
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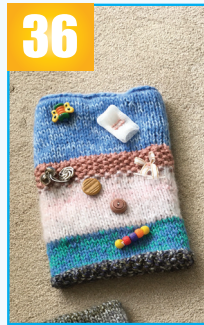
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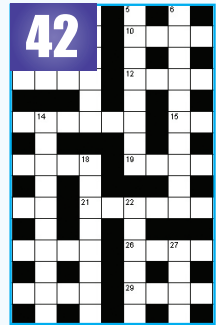
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**LET US HOPE THAT SOON WE CAN
SEE OUR LOVED ONES SAFELY**

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Dear Friends,
Spring is finally on it's way!
I am so glad all that rain has eased off. This warmer weather is very welcome, it is lovely to see so many people out when I am walking our 4 pugs.
I am so looking forward to our shops being able to open!

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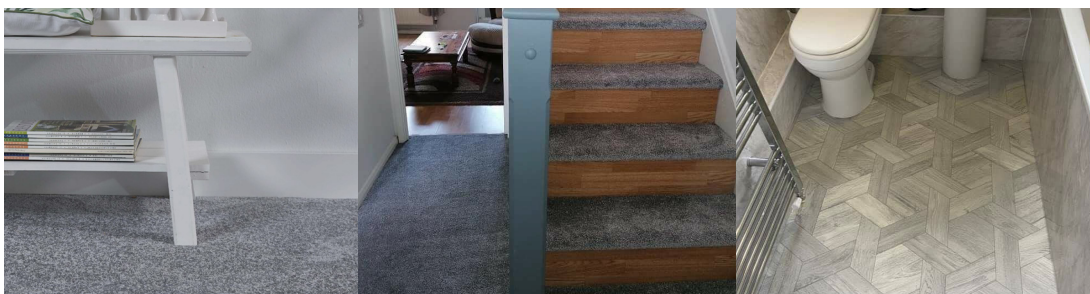
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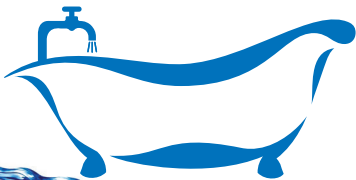


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That number is for a good reason. In the early days of French cuisine, the number of pleats were intended to represent the number of recipes a chef had mastered for a given food, like egg or chicken. The taller the hat the more the chef knew about the foods that they were preparing.

2. A baby puffin is called a puffling
3. M&M stands for Mars & Murrie.



4. You can hear a blue whale's heartbeat from more than two miles away.

5. The hashtag symbol is technically called an octothrope.



6. The Lyrebird can mimick almost any sound it hears including chainsaws.

7. Elvis only won three Grammys.



8. The speed of a computer mouse is measured in "Mickey's"

9. About 700 grapes go into one bottle of wine.

10. Fear of the number 13 is called triskaidekaphobia.

11. The Crown Jewels contain the two biggest cut diamonds on earth.



12. Baby sea otters cannot swim.

13. If facebook was a country, it would have one billion more people than China.

14. 11% of people are left handed.

15. August has the highest percentage of births.

16. A bear has 42 teeth.

17. An Ostrich eye is bigger than it's brain.

18. Lemons contain more sugar than strawberries.

19. Snakes are able to predict earthquakes.

20. Bananas are curved as they grow towards the sun.



21. During your lifetime you will produce enough saliva to fill 50 bathtubs.



22. A sheep, a duck and a rooster were the first passengers to take a trip in a hot air balloon.

23. In the 16th century, Turkish women could initiate a divorce if their husbands didn't provide them with enough coffee.

24. Recycling just one tin can can save enough energy to watch television for three hours.



25. Facebook, Instagram and Twitter are all banned in China.

26. A 68 year old grandmother got quite a surprise when a swarm of 20,000 bees followed her car for two days because their queen was stuck inside.

27. Sea otters hold hands when they sleep so that they don't drift away from each other.

28. Hewlett Packard's (also known as HP) name was decided in a coin toss in 1939.

29. Pokemon

- Hitmonlee and Hitmonchan are based on Bruce Lee and Jackie Chan.



30. There are only two times, that we know of, that snow fell in the Sahara Desert.

31. Mike Tyson once offered a zookeeper \$10,000 to let him fight a gorilla.

32. Queen Elizabeth II visited the set of Game of Thrones, but she was not able to sit on the iron throne because of an obscure rule.

33. Each year there are more than 40,000 toilet related injuries in the United States.

34. Tears contain a natural painkiller which reduces pain and improves your mood.

35. The average person walks the equivalent of five times around the world in their lifetime.





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THIS DAY IN HISTORY FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

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MARCH 3 1985

On this day in 1985, Britain's miners voted to return to work after an ultimately fruitless strike that dragged on for almost a full year.

The longest-running industrial dispute in British history was a direct response to a series of proposals laid out by Margaret Thatcher's government.

The strike began in March 1984 over plans to close up to 20 pits at the loss of around 200,000 jobs. A further 75 pits were earmarked for closure over a three-year period. The bitter industrial dispute played out across TV and newspaper as a war of words between the government and the leader of the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM), Arthur Scargill.

The former miner believed the NUM was in a strong position - and for a very good reason. His representatives had been instrumental in organising the strikes that precipitated the 'three-day weeks' which ultimately brought down Edward Heath's government.

MARCH 5 1936

The Supermarine Spitfire - the British fighter aircraft that became the iconic plane of the Battle of Britain - made its first flight on this day in 1936.

On the night of March 5, the chief test pilot at the parent company Vickers-Armstrongs - took off in the Type 300 K5054 prototype from Eastleigh airfield in Hampshire.

At the end of the eight minute flight, Summers climbed out of the cockpit and said to the small group of observers "I don't want anything touched", indicating that nothing required correcting before his next test flight.



MARCH 16 1935

Voluntary driving tests were introduced in Britain and became compulsory in June of the same year.

Mind you, given that some of these people had already been driving around since 1903 – when the first licences were issued – maybe it wouldn't have fazed them too much.

Back on March 16, 1935, a voluntary driving test was introduced for UK drivers.

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1935



1987



MARCH 6 1987

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MARCH 13 1764 - The birth, in Falloden, Northumberland, of Charles Earl Grey, British Prime Minister. He is linked with Earl Grey Tea, after a blended tea was supplied to him as a gift and the sample was copied.

MARCH 3 1847 - Alexander Graham Bell, Scottish-born inventor of the telephone, photo phone, graphophone, microphone and a host of other really useful phones was born on this day.

MARCH 20 1917 - Dame Vera Lynn was born in London and by the age of seven, was singing on a regular basis in working men's clubs. She made her first broadcast in 1935. During the Second World War Vera found fame as the "Forces Sweetheart", keeping up the spirits of the public with such songs as "We'll Meet Again" and "White Cliffs of Dover". These songs, and some films, catapulted Vera Lynn into what would now be referred to as superstardom.

MARCH 22 1948 - Andrew Lloyd Webber, composer of musicals including Cats, Evita and Phantom of the Opera, to name but a few was born on this day.

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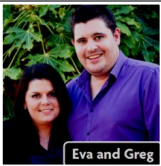
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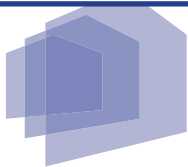
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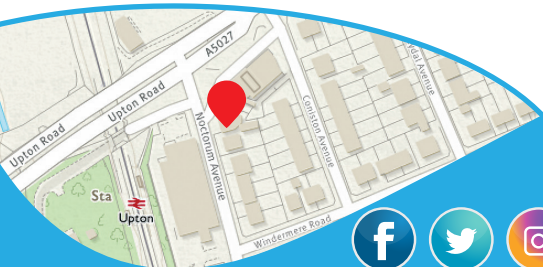
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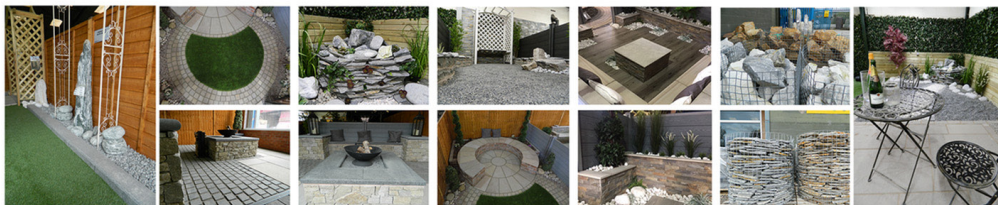


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AutoReview

by **Tony Yates**

Keeping you motoring

Peugeot 5008 Allure 1.5L Blue HDi 130 S&S



This month's road test puts me in the driving seat of the new Peugeot 5008 Allure. First off, the 5008 is a great looking SUV with some wonderful swooping lines flanking its sides along with lots of LED technology not only on the outside but also on the inside.

Of course, all new vehicles nowadays come with what I call 'supercomputers' installed at the very heart of the machine keeping all the various safety and electronic control systems in check – so you can be assured if you make a wrong move an 'electronic aid' can be there to steer you in the right direction and out of trouble.

This is my book is good. Yes, I know it will need to be plugged into a diagnostic machine every time you want to change a wiper blade, but this is the future and its time we started embracing it.

Also, if we look at the current SUV market at the moment, it's flooded and it's becoming almost impossible to decide on what's hot and what's not. You could, of course, ask me, but I will just tell you to buy what makes you feel good. But, if you are still struggling, then remember the Peugeot 5008 is now something you can't ignore because it looks good, drives fantastic and does not cost the earth.

On The Road

First off – the 5008 does have great chassis, along with a suspension setup that's keen to keep you on the road at all times. I also found the grip levels to be really good, even when cornering at high speed. The steering is also direct, which means the 5008 feels tight and taught and agile into the corners. I'm going to say that Peugeot has done a pretty good job of getting the whole package to work together and I have no issues in saying that it performs well out on the open road for an SUV.

Power and Efficiency

The 5008 I had on test was powered by a 1.5 litre turbocharged inline 4-cylinder diesel engine that has 129BHP on tap, which also happens to boast a very respectable top speed of 119mph, plus a 0-62 time of 11.1 seconds.

Fuel consumption is also very good with a combined figure of around 50-60mpg. A big plus point for this car though is its 300Nm of torque which allows it to pull very well from pretty much any gear thanks to a brilliant 6-speed gearbox that does a proper job of changing up and down the gears at a decent rate with minimal fuss. Although, where was one small part I found quite annoying – I found I was changing up and down the gears an awful lot to keep the 5008 in the powerband.

Maybe I'm being picky, but it would not be a motoring review if I did not tell you.

Interior & Technology

The interior is of a good standard – with lots of chrome fittings and clear LED displays.

Along with a decent amount of standard equipment such as; Eco LED headlights,

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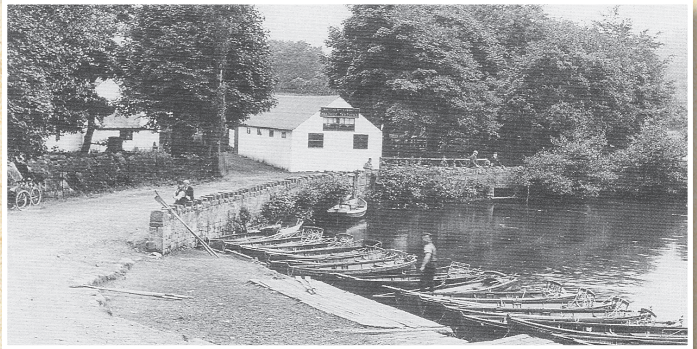
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Left: The home of the miller at **Raby Mere** who after the closure turned to serving teas to visitors.

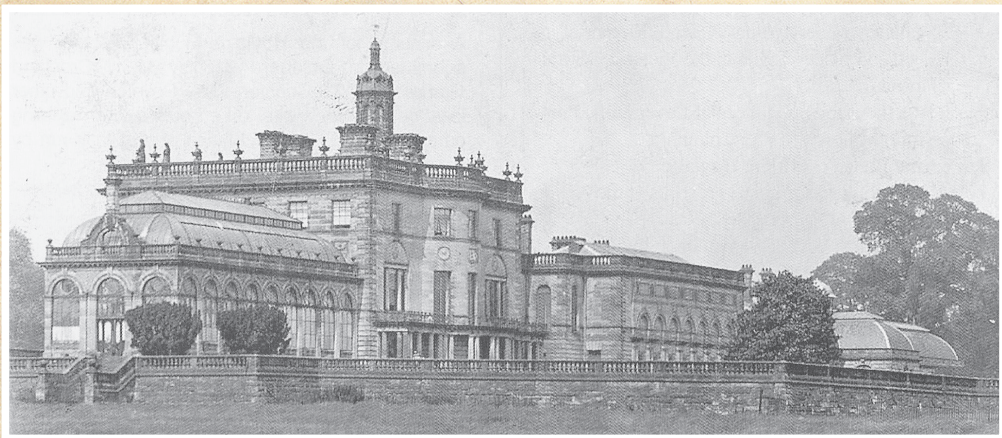
The tea gardens were to the left of the picture and the white building seen in the left background formed part of the tea rooms seen below.

Right: **Raby Mere** with boating lake & tea room which is the white building in the background.



Below: Posing for a photograph outside the **Travellers Rest Hotel** in Mount Road, **Higher Bebington** in 1890. This inn, which was fully licensed dated back to at least 1859.





Above: **Hooton Park** included Hooton Hall was used during WW1 for training purposes of the military on the outbreak of the war 4 August 1914.



Above: 1922. ET Browning's old horse drawn carts are pictured outside their baker's shop at 186 Wallasey Road, **Wallasey** together with their modern delivery vans.

Right: The bathing huts on wheels are seen among the sandhills at **Hoylake**. The skeleton of a beached wooden boat can be seen on the beach with fishing boats beyond.



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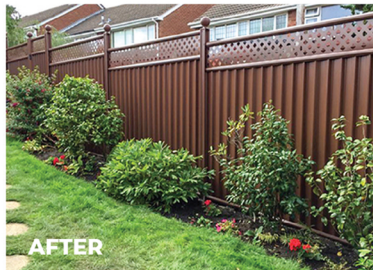
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Due to the Covid-19 pandemic these activities are not currently operating which prompted volunteers to discuss other ways they could offer support and this led to the Activity Box Project being launched in December 2020. Each loan box is filled with a range of items which is delivered by volunteers for the carer and the person living with dementia to use in their own home.

Items can include things like colouring books and crayons, word search books, jigsaws, dominoes, playing cards and other games, plus a range of 'reminiscence' items designed to stimulate conversations between carer (usually the spouse) and the person with dementia. The boxes also include things from the past to evoke shared memories/conversation and items like postcards, local photo books, photos of historic events and people, plus CD's, DVD's, advertisements, hairnets, dolly pegs, shaving brushes, old toys, wooden spinners, kaleidoscopes etc. have been very popular with the recipients, as have the 'Twiddle Muffs' which are useful to keep restless hands occupied whilst providing visual, sensory and tactile stimulation. The boxes are collected by volunteers every three to four weeks and exchanged for a new box with different items.



“It’s been lovely for us to be able to look through things together and share the memories”

Pictured are John and Laura Redmond from Upton. 79 year old Laura was diagnosed with dementia five years ago. and 83 year old husband John is her main carer.



One of the Activity Boxes and contents that volunteers deliver and exchange on a regular basis.

If you feel that having an Activity Box would help you, a family member or anybody you know, then Dementia Together would be happy to deliver you a trial box. You can contact Heather the charity's administrator on 07935 797445 or email help.dtw@gmail.com for more information. Heather works Monday and Tuesday but if you leave a message she will get back to you at the earliest opportunity.

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John said "I've really missed being able to take Laura to the Dementia Together activities and meet up with the friends we have made there. Although I am in contact with friends and family on the phone, this pandemic has made us both feel a bit isolated and it can be quite lonely at times for me. We have really enjoyed getting these Activity Boxes delivered to us at home every few weeks and it's been lovely for us to be able to look through things together and share the memories that are prompted from looking at many of the old photos and postcards.

We've enjoyed listening to the music and watching the films too, and Laura particularly loved a little white horse which was in the first box and we always look forward to seeing what will be in the next box".



Some of the Twiddle Muffs that volunteers have knitted. The charity is looking for more people who have spare wool and would like to knit and donate a muff.

Reader's Memories

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During her time at the school, Ursula's favourite memory is of Dollies Day, on the last day of term before the summer holidays, where you could bring your pram and doll and have afternoon tea under the big willow tree in the gorgeous gardens.

The school was owned by two sisters, both Miss Pattersons who were awfully nice, and the school had very high etiquette. Miss French was the music teacher who taught Ursula the piano. The class comedian was Jeremy Kettle!

Maybe you or somebody you know attended the school? They were lovely, happy, days after we had been through the II World War and having shortages of food, dealing with air raids and the blackouts.

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Appointments are available throughout April but fill up really quickly, so an early booking is strongly advised and we encourage our supporters to contact the solicitors in March to make their booking and to quote Wirral Hospice St John's Make a Will Month when booking a consultation.

When you make your booking, the solicitor you choose will send out an initial form for you to fill in so that the main issues you want to be addressed in your Will are covered.

Because of potential coronavirus restrictions this year, consultations may be held via a type of video call (Zoom, Teams, FaceTime or suchlike) or over the phone.

Why make a will?

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Unmarried partners or those who have not registered a civil partnership cannot inherit from each other unless there is a Will in place. Homeowners and people with dependent children are especially encouraged to have an up-to-date Will.

Legacies

Legacies have become a significant part of hospice income and, although amounts greatly vary according to people's circumstances, Wirral Hospice St John's is extremely grateful when people choose to leave a gift of any size.

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Please do note that if you further choose to leave something to the hospice, or any other charity, in your will it is totally for your discretion and completely confidential between you and your solicitor, there is absolutely no obligation to leave a gift in your Will to the hospice.

To find out more information please contact Julia Evans at Wirral Hospice St John's in the following ways;

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Or, to see a list of the legal organisations offering the service this April, in partnership with the hospice, visit www.wirralhospice.org/makeawillmonth.

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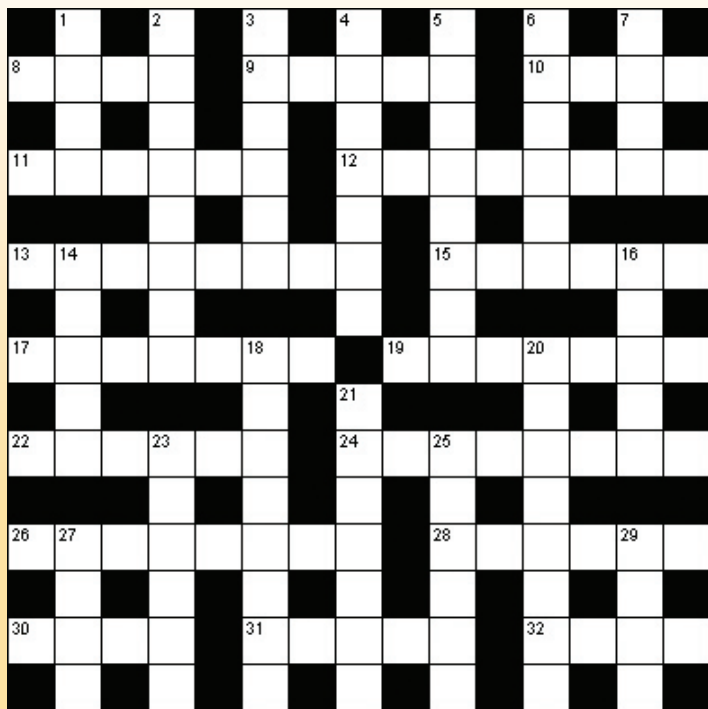
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- 15 Hangman's knots (6)
- 17 Subjugate (7)
- 19 Got away (7)
- 22 Scholastic scores (6)
- 24 Occasionally (8)
- 26 The provision of things (8)
- 28 A frenzied woman (6)
- 30 Past tense of "To be" (4)
- 31 A group of south Pacific islands (5)
- 32 Coagulate (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: **Medium.**

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

Solutions can be found on our website:

SWEET AND SOUR PORK



Ingredients:

1/2 lb. pork tenderloin (cut into bite size pieces)
1/2 green bell pepper (2 oz. and cut into pieces)
1/2 red bell pepper (2 oz. and cut into pieces)
3 stalks spring onions sliced into 1/2 inch pieces
1 piece fresh/canned pineapple rings
(cut into small pieces)
1 clove garlic (finely chopped)
Oil for frying

Marinate:

1 teaspoon soy sauce
1/2 teaspoon corn flour
1/2 teaspoon rice wine

Sweet and Sour Sauce:

1 1/2 tablespoons tomato ketchup
1 teaspoon plum sauce
1/8 teaspoon Chinese rice vinegar
(transparent in color)
1/2 teaspoon Lea & Perrins Worcestershire Sauce
1 teaspoon oyster sauce
1 teaspoon corn flour
1 teaspoon sugar
2 tablespoons water

Frying Batter:

1/2 cup water
2 oz. flour
1 oz. corn flour
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 egg
1 teaspoon cooking oil
1 small pinch of salt

Method:

Cut the pork tenderloin into pieces and marinate with the ingredients for 15-20 minutes.

Mix the sweet and sour sauce ingredients well and set aside.

Mix the dry ingredients of the frying batter and then add in the egg, water, and cooking oil to form a thick batter mixing well.

When the pork is well-marinated, transfer the pork pieces into the batter and make sure they are well coated. In a deep skillet, add in the cooking oil enough for deep-frying. Once the oil is hot, deep fry the pork pieces until they turn golden brown. Dish out and drain on paper towels.

Heat up a wok and add in some cooking oil. Add in the chopped garlic and stir fry until light brown, then follow by the bell peppers and pineapple pieces. Stir fry until you smell the peppery aroma from the peppers and then add in the sweet and sour sauce. As soon as the sauce thickens, transfer the pork into the wok and stir well with the sauce. Add in the chopped scallions, do a few quick stirs, dish out and serve hot with steamed white rice.



'EXCEPTIONAL CARE IN CHALLENGING TIMES' AT THE HESWALL HOME



A Heswall care home says it will continue to deliver 'exceptional care in challenging times' despite the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic.

The Hazelwell, which provides residential, residential dementia, nursing, palliative and respite care, became one of the first in Heswall to have eligible residents receive their first dose of the Covid-19 vaccination in January.

A team from Heswall and Pensby Group Practice, based in Telegraph Road, visited the home in Oldfield Road to administer the Pfizer jab which was the first vaccine in the world to be approved against coronavirus.

However, The Hazelwell will continue with strict infection control guidelines at the home including use of PPE by all staff. Visits from family members can be arranged in the Covid-secure visiting room.

All visitors are required to wear full PPE, have their temperature checked along with a complete risk assessment.

The Hazelwell care home manager Sue Alexander says staff are continuing to keep everyone living at the home safe, while still being able to welcome new residents to the home in line with its safe admission policy.

Care home manager Sue Alexander said: "Our clear purpose has always been, and remains, to deliver exceptional care. The health, safety, and wellbeing of all our residents and staff is always our top priority and we are continuing with our robust and comprehensive response to coronavirus.

"Our plans are kept under regular review and are updated as and when advised by the public health authorities. We continue to simply be in awe of the personal sacrifices our

front-line teams have made to ensure the health and wellbeing of our amazing residents, which remains our number one priority during this crisis.”

“While we continue to navigate our way through these unprecedented times, we have worked incredibly hard to reassure residents living at the home and their family members that we are working incredibly hard to keep everyone safe.”

“We are welcoming new residents with a safe admission policy, our vaccination programme is making fantastic progress and we regularly test both our staff and residents.”

“We maintain a robust infection control procedure with enhanced cleaning regimes and, where and when it is possible to do so, we are able to hold Covid-secure essential visits.”



***Outside Terrace
one of the outside seating areas***

The Hazelwell was one of the first care homes in the Wirral to close its doors last Spring when the coronavirus outbreak started before the first national lockdown was introduced. The home did so, in order to create a ‘cocooning environment’ for its residents and keep those in their care safe.



A lounge area at The Hazelwell

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