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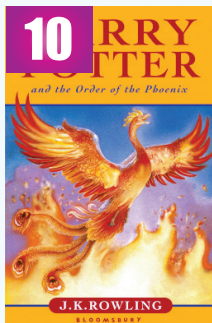
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2. 9% of the Earth's oxygen is produced by the Amazon rainforest.

3. The coldest place on Earth is a high ridge in Antarctica where temperatures can dip below -93.2°C .

4. Unlike many mammals, bears can see in colour.

5. Your brain keeps developing until your late 40s.

6. With over 520 million followers, as of 2019, Buddhism is the world's 4th-largest religion.



7. The smell of chocolate increases theta brain waves, which trigger relaxation.

8. Elephants can hear one another's trumpeting calls up to 5 miles away.

9. Our bodies contain about 0.2 milligrams of gold, most of it in our blood.

10. In 1990, Harry Potter author J. K. Rowling was on a crowded train from Manchester to London when the idea for Harry suddenly "fell into her head".

11. Hitler was saved from drowning by a priest when he was 4 years old. He never admitted to the near-drowning accident in later life, but a small cutting from a 1894 newspaper was found, chronicling how a boy of four was saved from drowning. This confirms the story, told by priest Max Tremmel, of how his predecessor Johann Kuehberger had rescued the terrified Hitler.

12. Koalas sleep up to 20 hours a day.



13. Leo Da Vinci could write with one hand and draw with the other at the same time.

14. Couples who are in love synchronize their heart rates after gazing into each others' eyes for three minutes.

15. Barry Manilow didn't write his song called "I write the songs".

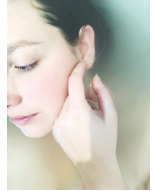
16. The Beatles used to be called Johnny and the Moondogs.

17. Late-night dancing was illegal in Japan until 2015.

18. Japan has more than 50,000 people who are over 100 years old.

19. In an average lifetime human skin completely replaces itself 900 times.

20. People with many friends live 3.7 years more than those who are isolated.



21. A person from Las Vegas is called a "Las Vegan".

22. The word "bride" comes from an old proto-germanic word meaning "to cook".

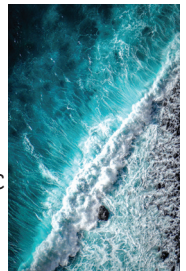
23. The tradition of exchanging wedding rings goes back to ancient Egyptian times.

24. Over 5,000 climbers have successfully reached Mount Everest's peak, including a 13-year-old, a blind person, and a 73-year-old woman.

25. During Apartheid, Glasgow renamed the street where the South African Consulate was located to "Nelson Mandela Place." Consular officials would be forced to look at his name when reading and addressing postal correspondence.

26. If we could capture just 0.1% of the ocean's kinetic energy caused by tides, we could satisfy the current global energy demand 5 times over.

27. Recycling a single plastic bottle can conserve enough energy to light a 60W bulb for up to 6 hours.



28. When the "Elephant Whisperer" Lawrence Anthony died, a herd of elephants arrived at his house to mourn him.

29. An experiment in 1998 found that a bright light shone on the backs of human knees can reset the brain's sleep-wake clock.

30. Similar to fingerprints, everyone also has a unique tongue print.



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THIS DAY IN HISTORY FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE



JUNE 5th 1968

Robert F. Kennedy was shot and mortally wounded in Los Angeles. The shooting occurred after a celebration of Kennedy's victory in the California presidential primary. He died at 1:44 a.m., June 6, at age 42, leaving behind his wife Ethel and eleven children, the last one born after his death.

JUNE 6th 1944

June 6, 1944 - D-Day, the largest amphibious landing in history, began in the early-morning hours as Allied forces landed in Normandy on the northern coast of France. Operation Overlord took months of planning and involved 1,527,000 soldiers in 47 Allied divisions along with 4,400 ships and landing craft, and 11,000 aircraft. The Germans had about 60 divisions spread along France and the Low Countries. American forces landed on two western beaches, Utah and Omaha, while British and Canadian troops landed farther east on Gold, Juno and Sword beaches. By the end of the day 150,000 Allied soldiers and their accompanying vehicles had landed with 15,000 killed and wounded.

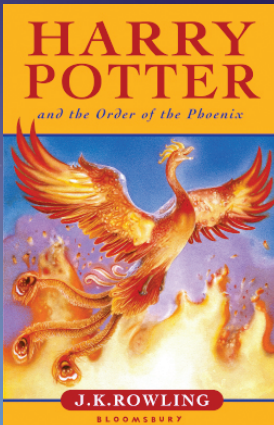


JUNE 16 1978

The Movie Grease, starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John opened to the public.

When the movie was being filmed in 1977, no one knew they were making what would become the highest-grossing American movie musical of the 20th century.

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JUNE 21st 2003

JK Rowling's "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" released and became the fastest-selling book ever.

1st - Marilyn Monroe (1926-1962) was born in Los Angeles (as Norma Jean Mortensen). Following an unstable childhood spent in foster homes and orphanages, she landed a job as a photographer's model which led to a movie career. She later married baseball legend Joe DiMaggio. Beneath her glamorous movie star looks she was fragile and insecure and eventually succumbed to the pressures of Hollywood life. She died in Los Angeles from an overdose of sleeping pills on August 5, 1962. Best known for Gentlemen Prefer Blondes (1953), The Seven Year Itch (1955), Bus Stop (1956), Some Like It Hot (1959), and The Misfits (1961).

10th - Judy Garland (1922-1969) was born in Grand Rapids, Minnesota (as Frances Gumm). She is best remembered for her portrayal of Dorothy Gale in The Wizard of Oz (1939) and other films including Meet Me in St. Louis (1944) and Easter Parade (1948). She became one of the most popular concert performers of the 1950s and '60s and broke box-office records in New York City and London. She was found dead of an overdose of sleeping pills in London on June 22, 1969.

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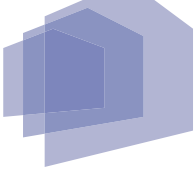
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Wildlife organisations take action for declining coastal butterfly on Wirral

Cheshire Wildlife Trust have planted sea holly on Red Rocks Nature Reserve with support from Chester Zoo and Butterfly Conservation Cheshire and Wirral Branch.



The beautiful sea holly plant was once plentiful along West Kirby dunes. But due to a grass fire on the reserve during the heatwave two years ago and some targeted vandalism, large swathes of the plant have been destroyed.



The grayling butterfly, which nationally has seen a 70% decline in recent years and is now officially listed as vulnerable, loves to feed off the sea holly plant. Populations of the butterfly were also affected by the grass fire at Red Rocks in 2019.

Adult grayling butterflies emerge in early July and are around for the rest of the month and into August.

They are the UK's largest brown butterfly and a master of disguise. They can mysteriously disappear as soon as they land, perfectly camouflaged against a background of bare sand as they rest with their wings closed.

The sand dunes at Red Rocks Nature Reserve make it the perfect environment for the grayling butterfly. Monitoring of them has been taking place for many years with annual records through UKBMS (United Kingdom Butterfly Monitoring Scheme) and also weekly through Dave Costello, Wirral Conservation Officer of Butterfly Conservation Cheshire and Wirral Branch, who records on the reserve each week from 1st March to 31st October. There is only a single generation of butterflies each year, so the sightings of them are very important for the Trust.

If you're planning a day trip to Red Rocks in the summer, keep your eyes peeled for both the sea holly and the grayling butterfly!

Red Rocks Nature Reserve is owned by Royal Liverpool Golf Club and is one of more than 30 nature reserves across the region managed by Cheshire Wildlife Trust.

Videos and photos of the sea holly planting day can be found on Cheshire Wildlife Trust's and Chester Zoo's social media channels.

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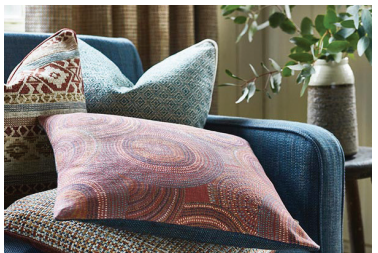
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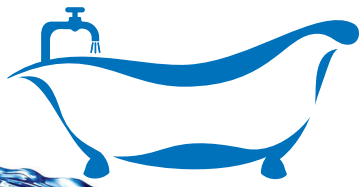
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FHRS operates a pop-up-café on the Hadlow Road Station platform by the phone box (weather and Covid-19 restrictions permitting) for fundraising.

FHRS pop-up café will be open with revised hours of 10am to 1pm on Sunday:



30th May
13th June
27th June



From 11th July until 28th November, we will be open every other Sunday.

All funds raised through FHRS pop-up café are invested in Hadlow Road Station improvements.

FHRS pop-up café is not to be confused with The Station Masters House (SMH) tricycle on the platform at Hadlow Road Station by the signal box that operates a take away coffee and cake facility. SMH is a commercial family run venture that is a totally separate café business from FHRS pop-up café.

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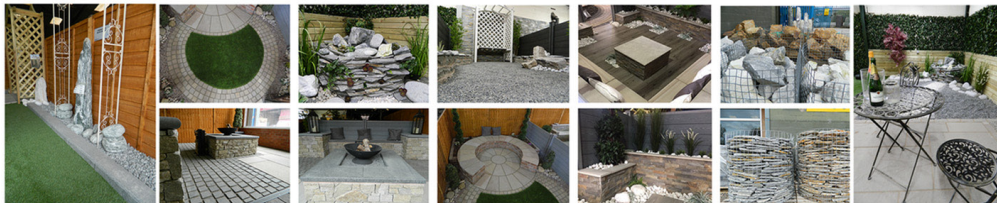


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Did you know the only breeding colony of Natterjack Toads in Wirral are found at West Kirby?

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You will have noticed this beautiful Natterjack mural, painted on the side of Le Bizz by local artist Tim Sinnott.

West Kirby Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of North Wirral are delighted to announce the launch of our Natterjacks project.

Our aim is to enhance the well being of local people by providing a listening ear and a “natter” after being couped up in isolation over the last year.

You'll find a friendly Rotary member at Rotary corner by Le Bizz to begin with, using an outdoor space. Eventually we hope to expand to other venues and a number of local cafés have kindly offered tables to us.

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AutoReview by Tony Yates

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Hyundai – i20 SE Connect



I have not tested a Hyundai in a while, so I thought it was about time I tested the new i20 - a car that was on my list of top10 cars to review during 2021. The i20 for me is the 'family car' – the comfort blanket as to say. This is the car you will use to take your wife and children on holiday in and the car you will use for many years to come as you navigate your way through the trials of life.

Power & efficiency

My test car was fitted with a Turbocharged 1.0 litre T-GDi 3-

cylinder petrol engine (+48v mild hybrid system) that has 100PS and 172Nm of torque – which puts it right up there with the likes of the Ford Fiesta eco edition. The i20 also has a decent 0-62 time of just over 10 seconds and a top speed of 117mph - meaning it will easily keep up in brisk traffic or manage very well on the motorway.

Remember, the i20 is not a pocket rocket. YES, it looks very

sporty with its angled lines and flashy alloys– but when all said and done, in my book - It's what I would call reserved and reliable, and let's remember, these are all the things that will make you and your family very happy indeed.

On the road

As I said earlier – the i20 is perfect for driving the children to school, pottering around in town, or taking you and your family on a real adventure. The ride quality is not what I would have liked it to be – it's a little bit soft for me– although this is pretty much what most people want in today's world. So, soft is good.

What I will say though is that it felt amazing into the corners and the suspension dealt with most of the surfaces with ease and although the ride itself was soft – you really can throw the i20 into any corner and come out the other side with all your hair still in place and with a grin the size of Mount Rushmore.

Design & technology

On the outside, the i20 looks elegant and well thought out from a design point of view – even with its loud Blue exterior paint job. In the past, I may have said Hyundai interiors were in my book a little bland. Well, I'm happy to report the new i20 has to report the new i20 has.



To sum up

The i20 is a great alternative to the Ford Fiesta and is a worthy contender here because it has bags of interior space and a large boot. If you are thinking of buying one, then I would take the i20 out for a test drive before you hit the Ford showroom.

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The happy faces belong to three Rotarians as they present a donation plus two pots of tomato plants, to Ema Wilkes C.E.O of Neo.

Pictured from the left is Wendy Meade, incoming chair of the Rotary Community Committee, Ema Wilkes from Neo, Cath Hayes, President of Birkenhead Rotary and the green fingered Rotarian Mike Swift.

Mike grew the tomato plants from seeds he collected from last years plants and sold many to Rotarians raising £210, as well as bringing two pots to Emma for Neo's gardening projects. In the past Birkenhead Rotary has provided a commercial oven and vacuum packing equipment.

Neo, with its headquarters in Rock Ferry, is committed to promoting the growth of self-sustaining, resilient communities.

They are at the forefront of reducing food insecurity through awareness, education and food provision, and have remained open during the pandemic. Despite having to restrict some services, they hugely increased services supporting the provision of food.

Neo have worked with, supported and engaged with almost 50,000 individuals in the 12 months, April to April 2021. Rotary President Cath Hayes commented; "It's a privilege to be able to continue to offer support to Neo, an organisation that is playing a vital part in supporting not just the Birkenhead community but Wirral also."

To acknowledge Birkenhead Rotary's past and continued support for Neo, Ema presented a plaque for the Club to display and warmly thanked the Club for it's three years of partnership.



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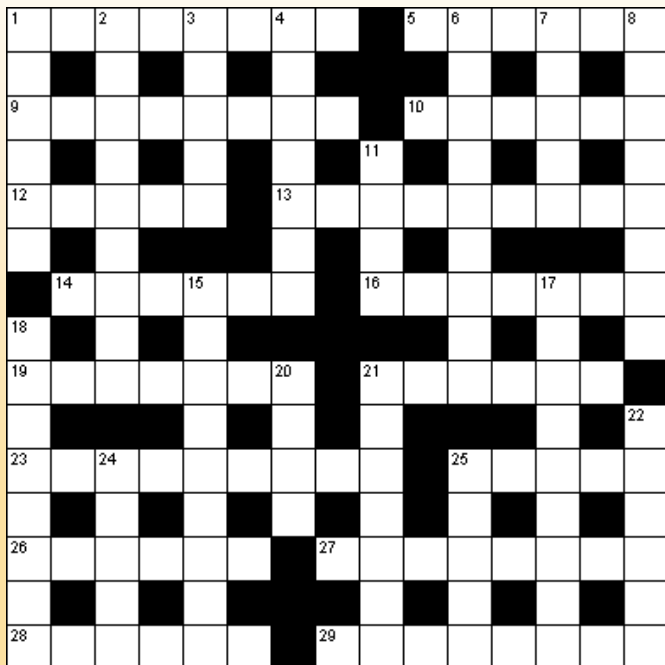
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- 7 Additional (5)
- 8 Rotting (8)
- 11 Stalk (4)
- 15 Negates (9)
- 17 They rent apartments (9)
- 18 Beating (8)
- 20 Crucifix (4)
- 21 Questions (7)
- 22 Medicine man (6)
- 24 Not tight (5)
- 25 Alewife fish (5)

Across

- 1 Happily (8)
- 5 Abroad (6)
- 9 Not moving (8)
- 10 Titillating (6)
- 12 Not our (5)
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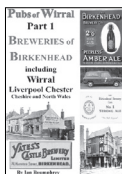


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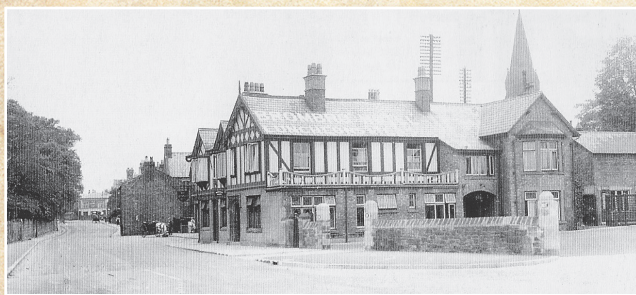
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Above: The visitors paid their entrance fee under the Jubilee Arch and Entered **Eastham Ferry Hotel Gardens** (hotel is seen on the left). The Jubilee Arch was originally erected in London Road for Queen Victoria's visit to Liverpool in 1897, and later brought to **Eastham**.

Right: **Bromborough Village**, Miss Glover's sweet shop in 1920 has become a bank which is looking down Allport Lane from the cross. The building next door was demolished to make way for the bank extension and the three men and the horse on the right are standing outside Allen's Butcher's Shop. The premises are now occupied by Muff's of Bromborough - an award winning local butcher and delicatessen.



Left: This post-war view of **The Parade Parkgate** shows some cars able to travel despite the petrol rationing. The 'firewood man' John Reeves, who has just passed in front of **Nicholls' Cafe**, is travelling by one of the best ways then - horse and cart.

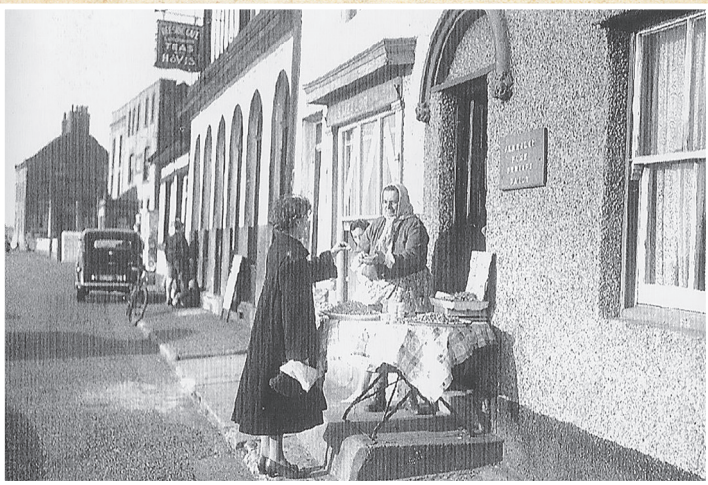


Left: Looking down Grange Road **Birkenhead** in 1935, Irwins Grocers shop is on the left next to what was once FW Woolworths. The white building beyond is the Birkenhead Co-op Society's new premises which opened in this year on the site of the Hippodrome Theatre.



Looking along Whitby Road in the 1920's, this was the main shopping area. A garage is seen behind the two cars on the right.

Right: Looking down High Street **Neston** just before the First World War. This shows how narrow the High Street was beyond this point - but it was 50 years before all the buildings on the right had been demolished and the road widened. Within a year many of the men pictured would be at war in France.



Left: 1939. The customer is buying **Parkgate** shrimps from the wife of the fisherman that caught them - by having a table outside they were able to attract the attention of passers-by. Mealor's is the only shop in Parkgate still selling fresh fish.

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SECRET NOTE FROM KATE MIDDLETON INSIDE BOOK FOUND AT WIRRAL CARE HOME



Residents at a care home in the Wirral were ‘thrilled’ to ‘find’ a limited-edition copy of Kate Middleton’s new photography book inside one of the home’s lounges this month.

The Duchess of Cambridge’s Hold Still photography book was released last week and The Book Fairies - a literary movement set up in 2017 - ‘hid’ a copy at The Hazelwell in Heswall – courtesy of one of its care home workers.

Brenda Newey is involved with the book sharing group and was one of the 150 selected to hide Kate’s book at secret locations around the UK. She had the book delivered to her home from Buckingham Palace before hiding it at The Hazelwell, which provides residential dementia, nursing, palliative and respite care in Oldfield Road.

The Book Fairies urge readers to share books which they have read and enjoyed by leaving them in public spaces for others to discover.

Hold Still features a nurse on the front cover and is adorned with a gold ribbon and a Book Fairies sticker, with a note from Kate addressed to ‘Dear Finder’. The letter written by Kate reads:

“The Hold Still book documents a photography project which captured a portrait of our nation as we lived through the first COVID-19 lockdown last year. The images tell the stories of the challenges we all faced, but also how we came together in the most extraordinary of times.

“I am proud to have worked closely with the National Portrait Gallery on this project, and thrilled that the Book Fairies across the country are returning the images to the communities at the heart of Hold Still.

“Once you have finished looking through the book, please leave it somewhere else in your community for the next person to enjoy. With my very best wishes, Catherine.”

The Hazelwell opened in 2016 and has a 9.9 score on leading care home review website, carehome.co.uk.

The Hazelwell care home manager Sue Alexander said: “Our residents were absolutely thrilled to discover the Duchess of Cambridge’s book and read her note inside.

“Staff here have worked so hard to keep our residents safe throughout the last year and, the book serves as a special reminder of how we have all endured challenging times, but worked together with our residents and their families to help them through this period.



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

“We will certainly ensure The Duchess of Cambridge’s book can be shared and it will be placed in our library for the time being for all residents, many who are very fond of the Royal Family, to enjoy. We would also like to say a huge thank you to our very own Hazelwell book fairy for letting us borrow such a special book.”



A lounge area at The Hazelwell

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