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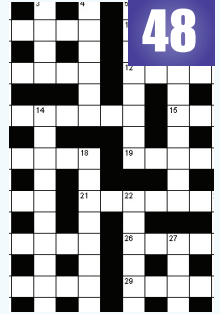
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Dear Friends,

The beautiful autumn colours are getting stronger now - that means the wind is due soon to blow them all off - so let us enjoy them whilst they last!

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2. Cucumbers are fruits.

3. Gold has been discovered on every continent on earth.

4. Cuddling triggers the same neurological reaction as taking painkillers.

5. The moon is moving away from us by 3.78 cm (1.48 in) a year.

6. Your heartbeat changes and mimics the music you listen to.

7. Lack of sleep can cause weight gain of 2 pounds (0.9 kg) in under a week.

8. The type of music you listen to affects the way you perceive the world.



9. Researchers are debating on adding Internet addiction to the list of mental disorders.

10. Almost a third of San Francisco's air pollution comes from China.

11. Amsterdam pays alcoholics in beer to clean streets: 5 cans of beer for a day's work, plus €10 and tobacco.

12. Leo Da Vinci used to buy caged animals at the market just to set them free.

13. Research shows that drama classes are particularly useful for improving the social skills of autistic children.



14. When the D-Day forces landed, Hitler was asleep. None of his generals dared send re-enforcements without his permission, and no-one dared wake him.

15. The estimated number of dinosaur species that existed in the Mesozoic era is between 1,543 and 2,468 species.

16. Humans and dogs first became best friends 30,000 years ago.

17. Bruce Lee was so fast, they actually had to run his films slower so that you could see his moves.



18. Eskimos use refrigerators to stop their food from freezing.

19. Giraffes make no sound. Not because they can't, but they choose not to.

20. Oxford University Is Older Than the Aztecs.

21. An average person produces about 25,000 quarts of saliva in a lifetime, enough to fill two swimming pools.

22. A Marijuana-derived compound forces cancer cells to freeze and prevents them from spreading.

23. Men with shaved heads are perceived as an inch taller and 13% stronger than men with hair.



24. Our galaxy probably contains at least 2 billion planets like Earth.

25. Sylvester Stallone was so poor, he had to sell his dog for \$50. A week later, he sold the script for Rocky and bought him back for \$3,000.

26. Picasso burned most of his early work to keep his apartment warm because he was poor.

27. The world's first labour strike was held on the site of a pyramid.

28. Peanut oil can be processed to produce glycerol, which can be used to make nitroglycerine, an explosive liquid used in dynamite.

29. 1 Can of Soda a day increases your chances of getting type 2 diabetes by 22%.

30. Atomic bomb tests were a major tourist attraction in Las Vegas during the 1950s.





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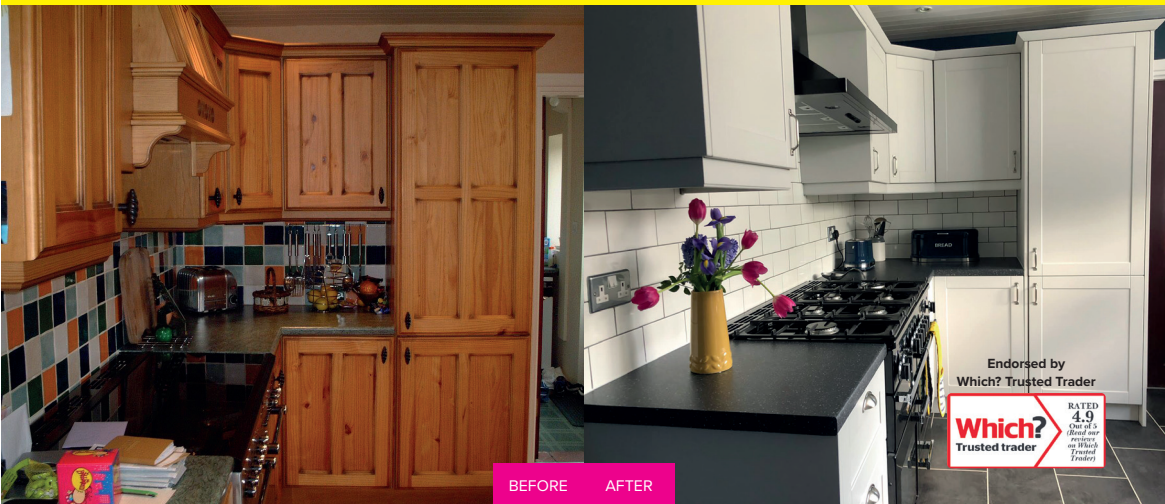
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4th November 2012

Former church minister Reg Dean from Wirksworth in Derbyshire, (born in Tunstall, Staffordshire) who was Britain's oldest man, celebrated his 110th birthday.

He attributed his longevity to a 'mysterious medicine' given to him as a youth by a doctor in Bombay just before the First World War. He was told "if you drink this you will live forever". He also attributed his age to being 'a lazy-bones'.

He passed away on 5th January 2013, aged 110 years and 63 days.



11th November 1987

A painting by Vincent Van Gogh was sold for \$49m (£27m) - a world record for a work of art at the time.

The final price was more than twice what the painting, called Irises, had been expected to reach.

The anonymous purchaser also paid a 10% commission fee to the auction house, Sotheby's, bringing the total to \$53.9m (£29.5m).

The sale was also accomplished in what may have been a record time given the figures involved - the bidding rose from the starting point of \$15m (£8.5m) to reach the final sale price in less than two minutes.

Irises depicts the garden of the Saint-Remy mental asylum in France where Van Gogh was a patient.

It was painted in 1889, a few months before the artist committed suicide aged 37.



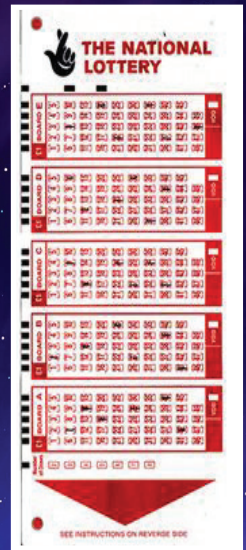
19th November 1994

Britain's first National Lottery draw took place in an hour long programme, hosted by Noel Edmunds.

It had a jackpot of £7M and was shown live on BBC television.

A £1 ticket gave a one in 14-million chance of correctly guessing the winning six out of 49 numbers.

On the 10th of October 2015, the National Lottery increased the numbers from 49 to 59.



25th November 1952

The play, *The Mousetrap* by Agatha Christie, opened in London, at the Ambassador's Theatre where it remained for 21 years.

By Saturday 12th April 1958 it had become the longest running production of any kind in the history of British Theatre.



A murder mystery play by Agatha Christie. *The Mousetrap* ran continuously until 16 March 2020, when the stage performances had to be temporarily discontinued during the COVID-19 pandemic. It then re-opened on 17 May 2021. The longest-running West End show, it has by far the longest run of any play in the world, with its 27,500th performance taking place on 18 September 2018.

A "Whodunit", the play has a twist ending, which the audience are traditionally asked not to reveal after leaving the theatre. There are eight members of the cast, and by 2012 more than 400 actors and actresses had played the roles. Richard Attenborough was the original Detective Sergeant Trotter, and his wife, Sheila Sim, the first Mollie Ralston – owner of Monkswell Manor guesthouse. However since then few of the cast have been headliners, with Stephen Moss in *The Guardian* writing, "the play and its author are the stars".

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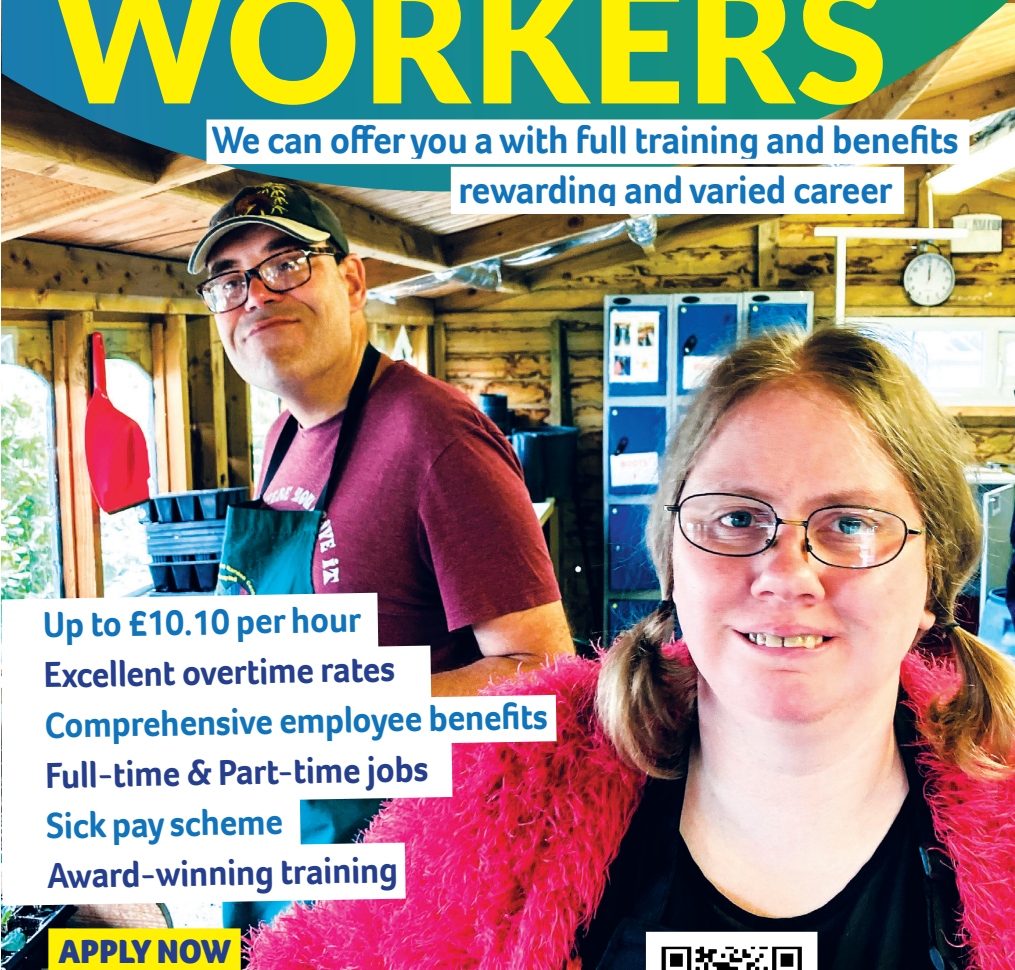
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A little over five years ago the iconic red K6 telephone box was removed from Greenwood Road in Meols. The phone box has a significant connection to local band *Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark*, affectionately known as *OMD* to their fans. *OMD* used to use this specific phone box as their office in the early days as no-one had telephones in their homes. It was in this box that *Andy McCluskey* and *Paul Humphries* of the band heard that their song 'Messages' had entered into the charts. The band had previously made it the subject of their 1980 track *Red Frame White Light*.



The removal of the phone box was recorded and sent to *Andy Barrett* on the day, who immediately, together with others, encouraged local fans including his wife (*Hazel*) to join forces and campaign for its return. The box was eventually located in a telephone graveyard in *Northampton*. Exactly two months after it had been removed, the iconic landmark was returned along with a promise from the newly formed "Friends of 632-3003" that they would maintain the box and it would not become an eyesore.



The friends group immediately set about fundraising. Donations came in from all over the world and the dream of it becoming a small music/art museum became a reality. Original artwork by *John Petch* (John designed the *OMD Punishment of Luxury* album cover and the artwork for a number of the singles from the album) can be seen on the windows, making the phone box into an instant urban art exhibition and also the mosaic floor installed by *Felicity Ball*, emulating the single sleeve for the track "Red Frame White Light". The famous *White Light* mentioned in the song is made pink every year on the first week of November linking in with the *Hoylake Lights* events over the Christmas period.

There is now an online shop selling Tee shirts / Hoodies / Pin Badges / Childrens books and even a book written by the box itself, all available to support the ongoing running costs, The Tribute band "Manoeuvres" have played a Gig in the *Railway Inn* car park and quite often have 80s events advertised on their Social Media.

Currently the box is actively looking for an entry in the Guinness Book of Records for the UK's smallest music museum.

Anyone can request a guided tour by simply contacting the friends group, where they can see the floor, *Andy McCluskey's* handwritten lyrics to the song and hear five messages on an original dial operated phone specially recorded by *Andy McCluskey*. If you wish to have look, details of any arranged gathering will be found on our social media from where you direct message our group as per below to arrange a date and time.



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Excellent time to develop your intuition and your spirituality. Your dreams are quite busy right now. It's a significant time.

Aquarius

Fascinating breakthroughs are happening right now, feeling very focused and determined. You will be winning praise for your efforts.

Scorpio

The sun is in your life now giving you a sense of vitality, and assurance. You feel inspired and prepared to take on the upcoming year!

Pisces

Transformation is the key, and you're prepared to make some changes in your life. Making connections with those who want to invest in you.

Libra

Your focus is on your income and budget, as well as your sense of security and comfort which is highlighted.

Aries

Financial issues and money you share, dominate your thoughts. Putting it off won't make them go away.

Virgo

For you, this is a busy time of year. Conversations and plans that had to be postponed are now being carried out.

Taurus

Relationships are lit making it an exciting time for you to connect with others. The connections you make are now significant.

Leo

You are in a reflective mood, thinking about your childhood home and your origins.

Gemini

Now is a fantastic moment to make changes that will enhance your happiness. New projects start.

Cancer

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Light up a Life Lights switch-on returns to the hospice gardens

On Sunday 11th December, at 5.30pm, Mr Mike Hall, and his three sons, Josh, Harry and Freddie, will switch on 10,000 glittering lights which will shine out brightly from the trees and buildings in and around Wirral Hospice St John's every evening in the run up to, and throughout, Christmas time.

Mike and family will dedicate the switch-on to the memory of his wife, and the boys' mum, Becky Hall, who was cared for at the hospice in 2021. Mike spoke on behalf of them all, "What a privilege for us to be asked to switch on the Wirral Hospice St John's Light up a Life lights. Becky touched so many lives in her 47 years, she was adored by her friends and family and had that special ability to light up a room wherever she went, so it seems especially appropriate and a lovely tribute. Becky would be so delighted and honoured."



Light up a Life is a poignant, evocative and inspiring tribute to loved ones who are no longer with us and has become an established part of Wirral life over the past 26 years.

After a break of two years, the hospice will once again be inviting people into the hospice grounds on the evening of the 11th to observe the annual lights switch-on and commemoration service.

People from our Wirral community, individuals and businesses, traditionally sponsor a light in memory of family and friends with all the donations helping to fund the hospice's beloved medical and nursing services.

Those who sponsor a light have the name of the person(s) they are remembering entered into especially produced books of honour which will be available to view on the evening of the service or, a personal copy can be pre-ordered or, the names will also be available to view online.

A Light up a Life card with a personalised greeting will be sent out to all who request one with their lights sponsorship and there is also the opportunity to buy an attractive silver heart-shaped tree decoration keepsake, with a small star adornment, inscribed with the words, 'Light up a Life'.

On the evening itself, people will start gathering from around 4pm to browse fundraising stalls, have some tea, cake and other refreshments, to gather their thoughts and find a position in readiness for the switch on service.

The hospice choir and the Wirral Schools Brass Band will combine to bring supporters 26 reflective songs and carols, along with heartfelt readings from the hospice team.

Then, if people wish to spend a little more time walking under the lights, the hospice gardens will be open from Monday 12th to Friday 16th December, between 4pm and 8pm.

Julia Evans, the hospice's Fundraising Development Manager said,

"Light up a Life will once again bring people together to remember our loved ones and reflect the loss we all feel, especially around Christmas time. Our whole Wirral community is always so generous in supporting the hospice. It's really nice to welcome Mike and his family for the switch-on and we can't thank them or any of our thousands of supporters enough as they give their time and make their kind and thoughtful donations for Light up a Life which really makes a massive contribution to the specialist care the hospice provides to our patients and their families."

Wirral Hospice St John's will also be holding a pre-Light up a Life church service at St James's Church, New Brighton, on Tuesday, 6th December, at 7pm.

The church service will be a quiet service of remembrance lead by Reverend Heather Atkinson. All are welcome to attend. Following the service there will be hot drinks, mince pies and Christmas Cards available. Parking is available locally surrounding the church.

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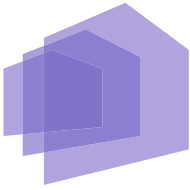
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Someday Soon **Poem by John Fowler**

Someday soon we'll hear good news, and we'll be dancing in the street.
The cost of living will be so low, we'll turn up the heat.
We'll switch the TV on, and what they say, will be so good.
Let's hope it happens soon, so we can enjoy our Christmas pud.
Politicians promise this and that, it's really all hot air.
Do they know the realities, and do they really care?
BOE, and IMF, I'm afraid it's all Greek to me,
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Strikes, war, and Covid, no wonder we've got the blues.
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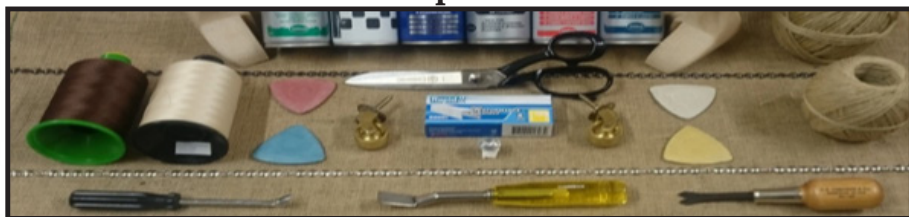
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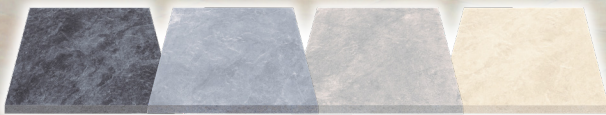
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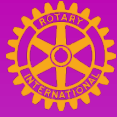
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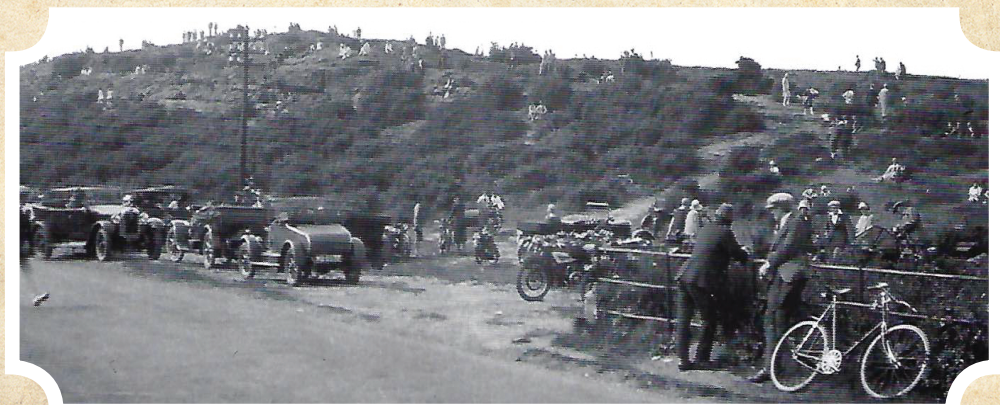
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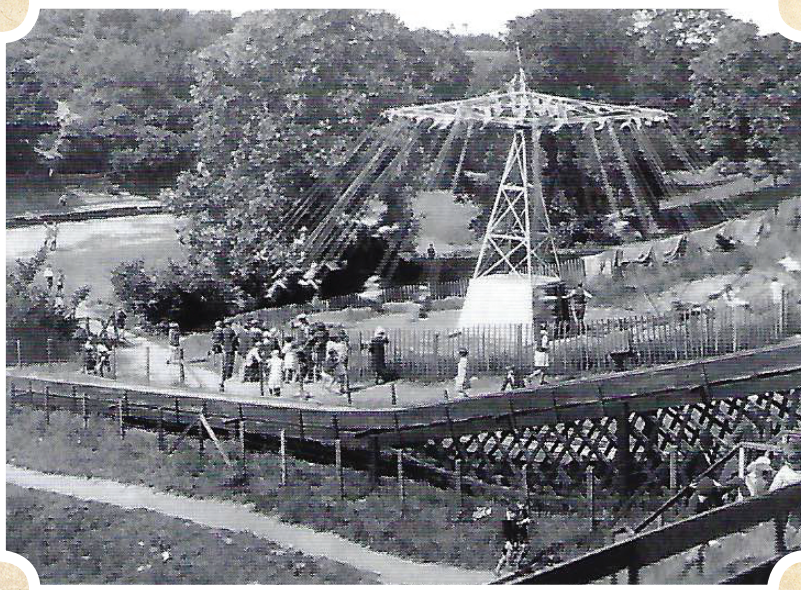
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Community Support in the Shadow of Money Laundering

A Duty of Care

Author - Peter Hennessy

Publisher - Penguin

The impact of Covid-19, in particular aspects of lockdown, resulting in isolation, social distancing, and separation, generated **a renewed awareness of “community responsibility” and a “togetherness” in response to the demands on need, behaviour and personal support to overcome the pandemic.** In an all embracing, insightful and critical reflection of lockdown in “terms of social need”, **Peter Hennessy, “A Duty of Care”** highlights the upsurge of a resolve and motivation to help “meet the needs of others” in terms of decency, dignity, recognition and actual response. The author’s balanced critical analysis is based on interactions and interviews with key political personnel both before Covid(BC) and after Covid(AC). This insightful overview **extends awareness of readers regarding the extensive efforts of “good and positive individuals” within communities and workers within institutions such as the NHS, over and above their “expected role”.**



The author focuses initially on the period after the Second World War, in particular **the General election in 1945 which he describes as one of the “defining ballots” in British history.** The rejection of Churchill’s manifesto created the opportunity **and need for the new Labour government to respond to the “voice of the people” for social regeneration.** The basis for the push for change was **the Beveridge Report (1942) which identified the “five giants society had to battle” to promote greater equality for opportunity.** The five giants identified to lay the foundation for the “modern welfare state” were **“want, disease, ignorance, squalor and idleness”.**

As Peter Hennessy highlights, **“the new administration had taken on a monumental duty of care of care for the British people”.** Welsh politicians such as Jim Griffiths and Aneurin Bevan played crucial roles in tackling social inequality by promoting free secondary education for all, a National Health Service, National insurance, National assistance, Legal Aid, and the Housing Act with the aim of reducing slum housing and creating new towns to take the London “overspill”. **This was the 1945 post war “Duty of Care” in terms of addressing slum housing, revitalising education in terms of a new emphasis on technical skills and alleviating the impact of poverty** and economic issues impacting upon social inequality, alongside the political need to “defend the Realm”.

The analysis by the author of attempts by successive governments and political leaders to promote “greater social equality” alongside conflicts both within and between groups makes for absorbing reading. Readers may well be **tinged with feelings of frustration at knowledge of attitudes, based on “party policy”, restricting the effectiveness of policies followed.** The sections on “Safe in Her Hands” and the “Brexit Effect” reflect and illustrate the “ferocity of debate that challenge friendships, family relations and political careers”.

The author highlights how Britain’s Covid experience from 2020 would be a “clear line in history” in terms of the actions by those in authority who carry a “Duty of Care” in terms of decision making, for the benefit of all, and public scrutiny. He highlights the response of scientists, in developing life saving vaccines, the efforts of NHS staff, how individuals dealt with grief, loss and isolation by lockdown and **how they demonstrated care for others in “acts of kindness”, clapping on the doorstep, and volunteering.**

This is an outstanding and inspirational book which highlights how the “Duty of Care” has been exemplified both in historical terms after 1945, alongside the need for a

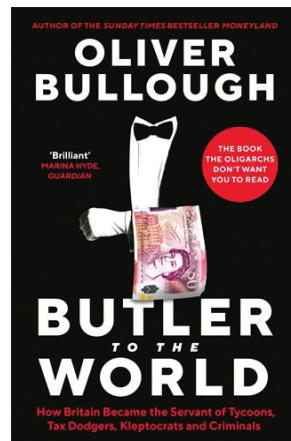
“new Beveridge” to meet the current challenges. These are evident today in terms of social care, social housing, technical and technological education, artificial intelligence and climate change. In particular, the author emphasises the need to avoid political partisanship to achieve “progress”. We live in expectation that the “new Truss government” can meet the challenges facing social structures, the economy, poverty and “the realm” with an emphasis on “Duty of Care” at all levels.

Butler to the World

Author - Oliver Bullough

Publisher - Profile Books

In contrast with the positive message regarding the willingness of individuals and groups to take on sportive roles to promote a “Duty of Care”, **Oliver Bullough in his book “Butler to the World” undertakes an unflinching investigation into how Britain became “a safe haven” for oligarchs, tycoons, tax dodgers, gangsters and “kleptocrats” (rulers who use their power to transfer or steal their country’s resources). He illustrates how Britain has become an amoral enabler for hire and enforcer for cash.** Readers may well be aware of examples of money laundering by “dubious gifts”, kleptomancy, sheltering wealth in property deals, creation of “companies”, consultancy payments to politicians, etc. **enabling individuals to gain status, recognition and in some cases political influence.**



In an enlightening introductory chapter. Oliver Bullough unravels the complex nature of “money markets” including the power or “clout” of the “merchant banking elite”. In particular, he enlightens the reader on the strategies taken by the City of London to “re-invent itself” linked to the actions of the Midland Bank and the London based bank “Moscow Narodny” enabling banks free to earn profits from “new sources”.

Readers may well find it amoral as the author highlights the role of the “British Virgin Islands” as the central point for the creation of “shell companies” (BVI companies) which created a tax loophole enabling kleptocrats and oligarchs to “disguise their wealth”. This loophole enabled them to avoid contributing by not paying tax to meet the costs of national institutions, “A Duty of Care”, to support society.

The “BVI” companies became powerful entities which created “discreet and affordable asset protection services” to hide illegal assets and avoid payment of taxes. The text highlights how the “Tanzanian experience” illustrates what could be described as the “tip of the criminal iceberg” as its framework was replicated by the actions of the gambling industry in establishing a “safe tax havens” in Gibraltar. The chapter “Rock Solid” describes in detail how Gibraltar prospered from the “reality of gambling addiction in Britain’s most deprived neighbourhoods”. In a similar fashion, the development of SLPs (Scottish Limited Partnerships) encouraged the investment of money into the British economy through fund management schemes which were “tax havens”. As the author emphasises, Britain became the “butler”, the servant of the rich.

I am sure readers will be angered and filled with abhorrence as the author recounts in the chapter “Down the Tubes” the actions of the Ministry of Defence in selling “Brompton Road” tube station and access to a fleet of linked to underground stations to Dmitry Firtash. He is described as “the Kremlin’s man in Ukraine”, with links to Gazprom” and Putin who had become vastly rich and influential. He was welcomed by royalty following gifts to Cambridge University with no apparent concerns about the origins of his wealth. The author considers, on the basis of the evidence collated, that Britain has behaved as an “amoral enabler”, hiding the reality of its actions. He points to the sale of “golden Visas” to wealthy foreigners to jump the visa queue and how many of Russia’s richest and “best connected” men have a whole fleet of mansions in London. Bullough argues on the basis of outstanding research, “butlering” thrives because it is supported by many influential people who countenance the fact that the rules Parliament has made are not enforced.

This is an outstanding, and at times, mind blowing exposition of how Britain has attracted and welcomed money laundering, kleptocracy and the wealth of “legalised criminals”. Oliver Bullough highlights how Britain faces the consequences of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, control of gas pipelines and how hidden wealth has created a new aristocracy **This book is essential reading as it discusses “hidden wealth” as a strategy in promoting influence and power** within political and financial arenas, **highlighting that “butlerism” offers no Duty of Care for the proletariat.**

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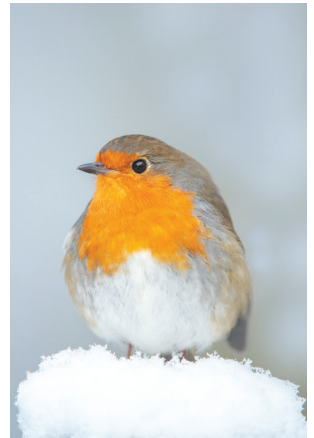


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Taking the time to watch which feathered friends make use of your bird table or window feeder, can often help to reduce stress, and restore calm. Not only does it benefit humans, but with over 60% of the UK population regularly feeding their garden birds, research suggests that this helps around 196 million birds a year.



According to the RSPB, keeping your feeders and water trays topped up is important at this time of year to help your garden birds survive through the winter as natural food sources run low. Providing high-energy food will help your local birds build up the fat reserves they need to keep warm, and as a result your garden could soon become a hive of activity.

Thankfully, if your bird feed supplies are running low, your cupboards can hold the answer to attracting our feathered friends to your garden. According to the RSPB, fruits like apples and pears, even when they’re past their best, can be snapped up by blackbirds and thrushes, while grated mild cheese can be a fantastic source of energy and protein for a range of birds. Cooked pastry, defrosted peas or unsalted bacon leftovers are also great options, as well as cooked rice, pasta and the inside of potatoes providing a great energy source.

With a range of options to help tempt your local birds into your garden, the RSPB is urging people across the country to stock up their feeders and ensure freshwater is available as winter brings the toughest and coldest months for birds.



Wirral Bird Club

“Birding in Catalonia & Aragon”

An illustrated presentation
by Chris Galvin

Thursday 24th November 2022
from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm



Wallcreeper photograph taken by Michael

Mike says, “The talk covers a couple of trips made out to Catalonia and Aragon. It goes from the lowlands by looking at the coast and the Ebro Delta, and then goes into the interior along the River Ebro to the Steppe area of El Planeron, and then into the hills and mountains of the Pyrenees.

In particular it looks at Lammergeiers, Griffon Vultures, Black Woodpecker and Wallcreepers, as well as wetland species such as Little Bittern, Slender-billed gulls and Audouin’s gulls.”

This illustrated presentation will take place at St Bridget’s Church Centre, Church Road, West Kirby, Wirral, CH48 7HL.

Visitors are very welcome, and the cost is £4.00, which includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

This is not a ticket event - please just come along.

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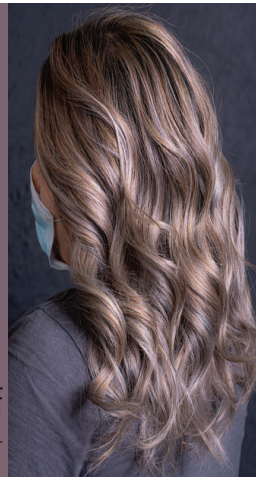
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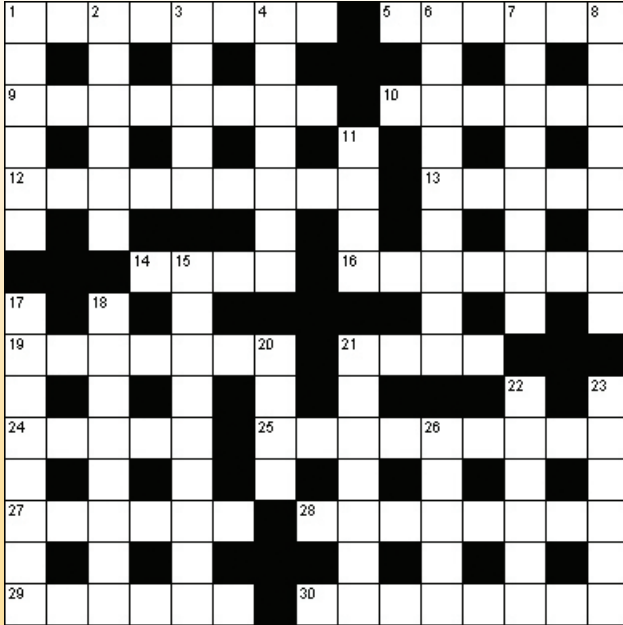
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Down

- 1 A pungent edible root (6)
- 2 Bobbins (6)
- 3 Cause to overturn (5)
- 4 Cleft (7)
- 6 Complaint (9)
- 7 Start (8)
- 8 Syrup made from sugar cane (8)
- 11 Emasculate (4)
- 15 Instances of hard physical labor (9)
- 17 Roofed (8)
- 18 Warships (8)
- 20 Bother (4)
- 21 A plant sometimes used in pies (7)
- 22 Break away (6)
- 23 Express agreement (6)
- 26 Secretes a hormone (5)

Across

- 1 Source of aid or support (8)
- 5 Discrimination against the elderly (6)
- 9 Threshold (8)
- 10 Daughterly (6)
- 12 Card game (9)
- 13 Blood vessels (5)
- 14 Past tense of "To be" (4)
- 16 Small dining room set (7)
- 19 Not himself (7)
- 21 Coral island (4)
- 24 Not daytime (5)
- 25 They import illegally (9)
- 27 Makes skin soft (6)

- 28 Language spoken in Tokyo (8)
- 29 Cease (6)
- 30 Compliant (8)

Sudoku Puzzle

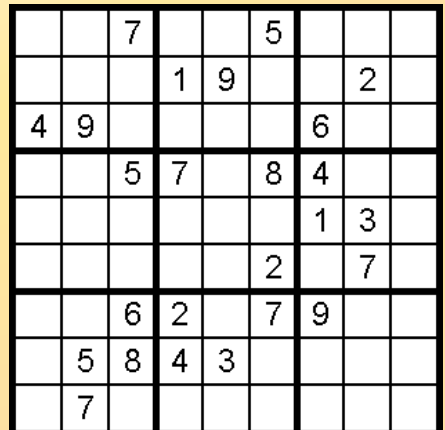
How to play:

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.

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Difficulty level: Medium.

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Chester Zoo to give away 5,000 FREE tickets to charities and community groups

5,000 free tickets to visit Chester Zoo have been released for charities, not-for-profits and community groups in the UK.

The conservation zoo's Charity Connections Scheme will see 5,000 people from a range of low-come groups visit the zoo, for free, and learn about its mission to prevent extinction.

Tickets are available to a range of charities, not-for-profit organisations and community groupsthathelpsupportpeoplewhomayhavefacedbarrierstovisitingthezooformerly.

Conservationists say that the scheme will help connect people from all walks of life with the natural world.

Nicola Buckley, Conservation Education & Engagement Manager at Chester Zoo, said: "We're delighted to launch our Charity Connections Scheme and encourage charities, not-for-profits or community groups that help support people who face barriers in their life, which may have previously stopped them from visiting our fantastic zoo, to apply for free tickets.

"If your organisation works with young people, those with additional needs or disabilities, minority ethnic groups or low-income families with financial difficulties, we want to connect those people with nature, too.

"By visiting our 128 acre zoo and the 27,000 highly threatened animals that call it home, we want people to feel empowered to live sustainably in their own lives while learning all about our efforts to prevent extinction."

Each organisation or community group can apply for up to 150 free tickets by completing an application form on the zoo's website. Applications will close on 31 October and tickets will be allocated to those who are eligible on a first come first served basis.

Find out more and apply for tickets here: www.chesterzoo.org/corporate-information/corporate-social-responsibility





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PRE-LUNCH MEETING by John Fowler

"I wish to talk to you about my career, oh, Excellency".

"What do you want to be when or if you grow up, young Billy my lad?" said his Handsomeness in well-educated tones, whilst flashing a perfect set of molars.

"Well, my Lord and Master, I visualise my life ahead of me, to be able to have not one single solitary care in the world. I desire total freedom of the mind to find the real me, and a clear mandate to make pure idleness an art form."

"Blimey, what exactly do you have in mind, Hedgehog Breath", his Exquisiteness retorted in perfect pigeon English.

"I want to be able to live with freedom. Like when I was young I used to be a bit of a hippy."

"Now you need a new hippy." Laughed Pablo.

"I want to be able to do things without any feeling of guilt, like wearing my socks inside out."

"Wow," exclaimed Pablo, sarcastically.

"I want to be able to break wind at management meetings, without creating a big stink."

"I think we'll all be in favour of that."

I want to button my cardigan incorrectly, hang my shirt out my trousers, wear a tie with terrible dinner stains, talk loudly with a big horrible grin, just generally belching, insulting people, and being able to consume large amounts of tea, whilst having a smoke."

"I don't know what you are worried about, you seem to have been practising these skills already. What I would advise is that you have got to learn to crawl more, you little snivelling Toe rag."

"Shall I get off your knee now, Oh Wonderful one? Crawling doesn't come easy to me, but if you want any shelves putting up, furniture moving, desks sorting out, filing, anything at all really, you only have to ask."

"There is one thing, I need you to do now," said Film Star features politely.

"Anything," replied Billy.

"Somebody, it might be more than one person, has been walking their dogs in the area just outside my office, and in their ignorance they have been allowing their precious pets to do their business, without clearing it up. It is a right mess, especially after a few days."

"I think it's that big German Shepherd from across the road."

"No, it's definitely a dog." Replied Pablo. "Would you clear them up for me, and I am afraid if you can't find a shovel, you will have to use your bare hands."

"I am ahead of you, your Gracious, I have already cleared the area, before I made your sandwiches.....and I couldn't find a shovel anywhere!"





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