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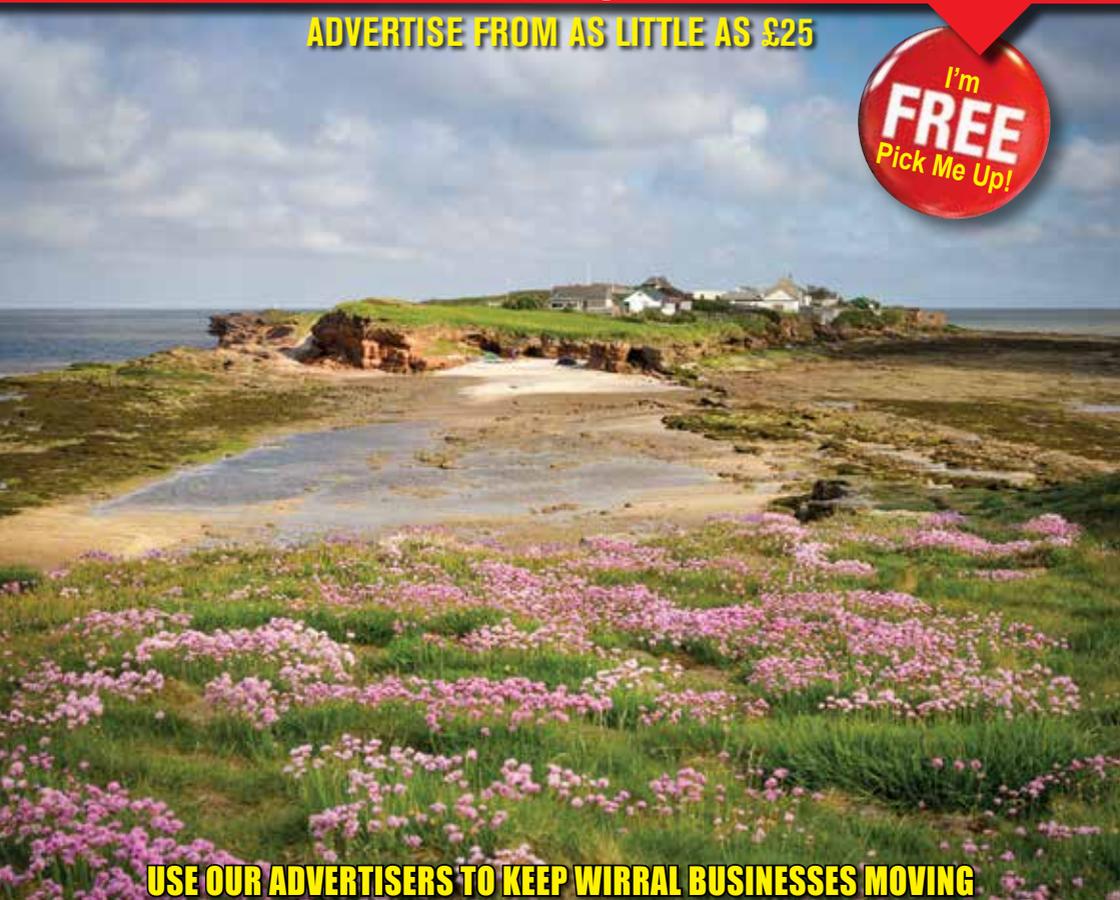
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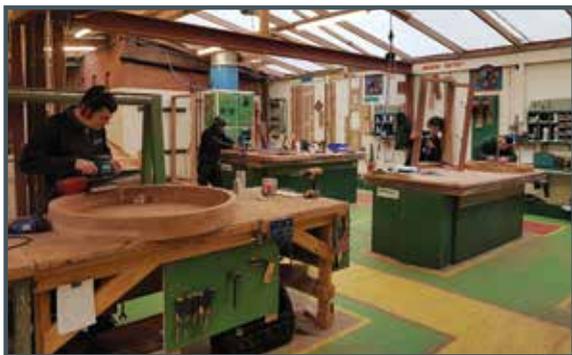
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It is estimated that over 1 million rented homes have hazards that pose a serious risk. The new changes will mean that tenants will be able to take their landlord to court for an injunction to compel the landlord to carry out the works or for damages (compensation) for the landlord's failure to keep the property in good repair.

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3. Almost 50% of adults in UK can't do basic maths.

4. Abraham Lincoln was the First President to appear on a U.S. coin.



5. Queen Elizabeth I owned at least 150 wigs.

6. The first ballpoint pens in America sold for US\$12.50, the equivalent of US\$164 today.



7. "Surprise me" were the last words of the 100 year-old, legendary comedian Bob Hope, responding to his wife's question regarding where he would like to be buried.

8. Rolling Stone magazine originally gave Nirvana's Nevermind a 3-star rating in 1991. They now give it 5 stars and rank it as the 17th greatest album of all time.

9. Australia hasn't had a recession since 1981.

10. Cleopatra lived closer to the invention of the iPhone than she did to the building of the Great Pyramid.

11. The main street in Prishtina, the capital of Kosovo, is called Bill Clinton Boulevard.

12. In 2015, Spanish workers destroyed a 6,000-year-old Neolithic tomb, mistaking it for a broken picnic table. They replaced it with a 'better' picnic table.

13. Scientists alive today outnumber all the scientists who ever lived up to 1980.

14. An octopus escaped from its tank at a New Zealand aquarium, crawled across the floor and into a pipe that took it to the ocean.

15. Florida newscaster Christine Chubbuck killed herself with a pistol on live TV in 1974. Her last words: "And now, in keeping with Channel 40's policy of always bringing you the latest in blood and guts, in living color, you're about to see another first: an attempted suicide."

16. To enlist in the U.S. army, you have to have all ten of your toes intact.

17. India has 122 major languages and 1599 other ones.

18. Immediately opposite the main ticket gates to Giza's Great Pyramid enclosure, you can find both Pizza Hut and KFC.

19. There are invisible poems painted on Boston's sidewalks, and you can only see them when it rains.

20. 13 children under the age of 10 have been issued with shotgun certificates in the UK over the past 3 years.

21. Academy Award-winning actress Hilary Swank lived in a car with her mother while they saved up for an apartment in Los Angeles.



22. In 2017 you can re-use calendars from the years 2006, 1995, 1989, 1978, 1967, 1961, 1950, 1939, 1933, and 1922.

23. All the door frames for Star Wars: Episode I, had to rebuild due to Liam Neeson was too tall. It racked up an additional \$150,000 in production costs.



24. Each year, Google receives more than two million job applications from around the world.

25. A NY man spent almost 5 months in prison in 2014, unaware that his bail was just US\$2.



26. After Barack Obama visited Kenya in 2015, two women named their sons Air Force One.

27. One-armed tennis player Hans Redl played at Wimbledon from 1947 to 1956. He served by tossing the ball up with his racket.

28. From Dr. No to Quantum of Solace, James Bond has killed 352 people and slept with 52 women.

29. Bees know when it's going to rain, so they put in extra work the day before.

30. Steve Jobs was scared of buttons.



31. Mark Zuckerberg's AI home assistant is voiced by Morgan Freeman.

31. A US\$300,000 diamond was lost in an F1 crash in 2004. The diamond was attached to the car to promote Ocean's 12 movie and was never recovered after the crash.



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On the journey to DUBAI you will visit such places as SUEZ CANAL, AQABA.

AQABA

Aqaba The Jewel of the Red Sea. Aqaba is a Jordanian port city on the Red Sea's Gulf of Aqaba. Inhabited since 4000 B.C., it's home to the Islamic-era Aqaba Fort and the adjacent Aqaba Archaeological Museum. Its beach resorts are popular for windsurfing and other water sports, and the area is a top destination for scuba divers, with notable dive sites including the Yamanieh coral reef in the Aqaba Marine Park, south of the city.

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An Ellesmere Port-based charity that provides healthy fresh vegetable boxes across the region is growing substantially.

Bridge Community Farms, which recently took over the running of the Veg Box scheme developed by The Natural Veg Men, has built a new packhouse to cope with demand.

The Wirral has been added as a new delivery territory, in addition to their current West Cheshire and Chester routes including Tarporley, Frodsham and Malpas.

They are looking for 10 new volunteer drivers – ideally for two Tuesdays per month – to help deliver the weekly vegetable boxes, and a new Commercial Horticulture Supervisor/Market Gardener to join the team.

More volunteers are needed to work in the new Better Lives Café, to help in the farm shop, to mentor the charity's wellness clients and to work on the farm and in the gardens.

Bridge Community Farms supports those coping with mental health and learning difficulties in the therapeutic environment of their 10-acre farm in Ellesmere Port.

They also create jobs for the long term unemployed growing fresh

vegetables, salads, herbs and fruit in their fields and poly tunnels. HRH The Earl of Wessex recently visited Bridge Community Wellness Gardens and Farm to see their work.

General Manager Clair Johnson said: *"People love eating good fresh local produce and we are delighted that our Veg Box scheme is proving so successful."*

"Every box we sell helps to support our charitable work and our sustainable farming practices."

"We need more volunteers to join us across all areas of the business and we also want to hear from local companies interested in promoting our Veg Box scheme to their employees so we can deliver to several customers at one location, being their place of work."

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by **Tony Yates**

Keeping you motoring

Hyundai i10 Premium 'S' 1.0 MPi 67PS



Well, this week I have the funky little i10 to test, and I have to say that Hyundai has gone all out with this new and improved version, and I for one, am really impressed by its remarkable ability to work just as well in the city as it does out on the twisty country roads.

Power and Efficiency:

My test car was fitted with a 1.0-litre, 67PS, 3 cylinder DOHC 12 valve petrol engine, which will reach a max speed of 97mph, which if I'm honest, is just as much fun to use as some of the other 3 cylinder engines currently on the market from other manufacturers.

The 67PS engine is actually very refined, and very good in my opinion. You also get a decent

five-speed manual gearbox which is slick and feels well in sync with the engine. Fuel economy was also very good and under normal driving conditions, I managed to achieve a figure of around 60 plus mpg (combined) without breaking a sweat.

On the road:

I will keep it simple here; the little i10 is the perfect car to scoot about in – because it's poised, easy to park and you will always have a little smile on your face whenever you are out and about. Ok, it does feel a little 'firm' but that's all the fun of the i10.

Plus, the steering is also direct and the grip levels are good, which means the i10 feels tight and taugth into the corners. I'm going to say that

Hyundai 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. In fact, it has been a while since I have driven any small car that has felt so connected to the road.

Design & Technology

On the outside, the i10 looks relatively elegant, but it does have a basic look about it on the inside. But, saying that, the little i10 is priced very well for its market, so I didn't expect it to be festooned with a carbon fibre dashboard or leather seating.

As I said earlier, it does look a touch basic on the inside, but you do get quite a lot of standard equipment even on 'S' trim, which includes; Black Cloth Seat Trim, Body Coloured Bumpers, Daytime Running Lights, Electric Front Windows, Immobiliser, ISOfix Rear Seats, Rear Spoiler with Integrated Brake light, Remote

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To sum up:

The i10 is a decent car that's packed full of additional extras for very little money. If you are thinking of buying one then I would probably opt for the 67PS version as it sips fuel and is cheap to buy and run. Well done Hyundai for making yet another great small car.

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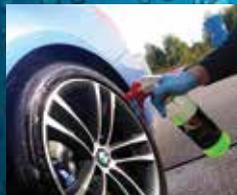
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The 12-strong team from Birchall Blackburn Law and the National Asbestos Helpline started the trek up mount Snowdon during the midnight hour and reaching the cloudy summit at 4:30am to see the sunrise.

The team was led by experienced guides from Raw Adventures, based in Llanberis, who ensured everyone kept to the path.

Snowdon stands at 1,085 metres tall, which is taller than 11 Big Bens. The round trip was more than 10 miles and about 33,000 steps. The fundraisers were higher than the clouds by the time they reached the top, with some strong winds to greet the weary walkers. It took the team seven hours from setting out to crawling back for breakfast.

The team was made up of staff from Birchall Blackburn Law's Preston, Leyland and Chester offices and the National Asbestos Helpline, along with friends and family willing to take on the challenge.

Kathy Wright, from Maggie's Merseyside says 'Last year alone we supported over 15,000 people affected by cancer. Providing

free practical, emotional and social support to those who need us most. Our centre offers a safe space away from the clinical environment and our doors remain open thanks to the efforts of our supporters. We are extremely grateful to the team from Birchall Blackburn Law and National Asbestos Helpline for raising vital funds and spreading the word about our life changing services. The challenge they took on was huge and pretty gruelling but the funds they've raised is enough to secure a cancer support group for a whole year. They really have made a difference.'

Elliott Garvey, from the National Asbestos Helpline, says: "It was really tough at times. The cold and lack of sleep really slows you down but knowing every step is for Maggie's Merseyside keeps you going through the dark."

Joan Kennedy, an industrial disease and asbestos specialist solicitor for Birchall Blackburn Law, says: "We were a bit nervous before we set off, especially with it being at night. But once we got over the first steep walk, we all got into it and really enjoyed being able to walk by moonlight. Sometimes we didn't even need our head torches!

"We were so happy to take on the trek for the wonderful Maggie's Merseyside and

absolutely smashed our fundraising goal of £1,000, I couldn't be prouder. They do amazing work for those affected by cancer, offering advice and support in a non-clinical space."

Maggie's Merseyside set in the grounds of Clatterbridge Hospital. Maggie's provides free practical, emotional and social support to people with cancer and their family and friends, following the ideas about cancer care originally laid out by Maggie Keswick Jencks.

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Following last year's success in raising £13,934 at the event, Mowgli Street Food is bringing back the family fundraiser to raise even more for Claire House Children's Hospice, so the charity can reach out to even more children and families who need their support.

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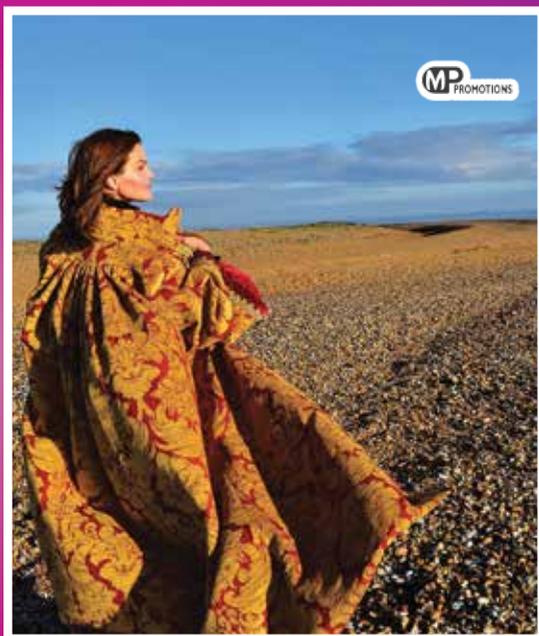
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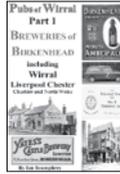
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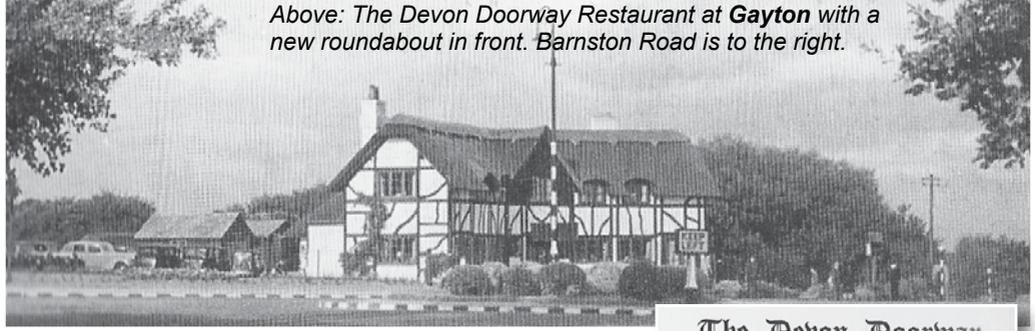
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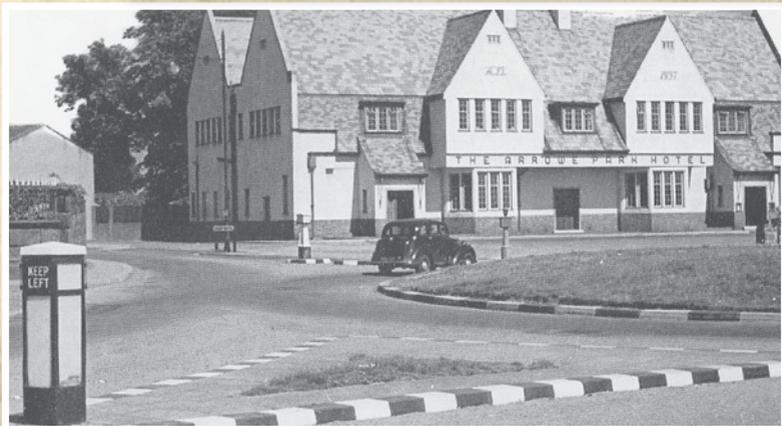


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Right & Below:
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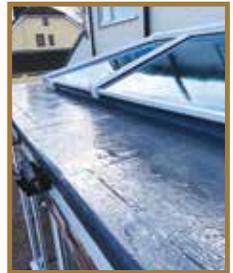
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REMOVE DEAD FLOWERS

Removing wilted flowers is not only done for aesthetic reasons, but also supports the formation of new flowering shoots. The plant can concentrate its power to the fresh flowers. Moreover, the dead flowers will not become a breeding ground for pests or fungi. Some summer shrubs like larkspur, produce flowers a second time in autumn, when they are cut back after the main flowering.

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This was the last major event in what has been a very successful year headed by President Bob Hall, who is pictured in his "Caribbean" shirt next to Hugh Smith.

Love Wirral's Maxine is pictured far left alongside her friend Dawn joining in the fun.



Rotarians, together with Sandie, fourth left who made all the hundreds of tissue floral decorations for the marquee, are pictured getting ready for the celebration, held at New Brighton Rugby Club. A major appeal during the year has been to provide

funds for the purchase of a minibus for Shaftesbury Youth Club and the Club target of £12,000 has not only been reached but raised over £13,000. Alongside this other funds have gone to support both community and international projects.

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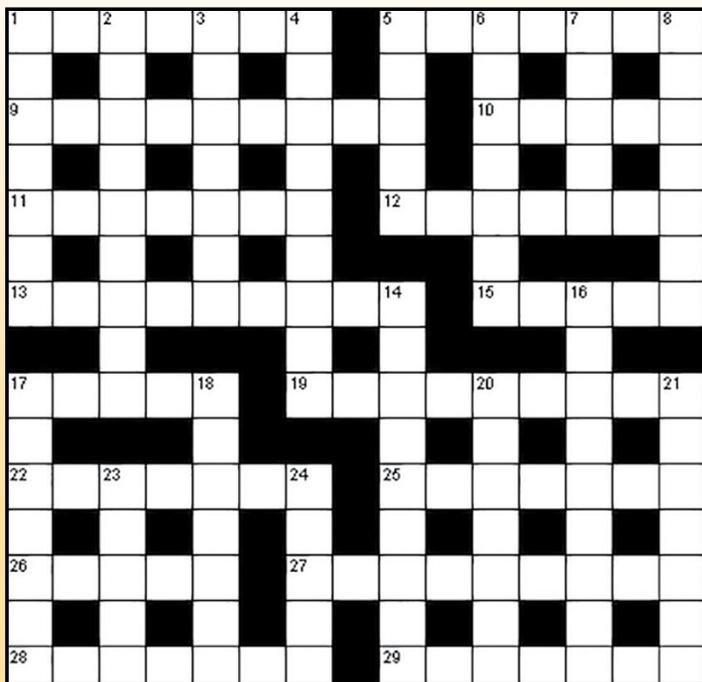
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Down

- 1 Choose to refrain (7)
- 2 Unfairness (9)
- 3 Mantis shrimp (7)
- 4 Condemned (9)
- 5 "Action words" (5)
- 6 Rescinds (7)
- 7 Chieftain (5)
- 8 Ceded (7)
- 14 Surmised (9)
- 16 Brave (9)
- 17 Lawman (7)
- 18 Turbulent (7)
- 20 Building (7)
- 21 Voter (7)
- 23 Elector (5)
- 24 A type of marsh plant (5)

Across

- 1 False identities (7)
- 5 Diversity (7)
- 9 A temporary resident (9)
- 10 Vex (5)
- 11 Find innocent (7)
- 12 Boxed (7)
- 13 Bothers (9)
- 15 Aligned oneself with (5)
- 17 Fleece (5)
- 19 Low esteem (9)
- 22 Jealous (7)
- 25 A formal letter (7)
- 26 Introduction (abbrev.) (5)
- 27 Damage or loss (9)
- 28 Anticipate (7)
- 29 Chest of drawers (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.

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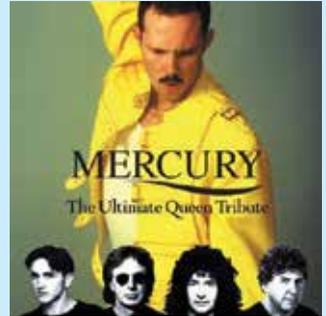
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The Hazelwell, a residential, nursing, palliative and respite care home in Heswall, will be joining thousands of other care homes around the UK taking part in Care Home Open Day on Friday, June 28, with a theme this year of celebrating the role of 'Arts in Care'.

The idea behind Care Home Open Day, now in its seventh year, is to encourage local people to visit care homes in the community and work together to build long lasting relationships.

The Hazelwell are inviting the community to join their residents for a cup of tea and slice of cake, take a tour of the facilities if they wish, and share the fun and enjoyment of the day's activities.

To showcase how the Hazelwell use art for relaxation, enjoyment and therapy, staff at the care home will be holding art classes for residents from 2-4.30pm, and visitors will also be able to view an exhibition of the residents previous artwork.

The Hazelwell's care home manager Sue Ball said: "We are always looking at new ways of building relationships with the local community and Care

Home Open Day is a fantastic way of bringing generations together.

"Here at the Hazelwell we use art therapy every week as part of our varied activities programme, and we're really excited to be able use this open day as an opportunity to show visitors exactly what happens in our art classes.

"We find creative activities are great for relaxation and stress relief, as well as self-expression. Our classes are also good social occasions as everyone can chat while they work and share in what they have created.

"Our residents are really looking forward to welcoming lots of visitors on the open day and are excited to see their masterpieces being displayed in the exhibition. We're really proud of them and their artwork and can't wait to show it off. We are looking forward to a lovely friendly afternoon of fun."

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