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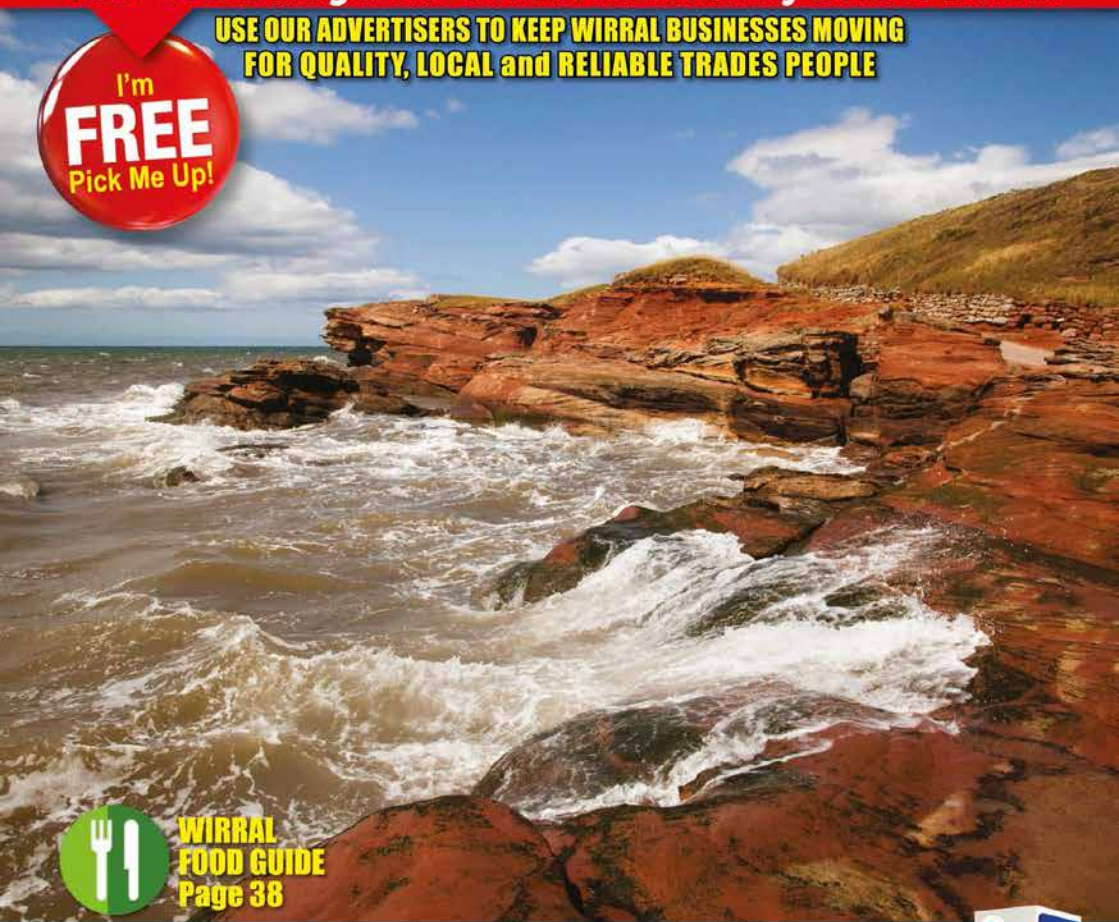


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ROVER WATCH

END OF SEASON

Tranmere endured another disappointing end to a season in May, as inopportune defeats derailed their hopes of promotion. What began as a campaign of feint optimism ended with familiar pain, to the frustration of diehard fans who have now waited twenty-five years to see Rovers win a trophy of any description.

A poor loss to Welling, detailed in last month's column, heaped enormous pressure on Tranmere as they fought for a playoff spot. With four games remaining, they remained in the top five, but other clubs had multiple games in hand, making even the most positive fan nervous for the final run-in. Ultimately, Rovers ran out of steam when it mattered most, with their less equipped rivals enjoying an inspired run of form.

Tranmere managed to beat 1-0 Torquay as April began, with Michael Higdon notching the only goal in a dull game on the English Riviera. That result temporarily strengthened Rovers' hold on a playoff spot, but Braintree beat Grimsby, and Eastleigh triumphed over Barrow later that week to close the gap again.

A pressure-packed local derby with Wrexham followed, and only a victory would really suffice for Tranmere. Once again, the club received incredible support, as 7,541 flocked to Prenton Park for a fifth division encounter. Yet, as has too often been the case in recent years, those loyal supporters went home frustrated as Rovers failed to deliver the goods.

Kayden Jackson opened the scoring for Wrexham after fifteen minutes, increasing tension on Wirral, and Tranmere struggled to muster a serious response. Momentum wasn't forthcoming, but Rovers won a penalty with twelve minutes remaining. James Norwood, a rare shining light this season, thundered it home to equalise, although Tranmere required all three points to seriously boost their playoff credentials. Cruelly, Wrexham snatched a winner with just five minutes left, as Sean Newton headed into the top corner from a set play. The visitors emerged victorious, and a deathly pall settled over the Rovers fanbase, which felt that another fruitless season was all but over.

A trip to Eastleigh followed, and both sides looked tired in a tense game. Braintree scored a late winner at Wrexham, jeopardising Tranmere's chances further. In fact, with three minutes remaining, Rovers' season was on life support. Only a victory would ensure their fight went down to the final day. Chances were few and far between, as fans felt resigned to defeat in the promotion push. Then, like so



Tranmere Rovers vs Wrexham
(16/04/2016)



many times this season, Norwood popped up out of nowhere to score another crucial goal, looping a header over the goalkeeper in the eighty-seventh minute to keep the Superwhites' feint playoff chances alive.

On the final day, Tranmere had to beat Grimsby, hope that Braintree lost to Altrincham, and wish that Eastleigh didn't win by a hefty margin to improve their inferior goal difference. The fans and players put on a brave face and tried to conjure some optimism, but it never felt authentic, and it seemed like Rovers were always battling insurmountable odds.

News quickly filtered through from Essex that Braintree took a seventeenth minute lead, before adding two more goals either side of half-time. Steve Jennings scored as Tranmere finished with a 1-0 win, but it simply wasn't enough, as another great crowd of 6,637 trudged out of Prenton Park in despondent mood. Another campaign came and went, and still those fans were left waiting for their day in the sun.

Ultimately then, this was a season of failure for Rovers, who should have challenged more seriously for the league title, let alone a playoff place. For a club of this magnitude to slip out of the Football League was embarrassing, but failing to secure an immediate return is perhaps even more hurtful. Tranmere Rovers is a proud club with a tremendous heritage. By rights, the facilities and fanbase make it a third division club at worst. To see it languishing in the fifth tier is painful, but there is no use feeling sorry for ourselves. Now, Rovers must learn from their mistakes, rectify them over the summer, and seek improvement across the board next season, which will be hugely important in the club's history.



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5. The smell of freshly-cut grass is actually a plant distress call due to trauma.
6. Sea otters have skin pockets where they keep their favorite rocks to use for crushing seashells. 
7. The acceptance rate for NASA's astronaut applications in 2015 was .08%.
8. In 1891, Juan Vucetich, an Argentine Police Official, made the first criminal fingerprint identification.
9. Marilyn Monroe was a size 12 in the 60s, but would now be a size 6, as women's clothing measurements have changed a lot since.
10. Actor Vin Diesel has never met his father, and doesn't know what race he is. 
11. Ants can survive in a microwave: they are small enough to dodge the rays.
12. We lose over a pound of weight during sleep by exhaling.
13.  Queen, Bob Marley, Jimi Hendrix and Tupac never won a Grammy, while Milli Vanilli and Justin Bieber did.
14. Some holocaust survivors died of chocolate and candy overdose within their first week of freedom.
15. Bill Gates changed his school's programme codes so he was placed in class with mostly female students.
16. At 456 feet high, the world's largest door is taller than the Statue of Liberty and owned by NASA. 
17. The Hollywood sign was changed by a prankster in 1976 to read "Hollyweed", after the passage of a state law decriminalising marijuana.
18. You could cover the Great Wall of China 8 times with the number of jars of Nutella sold in a year.
19. Dinosaur feathers aren't just visually apparent in fossils, but have actually been found preserved in amber.

20. George Washington penned somewhere between 18,000 and 20,000 letters in his lifetime.

21. The tallest known dog, as of 2010, was a Great Dane who measured 1.092 m (43 in) tall.



22. Elvis Presley had never received formal music training or learned to read music. He played by ear.
23. NASA's Internet connection is 13,000 times faster than The average U.S. user, at 91 gigabits per second.
24. Eminem would spend hours studying the dictionary, so he could expand his vocabulary for his rhymes.
25. Airplane turbulence caused 3 deaths between 1980 and 2009.
26. Jessica Cox became the world's first licensed armless pilot in 2008. 
27. The U.S. threatened to attack Afghanistan two months before 9/11.

28. Portuguese, not Spanish, is the most widely spoken language in South America.
29. Texas has at least 200 ghost towns.

30. "Aerogel" is the lightest solid material in the world. A silicon-based solid with a porous, 99% of its volume is empty space.



31. When penguin mothers lose a chick, they sometimes attempt to "steal" another mother's chick.
32. Lionesses find lions with darker manes more attractive.
33. The smallest thing ever photographed is the shadow of an atom.
34. The iconic "Do you know where you are?! You're in the Jungle Baby!" line was actually yelled at Axl Rose by a Homeless man in New York.
35. 1 in 50,000 penguins are born with brown rather than black plumage.
36. There's an experimental township in India founded in 1968 and called Auroville, where citizens are from all over the world and there's no money or religion.
37. Mercury's New Year occurs every 88 Earth days.
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The Islands Of The Bahamas offer an array of dive experiences like no other destination in the world. You'll find sunken Spanish galleons, inland blue holes, underwater caves and forest-like coral reefs teeming with vibrant marine life. You can even feed and swim with reef sharks—an experience sure to get your adrenaline pumping.

MIAMI

This will be your first stop. There are so many sights to see and places to go in Miami. From world-renowned museums to their beautiful parks, beaches, and cultural centres, there is something sure to please the kid in everyone. In fact, you won't believe how many fun things are absolutely free. Miami near perfect weather makes it the ideal place to create great childhood memories during every season of the year.

NASSAU

Hidden among a group of islands poised between the Atlantic and Caribbean—and only a few hundred miles from the United States' southern coast of Florida—Nassau Paradise Island has sheltered everyone from pirates and freed

slaves to blockade runners, rum smugglers and runaway lovers over the centuries. And although times are peaceful now, they still cherish a tradition of people making their own rules under sunny skies.



Musical traditions here reflect both the impact of history on the islands and a homegrown, distinctively national character. All through the islands of The Bahamas, music is woven deeply into the fabric of daily life—so much so that one of the nicknames given to our archipelago is "the Islands of Song".

PHILIPSBURG

Philipsburg is the main town and capital of the country of Sint Maarten. The town is situated on a narrow stretch of land between Great Bay and the Great Salt Pond.

In my mind the Philipsburg Boardwalk -- which didn't even exist a few years ago, is by far the biggest attraction in town. Nearly 50 feet wide and running nearly the entire length of the city's Great Bay waterfront, the Boardwalk serves as a lively "back porch" for the hotels and restaurants on the south side of Front Street. You'll find strollers, skaters, and even Segway tours cruising along the half-mile-plus ribbon of concrete. You can rent beach chairs and an umbrella -- with a half-dozen cold beers thrown in for about \$20.



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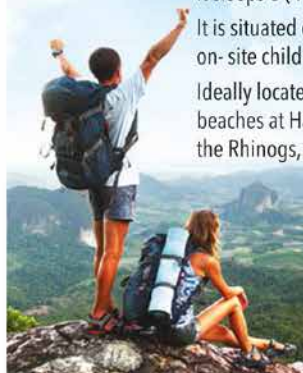
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Birkenhead Fake Festival is a brand new date on the Fake Festivals tour, and licensees George Thomas and Gary Hunt are excited to be part of it. "I've always been a huge music fan, and my wife and I have supported many previous Fake Festivals" explains Gary. "When the opportunity came along for us to bring the party to Birkenhead, we jumped at the chance."

"Fake Festivals is pretty well represented in the north of the UK, but the Wirral was missing out" said George. "Now it's easy for the whole peninsula to enjoy a great festival atmosphere on their doorstep. We hope everyone will embrace it, come along and have a great day."

The Fake Festivals Tour is celebrating its 10th anniversary, and at Birkenhead we'll be able to party whatever the weather, as the stage and bar are inside a giant marquee. There will also be food and entertainment stalls outside within a secure arena to create a true festival atmosphere that has something for all the family.

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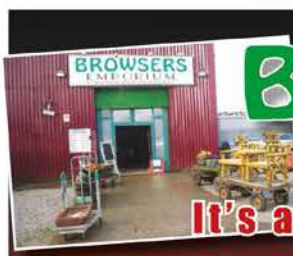


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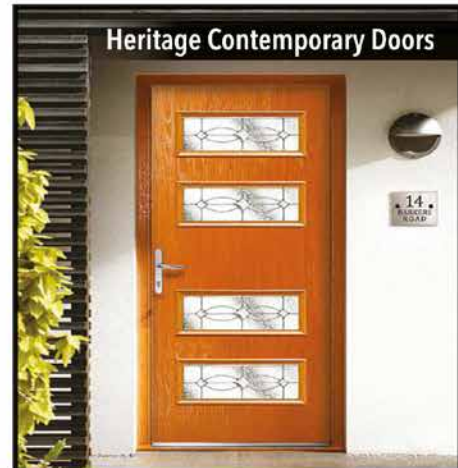
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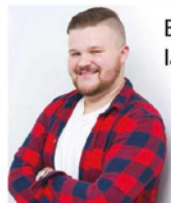
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By
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Scammy Spammy Calls & Texts – A Guide to keeping yourself safe.

Recently it has come to light that there is a new scam going around that is involving criminal gangs ringing your mobile number from an **0870, or 0854 number** – however by giving one or two rings, inevitably, curiosity gets the better of you and you call back.

Unfortunately that is **EXACTLY** what they are hoping you do, and this could end up costing you a lot more than your usual bill.

The scam in question involves you calling back these numbers to see what this is about, and ending up being charged anything between **£75.00 - £300.00** for just returning the call.

This is sadly becoming more and more popular as the unsuspecting consumer falls victim.

Action Fraud and **Network providers** are taking steps to prevent this from happening to anyone but as of yet have not found a resolution, there is no recourse from this as you have willingly dialled the number back yourself so sadly will be left with the rather large bill to pay.

However, there are ways to prevent yourself from becoming Victim to these type of scams.

By following the tips below you can ensure that you become a consumer crusader and help in the fight against these thieves:

1. **If you are unsure of who the caller is DO NOT call it back, if it is important they will call you back or leave a voicemail**
2. **Block the number** – most phones such as Iphone have the Facilities these days to block unwanted numbers so if you are unsure just block the call – better safe than sorry
3. **Check out what is being said online** – a quick google search can easily prove what a number is and if this can be trusted or not
4. **Unless you know who the caller is DO NOT CALL BACK! No matter how tempting it is, is it really worth the consequences ?**

I am aware that recently a few people are receiving spam texts also – did you know that if you get a spam message you can forward the message to **7726 (SPAM)** and this will inform your network provider that this message is indeed a spam text, and it will (hopefully) stop you from getting further messages from that sender, however the more people who report the message the better – **the networks can take action.**



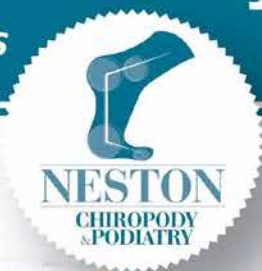
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DATES

Euro 2016 will start with France versus Romania on 10th June. England have been drawn into Group B, and will play Russia on 11th June, Wales on 16th June, and Slovakia on 20th June. The knockout round begins on 25th June, with the final scheduled for 10th July, exactly thirty days after the tournament starts.

VENUES

The fixtures will be played in ten different cities, spread out across France. Lens, Lille, Paris and Saint-Denis will be main hubs of action in the North, with Bordeaux, Lyon and Saint-Etienne hosting games centrally. In the South, Toulouse, Marseille and Nice will be picturesque locations for key matches. The Stade de France, a historic venue, will host the final, and reconstructed arenas in Marseille and Lyon are sure to gain serious attention. The Parc des Princes, home to Paris Saint-Germain, is also a very famous stadium that creates a special atmosphere for big games.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

As mentioned previously, the field has been expanded this year to include eight additional nations. All twenty-four teams will be split into six groups of four, with the top two from each section advancing to the knockout round. However, in a change from convention, the four best third-place teams will also qualify for the later stages, which begin with a Round of 16 rather than straight quarter-finals.

THE FAVOURITES

Spain are obvious contenders having won the last two

competitions, in 2012 and 2008. However, while the two-time defending champions deserve tremendous respect, a few of their more influential players have aged or retired since those earlier triumphs, allowing other countries to have more hope this time around.

The hosts have a really exciting crop of young players and will be backed by incredible support, so they are definitely in with a great chance of winning. Furthermore, Belgium have assembled a remarkable squad in recent years; Germany appear formidable as holders of the World Cup; and England fans seem to be more optimistic of success than at almost any point in the past decade. Elsewhere, nations such as Portugal and Italy can never be written off at major tournaments, especially with individual players possessing the ability to win matches on their own.

THE UNDERDOGS

It's always fun to watch the best teams play, but we all love an underdog. Fortunately, there are plenty of nations at Euro 2016 with fun stories and interesting ambitions.

Wales have qualified for a major tournament for the first time in fifty-eight years and, in Gareth Bale, they possess one of the world's greatest players. Similarly, Northern Ireland will enjoy their first triumph in the 1966 World Cup. In fact, the Three Lions have never ventured beyond the semi-finals, so that will be a tantalising aim for Roy Hodgson and his men.

Germany have played in six Euro finals, a record by far. The next best total is Spain and the old Soviet Union with four, while Italy have reached that stage three times. In 2012, Spain thumped Italy 4-0 in the final before 63,170 in Kiev.

PREDICTION

I think Germany will live up to expectations and go close, with Portugal and England also real dark horses. However, you cannot look beyond France when attempting to pick a winner. Backed by a passionate home support, and boasting a squad of phenomenal quality, the hosts seem to tick every box. I think they'll dominate the tournament and lift the trophy in July.

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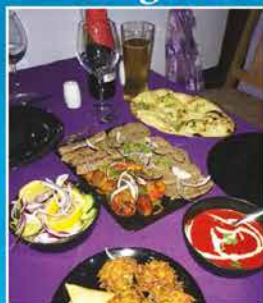
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4 Lemons, cut into eighths

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Heat medium sized saute pan on high. Add olive oil and heat. Salt and pepper cod. Add cod to hot oil and sear very hard on one side, until fish is golden brown and crisp.

Transfer the cod to a baking sheet that has been brushed with olive oil. Place cod in oven until it starts to flake, about 12 minutes. Remove cod from oven and keep warm.

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salt and pepper, to taste

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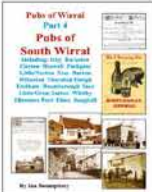
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The Arrow Park Hotel



Above: 1912. The sign for the Argyle Theatre can be seen in the centre of this photograph looking down Argyle Street Birkenhead with Grange Road off to the left. The theatre was opened 21 December 1868 by Dennis Grannell. His nephew, Dennis Clarke, became sole manager in 1891 and it was he who was responsible for making this one of the best known theatre's outside of London. It received a direct hit during bombing raid 26 September 1940 and was destroyed. Beatties' car park occupies part of this site today.



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Gardening tips for June and July

From mowing the lawn to tackling pests, read this advice on how to keep your garden in tip top condition during the summer months.

Remember to water

Watering is essential as the weather warms up. Give your garden a big drink once or twice a week to draw plant roots deeper into the nutritious soil. Containers and hanging baskets will need watering once a day – perhaps twice a day if it is hot and windy.

For larger shrubs and trees, leave a hose dribbling around the base for an hour. Your hedges can be watered with a home-made “trickle hose” – a length of old hose pierced with tiny holes.

It may officially be summer but the great British weather likes to keep us guessing. Keep vulnerable plants protected at night if frost is forecast. It is best to keep your tender plants indoors until the middle of the month.

Make time to mow

A buzzing lawn mower is the quintessential sound of summer – this is definitely the time for mowing. Little and often is better than a big attack every once in a while, so try to cut the grass once a week.

Ideally, spread your grass clippings across the compost heap in shallow layers. A huge mound might turn slimy and spoil the compost underneath.

If your lawn is newly laid, do not let the turf dry out in hot weather. Water it every evening and, if we do have a heat wave, consider letting the grass grow a little longer than usual to help it through the dry spell

Tackle pests

With a bit of luck, it will be nice and warm in the garden now. But you will not be the only one enjoying the weather, so keep an eye out for pests. Greenfly and blackfly in particular love the heat. If you catch caterpillar and aphid infestations early enough, they can be dealt with by hand. Aphids and other sap-sucking insects can transmit viruses.



Remember the birds

Do not wait for winter to feed the birds in your garden. If the hot weather continues and the ground hardens, it will be much more difficult for them to find food. Put some out to supplement their diet and help them build their reserves for winter. Birds love to splash about on hot summer days, so why not choose from a fantastic range of bird baths from £19.99.

Feathered friends: why wait for winter to feed your garden birds?



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Charlotte submitted three photographs with the competition theme of "Our World is Beautiful". She was also required to submit up to 50 words describing the inspiration for her entries. One of her images and her inspirational words are displayed.



Charlotte Linforth

Our world is beautiful

"I think our world is beautiful because I can go and explore the whole world. I like the colour of the mushrooms because they are gorgeous and very interesting. They come in different shapes, sizes and colours. Flowers are beautiful because I look at them and smile happily."

Entrant, Jaxx Carter from South Wirral High School, had his three entries in the Intermediate category commended.

Rotakids Club

Oxton St Saviour's Primary School Rotakids members are pictured with Rotarian Barbara Sinclair as they received their Club's Charter certificate. The young members are already raising funds for a special education project in Malawi, which is also receiving a donation of £250 from Birkenhead Rotary towards the purchase of school bags.



Speakers

Birkenhead Rotary is fortunate to welcome a wide variety of speakers to meetings. Recent topics have ranged from alternative energy, emergency planning and food banks.

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Another busy month ahead at Wirral Radio. It is getting into the event season and we are pleased to announce we will be at many of the up coming events across the Wirral. Latest figures show our listenership is growing and people are listening for longer. We welcomed Kev Seed who is now presenting his weekend shows on Wirral Radio and with him he brought a loyal fan base and many new listeners. We will be celebrating our 2nd birthday on the 14th June, that is the day we started broadcasting as Wirral Radio. We'd like to thank our listeners, clients and team for your amazing support over the last two years. You have all played a major part in getting us where we are today.

Wirral Kids: Wirral Kids has now started raising funds for local children in crisis. Wirral Kids is Wirral Radio's charity campaign working to provide solutions for those most in need in our area. Monies raised will stay here on the Wirral and will be distributed by a panel of

trustees. If you would like to find out how you can get involved and help to raise funds email - wirralkids@wirralradio.co.uk Maybe make your next fundraising event for Wirral Kids.

Spotlight on: Harry Ramsden's. Harry Ramsden's famous fish and chips are a well known household name serving you their unique brand since 1928. We have been in partnership with Harry's since they opened their brand new restaurant and takeaway in New Brighton. Not only do they do their famous fish and chips but they also offer breakfasts and afternoon teas. We are lucky enough to have two branches on the Wirral with the other being at Cheshire Oaks outlet village. So next time you are out and see the famous Harry Ramsden's logo, don't just think fish and chips, there's lots more on offer. More details on their website - www.harryramsden.co.uk

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wirral OPEN Studio TOUR



Angela Kennedy

Returns 11th -12th June 2016.

If you are an artist, photographer or craftsperson who has participated before, you will know the benefits of greeting the public in your studio, workplace or one of the exhibition spaces, talking about your artistic practice and inspiration as well as selling your work. You will also meet other artists at the meetings held before and after the tour to network and share experiences. If you are a professional or semi professional art or craft practitioner who is based on the Wirral and has not yet taken part and would like to join the tour, or you have exhibited in previous years, you can join this year by contacting us at the Wirral Open Studios website www.wirralart.com. and following the links to artist submissions. **The deadline for entries has now expired.**

12th WIRRAL FOLK FESTIVAL

Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June 2016

This all-on-one-site festival of folk music, dance and poetry will again be held in Ellesmere Port, Cheshire at the excellent *Whitby Club, (formerly Whitby Sports and Social Club or better known by locals as The Shell Club).*

The festival is now recognized as one of the very best in the region and attracts folk music and dance enthusiasts from all parts of the United Kingdom, even Europe.

Events will take place in the large single-storey main building that has excellent wheelchair access. The festival campsite will be located in the grounds.

The festival begins on the Thursday evening with a 'Sing in the Festival' concert in the beautiful Oak Room. A nice way for early arrivers to show off their talents and to find their feet. Admission is free on this night.

As usual the main attraction will be five main stage concerts that will take place in the large main concert hall on the evenings of the Friday, Saturday and Sunday and the afternoons of the Saturday and Sunday.

This year's headline acts are - the internationally renowned folk singer/songwriter - "RALPH McTELL" (Fri), whose song 'Streets of London' is legend. Other main stage headline acts will be - HEIDI TALBOT (Sat), OYSTERBAND (Sat), JÉZ LOWE & the BAD PENNIES (Sun),

with the final concert on the Sunday evening featuring Scottish singer EDDI READER (MBE), formerly of the band Fairground Attraction. Everyone who enjoys pop songs should remember her iconic hit song 'Perfect'. Eddi is also a perfectionist in the singing of songs by Robert Burns.

In addition, top class support acts appearing on the main stage will be - Flossie Malavialle, Becky Mills, BarlowCree, Joe Topping, Granny's Attic, Calico, Welcomme, Finnan & Chrimes, Two Coats Colder, Gerry Ffrench and Chris Bannister (a John Denver tribute act). Just over 100 performers in all.

The Festival Fringe programme is diverse and will include a - Craft Fair, Mini-concerts, 'Chance to Meet' artistes sessions, Workshops in songwriting, traditional tunes, guitar playing, ukulele, bodhran, whistle, watercolor painting and poetry. There will also be Singalongs, Singarounds, Open Mic sessions, an 'F' (folk) Factor Talent Showcase, Ukulele concerts and Morris dance displays / workshops. Many events on the fringe are free. It is entertainment for all the family to enjoy.

Full information can be found on the festival website at - www.wirralfolkonthecoast.com and tickets can be purchased by ringing the Box Office - 0151-652-0734 or online at - www.wegotickets.com Tickets can also be purchased personally at the Floral Pavilion Theatre, New Brighton or on line at the agency - www.ticketwirral.co.uk

General enquiries can be made by ringing - 0151-678-9902 or email: folksingerjohn@aol.com



Birkenhead Choral Society's Diamond Jubilee Celebration Concert



featuring "favourites over the years" will take place on Saturday 18th June at St Saviour's Church, Bidston Road, Oxtou, CH43 2JZ starting at 7.30pm. Contact number 0151 638 6469



Friends of Hadlow Road Station (the Society) is entirely run by volunteers and was formed to work with Cheshire West and Chester Council to protect and enhance the Historic Buildings and direct surroundings at Hadlow Road Station; preserve and encourage village and volunteer cultural and social activities; and to represent the views of the Society and monitor matters of common interest. The photograph shows the refurbished signal box.

For more information, contact Chris Hampshire on 0151 327 4511

Thanks to Cheshire West & Chester Council

The Friends of Hadlow Road Station are pleased to advise that after several months of uncertainty over the future of Hadlow Road Station, we are delighted to announce that Cheshire West and Chester Council have advised us that part of the station building will be converted into a small kitchen for the Friends Group to use for forthcoming events from which light refreshments can be served. We believe that this kitchen conversion work will commence shortly and will involve some changes to the existing toilets which are likely to be out of use whilst the work is undertaken. We would like to put on record our thanks to the Council and the Officers involved for this generous gesture.

The small kitchen will provide the Friends Group with cupboards, sink and other basic facilities but the Friends Group will need to add suitable white goods and crockery etc. for preparing and serving light refreshments. We also wish to express our thanks to Western Link who have provided us with a grant of £1,000 towards these items. To ensure that the refreshment facility becomes fully operational as soon as possible for our occasional events the Friends Group are working on various fundraising activities and grant applications, together with the necessary work schedules and volunteer training including the utilisation of skills and assistance from our local community.

This is a very welcome announcement and particularly well-timed as we approach summer and the 150th anniversary of the opening of Hadlow Road Station in October this year with celebrations scheduled for Saturday 1st October 2016.

The Friends Group are always looking for more volunteers to join to support our aim of improving and developing the station for wider community use. We meet at the Station every third weekend or so to continue the work of tidying the gardens, platforms and general station areas and restoring fixtures, etc. In addition we have plans to carry out bigger projects, such as refurbishing the station telephone kiosk and renewing the existing railway track.

If anyone wants to get involved and help with the basic station maintenance or with serving light refreshments then please do get in touch. Our next tidy-up activities are scheduled for 14th May and 5th & 25th June. We also meet occasionally at the Willaston Village Memorial Hall for work and project updates and our next meeting is scheduled for 4th July at 7.30 pm.

For further details or to get in touch visit:

www.willastoninwirralresidents.org/friends-of-hadlow-road-station-2/

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfHadlowRoadStation/>

Cheshire Wildlife Trust hosts Open Farm Sunday.

Cheshire Wildlife Trust throws open its farm gates to the public in June to once again take part in LEAF's (Linking Environment and Farming) national Open Farm Sunday event.

On Sunday, June 5, you're invited to soak up the sights, sounds, scenery at the Trust's 210-acre Bickley Hall Farm headquarters and discover more about the world of farming and conservation at this wildlife-friendly farm on the Cholmondeley Estate. There will be lots of family friendly activities taking place on the Malpas-based farm, including guided wildlife walks, birds of prey displays, pond dipping, newt trapping and donkey rides, plus a whole host of arts and crafts events such as willow weaving and badge making.

Visitors can learn more about Trust's various conservation projects and visitors can find out all about the Bee Garden Bee Count taking place on July 17.

Exhibitors at this year's event include The Feathery Folk, Cotebrook Shire Horse Centre and Delamere Dairy, plus there will be lots of tasty treats to try including conservation beef burgers and homemade cakes and biscuits.

This family friendly event is free of charge and takes place from 11am to 4pm.

For more information and full directions to the farm on Bickley Lane, off the A41 and A49 (SY14 8EF), visit www.cheshirewildlifetrust.org.uk or contact organiser Jan Shone on 01948 820728.



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For more information, contact Julie Rees
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SUNDAY 12 JUNE

Wirral Coastal Walk

We're looking for 100 walkers to join Team Clatterbridge on this annual event.

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TUESDAY 16 TO TUESDAY 21 JUNE

Cycle Transylvania

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British Red Cross Appeals for local help in Wirral

This is an appeal to all Love Wirral readers for volunteers to help raise funds for the British Red Cross Week at fundraising collections in the Wirral area.

We have been kindly allocated a Wirral street collection (Bebington, Heswall, Birkenhead & Wallasey) on 28 May as well as store collections at Aldi Birkenhead (Laird St) on 11 June and 2 July. We are looking for local people to give just two hours of their time to join our fundraisers to raise vital funds for the Red Cross.

Just two hours of your time can help save the life of someone vulnerable in crisis right here in Wirral or across the world. The Red Cross is a volunteer-led humanitarian organisation that helps people in crisis, wherever and wherever they are.

The Red Cross responds to emergencies all over the world and offers aid and support to communities affected by

natural disasters. Here in the UK the Red Cross provide a variety of health and social care services including care in the home and medical equipment loans. They respond to emergencies, providing practical and emotional support and also provide first aid training and refugee services. If supporters can help at any of these collections, fundraising materials will be provided and we would be very grateful for any support. If these collection dates are inconvenient but you would still like to help, please do get in touch as further Wirral collection dates are available.



Please call me on **07718 244 547** or you can email kthreadgill@redcross.org.uk if you can help in any way.

Arrowe Park Hospital League of Friends

Arrowe Park Hospital League of Friends, a group of volunteers led by three members of staff who run the shop at the Wirral Hospital, almost doubled their fund raising in 2015 to raise the amount of £106,000.

The League of Friends was established when Arrowe Park Hospital opened in 1982 and has since gone on to raise almost £3million. Volunteers range from sixth form students through to retirees. The registered charity is responsible for managing the shop with all profits going back into the hospital to improve the care it provides to the patients of Wirral and beyond.

Thanks to around 60 volunteers of all ages and backgrounds, the League of Friends has been able to pay for equipment including heart monitors, nursing systems for premature

babies, vital sign monitors and training aids. The charity has also helped to improve hospital stays for sick children by organising an entertainer for the children's ward several times a year.

Arrowe Park's intensive treatment unit, trauma unit, orthopaedics ward, maternity ward, elderly care wards and neonatal unit are just some of the other areas to have benefitted from the funding over the past 12 months.

The League is hoping to extend opening hours in the near future but more volunteers are needed in order to do this so if anyone is interested it would be great to hear from them.

If you can spare any time to support us in the League of Friends shop at Arrowe Park Hospital, either pop in for a chat or call the shop manager Ian Fenna on 0151 604 7744.

CAN YOU GIVE US A HELPING HAND

Charity Number 512345

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IF YOU ENJOY COMPANY COME AND JOIN US



For the past 5 years Mike Dudley has organised a Coastal Kayak event which takes place on the same day as the Coastal Walk.

The event has generated a lot of interest with about 50 participants taking part this year. Each person taking part is sponsored to do so.

The route we follow takes us from Harrison Drive to Thurston via Hilbre Island and is a great day out but more importantly raises much needed funds for Claire House Childrens Hospice.

We will be holding a **Fundraising Night Friday 3rd June** at The Hilbre West Kirby from 8pm.

There will be music, a magician, BBQ and a Raffle with prizes donated by many local businesses.

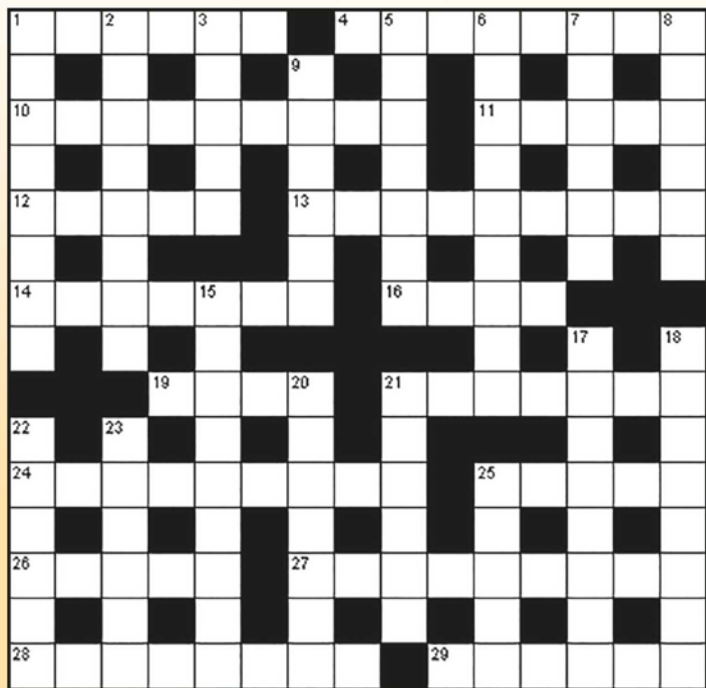
Anyone requiring further information please contact Mike on **07791 104 428**.

If any businesses are able to donate a prize for our raffle all donations will be greatly received.

All monies raised on the evening will be added to our total from sponsor money and awarded to Claire House.



PUZZLE CORNER



Down

- 1 Celebration (8)
- 2 Savage (8)
- 3 Vassal (5)
- 5 Answer (7)
- 6 Hive (9)
- 7 Summon (6)
- 8 Flail (6)
- 9 Bequest (6)
- 15 A travelling laborer (9)
- 17 Ruse (8)
- 18 Papers (8)
- 20 Not western (7)
- 21 Results (6)
- 22 Emotional pang (6)
- 23 Cultural (6)
- 25 Bad treatment (5)

Across

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Calf bone (6) | 14 Skill (7) |
| 4 Forbid (8) | 16 A swinging barrier (4) |
| 10 Witch (9) | 19 Sponge (4) |
| 11 More pleasant (5) | 21 Prevent commerce (7) |
| 12 Absurd (5) | 24 Spectators (9) |
| 13 Having no known name (9) | 25 Farewell (5) |
| | 26 Martial arts expert (5) |

- 27 Senior administrator (9)
- 28 Thrilling (8)
- 29 Least (6)

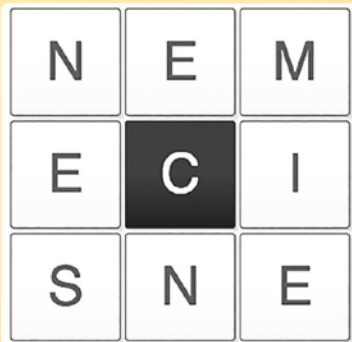
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