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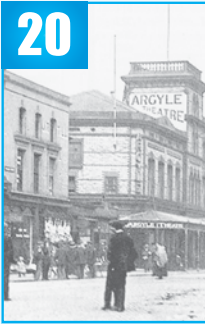
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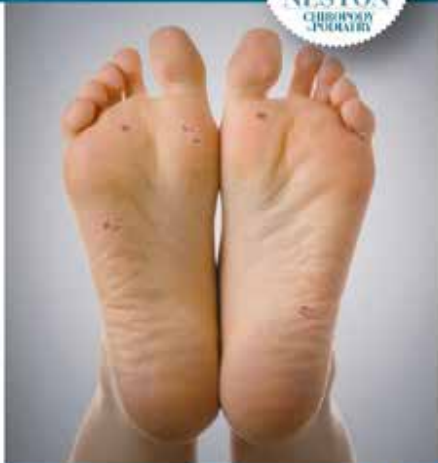
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3. In Iceland, you can hand-draw a map on a piece of mail without an address, and it will still make it to its destination.
4. A newborn panda weighs less than an iPhone.



5. Men who drink 6 or more cups of coffee daily decrease their risk of developing prostate cancer by 20%, a study found.
6. Drug companies spend 24% of revenue on marketing and just 13% on research and development.
7. The dress worn by Marilyn Monroe during filming of *The Misfits* sold for US\$66,000.
8. In 2015, a German man celebrated his birthday for 46 hours, the longest birthday ever, by travelling across time zones.
9. Unlike most fish, seahorses are covered in bony plates instead of scales.
10. It takes about 0.2 seconds for your brain to recognize something touching your hand or foot.
11. In 2004, a woman tried to use a fake million dollar bill to buy US\$1,675 worth of merchandise at Wal-Mart and expected US\$998,325 in change.



12. The surname Beethoven meant "beet garden" in Dutch.
13. There's a book called "Everything men know about a women" that is just 120 blank pages.



14. Houdini drew on his arsenal of magician's tricks to provide special instructions to American troops during WWI.
15. In 1945, an airplane crashed into the Empire State Building. When rescuers attempted to rescue an elevator operator, the cable snapped, plunging her 75 stories down. She survived and still holds the record for longest survived elevator fall.
16. A Pythagorean cup will automatically empty itself if you fill it too much.

17. Jack Kerouac typed his novel "On the Road" on a 120-foot roll of paper in 3 weeks.
18. In 2014, Hawaii attempted to combat homelessness by providing one way tickets back to the mainland for any homeless person who wanted one.
19. In 1949, a flock of starlings perched on the minute hand of Big Ben, slowing it by 4.5 minutes.



20. Walrus have the longest total gestation period of any seal: up to 16 months.
21. An artificial intelligence system developed by Google and the University of Oxford can lip read better than humans.
22. The special forces unit that rescued Captain Phillips was the same unit that killed Osama Bin Laden two years later.
23. "Stranger Things" was rejected 15 to 20 times by different networks before Netflix picked it up.
24. An unclaimed land between Serbia and Croatia is home to one man's libertarian dream, Liberland, a country with no compulsory taxes, no gun control and Bitcoins as currency.
25. When Christopher Columbus needed a place to store his loot, he went to the Banco di San Giorgio in Genoa, Italy, the world's first public modern bank.
26. Spiders can tune the strings in their webs to transmit specific messages.
27. The greenest, safest and most productive buildings in the U.S. are airports, followed by government offices and hospitals.
28. In Japan, there's a museum of rocks that look like faces.
29. Phoenix, Arizona, used to be named Pumpkinville.
30. No sitting U.S. president has visited Antarctica.
31. In 2012, a Hong Kong business tycoon offered a US\$65 million reward for any man who can woo and marry his lesbian daughter.
32. Firefighters in Dubai use jetpacks to tackle blazes in high-rise buildings.
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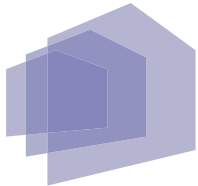
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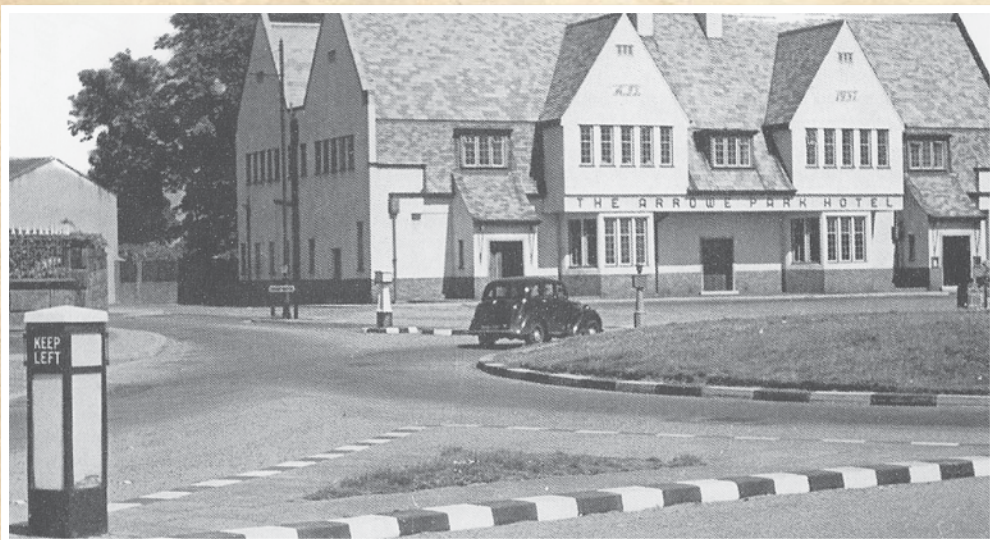
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Above: 1912. The sign for the Argyle Theatre can be seen in the centre of this photograph looking down Argyle Street **Birkenhead** with Grange Road off to the left. The theatre was opened 21 December 1868 by Dennis Grannell. His nephew, Dennis Clarke, 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.



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



Above: 1937 **The Arrowse Park Hotel** which replaced the Horse & Jockey Inn at the junction of Upton Road and Church Lane, **Woodchurch**.



Above: 1928. **The Red Lion Hotel** which faced the village green in Willaston, became a public house in the early 1800's, although a date stone places the building back to at least 1631. It ceased being a public house in 1928.



Left: **Willaston's** chemist shop, was owned by Miss Lanceley until Duncan Kaye took the business over in 1948 and a year later built a new house behind.



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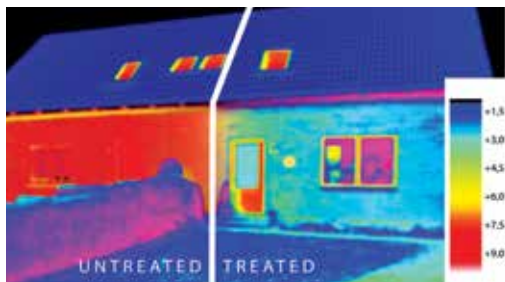


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We are an urban eco-friendly farm on Holmwood Drive Barnston, Wirral dedicated to the welfare of all our animals, with a free range approach. Neil Stuart has been running the farm for 2 and half years, each day was a struggle financially to make sure the welfare of the animals was as it should be. Neil is working too many hours with his Gardening business to help support the outlay of the farm to protect the rescue animals he has.

Neil met me this year, I want to dedicate my free time/career to the care of animals alongside Neil and as a vet in the future, Neil and myself started to work together and have started to turn the farm around.

With 18 pigs, 160 chickens and 2 alpacas to care for and demand to take more rescue animals the challenge is

on to find ways to support the upkeep of their lives in a way nature intended, the animals need the love and attention to keep them happy and living a life they all enjoy. The aim is to rescue animals in need of TLC and bring them back to life, searching and wandering a 2 and a half acre land doing what animals love best. We now need your help to sustain this!

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Neil and I tirelessly love working and spending time at the farm around our other commitments unpaid.

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IT'S A KIND OF MAGIC AT THE HAZELWELL

Residents at a care home in Heswall enjoyed a 'magical' afternoon after award-winning entertainer Ian Edgar paid them a visit.

Magician Ian Edgar showed off his many tricks at The Hazelwell, a new 'all inclusive', residential, nursing, palliative and respite care home in Oldfield Road – a free event which was also open to over 65s in the town.

Ian's jaw dropping close up table-to-table and walk around magic which included using cards, coins and objects left many residents with their mouths wide open in amazement.

He said: "I like my magic to be as interactive as possible. It was a really fun show and it got everyone laughing. I always find that the residents are much more upbeat

after my show which is the most important thing to me."

The Hazelwell Care Home is a £5.5million-pound development built on the old site of the Cleaver Hospital and its leisure facilities include a home cinema, salon and nail bar, gym, library and a stunning rooftop terrace with views over the River Dee.

The Hazelwell Care Home Manager Liza Millington said: "Ian used cards, coins and other objects and it was a very original show that left our residents and members of the public that joined us wondering how on earth he did it all!"



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Recently through research we discovered that a treatment under the NHS, HSCT (Haemeotopathic Stem Cell Treatment) was being carried out at Kings Hospital, London. This treatment is not a cure but is aimed at halting the disease in its tracks with a bonus of recovering degrees of disability. Unfortunately, Steve does not meet the criteria to have the treatment on the NHS. He does however meet the criteria to be treated at a private clinic in Mexico.

We have researched this treatment extensively and with a 95% success rate there is no question it is Steve's only option of fighting the disease before further deterioration which may then exclude him from the clinic treatment in Mexico.

This treatment comes at a cost of \$54,500 including accommodation for the 28 day treatment period, excluding flights and an additional cost of 5 post treatment infusions in the UK. We have therefore set a goal to raise £50,000 to cover the cost and additional expenditure. In the first ten weeks we have managed to raise a magnificent £27,000. We're not asking people to give large amounts, if everyone who reads Steve's Story donates even a small amount we will get Steve the treatment that he desperately needs.

Please help us in this quest and give Steve and his family the chance of a brighter future and make the dream come true for Steve to live a healthy active life.

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1 piece fresh/canned pineapple ring
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1 clove garlic (finely chopped)
Oil for frying

Marinate:

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

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1 teaspoon corn starch
1 teaspoon sugar
2 tablespoons water

Frying Batter:

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

Method:

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

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

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

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

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



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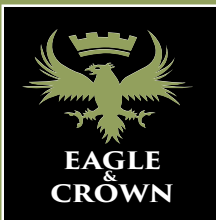
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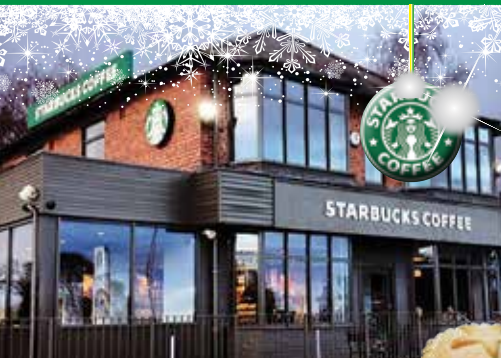


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Apart from the joy on the faces of the many children who visited Santa, much needed funds were raised for a variety of Rotary supported charities and organisations. Even The Mayor and Mayoress of Wirral managed to have a ride on Santa's sleigh, in a break from a special Tea Dance for Senior Citizens they hosted at Wallasey Town Hall.

The Mayor of Wirral, Cllr. Pat Hackett and Mayoress Mrs. Elaine Hackett are pictured outside Wallasey Town Hall, visiting the Rotary sleigh.

Birkenhead Rotary Club, along with many Rotary Clubs in Wirral, actively raised funds during December. One highlight was the lighting of the Christmas lights in Hamilton Square, where lots of families visited Santa and were able to take some lovely pictures.

Birkenhead Rotary President Jill Mackeen commented; "Apart from the great support from the public, we were very grateful to the **Sainsbury's Stores** in Prenton and Upton, **B&Q Bidston**, special thanks to Caron Heron and Access Point Commercialisation (owners of the Bidston site) for their great support for our collections. We also combined our fundraising with non collecting community visits to our local schools, including those caring for children with special needs."



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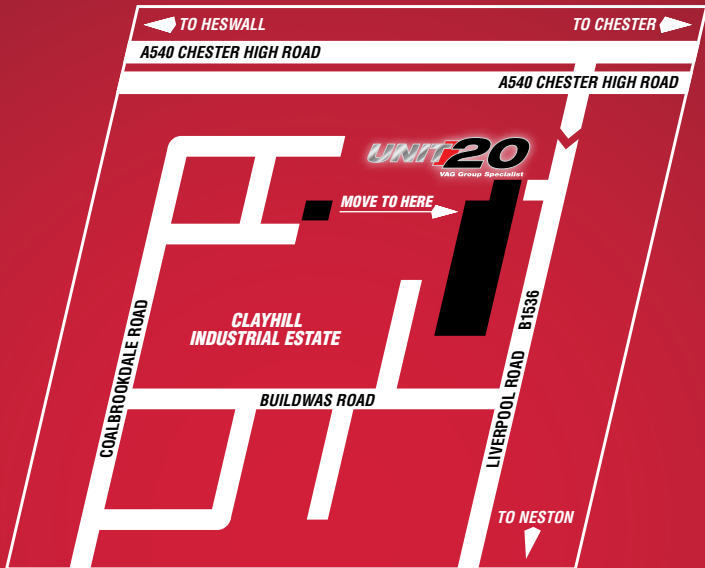
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What to do in the Garden in January

In frosty weather little can be done in the garden. The ground is too hard to dig or plant and the lawn should not be walked

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English Countryside Winter Scene

Despite the low temperatures and short daylight hours, there are some useful tasks that can be done. If the weather is mild, you can still plant roses and bare rooted shrubs and trees. At this time of year a heated greenhouse has great appeal, especially when the weather is too cold and wet to work outside. The warmth of a heated cold-frame or greenhouse or even a sunny indoor window enables you to sow annuals that need a long growing season and start of those early vegetable crops. Roots of favourite herbs, can also be lifted and brought indoors, to provide fresh shoots and leaves for winter flavour.



Winter digging is necessary for beds and borders that need to be planted in early spring. The earlier this is done the better, allowing time for frosts to act and break down the soil. The longer any rough clods of soil are exposed to frost, the easier it will be to get a fine tilth in spring. While digging, it is a good idea to work in plenty of well-rotted manure or garden compost at the same time, thus improving the soil's texture and richness.



If you have planted any trees or shrubs during the winter months, check that they haven't been lifted by frost. Once lifted, they can rock in the wind and their roots will be slower to get established. Re-firm the plants by pressing down on the surrounding soil with your feet. You may also need to stake any tall or exposed plants to prevent further wind rock.

If the surface of water features or a pond has frozen solid, and particularly if it contains fish, break the ice with care. If the ice is very thick, use a little boiling water rather than a hammer, to avoid shock waves which can kill the creatures beneath.

Planning Next Season's Garden

The long winter evenings provide plenty of time to browse through seed catalogues and plan new projects in the garden. Late January to early February is an ideal time to visit garden centres to buy seeds, tubers and bulbs for the coming season. If you are ordering products from a seed catalogue, or over the internet, it should be done as early as possible or they may arrive too late for their proper sowing or planting dates.



Maintain and Check Garden Tools and Equipment

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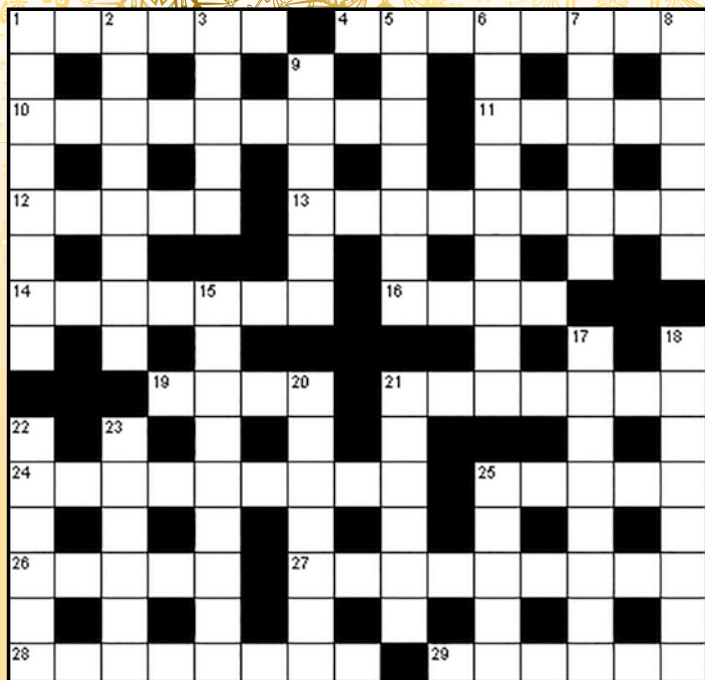


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Down

- 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 (8)
- 23 Cultural (6)
- 25 Bad treatment (5)

Across

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

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

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