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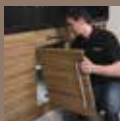
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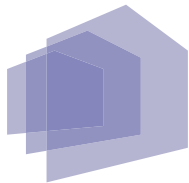


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2. 100,000 wild tigers roamed Asia a century ago, but today their numbers have fallen to around 3,200 due to poaching.

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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Leave Hadlow Station and turn left into Hadlow Road. Follow the winding road for approximately 12 minutes until you reach the Chester High Road, (A540). Cross the main road and bear slightly right to go down Dunstan Lane. You will have now reached a very pleasant byway which, after passing Mudhouse Lane, leads you to the village street of Burton.

The beautiful village of Burton has some of the best architectural houses and the church was almost entirely rebuilt in 1721 - time has almost stood still here. Many of the houses are built of half timber and red sandstone. In 1906 Burton Manor House was rebuilt for one of Gladstone's sons who was our Prime Minister at that time. Opposite the gates of the Manor is a thatched farmhouse which in 1663 Thomas Wilson was born who became bishop of Sodor and Man. Thomas dedicated his life to provide schools so that all could be educated.

Once past this point turn left along Station Road and you will pass Hampstons Well on the left hand side of the road. The residents used this spring as a source of water. Further down the road you will pass over the railway and pass Denhall Lane and will reach the Dee Estuary. You will come across a few houses in the hamlet of Denhall and once passed these you will have a tranquil walk along the shoreline. Eventually the path leads you through a group of houses, after the passing the left

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house turn right and walk towards an estate of houses, heading in the direction of the houses on the right. You will have now reached a step-stile with the houses on your left. Keep going forwards to cross another step-stile, you will have now entered a sandy lane which passes under a railway bridge. This leads you into a byway you must turn right and will soon arrive into the hamlet of Ness.

When you finally reach the **Wheatsheaf Inn pub** where you deserve a drink. After refreshments look across Neston Road for a large white house called Swann Cottage. This was formerly the village blacksmith's shop and his flames at night were visible down the Dee Estuary. This gave ships a beacon to follow and later was known as the "Beacon of Cheshire". The blacksmiths daughter Lady Emma Hamilton was to become the mistress of Admiral Lord Nelson. Leave Ness and turn left into Mill Lane, after leaving the houses you will arrive into countryside and pass Ness Wood, this lane brings you back to the A540 Chester High Road. Cross over to Damhead Lane and you will come across an old sandstone bridge, look right for the access to the Wirral Way. Turn right at the bottom of the steps. After walking for 10 minutes you will arrive back at Hadlow Station.

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General tasks and garden maintenance

Continue to dig over existing beds and borders, again incorporating as much organic matter as you can. Forking over not only helps prepare the soil for spring, it helps reduce pests by exposing them to hungry birds.

Although temperatures should start to rise this month, there is still a risk of frost and even snow. Protect vulnerable plants, pots and taps from frost by wrapping insulation such as garden fleece around them and check pots and containers are raised off the ground if possible. Tender trees and shrubs will thank you for a generous application of dry mulch to protect their roots from freezing conditions.



Once the ground isn't frozen, make new beds and borders - mark the shape with sand trickled from a bottle, remove the top layer of growing vegetation and dig the ground over, incorporating as much organic matter as possible. If you are making a bed in the lawn, remove the turf and stack it upside down somewhere out of the way - after a year or two it will rot down into fantastic compost. Alternatively chop it up and bury upside down in the planting hole a good spade's depth down. Beware - if you just dig it in the buried grass will regrow and regrow and regrow and...

Remember not to let leaves accumulate around alpinas - they will die if left damp for long. Cover bare patches around clumps with gritty compost to encourage regrowth.

When the weather allows, carry on clearing paths, check walls (but avoid concreting until there is no chance of frost), clean and insulate greenhouses and ensure heaters are working properly. Even a little insulation will make a huge difference to your heating bill.

Clean and repair your garden tools

Book the lawn mower in for a service and check garden furniture for any rot. When it is warm enough, treat sheds, fences and trellis with wood preservative; brushes and rollers are fine for most things, however a sprayer is well worth buying for tricky projects such as woven panels!

Birds

It's another lean month for wildlife and especially birds. Putting out fresh water and food is really important, especially on cold days. You've heard it all before, but please do buy good quality bird food or fat/suet balls and check that water is not frozen.



Lawns

Keep off the lawn as much as possible whilst it is still wet - damage to waterlogged lawns is easily inflicted. If, towards the end of the month, the weather turns dry and mild, the lawn is firm and the grass is starting to look a little shaggy, give it a very gentle mow with the blades on the highest setting - don't be tempted if conditions are wet! Also, if you are planning a new lawn, now is probably the earliest you could start preparing the ground for seeding or laying turf. Ask for advice in your local garden centre if you are unsure as to how to begin!



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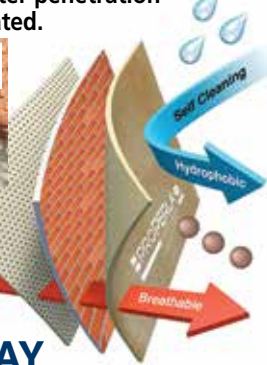
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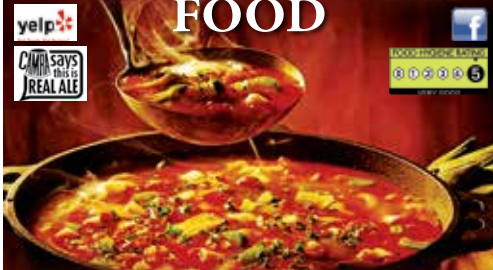
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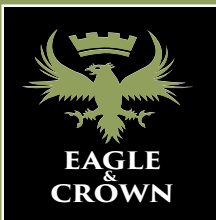


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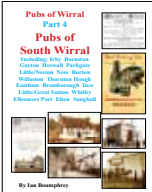
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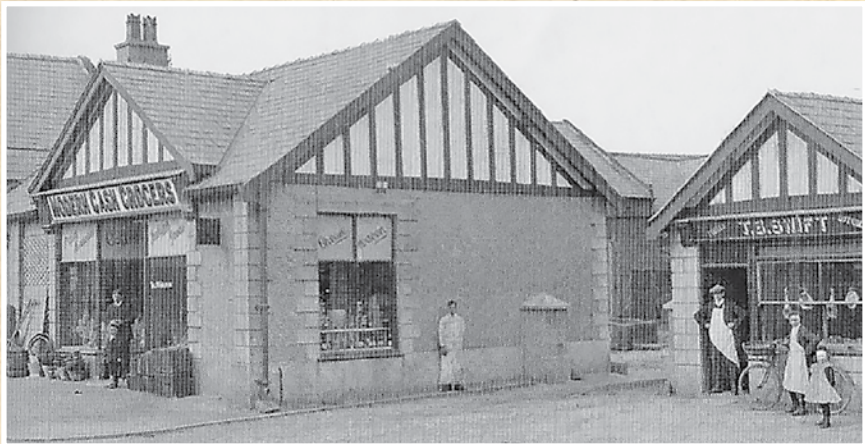
Above: The schoolchildren on the left, station staff and officials of the railway are posing for a photograph at the official opening of the Hoylake Railway at Hoylake Station on 2nd July 1866 - the other terminus being

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Left: 1910 Eastham Ferry viewed from the top of the Jubilee Arch. Passengers for the ferry boat are seen entering the pay booth on the right and then walking towards the pier pictured above the roof on the right. To the left horse and carriages are waiting for custom by the wall.

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Below: 1950 Whitty, Post Office corner. The Post Office had moved and the old building was then occupied by Mellor's Bakery. Due to the increase in population there was a demand for new shops and the seemingly new premises on the right are only the old buildings with new fronts. Pooltown Road is off to the left.



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In the interest of making this year's event bigger and better than ever, the charities and I would be so thankful of any raffle or auction prizes you could possibly donate to raise much needed funds for these two terminal illnesses. The more donations we can gather the more we are able to raise for the charities.

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The ball is being organised by Lilly Rogan (Miss South Merseyside) & Heather Apter.

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This New Year a Wirral charity which provides practical help and friendship to elderly and vulnerable people in our community, has issued an urgent plea for volunteers.

Volunteers for the Helplink charity, which began 21 years ago in Heswall, perform a range of tasks from shopping, to giving them a lift to medical appointments or social engagements, or even just popping in for a friendly chat. For many Helplink is a lifeline, with no family close by or in a position to help.

Former Presiding Judge on the Northern Circuit, the Hon Sir David Clarke, who is Chairman of the charity and a volunteer himself, said the role was enormously rewarding.

He said: "I have been a volunteer driver for about 5 years, since I retired. My wife had been involved with the charity for many years and she still visits many of the people who she first started working with all those years ago. I volunteer two days a week and drive a lot of people to the shops or medical appointments. It is more than just a taxi service though, it is about providing the same level of help and support which a family member might provide.

If I am taking someone to a medical appointment, I will take them in, check them in with the receptionist, get them settled and arrange for someone to call me when they are ready to be picked up.

It is enormously rewarding and a good way to give back to society."

Former Liverpool University lecturer, John Corlett, 83, from West Kirby, uses Helpline's services to visit his wife in a nursing home in Brimstage.



He said: "I had a stroke about six years ago and I wasn't allowed to drive any more after that. Before Helplink, my carer or friends and family would sometimes take me to visit my wife. It was a mixture of people but it wasn't consistent and not very satisfactory.

"Helplink has made a great difference and means I can visit my wife twice a week now. They are very good and very prompt and it has made a real difference to my life."

In the past year Helplink's volunteers have given 37,500 hours of support to over 750 elderly clients, but there are so many more vulnerable people on the Wirral who desperately need their help.

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INSPIRING SPEAKER

Pictured far right, accompanied by Rotarians Alan Richards and Birkenhead Rotary Club President Jill Mackeen, is Mark Palios, Executive Chairman of Tranmere Rovers Football Club, who recently visited to speak at a lunch meeting.

The well attended meeting heard about developments and the community links the Club had made since Mr. Palios took his position in 2014. A past player himself, including 400 League appearances for various clubs and nine years playing for Tranmere Rovers, as well as being a former Chief Executive of the FA (Football Association), Mark also has a background of experience in the financial sector.

In his thanks to the speaker, Alan Richards commented; "I have been a Club supporter since 1966 and remember watching Mark play. Mark Palios has been an inspiration to Tranmere FC, making an amazing transition possible. Football and Tranmere are hugely important to Birkenhead and Wirral."



Mark Palios is pictured with 16 year old Lauren Hall, a guest at the Rotary lunch, who attends Tranmere Rovers FC College and assists with the coaching of its disability group.

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But it was not all about raising funds for charities, as the sleigh, elves, helpers and a back-up sleigh from a Lions Club also made seven community visits, providing joy to children and parents, who were able to take pictures to treasure.

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4th - 9am till 2pm - Neston Farmers and Food Makers Market - Market Square

4th & 5th - 7.30pm - Floral Pavilion - Alexander O'Neal - 30 Years Of 'hearsay' together with his nine piece all star band in celebration of his 1987 masterpiece HEARSAY. Visit www.floralpavilion.com for further details.

10th - 7.30pm - Floral Pavilion - 'Magic of Motown' Now seen by over 1 million people worldwide, music fans are invited to the biggest party of the year as the unstoppable show steams into town. Prepare yourself for 40 back-to-back classic hits, glittering costume changes, dazzling dance moves and outstanding musicianship.

11th - 9am till 1pm - Wirral Farmers Market - New Ferry Village Hall

11th Feb - Gladstone Theatre "Toward the Dark Side (and Beyond)" Tour 2016-17 The music of Pink Floyd as it was meant to be heard. Performing its "Toward the Dark Side (and Beyond)" tour in 2016/17, The Floyd Effect takes you on a musical journey from Meddle to the Dark Side Of The Moon,

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12th - 7.30pm - Floral Pavilion - The Band of the Royal Air Force College presents a popular

Valentines concert of romantic music from ballads and film music to marches and swing. The concert is in aid of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Visit www.floralpavilion.com for further details.

18th - 10am till 3pm - Heswall Farmers Market - Church of the Good Shepherd

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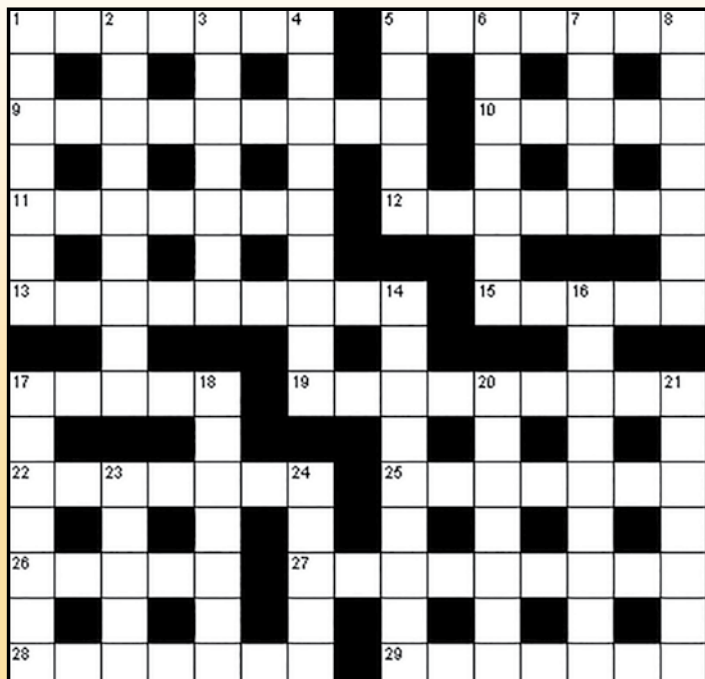


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2. Pragmatic (9)
3. Detaches (7)
4. Addition (9)
5. Increase (5)
6. Cake or pie (7)
7. Rent (5)
8. Boat races (7)
14. Make understand (9)
16. A kind of religious song (9)
17. They like inflicting pain (7)
18. Thence (7)
20. A variant of an element (7)
21. Deviate (7)
23. A South American bird (5)
24. Leave out (5)

Across

1. Ecstasy (7)
5. One of Batman's foes (7)
9. Long string pasta (9)
10. Informal language (5)
11. Disappointment (7)
12. Chemical (7)
13. Beyond normal limits (9)
15. Electrical pioneer Nikola (5)
17. Divided (5)
19. Negated (9)
22. Sharpshooter (7)
25. Radiating (7)
26. Shovel (5)

27. Acquaint (9)
28. Cold symptom (7)
29. Used for sewing and knitting (7)

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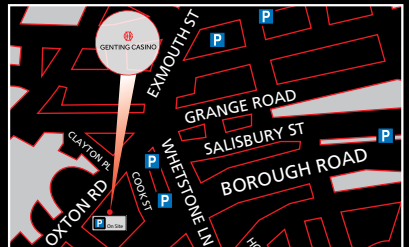
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The Hazelwell is a £5.5 million pound development built on the old site of the Cleaver Hospital and opened last summer. Its leisure facilities include a home cinema, salon and nail bar, gym, library and a stunning rooftop terrace with views over the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

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