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#### Dear Friends, Summer holidays, here we come!

Whether you are going abroad, holidaying in England or staying at home, it's time to sit back, relax and spend quality time

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- 1. Norway's Coat of Arms has a lion depicted, although there are no lions in Norway.
- 2. The two parts to the word "helicopter" are "helico" meaning spiral, and "pter" meaning one with wings, like pterodactyl.



- The cuckoo in the world's largest cuckoo clock weighs 330 pounds.
- 4. The largest print photograph ever taken was 111 feet (34 m) wide and 32 feet (9.8 m) high.
- 5. In Bolivia, Ilama droppings are used to purify water.
- 6. The longest time between two twins being born is 87 days.
- The world's deepest postbox is in Susami Bay in Japan. It's 10 metres underwater.
- In 2007, an American man named Corey Taylor tried to fake his own death in order to get out of his mobile phone contract without paying a fee. It didn't work.



- 9. The oldest condoms ever found date back to the 1640s (they were found in a cesspit at Dudley Castle), and were made from animal and fish intestines.
- **10.** In 1923, jockey Frank Hayes won a race at Belmont Park in New York despite being dead — he suffered a heart attack mid-race, but his body staved in the saddle until his horse crossed the line for a 20-1 outsider victory.
- **11.** Everyone has a unique tongue print, like fingerprints.
- Female kangaroos have three vaginas.



- **13.** Light doesn't necessarily travel at the speed of light. The slowest we've ever recorded light moving at is 38 mph.
- **14.** Casu marzu is a Sardinian cheese that contains live maggots. The maggots can jump up to five inches out of cheese while you're eating it, so it's a good idea to shield it with your hand to stop them jumping into your eyes.
- **15.** The loneliest creature on Earth is a whale who has been calling out for a mate for over two decades but whose high-pitched voice is so different to other whales that they never respond.



- 16. During World War II, the crew of the British submarine HMS Trident kept a fully grown reindeer called Pollvanna aboard their vessel for six weeks (it was a gift from the Russians).
- 17. The northern leopard frog swallows its prey using its eyes — it uses them to help push food down its throat by retracting them into its head.
- 18. The first man to urinate on the moon was Buzz Aldrin, shortly after stepping onto the lunar surface.
- **19.** Some fruit flies are genetically resistant to getting drunk — but only if they have an inactive version of a gene scientists have named "happyhour".
- 20. In 1567, the man said to have the longest beard in the world died after he tripped over his beard running away from a fire.
- 21. In 1993, San Francisco held a referendum over whether a police officer called Bob Gearv was allowed to patrol while carrying a ventriloguist's dummy called Brendan O'Smarty. He was.



- 22. The Dutch village of Giethoorn has no roads; its buildings are connected entirely by canals and footbridges.
- Powerful earthquakes can permanently shorten the length of Earth's day, by moving the spin of the Earth's axis. The 2011 Japan earthquake knocked 1.8 microseconds off our days. The 2004 Sumatra quake cost us around 6.8 microseconds.
- 24. The first American film to show a toilet being flushed on screen was Alfred Hitchcock's Psycho.
- 25. Melting glaciers and icebergs make a distinctive fizzing noise known as "bergy seltzer".
- There is a glacier called "Blood Falls" in Antarctica that regularly pours out red liquid, making it look like the ice is bleeding. (It's actually oxidised salty water.)



- 27. In 2008 scientists discovered a new species of bacteria that lives in hairspray.
- 28. The top of the Eiffel Tower leans away from the sun, as the metal facing the sun heats up and expands. It can move as much as 7 inches.
- 29. Lt. Col. "Mad" Jack Churchill was only British soldier in WWII known to have killed an enemy soldier with a longbow. "Mad Jack" insisted on going into battle armed with both a medieval bow and a claymore sword.
- **30.** The Romans used to clean and whiten their teeth with urine. Apparently it works. Please don't do it, though.



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Venice, capital of northern Italy's Veneto region, is built on more than 100 small islands in a marshy lagoon in the Adriatic Sea. Its stone palaces seemingly rise out of the water. There are no cars or roadways, just canals and boats. The Grand Canal snakes through the city, which is filled with innumerable narrow, mazelike alleys and small squares.

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The Grand Canal is the main street of Venice. Lined with beautiful, if aging, palazzo, you can hop aboard a gondola and imagine a time when these boats were the main means of transport (once there was 10,000 now there are 400). The impressive palazzo, homes to all the wealthy families, had highly decorated exteriors with colorful paintings and mosaics. These days they tend to have faded to one color but many still have the ornate, oriental facades influenced by the merchant trading with the East which made Venice rich.

The first dry crossing of the Grand Canal was a pontoon bridge built in 1181 by Nicolò Barattieri. It was called the Ponte della Moneta, presumably because of the mint that stood near its eastern entrance.

The development and importance of the Rialto market on the eastern bank increased traffic on the floating bridge, so it was replaced in 1255 by a wooden bridge. This structure had two inclined ramps meeting at a movable central section, that could be raised to allow the passage of tall ships. The connection with the market eventually led to a change of name for the bridge. During the first half of the 15th century, two rows of

shops were built along the sides of the bridge. The rents brought an income to the State Treasury, which helped maintain the bridge.

Maintenance was vital for the timber bridge. It was partly burnt in the revolt led by Bajamonte Tiepolo in 1310. In 1444, it collapsed under the weight of a crowd watching a boat parade and it collapsed again in 1524.

The idea of rebuilding the bridge in stone was first proposed in 1503. Several projects were considered over the following decades. In 1551, the authorities requested proposals for the renewal of the Rialto Bridge, among other things. Plans were offered by famous architects, such as Jacopo Sansovino, Palladio and Vignola, but all involved a Classical approach with several arches, which was judged inappropriate to the situation. Michelangelo also was considered as designer of the bridge.



Rialto Bridge

The Grand Canal

span designed by Antonio da Ponte, was finally completed in 1591. It is similar to the wooden bridge it succeeded. Two inclined ramps lead up to a central portico. On either side of the portico, the covered ramps carry rows of shops. The engineering of the bridge was considered so audacious that architect Vincenzo Scamozzi predicted future ruin. The bridge has defied its critics to become one of the architectural icons of Venice.

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# **Keeping you motoring**

#### Subaru Levorg 1.6i SE GT Lineartronic



This week's review puts me in the driving seat of the Subaru Levorg. But, straight away, I know what you are all thinking 'what is a Subaru Levorg'? Well, I'm glad you asked that question because the Levorg is a car that you don't see very often on the UK roads, and until my test drive this week, I didn't know much about it either. What I will say though is that the Levorg really is the Wolf in sheep's clothing.

#### **Power and Efficiency:**

The Levorg was equipped with a 1600cc Boxer horizontally opposed DOHC 16V direct injection turbo petrol engine - a unit that provides a maximum power output of 170 PS @4,800 – 5,600rpm and a torque figure of 250Nm @1,800 – 4,800rpm. On the combined cycle I achieved 36mpg which is not outstanding, but still good for a car that I consider to be a big vehicle. If you are interested, the Levorg will also reach a top speed of around130mph and 0-62mph of 8.9s. So yes, this is a large vehicle, but it's certainly no slouch.

So, in the real world, does the Boxer engine design work? Well, for me it does. It sounds great, gets a move on with minimal fuss and has plenty of low down grunt. Yes, It's not as refined as some, but then again I don't want it to be refined, I want to feel that characteristic Boxer engine thumping away ahead of me as I head for the hills.

#### **On the Road:**

The Levorg feels great on any road surface and that's thanks to its predictable handling and smooth ride. Remember the Levorg also has some decent off-road capabilities and is in itself an effortless car to drive thanks mainly to the Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive layout which includes an active torque split system which helps further increase the off-road credentials of the Levorg.

Then, there are the brakes, which feel very good thanks to 316mm ventilated discs at the front and 300mm at the rear. I kid you not, hit the pedal like you mean it, and the Levorg will come to a controlled stop in no time at all. So, no issues there then.

#### **Design and Technology:**

Some of the standard equipment on the Levorg comes in the form of Automatic LED headlights, 18" aluminium alloy wheels, automatic air conditioning system, 7" multifunction colour touchscreen, EyeSight, 4.3" LCD multiinformation display, adaptive cruise control, ABS with Electronic Brake-force Distribution, front, side, curtain & knee airbags, Thatcham Cat 1 alarm Immobiliser, Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive, Vehicle Dynamics Control, Hill Start Assist, Active Torque Vectoring, plus some of the most comfortable seats I have ever sat in.

You also get an auto-dimming rearview mirror, power windows, welcome lighting, Bluetooth, dual USB ports, reversing camera and a voice recognition system. Of course, as usual, I have only just scratched the surface on what the Levorg has to offer.

#### To Sum Up:

The Levorg is a decent car with plenty to offer. It's like a dependable Dog; it will be everything you ever wanted it to be and then some. Although, there are areas where I feel the interior could feel a touch more special. But saying that, it's still very functional and the drive is very rewarding thanks mainly to that unmistakable Boxer sound.

I'm going to give the Levorg 4 stars in this test because it truly is a machine that will always deliver.

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A lovely walk through quiet byways and footpaths with beautiful views over the Welsh Hills and the River Dee.

With the Wheatsheaf Inn on your left, continue forward past Jassomins Cottage to enter a grassy lane. After passing two large fields on your right you will arrive at two gates, turn right here and continue along a track until you reach two stone pillars - on old gateway remains. Now your way is to the left into Cherry Wood, one of Wirral's beauty spots. Continue along this well defined path for about 10 minutes until you reach a stile. Enter the field, turn left, keeping the hedge on your left moving forwards to reach a bachelor gate leading into Quarry Road.

Your direction is now to the right, just past the stone water tower you will reach the crossroads at the Hinderton Arms. Turn right for a short distance until reaching Hinderton Hall on your right.

Cross the road and make for a signpost marked "Blackey's Lane 3/4 mile" and the remains of a small gate. Here you enter a well-trodden path that runs between wire and hedge and brings you to Neston. At the bottom of the lane, continue forward, crossing Rabypark Road, walk under the railway bridge and continue forward to the top of Raby Road. Here your way is left for a short time and when you reach Neston Cross, look right for the Greenland Fisher Inn.

Neston was the largest and most important town in Wirral in 1801. The ruins of the New Quay on the shore of the Dee at Neston are a reminder of the time when the place was an important harbour, market town and coaching station. Inns and lodging houses prospered, travellers often had to spend many days, even weeks at a time, waiting for favourable weather before a voyage could be attempted.

On leaving the pub, turn left into Parkgate Road. After walking for



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some 10 minutes turn right into tree-lined Earle Drive. Walk along this road until you reach Wood Lane, turn left into this lovely quiet lane, passing some houses on both sides, quite soon you reach open fields on the left hand side and some lovely views of the Clwydian Hills, Moel Famau being the it's most conspicuous peak.

After 5 minutes or so you will reach a footpath leading off to the left into Parkgate. Disregard this and continue forward until you reach a lane on the right. Turn here and follow this short lane until you reach a narrow path with a bachelor gate. Enter the field ahead, keeping a straight course to reach a further bachelor gate, leading into a lane. Keep left now and after walking for a few minutes you will arrive at Leighton Hall Farm, here you take the right fork signposted "Thornton Hough" to enter The Runnell. This lane winds uphill, crosses the Birkenhead - Wrexham railway and brings you to the Chester High Road (A540).

Turn right here and after about 1/4 mile look into the trees on the left of the road for a signpost pointing the way to Neston road. (In summer this sign can easily be missed by the surrounding foliage). Cross the one-step stile and enter a track that will bring you to a high sandstone wall.

Cross this, using the steps in the wall, to reach the Neston road. Go straight across, passing Yew Tree Farm and continue along the track ahead, a grassy byway which runs for over half a mile, to bring you to a gate leading to Raby Village.

# Create your own Nectar-rich flowers and creature features will make

your garden a magnet for wildlife

nce upon a time the 'wildlife The good news is, times have garden' was something that got tucked away at the bottom of the garden. The fear was that it would look a bit scruffy and spoil the general outlook - and besides, the rest of the garden was needed for other activities such as growing vegetables and displaying prized dahlias.

GREEN UP YOUR PATIO

Hard landscaping seldom offers much wildlife interest, bar a bit of lichen on the paving slabs or algae on the decking! To give your nature trail a better start, findaway to incorporate a container of pollinator-friendly wildflowers, or perhaps a bee brick, bug hotel or stook of short garden canes or hollow stems to encourage lacewings and ladybirds tohibernate.

That climber growing up the housewall is the ideal place for robins tonest each year, and perhaps adding a nestbox will encourage sparrows to move in?

2 PLANT NECTAR-RICH BLOOMS

Flowerbeds are usually full of spring bulbs and summer flowers. In nature. this is like an open ungrazed habitat, bathed in sunlight, where flowers grow tall.

The obvious visitors are bees and hoverflies; if we're lucky, we'll see some butterflies, too. Stop, stoop and look hard - you'll see that all that foliage provides cover and homes for many other insects, spiders and other creepy crawlies too.

Butterflies and bees will really be boosted if you choose only those plants that are stuffed with nectar and pollen. Too many cultivated plants have lost all their goodness, so avoid double flowers (whose stamens have been bred into extrapetals) and your borders will soon be buzzing.

moved on and today gardeners have realised that wildlife-friendly features can be incorporated everywhere. With just a little bit of thought, your garden can be good for you and for the planet. Some of the best gardens for nature are some of the most beautiful. So why not create your own nature trail?

Small garde changes can bring stunning visitors.

HABITATS Bird boxes, bug hotels and hoggy homes should be positioned in a safe, sheltered place away from daily human activity.

#### 8 BUILD A POND

A garden pond might not have the wild swans and geese of the great wetlands and marshes but, wherever there is water, life will come. For many of us the highlight will be frogs and newts. If you're really lucky you'll attract toads. But evenwatching the skimming of pondskaters across the surface or the antics under the surface of water-boatmen is entertainment enough.

Even an ornamental pond will still attract colourful dragonflies and damselflies, and birdswill visit to drink and bathe.

The larger your pond, the more wildlife it's likely to support. Ponds that have shallow margins and plenty of submerged native pondweed and emergent plants will be much better than steep-sided, plant-free ponds. The water weed and some pond snails will help keep the water clear.

#### 45 CREATE LEAFY COVER

Climbing plants such as honeysuckle, clematis and evergreen ivy are ideal for turning bare fences into wildlife-rich habitat. Not only do they offer plenty of

shelter for nesting birds and insects, but the flowers will offer nectar and pollen, and berries in late summer.





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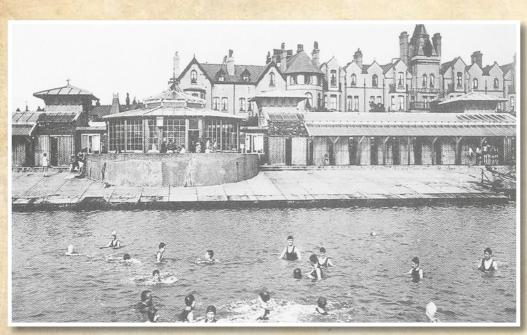
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These were the steps leading down to the beach at the south end of **Parkgate** - Mostyn House School is the tall building with the flag pole in the background, pictured on The Parade. The message on the back of the postcard, which was sent in August 1915, said "We've 2,000 soldiers camping in the field (Park Fields) by the station.



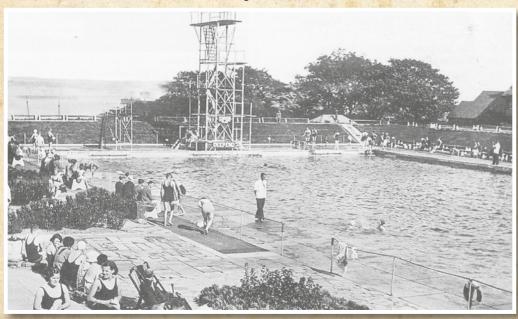
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The shops on the left in Lower Heswall village were from the left: L.E Drew, fruiterer and florist; Brierley, stationer and tobacconist; Heswall Post Office with a sign for public telephone above the entrance and Lloyds Bank in what was formerley Smallwood's Bakery. The Lydiate was to the right of the vehicle in the distance.



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West Kirby Marine Lake is pictured in 1930. In February 1931 the local council borrowed  $\pounds 2,450$  for construction of baths in West Kirby Lake and the bathing facilities improved. However aschem to build a wall separating the baths from the lake was turned down in 1935 on the grounds of cost.



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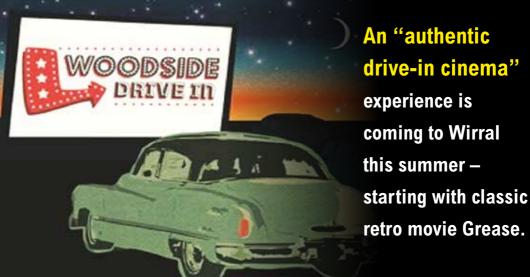
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Harking back to the 1950s it will also feature roller skating waitresses, "Kiss Cam", a cash prize bingo, and American themed food and drink and mouth-watering desserts provided by "the incredible" Mr Tee.

The scheme has been supported by Arriva North West whose land is being used and Wirral Council as part of its work to support local business and entrepreneurs.

Wirral Council leader Phil Davies said: "As part of the long term plans for regeneration, Wirral Growth Company is developing a series of pop up events, 'meanwhile' uses and festivals, starting with Wirral's first drive in movies at Woodside.

"This is a great example of young people with a fantastic idea who we have been able to help make a reality.

"I hope people will support this and make it the success it deserves to be.

"Wirral has an amazing line-up of events planned **36** 

this throughout the summer and the whole year and this is the kind of attraction which can only add to the growing sense that Wirral is a place people want to be and want to visit."

Located opposite Woodside bus station the cinema is in a high walled, closed-in, spot.

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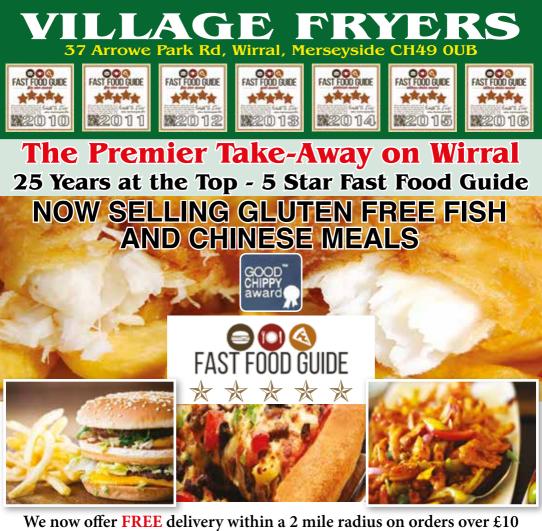
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The beer is a 4% amber ale made using English malts and hops and will be sold in bottles and on draught, co-branded as Merlin's Micro Brewery and Cheshire Wildlife Trust.

As part of the production process a competition was run to select a name for the new beer and Kathryn Pilling became the lucky winner when her suggested name 'Squiffy Duck' was chosen. She will soon be visiting the brewery based in Arclid, East Cheshire, for a tour and to collect her prize of a polo shirt, hoodie and a case of the beer.

The family-run micro-brewery has been brewing craft ale for eight years. Since 2010, they have won ten awards, including several wins at The Champion Beer of Cheshire annual competition.

"We loved the name Squiffy Duck and it is already proving a real hit with our venues," said Sue Peart from Merlins Micro Brewery. "Our brewery has always strived to be as environmentally-friendly as possible; we only use renewable energy, and have on-site reed beds to return waste water to the earth. We are proud to now go one step further and show our support for Cheshire Wildlife Trust."

The new amber ale will be available for sale throughout the county and has even been chosen to be stocked by Marlpool Brewery in Nottingham. Squiffy Duck can be found on draught at The Rose and Crown in Allgreave, Barnton Cricket Club, the Cholmondeley Arms near Malpas, Baron's Lounge in Northwich, The Bulls Head in Poynton, Chime in Hartford, the Bawn Lodge in Chester, The Bhurtpore Inn in Aston, Haslington Cricket Club, the Ring O' Bells in Stretton, The Beer Emporium in Sandbach, The Albion in Warrington, The Red Fox on the Wirral and The Bulls Head in Smallwood. It will also be stocked as bottles at the Beer Dock in Crewe, Nantwich and Leek, The Beer Emporium in Sandbach, and at the Lowes Farm Shop in Byley, with more stockists to come so keep your eyes peeled!

"We'd like to thank the team at Merlins Micro Brewery for developing this new beer in support of our work. We're always looking for new opportunities for local companies and people to support wildlife and we're excited to announce the launch of this beer," said Sam Salisbury, Corporate Partnerships Manager at Cheshire Wildlife Trust.

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President Tom Meade is pictured with The Rt. Revd. Keith Sinclair, Bishop of Birkenhead and Honorary member of Birkenhead Rotary Club.

Bishop Keith visited an evening Rotary meeting to talk about his visits to the Congo and the ongoing support the Church, via the Diocese of Chester is endeavouring to provide, particularly at the moment as there has been a resurgence of hostilities, after more than a decade of peace.

There are many street children, who are being supported by the Church but now many thousands of people have fled the conflict displacing more than 100,000 people. The local Church in Bunia is co-ordinating accommodation in their own homes and schools, with their ethos being "Together We Can". As Bishop Keith said "People who have nothing give you everything." Even so, emergency funds are desperately needed for the Dioceses of Aru and Boga. Further information and donations can be made via www.congochurchassn.org.uk



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- 6. Vilify (10)
- 7. Disapproved (8)
- 8. Educator (8)
- 14. Rainproof (10)
- 16. Carved deeply into (8)
- 17. Cardiopulmonary exercises (8)
- 18. One who makes payment (8)
- 22. Personal security (6)
- 23. Set aflame (6)
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- 16. A small kitchen appliance (7)
- 19. Wander aimlessly (7)
- 20. Mistake (5)
- **21. Becoming proficient (9)**
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### Sudoku Puzzle

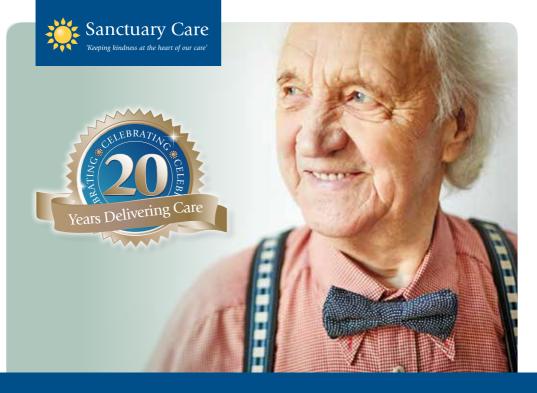
How to play: The numbers 1 through 9 will appear once only in each row, column, and 3x3 zone. There are 9 such zones in each sudoku grid.

There is only one correct solution to each sudoku. Good luck!

Difficulty level: Hard.

#### Solutions can be found on our website: www.love-wirral.com 50

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# DIARY DATES 2018

#### 1st June - 31st Dec 2018 Dazzle Ferry

#### Birkenhead Park, Birkenhead Park, Birkenhead, Merseyside, CH41 8AU

Liverpool Biennial, 14-18 NOW WW1 Centenary Art Commissions and Tate Liverpool have commissioned one of the major figures of British pop art, Sir Peter Blake, to 'dazzle' a Mersey Ferry in partnership with Merseytravel and National Museums Liverpool.



#### 1st July 2018 - 31st July 2018 Leasowe Lighthouse Open Days

#### Leasowe Common, Moreton Merseyside CH46 4TA Tel: 0151 353 0861

The lighthouse is open on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month from 12pm to 4pm. Please confirm by calling the above number. For full details of open days and events visit

www.leasowelighthouse.co.uk £2 Adults & £1 Children who must be at least 1.06 M to take the tour.



#### **30th June 2018 - 14th July 2018** Wirral Festival of Firsts

#### Various venues in Hoylake & Wirral Hoylake CH47 2AE Tel: 07716093670

The Wirral Festival of Firsts 2018 will take place from 30th June - 14th July in various venues in and around Hoylake and Wirral bringing together hundreds of artists, performers and musicians

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to celebrate the power and diversity of the Wirral art and music scene – while also raising money for local charities

Wirral Festival of Firsts was established in Hoylake in 2011 to deliver an innovative, community based arts festival to encourage participation, the showcasing of local talent as well as the opportunity for the community to access and enjoy some examples of the best art, music and poetry in the country.

The programme of events will include the likes of Poetry Proms, story telling, Art on the Prom, live music including a jazz parade and film showings.



21st July 2018 HomeLocal What's On A Teddy Bears Day Out @ Wirral Transport Museum & Heritage Tramway

#### Wirral Transport Museum & Heritage Tramway, 1 Taylor Street, Birkenhead, CH41 1BG

Bring your Teddy Bears to Wirral Transport Museum & Heritage Tramway for a ride on our trams.

There will be a competition for all the children to take part in as well as a free packet of sweets for each entry form submitted with a main prize draw as well as a teddy bears picnic inside the museum, facepainting, refreshments, 2 trams running through-out the day and a teddy Bear colouring in corner.

You must take a ride on the tram to receive your free sweets and your competition entry form. ( $\pounds$ 2.00 per adult &  $\pounds$ 1.00 per child) The museum will be open and trams running from 12.45pm on the day.

#### 26th July 2018 Be In Birkenhead Festival 2018 @ Birkenhead Town Hall

#### Birkenhead Town Hall, Hamilton Street, Birkenhead, Wirral, CH41 5BR

#### 11:30-16:00

The 'Be in Birkenhead Family Festival' is coming again to Hamilton Square, Birkenhead on Thursday 26th July 2018! Quickly becoming one of the biggest and best free local events this year is planned to be the most memorable to date...

Birkenhead BID's free one-day family festival makes its return this July, taking over the iconic Hamilton Square in Birkenhead this event will showcase some of Wirral's best small businesses and provide a fun filled day of family entertainment, stalls, shows, tours and talks plus fair ground attractions and a meet and greet with our local emergency service providers.



**30th June & 1st July 2018** Race for Life & Pretty Muddy events

#### Birkenhead Park, Park Road North Birkenhead CH41 4HD

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#### A care home in the Wirral has created three 'packages' to offer flexibility to new residents.

The Hazelwell, a luxury residential, nursing, palliative and short-term care home in Heswall, identified that not all potential residents need care every day of the week, or every week of the year like most care homes offer, and so have looked in to how to cater for different needs.

The first package is designed to offer **Weekly Short-Term Care**. This would be especially beneficial to those being cared for by family members who need respite from their responsibilities or need to work on a few days of the week.

The second package is a solution for people whose main carers might be needing to go away, say for a holiday in the summer for a longer one-off period called **Special Short-Term Care**. It offers peace of mind to carers, knowing that their loved one is having a holiday of their own, in a very safe pair of hands and a beautiful environment.

The third package is the **Summer Special Offer** 54

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package which is available to new permanent residents only, during the months of June and July. We have a limited number of rooms for a reduced rate.

The Hazelwell is a purpose-built care home offering the highest standards of care and comfort to all their residents and guests. The care home is designed to combine the best of modern design and technology in a state-of-the-art, comfortable home-from-home environment.

As well as deluxe accommodation for 55 residents, The Hazelwell's facilities include a luxury home cinema room, residents bar, quiet library, chauffeur-driven car, salon and gym and stunning rooftop terrace.

Care home manager Kathryn McGuinness said: "At the Hazelwell, we pride ourselves in providing the best care and a friendly, personal service to each of the residents, ensuring that their every need is catered for, whilst also running an involving programme of activities.

"We developed these three packages as we wanted create something for those who might need us on a less regular basis, but who would benefit from all we have to offer here. We look forward to opening our doors to some new, shorter term residents in the next few weeks."

The Wirral care home which opened on Oldfield Road in Heswall less than two years ago has been rated as 'good' by the Care Quality Commission. The Hazelwell was also named in the Top 20 Recommended Care Homes in the North West for 2017 by leading UK care home website, carehome.co.uk.

For more information about the packages on offer at The Hazelwell contact Kathryn McGuinness on 0151 342 9654, email info@thehazelwell.com or visit www.thehazelwell.com



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