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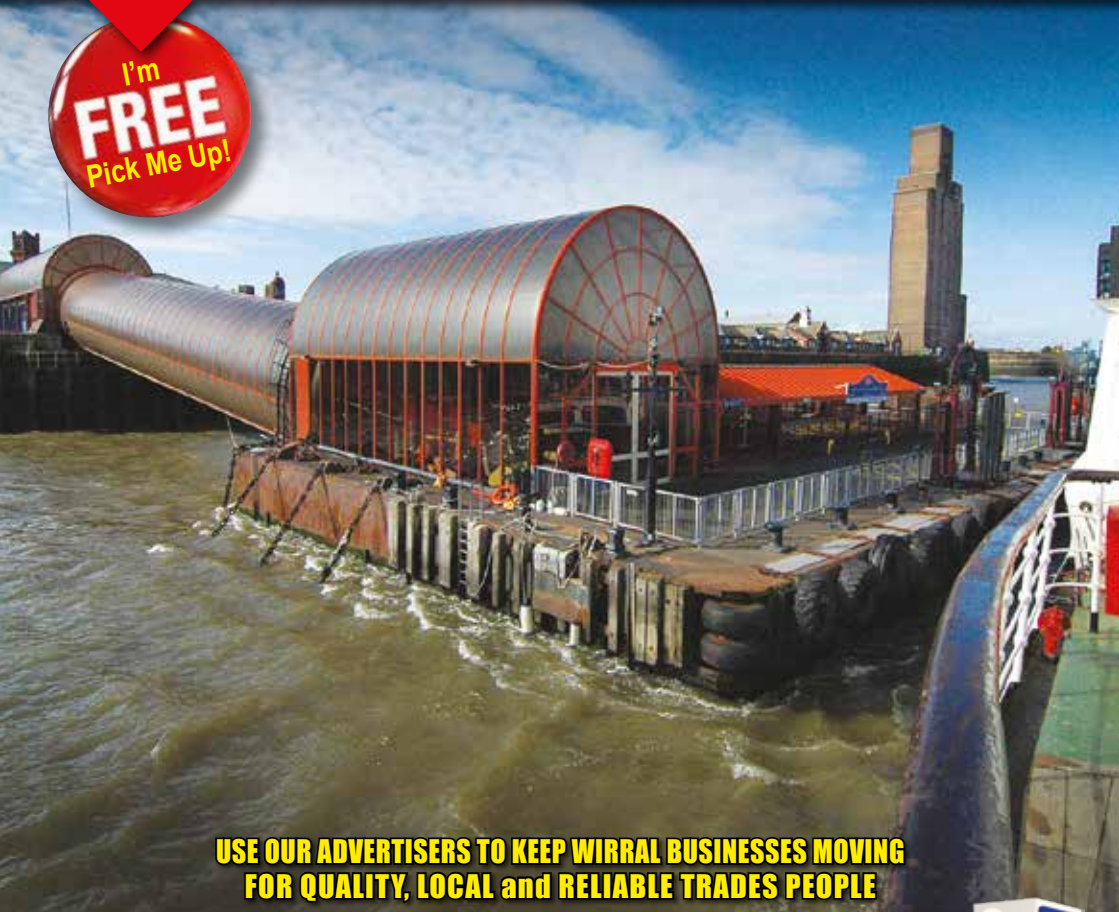
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7. The weird bright dots you see floating when you look at the sky are your white blood cells.

8. Being hit by lightning causes weird skin designs called "Lichtenberg figures."



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14. In 1945, a rooster named Mike, lived 18 months without a head.
15. Leeches have 32 brains.



16. A snail has about 25,600 "teeth".
17. Humans can inflate balloons with their ears.



18. If you inhale a pea, it can sprout and grow in your lungs.
19. During the 18th century, you could pay your admission ticket to the zoo in London by bringing a cat or a dog to feed the lions.

20. A baby was born in 2005 with a conjoined head that had no body. The head could blink and smile.



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25. Many expensive Perfumes contain whale poop.

26. Snakes can have two heads and fight each other for food.



27. Diabetics' urine can be made into whiskey because of the urine's high sugar content.
28. Galileo's middle finger is on display at a museum in Florence, Italy.
29. A slug's anus is on its head.
30. Capuchin Male Monkeys urinate on themselves to attract a mate.
31. In 1971, Evita Peron's body was exhumed and flown to Spain, where Argentina's Ex-President Juan Peron and his new wife kept the corpse in their dining room.
32. Dogs Poop in Alignment with Earth's Magnetic Field.
33. Human saliva contains a painkiller called opiorphin that is six times more powerful than morphine.
34. As soon as tiger shark embryos develop teeth, they attack and eat each other in the womb.
35. In older versions of Little Red Riding Hood, the girl and the wolf eat grandma together.
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37. Flamingos are pink because they eat shrimp.



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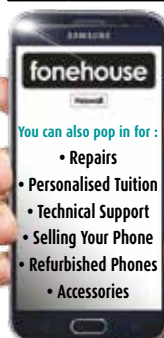
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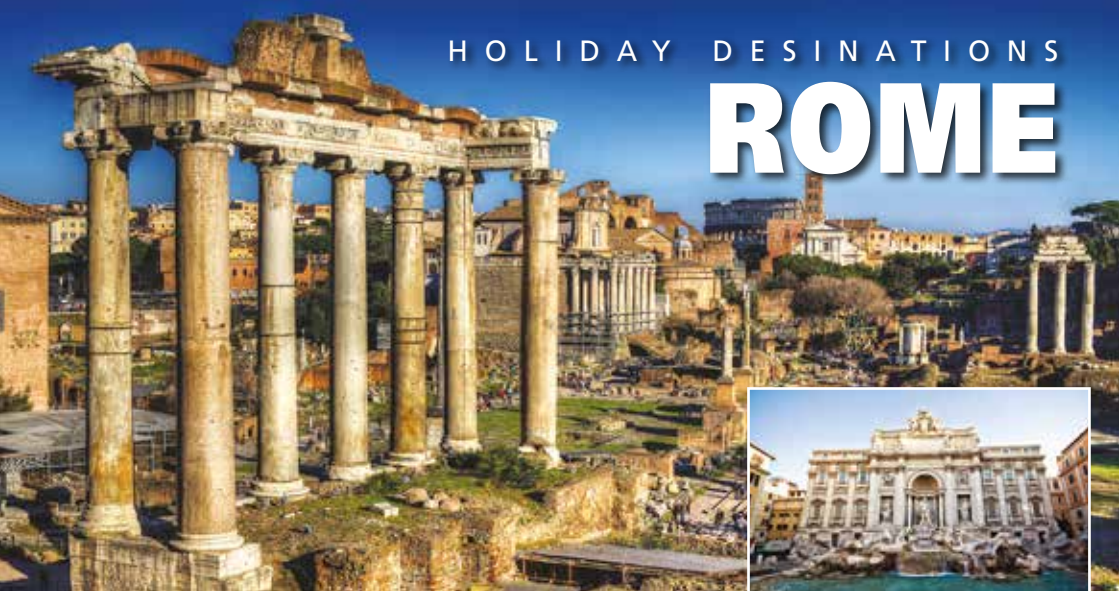
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The city is full of culture and wonderful architecture such as Gaudi's masterpiece, Sagrada Familia church. Here you're sure to visit all the main attractions and night life with its great restaurants and bars.

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The city is located in the central-western portion of the Italian Peninsula, within Lazio (Latium), along the shores of Tiber river. The Vatican City is an independent country geographically located within the city boundaries of Rome, the only existing example of a country within a city: for this reason Rome has been often defined as capital of two states.

Monuments and museums such as the Vatican Museums and the Colosseum are among the world's most visited tourist destinations with both locations receiving millions of tourists a year. Rome also hosted the 1960 Summer Olympics.

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region and functioned as the main trade port of the French Empire. Marseille is France's largest city on the Mediterranean coast and largest commercial port as well as a leading cruise and freight port.

You will then sail away to visit **Barcelona**, prepare to be wowed by the creative genius of Gaudi, take time out along the stunning harbour, and get to know these sandy shorelines by the shimmering Mediterranean. Bars, beaches, boutiques and more...

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AutoReview

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I am not sure how many of you have ever driven a Volvo – but let me tell you this; once you have, you will never drive anything else that feels even remotely close. So, why does a Volvo make you feel this way? Well, to be honest, I have no idea – all I can tell you is that every time I go out for a drive in a Volvo, I seem to be a better driver, and if I'm being honest, more courteous, more relaxed, and dare I say it – more like a human being and not a robot when out on the open road.

This, of course, gives me the starting block on how the XC60 fared when I took 'her' out for a spin to Norfolk.

I don't know much about Norfolk, apart from it has lovely beaches and some lovely roads. If I was you, I would go for a day out – but remember you will need a Volvo if you really want to experience the real driving pleasure of the XC60.

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Power and Efficiency:

The XC60 I had on test was fitted with a 190hp four-cylinder 1,969cc diesel engine with 400Nm of torque at 1750rpm. 0-60 is dealt with in around 8.3sec (manual) and will max out at 127mph. I like this engine a lot because it's very refined and does the job of getting you around at a decent pace brilliantly. The big plus point here though is its torque levels which makes overtaking easy and pretty much effortless, even for a vehicle that I would consider to be large in size. For those of you looking for the fuel figures, I managed around 50+ mpg on the combined cycle.

On the road:

I expected nothing but the best because my test car was fitted with AWD - which basically means you can take it anywhere you like subject to the ride height of course. Remember this is not a Range Rover – but for me, it ticks all the right boxes and its AWD abilities are very good on pretty much any surface. I was actually amazed at the amount of grip it had on and off-road. Volvo have done a great job in getting this system to

work on all surfaces - while still allowing it to feel like a normal road car once you hit the tarmac, which is pretty hard to pull off – as most will suffer from either being a little soft or at the other end of the scale ‘rock hard’. But Volvo seems to have found some middle ground here, which is, of course, a real blessing.

Design & Technology:

Volvo’s interiors are very similar across all their models now - and are all very ‘plush’. Also, everything fits and works well with the driver and nothing is fussy, even the touchscreen display is simple to use and not complex like the one BMW use. The seating is also well designed and even after a 4hr drive to the Norfolk coast, I still felt as fresh as a daisy.

Some of the standard equipment in the XC60 includes; City Safety with Steer Assist – which includes pedestrian, cyclist and large animal protection and front collision warning. Oncoming lane mitigation – automatically provides steering assistance if you unwittingly drift out of your lane. Sensus Connect – allows you access to a range of web apps and a lot more, DAB (Digital Audio Broadcasting) Radio,

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A varied walk taking in woodland, many attractive fieldpaths and a common. In the 1900's, Brimstage was known to thirsty walkers from Tranmere as "the three mile limit".

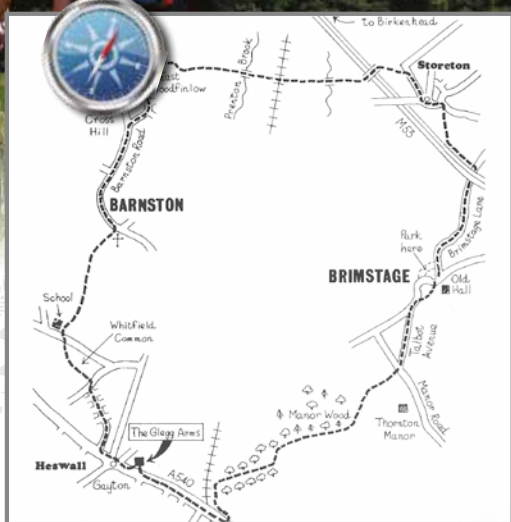
Crossing the fields from Tranmere entitled you to be called "a traveller". At the Red Cat Inn you could demand reasonable refreshment in "closed" hours! The pub was demolished in 1932 to make way for the new village hall - now a children's nursery.

Starting the walk, you need to cross the green and enter a short byway to the right of Brimstage Hall. Climb the steps in the wall - on the right. Enter into a field and continue to the far side. When you reach the road, follow ahead for a couple of minutes and then turn left into Talbot Avenue. At the distant end of this road you meet Manor Road. Go straight across to the signpost and through an opening you will join a grassy path. At first, the path will start and then bears left to pass under an ornamental bridge with hoardings on both sides. Soon, however, you will pass under a second bridge reaching open country. Here, the clear cut path leads you along the side of Manor Wood till you reach a one step stile leading into the trees. This path winds its way between the trees for 1/2 mile crossing two further stiles before running into a large field. Here you need to bear left and follow the path along the edge of the field, keeping the railway on your right, to reach a stile and the Chester High Road. Now turn right and after fifteen minutes walk you should be in Gayton bringing you to the Glegg Arms.

This sturdy, half timbered building preserves the name of the famous Glegg family of Gayton Hall. The Glegg Arms has recently been very nicely revamped and provides a good range of drinks and food.

From the Glegg Arms cross the roundabout to the Devon Doorway Restaurant, into Telegraph Road. Not far ahead, on the right, you will pass by the Gayton Windmill and then your way is to the right into Mill Lane. Follow this lane into Milner Road, here you need to turn right, walk about 50 yards and then cross the road to enter a narrow footpath. This leads you to Whitfield Common, an open area of common land covered with gorse bushes. Go straight ahead for a couple of minutes and then bear to the right, when the path ends at Whitfield Lane, bear left as you cross the road and go over a stile to enter a footpath which runs between tall hedges.

You soon pass a school and reach a stone step-stile and open country. Your objective, Barnston Church, can be seen clearly ahead. Follow the well trodden path as it runs across the fields for half a mile, sometimes following the hedge and, at other times, leading diagonally across the meadows.



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It ends at stone steps in a corner of the churchyard. Cross these and go along a passageway at the side of the old village school to reach Barnston.

Turn left and follow Barnston Road as it winds down through the dale and then climbs up to Cross Hill at Thingwall. Here you need to turn right, along Holmwood Drive which shortly bears to the left bringing you to a sandy track. Follow this path downhill through the trees to reach a large, white house, "East Woodfinlow". Pass the house and turn right into a stony path that brings you to a gate and step-stile through into a grassy lane. The lane, after turning right and then left goes forward to a gate and stile, here you enter the fields. Keeping the hedge on your left as you cross the first 2 fields and, in the 3rd field, cross diagonally right to drop down to a plank foot-bridge crossing Prenton Brook. Climb several steps and carry on forward until you reach a path running between hedges. Continue forward at the end of this path to cross the railway and a 5 step-stile. Beyond the railway, your way is still ahead to cross a stream and reach the bridge spanning the motorway. The path across the next field brings you to a stile and so into Storeton.

Here you turn to the right, along Landican Lane until, shortly after passing the old school, you arrive at a roundabout. Go across and turn left along the village street for a short distance and then turn right to pass Home Farm. Now look right for a broad farm-track way marked "To Brimstage".

This takes you past a farm and the leads up to a bachelor gate. Pass through and then go straight across towards the motorway and a stile admitting you to a path running parallel with the M53. This short path soon brings you to 2 further step-stiles and, once over these, you reach Brimstage Lane.

Here you turn right and follow the lane under the motorway. Now go forward along the winding lane for half a mile or so to arrive back at the starting point!

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September tasks in the Garden



General tasks and garden maintenance.



Start your compost

Get your compost going by buying a compost bin or building a partially enclosed and easily accessible area for a heap. It is essential to replace the goodness in soil and autumn produces quantities of garden waste that will add invaluable organic richness back into your soil next spring.

Remember to add a variety of different materials; spent vegetable plants are ideal, but NEVER add diseased or pest-ridden material to your compost heap - it will nurture whatever villain you are trying to eliminate with loving care!

Clear garden debris

Keep weeding; most perennial weeds are susceptible to weedkiller this month and systemic weedkillers will carry on working throughout the winter. Also clear any debris and diseased material from your garden. Pests and diseases that overwinter in your garden will reappear next spring with a vengeance so get rid of them now. Burn diseased material and put the rest of your garden rubbish (apart from woody stems) in the compost.

Clean out the greenhouse

Once tomatoes and other greenhouse crops are over, give the greenhouse a thorough clean to prevent pests from making a home in that lovely warm environment, ready to leap into action next spring.

Dig clay soil

If your soil is heavy clay, start digging it over now - add plenty of organic matter to improve the quality and pea shingle to improve the drainage. It can be left in a pretty

rough state over the winter when the cold will break the lumps down, making spring planting infinitely easier!

Watering

Should September turn into an Indian summer, remember to keep watering thoroughly once or twice a week rather than little and often. Containers and hanging baskets need watering every day.

For recently planted large shrubs or trees, leave a hose trickling around the base for an hour. The same goes for established plants in dry periods - camellias, rhododendrons, azaleas and hydrangeas will abort next season's flowers if they get too dry.



Ensure trees or shrubs planted in the last couple of years on lawns or in areas of rough grass have a circle of clear earth around them - this MUST be kept clear or grass will prevent essential moisture getting through. Mulching with bark or compost will help.

Planting

With the ideal planting conditions of autumn (warm moist soil), now is the time to plant container grown shrubs, trees, fruit bushes, perennials and bulbs. The key to successful planting is to water in well. Soak the rootball in a bucket until no air bubbles come to the surface, dig the planting hole, fill with water and allow to drain away. Place the plant in the hole, fill with soil, firm gently and water well with a watering can - this will give the plant a huge advantage over one planted with a dry rootball in a dry hole and watered only on the surface.



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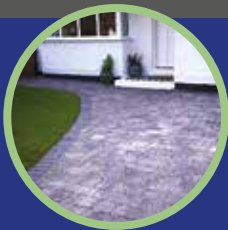
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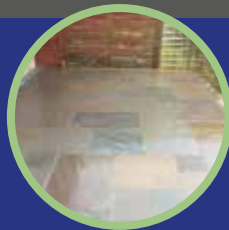
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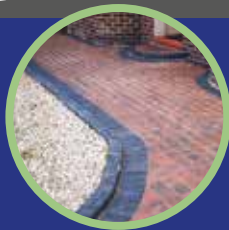
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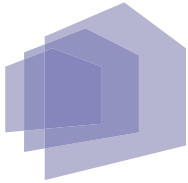
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Hundreds of cyclists and spectators descended on Birkenhead Park for the first ever Leverhulme Grand Prix.

The event marked the first time in over 50 years that top-class professional race cycling had taken place on the Wirral.

A packed schedule saw races held for juniors, youths, women, para, club and elite cyclists. In total, 161 competitors took part across the day coming from clubs and universities across the UK.

The elite race came down to a photo finish with Simon Wilson of Ribble Cycling pipping teammate Daniel Bigham on the line.

This year's event was the brainchild of Pedalare, which promotes cycling as a leisure pursuit, supported by Birkenhead North End Cycling Club, Cycling UK and British Cycling. It built on the rich heritage of amateur racing held over many decades and organised by the cycling club.

Leverhulme Estates was the event's principal sponsor. Other sponsors included Bikeline, FUEL10K and Bike Factory.

Andy Mills, of Pedalare, said: "We could not have been more pleased with how the day went.

"We still had entries being taken on the morning of the race and, in the case of the juniors and youths, there was a queue outside of the gates to register, handled superbly by volunteers from Birkenhead North End Cycling Club.

"The quality of racing throughout the day was of the highest standard with some thrilling finishes."

Michael Benson, Chairman of Trustees at Leverhulme Estates, and Councillor Geoffrey Watt, Mayor of Wirral, were among those presenting prizes to the winners.

Andy Mills added: *"The feedback we received during the day from competitors and spectators was incredible and we now look forward to building on this success with something even bigger next year."*

Nigel McGurk, of Leverhulme Estates, said: *"We were delighted to be principal sponsor of an event that not only showcased how exciting top-class cycling is, but also highlighted what a fantastic leisure activity cycling can be for all the family."*



The full list of winners were:

Leverhulme Grand Prix –

1) Simon Wilson, 2) Daniel Bigham, 3) Morvelo Basso

Bike Factory Crit –

1) Stephen Stoneman, 2) Josh Whitehead, 3) Olly Howarth

FUEL10K Women's Open –

1) Madeleine Scott, 2) Kim Baptista, 3) Gemma Sargent

National Paracycling Race –

1) Chris McDonald, 2) Alex Brooke-Turner, 3) Luke Jones

A Boys –

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A Girls – 1) Isabelle McKinnon, 2) Lwsi Gocher

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Local fundraiser encourage others to 'Culture Crawl' to support people with cancer

On 28th September, Royston Hill will be taking part in Maggie's Culture Crawl Liverpool for the second year running to raise funds for Maggie's Merseyside, who supported both him and his wife through cancer. Culture Crawl is a sponsored walk for the cancer support centre, located next to The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre, which provides free psychological and emotional support to people with cancer and their family and friends.

Royston said, "Maggie's is and was an oasis for me especially during my treatments. Cancer is such a destroyer, it eats into every part of life – personal, family, finances and health. The treatment can be more disruptive than the cause. Maggie's for me has the holistic approach, giving help in all forms of support and also practical activities like painting, writing, drumming, yoga, lots of tea, coffee and cakes to enjoy. All the staff have a professional and friendly approach.

It's a club you don't want to be part of but you have a lifetime membership. I have started to fundraise as a way of saying thank you for all the help and support you have given to me and my wife Jane.

Culture Crawl is an amazing event, an evening of discovery, music and food. Whilst gathering together at the start the excitement builds we were all given a goody bag and the famous orange t-shirt. We were entertained by a quartet of chamber music. I got talking to other walkers each having their own stories to tell, united by our experiences of cancer. The count down starts and we are off on our journey. Each place we stopped had a feel of its own and the musical genre matched each venue. Now this event isn't a walk in the park and everyone earned the orange shirt and medal. Friendships formed, photos taken. Its an achievement, happy memories and tired legs and feet. Please support this event by taking part, what you can give makes this event even more special."

The event gives participants a chance to see the city of Liverpool in a new light as they walk 10km and get exclusive night-time access to some of the city's cultural icons. Venues confirmed for this years walk include Liverpool Cathedral, Victoria Museum and Gallery and the Western Approaches Museum.

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All of the money raised through Culture Crawl will help Maggie's Merseyside continue to provide professional support to all those that need it across the region.

Registration for the event is £20 and participants are asked to aim to raise £50.

All Maggie's Culture Crawl walkers will get a free t-shirt and a medal. Find out more and sign-up at <https://www.maggiescentres.org/culturecrawl/find-event/culture-crawl-liverpool/>



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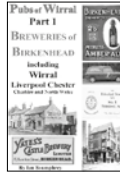
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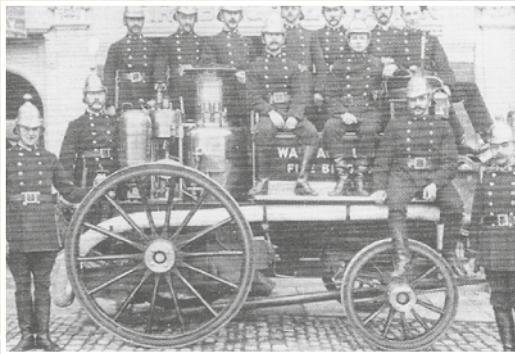
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Left: 1896. The horse and cart has just crossed the bridge over Wallasey Pool, connecting **Birkenhead and Wallasey**. Originally known as the 'Half-penny Bridge' due to the cost of the toll from when it opened in 1843, it became known as the Penny Bridge when the toll was increased in 1896. A new swing bridge replaced the old one.

Right: 1898. The Bandstand is seen in Marine Park **New Brighton**, which was opened in 1897. Popular concerts were performed here twice a week in the season. The property seen on the right is at the bottom of Rowson Street.



Left: 1899. This Merryweather Steamer, which would be hauled by either two or four horses, was purchased for the **Wallasey Fire Brigade**. Sperintendent John Howarth is seen on the right.

Below: 1902. The beach at New Brighton was a popular place to be seen, wearing hat and dark clothes.





Left 1901. The boys are using the entrance to the Liscard Battery entrance as a goal. The battery was built in 1858 but never fired a shot in anger. The magazines were located nearby from the late 1700s when visiting ships to the Mersey would have to deposit any gunpowder while in port. Much to the relief of the local residents, from 1851 gunpowder was transferred to magazine ships moored off New Ferry. Note the barrel of a discarded canon on the right.

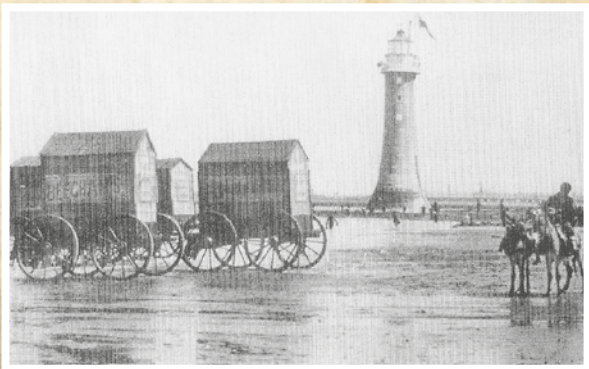
Below 1901. A view of Central Park Liscard with people enjoying the views and other more strenuous ones rowing on the lake.



Above 1902. Work on building **New Brighton Tower** commenced June 1896 with the grounds being opened at Whitsun 1897 and the tower in 1900. As New Brighton was competing with Blackpool for the Lancashire and Midlands town holiday trade, at 621 feet high their tower was over 50feet higher than Blackpool's.



Above: C. 1895. A line of horse-drawn cabs await custom at **Seacombe Ferry**. All of this part of the approach road was built on reclaimed land, being opened in 1880. Following the opening, a 24 hour ferry service was started between Seacombe and Liverpool with hourly sailings throughout the night at a fare of 6d (2½ p)



Left 1896. **New Brighton Lighthouse** can be seen to the right of the bathing machines on wheels. These machines were required by the local by-laws to be used when bathing. Fines were imposed if not used. There were separate bathing huts for men and women - horses would take them into the water.

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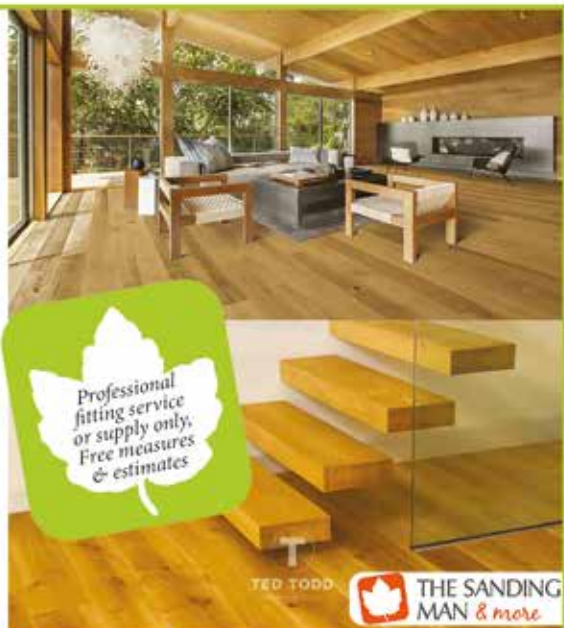
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- 6 tablespoons maple syrup
- 4 teaspoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons, plus 2 teaspoons, olive oil
- 4 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 8 chicken thighs
- 4 cups fresh cauliflower, riced (use grater or food processor so cauliflower resembles rice)
- 1 1/2 cups fresh scallions, sliced
- 2 cups fresh sugar snap peas
- 3 sprigs fresh cilantro, for garnish

Heat oven or grill to 375 F.

In large bowl, mix together vinegar, gochujang, maple syrup, soy sauce, olive oil, mustard, salt and pepper to form marinade. Dip chicken in marinade and toss lightly until coated.

Lightly oil foil pouch and layer base of pouch with cauliflower. Add scallions and sugar snap peas then place chicken on top. Carefully pour remaining marinade over pouch contents (ensuring that liquid stays inside foil).

Seal foil packet and bake or grill 30 minutes. Open foil to create 2-inch long vent then bake or grill another 15 minutes, or until completely cooked. Garnish with cilantro before serving.

Chef's tip: For best results and added flavour, marinate chicken 30 minutes before preparing pouches.

Substitutions: In place of gochujang, red pepper flake paste can be made by mixing 1 tablespoon red pepper flakes with a few dashes soy sauce and 1 dash sugar. Alternatively, substitute 2 teaspoons sriracha for gochujang.

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Ready, sett, go! Badger watching experiences at RSPB Burton Mere Wetlands

Badgers are one of the iconic mammals of the British landscape, but as an animal that is mainly active at night, not many people get the opportunity to see them. Staff at RSPB Burton Mere Wetlands near Neston are therefore excited to offer a range of badger watching experiences to visitors this summer.

On Thursdays throughout August (beginning from Thursday 9 August onwards), a 'Badgerwatch' guided walk will take place each week, to help visitors discover more about the nocturnal habits of badgers and to view them in a popular feeding spot. Cost £12 (RSPB members £9.50).

Spaces are limited, so booking is essential by phoning **0151 353 2720** or emailing deeestuary@rspb.org.uk

Those looking for a more exclusive encounter can book the new badger watching hide. Available of an evening for a unique viewing and photography opportunity, participants will get stunning, close-up views of the badgers as they come out to feed. The area is lit to offer the chance of quality photographs. Cost £80 (£65 RSPB members) for up to 2 people. To book, email deeestuary@rspb.org.uk

Dan Trotman, Visitor Experience Manager at Burton Mere Wetlands said: "We're delighted to be able to offer these exciting badger watching experiences to the public. Whether you're looking for a short stroll in the evening to see these magnificent creatures coming out to feed, or a more intimate experience in the hide to take photographs, we have something to suit everyone."

For further information on events and wildlife spectacles at RSPB Burton Mere Wetlands, visit www.rspb.org.uk/burtonmerewetlands



The next meeting of **Neston Civic Society** is an illustrated talk about the **History of New Brighton**, by **Ken Pye**.

Turrets and Towers, Ferries, and Funfairs - Merseyside's seas resort from Victorian times to its modern renaissance.

Ken is a well-known local historian and author.

The talk is at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 20 September at the United Reformed Church Hall, Moorside Lane Neston CH64 6UZ.

After the talk, complimentary coffee, tea and biscuits will be served.

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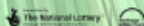
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The attached photograph, of an Ultramarine Flycatcher, was provided courtesy of "Birdwatching Trips"

Visitors are very welcome, and the cost is £4.00, which includes light refreshments.

This is not a ticket event - please just come along.

Details of further illustrated presentations, and Field meetings, can be found on our website at www.wirralbirdclub.com or ring Bill on 07795 148140





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Friends of Hadlow Station Update (July 2018)

All three trolleys are now fully refurbished and safely secured to the platform and the fixing of the milk churns to the main trolley will be undertaken over the coming weeks.

The AV system in the waiting is now showing short films of volunteer work done as well as showing events held at the station and will be on to view from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm every day controlled by a timer switch.

The old rotten sleepers have been totally removed and safely disposed of, and the stone chippings has also been lifted and stored so that the railway line is at the correct height relative to the platform. The railway "chairs" that support the railway track on the sleepers have also been taken up and securely stored.

The new grade A recycled hardwood sleepers will be re-laid over the coming weeks by a Network Rail Training company following which the railway track will be put down and finally railway ballast will be laid. Whilst the new sleepers have been delivered we have identified that some of them are not up to standard. However work will start in laying the ones that are of good quality whilst the sub-standard ones will be replaced when additional sleepers are delivered.

The Hadlow Station sign has been fully restored with new wood, with drainage holes in the base to prevent the wood rotting again, and repainted.

The last of the sash windows in the kitchen has been replaced so that all windows in the kitchen now open. Many thanks to Tim Coombes from Wirral Sash windows for this support. Having all windows opening is a great help to the volunteers cooking during this very hot weather.

The gardens are looking good, and the new perimeter trees are growing well although needing lots of regular watering at the moment by other volunteers.

New benches and plaques have been fitted on the far (South) platform, and a villager stopped the other day to comment how lovely it was to sit in the warm evenings down at the station, which now looks so nice, and she said that every bench was occupied at 8pm! We are delighted to have such positive community feedback and what a lovely way to enjoy the beautiful summer evenings we have been experiencing.

The pop-up cafe is so busy we have purchased more chairs and 2 further tables although additional table cloths will now need to be purchased and as a result, the kitchen now has no further space for storing any additional furniture as it has to be packed away after each pop-up cafe session.

2 long service award BR pocket watches and other train related memorabilia have been donated to FHRS for display in the Ticket Office. However, these will be valued and insured before being put out on display.

The next cafe openings will be from 10.30am to 1.30pm on August 26th 2018. - Hilary Booth



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MORETON BAGS NEW FASHION STORE



Together we will make life better, for the children and families we serve.

Moreton has bagged a brand new fashion store which will open its doors at the end of July, creating 16 new jobs for the local community.

Newlife already has six successful retail stores across the Midlands offering ex-high street clothes, shoes and accessories for women, men and children.

The retailer chose Moreton for its first store in the North because the locals, and those across the whole of the Wirral, have a real passion for the latest fashion trends, while appreciating the great prices Newlife has to offer.

Newlife is partnered with over two hundred high-street retailers and manufacturers, managing excess products – clothing, footwear and accessories. All original labels are removed so customers get a fantastic mix of ranges and styles from across the high street all under one roof, with new products added to the sales floor every day.

Harjinder Samra, Newlife's Head of Retail comments: "Moreton will be our first retail store in the North, and promises to draw customers in from across the Wirral and beyond, providing a boost for the local business community.

"Our superstore in the Midlands brings shoppers in from tens of miles away and we're hoping to build the same reputation here in the Wirral.

"We've had an amazing response from the local community to the vacancies advertised, and are really looking forward to opening the store at the end of July. Newlife is a unique breed of organisation; partnering with major companies and supporting them to deliver both environmental and social benefits."

Nina Barnes, new Manager of the Moreton store explains further: "Newlife is a retailer with a twist,"

"The twist is Newlife is a social enterprise. Instead of the profits going to owners and shareholders, they are ploughed directly into supporting Newlife the Charity for Disabled Children which helps children and families across the UK, including the Wirral, Merseyside and beyond.

"Newlife is definitely NOT a 'charity shop' though. All of our products come directly from major company's stores and warehouses, not from individuals."



Al was finally allowed to leave hospital through a specially developed push chair.

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Have you ever been involved in a Christmas Shoebox appeal?

Last year Teams4U distributed 38,000 gift-filled shoeboxes to Belarus, Bosnia, the Ukraine and Romania. The Teams4U charity also works throughout the year with the local people in these countries to help improve the quality of their lives. From 2018 Teams4U will be operating on the Wirral with their own warehouse collecting shoeboxes for children.

Dave Cooke, the founder of the original Christmas Shoebox Charity has never been a stranger to risks or the dedication it takes to start up a charity! In 1990, after seeing the images break of the orphans from Ceausescu's regime in Romania, he decided, with the help of some friends, to get an aid wagon together and drive it across Europe, hoping the medical supplies, beds, blankets and clothes would radically change the horrific conditions in which these children were living. What he didn't know (and no-one knew) was that the few thousand shoebox gifts that went across with the convoy from Wrexham would grow into the biggest shoebox programme in the world!

In 1994 Operation Christmas Child was amalgamated with the American-led International Charity Samaritan's Purse. Dave resigned from his job as Contracts Manager for a Window Installation company and became SP's Overseas Projects Manager, delivering shoeboxes all across the world whilst developing their Soccer programme and Second Chance programme; taking sports and games to street-children and juvenile convicts.

From those years pioneering new programmes and visiting new countries grew the seeds for Teams4U. Seeing children without family or community, traumatised through abuse, war and poverty, laugh and play again through the sports programmes empowered Dave to make that the focus of T4U. Dave founded Teams4U in 2006 after experiencing the atrocities of the Beslan crisis in 2004 when over 300 people were killed in a school attack in Russia. From his experience working as an International Projects Manager for SP, he was invited to take a team of volunteers into Beslan to be part of the rehabilitation process there. Out of that harrowing situation, Dave realised the difference short-term teams can make and wanted to set up an organisation that

could give anyone the opportunity of travelling abroad to assist children in crisis.

"I want to give people who aren't able to give up their day-to-day lives the opportunity to go overseas and make a difference. Most of us have jobs, families, mortgages and bills to pay. We can't all spend months or years abroad. But I don't want that to stop people from travelling to the third world, getting off the tourist route, and meeting the needs of the children there. From whatever walk or stage of life you're in, I want to give you the opportunity to travel with Teams4U " Dave Cooke

Meanwhile, if you don't fancy volunteering abroad the Charity has returned to the simple model of giving a shoebox for a boy, a girl or a family box at Christmastime. If you would like any more information about how you can help or would like to volunteer in our Wirral Warehouse, please contact **Anne Preston** (Email anne_preston22@hotmail.co.uk or Telephone 0151 645 2351)



Dave Cooke, the founder of the original Christmas Shoebox Charity



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SHAFTESBURY YOUTH CLUB Mini Football Tournament.

Glorious weather accompanied a two day event held at Shaftesbury Youth Club Birkenhead, where local football teams, aged between 6-12 years, competed for prestigious trophies. Now in its third year, entries were very high with 105 teams competing from as far afield as Manchester, Liverpool and more locally Wirral. The Shaftesbury Club now comprises a 14 acre site, but the facility adjacent to Tranmere Rovers F.C. ground provided the perfect venue.

This has now become a popular family event with more than an estimated 3000 people attending each day. Additionally to add to the family atmosphere, gazebos, ice cream stalls, bouncy castles and numerous other entertainments completed the scene.

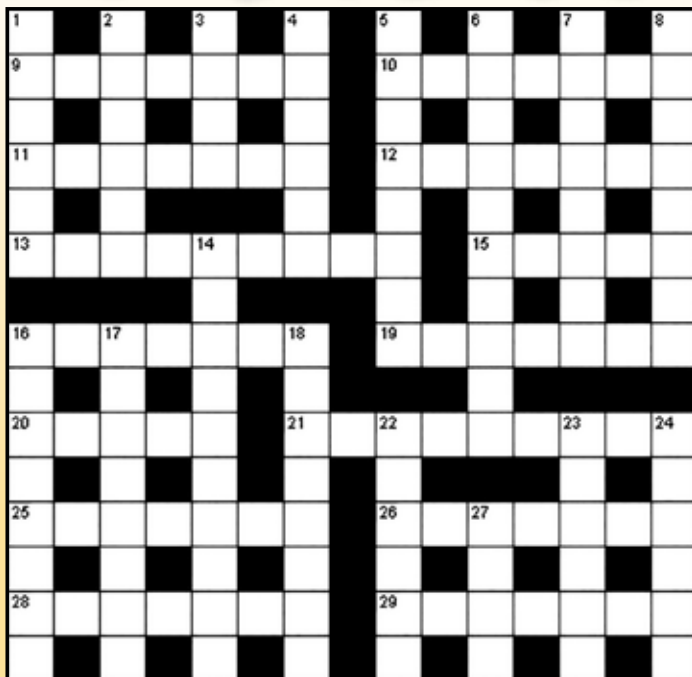
With such a high number of teams and their supporters attending, both Birkenhead and Bebington Rotary Clubs supplied support by staffing the entrance and car parking.

Birkenhead Club also provided their gazebo for the prize giving and trophies, which were handed out by President Elect Steve Lander and his wife Sue.

Rotary Club representatives praised all the staff at Shaftesbury for the marvellous event which everyone is looking forward to next year.



PUZZLE CORNER



Down

1. Chronicles (6)
2. Pertaining to a bride (6)
3. Newbie (slang) (4)
4. View (6)
5. Graphic symbol (8)
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)
24. Putting surfaces (6)
27. Unrestrained revelry (4)

Across

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| 9. Anxious (7) | 15. Fruity-smelling compound (5) | 25. Nightclub (7) |
| 10. Drool (7) | 16. A small kitchen appliance (7) | 26. Walk emphatically (7) |
| 11. Hearable (7) | 19. Wander aimlessly (7) | 28. Insert (7) |
| 12. Luxurious (7) | 20. Mistake (5) | 29. Fasten (7) |
| 13. Brine (9) | 21. Becoming proficient (9) | |

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The 10k Run is held annually to raise funds for the Wednesday Special Needs Club. The club runs and maintains the Soft Play Sensory Resource for Wirral's special needs people of all ages. The money raised from the 10k is used for the upkeep of the Sensory Resource. It is located in the The Parade Hoylake Community Centre, Hoyle Road, Hoylake.

For further information please visit www.wsnc.co.uk



Monday 17th - 21st September
Wirral Golf Classic

Royal Liverpool Golf Club
Caldy Golf Club
Heswall Golf Club
Wallasey Golf Club

The 9th Wirral Golf Classic, a 72 hole Stableford competition for men and women amateur golfers, will be held on 17th-21st September 2018 on four beautiful golf courses in Wirral, in the North West of England - Caldley, Heswall, Wallasey and the magnificent Royal Liverpool Golf Club at Hoylake.

All entrants will enjoy the beautiful locations of these fine courses on the coast of this peninsula, overlooking the Rivers Mersey and Dee. Located between Liverpool and Chester, Wirral is a golfers' paradise.

See www.wirralgolfclassic.co.uk for full details.



Tuesday 11th & 27 September
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"A Spoonful of Thailand" -
Alan Davies and Ruth Miller

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WIRRAL CARE HOME WELCOMES NEW MANAGER WITH A WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE



Care home manager Kathryn McGuinness

A Wirral care home has welcomed a new manager whose fascinating career started out at 16, training in the same hospital as a famous hip-surgeon.

The Hazelwell, a residential, nursing, palliative and respite care home in Heswall, has appointed the extremely well-qualified Kathryn McGuinness into their top leadership role as care home manager, and is looking forward to benefitting from her rich career and life-experience.

Kathryn, who has had a varied and successful career in the world of nursing and caring, realised it was the career for her when at 16 she worked as a cadet nurse at Wrightington Hospital where Professor John Charnley, MBE, was based. The pioneer orthopaedic surgeon transformed modern medicine's approach to hip replacement operations from his work in 1962 with the introduction of the modern artificial joint. A hip replacement is now one of the most common operations in the UK.

After going on to train at Ormskirk hospital in Lancashire, Kathryn's career has seen her move to hospitals around the country in different prestigious roles, including orthopaedic trauma, A&E, a senior sister for NHS Direct, and an assessor for a drug and alcohol charity.

Kathryn has even won awards for her work and when she was lead research nurse in a diabetes project she was presented with a Welsh Office award presented by the Secretary of Health for Wales, Jane Hunt.

In more recent years Kathryn has worked for residential homes, starting as a matron in a small care home in Birkdale, then moving to Gillibrand Hall in Chorley where she stayed for nearly five years.

Her last post before joining The Hazelwell was peripatetic regional manager for a group of homes in Lancashire where she concentrated particularly on turning one failing home on the verge of closure around to receiving a great Care Quality Commission inspection and being at near maximum capacity.

In Kathryn's new role she will be heading up the staff team at The Hazelwell, a luxury care home situated on the former site of the Cleaver Hospital.

The 55-bed care home opened in July, 2016 and has been rated as 'good' by the CQC, the independent regulator of health and social services in England.

Kathryn, who now lives in Rainford near St Helens, said: "I saw The Hazelwell and all it had to offer and I fell in love with the place. I was over the moon to get the post.

"I'm really excited to be a part of the excellent team at The Hazelwell and to share what I have learned throughout my career to continue to make The Hazelwell the best care home it can possibly be.

"I had no idea when I started out as a cadet nurse at 16 where my career would take me, but I'm so happy when I think of the journey I've been on and how it has led me here."

Outside of work Kathryn's interests are as varied as her career, breeding horses, playing basketball and studying nutrition.

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



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