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3. Sony makes more money as an insurance company in Japan than selling electronics.
4. If a potato is exposed to light while growing, it will turn green and become poisonous.
5. The Netherlands surrendered to Nazi Germany after just 5 days.
6. The U.S. Secret Service has its own flag.
7. Frogs find their way back to their breeding grounds by following the smell of the pond's algae.
8. Plants can suffer from sexually transmitted diseases.
9. Harry Houdini could pick up pins with his eyelashes and thread a needle with his toes.
10. A leech can take up to 200 days to digest a meal.



11. Lobsters don't scream in pain when you cook them. The noise you hear is air that has been trapped in the stomach and forced through the mouth.
12. River snails and a parasite prevented a Chinese invasion of Taiwan in 1949.
13. "Placenta" comes from Latin, meaning "cake."
14. Benjamin Franklin left the cities of Boston and Philadelphia \$2,000 in his will, but they could not draw the full balance for 200 years. In 1990, the cities received \$6.5 million.



15. It's unsafe for travellers to rely on 'St Christopher' any more: he was removed from the calendar of saints in 1969.
16. Before they reached international stardom, The Beatles auditioned for Decca Records, who rejected them saying they had "no future in show business."
17. Before he was Wolverine on "X-Men" or a Broadway star, actor Hugh Jackman got fired from his cashier job at 7-Eleven.



18. An investor in the initial public offering of Microsoft would have seen a return of 30,207%.
19. The first time comedian Jerry Seinfeld walked on stage at a comedy club he froze and was booed off stage.
20. Unit 684 was a South Korean black-ops team of 31 convicted criminals whose mission was to kill North Korea's premier Kim Il-sung. They mutinied, hijacked a bus, and were shot by the army or committed suicide.
21. The Queen is the legal owner of one-sixth of the Earth's land surface.
22. In the UK, all horses, ponies and donkeys must have a horse passport.
23. In London, it is illegal to die in the Houses of Parliament.
24. Slavery was not made a statutory offense in the UK until April 6, 2010.
25. The Queen Mary of Scotland became queen when she was only six days old.



26. 1.3 million Earths could fit inside the sun, an average-sized star.
27. It takes 8 minutes and 20 seconds for light to travel from the sun to the earth.
28. There are more living organisms in a teaspoonful of soil than there are people on earth.
29. Before trees were common, the Earth was covered with giant mushrooms.
30. In 5,000 years of human history, only one disease has been eradicated: smallpox.
31. When Columbus "discovered" the Americas, the continent was already inhabited by 90 million people which was a third of the world's population.
31. The eruption of Krakatoa in 1883 was the loudest sound in recorded history, heard 3,000 miles (4800 KM) away.
32. Ice Age Britons used human skulls as cups.
33. The first car accident occurred in 1891, in Ohio.



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The attached photograph, of an African Hawk-eagle, was taken by Keith.



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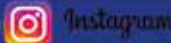
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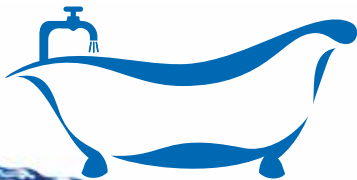


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New Ford Ranger 'Raptor' - Jurassic Park on 4 wheels



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Power and Efficiency:

The 'Raptor' version I had on test was fitted with a 2.0-litre EcoBlue - 213 PS diesel engine and a 10-speed automatic gearbox. Torque, well let's just say it has more than enough grunt to keep you going (500Nm in fact). For those of you who want to know the combined fuel consumption? Well, let's just say it was good (around 31.7mpg) Plus the brilliant thing about owning a Ford Ranger 'Raptor' is that it will basically tow a ship or anything else that takes your fancy. Top speed, well let's just say it will max out at around 106mph.

On the road:

Well, it's basically a pickup truck on steroids. So it acts just like a pickup truck, and you would think it's slow – but it's not actually – and of course it feels fast because you are up so high – which

means everybody else looks small. The suspension setup is lovely and it doesn't feel like a pickup at all. Actually its really refined, but still able to do all the off-road stuff you would expect a vehicle like this to do. Talking about off-road, I took the 'Raptor' on quick 'field trip' around the muddy roads and rivers where I live - and to my surprise it was brilliant. We have also had a lot of rain here recently, but that did not stop the 'Raptor' making its way through enough mud that would make even a Land Rover Defender think twice.

Interior & Technology:

The inside was kitted out very well, and here are some of the features you can expect to get as standard on the Ford Ranger 'Raptor' including; Unique 17" alloy wheels with all-terrain tyres, Unique Raptor front grille, Widened front and rear wheel arches with 150 mm wider track, Aerodynamic sports hoop with integrated load box illumination, Unique front and rear bumpers, Front aluminium skid plate, FOX Pro shock absorbers with position-sensitive damping, Front and rear ventilated disc brakes, Four off-road tow hooks, Strengthened alloy side steps, Loadbox

roller shutter and carry bars. Plus; Unique Raptor suede trim with heated and power-adjustable seats, Unique perforated leather sports steering wheel with centre marker and Raptor logo, Unique instrument panel cluster, Terrain Management System with six selectable drive modes, FordPass Connect onboard modem, SYNC 3 with 8" Touchscreen and Navigation.

I can also tell you that the inside does not feel cheaply made either and you get plenty of toys to play with and all the controls are set out nicely with many of the buttons and switches having a quality feel. Even the seating is brilliant and nothing like you would expect from a car with the words 'workhorse' in mind.

To sum up:

I really was impressed by the new Ford Raptor, yes it may look like a Pop Star's 4X4 -but I'm telling you now - the new Raptor is the real deal - it's a real 'workhorse' Buy it now!

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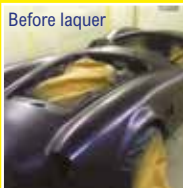
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The Impact of dot-art Schools – New Research Unveiled!



dot-art Schools believes the arts have the power to change and shape young people's lives.

For many Liverpool City Region schools, the annual dot-art Schools inter-school art competition is already a well-established

fixture in the academic calendar as it launches its eighth year. The online art competition culminates in a public exhibition of the winning artworks and a prize giving celebration for teachers, students and their families. The competition is open to all Primary (Year 5) and Secondary (Year 9) and SEND schools in the six boroughs of Liverpool City Region and the surrounding area. It is designed to nurture talent, raise ambition and take art out of the classroom into the real world.

The competition was established in 2012 in response to demand from local schools and the side-lining of the arts in the curriculum, to date over 6700 children from 398 schools have taken part. Participating in the competition can contribute to a school's Artsmark journey, boost students' self-esteem, raise their aspirations and engage student's families.

Earlier this year, dot-art Schools were delighted to be accepted for the CERI (Cultural Education Research Initiative) research project. CERI is a partnership between Curious Minds and Liverpool Hope University to support research-informed practice in cultural education.

The research offered an opportunity to examine what impact participating in the competition has had on both the school and students, and to map and learn more about the social,

economic and educational context those schools sit within. We wanted to discover what motivates schools to take part in dot-art Schools competition. investigate the reasons for the diverse quality of artwork entered and address ways to support teachers to improve the quality of pupil's art experiences. Does competing build quality, so schools produce better art as a result?

"I think the fact that they get to have their work displayed at Liverpool school of art and design, that was just amazing and to have the parents come along, to really show the children that this is a kind of a career, this is something you could do in life. It's not something a lot of them had even considered and then they were just in awe."

Secondary teacher interviewee

"It's a nice way to celebrate our pupils work and for them to receive acknowledgement for the work they've done. I think the awards ceremony is fantastic for boosting their self-esteem getting them out of their comfort zone."

SEN teacher interviewee

CERI Researcher Adam Haunch states:

"The dot art Schools programme has reached out to particularly deprived communities, in a manner that is not only inclusive but that has brought out the very best that these communities have to offer, resulting in, at primary level, schools in highly deprived areas being far more successful than their affluent peers. This is undoubtedly evidence that the cultural capital of these participants has been significantly increased."

The dot-art Schools programme aims to encourage and nurture talent by celebrating and showcasing Year 5 & Year 9 students' artworks both online and in public exhibitions. This research enabled us to gather measurable data on the impact we're having and analyse that data to develop future strategies to improve our offer. The research has clarified

how our work impacts on schools and young people and will inform our planning for new ways we can best support teachers.

We looked at data about participating schools from 2012 – 2018 to give a demographic context of the schools that have taken part. We discovered that 64% of the participating primary schools and 50% of the secondary schools are in the most deprived quarter of the UK population.

The researcher from Liverpool Hope University also conducted interviews with teachers from a representative range of schools and those competing regularly as well as for the first time. dot-art Schools project manager Carolyn Murray commented:

"We're delighted to have taken part in the CERI research which has confirmed many of our hunches about the nature of schools we work with and the positive impact we are having on them and their students across the region. We are inviting primary, secondary and SEN schools across the Liverpool City Region to join us for our 8th annual, inter-school art competition. We look forward to working with even more schools for the 2019-20 competition."

Schools who want to enter next year's dot-art Schools competition can register up to 18th December 2019. For more information visit <http://schools.dot-art.com> or contact Carolyn Murray on schools@dot-art.com.





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Walking Over Hot Coals For Wirral Hospice St John's



Wirral Hospice St John's holds a special place in the hearts and minds of Wirral people. Many have raised thousands of pounds completing challenges to help the hospice to raise monies to continue to provide its expert pain management and symptom control for people with life-limiting illnesses as well as support for their families.

In 2019, events such as a Walk in the Park, It's a Knockout and Mucky Mudder have attracted hundreds of supporters to 'have a go' in hospice managed events, while others have signed up for personal trials of endurance, organised by others, to walk, run, swim, skydive and cycle to raise funds for the hospice.

And now, we know that people are prepared, literally, to walk over hot coals to show their, and their sponsors', magnificent commitment to the hospice.

Recently, more than 50 hardy souls, ('soles?') displayed a rousing level of dedication to walk, barefoot, over several feet of glowing hot embers in Wirral Hospice St John's first ever FireWalk, which was staged next to the hospice grounds.

A team of around ten hospice staff and regular volunteers joined the rest of the prospective firewalkers in a motivational workshop an hour before the event, delivered by master firewalk instructor, Steve Consalvez of Success Formulae.

Some people were 'in the zone' early during the session and demonstrated supreme focus by agreeing to walk over broken glass or breaking arrows, normally used in archery, against a wall using only their throats! All this before embarking on the FireWalk.

Outside was a stunning sight for a large and supportive, and possibly more apprehensive, crowd of spectators who watched as organisers set fire to a bonfire of charcoal logs for the firewalk, with the atmosphere being further stoked by Batala Mersey, an exciting drumming band who brought the upbeat rhythm of Afro-Brazilian samba to an exciting and inspirational evening.

The audience cheered and chanted loudly as each of the Firewalkers emerged from the workshop and lined up to take their first step. Then, after a deep breath, each person strode across the glowing mass of embers, sparks and cinders burning at around 1000 degrees Fahrenheit.

Now, a special type of respect is ascribed to all those people who crashed through their personal barriers to walking purposefully over several metres of hot coals and all to raise funds for their beloved, local hospice.

Sarah Burgess, Wirral Hospice St John's fundraising officer, says:

"It was a special evening. We're so in awe of our fabulous firewalkers and, in fact, of all of the individuals and businesses who take part in, and support the hospice through sponsorship, challenges and events throughout the year. Their dedication means we can provide the specialised nursing and clinical services so cherished by our whole Wirral community."

If people would still like to donate to the hospice team there is a link here, www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wirralhospicefirewalk

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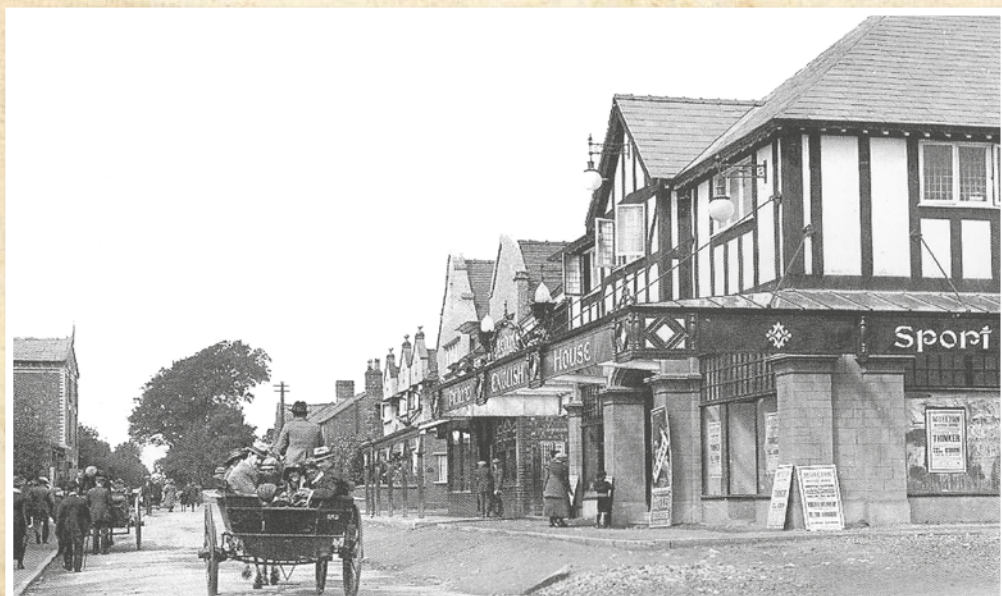
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Deciding What to Plant in a Garden with Vegetables

At first, when deciding what to plant in a garden with vegetables, it's best to start small. Many gardeners get a little too excited at the beginning of the season and plant more than they need and end up wasting food and feeling overwhelmed by their garden.

So first, take a look at how much your family will eat when you think about how to plan a vegetable garden. Keep in mind that vegetables such as tomatoes, peppers, and squash keep providing throughout the season, so you may not need many plants to serve your needs. Other vegetables, such as carrots, radishes, and corn, produce only once. You may need to plant more of these.



Determining How Much Space You Need

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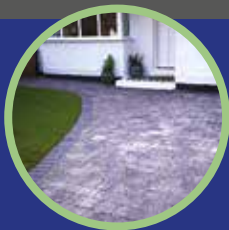
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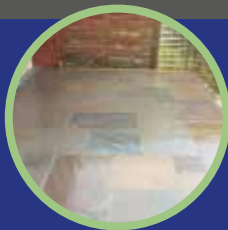
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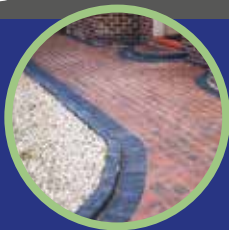
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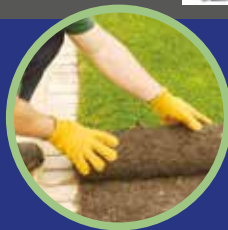
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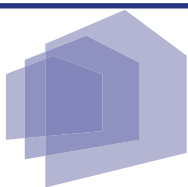
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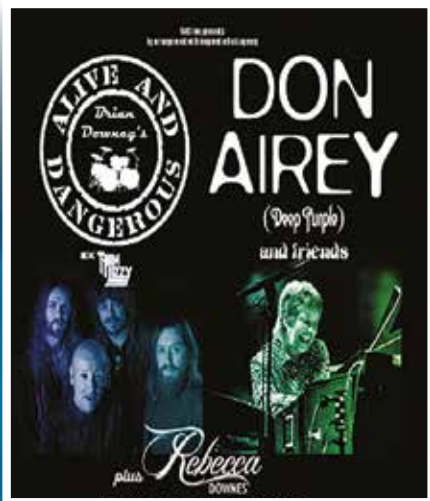
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If gatherings with family and friends are the fabric that weaves each holiday season together, the mouthwatering foods that accompany these celebrations are what brings everyone to the table.

For seasoned pros and home cooks alike, holiday entertaining is an opportunity to gift loved ones with a taste of festive fun. A few simple tips will help make it easy to cook up one delicious holiday season.

- Plan a menu that lets you enjoy the party, too. Serve a simple main course, and let the smaller dishes and desserts be the heroes of the holiday. Flavourful finger foods, appetisers and sweets are easily prepared and guests can serve themselves.
- Keep your kitchen stocked with a few key ingredients that can be used in a variety of dishes. For example, Philadelphia Cream Cheese makes the holidays because it's perfect in rich cheesecake and other desserts, but it also lends a creamy texture to appetisers and main dishes.
- Remember that special can be simple, and recipes do not need to be complex to be guest-worthy. Take care to offer a diverse selection to satisfy a range of tastes and dietary needs, and guests will be eager to enjoy the bounty of your efforts.
- If you'll be hosting or attending multiple events, work ahead. You can make the same dish more than once for different groups of people. Look for recipes you can prep or cook and freeze ahead of time, so you can shop once and make the most of your kitchen time.



Classic Cheesecake

Prep time: **20 minutes**

Total time: **5 hours, 45 minutes** (inc. refrigerating)

Makes: **16 servings**

- 1 1/2 cups digestive biscuit crumbs**
- 3 tablespoons sugar**
- 1/3 cup butter or margarine, melted**
- 4 packages (8 ounces each) PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese, softened**
- 1 cup sugar**
- 1 teaspoon vanilla**
- 4 eggs**
- 1 cup canned cherries**



HEAT oven to 325°F.

MIX digestive crumbs, 3 tablespoons sugar and butter; press onto bottom of 9-inch springform pan.

BEAT cream cheese, 1 cup sugar and vanilla with mixer until blended. Add eggs, 1 at a time, mixing on low speed after each just until blended. Pour over crust.

BAKE 1 hour or until centre is almost set. Run knife around rim of pan to loosen cake; cool before removing rim. Refrigerate cheesecake 4 hours. Top with canned cherries, if desired.

Finger Foods for a Crowd

During the holiday season, mix-and-mingle parties lend a sense of gaiety and make it easier for busy guests to come and go. However, planning the menu for these more casual events can be tricky.

When the hors d'oeuvres are served in place of a sit-down meal, make sure your guests have plenty to eat. If serving a full dinner, take the time of the meal into account to make sure no one fills up on appetisers or becomes too hungry while waiting for dinner.

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HOMEBUILDER PROVIDES TOYS FOR HOSPICE

NEW toys have been delivered to **Claire House Children's Hospice** thanks to **Archway Homes**.

The Cheshire-based company donated £1,235 – half of the proceeds from a summer barbecue – to enable the charity to purchase new switch toys. These specially adapted toys are activated by the push of a large button or switch, making them easy for children who don't have fine motor skills control, or may have other impairments, to use.

Samantha Dean, sales manager for Archway Homes, said: *"As a family-run business, building family homes across Cheshire, we felt that Claire House was a natural choice for us to support. We can't begin to imagine what it's like to have a child who is seriously ill, but want to help play a part in enabling them to enjoy a sense of normality. We hope they have lots of fun playing with the new switch toys purchased thanks to the generosity of our staff, contractors and suppliers."*

Claire House Children's Hospice helps seriously and terminally ill children live life to the full by creating wonderful experiences and bringing back a sense of normality to family life. By providing specialist nursing care and emotional support we help families smile again when life couldn't get any tougher.

Emma Newell, from Claire House, said: *"The play team at Claire House were really excited to receive the donation from Archway Homes. It's enabled them to source new switch toys, which have been specially adapted for easy use by children with learning disabilities, sensory impairments or physical disabilities.*

"The toys are already being put to good use by the children, helping them learn about cause and effect as well as being lots of fun."



Archway Homes has provided new switch toys for Claire House

For more information about Claire House see www.clairehouse.org.uk.

To find out where Archway is building see www.archwayhomes.co.uk.



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Service before self

Birkenhead Rotarians have spent a busy December helping Santa and his new sleigh as he travels around Wirral.



Apart from the warm welcome from Sainsbury's Prenton and Upton Stores, Tesco at Bidston joined in the fun.

Best of all were the planned annual visits to Claire House, Foxfield School and Arrowe Park Hospital for its Christmas event and the Mayor of Wirral's Festive T Dance. President Elect Cath Hayes is pictured second left with the Mayor and Mayoress and Santa outside the Town Hall.

Rotarian Bob Hall is pictured in the Hospital Grotto helping Santa give out the gifts to children, whilst outside Santa was joined by lots of visitors and patients, who admired his new sleigh.

Meanwhile.....



The Shaftesbury Youth Club replacement minibus was brought to a Rotary meeting to enable Rotarians to view it close up. This was the result of the Club's 90th Birthday appeal, where club members presented lots of fundraising events to support the purchase, with grants also provided by WASPS Rugby Legends and the Cloth Workers Foundation.



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Turn right out of the pub and go straight on passing the bottom

of Marshlands Lane and follow the track ahead keeping the Marshes on your left. The track becomes a footpath, then over a stile and into open ground crossing three wooden foot bridges before becoming a footpath on the edge of the marshes. Follow the footpath which can be boggy or overgrown at times until you reach a track where you have to turn right away from the marshes. When you reach the road turn left onto Manorial Road South and continue straight ahead eventually onto Manorial Road. At the end of the road take the footpath on the left and this brings you back to the marshes and onto the Parade at Parkgate.

300 yards on the right is the **Ship Hotel**. The hotel dates from 1787 when it was known as the Princess Royal after a locally-built ship. The hotel bar serves food all day and features historic photos of old Parkgate. Beers include Brimstage Trappers Hat plus three guests.

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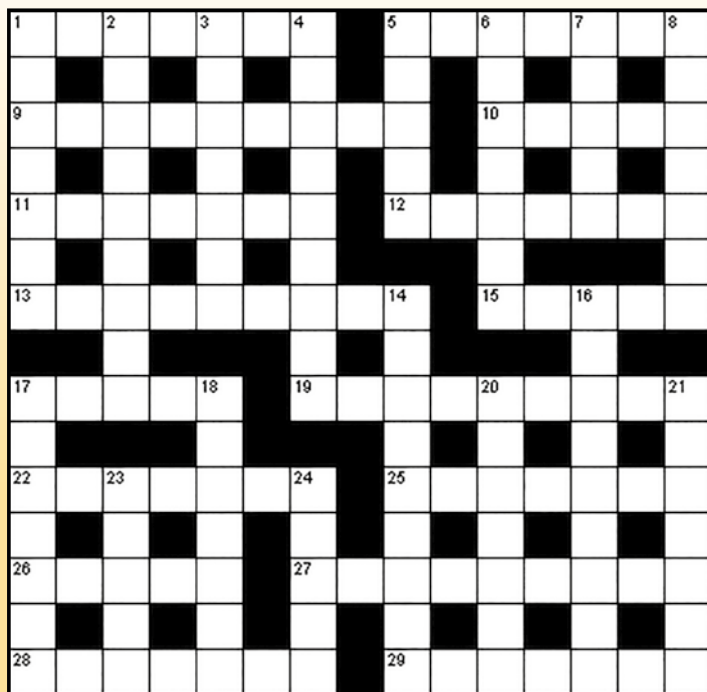
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Quick Crossword Puzzle

Down

1. Put into print (7)
2. Compelled (9)
3. Accord (7)
4. Give up (9)
5. Criminal (5)
6. Implore (7)
7. Small Asian goat antelope (5)
8. Public transport (7)
14. Postponement (9)
16. Linked (9)
17. A repairer of horse equipment (7)
18. Make amends for (7)
20. Boat races (7)
21. Approve of (7)
23. Stubble (5)
24. Measured amounts of medication (5)

Across

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Affirm (7) 5. Cargo (7) 9. Having two sides or parts (9) 10. The Earth (5) 11. An artless innocent young girl (7) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. Used for sewing & knitting (7) 13. Quickly aroused to anger (9) 15. Implied (5) 17. Marsh plant (5) 19. Citation (9) 22. Any 10-limbed crustacean (7) 25. Bitterweed (7) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 26. Andean animal (5) 27. One who watches (9) 28. Sloping roof beams (7) 29. Prattle (7) |
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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**.

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CARE HOME SAYS THANK YOU BY HOSTING A CELEBRATION LUNCH FOR HELPERS



Staff and residents at a Wirral care home have hosted a special celebration lunch to give thanks to their loyal supporters this festive season.

The Hazelwell organised the early Christmas lunch to bring together visiting support staff, volunteers and outside care professionals to let them know how much they appreciate the help they provide. The care home is based in Oldfield Road and offers residential, nursing, palliative and respite care.

The Hazelwell care home manager Sue Ball said the event gave them all the chance to say a big 'thank you' to the regular helpers who do so much for the home.

The Hazelwell team also invited volunteers from the YMCA Wirral in Birkenhead to attend the lunch, The Wirral branch of the YMCA, which is the oldest and largest youth charity in the world, runs a night shelter in Birkenhead, and has a mission to help young people overcome homelessness and ensure they feel they belong and thrive in their local communities. The home continues to support

the night shelter in Birkenhead charity with year-round fundraising and donations.

The relationship between The Hazelwell and the YMCA Wirral goes back a few years, and in January this year the care home was awarded the rare 'Golden Hearts in the Community' award for the money they had raised for the youth charity.

Sue Ball said: "Here at The Hazelwell, we like to use Christmas as an opportunity to thank all the people who have been so supportive to us all year and help to make us the care home we are.

"We also wanted to extend our thanks to the volunteers of the YMCA for all the valuable work they do for the young people of the area. We are really proud of our relationship with the YMCA Wirral in Birkenhead and we know how very important their work is, especially at this time of year."

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