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Hello!

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garden after such a wet  
winter and storm Doris,  
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I'm looking forward to a good spring clean at home - don't forget to donate any unwanted items to the charity shops - some will pick up larger items for you too!

Easter Sunday is on the 16th this month, time to get 'cracking' on the eggs - sorry, I couldn't resist.

We have been running Love Wirral magazine for five years now and it has been such a success, we think it's time to spread our wings to different areas with a sister magazine.

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Best Wishes  
Maxine & Mike



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## MIAMI

This will be your first stop. There are so many sights to see and places to go in Miami. From world-renowned museums to their beautiful parks, beaches, and cultural centres, there is something sure to please the kid in everyone. In fact, you won't believe how many fun things are absolutely free. Miami near perfect weather makes it the ideal place to create great childhood memories during every season of the year.

## NASSAU

Hidden among a group of islands poised between the Atlantic and Caribbean—and only a few hundred miles from the United States' southern coast of Florida—Nassau Paradise Island has sheltered everyone from pirates and freed slaves to blockade runners, rum smugglers and runaway lovers over the centuries. And although times are peaceful now, they still cherish a tradition of people making their own rules under sunny skies.



Musical traditions here reflect both the impact of history on the islands and a homegrown, distinctively national character. All through the islands of The Bahamas, music is woven deeply into the fabric of daily life—so much so that one of the nicknames given to our archipelago is “the Islands of Song”.

## COZUMEL

One of the top diving destinations in the world for its bright storybook coral reefs, the island of Cozumel is also home to a variety of natural beaches. Choose a beach with soft white sand for relaxing, or snorkel off a rockier vista. A destination for both adventure and romance, Cozumel has a year-round Caribbean climate, untrammelled jungle and abundant nightlife.



The most common method of transportation to the island is by boat. There is a ferry service that connects Cozumel to Playa del Carmen for pedestrians, and a ferry out of Calica.

The ferry connecting to Playa del Carmen runs quite frequently, there are three ferries on duty.

If you fly into Cancun, take either an airport-shuttle to Playa del Carmen, or a bus from the airport to Cancun City, and then a taxi to Playa.

From Playa del Carmen you can take the ferry to Cozumel. Once in Cozumel, there are lots of places within walking-distance, or you can take a cab, rent a car, or even a scooter.

Wear really comfortable clothing

(beachwear), shoes (flip-flops!), plus sunscreen and mosquito repellent.

For all travelers, divers, and snorkelers, please do not touch the marine life or pick them up. Let's work together to preserve this beautiful place.

Organize your day and take care in the sun while you are at the beach to avoid heat stroke; always carry water and a hat or cap with you.

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# OUR ZOO

## What's happening at Chester Zoo.

**The little dik-dik making a big impression:  
Keepers step in to hand-rear orphaned baby antelope at Chester Zoo**

- **Tiny dik-dik being cared for by zoo staff after mum passed away soon after giving birth**
- **Newborn antelope stands at just 19-centimetres tall**
- **Little youngster is no bigger than a bottle of pop and too light to register a weight on the zoo's scales**
- **The species is named after the sound it makes when threatened**

Keepers at Chester Zoo have stepped in to raise a young antelope.

The tiny Kirk's dik-dik is being bottle fed by staff five times a day following the sad death of its mum, who passed away not long after giving birth to the now 19-centimetre tall youngster.

He will be given a helping hand until he is old enough to eat by himself.

Assistant team manager Kim Wood and keeper Barbara Dreyer have both been playing 'mum' to the new arrival, who has been named Thanos. He is currently so light he doesn't register a weight on the zoo's set of antelope scales.

Kim said: "The youngster is beginning to find his feet now and is really starting to hold his own. He is doing ever so well and is getting stronger by the day. We're hopeful that, in a few months' time,



we'll be able to introduce him to some of the other members of our group of dik-diks.

"He may be tiny but he is certainly making a big impression on everyone at the zoo."

Kirk's dik-diks grow to a maximum size of just 40cm, making them one of the smallest species of antelope in the world.





# OUR LATEST NEWS & EVENTS

The species takes its name from Sir John Kirk, a 19th century Scottish naturalist, as well as the sound it makes when fleeing from danger.

Kirk's dik-diks are native to North East Africa and conservationists say they mark their territory with fluid from glands between their toes and just under their eyes, not dissimilar to tears.

Through its wildlife conservation campaign, Act for Wildlife, the zoo is helping to save highly threatened species around the world from extinction. Find out more at [www.actforwildlife.org.uk](http://www.actforwildlife.org.uk)

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## BEE GARDEN MASTERCLASS

11am-12pm, 19 April 2017

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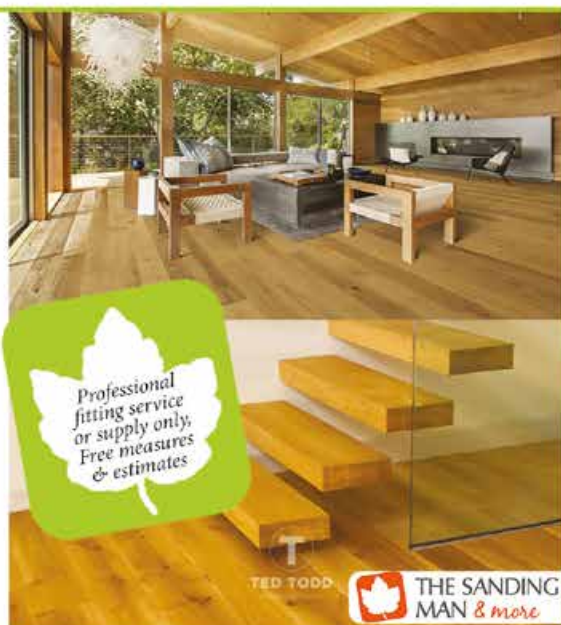
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Sales and Marketing Director at Jones Homes, Gemma Pownall, explains: "We are delighted to release our long awaited second phase at Backford Park. Set in a peaceful location close to the A41, the development offers all the benefits of a tranquil location yet is just a short drive away from the historic city of Chester and within easy commuting distance of the motorways.

"The properties on the second phase are our Signature Collection consisting of large four and five bedroom homes with double garages and will appeal a variety of purchasers looking for a prestigious new home in a fabulous location. With the first phase almost all sold, we would encourage anyone interested in a new home at Backford not to delay and come and see us as soon as they can."

The Signature Collection has also launched the stunning new showhome - The Belgrave II, a five bedroom detached home that offers more than 3,200 sq ft of well planned living space including a fantastic kitchen, dining and family room and en suite to the master bedroom.



Located close to Chester, Backford Park is a prestigious development of 63 homes. At the heart of the project is the sensitive conversion of Grade II listed Backford Hall into beautiful apartments and The Stables block into mews-style properties. A further 45 new build properties are being built in the grounds and will be surrounded by attractive and naturally landscaped gardens.

For further information visit the showhome which is located in off Gordon Lane in Backford, Chester, CH2 4DG.

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3. Earth spins at around 1,000 mph and hurtles through space in its orbit around the sun at about 67,000 mph.
4. 13 people died of alcohol poisoning in 1875 in Ireland when a brewery caught fire causing whiskey to flow through the streets.
5. The solar system is 4.54 billion years old.



6. Scientists have been able to genetically modify mosquitos so that they are unable to transmit malaria to humans.
7. A Martian day is about 44 minutes longer than an Earth day.
8. Microwave ovens were invented by accident. Percy Spencer was standing in front of an active radar set when he noticed the candy bar he had in his pocket had melted.
9. The Mediterranean Sea dried up about 5 million years ago, after it was sealed off from the Atlantic Ocean.
10. An Octopus doesn't have 8 arms but 6 arms and 2 legs.
11. North Korea uses a fax machine to send threats to South Korea.
12. Butterflies live on an all-liquid diet. They can only feed on liquids.
13. The opah, or "moonfish", is the only known fully warm-blooded fish.
14. A Japanese Soldier didn't surrender until 29 years after WW2 was over, in 1974.



15. Michael Jordan was fined US\$5000 for every game that he wore Air Jordans, as the shoes violated NBA policies. But he made an estimated US\$90 million in 2013 alone, mostly from NIKE.
16. 95% of a car's lifetime is spent parked.
17. Australia has over 10,000 beaches. You could visit a new beach every day for over 27 years.
18. Like all living things, humans are bioluminescent: We glow.
19. Someone in the U.S. needs blood every two seconds.

20. There's a rare breed of pigs that looks like sheep.



21. In 2014, 218 baby boys were named "Anakin" from Star Wars in the U.S.
22. In Ancient Rome, the punishment for killing one's father was the death penalty, consisting of being sewn up in a sack along with a viper, a dog, and a cock.
23. Coca-Cola's logo is recognized by 94% of the world's population.
24. In 2013, PayPal accidentally credited US\$92 quadrillion to a Pennsylvania man.
25. YouTube is the second largest search engine, right after Google. It's bigger than Bing, Yahoo!, and Ask combined.
26. The postage stamp of The Statue of Liberty depicts not the real statue in New York, but the replica in Las Vegas.
27. Apple is the world's largest IT company by revenue and total assets, and the world's second-largest mobile phone manufacturer.
28. Apple headquarters' employees earn an average of US\$125,000 a year.
29. Apple's co-founder sold all his shares for \$800. Today, they would have been worth US\$35 billion.
30. Everything you say to Siri is sent to Apple, analyzed and stored.
31. The Queen of the UK is the legal owner of one-sixth of the Earth's land surface.
32. In the UK, all horses, ponies and donkeys must have a horse passport.
33. In London, it is illegal to die in the Houses of Parliament.
34. The man who created the upside down bottle sold the idea for US\$13 million.
35. The first Credit Card was created because of the embarrassment of a man who had to pay for dinner but forgot his wallet.







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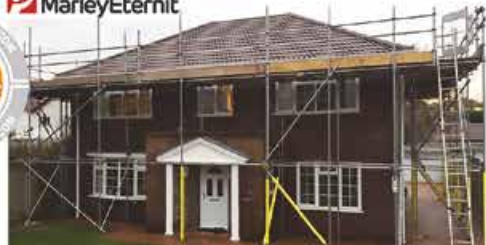
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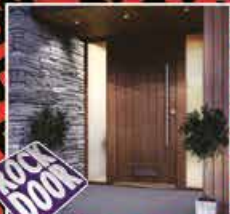
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# AutoReview

by **Tony Yates**

*Keeping you motoring*

## Porsche 911 Turbo



*I'm going to be honest here –  
I am not a big Porsche fan*

*– but the 911 Turbo is a fantastic car. So first off - here are some stats; inside you will find a 3.8 litre twin turbo horizontally opposed engine that sits at the rear and produces 397 kW (540 hp) and a maximum torque of 710 Nm. 0 to 62 mph comes up in 3.0 seconds (with launch control) and a on a race track you will reach a max top speed of 198 mph.*

*Now I have your full attention I  
will begin;*

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### **Design:**

The new 911 Turbo is one of the best looking in the range and it has this ability to appeal to a person's heart as well as their heads. I said I was not a Porsche fan – but if I am honest, I can't stop looking at it because it is such a stunning looking machine that's extraordinary in every way.

Yes the 911 has been around as long as the beginning of time – but then Porsche have an ability to take a design that let's face it, has had many incarnations over many years – and then refine it until they end up offering you something that is simply staggering.

At the front you will find an all new front section which has the addition of LED headlights and 4 point daytime running lights as standard specification on all models. Then, at the rear you will find the elegantly designed three dimensional taillights and the powerfully shaped twin tailpipes that you tend to find nailed to the back of NASA Rocket.

### **On the inside:**

The interior is just as dynamic as the exterior. Sitting inside a modern Porsche is just as good as it has always been.



This is a driver focused car - everything is in the right place and placed perfectly at the drivers fingertips. Nothing for me in here is out of place or fussy.

As standard the Turbo also comes with plenty of equipment, including dual-zone climate, heated windscreen washer jets, electric sports seats and a media system that features integrated sat-nav, USB, Internet functions and a whole host of things to keep you happy for hours if not weeks.

#### **Chassis:**

The chassis of the 911Turbo is epic - there is no other word to describe it. The smooth high speed manoeuvrability of the 911 is the icing on your auntie's sponge cake when it comes to having a lot of fun with a car that basically has a

very large engine hanging out the back. Also, being a 911 it has exceptional levels of stability and cornering agility thanks to those Porsche engineers and those large 20 inch wheels which all help in playing their part in keeping the 911 firmly planted onto the tarmac.

Also, remember 540bhp should not be dismissed - because at times it can be a little scary - especially because of the way the 911 Turbo gets you from standstill to Delcon1.

#### **To sum up:**

Everything about the 911 Turbo is perfection and I for one am missing it terribly right now.

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## Here's a Garden-To-Do List for the springy month of April:

### Kill weeds

Getting on top of weeds early in the season means that you should prevent them seeding and becoming a problem. Hoeing the border once a week works well. Perennial weeds, such as dandelions, will come back if they're hoed off, so to get rid of them permanently use a weedkiller containing glyphosate.

### Get your lawn in shape

After a winter of neglect, your lawn will benefit from a bit of TLC now. Start mowing once a week, beginning with the blades at the highest setting and gradually lowering them over the weeks. If your lawn mower needs replacing, see our Best Buy lawn mowers. For a perfect finish, trim the lawn's edges with long-handled shears or a grass trimmer. Bare or thin patches of grass can be thickened up by raking over the surface and then resowing. Lastly, give the lawn a feed. If it contains weeds or moss, treat these at the same time with a weed, feed and mosskiller treatment.

### Plant out sweet peas

After pinching out sweet peas last month, they should have strong side-shoots that will flower well. Plant them next to a support that they can climb by wrapping their tendrils around; they'll need to be tied in with string at the start to get them going.

### Harvest salads

Early sowings of salads should be ready to pick now. Cut off the leaves, rather than pulling up the whole plant, and they should resprout new ones. Sow a pinch of seeds every few weeks to have a succession of leaves to harvest through the spring and summer. Good salads to try include loose-leaf lettuce, rocket, mizuna and mustard.

### Looking after your lawn

- If you haven't already aerated your lawn, there's still time to do it. You can use either a lawn aerator or simply insert a garden fork at regular intervals and lean it back slightly to let air in.
- Continue to clear fallen leaves off the lawn to keep it healthy.
- Remember to set your lawn mower to a higher cut-height to start with.
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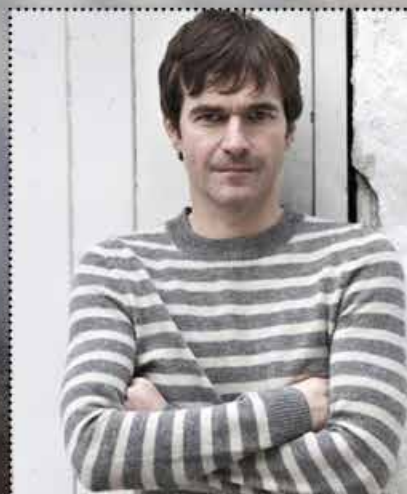
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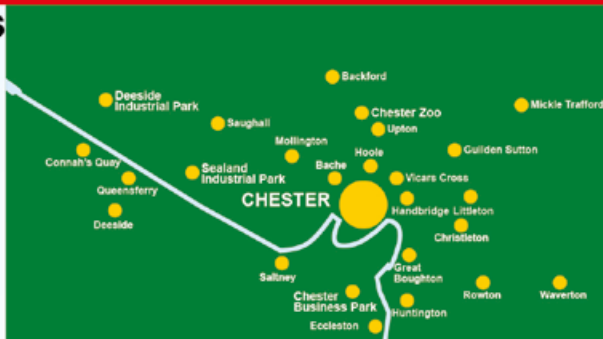
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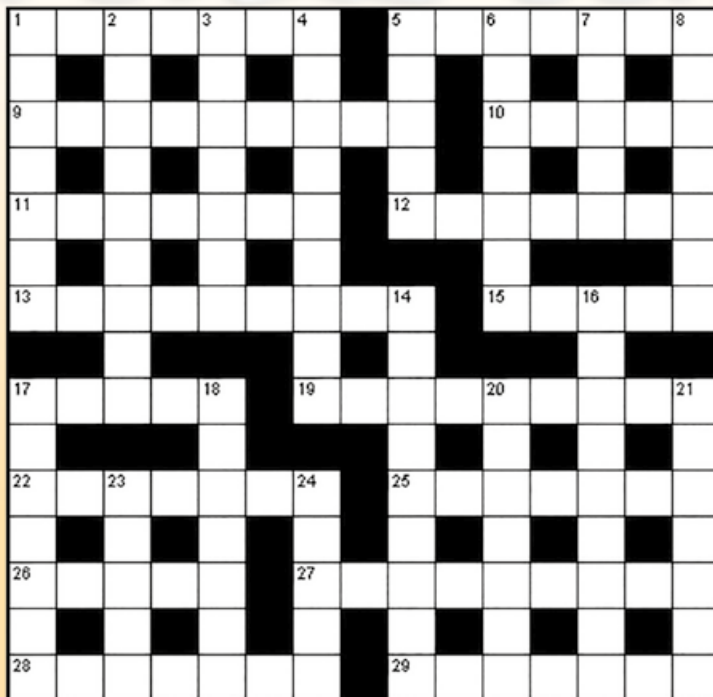
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7. Wood fasteners (5)
8. Loses validity (7)
14. Child (9)
16. A capsule filled with water-soluble dye (9)
17. Dear (7)
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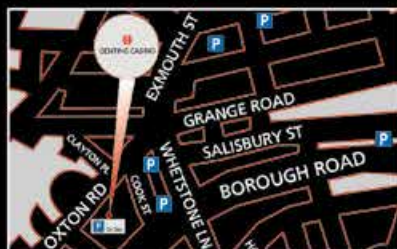
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