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#### Dear Friends,

I can't believe how fast this year has flown! Bonfire night is almost here and Christmas seems to be racing towards us! Check out the Chester Lions Club Firework Display on page

14 for 4th November. Please also spare a thought for our furry friends who get very stressed at this time of the year with the noises and smells.

As Christmas approaches, we start worrying about presents! November is a good time to get started because December seems to go in a flash! Vouchers are always appreciated, what about giving a car Valet for a truly great shine, P.18 or authentic Indian cookery lessons by Soma Indian Cookery Lessons, P.27 - a fabulous gift that you will benefit from too!

I hope I've given you a couple of ideas!!!

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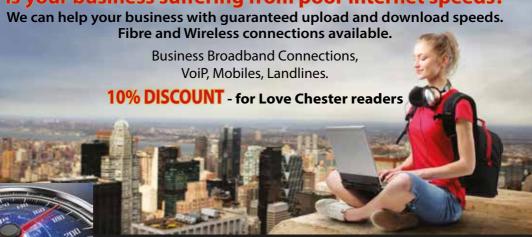
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# What's happening at Chester Zoo.

## World's smallest monkey gives birth to tiny twins at Chester Zoo

 Eastern pygmy marmosets are the world's most miniature species of monkey

- Mini primate mum Audrey delivers healthy twins, weighing just 15 grams each
- At just four-weeks-old, the babies are only now big enough to spot inside their zoo habitat
- Dad Gumi taking on most of the parental chores

## Eastern pygmy marmoset Audrey is now the proud mum of tiny twins at Chester Zoo.

A pygmy marmoset, the world's smallest species of monkey, has given birth to twins at Chester Zoo.

The tiny babies, weighing in at just 15 grams, will measure just five inches in length when fully grown.

Arriving to mum Audrey and dad Gumi, the mini monkeys were born on 25 July but have only now grown to size whereby they're big enough to spot. Dr Nick Davis, Deputy Curator of Mammals at the zoo. said:

"Pygmy marmosets actually have relatively large babies for their tiny size. An adult will only weigh up to around 150 grams and so each baby equates to around 10% of its body weight.

"After giving the babies their regular feeds, mum Audrey, like all other female Eastern pygmy marmosets, steps aside while dad takes on the parental chores."

"The youngsters can therefore often be seen being carried by dad Gumi for long periods of time as mum takes a well-deserved break."

Eastern pygmy marmosets are native to the rainforests of western Brazil, southeastern Colombia, eastern Ecuador and eastern Peru where they are threatened by both habitat loss and being captured for the pet trade.



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our gates is contributing to our vital global conservation work, preventing extinction overseas and here in the UK."

#### 10 best rated zoos in the world

- 1. Loro Parque, Puerto de la Cruz, Spain
- 2. San Diego Zoo, San Diego, United States
- 3. Chester Zoo, Chester, United Kingdom
- 4. Singapore Zoo, Singapore
- 5. Prague Zoo, Prague, Czech Republic
- 6. St. Louis Zoo, Saint Louis, United States
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- 1. It is illegal to wear a bikini in Barcelona, except on the beach.
- 2. In 1853, the Venus de Milo statue was put on trial for nudity in Mannheim, Germany.
- 3. Aztec mothers who died in childbirth were regarded as highly as warriors who died in battle.
- 4. Shark Bay, Australia, is now called 'Safety Beach'. It changed its name to attract tourists.
- 18.3% of Iceland's population uses cannabis, placing them as the top marijuana consuming nation in the world.



When Muhammad Ali lost a fight against Larry Holmes, a 14-year-old Mike Tyson promised him that when he "got big" he would take down Larry Holmes for him. Six years later, he took Holmes down.

- 7. The main actor of "The Gods Must Be Crazv" was only paid \$300, even though the film made over \$60 million.
- 8. Rock Paper Scissors was invented in China, but popularized in Japan, where it's called "Janken."
- 9. Saltwater crocodiles enjoy catching a wave and can travel hundreds of kilometres by "surfing" on ocean currents.
- 10. 'Orchid' actually means testicle. The surgical procedure to remove one or more testicles is an 'orchidectomy'.
- 11. More than a third of all sick leave is taken on a Monday, researchers found.
- 12. The word "vodka" is a diminutive form of the Slavic word "voda" (water), interpreted as "little water."
- 13. In 1916, the German Empire allowed citizens to take passport photos with their dogs.



- **14.** It is possible to age a lobster by counting the rings on its eyestalks.
- 15. Black Sabbath's eponymous debut album was released on Friday the 13th, 1970.
- **16.** 24 is the age you're most likely to shop at IKEA, according to a study.
- 17. Finland's passport became a flipbook when it was redesigned in 2012. It features a moose that walks across the page as you thumb through it.
- 18. Lee Harvey Oswald wasn't arrested for killing JFK. He was actually arrested for fatally shooting a police officer 45 minutes after the death of Kennedy.
- 19. Chewing gum became a global phenomenon during WWII when it was included in American GI rations.

20. In 1986, a Soviet pilot made a bet with his co-pilot that he could land the aeroplane with an instrument-only approach, with no visual contact with the ground. He crashed the plane, killing 70 of the 94 passengers and crew on board.



- 21. Taylor Swift has trademarked the phrases "this sick
- Where you been?" 22. After the assassination of JFK, all three U.S. TV networks interrupted their regular programming to

beat", "party like it's 1989," and "Nice to meet you.

- cover it for 4 straight days, the longest uninterrupted news event until 9/11.
- Apollo Astronauts couldn't get life insurance. They made their own by autographing cards to be sold by their families if they didn't return.



- 24. A British study found that one third of vegetarians eat meat when drunk.
- 25. The Statue of Liberty employs gum-cleaning staff who use specially designed "GumBuster" machines.
- 26. In Sweden, IKEA is pronounced "ee-kay-uh" not "eye-kee-ah". The word is made up of the initials of the founder's name and the village he grew up in.
- 27. During Germany's hyperinflation that peaked in 1923. a loaf of bread cost 428 billion marks and a kilo of butter would run you roughly 6 trillion.
- 28. U.S. television networks allow alcohol to be advertised as long as no one in the commercial is actually drinking it.
- 29. Divers who recover golf balls from lakes make up to £116,000 per year or \$150,000.
- 30. "Euouae" is the longest word in the English language which is made up of nothing but vowels.
- **31.** There are only four artists who have achieved a Top 40 hit every decade since the 1980s: U2, Michael Jackson, Madonna, and Weird Al Yankovic.
- **31.** 1 in 5 kidneys donated in the U.S. are thrown away because a suitable recipient can't be found.
- **32.** Tutankhamun was the only ancient Egyptian who was mummified with an erect penis.
- 33. The largest volcanic region on Earth is two kilometres below the surface of the vast ice sheet that covers west Antarctica, where at least 136 volcanoes are located.
- 34. The site of Berlin's Tempelhof Airport was originally Knights Templar land in medieval Berlin, and from this beginning came the airport's name.
- **35.** France paid the highest taxes in Europe in 2016, with a real tax rate of 57.53%.

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## REVIEW by Tony Yates

Keeping you motoring

### Modern Technology - it's so unnecessary



I test many cars week on week - and I am constantly told how the new car I have this week has yet another staggering amount of on-board technology that is helping to make our cars safer, but also to make our lives easier too.

Well, I have given this some thought and I believe actually that some of this so called 'new tech' is actually making my life harder - and I will explain why.

#### **Automatic/Electronic Handbrake: The Devils Tool**

I own a little Fiat 500 which has a normal handbrake - Yes. one that you actually have to grab hold of and move a part of your body to make it function. This is a very simple device that has over its time saved many drivers from thundering down steep hills, over cliffs or if you're a 'yobbo' doing handbrake turns in empty car parks at 2am in the morning.

So, then comes along a new and modern electronic handbrake that we are told will make our lives' so much better - except mine, because as I said earlier - I drive very modern cars all year round and many of them now come with an electronic handbrake.

So, what do you think happens when I potter around in my own car? Well I will tell you what happens.

I basically forget I have to pull the lever to stop my car from rolling into another car, or from rolling down a hill because my brain had assumed that I was still driving the car with the electronic device fitted and the cars computer would do it for me.

By forgetting this, it forces me into scrambling back into my car all the time to frantically reach for the lever.

Of course some of you might argue that maybe its best all round if all cars are fitted with such a device so this can never happen again and you would have a very good point.

But, for the sake of me and all the other millions of people who can be regularly seen chasing their own car down the street - can we please just go back to the way it was before.

Of course there is more.

You know the automatic tailgate release button on your key fob? How many times have you actually used it? Both of the cars I own come with that feature but I have never used it because in most cars all it does is unlatch the boot.

Of course in a high end car you may have a motorised tailgate that lifts for you - but in a Fiat 500 you have nothing of the

Also, it's not like I go shopping and return to my car and think. 'Dam, my hands are full - lets fumble about in my pocket for the car key and press the button to unlatch the boot lock' - to then have to use my actual hand to lift the boot handle right where the latch is in the first place, it's crazy. For me it is once again a completely pointless and utterly unless function and something that is just there for the only purpose of telling your friends you own a car with a button that unlocks the boot - and if you have conversations like that you probably don't have any friends anyway.

So, moan over and now onto the road test of the Subaru Outback - a car that I liked very much, even before I got behind the wheel of the updated version.

#### **Outback 2.0D SE Auto**

The Subaru Legacy Outback was introduced to the world back in 1995, and was for me one of the world's first crossovers because it had managed to successfully combine the benefits of a passenger estate with the all-road capabilities of an SUV.

Since its introduction, the Outback has acted as Subaru's flagship model in the UK, winning praise for its practical, all-road nature as well as winning the hearts and minds of whoever took to the wheel.

We are now into 2017 - and the fifth generation Subaru Outback you see before you sports a modern exterior design, a significantly higher quality interior than most, along with a raft of safety technology.

#### **Power and Efficiency**

The Outback was equipped with an efficient 2.0-litre Boxer Diesel engine - a unit that provides you with a maximum power of 150 PS and a torque figure of 350NM. On the combined cycle I achieved 46mpg which is quite impressive and if you are at all interested in maximum speed - then it comes in at around119mph and 0-62mph in 9.9s.

Outback buyers also have the option to choose a175PS naturally-aspirated 2.5-litre petrol engine which has been engineered for greater environmental friendliness and more accessible power, but I would opt for the Diesel every time as I feel it's the better choice out of the two units.

#### On the Road

The Outback feels great on any road surface and that's thanks to its predictable handling and smooth ride. Remember the Outback also has some of the best off-road capabilities and is in itself an effortless car to drive thanks mainly to the Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive layout, which helps further increase the Outback's off-road credentials even over some of the toughest terrains.

I was also genuinely astonished how sure footed the Outback felt - even when pushed to the limit. I can clearly see now why so many outdoor family's choose own one as a second car.

**Design and Technology**Some of standard equipment on the Outback comes in the form of: Automatic LED headlamps, LED tail lamps, 17-inch aluminium alloy wheels, protective body cladding, wheel mounted gearshift paddles, automatic air conditioning system, tyre pressure monitoring system, 5.0-inch EyeSight LCD driver display, 7 airbags, ABS with Electronic Brake-force Distribution, Thatcham Cat 1 alarm Immobiliser, Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive, Vehicle Dynamics Control, Hill Start Assist and **Active Torque Vectoring** 

Entertainment, you also get a 7.0-inch touch screen infotainment system, satellite navigation, Subaru STARLINK connectivity, steering wheel-mounted audio controls, Bluetooth hands-free, USB port and a six-speaker audio system.

#### To Sum Up

The Outback is nothing short of brilliant - it will be everything you will ever need it to be and then some. Of course there are areas where I feel the interior could be a touch better - but it's very functional and the drive is most rewarding. I am happy to give the Outback 5 stars because it truly is a machine that always delivers - time and time again.

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One of the Club's last summer events is the September weekend camp. Camps are popular events on the Club calendar, offering us the opportunity to explore areas further away than our regular Sunday and mid-week walks. Members who don't fancy camping or caravanning book themselves into a B&B or hire a cottage nearby. There are no hard and fast rules, just that everyone has a great time! This autumn's trip under canvas took us to the Llyn Peninsular, for a chance to walk along the coastal path in this stunningly beautiful corner of Wales. Our hillside campsite, situated a few minutes walk from Aberdaron, offered a glorious view across the bay, and the surrounding hills and cliffs. The nearby humps of Mynydd Ystum, Mynydd Anelog, Mynydd Graig and Mynydd Rhiw were a sight to behold when we unzipped the tent flaps each morning!

Friday was a clear, warm day and we headed south along the cliff path from Aberdaron for the first walk. The route took us to the end of the peninsular at Pen y Cil, where a magnificent view of Bardsey Island appeared. Our lunch stop at Mynydd Gwyddel overlooked the sea, glistening in the late summer sunshine. After this welcome rest, we separated into two groups, the more energetic taking in the extra climb onto the summit of Mynydd Mawr, the rest of us opting for an easier route across the peninsular and back to base.

Saturday was cloudy, breezy, and dry for our 9 1/2 mile hike incorporating a recently opened part of the coastal path. heading east towards Rhiw. Most members had never walked this section of the cliffs, and there was an air of excited anticipation at treading new ground! It didn't disappoint. The craggy cliffs here tower above the sea and views in both directions are wonderful. At Porth Ysgo there are relics of the long abandoned manganese workings, once a noisy industrial area, now a beautiful place reclaimed by nature and walkers. Beyond here, the coastal path climbs gently up Mynydd Penarfynydd. At the summit, we were blown away, not only by strong gusty winds, but magnificent panoramic views! Westwards were the cliffs and hills we'd trodden yesterday, with the grey outline of Bardsey in the distance. To the east lay the 4-mile stretch of sand at Hell's Mouth and the cliffs of Mynydd Cilan beyond. Inland were the nearby twin peaks of Mynydd Rhiw, and much further away the rounded hump of Garn Fadryn glowered in the background. The rough winds soon drove us downhill for our homeward trek along the old coastal path. These footpaths are less used these days, but are still useful in creating circular walking routes. Eventually, we reached the delightful Daron valley that carries the river down to the sea. From there, a short and final uphill walk took us back to the campsite and a welcome cup of tea.

Wind and rain greeted us on the morning of our final day's walking, along the northward stretch of coastal path heading

for Porth Oer, aka Whistling Sands. This side of the Llyn is less rocky, with grassy slopes tumbling gently to the sea - and some beautiful beaches. We sat on a hillside to eat our packed lunches, watching the rain and mist blowing in from the sea. Very soon, however, glimpses of blue sky peeped between the clouds, promising better weather for the afternoon. By the time we reached Whistling Sands, the sun was out! Off came the raincoats and the boots, and into the sea we all strode for a paddle! A surprising end to a truly enjoyable few days.

With summer behind us, the days are shorter and there's a definite autumnal nip in the air. Our winter programme offers an exciting choice of Sunday and midweek walks for the next few months, while Tuesday night get-togethers and Christmas events offer some cheer on cold dark evenings. Check out what we're up to by visiting our website:

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Maria Owen, Press Officer, Chester Rambling and Hill Walking Club.

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Led by experienced leaders, our Sunday and Wednesday walks last approx 6 hours, so bring picnic, flask and water. These hikes cover Snowdonia and North Wales, Cheshire, Shropshire, Lancashire and Derbyshire. Sorry - no dogs or under 18s allowed on our walks.

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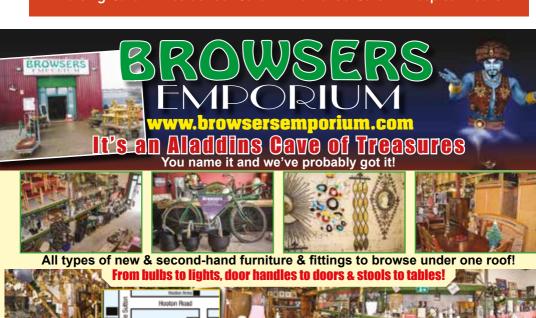
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#### In the garden

- There's still time to plant daffodil bulbs and other spring flowering bulbs for a magnificent start to next years display.
- Plant tulip bulbs now to prevent Tulip Fire infection.
- Plant up a terracotta pot of hyacinth bulbs for a simple but stunning display next spring.
- Plant out spring bedding displays of pansies, violas and primulas.
- Start to plant bare-root roses they can be planted any time between now and March.
- Plant heathers, grasses and trailing ivy in pots for winter colour.
- Now is the ideal time to plant a magnolia tree for a beautiful spring display.
- Gather up fallen leaves from around the base of rose bushes which suffered from blackspot or rust this summer, to reduce the chance of infection next year.

 Continue to lift dahlia tubers, begonias and gladiolus corms to store dry over the winter months. Remove the dead foliage before storing.

#### Looking after your lawn

- If you haven't already aerated your lawn, there's still time to do it before winter sets in. 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 for winter.
- Now your beds are clear, try edging your lawn. Lawn edging creates a neat and tidy appearance and makes maintenance easier.
- Try gathering your leaves on to the lawn and mow them with a rotary mower that has a collection box on the back.
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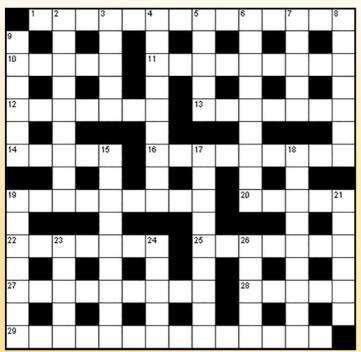
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#### Down

- 2. Vanish (9)
- 3. Not outer (5)
- 4. Crucial (9)
- 5. Half of six (5)
- 6. Vigilance (9)
- 7. Absurd (5)
- 8. Convent (7)
- 9. Boat (6)
- 15. Conference (9)
- 17. Pennants (9)
- 18. Separation (9)
- 19. A mild powdered seasoning (7)
- 21. Leave suddenly (6)
- 23. Melodies (5)
- 24. Oar (5)
- 26. Allegation (5)

#### Across

- 1. Governance (14)
- 10. Malicious burning (5)
- 11. Ceramic ware (9)
- 12. Male ruler of an empire (7)
- 13. Far beyond a norm (7)
- 14. Utilizers (5)

- 16. Cutbacks (9)
- 19. Circumference (9)
- 20. Hair net (5)
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## Prime Minister awards outstanding Cheshire volunteer

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The five acre reserve, adjacent to Bebington Railway Station, has attracted 50,000 visitors since opening in 1993 and supports at least 397 species. Recently, Hilary has spearheaded the creation of a new sculpture trail on the site, showcasing the work of 11 local artists. Hilary has volunteered her botany expertise for 30 years through the 'Cheshire Wildlife Trust', aiding other conservation work across the Wirral and supporting research investigating plant growth on industrial waste sites.

Hilary is the latest recipient of the Points of Light award which recognises outstanding volunteers who are making a change in their community and inspiring others. Each day, someone, somewhere in the country is selected to receive the award to celebrate their remarkable achievements.

In a personal letter to Hilary, Prime Minister Theresa May said: "In founding the 'New Ferry Butterfly Park', you have created an area of beauty and biodiversity that is benefitting your local community. You should be proud of all you have achieved in your decades of volunteering, and particularly how you have attracted not only 50,000 visitors but supported nearly 400 species."

Charlotte Harris, Chief Executive Officer at Cheshire Wildlife Trust said: "We were thrilled to hear that Hilary had won today's Points of Light Award. Volunteers are the live-blood of our organisation — helping us to achieve so much to protect and promote wildlife in Cheshire. Hilary has been instrumental to the success of New Ferry Butterfly Park. Her passion for wildlife and her achievements as part of our local group, Wirral Wildlife, make her a well-deserved winner!"



Photograph: Dr Hilary Ash

Hilary said: "I am very surprised to be given this national award. Most of my voluntary work is in Wirral, where I help run a nature reserve, 'New Ferry Butterfly Park', and do nature conservation advice and outreach on behalf of 'Cheshire Wildlife Trust.' But it is all done together with other people, as it takes lots of volunteers to help nature to thrive and encourage people to enjoy it. So thank you on behalf of us all."

Hilary is the 791st winner of the Points of Light award, which has been developed in partnership with the hugely successful Points of Light programme in the USA. Over 5,000 Points of Light have been awarded in the USA, and both President George H. W. Bush and President Barack Obama have publicly supported the partnership with Points of Light UK. There is a similar cross-party approach to the UK programme and MPs from different parties often present their constituents with their Points of Light awards.

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