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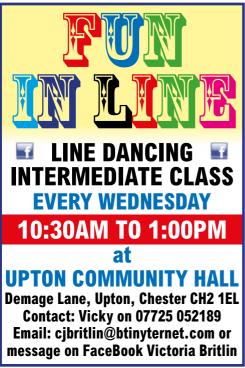


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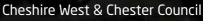
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- 2. German citizens can travel to 177 territories without a visa nor a visa given on arrival, the most in the world.
- 3. In Iceland, you can hand-draw a map on a piece of mail without an address, and it will still make it to its destination.
- 4. A newborn panda weighs less than an iPhone.



- Men who drink 6 or more cups of coffee daily decrease their risk of developing prostate cancer by 20%, a study found.
- 6. Drug companies spend 24% of revenue on marketing and just 13% on research and development.
- 7. The dress worn by Marilyn Monroe during filming of The Misfits sold for US\$66,000.
- 8. In 2015, a German man celebrated his birthday for 46 hours, the longest birthday ever, by travelling across time zones.



- Unlike most fish, seahorses are covered in bony plates instead of scales.
- It takes about 0.2 seconds for your brain to recognize something touching your hand or foot.
- In 2004, a woman tried to use a fake million dollar bill to buy US\$1,675 worth of merchandise at Wal-Mart and expected US\$998,325 in change.
- 12. The surname Beethoven meant "beet garden" in Dutch.
- There's a book called "Everything men know about a women" that is just 120 blank pages.



- **14.** Houdini drew on his arsenal of magician's tricks to provide special instructions to American troops during WWI.
- 15. In 1945, an airplane crashed into the Empire State Building. When rescuers attempted to rescue an elevator operator, the cable snapped, plunging her 75 stories down. She survived and still holds the record for longest survived elevator fall.
- A Pythagorean cup will automatically empty itself if you fill it too much.

 Jack Kerouac typed his novel "On the Road" on a 120-foot roll of paper in 3 weeks.



- In 2014, Hawaii attempted to combat homelessness by providing one way tickets back to the mainland for any homeless person who wanted one.
- **19.** In 1949, a flock of starlings perched on the minute hand of Big Ben, slowing it by 4.5 minutes.



- **20.** Walruses have the longest total gestation period of any seal: up to 16 months.
- An artificial intelligence system developed by Google and the University of Oxford can lip read better than humans.
- The special forces unit that rescued Captain Phillips was the same unit that killed Osama Bin Laden two years later.
- 23. "Stranger Things" was rejected 15 to 20 times by different networks before Netflix picked it up.
- 24. An unclaimed land between Serbia and Croatia is home to one man's libertarian dream, Liberland, a country with no compulsory taxes, no gun control and Bitcoins as currency.
- 25. When Christopher Columbus needed a place to store his loot, he went to the Banco di San Giorgio in Genoa, Italy, the world's first public modern bank.
- **26.** Spiders can tune the strings in their webs to transmit specific messages.
- The greenest, safest and most productive buildings in the U.S. are airports, followed by government offices and hospitals.
- 28. In Japan, there's a museum of rocks that look like faces.



- **29.** Phoenix, Arizona, used to be named Pumpkinville.
- **30.** No sitting U.S. president has visited Antarctica.
- In 2012, a Hong Kong business tycoon offered a US\$65 million reward for any man who can woo and marry his lesbian daughter.
- 32. Firefighters in Dubai use jetpacks to tackle blazes in high-rise buildings.
- **33.** People in UK who wake in the middle of the night are most likely to do it at 3:44 a.m.





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Rare baby 'forest dragons' hatch at Chester Zoo





## **OUR LATEST NEWS & EVENTS**

- FOUR Bell's anglehead lizards emerge from eggs
- Threatened species, also known as the Borneo forest dragon, is something of a mystery to reptile experts
- Conservationists are unsure how many remain
- Zoo experts are beginning to unearth hidden secrets of the lizard's breeding habits

## Reptile keeper Nathan Wright holds a rare Bell's anglehead lizard at Chester Zoo

A clutch of rare baby 'forest dragons' have hatched at Chester Zoo – helping to uncover more about one of the world's least understood reptiles.

The Bell's anglehead lizard, also known as the Borneo forest dragon, is found in parts of South East Asia but reptile experts at the zoo say little is otherwise known about the mysterious creatures.

Population estimates on the species have never been carried out meaning no one is aware of how many exist in the wild or how just threatened they might be.

But now, the emergence of four tiny lizards at the zoo is helping reptile conservationists discover some of the secrets about how they live.

Matt Cook, Lead Keeper of reptiles at the zoo, said:

"The Bell's anglehead lizard is an elusive a little-understood species. Reliable information about them is incredibly scarce, so much so that even to reptile experts they are somewhat of a mystery.

"What we do know is that, as their name suggests, these forest dragons live in forests in South East Asia. This is habitat which, across the region, is being completely decimated to make way for unsustainable palm oil plantations – a threat which is pushing all manner of species, big and small, to the very edge of existence.

"Breeding these rare lizards at the zoo allows us to increase our knowledge of the species. For example, we've already discovered that their incubation period is between 151 and 155 days; that they reach sexual maturity at around three-years-old and that the females deposit up to four eggs per clutch in a small burrow in deep soil."

The recently hatched youngsters are currently being cared for in a special behind-the-scenes rearing facility at the zoo but visitors can see their parents in its Realm of the Red Ape habitat.



Keeper Ruth Smith with the newly hatched Bell's anglehead lizard (Photo: Matt Cook)

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Founded in 1630 and one of the oldest and most culturally significant cities in the USA, it is also a modern metropolis with a wide variety of attractions. It's also very easy to get around, either on foot or on the user-friendly public transport system.

The Freedom Trail, a well-preserved pedestrian path, weaves in and out of historic neighbourhoods, from the lively Boston Common and Public Garden to the gold-domed State House, Quincy Market and Faneuil Hall. Between landmarks, you can shop in the fabulous stores on Newbury Street, have a delicious Italian meal in the North End or browse the antique shops and distinctive red brick buildings of Beacon Hill.

The more culturally inclined will not want to miss the city's world-class museums, theatres and music venues, including the John F. Kennedy Library and the Museum of Fine Arts.

Just across the river, the city of Cambridge is home to Harvard University and the U.S.S. Constitution. This family-friendly city also boasts a renowned aquarium, children's museum and science museum, making it a great destination for all. You'll then set sail for **NEW YORK** which is one of the most vibrant and exciting cities in the world. Whether you have come to the Big Apple for the shopping, architecture, nightlife, Broadway shows or just to stroll through Central Park and soak up the electric atmosphere, it is a city that never disappoints.

You can dine in bustling Chinatown or stylish Greenwich Village or wander through SoHo and Little Italy revelling in their vibrant character.

Many of New York's museums and art galleries have recently been refurbished and the choice of exhibitions, shows and performances on offer is staggering.

Along with the more traditional attractions of the Statue of Liberty, Empire State Building and Brooklyn Bridge you can also visit Ground Zero, take a trip over the city by helicopter, tour around on an open top bus, or see the Manhattan skyline from the river at night. Further afield why not explore the colourful neighbourhoods of Harlem and Queens, which have opened their doors to visitors in recent years.

After exploring New York city and its many attractions you will board your ship and head for **ORLANDO FLORIDA**. One of the largest cities in the state, Orlando is recognised as the theme park capital of the world and is now established as one of the most visited cities in the country.

Located in the centre of Florida, the city initially flourished from the citrus industry, only starting to emerge as a popular resort after the war. The starting point for Orlando's transformation came with the development of Walt Disney World in 1971 and the many famous attractions that quickly followed. Along with Disney World, Universal Studios, SeaWorld and Wet 'n Wild are the city's most popular attractions. Alongside the theme parks the city offers an abundance of large hotels, shopping malls and golf courses together with an array of day tours and excursions that cater for all ages.

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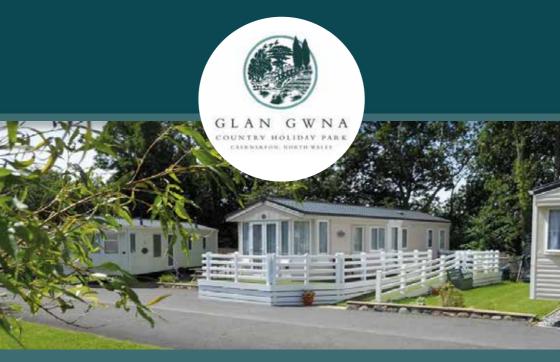
The key attraction is Miami Beach, a thin strip of land between the Atlantic Ocean and Biscayne Bay. The southern section, South Beach, is well known for its pastel-hued art deco buildings, hip nightclubs and smart restaurants, the best of which line Ocean Drive.

The most opulent villa is the Casa Casuarina, the former home of Gianni Versace. Other parts of the city are also worth visiting, such as Little Havana and Little Haiti, both lively Hispanic districts.



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More than 75 volunteers are needed to marshall the route and help with setting up the event to ensure that all participants can take part safely.

Justin Caroe, Hospice Community Fundraiser, said: "Our Chester Sparkle Night Walk is reliant on an army of enthusiastic volunteers to be a success. Their presence is paramount to keeping it running smoothly and safely."

The Chester Sparkle Night Walk starts at Grosvenor Park and will see hundreds of walkers 'sparkle' under the stars. The 5km circular route through Chester City Centre passes iconic buildings and locations along the way including: Chester Cathedral, Eastgate Clock, Chester Racecourse and finishes within the Amphitheatre.

Justin added: "The Hospice relies on donations for the majority of its income, so events like the Chester Sparkle Night Walk are a vital way of raising funds. There is always a fantastic atmosphere, so I'd encourage everyone to come along and be part of an incredible event that helps support the only adult hospice in Chester."

The Hospice of the Good Shepherd doesn't make a charge to patients for using the services but it does cost  $\pounds11,000$  per day for the hospice to provide the necessary care and support.

Volunteers will need to be on-site from 7pm until around 1am depending on the role and refreshments will be provided. If you would like to volunteer your help please email fundraising@hospicegs.com or call 01244 851 811. If you are interested in taking part in the event please sign up here https://www.tickettailor.com/events/ hospiceofthegoodshepherd/146159

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## **Quiet room opens in Spiritual Care Centre**

A new quiet room has opened in the Spiritual Care Centre, providing a closed off area with increased privacy for patients, staff and visitors.

The room, which has been funded by money donated from the annual Trees of Life ceremony, has been designed for anyone in the hospital who needs a quiet space to reflect, seek advice or simply escape the hustle and bustle and have a cup of tea.

As part of the improvements to the chapel a new fixed glass divide with double doors also provides increased privacy from the often noisy main corridor for anyone attending a service, praying or simply taking time out to think.

John Kingsley, Head of Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care Services, said: "The Spiritual Care Centre is here for everyone, whatever their religion or thoughts on religion, and we're very proud to be able to offer a quiet space like this because being in a hospital can be upsetting for so many different reasons.

I can't thank the Countess Charity enough for all their support with this project and the members of the public whose generous donations made it all possible."

The quiet room, which is complete with relaxing lavender décor and comfortable armchairs, was opened by Director of Corporate and Legal Services Stephen Cross who explained that this is something patients and staff had asked for.

Stephen said: "Following our recent CQC inspection we surveyed people who use the Spiritual Care Centre, with many of them requesting facilities to increase privacy and dignity. As a result I am delighted to open the new quiet room and I hope having this place for quiet reflection and contemplation makes a massive difference to patients, staff and visitors at the hospital. "

Lesley Woodhead, Head of Fundraising, said: "Donations to the Trees of Life appeal from those remembering loved ones have created a special and quiet space in the hospital for others to benefit from. This year we light the lights in the trees at The Countess on the 7th December and at Ellesmere Port on 10th December.""



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- to pray for those with responsibility for providing and allocating resources required in the investigation, treatment and care of patients with cancer
- to help those affected to understand the Christian value of suffering and that the prayers of the sick and those who look after them have great power with God
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Cheshire Autism Practical Support

## A series of "amazing paintings" were on show at a three day exhibition of art and poetry produced by people from across the Autism spectrum .

Members of the Cheshire Autism Practical Support group (ChAPS) produced the work which was shown off at the exhibition which took place at Northwich Business Centre.

Jo Garner, Managing Director of ChAPS, said: "It was a fantastic opportunity to put on our annual art exhibition, and there were some amazing paintings on show.

"For the first time this year, we also added some poems written by our members explaining what it is like to live with autism.

"They all did themselves, and ChAPS, very proud, and we were delighted to showcase their work to everyone that visited."

The exhibition came just prior to the start of World Autism Awareness week, which runs from March 26 until World Autism Awareness day on April 2nd.

ChAPS, which has bases in Runcorn and Northwich, runs a series of activities which have benefitted thousands of people of all ages who are on the autism spectrum.

These are extremely wide-ranging, including swimming, pony riding, circus skills, anti-gravity yoga, and many more!

ChAPS was also responsible for the introduction of an Attention Card which people with autism can carry as a sign to the authorities should they be involved in any difficult situations.

"The children and families that we support at ChAPS are living with incredibly difficult situations, but continue to astound us with their positive attitudes and how they get on with their lives," added Jo.

"Autism is now the fastest growing condition in the world, affecting one in 36 people, and World Autism Awareness week offers an opportunity to try and highlight an area which receives little publicity in contrast to other conditions.

"We try and do our bit to do that in Cheshire and beyond, and hopefully this week will help promote all the different charities who contribute to helping people with Autism."



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## **AUCORCUICEN** by **Tony Yates** Keeping you motoring

#### Suzuki Ignis 1.2 SHVS SZ5



I'm going to start by saying 'why is it still snowing'. We are now into March, but its still freezing. And, as I write, the snow is still falling faster than I can remove it from my footpath.

Of course, I have children, so the snow is a good thing for them because of the fun factor. For me though, I'm very happy sitting in the warm watching them play until I hear. 'dad, come and have a snowball fight'. That's when it all goes a bit fuzzy, because I know I will be the one getting pounded with snowballs just for fun!. Saying that this weeks review of the Suzuki Ignis is right on target because its a 4x4, meaning the snow can come down as hard as it likes and the Ignis will just keep plodding on.

So if it's snowing by you right now, then I suggest you nip down to your local Suzuki dealer and ask for a demo.

Talk about being in the right car at the right time.

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

The Ignis is powered by a four-cylinder Dualjet petrol engine that produces 90ps at 6000rpm and 120Nm at 4400rpm. 0 to 62 mph is dealt with in 11.5 seconds – moving onto a top speed of around103 mph.

The official fuel economy figures from Suzuki are; 60.1 mpg (combined) with a CO2 rating of 106 g/km - although the best I could get was around 50mpg, but then I was not really trying to get near what Suzuki had said was possible.

#### On the road:

I like the way the little Ignis handles – but I do feel the suspension is a little bouncy - saying that, when the road gets twisty – it is more than capable of holding its own thanks to a good balance of chassis and suspension. When you think about it, it actually performs rather well and I was really impressed by this. Of course, this means it gives you a lot of confidence into the corners, which in turn makes it quite the drive. Also, when the road gets twisty – you have that wonderful Suzuki ALLGRIP 4-wheel drive system keeping you formally in check. Yes, you heard that correctly, a 4-wheel drive system that does a very nice job indeed of keeping you glued to the tarmac with no muddy fields involved whatsoever.

#### **Design & Technology:**

My test car was fitted with decent seating and clever interior accents, which lifts even the most boring of interiors – Not that the inside is boring, but you do sense that the Ignis was set out to be more practical than luxurious. Saying that it's quite plush and all the dials and controls are easy to use. But, and its a small one, some of the plastics on the inside could have been better quality.

Space – well let's just say for a small car it has bags of it - along with a decent driving position and plenty of room in the back for most adults to sit in reasonable comfort. The boot is also pretty good, with max luggage capacity coming in around 1,086 litres.

Some of the standard features fitted to my test

vehicle included; LED daytime running lights, LED projector headlamps, ALLGRIP 4-wheel drive system, DAB digital radio with 4 speakers, USB, Bluetooth and iPod, driver and passenger front, side and curtain airbags, ABS with EBD, Electronic Stability Program, Hill Hold Control and Hill Descent, automatic headlights, automatic air conditioning, 16" alloy wheels, cruise control with speed limiter and rear parking camera.

#### To sum up:

Suzuki has done a fantastic job here - and I expect the Ignis to do well as a feature-packed supermini that doesn't cost the earth.

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commercial and domestic customers in the North West for over 30 years. With an extended showroom displaying their full range of products for customers to view and an 8800 square foot warehouse, Corfe Stone has always held a large presence in the local area. Helping to support other businesses in the area, they regularly refer customers to their list of recommended local contractors to carry out their installation work.

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#### CHESTER TOWN HALL will be the venue for a Fine Art Extravaganza in June.

Local artist and lecturer Sue Farrington is excited about the two-day event which will present an opportunity for the public to buy pieces of original work direct from artists.

"I teach oil painting in the North West of England," said Sue. "Over many years I have become increasingly aware of the need for artists to be able to show and sell their work directly to the public. So many of these fabulous artists have fabulous original paintings that rarely get seen.

"Art is for everyone - by joining local Art Groups, Art Classes and Art Societies or visiting galleries and exhibitions. It opens up a whole new world whatever your age.

"I have enlisted 34 other eager professional and amateur artists to display and sell their original work.

"The Fine Art Extravaganza is a two-day event which will take place on June 2 and 3, between 10.30am and 6pm on both days."

Sue specialises in oil painting and has lived, taught and exhibited in Australia, New Zealand, Borneo, Malaysia and the Philippines. It was in Borneo where Sue attended Art College.

She studied for her teaching qualification at Darwin University in the company of jackaroos, jillaroos, outback prison officers and nurses while her late husband was working on the construction of the Alice Springs to Darwin Railway Bridges.

In complete contrast her previous occupation was Piping Process Works Administrator on the installation of a new Nuclear Reactor vessel in Engadine Sydney.

Returning to the UK in 2005, Sue worked at Burton Manor, and West Cheshire College, in Handbridge, Chester.

Sue currently teaches in Chester, at Caldy Valley Church Centre, Okell's Garden Centre, Tarporley, and at the Altrincham Art Society, Manchester, and is a member of Chester's Grosvenor Art Society who hold regular exhibitions, demonstrations and workshops.



IN THE FRAME -Sue Farrington with one of her oil paintings

She also demonstrates and runs successful oil painting workshops throughout the North West and North Wales, exhibiting and selling with Silver Star Gallery.

During the English winter Sue returns to paint and exhibit in Perth, Western Australia, where she taught, exhibited and sold at the Atwell and Heathcote Galleries.

Sue also organises painting holidays to France, in conjunction with Hoteliers Rachael et Alain Savouré from Hôtel les Grands Chênes St Fargeau Burgundy.

The Plein Air Painting Programme is designed for small groups of artists to enjoy painting everything the amazing area has to offer. Including Chateau de Saint-Fargeau, Guédelon Castle (featured on BBC TV on January 21, 2015).



## Not quite off the edge

Childhood days out at Llandudno may be a distant memory for some of us, but a recent Club walk up the Great Orme evoked some happy reminiscences of rambles past. We'd taken the A55 North Wales coast road and parked at Deganwy, before walking along the sandy beach alongside the Conwy estuary. At Llandudno's West Shore, we took the steep cliff path leading up onto the Orme itself, a huge lump of grass-covered white limestone jutting out into the Irish Sea. The sky was clear and blue, with the sun shining all day long, but the bitterly cold wind made us thankful of our cosy layers. By the time we had reached the top we had warmed up slightly, but the icy gusts soon made us clutch our woolly hats further down over our ears. Stopping for a breather and a hot drink for a few moments aave us a chance to appreciate the views: the snow-capped peaks of Snowdonia to the south, Analesev across the Menai Strait, and the sandbankdappled estuary gleaming in the sunshine below us.

The path became more undulating as it meandered round the headland. We took a lunch break near the tip of the peninsula at some conveniently placed picnic tables, more luxurious than our usual ground level dining facilities! Glorious though the sunshine and sea views were, the biting wind soon had us moving onwards once more. The track led us eastwards, passing stretches of limestone pavement and some curious cottage-loaf shaped rocks. Below us, we could see Marine Drive, the road that provides car drivers with a scenic route around the Orme. However, we continued along the higher ground, on foot. St Tudno's Church and its adjoining cemetery soon came into view in a hollow on the hillside below us, and down towards this we headed. The tiny 12th century church is dedicated to the saint after whom Llandudno takes its name, and has a wonderful location overlooking the sea. After a brief visit inside, we emerged back into the sunshine and rejoined the grassy track to continue our circular route. Gaining height once more, our eyes were now directed across Llandudno's beach towards Craia v don and the Little Orme to the east. In the far distance we could pick out Point of Ayr headland and the Clwydian hills beyond.

Eventually, we met up with the road and tramway line that link the town with the Great Orme Country Park and Visitor Centre. Nearby is the Bronze Age copper mine. Despite these tourist attractions, the Orme is a surprisingly peaceful place for walkers who want to get away from it all. If you are none the viser, it's not until you reach the entrance to the Visitor Centre that you realise what a tourist hotspot this clearly is in the summer months. Out of season, it is mostly the boot and rucksack brigade who brave the elements up here! At this point, we could have taken the road down into the town, but our leaders had opted instead to stay up on the grassy limestone heights for as long as possible. The chosen route was a footpath that hugged the stone wall encircling the country park, and subsequently joined up with the track we'd followed that morning. Retracing our steps from earlier, we strode once more down the cliff path and along the soft sand of Deganwy beach back to our parked cars. After this bracing and very enjoyable 10-mile walk, we felt truly reiuvenated, but in need of a rest and liquid refreshment!

During the walk, a few of us had pondered on the origins of the name 'Great Orme'. None of us knew the answer, so I made a mental note to do a little online research on my return home. Apparently, the Orme takes its name from a Viking word meaning 'sea serpent', the beast it is said to resemble. I've checked out this supposed resemblance and with a bit of imagination, the head of a basking snake can indeed be seen poking out into the Irish Sea...

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

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The evening included a warm welcome speech from Creative Director, Chloe Moss and CEO Dave Rosalski which gave retailers an overview of the brand journey and its exciting plans for 2018. Sound Artists Tim Wheater and Cherub gave attendees and exciting insight into the inspiration behind the chakra based Cherabella collection with a captivating sound healing experience. Creative Director Chloe Moss said "The pre-launch event was a great success! As all ChloBo designs are influenced by travel and life experiences, it was so important that the retailers got an understanding of the inspiration behind the SS18 collection - the sound meditation experience worked so well and offered a unique experience for everyone to share".

The chakra based Cherabella launched in store and online on the 29th of March and includes seven brand new individual chakra charms which stack beautifully with. The collection sees the return of the softest glow of gold plating along with their trade mark 925 sterling silver which has been combined with peach moonstone.









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