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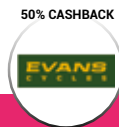
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What a busy month!**

We managed to keep hold of the sunshine, but I'm afraid Autumn and Winter are on the way, we mustn't

complain though, we think we have been spoilt this summer!

As Autumn approaches, yes it's going to get a little colder and the nights a little darker from now on in, but we have all the beautiful colours in the changing leaves to take pleasure from!

Halloween is on 31st and it's lovely to see the little children get so excited. Make sure you have some treats in store!

Remember to get your heating checked and the car serviced with antifreeze, to avoid any major problems during the cold winter months.

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4. China has treatment camps for Internet addicts.
5. There's high-speed Internet on the way up to Mount Everest.
6. In 1986, a volcanic lake in Cameroon, Africa burped a CO2 gas cloud that killed 1,746 people in minutes.

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

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



9. A cat has been the mayor of Talkeetna, Alaska for 15 years.
10. Dead people can get goose bumps.
11. You have Taste receptors in the stomach, intestines, pancreas, lungs, anus, testicles and the brain.
12. Viagra can keep cut flowers standing up straight for up to a week longer than normal.

13. Anatidaephobia is the weird fear that somewhere, somehow, a duck is watching you.



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



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



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

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



21. Sound waves can be used to make objects levitate.
22. Like all living things, humans are bioluminescent: We glow.

23. "Rain of fish" is an annual weather event in which hundreds of fish rain from the sky onto the city Yoro in Honduras.



24. There are beers made out of fossils.
25. Many expensive Perfumes contain whale poop.

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



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



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OUR ZOO

What's happening at Chester Zoo.

One, two, three, four!
Mob of meerkat pups born at Chester Zoo



Four mischievous meerkat pups have been born at Chester Zoo.

The quadruplets have been tucked away in their den since being born, but have ventured out and started exploring their habitat for the very

first time.

The new arrivals, which are yet to be sexed or named by keepers, were born to first time parents Huskie and Beagle.

Lead keeper Kirsten Wicks, said:
"There are 21,000 animals here at



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the zoo, but surely none are cuter than these pups.

“Parents Huskie and Beagle have been minor celebrities since they appeared on Channel 4’s The Secret Life of The Zoo last month. Visitors have been really keen to know how they’re getting on, so it’s amazing to be able to share the great news about their new arrivals.

“This is their first litter and the pups are doing incredibly well, they have already began learning how to forage for food and are spending lots of time grooming and playing together. It’s the start of a growing, happy new mob!”

Meerkats are native to South Africa, Namibia, Botswana and Angola and inhabit open country and sparse woody scrublands.

Chester Zoo is a wildlife conservation and education charity, utilising income from the zoo to deliver more than 80 projects in 30 countries around the world to prevent extinction.

Meerkat facts

- The four pups were born on 26 March and spent the first few weeks of their life tucked away in their den with parents Huskie and Beagle
- Once the zoo’s keepers have determined the sex of the pups, they will then decide on names
- Meerkats are native to Angola, Botswana, Namibia, South Africa
- Most meerkats live in underground burrows in large groups of around 30 individuals called a gang or a mob
- Meerkats have scent pouches below their tails and will rub these pouches on rocks and plants to mark their territory
- They have dark patches around their eyes that act to cut down on the glare and help them see far into the distance
- Meerkats can close their ears to keep dirt out while digging



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Barcelona is an enchanting seaside city with boundless culture, fabled architecture, and a world-class drinking and dining scene.

Romantic Naples, just two hours south of Rome, is the largest city in southern Italy. It has some of the world's best opera houses and theatres, and is often called an open-air museum, because of its many historic statues and monuments. Join families on promenade as the sun sets on the Bay of Naples. View finds from Pompeii and Herculaneum, destroyed by Mount Vesuvius in A.D. 79, at the Museo Archeologico Nazionale or revel in the art and architecture of Museo Cappella Sansevero, built in the late 1500s.

Visiting a city such as Naples means, of course, a diverse schedule of sightseeing; exploring its museums, art galleries, and nicest streets for strolling. While a week would do this phenomenal city more justice, one day is still enough to get lost in the alleys of its Spanish quarters (and observe the genuine life of the Neapolitans), enjoy a fantastic pizza, and relax in a prestigious coffee spot such as Gambrinus. Be prepared to get up very early and put on your running shoes!

Naples has very good public transportation and lots of traffic problems so it's best to avoid having a car. The city has a large but crowded bus network, trams, a subway, funiculars, and a suburban train line, the Ferrovia Circumvesuviana, that will get you to Herculaneum, Pompeii, and Sorrento.

Pizza, one of Italy's most famous foods, originated in Naples and pizza is taken very seriously here. You'll find lots of great pizza places

but be sure you look for one with a wood-burning oven!

Eggplant Parmesan originated in Naples and spaghetti also became popular in Naples, try it with clams or mussels. Seafood is abundant and very good in Naples.

Naples gets quite hot in summer so spring and fall are probably the best times to visit. Since Naples is near the coast, it's more temperate in winter than interior cities of Italy.

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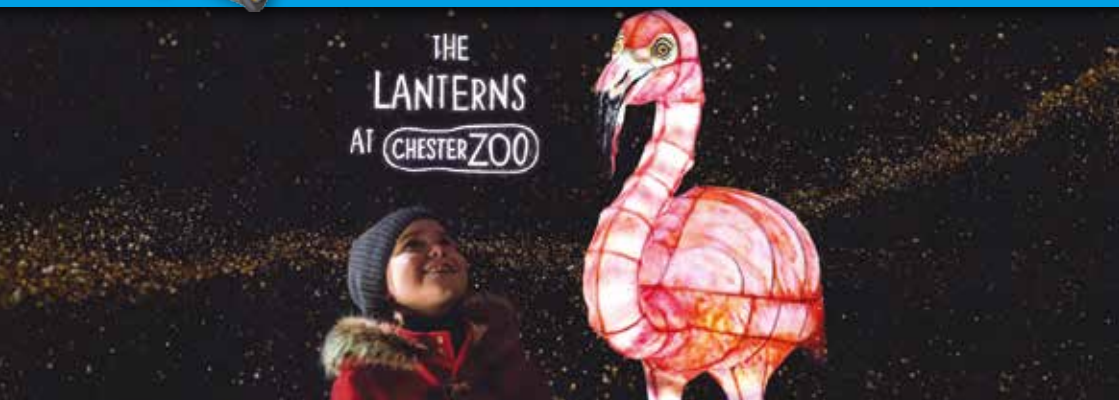
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- Tickets go on sale for Chester Zoo's annual Christmas festivities
- Funds raised will support zoo's work as a global conservation charity
- Long-running family event revamped for 2018
- This year's event will unveil new animal lanterns and a new route through the zoo
- Visitors will discover a colourful oversized Butterfly Garden, Nordic markets, stunning Christmas trees and a magical ice kingdom

The Lanterns at Chester Zoo

Tickets have gone on general sale for Chester Zoo's annual Christmas event, The Lanterns.

Running on selected nights from 23 November to 23 December, the heart-warming event raises vital funds to help support zoo's work as a conservation charity fighting to prevent extinction around the world.

With a colourful oversized Butterfly Garden, Nordic markets, stunning Christmas trees and a magical ice kingdom, visitors are invited experience the zoo in a different - and much more sparkly - light!

Amidst a new journey through the zoo, this year's spectacular will display new, specially created animal lanterns - one of The Lanterns most popular features from Christmases past - and additional twinkly characters lining the route.

Jon Turley, Head of Guest Experience, said: "We really hope The Lanterns will kick-start Christmas 2018 for people, creating those precious family memories you'll never forget. At the same time, the fact that it all contributes to our work as a conservation charity, as we strive to prevent extinction of threatened animals around

the world, makes this even more special.

"So fill up on tasty festive food, explore new fantastical and colourful worlds, full of animal-inspired illuminations and traditional festive scenes, and remember to keep an eye out for Father Christmas on his sleigh. He could be just around the corner!"



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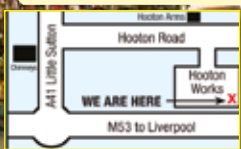
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So, this week I have the rather good looking Suzuki Vitara S on test and I have to say, it's putting on a pretty good show in convincing me that maybe this is the one we really should all be looking at.

Power and Efficiency

The Vitara 'S' is powered by a four-cylinder direct injection turbocharged petrol engine that produces 140ps at 5500rpm and 220Nm of torque between 1500-4000rpm. 0 to 62 mph is dealt with in 10.2 seconds - moving onto a top speed of around 124 mph.

The official fuel economy figures from Suzuki are; 52.3 mpg (combined) with a CO2 rating of 127 g/km - although the best I could get was around 44mpg, but then I was not really trying to get near what Suzuki had said was possible.

On the Road

I like the way the Vitara handles - but I do feel the suspension needs to be a little stiffer - saying that, when the road gets twisty - it is more than capable of holding it's own thanks to the ALLGRIP 4-wheel drive system which in real terms performs well. You also get a lot of information through the steering as to what the wheels are doing on the surface of the road - which all helps in giving you a lot of confidence into the corners. If you do decide to take the Vitara onto a muddy field - or a slippery surface - you can be assured it will do its best to move you along at a reasonable pace, whilst keeping you on the straight and narrow.

Safety and Technology

My test car was fitted with suede seating and red interior accents which lifts even the most boring of interiors – Not that the inside is boring, but you do sense the Vitara was set out to be more practical than luxurious.

Space – well let's just say it has bags of it – along with a decent driving position and plenty of room in the back for three adults – even people who are 6ft plus would have no problem fitting in. The boot is pretty good too with max luggage capacity coming in around 710 litres.

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To Sum Up

Suzuki have done a fantastic job here – and I expect the Vitara S to sell well in what is now a fast paced SUV market.

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Above the salt



Whilst many Club walks take us into the hills and mountains of North Wales, or the gentler slopes of Cheshire's Sandstone Trail, occasionally a semi-urban route with a smattering of industrial history makes an enlightening change. And, as autumnal days become shorter, it's good to take a relatively easy hike not too far from home when the promise of dry weather beckons you outdoors.

Cheshire's salt industry features heavily in this month's walking story, starting with the Anderton Boat Lift, near Northwich. This engineering masterpiece, built in 1875, provides a link between the River Weaver and the Trent & Mersey Canal. In the past, salt-laden barges travelled along the canal from Winsford and Northwich, to join the River Weaver via the boat lift. The Weaver meets up with the River Mersey near Frodsham, where salt cargoes would then be transported to other destinations. The Anderton Boat Lift closed in 1983 and lay idle until 2002, when it reopened after a period of restoration. Managed by the Canal & River Trust, it's a quirky and popular tourist attraction.

Our favoured walk route starts by heading right along the canal towpath with the boat lift behind you. This attractive stretch of canal side leads to a black and white metal bridge taking you over to Marbury Country Park. These woodlands were once part of an ancient country estate, though Marbury Hall itself was demolished in 1968. A track takes you through the woods down to Budworth Mere. From here, using an OS map, you can pick out a route to the opposite side of the mere, where a lovely footpath presents an elevated view across the water. It's hard to imagine that not too distant from this peaceful spot, the salt industry was active until just a few decades ago.

A short walk further takes you into Great Budworth, surely one of Cheshire's most attractive villages! We like to detour through the streets, past quaintly named cottages and into the churchyard, as part of any ramble in this area. There's been a village here for centuries and until 1948 it was part of the nearby Arley estate. During the 19th century, Rowland Egerton Warburton from Arley Hall commissioned the remodeling of many buildings to make them more appealing to Victorian tastes. Among those employed for the task was Chester architect, John Douglas, which explains the brown brick, the plasterwork and the timber framing that features heavily in today's Gt Budworth!

Time to return to rural surroundings, and we head into the fields towards the village of Marston, home to another Cheshire tourist attraction, the Lion Salt Works. Depending on the length of your chosen walk, the Salt Works provides an excellent opportunity to learn more about Cheshire's industrial past. Bear in mind, however, that a couple of hours is needed to get the most out of visiting this highly engaging museum. So, onwards.....

From here, we rejoin the canal towpath, heading towards Northwich Woodlands. Today this is a pleasant area for walkers and wildlife, but it wasn't always so. Only a few decades ago,

this was an ecologically barren wasteland with open cast salt mines and waste tips dominating the landscape. The undulating topography and large pools, or 'flashes', that appear hereabouts are legacies of this industry. Underground brine extraction and rock salt mining caused extensive subsidence, with holes in the ground appearing, sometimes overnight! However, this once unstable, salt-polluted area has been restored and replanted over the last 20-30 years, and now provides a little paradise in the heart of Cheshire. Several tracks and footpaths meander through the woods, offering various options for your return route to Anderton.

It's always a good idea to carry an Ordnance Survey Explorer map on any walk. The one you need for this area is OS 267 (Northwich & Delamere Forest), but beware! Not all the tracks in Northwich Woodlands are shown on this map. Check the Mersey Forest website for detailed routes:

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Gardening To Do List - October in the Garden

Gardening in October is entirely dependent on the weather. If there's an Indian Summer, there is no better time of year to be out in the garden. While

gardeners in warm areas will have more to do than their northern counterparts, there are plenty of garden tasks to keep everyone busy in October.

Tidy Borders

Keep on weeding and have a gentle tidy up in your borders but do try to resist the temptation of a thorough spring clean. Leave seedheads for the birds if you don't want to collect them and as much cover as you can bear for wildlife who will appreciate the winter shelter.

Fallen leaves can be left to rot down (or collected for leaf mould), however diseased material is another matter; make it a priority to clear and burn it to prevent pests and diseases overwintering courtesy of your kind hospitality! Put the rest of your garden rubbish (apart from woody stems) in the compost.



Start your compost

If you haven't already done so, start your compost going by buying a bin or building a partially enclosed area for a heap. It is vital to replace the goodness in soil after a hefty growing season and autumn produces masses of garden waste that will put invaluable organic richness back into the ground for next spring.

Add a variety of different materials; spent vegetable and bedding plants, herbaceous leftovers, thatch, moss and cuttings from the lawn, weeds (but not the roots unless they have been through a shredder), hedge clippings, kitchen peelings and tea bags are ideal.

Prepare your soil for next year

Your soil is your most precious commodity, so start digging in compost, manure and as much organic matter as you can lay your hands on to replace the goodness in it. Healthy soil is the basis of healthy plants and a healthy environment. When garden soil is in good shape there is less need for fertilizers or pesticides.

The earlier you start the better, especially if your soil is heavy. It can be left in a pretty rough state over the winter when the elements will break the clods down, making spring planting infinitely easier! Proper pH is also an essential characteristic of healthy soil.



Rake fallen leaves

Don't waste fallen leaves (except those perilous rose leaves and evergreens, which take too long to rot down) - given time they decompose into fabulously rich leaf mould - aka 'nature's soil conditioner of choice'! Rake up fallen leaves and chuck them into a simple frame to make leaf mould (black bin liners spiked with air holes will also do if you can bear the visual offense - but remember to dampen the leaves first). If left to linger on the lawn for long, the grass will turn yellow. Leaf mould takes about a year to mature, a great top dressing for woodland plants such as rhododendrons and is an excellent and **FREE** home-grown substitute for peat.



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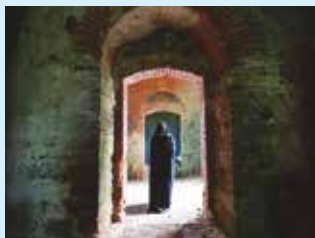
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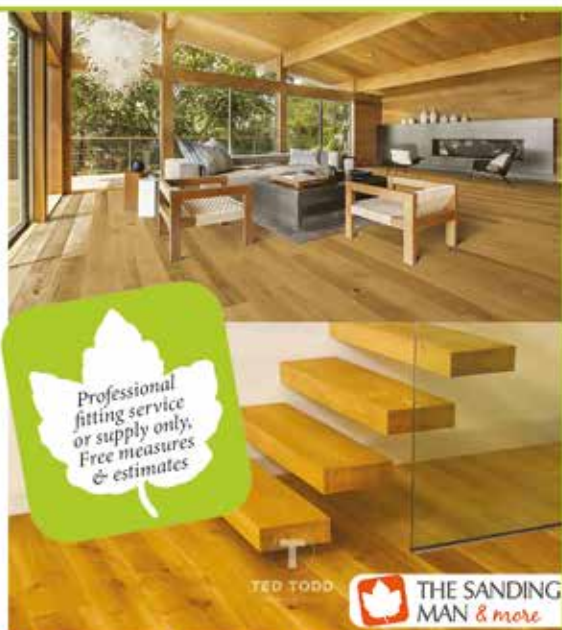
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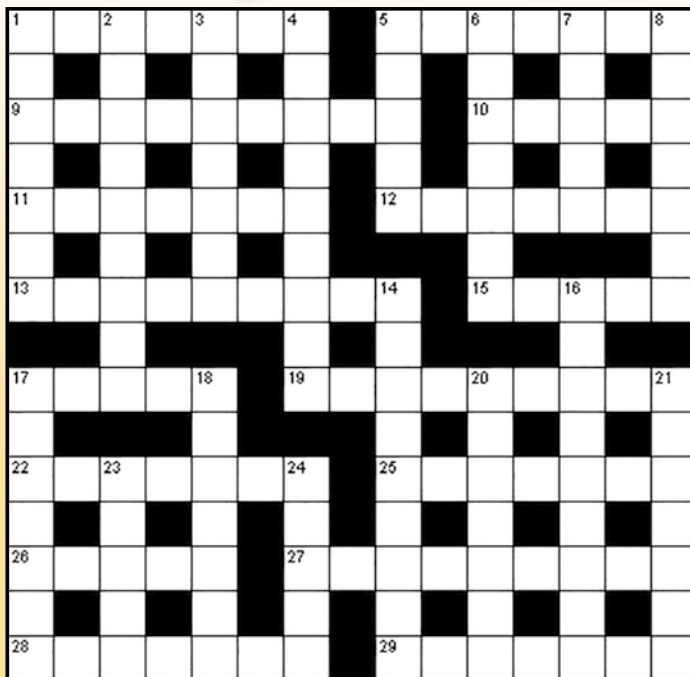
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- 2 Pierce (9)
- 3 Moved down (7)
- 4 Steadily (9)
- 5 Small and insignificant (5)
- 6 Contracts (7)
- 7 Useful (5)
- 8 Bloom (7)
- 14 Comes across (9)
- 16 A message via wireless telegraphy (9)
- 17 Vigilant (7)
- 18 Ball-shaped (7)
- 20 Utmost (7)
- 21 Ceded (7)
- 23 The topping on a cake (5)
- 24 Dismay (5)

Across

- 1 Commonly liked (7)
- 5 Annoy (7)
- 9 A movement that attracts growing support (9)
- 10 Horned animal (5)
- 11 Not figurative (7)
- 12 One of New York's baseball teams (7)
- 13 Libelled (9)
- 15 Play a guitar (5)
- 17 Cries (5)
- 19 Before today (9)
- 22 An avatar of Vishnu (7)
- 25 Exceed (7)
- 26 A mendicant preacher (5)
- 27 Favored (9)
- 28 Rational (7)
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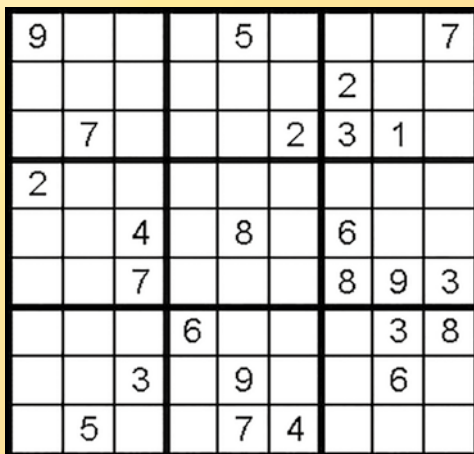
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