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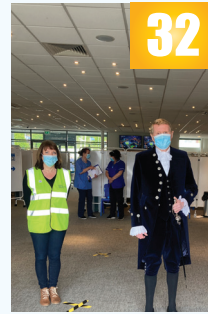
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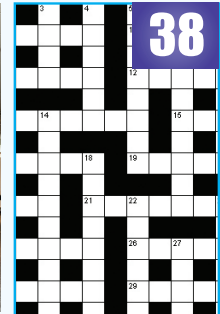
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3. Alexander the Great was simultaneously the King of Macedonia, Pharaoh of Egypt, King of Persia, and King of Asia.
4. Tap water has a shelf-life of 6 months, after which chlorine dissipates and bacteria starts to grow.
5. New bacteria grows on a kitchen sponge every 20 minutes. 
6. Some cats have survived falls from over 32 stories (105 metres) onto concrete, due largely to their "righting reflex."
7. Fidel Castro led Cuba for five decades and was the world's third longest-serving head of state, after Britain's Queen Elizabeth and the King of Thailand.
8. Elephants can get sunburned so they protect themselves with sand. 
9. Every three days a human stomach gets a new lining.
10. Humans are born with 300 bones in their body, however when a person reaches adulthood they only have 206 bones. This occurs because many of them join together to make a single bone.
11. A chicken with red earlobes will produce brown eggs, and a chicken with white earlobes will produce white eggs.
12. The abbreviation Xmas for the word Christmas is of Greek origin. Since the word for Christ in the Greek language is Christos, which starts with the letter "X", they started putting the X in place of Christ and came up with the short form for the word Christmas.
13. Dipsomania refers to an insatiable craving for alcoholic beverages.
14. The shortest war in history was between Zanzibar and England in 1896. Zanzibar surrendered after 38 minutes.
15. Tomato ketchup is a good conditioner for the hair. It also helps get the greenish tinge that some blonde haired people get after swimming in water with chlorine in it.
16. The more a person struggles to get out of quicksand the faster they will sink. Staying still, and being calm will actually make the body float in the quicksand because the body is less dense than the quicksand is.
17. The fastest moving land snake is the Black Mamba, which can move up to 7 miles per hour.
18. In Spain, it is common to pour chocolate milk or cafe au lait on cereal for breakfast. 
19. About 10% of the 100,000 thunderstorms that occur in the USA every year are classified as severe.
20. The highest bridge in the world is located in the Himalyan mountains. It was built by the Indian Army, in 1982, and is about 5,600 metres above sea level. 
21. Clans of long ago that wanted to get rid of their unwanted people without killing them used to burn their houses down - hence the expression "to get fired."
22. The word Spain means "the land of rabbits."
23. A slug has four noses. 
24. The Coca Cola company offers more than 300 different beverages.

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Chester becomes first UK zoo to receive prestigious accolade for its work with volunteers



The nationally important Investors in Volunteers award was given to the UK's most popular charity zoo after a 15-month-long consultation that confirmed the zoo's value and commitment to its volunteers.

The award aims to improve the quality of the volunteering experience offered by organisations all around the UK and demonstrates how the contributions made by volunteers are valued.

Volunteer Manger at Chester Zoo, Lindsay Marston, said: "As a major UK wildlife charity, the support we receive from our volunteers is invaluable. This award shows our current and future volunteers that we're committed to ensuring they have the very best experience when they volunteer with us. We're very proud to be the very first zoo in the UK to achieve this accolade."

"Our volunteers play a huge role in helping us to prevent extinction - from connecting visitors to the zoo by highlighting different species and the conservation actions we're taking to protect them, to encouraging people to think about how they too can make a positive change for wildlife. Every conversation they have plays an important part of our mission."

Typically, Chester Zoo welcomes more than 250 volunteers over the course of a year to support the charity through a range of roles. However, when the Covid-19 pandemic hit, the zoo had to change the way it engaged and supported its volunteers.

Lindsay Marston, added: "In the wake of the global pandemic we had to adapt the way we worked with volunteers and lots of our consultation work moved online. We introduced 'micro-volunteering', as it became apparent that a lot of our volunteers felt isolated and alone during lockdown. Even though we were closed, doing things like fact checking educational signage or creating fact spaces for wildlife at home helped them feel connected to Chester Zoo.



To save Chester Zoo head to: www.chesterzoo.org/saveourzoo



“Some of our volunteers are in their later years and, for them, volunteering is a huge part of their lives. We really recognise the mutual benefits that volunteering gives, so by keeping them engaged with other activities while the zoo had to close helped to make them feel motivated and valued.

“The team has been working up to this Investors in Volunteers achievement for almost 15 months, so we’re immensely proud to have received this accolade during one of the most challenging years that our charity zoo has every faced.”

“We’re the first zoo in the UK to receive this award and we hope that it inspires other organisations who have volunteers to make their volunteering experience a fantastic one too.”

Denise Hayward, Chair of UKVF (the Awarding Body) said: “UKVF is delighted to announce Chester Zoo’s successful achievement of this award. They have demonstrated a real commitment to volunteering and proven that their volunteer management policies and procedures meet nationally recognised standards.”

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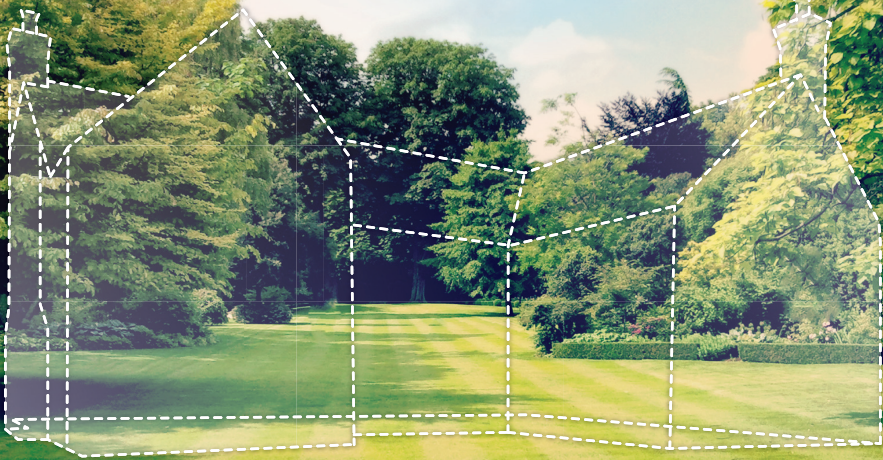
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JULY 12th 1910

British pilot Charles Stewart Rolls, 33, died after his French built biplane crashed at a flying competition in Bournemouth, Dorset. He was a partner in the Rolls-Royce car manufacturing company. Charles studied engineering at Railway works in Crewe, Cheshire.

In 1903, Charles established one of Britain's earliest car dealerships, in Fulham, Middlesex, to import and sell French and Belgian manufactured cars. It was to be his meeting the following year, with Henry Royce, that was decisive in creating, in partnership, the prestigious "badge"

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JULY 20th 1969

The Eagle lands on the moon and US astronaut Neil Armstrong is the first man in history to walk on its powdery surface,

From the launch on July 16 atop a powerful Saturn rocket, Apollo 11 and its crew of three astronauts performed flawlessly. While Michael Collins orbited the Moon in the Command Module,

Armstrong piloted the Lunar Lander, named the Eagle, to a safe landing in the Moon's Sea of Tranquility. He and his copilot, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, soon became the first humans to tread on another world. They spent nearly 21 hours on the lunar surface, collecting samples of rock and soil and setting up remote instruments.



JULY 26th 1978

The worlds first IVF baby was born in Oldham General Hospital near Manchester. Gynecologist Patrick Steptoe and physiologist Dr Robert Edwards are credited with this pioneering work.



JULY 30th 1966

England win the Jules Rimet trophy, Association Football's World Cup, at Wembley Stadium in London after beating Germany 4-2 in extra time.

1st - Diana, Princess of Wales (1961-1997) affectionately remembered as the Queen of Hearts, mother of Princes William and Harry. Diana's activism and glamour made her an international icon and earned her enduring popularity, she will never be forgotten.

7th - Ringo Starr, (1940) drummer with the legendary Liverpool pop group The Beatles, and more significantly, the voice of Thomas the Tank Engine.

14th - Emmeline Pankhurst (1858 - 1928) Manchester born suffragette who was imprisoned in her efforts to gain the vote for British women.

28th - Beatrix Potter (1866 - 1943) author and illustrator, the characters that she created remain classics of children's literature ...Peter Rabbit, Samuel Whiskers, Squirrel Nutkin, and friends.

30th - Emily Brontë (1818 - 1848) novelist, one of the three Bronte sisters, her only novel Wuthering Heights tells a tale of love and revenge set in the remote wilds of her native Yorkshire.



Thousands of schoolchildren unite in song to highlight vital environmental message

More than 13,000 schoolchildren from all around the world have joined together in song to help spread a vital message about the environmental issues affecting the planet.



Conservation education experts from Chester Zoo inspired the specially written song, which has been created to raise awareness about sustainability and how reusing, recycling and reducing resources we use every day can impact the natural world. The 200 schools involved - from the UK, Europe, China, Egypt and Dubai - all joined forces to give a special online performance of the song, live to a global online audience via Zoom.

The global event was conducted by AmaSing Arts, a charity that helps develop the wellbeing, confidence and self-esteem of children through the arts. AmaSing has been working with conservationists at the zoo for several years to help inspire young people to protect the world around them.

Anya Moon, Conservation Education and Engagement Manager at Chester Zoo, said: "Educating young people on the importance of sustainability is absolutely crucial. By teaching the younger generation how the resources we use every day, like water, wood, plastic and electricity impacts our environment, they'll then go on to help shape a better future for our planet."

"We all have a part to play in making the world a better place and the climate crisis is directly linked to sustainability. For young people to be aware, educated and well informed about these topics empowers them to make a positive difference and contribute to a more sustainable future."

"Drumming up more awareness and understanding around sustainability is a key focus for Chester Zoo. Everything we use on a day to day basis comes from somewhere, and there will be a cost to the environment to create it - whether that's from air or water pollution, wildlife and habitat loss, or adding to the great garbage patch in the ocean. Around two million pieces of litter are dropped in the UK every day, and to put this into perspective, it takes 450 years for a plastic bottle to decompose in the ocean.

If we don't live sustainably it won't just be the animals and plants that suffer, but our own species, too."

Pupils from 24 schools, alongside composer and Musical Director at AmaSing, Andrew Smith, joined experts from Chester Zoo online to hear about important environmental issues and the impact that waste is having on the planet. Topics including deforestation, reusing unwanted items and ways to dispose of everyday items, inspired the lyrics to the song.

A dance routine, choreographed by House of Dance, a Chester-based performing arts school was then matched with the music.

Rachael Borman, Director at AmaSing, added:

"We want to empower children to become good global citizens by inspiring them through song and dance. By giving them the opportunity to share their ideas for the lyrics, they really understood the importance of living sustainably to help protect the planet."

"Chester Zoo's sustainability message and ethos fitted perfectly with our 'connect' theme which is all about connecting people all over the world. Through the arts, they're encouraged to talk about how they're feeling about the world they're living in and what changes they'd like to make for the future."

"We've had wonderful feedback from teachers telling us how much the kids enjoyed it, and lots have said they'll continue the sustainability theme throughout their curriculum, too. Taking part in these online singing and dancing sessions gives children the chance connect at a time when we've been kept apart for so long. It was really magical to see thousands of people from all corners of the world connected through music and we're grateful to Deva Group Recruitment for sponsoring the event and Lumisi for creating our music video."

The sustainability song is one of 14 that will form an AmaSing online show in July 2021, which hopes to be in theatres in 2022.

Find out more on how Chester Zoo is championing sustainably:
<https://www.chesterzoo.org/whats-here/love-it-for-longer/>

- Chester Zoo (www.chesterzoo.org) is a registered conservation and education charity
- It's home to almost 20,000 animals and more than 500 different species, many of which are endangered in the wild
- The zoo also supports field projects around the world and closer to home, preventing the extinction of highly threatened species
- Last year, the zoo welcomed more than two million visitors, ranking it as the UK's most visited zoo and England's most visited tourist attraction outside London
- The zoo has a vital role in inspiring and educating people about the natural world and the impact humans have on it – creating and nurturing the conservationist in us all.



Cheshire's COVID-19 vaccinators receive High Sheriff Award

Staff and volunteers working to vaccinate residents across Cheshire against COVID-19 have received a huge boost for their continued hard work and dedication.

Robert Mee, Her Majesty's the Queen's High Sheriff of Cheshire, praised their hard work and dedication during a visit to Cheshire's vaccination centre at Chester Racecourse.

During his visit, The High Sheriff delivered a thank you speech and presented his award to staff and volunteers to recognise their contribution to communities.

The High Sheriff said: "Over 600 volunteers have been involved at this vaccination centre alone and it is important to recognise this huge achievement. Since the start of the year, their efforts have potentially helped save thousands of lives.

"Time and time again I hear about the warm welcome in the car park and the smiles to put people at ease to guide people through their jabbing journey. All our communities will be forever thankful, and it is my privilege to present a High Sheriff Award to them."

Suzanne Edwards, Director of Operations at Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CWP), greeted The High Sheriff on his arrival at the Racecourse.

PHOTO: COVID-19 vaccination centre staff and volunteers with The High Sheriff of Cheshire receiving an award in recognition of great and valuable services to the community.

She said: “It was a great honour to receive a visit from The High Sheriff of Cheshire and introduce him to the people who are working hard to deliver the largest vaccination programme in our history. People from across the NHS, Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service, St John’s Ambulance and a network of local volunteers have all come together to deliver an incredibly successful programme.

“CWP are very proud of the services that have been delivered, in partnership with clinical staff and volunteers. The positive feedback from local people for the running of the vaccination centre has been fantastic. We are delighted to receive this award which has provided an opportunity for us to reflect on what has been achieved during this time and to recognise the efforts of those behind the scenes who have contributed so much.”

Dr Anushta Sivananthan, CWP Medical Director, added: “Vaccines are safe and effective and will help us overcome the impact of this pandemic. So far 39.1 million people across the country have been vaccinated including over 1 million people in Cheshire and Merseyside. I would like to encourage everyone to book their COVID-19 vaccination appointment when they become eligible, ensuring you have two, appropriately spaced doses for maximum protection against COVID-19.”

A new vaccination centre will open at Ellesmere Port Civic Hall, near Cheshire Oaks on Monday 21 June.

Services will relocate from the NHS Covid-19 vaccination centre at Chester Racecourse when the centre closes from Saturday 19 June.

Appointment slots are available now at Ellesmere Port Civic Hall, from Monday 21 June. People aged 25 and above who have not had their COVID-19 vaccination can book an appointment at Cheshire’s vaccination services via www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination, where they can choose a time slot and location that suits them.



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AutoReview by Tony Yates

Keeping you motoring

SEAT Leon FR e-HYBRID



This month's review of the SEAT FR took me into parts of Yorkshire where the grass is green, and the roads are twisty. The perfect setting for the new Leon FR e-HYBRID. I think we are all pretty much feeling like we need to buy a HYBRID now and I agree, which is why the pub chatter with my friends is no longer about MPG, it's now all about with a 6-speed DSG gearbox how many miles did you get out of one full charge. Anyway, let's move this on.

Power & efficiency

The Leon FR I had on test was powered by a 1.4-litre TSi petrol engine with a 6-speed DSG gearbox

all backed up by an electric motor with a Lithium-ion battery. Capacity 12.8 kWh (usable) This gives you a total power output of 204PS and 330Nm of torque. The Leon FR will also complete 0-62 mph in just 7.5 seconds and will max out at 137mph. For those of you who wish to know about the Leon green specifications; CO2 (WLTP) emissions are as little as 27g/km. Fuel economy (mpg) (WLTP) 217.3 - 235.4mpg. Electric consumption (kWh/100km) 18.1-19. Electric range (WLTP) 36 - 40 miles.

On the road

As you would expect from a SEAT, the handling is poised thanks to SEAT's ability to get the suspension setup just right. For some, the ride can be quite harsh, especially for those of you who wanted a softer approach; although the Leon FR is a car you buy because you want it to do all things a normal hatchback can't, such as having SEAT drive profile selection options and superb sports suspension, which in turn will help improve your high-speed cornering response by keeping you firmly on the road ahead.

Design & technology

The Leon FR also comes with a large amount of tech and extras that you wouldn't normally find in a family hatchback. Below is just a small amount of what you can expect to find; 17" Dynamic bi-spoke alloy wheels with 225/45 R17 91W tyres, Electrically-adjusted and heated door mirrors with fold function, LED Headlights with dynamic turn signals and high beam assist, Rain sensing wipers, Daytime running light with automatic headlight control and Coming Home feature, Wireless phone charger, Leather flat bottomed, perforated steering (with red stitching and FR logo)

and, leather gearstick, Front centre armrest, Front seats manual lumbar adjustment, Rear seat armrest, Auto-dimming rear-view mirror, Illuminated front door sill, Three-zone climate control, SEAT drive profile selection and sports suspension. Space is king and the FR has a few tricks up its sleeve like the 270 litres of load capacity which offers a large family excellent versatility. With the rear seat backs folded, the boot capacity then rises to 1,191 litres.



To sum up

As with all SEAT's, there will be very little to go wrong as reliability, in general, is very good. Also, SEAT is part of the VW Group, so you can expect build quality to be good. A fast and fully loaded family hatchback. 5 stars SEAT.

Price (from) £32,835

Where will you go?



PCC pledges £100,000 for crime prevention



Community organisations in Cheshire who are working to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour are being urged to apply for a new fund.

Police and Crime Commissioner John Dwyer has launched his Community Action Fund making more than £100,000 available for projects which make a real difference to their local community.

The funding is aimed at new projects or initiatives which will deliver community safety or crime prevention activities.

This could include, but is not limited to, projects that support victims, protect vulnerable people, tackle anti-social behaviour or drug issues, improve road safety or promote a safe night-time economy.

PCC John Dwyer said: “Preventing crime and anti-social behaviour requires a community effort with local police teams working with other public services and local residents to solve issues at a neighbourhood level.

“There are so many organisations across Cheshire who have a real passion and drive for making their communities safer that really want to make a difference.

“My Community Action Fund will empower them and provide the necessary resources to get some of these really crucial projects off the ground.

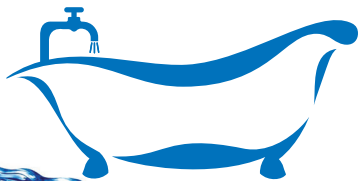
“I look forward to seeing the difference these projects make right across Cheshire.”

Individual bids of up to £5,000 can be submitted by applicants who are working with their local policing team to address local priorities.

All bids must be match-funded to provide maximum benefit to local communities. With match-funding, up to £200,000 could be invested into crime prevention in Cheshire over the next 12 months.

For more information about the fund and to apply, please visit: <https://www.cheshire-pcc.gov.uk/what-i-do/making-cheshire-safer/community-action-fund/>

Image: PCC John Dwyer visiting a park in Helsby damaged by vandals (please note, this project was not a recipient of the fund but it shows the type of projects which might be funded)



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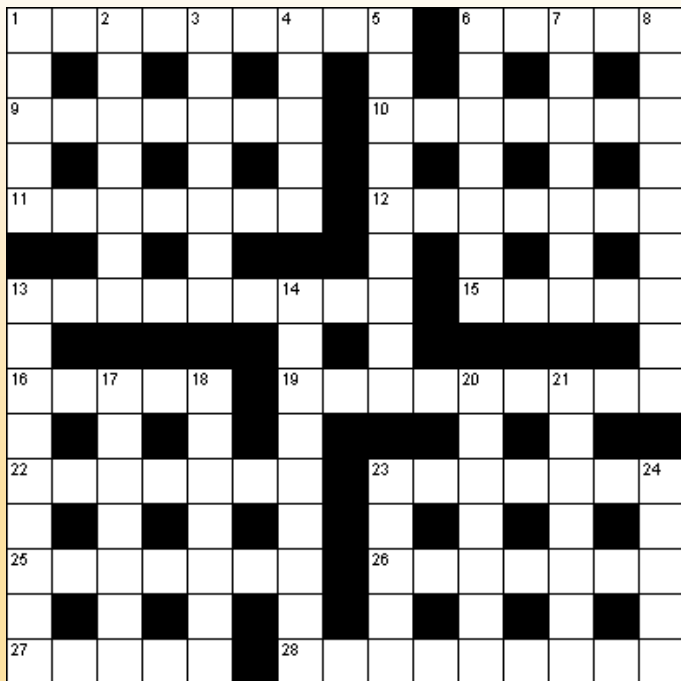
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Down

- 1 Exhausts (5)
- 2 Flightless bird (7)
- 3 Disperse (7)
- 4 Each and all (5)
- 5 One more than 16 (9)
- 6 Charges (7)
- 7 Tie together (7)
- 8 Differs (9)
- 13 Coordinates (9)
- 14 Makes larger (9)
- 17 Female singing range (7)
- 18 Old Scottish for "Salmon" (7)
- 20 Use (7)
- 21 Burbot or guffer (7)
- 23 Worries (5)
- 24 Fearful anticipation (5)

Across

- 1 Paces (9)
- 6 Not behind (5)
- 9 A hydrocarbon gas (7)
- 10 Leaves (7)
- 11 Pious (7)
- 12 Fitting inside one another (7)
- 13 In another manner (9)
- 15 Vista (5)
- 16 Vapors (5)
- 19 Buyers (9)
- 22 8th planet of the solar system (7)

- 23 Ruffled (7)
- 25 Avid (7)
- 26 A standard example (7)
- 27 Athletic endeavor (5)
- 28 Surmised (9)

Sudoku Puzzle

How to play:

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Above and beyond

Within the pages of Chester Rambling and Hill Walking Club's summer programme is a host of enticing walks of all grades, heading in every direction out of Chester. Our leaders have made the most of limited opportunities over the past year to create walks in slightly less familiar areas, alongside the tried and tested ones that we know and cherish.

As leaders ourselves, my other half and I relish the challenge of finding new routes to offer for Club members. With group walks vetoed for much of last summer, we took the opportunity to explore by ourselves some of the lesser known hills of North Wales. One that we put together is a very varied B grade walk, starting at Llandudno's North Shore, close to the Little Orme, and heading inland towards the twin humps of Mynydd Pant and Nant y Gamar. Over a couple of reconnoitring trips, we discovered that the best views across the bay were gained by staying on the open footpath to the north side of Nant y Gamar's summit, rather than the narrower path through the trees to the top. By chance, we found a beautiful spot overlooking the town, the sea and the Great Orme, at the perfect time for a coffee break! Skirting the limestone cliffs just below the summit, the footpath then took us through woodlands



towards St David's College, housed in the historic Gloddaeth Hall. Ignoring the more well-used paths towards Penrhynside, our route took us in a southerly direction. From this footpath the outline of Snowdonia's Carneddau Ridge could be seen in the distance. In the opposite direction, we got our best view of the ancient Gloddaeth Hall itself, which had up to that point been concealed behind trees. Onwards towards Marl Hall Woods, a pleasant nature reserve managed by the Woodland Trust. Out of the blue, the undulating path opened out to reveal a limestone plateau overlooking the Conwy Valley. Below us, the river snaked its way from the Snowdonian moorlands on its downward journey towards to the sea, and opposite, we could pick out the imposing structure of Conwy Castle. With this view, we realised we'd found the perfect place for our lunch break!

This being roughly our halfway point, we changed direction to head back towards Llandudno by a different track, passing the prominent obelisk that dominates the hilltop above Llandudno Junction. From the OS map, we'd picked out a route taking in the neighbouring nature reserve at Bryn Pydew to get, in a roundabout way, to Mynydd Pant. This being our last little climb of the day, we gave ourselves a 5-minute break before descending back down to our parked car.

Many of the surroundings on this 9-mile walk had been unfamiliar to us, and some of the signage not obvious, so it took a couple of try-outs and a few questions to friendly local people before we were confident of our route! We plan one last return trip to refresh the route in our minds prior to leading it for Club members in July.

For the time being, members need to book with leaders if they want to take part in a Club walk. Not a member yet? Joining details, along with the early part of the summer programme can be viewed on our website:

www.chesterwalkingclub.com

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