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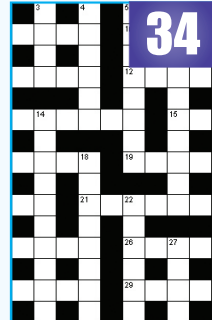
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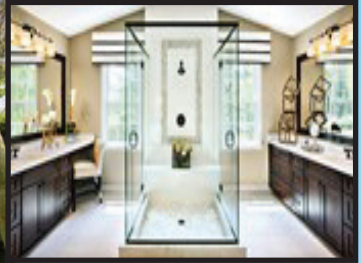


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3. Apple iPad's retina display is actually manufactured by Samsung.

4. The New York Times wrote an article about every single 9/11 victim.

5. As a child, Elon Musk was bullied so severely, he once had to be hospitalized because of a beating from other students.

6. It only takes 6 minutes for brain cells to react to alcohol.

7. At its economic height, in the 5th and 4th centuries BC, Ancient Greece was the most advanced economy in the world.

8. 80% of people living in rural areas in developing countries rely on traditional plant-based medicines for basic healthcare.

9. The name "Amazon" comes from the "Amazons" of Greek mythology, a race of woman warriors. In many tribes of the area, women fought alongside the men.

10. In China, over 35 million people still live in caves.

11. Australia is the world's sixth-largest country by total area.

12. Australia is one of the most sparsely populated countries in the world, with just 3.3 people per sq km.

13. The first webcam was created in Cambridge to check the status of a coffee pot.

14. Elvis Presley failed a music class in High School.

15. The Hawaiian alphabet has just 13 letters.

16. Volkswagen owns Bentley, Bugatti, Lamborghini, Audi, Ducati and Porsche.



17. Over 250 cinemas in the UK have Autism Friendly Screenings (AFS), in which the volume is lower, the lighting is darker and you can take your own food and drink.

18. Denmark's current flag design was first used in 1219. No other modern country has used its flag for so long.

19. The Danish monarchy is over 1000 years old, making it the oldest monarchy in Europe still existing today.

20. The longest complete dinosaur is the 27 meters (89 feet) long Diplodocus, which was discovered in Wyoming, U.S.

21. The Eiffel Tower was built for the 1889 Paris Exposition and was not intended to be permanent.

22. The Eiffel Tower was going to be demolished in 1909, but was saved because it was repurposed as a giant radio antenna.

23. A group of giraffes is called a tower.

24. In 2001, Argentina had 5 presidents in 10 days.

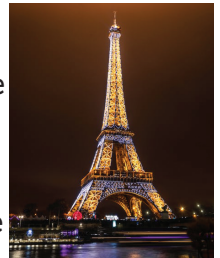
25. When the Golden Gate Bridge opened on May 27, 1937, the celebration lasted a week.

26. Atomic bomb tests were a major tourist attraction in Las Vegas during the 1950s.

27. Premature babies are more likely to be left-handed, many studies suggest.

27. La Paz, Bolivia, was the first South American city to get an electricity supply. It was powered by llama dung.

28. China uses 45 billion chopsticks per year.





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What's happening at Chester Zoo.

Chester Zoo is to create a new 10 mile 'nature recovery corridor' across Cheshire



Chester Zoo is to create a new 10 mile 'nature recovery corridor' to restore wetlands, traditional orchards, hedgerows, grasslands and wildflower meadows across Cheshire.

Stretching from Chester to Ellesmere Port, the Nature Recovery Corridor will see Chester Zoo, in collaboration with partners across the region, restoring a network of wildlife-rich habitat and contributing to the recovery of severely declining species in need of urgent help.

Conservation experts say communities will be empowered with the passion, knowledge and skills to make long-lasting improvements to the Cheshire countryside that will flourish for generations to come.

The project will be inclusive, hands on and will provide access to nature for some of the most deprived areas in Cheshire West and Chester,

providing opportunities for youth traineeships and a community volunteer programme.

The first phase of the ambitious project, focussed on a 6.5 mile stretch running from the zoo's nature reserve through Chester city centre to Lache in the south west of the city, has been awarded a £990,500 grant from the Government's £40 million second round of the Green Recovery Challenge Fund, a multi-million pound boost for green jobs and nature recovery.

Dr Simon Dowell, Science Director at Chester Zoo, said: *"Chester Zoo is making transformative change to prevent extinction. Our new Nature Recovery Corridor will empower people to create safe spaces for UK wildlife, through collaboration and action. This grant will enable us to create more environmental jobs, demonstrating the value of green*



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recovery in Cheshire, nurture a new generation of conservationists through funded traineeships, and allow wide-ranging local communities to connect with, and enjoy, wildlife.

“As the world faces a biodiversity crisis, the role of large charity zoos like ours in securing a future for wildlife on our planet is ever more vital. With one million species at risk of extinction, including many here in the UK, never has there been a more pressing time to stand together for nature.”

Ninety nature projects across England have been awarded grants from £68,100 to £1,950,000 to create and retain over 1,000 green jobs, backed by the Government’s £80 million Green Recovery Challenge Fund.

Across the various funded projects, work will be carried out on over 600 sites from

North Northumberland to the tip of Cornwall, and combined with the first round, almost a million trees will be planted, contributing towards the Government’s commitment to treble tree planting rates across England by the end of this Parliament.

The Green Recovery Challenge Fund is a key part of the Prime Minister’s 10 Point Plan to kick-start nature recovery and tackle climate change. Connecting people with nature is another priority theme: by increasing access to nature and greenspaces, projects will support both physical and mental wellbeing. The Government’s Green Recovery Challenge Fund was developed by Defra and its Arm’s-Length Bodies. The fund is being delivered by The National Lottery Heritage Fund in partnership with Natural England, the Environment Agency and Forestry Commission.



Harvest mice are one of the many UK native species that Chester Zoo hopes its new nature recovery corridor will help to thrive

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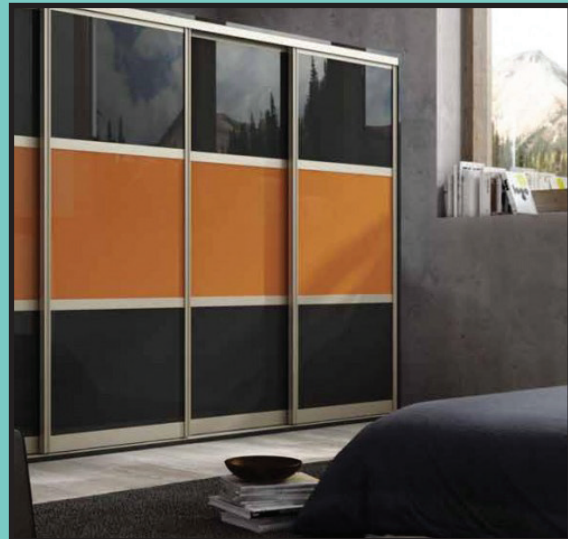
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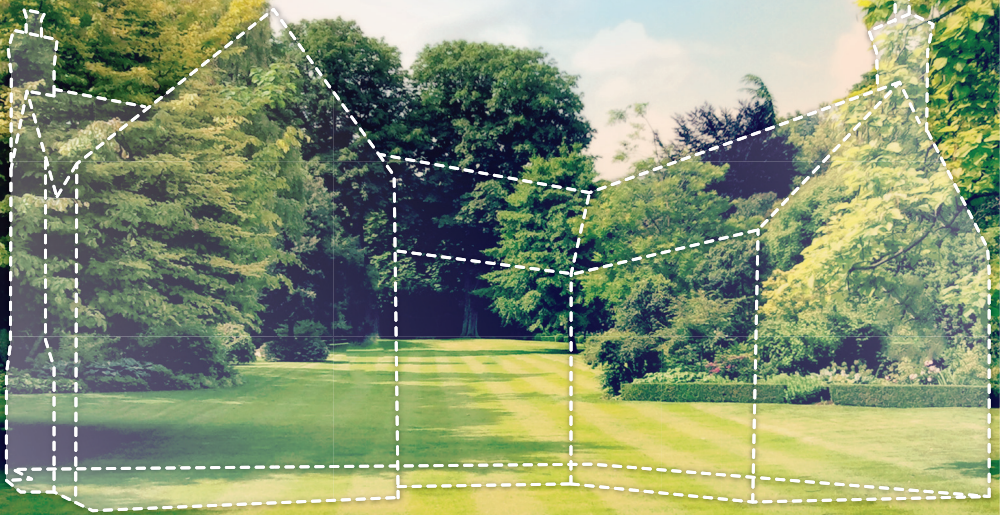
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In addition, the authors highlight women, as well as men, on the front line and the home front. Famous Chester military heroes such as Bomber Command's Leonard Cheshire VC and the Korean War's Kenneth Muir VC feature with lesser-known but equally distinguished local people such as John Dolphin (Head of SOE's Section IX during the Second World War). The Cheshire Regiment looms large in any discussion of Chester's military units. Its origins immediately after the 1688 Glorious Revolution are discussed together with the regiment's history up to its modern merger with the Mercian Regiment. Chester's Military Heritage presents a broad and insightful account of this important aspect of the city's history.



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THIS DAY IN HISTORY FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

2nd September 1666

In the early morning hours, the Great Fire of London broke out in the house of King Charles II's baker on Pudding Lane near London Bridge.

It had been a hot, dry summer, and a strong wind further encouraged the flames. As the conflagration grew, city

authorities struggled to tear down buildings and create a firebreak, but the flames repeatedly overtook them before they could complete their work. People fled into the Thames River dragging their possessions, and the homeless took refuge in the hills on the outskirts of London. Light from the Great Fire could be seen 30 miles away.

On September 5, the fire slackened, and on September 6 it was brought under control. That evening, flames again burst forth in the Temple (the legal district), but the explosion of buildings with gunpowder extinguished the flames.

4th September 1964

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13th September 1902

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investigating officer noticed a number of fingerprints on a freshly painted windowsill, apparently where the burglar made his entry. He immediately called the Metropolitan Police Fingerprint Bureau, and Detective-Sergeant Charles Stockley Collins went to the scene. He examined

the marks and decided that the left thumb made the clearest impression. After satisfying himself that the marks had not been left by any member of the household, Collins took a photograph of it.

Collins and his colleagues made a search of their files for known criminals with a similar print pattern. The files revealed that the fingerprints belonged to a 41-year-old labourer, Harry Jackson, who had recently served a prison term for burglary. He was arrested, and for safety's sake, fingerprinted again. This new set was compared to the prints photographed from the crime scene and again they matched.

24th September 1975

The first Britons conquered Everest. Dougal Haston and Doug Scott became the first Britons to reach the summit of the world's highest mountain.

The men arrived at the top of Mount Everest via the previously unclimbed south-west face, 33 days after establishing their base camp.



The team succeeded on a difficult direct route which had repulsed five other attempts and set a record for the fastest time up the peak.

Expedition leader Chris Bonington reported the pair had reached the 29,028ft (8,848m) summit safely and were now on their way down the mountain.



PEOPLE are being urged to look beyond lockdown by making a date to join Cancer Research UK's Race for Life in Cheshire.



The charity's much-loved events are aiming to return to the region this summer and autumn but with socially distanced measures to keep participants safe. Money raised will help scientists find new ways to prevent, diagnose and treat cancer, saving lives as the charity fights back from the impact of the pandemic.

Every year around 42,300 people are diagnosed with cancer in the North West* and one in two people in the UK born after 1960 will get cancer in their lifetime.**

The Race for Life events, which take place at Arley Hall on Monday 30 August, Tatton Park on Saturday 2 & Sunday 3 October, and at Delamere Forest on Sunday 10 October, are open to people of all ages and abilities. Events include a 3K, 5K, 10K as well as Pretty Muddy, a mud-splattered obstacle course.

Siobhan Byrne, Cancer Research UK's spokesperson for Cheshire, said: "Race for Life offers the perfect opportunity for people across the region to run, walk or jog and raise money for life-saving research.



"All 400 mass participation Race for Life events across the UK were cancelled last year to protect the country's health during the COVID-19 pandemic. So this year, more than ever, we need people to enter the Race for Life - for the people we love, for the people we've lost and for the one in two of us who will get cancer."

Cancer Research UK's Race for Life, which has been in partnership with Tesco for 20 years, is an inspiring series of 3K, 5K, 10K, Pretty Muddy and Pretty Muddy Kids event which raise millions of pounds every year to help beat cancer by funding crucial research. Money raised funds world-class research to help beat 200 types of cancer - including bowel cancer, prostate cancer, lung cancer, testicular cancer, brain cancer, children's cancers and leukaemia.

This year, participants will set off on the Race for Life course either alone or in small, socially distanced groups. Hand sanitiser will also be provided with participants encouraged to use it before and after the event.

Siobhan added: *“We’ll ask participants to respect social distancing before, during and after the event.”*

“But we promise our events will remain colourful, emotional and uplifting. The safety of our Race for Life participants is our absolute priority. We’ve been constantly monitoring the COVID-19 situation and have developed ways to ensure our events can operate safely, following government guidance. It may be that events look a bit different this year but we are working proactively with our venues and suppliers to deliver a socially distanced but great experience.”

“Sadly, cancer touches almost every family at some point. Every step our scientists take towards beating cancer relies on our supporters. That’s why we need as many people as possible across Cheshire to join us, to stand united and do something extraordinary to help beat cancer.”

“We know that 2020 was a year like no other and we had to overcome many challenges thrown our way during the global pandemic. But this past year proves, more than any other, the value of investing in science and medical research and what can be achieved by working together. Just like science is our route out of the pandemic, science is our route to beating cancer. We are absolutely determined to continue to create better cancer treatments for tomorrow.”

People can visit raceforlife.org to enter

*** If any Race for Life events are cancelled, people will be entitled to a refund of their entry fee or can choose to donate the fee to help fund Cancer Research UK’s life-saving work.

Thanks to the generosity of its supporters, Cancer Research UK’s work into the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer has been at the heart of the progress that has seen survival in the UK double in the last 40 years.

The charity was able to spend over £33 million in the North West last year on some of the UK’s leading scientific and clinical research.

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
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Over £530,000 secured for domestic abuse programmes in Cheshire



John Dwyer, Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, has successfully secured £538,100 from the Government's Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Fund to help provide services in the county which will take a preventative approach towards domestic abuse.

John Dwyer said: "I am delighted that our bid for over £530,000 of Home Office funding to tackle domestic abuse in Cheshire has been successful. Domestic abuse is an abhorrent crime, and we must do all we can to wipe it out, including educating young people. To that end, this money will go towards our 'Best of Me' model, an early intervention approach which will tackle negative behaviours in perpetrators before there is no turning back. We'll also be running an awareness programme in schools so that young people know how to spot unhealthy relationships. This extra funding will make a real difference to people's lives, and I look forward to seeing our programmes get under way."

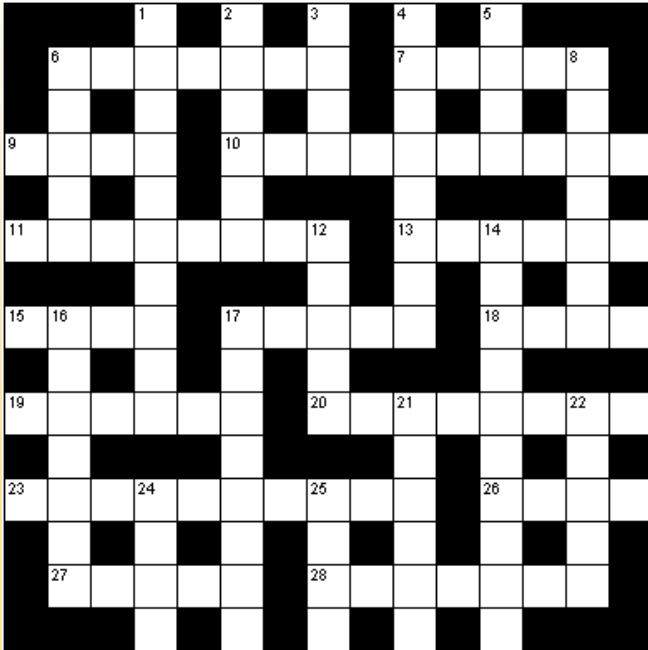
The Government's Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Fund was designed to help Constabularies focus on interventions encouraging behaviour change to help stop perpetrators from committing domestic abuse, with the ultimate aim of preventing further crimes from being committed.

Priti Patel, Home Secretary said: "To prevent the crimes of domestic abuse from happening in the first place, we must deepen our understanding of who commits them, why they do so, and how it may escalate. This fund builds on the considerable work already taking place to tackle domestic abuse and aims to better understand key behaviours so we can put a stop to them to good."

Last month, the Government published its Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy, to help ensure that women and girls are safe everywhere both in the real and virtual world. Earlier this year the Domestic Abuse Act, which strengthens protections for victims whilst also ensuring perpetrators feel the full force of the law, was also passed.

John Dwyer added: "Steps are being taken to show those who commit domestic abuse that it isn't ok. Perpetrators and victims of domestic abuse aren't confined to one gender and I hope all of the work that we're doing here in Cheshire and that the Government is outlining helps survivors across the board. Help and support is out there. If we can break the cycle, we can hopefully prevent further victims of abuse."

PUZZLE CORNER



Down

- 1 Showing kindness (10)
- 2 Rectangular (6)
- 3 Relating to the ear (4)
- 4 Rockets (8)
- 5 Grain storage building (4)
- 6 Fire a weapon (5)
- 8 French country house (7)
- 12 An online directory (5)
- 14 Being willing to give your time or money (10)
- 16 One who twists fibers into threads (7)
- 17 Porcupine (8)
- 21 Comfort (6)
- 22 Leaves (5)
- 24 A very small amount (4)
- 25 T T T T (4)

Across

- 6 Ice containing milk (7)
- 7 Relating to the lower body (5)
- 9 Achy (4)
- 10 From time to time (10)
- 11 Powerfully (8)
- 13 Recorded (6)
- 15 Anglo-Saxon slave (4)
- 17 Laughs (5)
- 18 Person, place or thing (4)
- 19 Restricted caloric intake (6)
- 20 Saw (8)

- 23 Minor in significance (10)
- 26 Travel through water (4)
- 27 Relative magnitudes (5)
- 28 Arouses (7)

Sudoku Puzzle

How to play:

The numbers 1 through 9 will appear once only in each row, column, and 3x3 zone.

There are 9 such zones in each sudoku grid.

There is only one correct solution to each sudoku. Good luck!

Difficulty level: Medium.

Solutions can be found on our website

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	4		5		9			6
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Heading for the hills

During the summer months, the hills above the Dee Valley are at their best, carpeted with swathes of glorious purple bell heather. This was one of many high points enjoyed by members of Chester Rambling & Hill Walking Club recently. We started at the lovely riverside village of Carrog, where the River Dee flows by on its way to Llangollen and eventually to Chester. All was calm the day we were there, but it's a different story after periods of heavy rain, when the river becomes a torrent. The five-arched stone bridge stands strong against this onslaught, as it has for nearly 400 years.

Our leader, Dave, guided us up and out of the village on a steep woodland path that forms part of the Clwydian Way. It was a warm day, and stops were required to allow for the catching of breath and a slurp or two of water! Emerging from the trees, we continued onto the heather-clad moorland that is such a feature of this area. Visibility had been hazy first thing but soon cleared to reveal views of the surrounding North Wales hills. Our route was a 7½ mile circular, with several undulations enabling us to see in every direction. The Berwyns, Llantislios and Clwydians were all spotted at various points throughout the walk, as well as the more distant hills towards Bala.



We felt on top of the world many times during the walk! This is despite the highest point reached being no more than around 400m/1,300 feet above sea level, a modest elevation compared to the neighbouring Moel Fferna and Vivod, the most northerly of the Berwyns. These have an altitude of roughly 600m/2,000 feet and the plateau summits of both were clearly visible across the valley from our viewpoint at Bwlch y groes. This was on the homeward stretch, although our parked cars were still some distance away, with more humps and dips yet to come. The many ups and downs along our route, and the effects of the summer heat, made for an exhausting day's walking, but an enjoyable one, especially for those of us who'd not ventured up these particular hills before.

As is often the case on Club walks, the start and end of this hike was within a short distance of a welcoming hostelry, enabling us to revive ourselves with a cooling drink afterwards.

Carrog is accessed along the A5 between Llangollen and Corwen. The village was once called Llansantffraid Glyn Dyfrdwy, which translates as 'Church of St Bridget in the Dee Valley'. It became 'Carrog' when the steam railway line from Llangollen opened in 1865, an event that heralded the arrival of hordes of Victorian tourists, who, being mostly English-speaking, presumably struggled to pronounce the longer Welsh name!

It's worth noting that whilst the signage on named trails like the Dee Valley Way are mostly well-marked, lesser-used footpaths around here are not so regularly maintained and signposts may be sparse. For this reason, it's vital that you have OS Explorer map 255 (Llangollen & Berwyn) with you when exploring this area.

If you fancy group walking in Cheshire and North Wales, joining a local hiking group could be for you. To find out more about Chester Rambling & Hill Walking Club head over to our website: www.chesterwalkingclub.com or take a look at our Facebook page to see what we're up to.

Joining details can also be obtained by emailing chesramclub@yahoo.com

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