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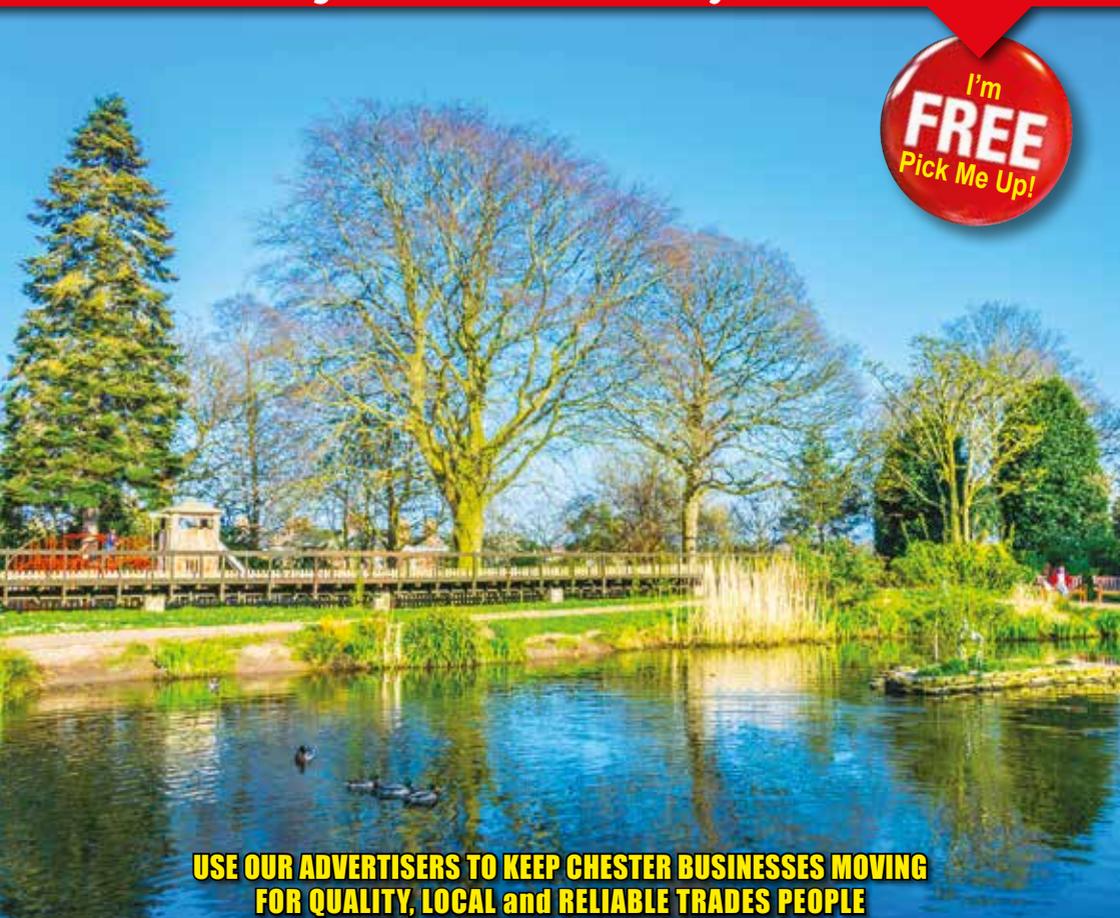
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Dear Friends,
The end of the school year again!

The children will be excited already starting their holidays, I hope the parents are enjoying the break too with them!

Summer is finally here, we certainly had a glorious May, June and July with the lovely weather. There is lots going on in and around Chester - see our **What's on Guide** for some great ideas, so check them out!

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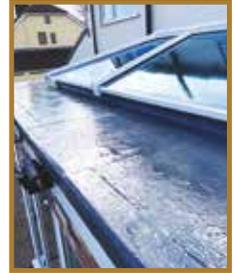
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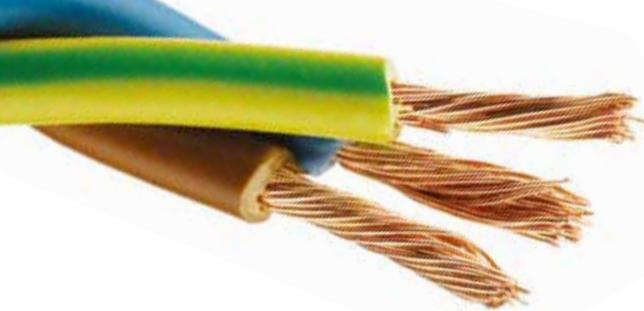
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1. Norway's Coat of Arms has a lion depicted, although there are no lions in Norway.

2. The two parts to the word "helicopter" are "helico" meaning spiral, and "pter" meaning one with wings, like pterodactyl.

3. The cuckoo in the world's largest cuckoo clock weighs 330 pounds.

4. The largest print photograph ever taken was 111 feet (34 m) wide and 32 feet (9.8 m) high.

5. In Bolivia, llama droppings are used to purify water.

6. The longest time between two twins being born is 87 days.

7. The world's deepest postbox is in Susami Bay in Japan. It's 10 metres underwater.

8. In 2007, an American man named Corey Taylor tried to fake his own death in order to get out of his mobile phone contract without paying a fee. It didn't work.



9. The oldest condoms ever found date back to the 1640s (they were found in a cesspit at Dudley Castle), and were made from animal and fish intestines.

10. In 1923, jockey Frank Hayes won a race at Belmont Park in New York despite being dead — he suffered a heart attack mid-race, but his body stayed in the saddle until his horse crossed the line for a 20–1 outsider victory.

11. Everyone has a unique tongue print, like fingerprints.

12. Female kangaroos have three vaginas.



13. Light doesn't necessarily travel at the speed of light. The slowest we've ever recorded light moving at is 38 mph.

14. Casu marzu is a Sardinian cheese that contains live maggots. The maggots can jump up to five inches out of cheese while you're eating it, so it's a good idea to shield it with your hand to stop them jumping into your eyes.

15. The loneliest creature on Earth is a whale who has been calling out for a mate for over two decades — but whose high-pitched voice is so different to other whales that they never respond.

16. During World War II, the crew of the British submarine HMS Trident kept a fully grown reindeer called Pollyanna aboard their vessel for six weeks (it was a gift from the Russians).

17. The northern leopard frog swallows its prey using its eyes — it uses them to help push food down its throat by retracting them into its head.

18. The first man to urinate on the moon was Buzz Aldrin, shortly after stepping onto the lunar surface.

19. Some fruit flies are genetically resistant to getting drunk — but only if they have an inactive version of a gene scientists have named "happyhour".

20. In 1567, the man said to have the longest beard in the world died after he tripped over his beard running away from a fire.

21. In 1993, San Francisco held a referendum over whether a police officer called Bob Geary was allowed to patrol while carrying a ventriquist's dummy called Brendan O'Smarty. He was.



22. The Dutch village of Giethoorn has no roads; its buildings are connected entirely by canals and footbridges.

23. Powerful earthquakes can permanently shorten the length of Earth's day, by moving the spin of the Earth's axis. The 2011 Japan earthquake knocked 1.8 microseconds off our days. The 2004 Sumatra quake cost us around 6.8 microseconds.

24. The first American film to show a toilet being flushed on screen was Alfred Hitchcock's Psycho.

25. Melting glaciers and icebergs make a distinctive fizzing noise known as "berg seltzer".

26. There is a glacier called "Blood Falls" in Antarctica that regularly pours out red liquid, making it look like the ice is bleeding. (It's actually oxidised salty water.)



27. In 2008 scientists discovered a new species of bacteria that lives in hairspray.

28. The top of the Eiffel Tower leans away from the sun, as the metal facing the sun heats up and expands. It can move as much as 7 inches.

29. Lt. Col. "Mad" Jack Churchill was only British soldier in WWII known to have killed an enemy soldier with a longbow. "Mad Jack" insisted on going into battle armed with both a medieval bow and a claymore sword.

30. The Romans used to clean and whiten their teeth with urine. Apparently it works. Please don't do it, though.



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What's happening at Chester Zoo.

Rare greater one-horned rhino born at Chester Zoo



- **CCTV captures momentous moment rare calf arrives into the world**
- **New youngster is seen getting to its feet and feeding for the first time in charming footage**
- **Proud mum Asha delivers 60kg baby after 16-month pregnancy**
- **Zoo releases FIRST images of 'bolshie' newcomer**
- **Greater one-horned rhinos are vulnerable to extinction in the wild**
- **New calf is a significant and important boost to the endangered species breeding programme**
- **Zoo conservationists are working in Asia to protect threatened habitats where the species is found**



OUR LATEST NEWS & EVENTS

CCTV footage shows the wonderful moment a rare greater one-horned rhino is born at Chester Zoo.

A rare greater one-horned rhino calf has been born at Chester, with the “momentous” birth captured live on CCTV.

The male calf arrived to mum Asha (11) following a 16-month gestation and a 20-minute labour.

Charming footage released by the zoo shows the as yet unnamed youngster getting to its feet to take its first wobbly steps before feeding for the first time shortly after.

Zoo conservationists have hailed the birth of the “precious, bolshie newcomer” as a big boost to the endangered species breeding programme, with the greater one horned rhino listed as vulnerable to extinction by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

The animals are threatened in the wild by the illegal poaching of their horns and habitat loss.

Tim Rowlands, Curator of Mammals, said:

“Asha is a superb mum and delivered her little bundle of joy in very relaxed fashion – almost lying down completely to give birth.

“Greater one-horned rhinos are a vulnerable species and every new calf is ever so special. This is a momentous new arrival.

“Rhinos around the world are under increasing pressure due largely to the senseless poaching of their horn. We need more people to be aware of their plight and join us in the fight to end the slaughter and ensure these magnificent animals are around for the future. Asha’s precious new arrival, which is already developing into quite a bolshie little character, will hopefully go some way to keeping rhinos and the surrounding issues in the spotlight.”

Chester Zoo is part of a breeding programme coordinated by the European Association of Zoos and Aquariums (EAZA) that is focused on sustaining the greater one-horned rhino population.

Mike Jordan, Collections Director, added:

“At one stage, the greater one-horn rhino was hunted almost to extinction and there were less than 200 in the wild. Thankfully, steps to protect them were taken just in time and today there are around 3,500 in India and Nepal.

“That number though is still desperately small and they continue to face threats to their long-term survival. As with the rhinos in Africa, they are targeted for their horns by poachers and much of the land where they once lived has been taken over by humans. It’s therefore vitally important that we act for wildlife to ensure the population doesn’t dip to critically low levels again.”

Rhino fast facts

- Greater one horned rhinos live in north-east India and southern Nepal
- Their scientific name is *Rhinoceros unicornis* giving a nod to their one horn
- They can weigh up to a whopping 2.4 tonnes
- Despite their bulky size, greater one-horned rhinos can run at speeds of up to 25mph and are excellent swimmers
- Asha’s calf was born at around 6pm on 03/05/2018
- Dad Beni is 13 years old
- The calf is only the second greater one-horned rhino to ever be born at the zoo and the first for four and half years



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The city is located in the central-western portion of the Italian Peninsula, within Lazio (Latium), along the shores of Tiber river. The Vatican City is an independent country geographically located within the city boundaries of Rome, the only existing example of a country within a city: for this reason Rome has been often defined as capital of two states.

Monuments and museums such as the Vatican Museums and the Colosseum are among the world's most visited tourist destinations with both locations receiving millions of tourists a year. Rome also hosted the 1960 Summer Olympics.

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You will then sail away to visit **Marseille** which is the second largest city in France after Paris.

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Cliffs, canvas & cream teas



We are very lucky here in Chester that we live in an area teeming with fabulous walking opportunities in each direction. The Chester Rambling and Hill Walking Club programme regularly includes hikes in Cheshire, North Wales and the Wirral, and occasionally further afield in Shropshire, Derbyshire and Lancashire.

Increasingly popular are the Club Camps, offering the ideal chance to experience walking in less familiar parts of the country. During the last couple of years, these events have taken us to the Brecon Beacons, Herefordshire, Barmouth and the Llyn Peninsula, and we've just recently returned home from a gloriously warm, dry week in South Devon.

This visit to the Jurassic Coast was a first for my other half and I, as well as some of our fellow members. Straddling nearly 100 miles across East Devon and Dorset, the area has been designated a World Heritage Site, due to its outstanding geological history. Erosion and landslips mean the coastline is forever on the move, and rock strata and fossils are constantly being exposed. Walking along and beneath these breathtaking cliffs is an experience not available to us back home in the North West, and we loved every minute!

The week saw us striding happily along the coast at Seaton, Beer, Branscombe, Ladram Bay and Otterton, as well as slightly inland at Colyton and Stoke Abbot. Highlight of the week was possibly the climb up to the top of Golden Cap, the highest point on England's South Coast. From here, looking east, we could just pick out the outline of Portland Bill in the far distance. Other highlights of this year's summer camp included a tram ride to the start of the walk at Colyton. And the red sandstone cliffs at Seatown were stunning. Oh, and the ice cream. The cream teas were good, too....

The weather was perfect, as well. Unusually, it only rained once and that was overnight when it mattered but little. Temperatures hovered at around 23°C all week and copious amounts of tepid water had to be drunk to prevent dehydration. A mobile, rucksack-sized chiller would be a useful accessory for summer walking, but I've yet to see this hit the shelves of the outdoor shops. In the meantime, lukewarm aqua vitae it must be.

While many of us enjoy the challenge of camping or caravanning, other members prefer brick walls and a proper roof over their heads. Whichever camp site we head for, there are always B & B and self-catering options available nearby. The main purpose of these trips away is to discover new areas, walk new ground and enjoy the company of like-

minded people who share our love for the great outdoors. Doing this as a group is a very sociable affair and many good times are experienced, whether we opt for canvas accommodation or otherwise!

We are fortunate in our Club to have a small pool of experienced and dedicated members who are sufficiently confident to organise group camps for us. Given that the destinations involved are usually well beyond the county perimeter, the camps require many months of planning to find a suitable campsite, and devise and reconnoitre walks for each day. Our next Camp takes us down to the Cotswolds in September, and work is in hand for next summer's events at Hadrian's Wall and South Shropshire. Watch this space for 2020 too.....

Fancy joining us? Check what we have planned for the rest of the summer by visiting our website.

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

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We are a Chester-based walking club, offering up to 3 grades of walks on Sundays, and alternate Wednesdays, and a programme of short summer rambles on Tuesday evenings. The summer season also sees a flurry of camping activity, when we pack up our tents, hook up the caravans, book B & B's and cottages, and head off to destinations slightly further afield for a few days.

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HOSPICE STAFF CONTINUOUS LONG SERVICE AWARDS.



Lynne Moorhead 20 Years

Over 30 members of staff at the Hospice of the Good Shepherd have been recognised for dedicating long service to Chester's adult hospice.

The Chair of Trustees, Robert Mee along with fellow trustee Margaret Hopkins presented the awards to 30 staff members who have achieved 10, 15, 20 or 25 years of continuous service. The event took place on Tuesday 5th June in a Marquee in the Hospice grounds which has been actively used as part of the Hospice Community

Engagement Week to engage with the local community.

Some of those recognised at the ceremony included Social Worker, Lynne Moorhead from the Hospice Family Support Team. Lynne, joined the Hospice 23 years ago

She said: "Since joining 23 years ago I have seen the Hospice grow, both in numbers of staff and the number of patients we treat. In my time here I have been lucky to have met and worked with wonderful people and



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Staff group shot with Margaret Hopkins

been part of a diverse team which goes from strength to strength. I thoroughly enjoy demonstrating how Hospice staff work together to provide the best care for patients and families with a life limiting illness.”

Chief Executive at the Hospice of the Good Shepherd, Margaret Wright said: “It makes us very proud to recognise the long-standing support and hard work of so many of our staff. That level of continuity is vital in helping us progress our services and our patients benefit massively from their dedication. They all thoroughly deserve this recognition.”

The Hospice of the Good Shepherd is a local independent charity providing end of life care and support for patients, their families and carers living with cancer and other life limiting illnesses in Chester, West Cheshire, Ellesmere Port and Deeside.

For further information on events and services please visit www.hospicegs.com

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Well none of the above is actually true of course and it's all a bit of a red herring if I'm being honest, because buying a Volvo right now will probably be the best decision you are ever likely to make now or at any time in the future.

Power and Efficiency

The V90 I have on test is powered by a 1969cc diesel engine that has 190hp and 400Nm of torque. Fuel economy also comes in at around 62.8mpg (combined) and CO2 emissions of 119g/km, along with a Top speed of around 140mph. This is a big car though – and I felt that the engine needed a bit more power to help give it a bit more of a sprint appeal – but, if you select the ‘dynamic’ driving mode things start to feel that little bit more exciting and the V90 picks up its pace, but without having a massive effect on fuel economy.

On the Road

I expected nothing but the best and I was not disappointed. The V90 does not roll and scamper around like a scalded cat – it just glides. It's actually like driving around on air – it's that good. The grip levels are also another part of the V90 that work so

well – because Volvo have once again built a car that feels epic on the road and so sure footed that even the most over enthusiastic driver would struggle to get it out of shape.

The new V90 also delivers cutting-edge Pilot Assist semi-autonomous drive technology, which for me is the most advanced standard safety package on the market today and includes Large Animal Detection and Run-off Road Mitigation – which is yet another safety feature keeping you safe while out on the road.

Safety and Technology

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Here's a Garden-To-Do List for the sultry month of August:

- Seed a fall crop of peas and spinach and keep harvesting. There's always something to make with zucchini.
- Pick herbs for fresh use and for drying. Harvesting will keep them growing longer.
- Order spring bulbs for planting and forcing.
- Check that your mulch hasn't decomposed and add more as needed.
- Spread a mid-season layer of compost or manure.
- Keep deadheading and harvesting.
- Leave some annual seeds to self-sow.
- Start saving seeds and taking cuttings.
- Remove any diseased foliage now, so it doesn't get lost in the fall leaves.
- Cut back the foliage of early bloomers like Brunnera and hardy geraniums, to revitalize the plants.
- Prune summer flowering shrubs as the flowers fade.
- Trim and feed hanging baskets to prolong their beauty.
- Take pictures of your garden at peak. Take pictures of container combinations you'd like to repeat.

- Begin dividing perennials. Start with the bearded iris.
- Pot up perennial divisions for spring plant swaps. Sink the pots into the ground this fall and they'll be one less chore in the spring.
- Plant trees, shrubs and perennials now, so they can take root, and keep them well watered.
- Get your fall-blooming crocus and colchicum planted so they'll bloom on time.
- Start moving houseplants back indoors, so they get used to the limited sun exposure and humidity. Maybe bring some outdoor plants inside, to over winter, too.
- Begin planting for the fall/winter vegetable garden.
- Plant a spring crop of garlic.
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Phil Crawford, Hospice Community Fundraiser, said: "It's an un-timed race in which hundreds of participants will run, walk, hop, skip, jump or dance to the finish line - the Foamtastic Colourblast is all about having fun while raising money for your local Hospice.

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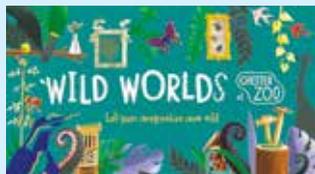
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Cheshire's best young artists crowned at Storyhouse, Chester



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Two talented young artists are celebrating after battling it out with almost 300 pupils from schools across Cheshire to be named the area's best young artists.

Pranathi Tulasi, a Year 9 student from The Catholic High School Chester and Tahlia Buckley a Year 5 student from Acton CE Primary Academy, were crowned the overall winners of the dot-art Schools competition at a special prize-giving ceremony at Storyhouse, Chester on Thursday 7th June 2018.

Pranathi's winning piece titled Susan Davis Painting 1, a painting inspired by artist Susan Davis's work resembling a night-time forest with birds; and Tahlia's dynamic acrylic painting of a volcano and crashing waves, entitled Tahlia's Great Wave both featured alongside the other shortlisted artworks in the second annual dot-art Schools Cheshire exhibition. This free exhibition at Storyhouse in Chester opened to the public from Friday 8th June to Sunday 24th June.

dot-art Schools is already a well-established fixture in the academic calendar for many Merseyside schools; since its inception over 4700 students from over 270 schools have taken part. This is the sixth year it will take place in the Liverpool City Region and due to its success and a partnership with Liverpool John Moores University, a parallel scheme for Cheshire West & Chester, Cheshire East and Warrington was launched last year.

Entrants are asked to produce a piece of 2D or 3D artwork on any theme. Schools initially submitted up to 25 student pieces of art which were then shortlisted by a judging panel made up of representatives from well-respected arts and cultural institutions including National Museums Liverpool and LJMU Liverpool School of Art & Design, and Storyhouse engagement team who selected their top three entries from each school ready for a public vote. Over 3000 members of the public voted online for their favourite piece of work from each school to win a place in the exhibition.

The overall winners and runners-up for both primary and secondary categories were chosen by guest judge Una Meehan of the Philip Barker

Centre for Creative Learning, in University of Chester; and announced at a prize-giving ceremony and launch of the exhibition. Each shortlisted student was presented with a certificate by Alexis Redmond MBE, High Sheriff of Cheshire during the ceremony.

As the winner of the Year 9 category Pranathi was also awarded a scholarship to Dot-Art, giving her a year's membership to dot-art's network, allowing her to showcase and sell her work alongside professional artists, while Acton CE Primary Academy student Tahlia won the Year 5 category and was presented with prizes donated by Cass Art and afternoon tea for two at the Townhouse Hotel, Chester.

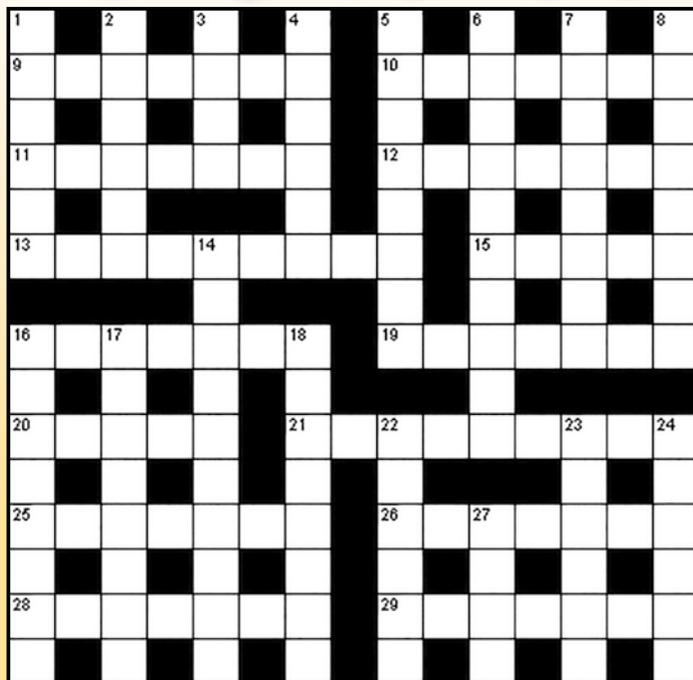
The runners up in the secondary category were Connor P from Green Lane Community Special School for his digital self-portrait; and Lean Eugenio of Neston High School for her detailed watercolour and ink drawing of a young woman. The primary category runners up were Samuel Johnson of Kelsall Primary School for his mixed media landscape and Freddie Morris of Archers Brook SEMH Residential School for his watercolour painting of a wolf. The two runners up in both categories were also presented with prizes including a goody bag of art materials from Cass Art and tickets for theatre productions at Storyhouse.

Dot-art Schools project manager Carolyn Murray commented: "The standard of work was outstanding again this year and it's thrilling to see we have so many talented young artists in the region. Not many young people get the chance to have their artwork displayed in a public exhibition so everyone who was shortlisted should feel very proud. The exhibition is a fantastic opportunity for the public to check out the best work by some of the region's rising stars"

Registration for next year's dot-art Schools competition opens in September but schools that sign up before the end of this term will receive an early bird discount. For more information visit www.schools.dot-art.com or contact Carolyn Murray by emailing schools@dot-art.com.



PUZZLE CORNER



Down

1. Chronicles (6)
2. Pertaining to a bride (6)
3. Newbie (slang) (4)
4. View (6)
5. Graphic symbol (8)
6. Vilify (10)
7. Disapproved (8)
8. Educator (8)
14. Rainproof (10)
16. Carved deeply into (8)
17. Cardiopulmonary exercises (8)
18. One who makes payment (8)
22. Personal security (6)
23. Set aflame (6)
24. Putting surfaces (6)
27. Unrestrained revelry (4)

Across

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| 9. Anxious (7) | 15. Fruity-smelling compound (5) |
| 10. Drool (7) | 16. A small kitchen appliance (7) |
| 11. Hearable (7) | 19. Wander aimlessly (7) |
| 12. Luxurious (7) | 20. Mistake (5) |
| 13. Brine (9) | 21. Becoming proficient (9) |

25. Nightclub (7)
26. Walk emphatically (7)
28. Insert (7)
29. Fasten (7)

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