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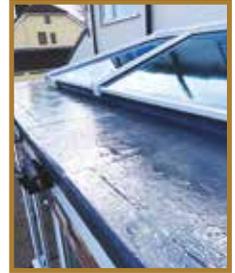
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2. There is an army recruitment lottery in Thailand. Every man over 21 has to participate. A red card means you have to go, a black card means you don't.
3. Abraham Lincoln loved cats and once let one eat from the table during a formal White House dinner.
4. During WWII, a British sailor escaped his submarine from depths of 270 feet (82 m) and managed to get to the surface and survive.
5. Saddam Hussein's son owned an actual iron maiden and used it against people he didn't like.
6. In Canada, due to a chronic shortage of coinage, playing cards were once used as currency.
7. On average, New Yorkers save \$1,160 a month and \$13,926 annually by relying on public transportation.
8. The father of Jeff Bezos, founder of Amazon, was a unicyclist in a circus.
9. If Prince Charles becomes king, he will be the oldest monarch ever crowned in Britain.
10. When Winston Churchill paid a visit to the U.S. in 1931, during the height of Alcohol Prohibition, he got around it after being hit by an oncoming car. The doctor prescribed him 6 shots of alcohol at mealtimes.
11. France opened in 2016 what it claims to be the world's first solar panel road, in a Normandy village.



12. Disney World is the second-largest purchaser of explosives in the United States, the first being the U.S. Department of Defense.
13. All astronauts must learn how to speak Russian, and all cosmonauts must learn how to speak English.
14. Beer cans in Japan have braille on them so blind people don't confuse alcoholic drinks with soft drinks.
15. Five years before he won Wimbledon, Fred Perry was world table-tennis champion.
16. Al Capone was expelled from school at the age of 14 for hitting a female teacher, and never went back.

17. The average temperature of a beehive is the same as a human body. Bees flap their wings to regulate heat.
18. Drinking very hot beverages increases your risk of developing cancer.
19. The Pentagon has over 5 million square feet of office space and 17 miles of corridors.
20. 1 in 10,000 chickens can change their gender.
21. The attack on Pearl Harbor was detected by radar in advance, but the readings were misinterpreted.
22. Around 10,000 foxes live in London.
23. Freddie Mercury spent his last months recording as many vocals as he could for the rest of Queen to finish after his death.
24. Pete Townshend, The Who's guitarist, smashed more than 35 guitars in 1967 alone.
25. The real St. Patrick wasn't even Irish. He was born in Britain around A.D. 390 to an aristocratic Christian family with a townhouse, a country villa, and plenty of slaves.
26. Three surnames, Wang, Li and Zhang, make up for 21% of the Chinese population.
27. Henry Ford spied on his employees at home to ensure they were living virtuously and thus were eligible for a \$2.66-a-day bonus.
28. Robert De Niro was so dedicated to prepare for his roles, he actually gained 60 lbs for Raging Bull, lived in Sicily, Italy for The Godfather Part II, ground his teeth for Cape Fear, became a cab driver for Taxi Driver, and learned to play the saxophone for New York, New York.
29. Cats can't see treats right in front of their faces.
30. In Italy, the Disney movie "Moana" had to change its title to "Oceania" because of a famous porn star with the same name.
31. Kindergarteners in Siberia run outside in their underwears and dump freezing water over themselves to strengthen their immune systems.
31. The word "Atari" comes from the ancient board game Go and means "to hit the target" in Japanese.



32. Only 18% of Americans can drive a car with manual transmission.

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Adorable baby giraffe enjoys his first outdoor adventure at Chester Zoo



- **Rare two-week-old calf, Mburo, stretches his long legs**
- **Leggy newcomer gives mum Dagmar and the rest of the herd the run-around**
- **New arrival is special addition to endangered species breeding programme for 'one of Africa's most at risk species'**
- **Fewer than 2,650 Rothschild's giraffes remain in the wild**
- **Zoo conservationists are working to boost numbers of remaining populations in Uganda**

A two-week-old giraffe calf, named Mburo, struts his stuff as he steps outside for the very first time at Chester Zoo

A two-week-old giraffe calf has stepped outside for the very first time at Chester Zoo.

The six-foot-tall newcomer held his head high as he made his first public appearance, venturing out with the rest of the herd including parents Dagmar and Meru.

The birth of the calf was captured by the zoo's CCTV on Tuesday 5 March and the calf spent the first few weeks of his life indoors as he spent time forging important close bonds with his mum.



OUR LATEST NEWS & EVENTS

Zookeepers have named the new arrival 'Mburo' after an area of western Uganda which the zoo's field conservation partners, The Giraffe Conservation Foundation, first translocated a group of Rothschild's giraffes to - a vital conservation move to boost then dwindling giraffe numbers.

Sarah Roffe, Giraffes Team Manager at the zoo, said:

"Since being born just two weeks ago, Mburo has been spending lots of quality time with mum Dagmar and the rest of the herd. Now he's really found his feet and his confidence is coming on leaps and bounds - his little personality is really starting to shine through."

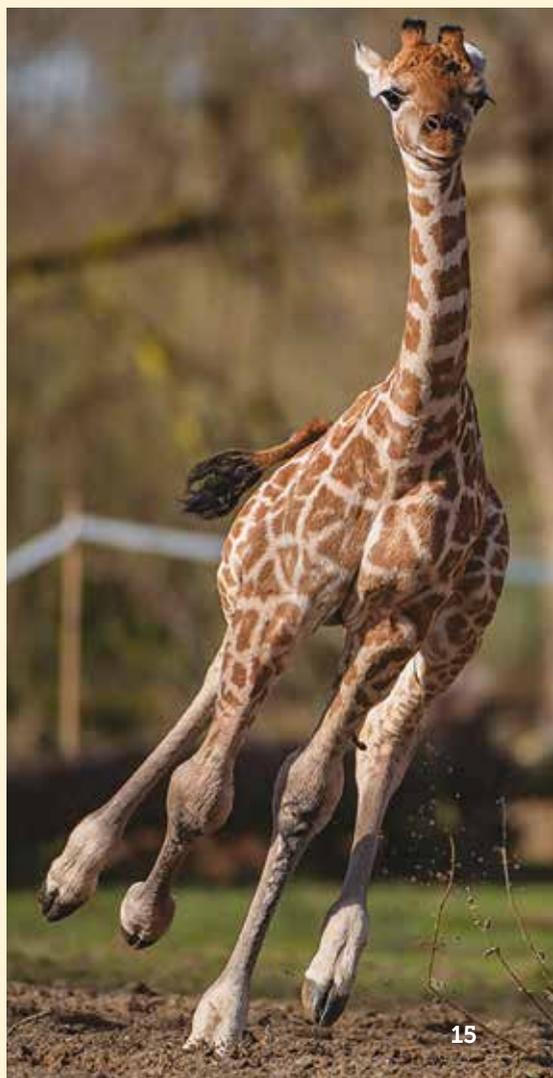
"To see a young Rothschild's giraffe calf strutting his stuff is really quite special - a real privilege when you consider that fewer than 2,650 remain in the wild. For many years they have been experiencing a silent extinction and it's important that we help raise awareness of their plight and continue to help boost numbers in the international breeding programme, as well as assist with conservation efforts in Africa."

Rothschild's giraffes are one of the world's most at-risk mammals but recent news from Africa offers hope. It has been revealed that numbers are slowly increasing in Kidepo Valley and Murchison Falls National Parks.

Sarah added:

"Whilst it's incredibly positive news that numbers in the wild are slowly increasing, the tiny Rothschild's giraffe populations in the wild are extremely fragile and must be carefully monitored to ensure their continued survival. Our experts have worked in Kidepo Valley National Park in Uganda for a number of years helping to protect, monitor and track the population - so it's an incredible feeling to know we've played an essential role in the beginning of their recovery."

Conservationists at Chester are working with partners The Giraffe Conservation Foundation (GCF) and the Uganda Wildlife Foundation (UWA) to protect the last remaining wild populations of Rothschild's giraffes in Africa.



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The city is full of culture and wonderful architecture such as Gaudí's masterpiece, Sagrada Família church. Here you're sure to visit all the main attractions and night life with it's great restaurants and bars.

You will be staying for 1 night in Italy's **Genoa**.

Genoa (Genova) is a port city and the capital of northwest Italy's Liguria region. It's known for its central role in maritime trade over many centuries. In the old town stands the Romanesque Cathedral of San Lorenzo, with its black-and-white-striped facade and frescoed interior. Narrow lanes open onto monumental squares like Piazza de Ferrari, site of an iconic bronze fountain and Teatro Carlo Felice opera house.

You can visit **Rome** once at Civitavecchia which is a small train journey at around 8 euro.

Rome's history spans more than two and a half thousand years. While Roman mythology dates the founding of Rome at only around 753 BC, the site has been inhabited for much longer, making it one of the oldest continuously occupied sites in Europe.

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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Going the Distance - 480 Years of Racing at the Roodee A new exhibition to launch at the Chester Grosvenor Museum



Once likened to racing on 'green velvet' by jockey Lester Piggott, Chester's hallowed Roodee turf is uniquely positioned at the heart of the city of Chester. With less than 50 days to go until a new season of racing at Chester and as the racecourse celebrates another milestone in its illustrious history, a new exhibition at the Chester Grosvenor Museum will soon open to commemorate 480 years of racing at Chester.

Opening on Saturday 20 April, this exhibition will present objects and images from Chester Race Company and the Grosvenor Museum that will explore the origins and heritage of the oldest racecourse still in operation in Great Britain, if not the world.

Members of the public are invited to visit the exhibition and learn the fascinating story of the evolution of the racecourse and its famous site which dates back to the Roman period. From archaeological excavations and racing firsts to tales of legend and stories of gallant victors, the timeline of the Roodee paints a rich tapestry that will stand the test of time.

Chief Executive Officer of Chester Race Company, Richard Thomas said,

"We have been working closely with the museum over the last 12 months in a new Corporate Partnership capacity to bring our story to the general public. Many will be aware of some of the more famous facts, faces and stories of the Roodee and we are thrilled that a fascinating collective narrative of the racecourse's history will be brought to life this year to commemorate 480 years. We are proud to have built a strong relationship with the museum and celebrate our connection with the city of Chester and its people."

Running the duration of the 2019 Chester racing season, members of the public along with racegoers visiting the

city are invited to enjoy this exciting exhibition and even get involved by imparting their own mementos or memories into the narrative. The museum is interested in hearing from anyone who holds anything from race badges, programmes and photographs to hats and fascinators from the past 480 years.

Councillor Louise Gittins, Cabinet Member for Communities and Wellbeing, Cheshire West and Chester Council, said:

"Our Corporate Sponsorship Scheme started in September last year, businesses can play a vital role in developing arts and culture. The new Partnership Scheme is helping to safeguard an essential part of Chester's Heritage for current and future generations."

"I'm looking forward to seeing this new exhibition telling the story of the oldest racecourse still in operation in the country. Please contact the Museum if your business would like to become a partner."

To be part of the story, email grosvenor.museum@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk or telephone: 01244 972197 before the end of March. Visitors to the exhibition will also have the chance to leave their story for others to read and a digital capsule will be made public via the Chester Racecourse website once the exhibition closes at the end of September.

For more information visit <http://events.westcheshiremuseums.co.uk/event/going-the-distance-480-years-of-racing-at-the-roodee/> Entrance to the museum is free, but object as well as monetary donations are gladly welcomed.

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AutoReview

by **Tony Yates**

Keeping you motoring

Honda HR-V 1.5 i-VTEC - S



When you first see the HR-V you will start to think 'is it a coupe or an SUV'. That's exactly what I thought when it arrived on my driveway, but I have been told that Honda wanted it to have the lines of a coupe, but also the robustness of an SUV - and to be honest they seem to have pulled that off rather well and now the HR-V is one of the better-looking SUV's currently on the market.

Power and Efficiency:

The 1.5 Litre i-VTEC has 130PS and 155Nm of torque which is good and all thanks to Honda doing such a wonderful job of getting the best out of this fantastic little petrol engine that is so far, this year, one of the better ones I have come across for its size. I am also happy to report that

the engine feels very refined and has bags of torque available when you need it most which makes motorway driving easy, quiet and unfussy.

The HR-V will also return a combined 42.8 MPG if driven with a very light right foot - and the emissions came in at a very respectable 130 g/km. Top speed will also stop at around 119mph and 0-62 will come in at around 10.2 seconds.

On the road:

The HR-V does not feel heavy or cumbersome at all - and you can sense that Honda has put in a lot of effort in setting up the suspension and chassis to help deal with the many different surfaces the HR-V will come across in its lifetime - be that the morning school run or that camping trip away with the family.

Design & Technology:

The interior is of a good standard and its controls are well set out and all the dials are clear. I did not like the driver's seat as I found I just couldn't get the seating position perfect for me – but then I am quite fussy. Space inside is also good – better than most, and you could easily fit in a very large amount of luggage.

Plus – everything inside the HR-V feels well put together because it's a Honda and you know it will last till the end of time. Passenger legroom is also fine, as is the boot space with a seat up capacity of (431 litres) and seats folded flat capacity of (1456 litres).

Standard equipment on the S model includes; LED daytime running lights, Honda Connect with Garmin navigation, parking sensors, heated seats, LED headlights, smart keyless entry & start, rear-view camera, brake assist, DAB radio with USB and Bluetooth connectivity, automatic climate control and cruise control with speed limiter.

The list does not stop there either – you also get; magic seats, power windows, ISO fix points, alarm & immobilizer system, hill start assist and vehicle stability assist.

To sum up:

A good buy – If you are searching for one of the best looking compact SUV's currently on the market with the addition of some good specification even in basic trim - and enough space to keep any large family happy, then the HR-V could be the perfect fit for you.

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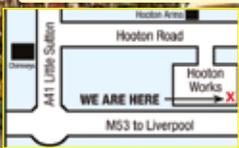
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Going forwards



We're well into late spring now, with the worst of the weather behind us, we hope! Members of Chester Rambling and Hill Walking Club have been avidly browsing through our newly issued Summer programme to see what's planned during our Centenary year. Looking ahead, we have long hikes in the hills of Cheshire, Shropshire and North Wales to look forward to, as well as camping trips further afield. The shorter Tuesday evening walks start in early May too - a delightful way to end a summer's day.

Most programmes feature some new walk leaders, who have been with the Club a year or more and decide they'd like to try out life at the forefront. Sometimes, rather than going it alone, new leaders team up and plan a route together, pooling their knowledge and ideas and reconnoitring their walk a few times so that they are confident on the day. One recent spring walk was led by two new leaders who took us on a fairly local 8-mile route in the Delamere Forest region, starting from the public car park at The Yeld in Kelsall. This area offers lots of footpaths heading in all directions, whether along the Sandstone Trail, into the Forest itself, or onto the gentle slopes of Primrose and Eddisbury Hills. The route chosen was a well-planned and varied one, through woods, across fields and hillsides, and included the contrasting Iron Age hill forts at Eddisbury and Kelsborrow, as well as a section of the former Roman road known as Watling Street, which once linked Chester (Deva) and Manchester (Manucium).

We headed first into Nettleford Wood, before taking a path northwards towards Eddisbury Hill. At the summit there is a viewing platform with a pillar of red Cheshire sandstone, surrounded by six standing stones representing the neighbouring counties visible from here on the clearest of days: Staffordshire, Derbyshire, Lancashire, Shropshire, Denbighshire and Flintshire. Given that the weather on the day we visited was dry and sunny, the views from the top of Eddisbury Hill were quite spectacular, though Liverpool, Winter Hill and the Pennines were beyond our scope of vision. Further on, we found ourselves walking along the embankments of Eddisbury Hill Fort itself, the largest and probably the most impressive of Cheshire's Iron Age hill forts. From here, we descended and walked onwards to the woods at Primrose Hill. A popular spot, these woodlands offer numerous opportunities for the intrepid explorer, including what must be Cheshire's only true gorge, at Urchin's Kitchen. Leaving the woods, our designated route followed the Sandstone Trail, taking us towards the lovely little valley at Boothsdaie, before ascending Kelsborrow Hill. Turn back just before passing through the gate above the valley, and you'll be rewarded with a spectacular view across Cheshire's green and lush lands, to the hills of Shropshire in the far distance. Wonderful!

Moving on, and we emerged alongside what is marked on the OS map as Kelsborrow Hill Fort. Unlike its nearest Iron Age neighbour, there's very little visible evidence of this ancient settlement, so an information board helpfully explains how the site would have looked in times past. Another mile or so of walking took us back through the woods to our starting point at The Yeld. We'd had a delightful day in the sunshine with a great group of people and, unusually, hadn't had to cross a single stile! Our new leaders had done a sterling job on all fronts and are hopefully undaunted at the prospect of planning other walks in the future....

The Club will shortly be celebrating its Centenary, so we're clearly doing things right. Times may have changed since we were formed in 1919, but we're confident we'll be around for many more years yet. Why not join us?

Check out what we're up to during the summer months by visiting our website: www.chesterwalkingclub.com or take a look at our new Facebook page to see photos of some of our recent walks.

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

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Activities will include the Segway Ice Bucket Challenge and Total Wipeout as seen on the TV programme Total Wipeout with Richard Hammond. Along with the Toxic Drop, Stomp buckets, roller ball and Football darts as the deciding game for the Countess Charity Challenge Champions! Refreshments will be provided for those taking part. We would love to see spectators - participant's friends and family are welcome to come down to watch the event and cheer their team on. There will be prizes for 1st and 2nd place teams, most sponsorship money raised, best fancy dress and various individual prizes.

The Countess Charity is asking teams of five to raise £500 each this includes the teams registration fee. This can be

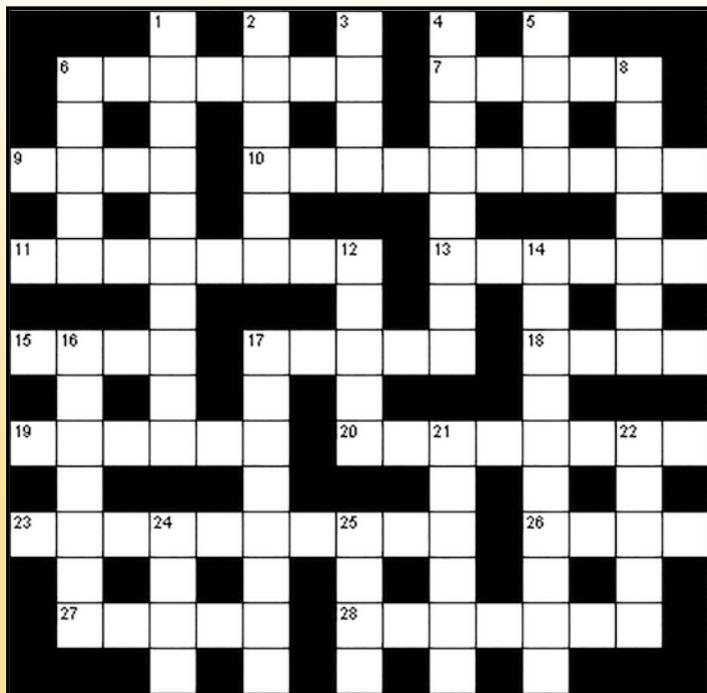
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Hanna Clarke Corporate and Events Fundraising Manger at the Countess Charity is really excited about the Countess Charity Challenge "I am really excited about this year's Countess Charity Challenge. Last year's event was such a great day raising over £3000 for the Countess Charity. It is something fun, energetic and engaging for teams to take part in."

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PUZZLE CORNER



Quick Crossword Puzzle

Down

1. Bookkeeper (10)
2. Slender (6)
3. Naval jail (4)
4. Squirring (8)
5. Leveling wedge (4)
6. Fit out again (5)
8. Rocket launcher (7)
12. Bake in a shallow dish (5)
14. What some science fiction is (10)
16. Belief (7)
17. Rumormonger (8)
21. Promise (6)
22. Our planet (5)
24. Feces (4)
25. Utilized (4)

Across

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| 6. Recuperate (7) | 13. Influx (6) | 20. Described (8) |
| 7. Rehabilitation (5) | 15. Kind of bean (4) | 23. Dispense (10) |
| 9. Hairdo (4) | 17. Coming and _____ (5) | 26. Classify (4) |
| 10. Make legal (10) | 18. Orange pekoe (4) | 27. Audacity (5) |
| 11. Those without seats (8) | 19. Gap (6) | 28. Our language (7) |

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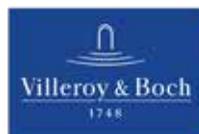
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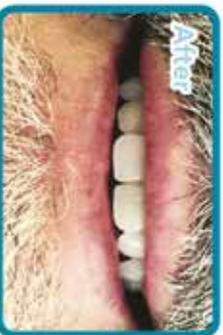
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