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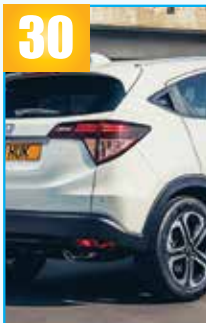
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Dear Friends,

Well what a windy and wet few months we have all had.

On a happier note, Spring is on its way now - so we can look forward to blossom, new leaves and

our beautiful wildlife here in Cheshire!

It is Mother's Day, or Mothering Sunday, on March 22nd a day to honor mothers and other mother figures, such as grandmothers, stepmothers and mothers-in-law. Many people make a special effort to visit their mother. They take cards and gifts to her and may treat her to brunch, lunch or high tea in a cafe, restaurant or hotel. Why not book into one of our delightful restaurants in and around Chester and give her a treat.

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4. The Guinness Book of Records was originally published by Guinness Breweries as a reference for settling bar arguments.
5. A Charlie Hebdo shooting survivor sued a TV station for giving away his location during the shooting.
6. A Crayola crayon can be used as a candle in an emergency.
7. James Capone, Al Capone's older brother was a federal prohibition agent.
8. Leonardo Da Vinci signed his initials on the right pupil of the Mona Lisa.
9. Crocodiles' faces are 10 times more sensitive than human fingertips.



10. Urea, the main ingredient in urine, is added to cigarettes to enhance their flavour.
11. Louis XIV of France had a coat with 123 diamond buttons on it.
12. Barack Obama was the first sitting U.S. president to visit Hiroshima, 71 years after the atomic bomb.
13. Pandas walk with their front paws turned inward.
14. Rounded corners on rectangular electronic devices have been patented in the U.S. by Apple.
15. Parrots can live for up to 80 years.
16. Dogs can tell when people are untrustworthy and will stop listening to a person if they prove unreliable.
17. The Pentagon runs a staggering 234 golf courses around the world.
18. At YouTube's headquarters, employees can either take the elevator, stairs or a big slide.
19. Google handles over 2 trillion searches per year. That's about 270 searches per person on Earth.



20. By law, only dead people can appear on U.S. currency.
21. Flight attendant Vesna Vulovic fell 33,333 ft (10,160 m) from an airplane that had broken up mid flight and survived, a world record for the highest fall without a parachute.
22. Astronauts often lose their fingernails after conducting spacewalks.
23. Manhole covers are round so that they don't fall into the opening.
24. Bill Gates once said that he always gives the laziest people the hardest jobs, because they'll find the easiest way to do it.
25. A fulgurite is a type of mineral formation that only occurs in nature when lightning strikes sandy soil.
26. The earliest known intelligible recording of a human voice was made in 1860.



27. Daylight Saving Time costs the U.S. an estimated US\$434 million in lost productivity and decreased health.
28. Jimi Hendrix was the highest-paid performer at Woodstock, making US\$18,000 at the festival. That's US\$114,624 today.
29. China's "SkyCity", planned in 2013 to be the tallest building in the world with a record-breaking construction time of just 90 days, is now a massive fish pond.
30. Julian Lennon had to buy at an auction the letters he wrote to his father, John Lennon, because Yoko Ono wouldn't give them to him.
31. During WW2, the U.S. Air Force dropped more than 5 million leaflets warning Japanese civilians to evacuate cities that were going to be bombed.
32. TRYPOPHOBIA is the fear of objects with small holes.
33. The Moon is now about 18 times further away from Earth than when it was formed 4.5 billion years ago.
34. Multiplying 21,978 by 4 reverses the order of the numbers to 87,912.
35. Covering nearly 40 square miles, Walt Disney World Resort in Florida is about the size of San Francisco or two Manhattan islands.
36. Parasites can get parasites, called hyperparasites, and they can get their own parasites too.
37. Elvis Presley's last words were, "I'm going to the bathroom to read."





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What's happening at Chester Zoo.

Baby otters begin 'swimming lessons' at Chester Zoo

Five Asian short-clawed otter pups begin swimming lessons during their first outdoor adventure



- **FIVE Asian short-clawed otter pups venture outside for the very first time... and start to dip their tiny toes in water!**
- **Adorable pups begin to get their paws wet as mum Annie and dad Wallace teach them how to swim**
- **Asian short-clawed otters are the world's SMALLEST species of otter**
- **The new quintet, made up of three girls and two boys, are yet to be named**
- **The species is threatened by habitat loss and hunting for their skins and organs – often used in traditional Chinese medicine**

Five otter pups have been given their first 'swimming lessons' at Chester Zoo.

After staying snuggled up in their holts with parents Annie and Wallace for a number of weeks since birth, the adorable quintet finally developed the confidence to venture outside for the very time.

Led by mum Annie, the unnamed pups – three girls and two boys – began to dip their tiny toes in their pool and splashed around the water's edge.

Otter experts at the zoo say the pups all still sport their baby fur which is not yet fully waterproofed, but the new arrivals will soon build up the courage to fully submerge themselves in water.

Asian short-clawed otters are the world's smallest species of otter, and the new born pups are currently weigh around just 500 grams.

Hannah Owens, Assistant Team Manager at the zoo, said:



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“Seeing the pups taking their first steps outside and dipping their paws into the water is wonderful. The pups are gaining confidence all the time and it’s great to see each of their little personalities starting to shine through. Annie and Wallace are experienced parents so, with some gentle encouragement, the pups will soon be gliding through the water in no time. For the time being though, until their waterproof coats are fully developed, they’re just dipping their toes in and getting used to being close to water.”

“Asian short-clawed otters have evolved to be great swimmers. They have webbed feet, develop thick fur coats which are densely packed and water repellent, boast a powerful rudder-like tail that propels them through the water and they can close their ears and nostrils while swimming – they are the ultimate aquatic animals!”

Listed as vulnerable to extinction by the International Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Asian short-clawed otters are the smallest of all 13 otter species and face

increasing threats in the wild of South East Asia. The tiny mammals are hunted for their skins and organs, which are often used in traditional Chinese medicine. Their wetland habitats have also been overfished by humans and used for logging and farmland.

The zoo has previously helped fund research and conservation projects in Cheshire which are monitoring and safeguarding threatened UK otter populations – distant relatives of the Asian short-clawed species.





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And that is the case with Cheshire Autism Practical Support, or ChAPS, for short.

Jo Garner, Managing Director, first set up ChAPS those ten years ago.

Since then, the charity has supported countless people on the autism spectrum and their families, with the ambition to 'support and educate parents to help your child be the best that they can be.'

The longevity, and the success, has been very much down to a team effort.

"ChAPS has been running now for ten years which I think is an incredible achievement in the current climate," says Jo, who first started the charity to help her own son, who is on the autism spectrum.

"It is all down to our team, which is a tightly-knit family unit primarily of staff who are parents themselves of a child or adult with additional needs.

"We all understand the difficulties and issues and celebrate the successes and amazing capability of all of our members.

"One of our patrons - Anna Kennedy OBE - is a hugely inspirational personality and runs Anna Kennedy Online, a national charity helping to increase awareness of autism.

"Anna's extremely successful 'Autism's Got Talent' event has run for nine years now and it celebrates how awesome children and adults on the autism spectrum are in an evening of performances in theatres up and down the country.

"Anna will be bringing her roadshow to Cheshire in May and we are so excited that she will be up North to present her very special evening of entertainment for ChAPS as we celebrate ten years."

Anna says: *"I am excited to be working with ChAPS for our Autism's Got Talent Roadshow.*

"I am proud of being a patron to this wonderful charity and feel honoured to be celebrating ten years with what will be a night to remember!"

The event takes place at The Brindley in Runcorn, and anyone on the autism spectrum (whether diagnosed or not) is in with a chance of featuring in the performance.

Those interested are asked to submit a video clip and short biography to Emily at warrington@cheshireautism.org.uk before February 28th.

As with all charities, funding is essential for ChAPS to be able to continue to provide the range of activities which they do.

Receiving a second National Lottery grant for a Sustainability Project, which will last for five years, is a "game changer" as it secures the charity's future without leaving it reliant on successfully securing future grants.

This project has allowed ChAPS to offer accredited Professional Training with

Open Awards including workshops such as 'Introduction to Autism' being very well received.

The Open Awards carry a mix of theory, practical advice and workshops, with 'Pathological Demand Avoidance' another to have been completed, and others such as 'Working with autistic adults' planned for the future.

The second initiative of this project is Learning 4 Life, a specialist-led social care provision for adults on the autism spectrum, again whether they have been diagnosed or not.

The initial project in Northwich has enjoyed "remarkable engagement" and will soon be expanded to include Widnes and Chester, with anyone interested encouraged to contact ChAPS.

Funding from clinical commissioning groups is also allowing ChAPS to run further parent training workshops whilst NHS England are supporting child and adult mindfulness courses, Lego and Play Therapy across the county.

Also, the experience and improvements seen to the families whom ChAPS have taken on summer camping excursions in North Wales has prompted the ambition to fund a campsite, with anyone knowing any suitable land available in Cheshire also invited to contact the charity.

The charity's range of services continue, including putting on daytime activities such as Animal interaction, Craft and Art and ice-skating for the growing number of children who are being home-educated.

Funding provided for British Science Week will see ChAPS providing STEM activities both to home educators and their general membership at the charity's Kidz and Youth Clubs.

ChAPS has offices in Runcorn and a

training room in Northwich, but are also keen to expand further.

"As the charity has grown and the staffing accordingly, we are now looking for premises for an Autism Centre," adds Jo.

"We run 90 activities every month and a lot of the intensive work that we do needs premises to be available both in the daytime and evening.

"It is the next step for our small charity and we are super-excited to be in this position but again, we would love to hear from anyone who knows of any buildings that might be suitable in the mid-Cheshire area.

"The future is certainly bright and exciting!"

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Landscaping Ideas For A Greener Home



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Why? Because of how much resource wasting can take place there.

Here are a few clever and common sense landscaping ideas for that greener home.

An Outdoor BBQ Area

An outdoor barbecue area gets you, your family, and guests cooking and eating outside of your home. It's a fun way to eat and entertain at the same time you also lessen your carbon footprint by not having to heat your home on warm evenings. A solar powered fan can be easily found online and works great for creating a cool breeze in your barbecue area to keep your guests cool too. It's just one option from all that's available now to help you create a great outdoor kitchen/dining area.

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Introduce plants that consume less water into your garden landscape this benefits you in two ways. First of all, as far as a greener home is concerned, less water used in your landscaping means less water that has to be pumped from the ground or from rivers. Then because they are low-water plants, they also require less maintenance which is another bonus. It just takes a little research and a little shopping around because your local garden centre may not have a large selection of them.

A Drip Irrigation System

There's just so many good reasons to switch to a modern drip irrigation system in your landscaping, and the best of those reasons is to make your home a bit more green. Drip irrigation systems use less water because they eliminate runoff and place the water right at the plants base where it's needed. A modern drip irrigation system also produces healthier plants because the water goes deeper. Since it's dripped, it doesn't force out oxygen or wash away precious nutrients.

Don't Overfertilize Your Plants

Most people, and you may be one of them simply don't make the connection between using less fertilizer and ideas for a greener home. What they should know though, is that it takes energy to

produce fertilizers and some of them are even made from petroleum products. Besides plants don't like being over fertilized because too much of it will burn their roots, which in turn leads to stunted growth. Cut your fertilizer use to save your plants and to help save the environment.

Solar Powered Water Features

Outdoor and indoor water features have always been popular because they lend a natural element that can be both 'seen and heard'. Two of the downsides though, are that they tend to be expensive to buy and install, and that larger moving water features in particular can run up a power bill. So now is the time to take a good look at what's available in today's off-the-shelf, ready to go solar power water features that are powered by the sun's renewable energy.

Water in the Evening

If you're relying on a sprinkler system to water then another one of many great landscaping ideas for a greener home is to wait until late afternoon or evening after dark to water. When you do it in midday a lot of it is evaporated off, and it takes energy to pump and move water through your plants systems, so the less you use, the lower your carbon footprint will be. Your plants will also thank you because when you water in the evening it has a chance to sink deeper down into the roots.

Condition Your Soil

Then improving your soil by working quality soil conditioners like redwood mulch and peat moss in is another way to help cut your carbon footprint. Well conditioned soil holds water better which in turn helps to eliminate runoff. Plants also grow better and the bigger they grow the better they can shade your home to help cut energy costs. Then another big plus of conditioned soil is that your yard just look better as your plants produce more flowers

Use Landscape Rocks

Incorporating rocks into your landscaping is just one more of the many great ideas for a greener home that are out there. Here again, they also come with the benefit that they require zero maintenance. What catches many homeowners off guard however, is how expensive larger landscape boulders in particular can be. So then why not take a drive out into the country where you live to scout around for landscaping rocks that cost you nothing to buy?





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AutoReview

by **Tony Yates**

Keeping you motoring

Honda HR-V 1.5 i-VEEC - 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-VEEC 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.

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With three grades of walks offered most Sundays, plus midweek options, there's plenty of choice for anyone joining Chester Rambling and Hill Walking Club. We have 'C' grade rambles on the region's lower hillsides, 'B' walks which take in higher, more undulating routes, and 'A' walks for members who prefer to tackle something altogether more strenuous. With all walks, leaders will have planned the route carefully, using public rights of way or permissive paths, and always incorporating at least one gorgeous view to croon over. We'll pass through meadows, woods, maybe an area of parkland, possibly some open moorland, or along riversides, canal towpaths, or higher up amongst the clouds. For the 'A' group, mountainous crags or ridges are almost always included. Across any terrain, routes will be criss-crossed with fences, walls or hedges that define one man's territory from another, and this is where things can get interesting! Methods of crossing from one tract of land to the next can range from a simple gate to stiles made of wood, metal or stones....

In our experience, stiles come in a glorious array of shapes and formats. A basic version will be two wooden planks with a crossbar, easy enough to use unless it's wobbly, rotten, has bits missing, is festooned with barbed wire or submerged under thick vegetation. The same applies to ladder stiles. Taking a party of hikers over one of these is guaranteed to slow the walk down – multiply the time taken for two of you to climb over by twelve or more, and you get my meaning. Farmers in the Yorkshire Dales are notorious for providing stone steps built into high walls, tricky if your head for heights is not brilliant, or you make the unwise decision to stand and admire the view from the top of said wall, like I did one day last summer. Yes, before you ask, I came a cropper, but managed to land feet first, somehow avoiding, by inches, both a freshly dropped cowpat and an outcrop of limestone. I lived to tell the tale, but the feat is not to be recommended!

Squeeze stiles crop up in parts of the Peak District and are, quite literally, two upright limestone rocks set within a dry stone wall, with a gap of a few inches for walkers to squeeze between. These are ideal for skinny people with a tiny rucksack, but more of a challenge for plumper folk, or anyone carrying a large over-stuffed backpack. The secret is to stand sideways, inhale and go for it...

During a reconnoitring trip near Betws-y-Coed last summer, we were delighted to note that one previously decrepit stile had been replaced with a new, more robust version. On leading this walk for the Club two weeks later, we found that a tree had

fallen, destroying both the new stile and several feet of fencing either side. OK, barrier down - you might think this meant an easier passage across, but it wasn't the case. Picking a route over and around a large prostrate conifer tree that's entangled with a splintered ladder stile and yards of wire fencing turned out to be a tricky manoeuvre for our group of 20 walkers, especially as there was a steep embankment on the other side with a gushing stream at its base.

In the hills of Flintshire, many stiles are being replaced with metal kissing gates – great for walking groups! Occasionally, however, a rickety wooden platform inserted into a pile of mossy stones still masquerades as a stile..... awkward at the best of times but requiring extra care in wet weather.

Hikers adopt all manner of ways of clambering over these obstacles. Whatever your stile, don't let anyone cramp it.

Check out what we're up to during the spring and 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

CHESTER RAMBLING & HILL WALKING CLUB

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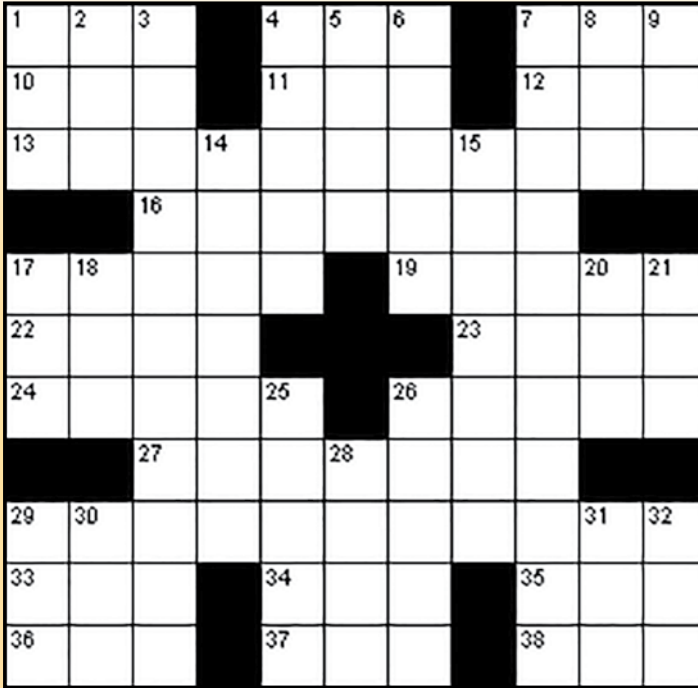
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PUZZLE CORNER



Down

1. Arrive (abbrev.)
2. Coloring agent
3. Slows down
4. Gulleys
5. Norse god
6. Beckons
7. Encumbering
8. Mesh
9. Autonomic nervous system
14. Huge
15. Receive from a predecessor
17. Small portable bed
18. How old you are
20. S
21. Damp
25. Binge
26. Clutch
28. Hotels
29. "Eureka!"
30. Cover
31. Compete
32. Shade tree

Across

- | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Contribute | 12. Poetic dusk | 19. Termagant | 33. Hasten |
| 4. Expression of surprised admiration | 13. Backsliders | 22. Curved molding | 34. N N N N |
| 7. Ribonucleic acid | 16. Distinguished | 23. Convenience | 35. Zero |
| 10. Type of whiskey | 17. Quietens | 24. Small slender gulls | 36. Commercials |
| 11. American Dental Association | 19. Termagant | 26. Grain to be ground | 37. Clairvoyant's gift |
| | 22. Curved molding | 27. A painkiller | 38. Precious stone |
| | 23. Convenience | 29. Option | |

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“Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival Winners Announced”

The winners of Chester Cathedral's 2019 Christmas Tree Festival have been announced with Special Needs Care and 'Girl Guiding, Cheshire Forest' scooping the top prizes.

The festival, which returned for its seventh year in 2019, ran from November through to January 2020 and featured more than 50 majestic Christmas trees decorated by schools and businesses from across Chester & Cheshire.

Chester Cathedral welcomed over 37,000 visitors during the five week period of the festival and more than 3,000 votes were cast in the festival's favourite tree ballot!

The winners were presented with an engraved trophy and received passes for the Chester Cathedral Falconry and Nature Gardens.

The festival raised over £9,000 for chosen charities

Stick 'n' Step and Adoption Matters, and brings the total raised by the Cathedral's Christmas Tree Festival for charities to-date to £52,700.

Adoption Matters Chief Executive, Norman Goodwin CBE comments:

“We were delighted to be chosen as a beneficiary charity of this wonderful event which we have been part of for the last three years. We are very grateful for this donation which will help support many more families and children through their adoption journey.”

Jenny Snell, Head of Fundraising at Stick 'n' Step, said:

“We were absolutely delighted to be selected as one of the charity recipients for this year's Festival and overwhelmed with the success of the event. One in four hundred children born in the UK has some form of cerebral palsy so there is a huge need for support both for them and their families. It costs £5,500 to cover the cost of just one child accessing our services for a year, this level of support from Chester Cathedral will contribute significantly to funding one of the 100 children's places we provide across our two centres.”



Dean of Chester, The Very Revd Dr Tim Stratford, said:

“The 2019 Christmas Tree Festival brought our year of ‘aves’ to a very apt end. The participating schools and businesses, having been invited to incorporate elements of recycling or sustainability to their trees, did exceptionally well without compromising the quality of their tree.

We were blessed to have conservation artist Jacha Potgieter help the festival with his ‘Christmas Tree for Life’ installation which certainly grabbed Chester’s attention, and got people thinking more carefully about their use of plastic.

The festival will be back next year - and we already have reservations for 2020 trees!” he concludes.

Schools and businesses wishing to reserve a Christmas Tree should contact Sue Petranca at Chester Cathedral on 01244 500961 or sue.petranca@chestercathedral.com to get involved.



“Young People’s Poetry Competition”

Chester Cathedral’s Poet-in-Residence today announced the Cathedral’s very first Young People’s Poetry Competition.

The competition, which is open to 16-25 year olds, invites poems of up to forty lines based on the Cathedral’s 2020 theme of ‘Journeys’.

Julia McGuinness, the Poet-in-Residence says ***“Journeys can take many forms across distance and through time; over outer landscape or inner territory. Poems can also take many forms. We are open to imaginative and creative approaches to the theme and on the page.”***

There are two categories – 16-18 years and 19-25 years, and prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place. The closing date for entries – which must be made electronically – is Tuesday 31 March 2020.

The competition will be judged by Carole Bromley, a York-based poet with three collections to her name and a fourth due out this year. Winner of a number of prizes, including The Bridport and the 2019 Hamish Canham Award, Carole has also judged several poetry competitions, including the YorkMix Poetry Prize, the Grey Hen competition and the Settle Sessions competition.

The winners will be announced in early May and receive their prizes at a prize-giving event on Wednesday 20 May.

Chester Cathedral’s Canon Missioner and Vice Dean, Canon Jane Brooke, says, ***“I’m delighted that Chester Cathedral can host a poetry competition, and look forward to reading the winning entries.”***

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