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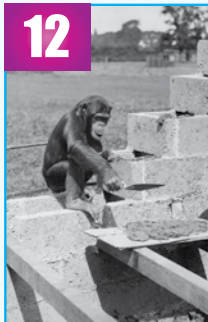
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Dear Friends,
What a busy month!

We are so glad the children have started back at school again, unfortunately with a lot of hard studying to catch up on.

We had some mixed weather over the last few months with the tail end of the hurricanes, afraid Autumn and Winter are on the way, we mustn't complain though.

With so many of our Summer attractions cancelled as well as our holidays it will be nice to look forward to some good news around the corner.

Halloween is on 31st and it's lovely to see the little children get so excited. Make sure you have some treats in store!

Remember to get your heating checked and the car serviced with antifreeze, to avoid any major problems during the cold winter months.

Wishing you all a lovely October - please remember to keep an eye on older neighbours.

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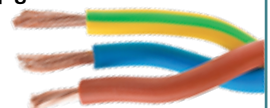
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2. There is only one country left in the world where women can't vote: **Vatican City**.
3. Fox was contractually obligated to offer Frank Sinatra the lead role in the "Die Hard" movie, but he turned it down.
4. Only 11% of Japanese people are willing to fight for their country, the lowest in the world. In Morocco and Fiji it's 94%. 
5. The mathematics that makes Wi-Fi possible was developed by a team of physicists looking for tiny black holes.
6. The record number of people dressed like Einstein in one place is 404.
7. The American flag is reversed on military uniforms so that when the soldier marches forward, the flag also faces forward, not in retreat. 
8. The CEO of low budget airline Ryanair wanted to charge passengers £1 to use the onboard toilets. The policy was never implemented because it violated EU regulations.
9. Wallace Souza, a Brazilian TV personality that hosted a true-crimes show, arranged murders himself to get the inside scoop and boost ratings. 
10. In the states of Oregon and New Jersey, it is illegal to fill up your own car with fuel.
11. President Franklin Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving up by a week, so that the Christmas shopping season could start earlier.
12. What is reputed to be Mozart's skull is held at the International Mozarteum Foundation in Salzburg, while his skeleton is missing.
13. If you find a meteorite in South Africa, it must be surrendered to the nearest authorities, it's protected under the National Heritage Law.
14. Rolex replaced, for free, all watches seized by the Germans from shot-down allied pilots in WW2.
15. For the Rio Olympics, 70,000 families were displaced.
16. In Wisconsin, the word people most often google 'how to spell' is 'Wisconsin'.
17. During its lifetime, the International Space Station will be hit by 100,000 meteoroids.
18. Aristotle thought plants had souls.
18. Scientists can deduce someone's lifestyle - grooming products they use, food they eat and medications they take from chemicals found on the surface of their mobile phone. 
19. Illegal baby names in New Zealand include Lucifer, Christ and Messiah.
20. Sulfhemoglobinemia is a condition where a person develops green blood.
21. Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein, under fire for sexual harassment allegations, has been thanked about 34 times in Oscar speeches.
22. John F. Kennedy's brain was removed and stored in the National Archive after his autopsy. The brain was subsequently lost and remains missing to this day. 
23. Post-it notes should be peeled horizontally, not in an upwards motion which causes the paper to curl.
24. The Climbing gourami is a fish that has the ability to climb out of water, breathe oxygen, and even walk for short distances.
25. Tolstoy had his first cycling lesson at 67. 
26. In medieval times, the word 'abracadabra' was written out in a triangular shape and worn around the neck in an amulet to make deadly diseases go away.
27. Serial killer Charles Manson was going to get married in 2015 but he called off when he realized his fiancée just wanted his corpse for display as a tourist attraction.
28. Roman emperor Diocletian retired in 305 AD to grow vegetables in his home town of Split, Croatia.
29. Reggae star Bob Marley has had a blood-feeding fish parasite named after him. The "Gnathia Marley" lives in Caribbean coral reefs.
30. Rabbits lived a life of luxury in the same Nazi complexes as concentration camps such as Auschwitz and Dachau. Their wool was used to make warm clothes for the German military.
31. The most common place to hide household valuables is in the sock drawer; this is also the first place that burglars check. 
32. The Chinese name for Winnie the Pooh was blocked on Chinese social media sites because people have been comparing the bear to China's President Xi Jinping.
33. The longest scarf knitted whilst running a marathon is 3.70 m (12 ft 1.75 in) and was knitted by David Babcock at the Kansas City Marathon.



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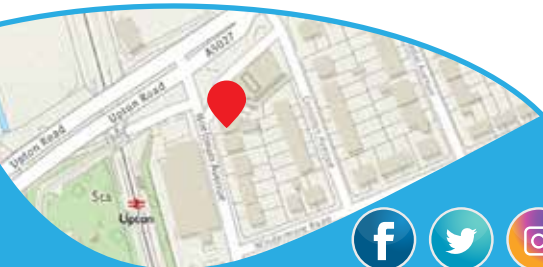
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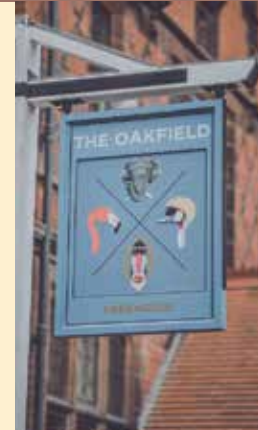
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OUR ZOO

What's happening at Chester Zoo.

New award ranks Chester Zoo pub as one of the world's best



- **The Oakfield at Chester Zoo has been ranked in the top 10% of world's restaurants by users of Tripadvisor**
- **High quality pub is at the heart of Chester Zoo's history and was once home to the zoo's founder George Mottershead**
- **Award comes just two years after the careful refurbishment of the grade two listed house**

A pub located at the heart of Chester Zoo has picked up a huge Tripadvisor award after it was ranked in the top 10% of all of the world's restaurants.

The Oakfield, which opened just two years ago, has been handed an esteemed 2020 Travellers' Choice Award, which is based on customer feedback submitted through the world's largest travel website, Tripadvisor.

The accolade follows the loving refurbishment of the grade two listed house, which was once home to the zoo's founder, George Mottershead.

George and his family moved to The Oakfield in 1931 to begin

building what is now the UK's most visited zoo. A pioneer of his time, George lived out his dream to create the world's first zoo without bars which would forever change the way that exotic animals are cared for.

From a family home, a tea room, an aquarium and now a contemporary British pub that celebrates the zoo's rich heritage, visitors can now relax in the Mottershead's former library, or enjoy a meal in the rooms which were once part of the family home.

Simon Lockhart, Chester Zoo's Food and Beverage General Manager, said:

"The Oakfield has only been open for two years, so to gain such a major accolade in this short space of time is a brilliant achievement. And what makes this award all the more special to us is that it's based entirely on real opinions and genuine, honest feedback from our guests. The Tripadvisor team analyses thousands of reviews and ratings from travellers everywhere before handing out this honour - that's why it means such an awful lot.

"I'm so proud of the team's hard work and dedication to make our pub such an exceptional place for our guests. The Oakfield has retained the original details of the house to give it a real 'home from home' feeling, with precious family photos showing



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

what the zoo was like at the very beginning. Rooted in history, it's the real centrepiece of the zoo, where guests relax outside on the terrace and admire the beautiful grounds, or cosy up in front of the fire and enjoy the best freshly-prepared, locally-sourced food.

"The award has really given us a boost during what is a really challenging time for the zoo. The pandemic, and our long period of closure, has pushed our wonderful charity to the brink, but we're so glad to have again been able to open our doors and continue to provide our guests with a fantastic dining experience with a difference."

All of the revenue generated by The Oakfield supports the zoo's crucial conservation work to protect endangered species from extinction and is a vital source of income for the charity zoo in its battle to protect its future.

Launched in June 2020, the zoo's well documented Save Our Zoo campaign continues to appeal for public after almost three months of lockdown created a £5m hole in the charity's finances, pushing it to the brink of extinction.

For more information, to book tickets and support Chester Zoo, visit www.chesterzoo.org or www.theoakfield.org





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Chester Cathedral Community Cross unveiled



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An installation titled the 'Chester Cathedral Community Cross' has been unveiled at Chester Cathedral earlier this week.

The cross is an initiative that invited businesses and local communities within the city centre to convey using any materials, 'What did Lockdown mean to you?' on a small wooden plaque. People were invited to use whatever creative means they wished; many answered the question and these have now been attached to the cross on display in the Cathedral.

Chester Cathedral Vice Dean, Canon Jane Brooke says "The pandemic and subsequent lockdown affected people in many different ways, bringing

negativity and positivity, fear, loneliness, togetherness, heartache and joy.

I am delighted that so many people engaged with this project. When viewing the cross, we hope visitors can empathise with the experiences of those represented on the cross."

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EDGE Travel Worldwide Celebrates Fundraisers' Virtual Climb to Everest to Support Chester Zoo



When seven school girls heard that the zoo they loved was in trouble, they stepped up and challenged themselves to climb to the top of Mount Everest to help save Chester Zoo.

After being forced to close for almost three months because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the UK's largest charity zoo faced an uncertain future and was pushed to the absolute brink of survival.

Primary school friends Layla Heaton, Heidi Wetherall, Sophia McGrady-shaw, Lily-May Wilkins, Caitlin Pratt, Esme Pratt, and Harriet Sedwell set themselves a target to raise £600 for Chester Zoo by climbing a staggering 8,848m between them using their stairs at home during lockdown. 168 supporters helped the girls raise over 500% of their target, bringing their total to an incredible £3,330.

Starting their ascent on 5 June 2020, the girls reached 1942m by just day three, and completed their challenge in only 16 days.

When the girls reached base camp at 5380m, they had a zoom call with the Founder of the brand EDGE Travel Worldwide, Dave Pickles, who has operated on Mount Everest since 1997 and runs summit expeditions to the top as well as other UK and international adventure trips. He spoke to the girls about what it was like to climb Everest for real and offered to take the girls and their parents on an unforgettable trip up Mount Snowdon in North Wales for free to Organiser and mum to Layla, Vicky Powell, said:



"When Layla heard that the zoo was in trouble, she really wanted to help. The girls were so excited when they had the idea to climb to the top of Everest by climbing their stairs at home, which is a huge challenge for seven children aged between six and nine. They were so passionate about their challenge, one girl even climbed her stairs 100 times on day one!"

"The zoom call with Dave really spurred the girls on, he was so knowledgeable and gave the group some really interesting information about mountain climbing. We were so touched when he offered to take the girls up Snowdon to celebrate their achievement."

Founder of EDGE Travel Worldwide, Dave Pickles, said:

"Not only did the girls achieve an incredible goal but the fact they wanted to help such an important charity as Chester Zoo really did

inspire EDGE Travel Worldwide to give both the girls and Chester Zoo the opportunity summit the highest mountain in Wales and the second highest in Great Britain this Autumn - Snowdon. To see the Chester Zoo flag flying at the top and the girls achieve another incredible goal will simply be superb - we can't wait to organise the trip once the lockdown has been lifted."



Jamie Christon, Chief Operating Officer at Chester Zoo said:

"We can't hide from the fact that this crisis has pushed us, the UK's largest charity zoo, to our limits. Ensuring that every one of the 35,000 animals continued to receive the very best care and attention over time we have been closed, with very little money coming in and no access to the government's support fund, has been one of the biggest challenges that this great zoo has ever faced.

"Although we've now been able to reopen to the public, which has been vital for the zoo's financial survival, there is still a long way to go before we're fully back on track - there is no denying that there will still be some very challenging times ahead. That's why we're so grateful to our wonderful supporters who are still fundraising for us.

"We've been truly overwhelmed by the kindness that we've been shown when times are hard for everyone, not just us. The financial damage we've suffered has left a deep scar and the road to a full recovery remains uncertain. But with our fantastic fundraisers' support and being able to safely welcome visitors back, we've some renewed hope that this great charity zoo has a future."

Vicky Powell added:

"Lockdown has been difficult for everyone to get through, but with the girls not being able to meet up and see each other, this challenge has really made them feel like they were doing something fun together. They showed real team work and really kept each other going, it definitely helped take their mind off everything that was going on at the time.

"We all absolutely love the zoo and the vital conservation work it does and are so happy to have been able to raise so much for them. The real celebration will be when we will all finally be together to go up Snowdon - it will be the first time that we've all seen each other since lockdown. I'm so proud of what the girls have achieved."

Chester Zoo's fight for survival still isn't over and are still in need of support, head to www.chesterzoo.org/support-us to find out how you can help.



FRIGHT NIGHT

FAVOURITES

Looking to add a little spooky flavour to your haunted celebration that is sure to keep all your little ghouls, ghosts and goblins in a festive mood? Look no further for the perfect ideas to dress up those Halloween treats.



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Bringing Frankenstein to Life

Prepare cake according to box instructions and make two layers using 6-inch round pans. Bake and cool on cooling grid.

Stack layers on cake plate for a two-layer cake, using leveler as needed. Ice cake sides smooth with green icing.

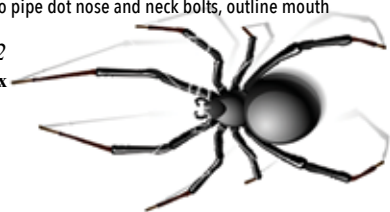
Use black pouch icing without tip to cover top of cake. Use tip of spatula to create spiral effect. Use black pouch icing with star tip to finish the hair around top edge and two hair strands on cake top.

Prepare a disposable decorating bag with green icing; cut a hole in point of bag the size of tip 3. Attach candy eyeballs with dots of green icing. Pipe green eyelids.

Use black pouch icing with round tip to pipe dot nose and neck bolts, outline mouth and stitches.

Frankenstein Cake Serves: 12

6 cups favourite cake recipe or mix
4 cups White Ready-To-Use Decorator Icing (4.5 pound tub)
Food Colouring
Black Icing Pouch with Tips
Large Candy Eyeballs



How to Host the Perfect Spooky Gathering

Halloween is the perfect time to throw on a costume and act like a kid. Of course, you want friends and family there to partake in the spooky fun, too, so here are a few tips to make sure your party is remembered long after the witches put away their cauldrons:

■ **Set a festive mood:** Creepy Halloween decor, such as spider webs and lanterns, can be placed around the house and garden to help get guests into the holiday spirit. Halloween-themed music, such as “Monster Mash” and movies, such as “Dracula” and “Frankenstein,” can help offset any down time, as can sharing scary stories.

■ **Play some ghoulish games:**

Bobbing for apples is a Halloween tradition you can't leave out. Halloween bingo or a pin the tail on the donkey-type game, such as pin the nose on the skull, can also add to the fun.

Or try a treasure hunt for a ghost ship's loot by scattering clues around the house that lead to ghoulish goodies.

■ **Vampires, ghosts and zombies:**

Add a costume contest to the mix and hand out prizes to some of the best. Try breaking the contest into a few categories or by age, and awarding prizes, such as most creative, judge's choice and crowd favourite.

Hello,

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Skoda CITIGOe iv SE L



This week I have been testing the Skoda CITIGOe and I'm happy to report right from the start it's a proper little mover. I have a natural dislike of vehicles with electric engines because petrol runs through my veins like blood – but I have to embrace the future, so why not start with something small and perfectly formed. Also, I have a VW UP! a car I love very much – so the CITIGOe was in my book just like driving my car - but much faster off the line truth be told.

Well, let's see how it fared in this weeks review.

Power and Efficiency:

The CITIGOe is fitted with an electric motor that has 61kW (83PS) of instant power. Until you drive an electric vehicle you just can't comprehend just how quickly it moves you about. Also, I'm sure you all want to know how far it will go on a single charge. Well, I managed 170miles which in my book is pretty good. Top speed will also stop at around 81mph and 0-62 will come in at around 12.3 seconds.

My test car was fitted with an array of fuel-saving features which helps you get more miles for your charge. Let's be honest here – it's blistering fast for such a small car, and it's a blast at the traffic lights. It is also very very refined thanks to

its 'silent running'. Even the eco tyres were less noisy than I imagined them to be.

On the road:

The CITIGOe does not feel heavy or cumbersome at all - and you can sense that Skoda has put a lot of effort into setting up the suspension and chassis. The CITIGOe will also keep you and your passengers firmly in their seats thanks to a softer suspension setup that won't have you bouncing all over the place like a rubber ball. That's because smaller cars tend to bounce you all of the place, but the little CITIGOe was a real peach. I also liked how it cornered, and how it just glided across all the lumps and bumps in the road ahead, even when the road is full of potholes (like my road)

Interior & Technology:

The interior is of a good standard and its controls are well set out and all the dials are clear to read. The space inside is also good, better than most - but it's very basic. Don't get me wrong - basic is good. You can also easily fit four adults

comfortably on the inside. Plus - everything inside the CITIGOe feels very well put together thanks to the usual Skoda quality.

You also get lots of kit such as; 16" Scorpius black alloy wheels, ambient lighting, ESC, front & rear fog lights, electric front windows, head and side airbags for the front seat, lane assist, LED daytime running lights, radio Swing with DAB & six speakers, rain & light sensor, remote control locking with SAFE function & tyre pressure monitoring system. This is just a small amount of what you will find. The interior is also funky and the seats even as basic as they look are really comfy.

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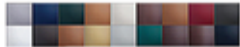
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Top Autumn tips to prepare your garden for Winter

Your crops have been harvested, and the exuberant summer colour has faded from your borders – but don't be fooled into thinking that it's all over until next spring. Autumn is a busy time in the garden,

clearing away the decaying vegetation of the summer and preparing the garden for the cold winter months ahead. Let the big clear up begin!



Spring clean your greenhouse in autumn

Cleaning the inside and outside of the greenhouse makes sense to help reduce overwintering pests and diseases. Remove the plants before sweeping out any plant debris. Disinfect the greenhouse paths and staging, and the inside of the glass too. Use a hot solution of garden disinfectant such as Jeyes Fluid. You will need to ventilate your greenhouse well over the next couple of days to dry it thoroughly.

Throughout the quiet winter months make an effort to wash out pots and seed trays in preparation for the spring sowing and planting. Don't forget that you can still sow plenty of vegetables to grow in winter. Click here to take a look at our 'Top 10 vegetables to grow over winter' article.

Tidy Borders

Dig up annuals and add them to the compost heap. You can replant your beds with winter bedding such as pansies, bellis daisies and wallflowers for a colourful display next spring.

Autumn provides an ideal opportunity to move poorly placed plants, and divide overcrowded perennials while the soil is still warm. Cut back faded perennials to 5cm above ground level, but don't be too tidy. They will also provide shelter for overwintering insects. Once your borders are clean and tidy, spread a thick layer of compost, bark chips or well rotted manure across them. Don't worry about digging it in - let the worms do the hard work for you.



Lawn maintenance

If your lawn looks slightly worse for wear then autumn is the perfect time to revitalise it. Remove thatch (old grass clippings) and moss using a spring tined rake and add it to the compost heap. If you have large amounts of moss then you may want to use a moss killer first. In areas that receive a lot of wear (such as paths and play areas) the soil can become compacted. Improve drainage and aeration by making deep holes with the prongs of a garden fork every 10cm across the entire area.

A sandy top dressing can be brushed in afterwards, followed by an application of autumn lawn feed to prepare your lawn for the cold winter months.

Plant evergreens

Evergreens form the backbone of the garden, providing structure and year round interest, so the more evergreens in your garden, the better it will look in winter! With warm soil and cooler conditions, autumn is the perfect time to fill those gaps in your borders. Sarcococca and Daphne will bring glossy green leaves and beautifully fragrant flowers in the depths of winter while the rest of your garden is dormant. For an elegant larger shrub try spring flowering Camellias or Fatsia for its large architectural foliage.

For a more formal look, why not invest in some box or yew topiary. Lonicera nitida, Bay and Holly can also be clipped into formal shapes and make excellent evergreen hedges too.



Back on track



During stressful times, it's always good to escape the toils and challenges of life and head for the hills. No matter what the week has thrown at you, getting out for a good long hike at the weekend is the perfect way to blow away the cobwebs, de-stress and get yourself back on track. After one particularly harrowing week recently, we decided to make the most of the good weather, dig out boots, rucksacks and OS map and point the car in the direction of Llangollen.

I'd worked out a potential 9-mile circular route that included familiar footpaths and a few lesser known ones. Starting at the edge of Llangollen, we set off northwards along the canal towpath, soon passing over the point where the Eglwysg River joins forces with its mightier big sister, the Dee. Further on is the popular Horseshoe Falls, but we turned off before then onto a footpath leading onto the lower slopes of Coed Hyrddyn, aka Velvet Hill. This gentle undulating path offers views of Castell Dinas Bran, Valle Crucis Abbey and the partially wooded escarpment of Fron Fawr. Our route crossed the Eglwysg River to link up with the Clwydian Way, following a track above the river as far as the tiny hamlet of Eglwysg. Here we left both the river and the Clwydian Way to tackle the only notable climb of the day - a steady ascent of roughly 70 metres (230ft). This is one of those inclines that looks fairly innocuous from the bottom, but before you're halfway up, unless you're super fit, you puff and pant like an old war horse. Some folk deal with upward slogs by plodding staunchly on, regardless. A few can even conduct a conversation whilst plodding. I'm not one of these people so if, when going uphill, you have to stop and start several times to get your breath, you're in good company!

Completing this ascent had two benefits. One is that we stopped for lunch at the top; a well-earned rest was in order, the views were fabulous, and cheese and pickle butties were clamouring for attention from inside our rucksacks. The other good thing was that we knew there'd be hardly any more climbing to come on this particular route. Leaders often produce this comment on a walk and we who know better will follow this with 'Yeah, right. We've heard that before!'

In all honesty, after lunch this was an easy walk. At this point we'd almost reached the Offas Dyke Path, with the majestic Eglwysg Rocks above us, and the silhouetted ruins of Castell Dinas Bran soon coming into view. We parted company with

the Offas Dyke Path to descend into the lovely Dinbren Woods, where keen-eyed folk will spot my favourite Public Footpath sign growing out of a tree trunk. How long it's taken for the tree to grow round the metal sign is anyone's guess, but sadly, in decades to come, this amusing quirk will literally be swallowed up!

From here we re-joined the Clwydian Way, before 'dog-legging' south, once again passing Valle Crucis Abbey in the valley below. Back on the canal towpath, it was a short distance back to the car park at Llangollen.

We'd enjoyed a magnificent day in the sunshine, created a very useful new route for our winter walking programme, and the previous week's pressures had been temporarily consigned some place else. A foray in the countryside is hard to beat as a way of retrieving that feel-good factor and getting back on track.

On the same theme, we hope to be offering group walks again very soon. Check our website for updates: www.chesterwalkingclub.com or take a look at our Facebook page.

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Chester City Centre

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In line with current regulations there will be new systems in place to ensure the safety of both traders and visitors, including a one way system, holding areas to wait for service and hand sanitising stations. Social distancing is to be observed and with many traders wearing face masks, visitors will be encouraged to do the same.



NEW CHARTER FOR OPEN SPACES



The Open Spaces Society(1), Britain's oldest national conservation body, calls for a better deal for open spaces. Today it launches its charter for open spaces [attached] and has written to Robert Jenrick, the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, and to all of England's planning authorities.

The society calls on government to introduce a national plan and standards for open spaces, and to place a duty on local authorities to ensure that everyone can enjoy good-quality, well-maintained and safe open space within 300 metres of their homes. It says that such spaces should be secured as part of development. Local Green Space(2) must offer greater protection than now, and the process for designating it must be improved.

The society urges planning authorities to adopt robust policies for the acquisition, management and protection of green spaces, to have a budget for them and to dedicate their green spaces as town or village green to ensure their protection.

It recommends communities to get involved in their local planning processes before land is allocated for development, to identify spaces which need protection and to form friends' groups to champion local spaces.

The society pledges to lobby government to secure open spaces and access to nature through the 25-year environment plan, the Agriculture and Environment Bills and the new Environmental Land Management Scheme. It will continue to advise its members on how to protect their open spaces.

In particular the society wants to see greater use of the opportunity to register land as a town or village green(3) as mitigation for development, and has asked each planning authority to consider voluntary registration of the land which it owns, and to encourage developers to do the same by making this a condition of planning permission. It has also asked the authorities to send examples of its policies and good practice

for open spaces, so that the society can create a dossier for green space, and spread the word.

Says Phil Wadey, the society's newly-elected chairman: *'During lockdown people have enjoyed their local spaces and paths as never before, and this use continues beyond the pandemic. We know there is a great disparity in the distribution and quality of open spaces, and that investment in these assets provides excellent value for money by improving people's health and well-being.'*

'We therefore call on government, local authorities and communities to work together to ensure that everyone has access to good-quality green space close to home. This is a vital element of the green recovery after the pandemic. We have made proposals as to how this can be achieved.'



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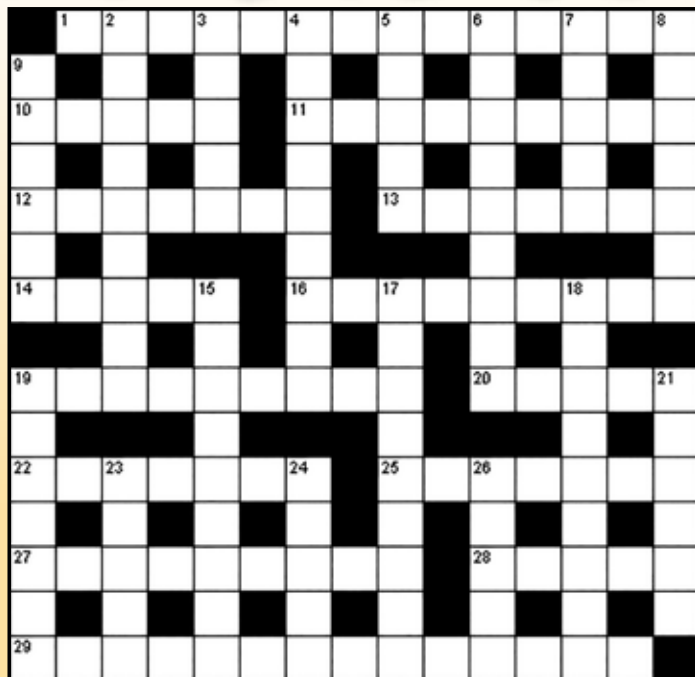
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PUZZLE CORNER



Down

2. Vanish (9)
3. Not out (5)
4. Crucial (9)
5. Half of six (5)
6. Vigilance (9)
7. Absurd (5)
8. Convent (7)
9. Boat (6)
15. Conference (9)
17. Pennants (9)
18. Separation (9)
19. A mild powdered seasoning (7)
21. Leave suddenly (6)
23. Melodies (5)
24. Oar (5)
26. Allegation (5)

Across

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| 1. Governance (14) | 16. Cutbacks (9) | 28. Discrimination against the elderly (5) |
| 10. Malicious burning (5) | 19. Circumference (9) | 29. Achievement (14) |
| 11. Ceramic ware (9) | 20. Hair net (5) | |
| 12. Male ruler of an empire (7) | 22. Pretentious (7) | |
| 13. Far beyond a norm (7) | 25. Antiquated (7) | |
| 14. Utilizers (5) | 27. Association (9) | |

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: **Hard**.

9			3	5		4		
7			4					
					6			
8				9				1
						8	2	6
		1		2				
			9		5		3	4
	1							
	6					5	9	7

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