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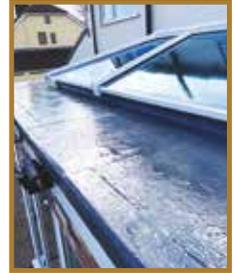
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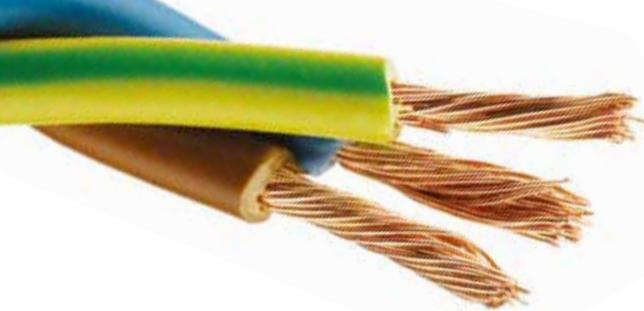
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10. Slovenian-speaking babies learn the number 2 sooner than English-speaking ones.
11. Humans are 50% heavier and four inches taller in the past 100 years than they have been throughout most of human history.



12. In 5,000 years of human history, only one disease has been eradicated: smallpox.
13. When Columbus "discovered" the Americas, the continent was already inhabited by 90 million people which was a third of the world's population.
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20. Cows emit more methane than the oil industry and are a huge factor in global warming.
21. About 24,000 people are killed by lightning strikes around the world each year.
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23. Google hired a camel to create the Street View of a desert.



24. If a Formula One driver puts on 11 lb in weight, it can add 0.2 seconds to their lap time.
25. Isaac Newton lost the equivalent of US\$3 million in today's money on stock market in 1720.
26. Alexander Graham Bell invented several flying machines, but his attempts at flying flopped.
27. There are 328 people named "Abcde" in the U.S.



28. Arthur Guinness, founder of Guinness Brewery, had 21 children with just one wife.
29. Soccer player Edson Arantes do Nascimento, most known as Pelé, was named after Thomas Edison.
30. In 1898, Nikola Tesla predicted drone warfare.
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# OUR ZOO

## What's happening at Chester Zoo.

### Endangered okapi born at Chester Zoo

- **“Precious” calf arrives to five-year-old mum, K’tusha**
- **Conservationists hail newborn as a huge boost to the breeding programme for the highly threatened species**
- **The okapi is the only living relative of the giraffe**
- **Amazing animals were only discovered in 1901**
- **Zoo experts are working in Africa to help assess and monitor key populations of this elusive rainforest giraffe**

*Partially striped and cute all over! A rare okapi calf has been born at Chester Zoo to first-time mum K’tusha.*

#### **Conservationists at Chester Zoo are celebrating the birth of a rare okapi.**

The male calf, which keepers have named Semuliki, arrived to first-time mum K’tusha (5) following a pregnancy of almost 15-months. It is the first calf at Chester for dad Stomp (14).

Despite its zebra-like stripes on its back legs and hindquarters, the okapi is actually the closest and only living relative to the giraffe. Its camouflage, acute sense of hearing and secretive nature contributed to it being unknown to science until 1901.

The okapi is found only in the rainforests of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) where, despite being a national symbol and protected under Congolese law, it faces a battle for survival.

Okapi populations declined in the wild by nearly 50% over the past two decades and the species is now



listed as endangered on the International Union for the Conservation of Nature’s (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species.

Tim Rowlands, Curator of Mammals at Chester Zoo, said: *“With just 68 okapi in zoos in Europe, the safe arrival of*



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*this calf is a huge boost to the breeding programme for the species. K'tusha is proving to be a very relaxed and attentive mum to her first little calf.*

*"And vitally, the birth serves an important reminder of just how highly endangered these beautiful animals are.*

*"For a long time, their shy nature and their isolation in the deep forests of the DRC had kept the okapi safe. However, today, they are highly threatened by hunting and increasing levels of habitat destruction. Our conservation efforts are now vital for their long-term future."*

Conservationists are currently unsure of exactly how many okapi remain in the wild but zoo experts are playing a key part in surveying the species in the wild in a bid to discover more about the shy animals.

Mike Jordan, Collections Director, added:

*"The biggest current threat to the okapi is hunting due to the presence of illegal armed groups and a growing bushmeat trade across nearly all of the okapi's range. This insecurity is a major hurdle to effective conservation action in most areas.*

*"A heart-breaking example of this was in June 2012 when armed rebels attacked the headquarters of a reserve that the zoo supports - the Okapi Faunal Reserve (OFR) in the DRC's Ituri forest - tragically killing seven people and the 15 okapi being cared for at the station. However, we won't give up on these wonderful animals and Chester Zoo continues to fight for the species. We support our partners the Okapi Conservation Project and the Congolese Institute for the Conservation of Nature, despite these difficult and dangerous conditions, to protect the OFR, a major stronghold for the species."*

Along with the Uganda Wildlife Authority and with the support of the Giraffe Conservation Foundation, zoo experts have recently led surveys looking for okapi in the Semuliki National Park, Uganda on the border with DRC.

Stuart Nixon, the zoo's African Field Programme Coordinator and member of the IUCN's Giraffe and Okapi specialist advisory group, added:

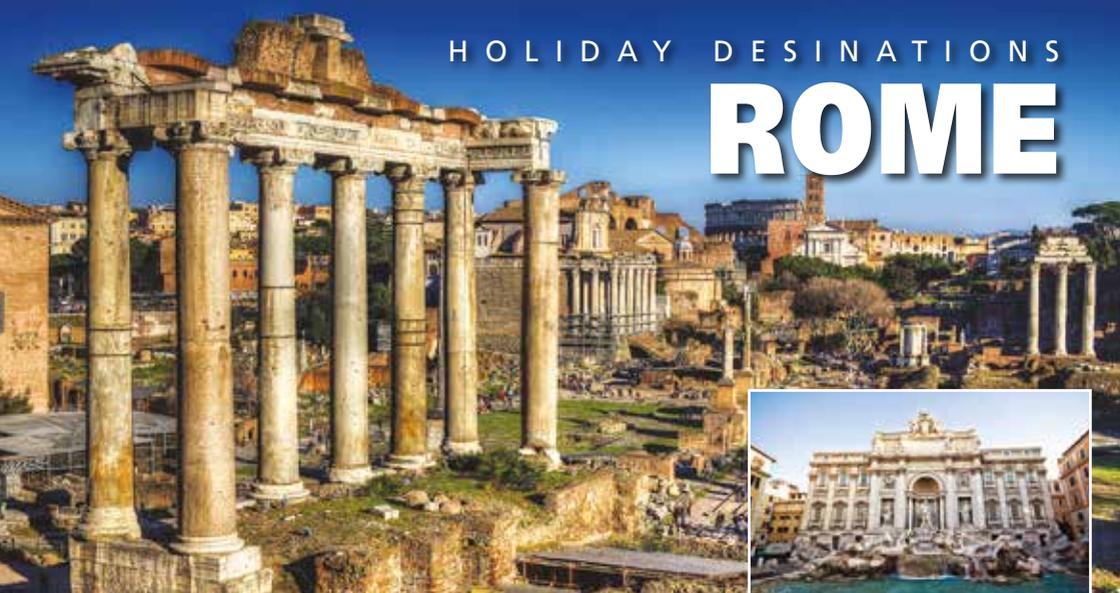
*"We are also supporting rural communities in the Maiko region of DRC to monitor and conserve okapi populations which occur in their ancestral forests outside of protected areas. Together with our partners, Chester Zoo is striving to ensure there's a future for these beautiful, gentle creatures."*

## Okapi facts

- Zookeepers have named him **Semuliki**
- Okapis are one of the oldest mammals left on Earth
- Despite its long existence, its discovery was only announced by scientists in 1901
- The okapi is the only living relative of the giraffe
- Male okapis have short horns on their foreheads that are covered in skin and called ossicones
- They have scent glands on each foot that leave behind a tar-like substance to mark their territory
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## Ducks Ducks Ducks

With spring having sprung, new life popping up everywhere in the flowers beds, countryside and down by the river. We have had our own new arrivals at the Countess Charity in the form Ducks for this year's annual Chester Duck Race – Saturday September 16th 2017.

We are super excited to announce that Hickory's Smokehouse Chester will be supporting the event again for the third year running. With lots of plans to make this year's event as spectacular as ever and raising vital funds to assist the Babygrow Appeal in reaching its £2.4 million target.

We will have two races again down at the Groves. With the Baby Ducks going down the river first followed by the larger Corporate Ducks.

The smaller baby ducks will be available to purchase online at £2 each, at the hospital and at various community events throughout Chester in the run up to the Duck Race on September 16th 2017. Puddle Ducks Chester / Wirral are supporting the smaller duck race again which means fantastic prize money will be available for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed ducks.

The larger corporate ducks priced at £200 each are available from Hanna Clarke at the Countess Charity. You can contact Hanna on 01244 366 397 / hannaclarke@nhs.net to arrange your corporate duck, so now it's time to get your thinking caps on and see who can take the 'Facebook Favourite' Duck or 'Best Dressed' Duck title. Hanna Clarke - Corporate Events and Fundraising Manager for the Countess Charity said 'Last year was my first year organising the duck race and I was astounded by the quality and innovative ideas all the companies came up with for the ducks. I am very much looking forward to seeing this year's corporate ducks, and of course the fantastic sight of the 5000 smaller ducks going off the bridge.'



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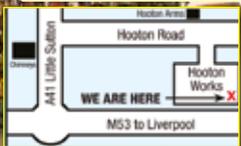
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*This week's review puts me in the driving seat of the Subaru Levorg. But, straight away, I know what you are all thinking 'what is a Subaru Levorg'? Well, I'm glad you asked that question because the Levorg is a car that you don't see very often on the UK roads, and until my test drive this week, I didn't know much about it either. What I will say though is that the Levorg really is the Wolf in sheep's clothing.*

### **Power and Efficiency:**

The Levorg was equipped with a 1600cc Boxer - horizontally opposed DOHC 16V direct injection turbo petrol engine - a unit that provides a maximum power output of 170 PS @4,800 - 5,600rpm and a torque figure of 250Nm @1,800 - 4,800rpm. On the combined cycle I achieved 36mpg which is not outstanding, but still good for a car that I consider to be a big vehicle. If you are

interested, the Levorg will also reach a top speed of around 130mph and 0-62mph of 8.9s. So yes, this is a large vehicle, but it's certainly no slouch.

So, in the real world, does the Boxer engine design work? Well, for me it does. It sounds great, gets a move on with minimal fuss and has plenty of low down grunt. Yes, it's not as refined as some, but then again I don't want it to be refined, I want to feel that characteristic Boxer engine thumping away ahead of me as I head for the hills.

### **On the Road:**

The Levorg feels great on any road surface and that's thanks to its predictable handling and smooth ride. Remember the Levorg also has some decent off-road capabilities and is in itself an effortless car to drive thanks mainly to

the Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive layout which includes an active torque split system which helps further increase the off-road credentials of the Levorg.

Then, there are the brakes, which feel very good thanks to 316mm ventilated discs at the front and 300mm at the rear. I kid you not, hit the pedal like you mean it, and the Levorg will come to a controlled stop in no time at all. So, no issues there then.

### **Design and Technology:**

Some of the standard equipment on the Levorg comes in the form of Automatic LED headlights, 18" aluminium alloy wheels, automatic air conditioning system, 7" multifunction colour touchscreen, EyeSight, 4.3" LCD multi-information display, adaptive cruise control, ABS with Electronic Brake-force Distribution, front, side, curtain & knee airbags, Thatcham Cat 1 alarm Immobiliser, Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive, Vehicle Dynamics Control, Hill Start Assist, Active Torque Vectoring, plus some of the most

comfortable seats I have ever sat in.

You also get an auto-dimming rearview mirror, power windows, welcome lighting, Bluetooth, dual USB ports, reversing camera and a voice recognition system. Of course, as usual, I have only just scratched the surface on what the Levorg has to offer.

### **To Sum Up:**

The Levorg is a decent car with plenty to offer. It's like a dependable Dog; it will be everything you ever wanted it to be and then some. Although, there are areas where I feel the interior could feel a touch more special. But saying that, it's still very functional and the drive is very rewarding thanks mainly to that unmistakable Boxer sound.

I'm going to give the Levorg 4 stars in this test because it truly is a machine that will always deliver.

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# September tasks in the Garden



## General tasks and garden maintenance.



### Start your compost

Get your compost going by buying a compost bin or building a partially enclosed and easily accessible area for a heap. It is essential to replace the goodness in soil and autumn produces quantities of garden waste that will add invaluable organic richness back into your soil next spring.

Remember to add a variety of different materials; spent vegetable plants are ideal, but NEVER add diseased or pest-ridden material to your compost heap - it will nurture whatever villain you are trying to eliminate with loving care!

### Clear garden debris

Keep weeding; most perennial weeds are susceptible to weedkiller this month and systemic weedkillers will carry on working throughout the winter. Also clear any debris and diseased material from your garden. Pests and diseases that overwinter in your garden will reappear next spring with a vengeance so get rid of them now. Burn diseased material and put the rest of your garden rubbish (apart from woody stems) in the compost.

### Clean out the greenhouse

Once tomatoes and other greenhouse crops are over, give the greenhouse a thorough clean to prevent pests from making a home in that lovely warm environment, ready to leap into action next spring.

### Dig clay soil

If your soil is heavy clay, start digging it over now - add plenty of organic matter to improve the quality and pea shingle to improve the drainage. It can be left in a pretty

rough state over the winter when the cold will break the lumps down, making spring planting infinitely easier!

### Watering

Should September turn into an Indian summer, remember to keep watering thoroughly once or twice a week rather than little and often. Containers and hanging baskets need watering every day.

For recently planted large shrubs or trees, leave a hose trickling around the base for an hour. The same goes for established plants in dry periods - camellias, rhododendrons, azaleas and hydrangeas will abort next season's flowers if they get too dry.



Ensure trees or shrubs planted in the last couple of years on lawns or in areas of rough grass have a circle of clear earth around them - this MUST be kept clear or grass will prevent essential moisture getting through. Mulching with bark or compost will help.

### Planting

With the ideal planting conditions of autumn (warm moist soil), now is the time to plant container grown shrubs, trees, fruit bushes, perennials and bulbs. The key to successful planting is to water in well. Soak the rootball in a bucket until no air bubbles come to the surface, dig the planting hole, fill with water and allow to drain away. Place the plant in the hole, fill with soil, firm gently and water well with a watering can - this will give the plant a huge advantage over one planted with a dry rootball in a dry hole and watered only on the surface.

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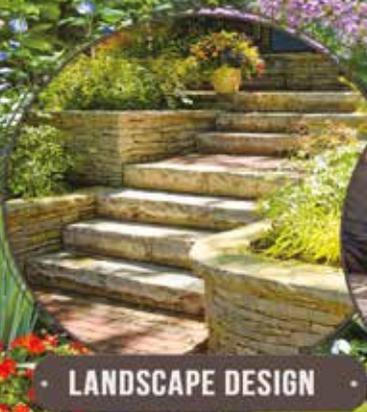
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# What's in your rucksack?



It's a popular notion that time spent in the great outdoors is great for the appetite. It's safe to say that we in Chester Rambling and Hill Walking Club wholeheartedly agree with this. Several of our annual events incorporate a culinary element of one sort or another, and these are always well supported. Here's a 'taster':

Every summer we enjoy a 'chippy dinner' sitting on the sandstone front at Parkgate after a 4-mile evening walk on the Wirral. Relaxing with a bag of chips whilst gazing across the Dee estuary to North Wales is a joy indeed.

Another summer highlight is our annual evening stomp on the Sandstone Trail at Bickerton. Ending with a carvery meal at a well known hostelry nearby, this event regularly attracts about 30 participants, and nicely rounds off our summer programme of Tuesday evening walks. Both these occasions have become firm fixtures on the Club's summer programme.

As I write, we still have our autumn weekend camp to look forward to. Despite the undisputed pleasure of on-site tin-can cuisine, the group meal that takes place in the pub on the last night is always avidly enjoyed! After a few days outdoors, a dinner served up in a civilised fashion in a welcoming hostelry is guaranteed to produce empty plates.

Speaking of autumn, our winter programme will soon be distributed and enthusiastically thumbed through by Club members. Christmas events will feature in here, and some will include food, whether buffet-style or a 3-course feast. Fast forward to the new year, and the President's Dinner is the most glamorous event on the calendar. Taking place at a respected hotel or golf club in the vicinity, this is the time to discard those clumpy boots and don something a little more alluring than hiking gear and a woolly hat. As the dark nights of winter linger, the Lasagne Evening is a popular night out, as we tuck into a wholesome repast with a pudding thrown in for afters.

When it comes to dining on a Club walk, it's a much more down to earth affair, with sandwiches, an apple and a chocolate biscuit hauled out of a rucksack, devoured whilst sitting on a rock or a tree stump, with a pleasant vista of hills in front of you. The walker's midday meal is a moveable feast, the exact spot dependent on the decision of our leader, and the weather. Whilst walk leaders usually factor in lunch with a view, there has to be flexibility in the event of an outburst of inclement weather at the wrong moment.

Even the hardest of walkers balk at the idea of eating a soggy sandwich in the middle of a rain-sodden field! So, lunch alfresco on a Club ramble could be enjoyed on a windy ridge, on an open hillside, by a babbling brook, or in a leafy forest. Sometimes in the shelter of an old barn. Occasionally on a beach. The element of surprise is one of the things that makes time spent outdoors so special. One thing's certain. Once high noon has passed, you can be sure that rumblings and murmurs will be heard amongst the walking group: 'It must be nearly lunchtime. I'm gasping for that cheese 'n pickle butty!'

Whatever lunch you choose to pack in your rucksack, savour it in the company of likeminded others. Take a look on our website and see where we're heading next weekend.

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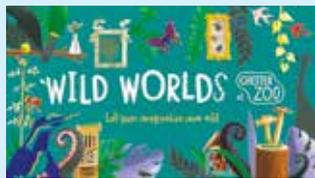
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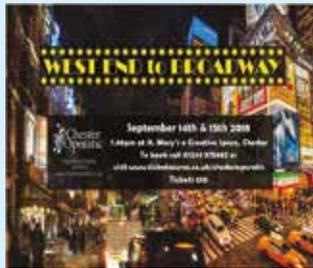
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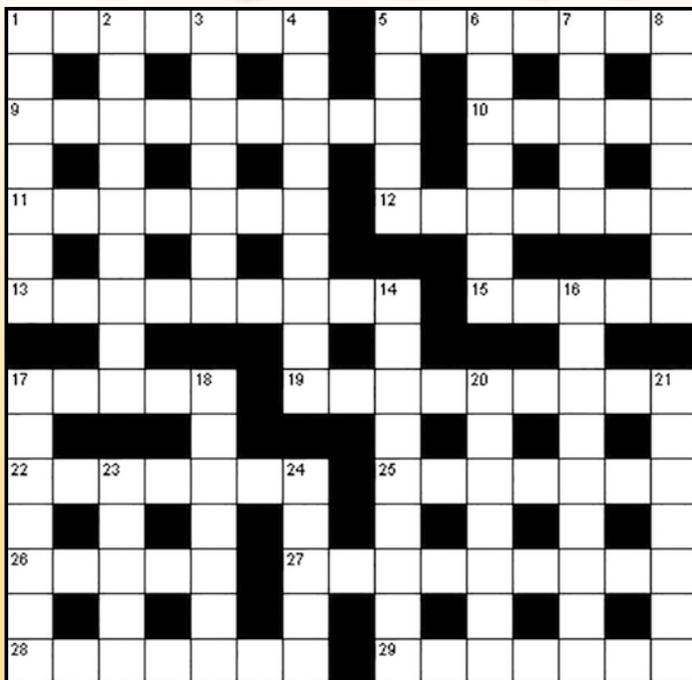
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1. Speediest (7)
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3. Hanging platform (7)
4. Hence (9)
5. Gambits (5)
6. Martyrs (7)
7. Tropical vine (5)
8. Profane (7)
14. Inordinate (9)
16. Artificial moon (9)
17. Custodian (7)
18. Grow worse (7)
20. Oblivious (7)
21. Withdraw (7)
23. Malfunctions (5)
24. Scrimp (5)

## Across

- |                                      |                  |                             |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Cargo (7)                         | 13. Switch (9)   | 26. Excuse (5)              |
| 5. Spin (7)                          | 15. Impudent (5) | 27. Pseudo (9)              |
| 9. Quietude (9)                      | 17. Place (5)    | 28. After dinner treat (7)  |
| 10. Seat (5)                         | 19. Meet (9)     | 29. Any simple chemical (7) |
| 11. A part of a broadcast serial (7) | 22. Outcomes (7) |                             |
| 12. What Popeye ate (7)              | 25. Red (7)      |                             |

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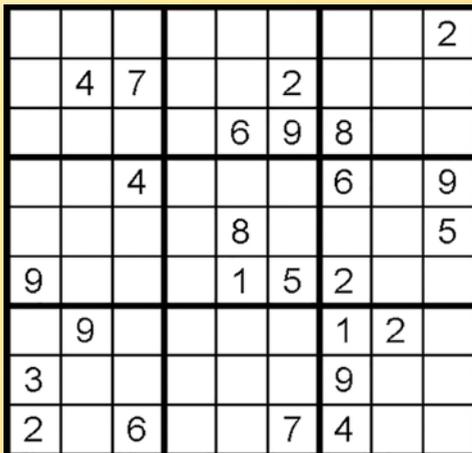
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