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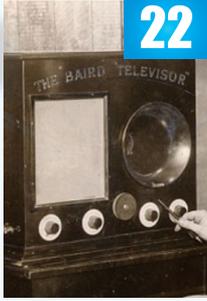
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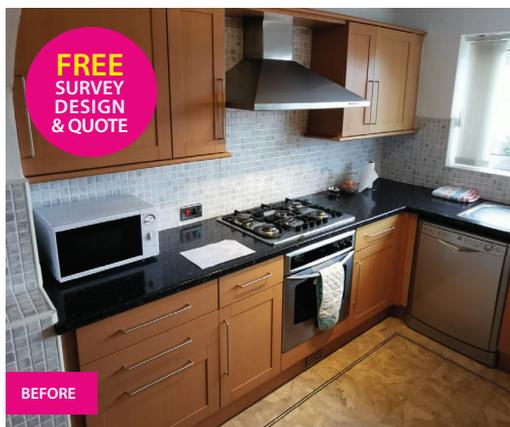
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3. Neuroscientists believe babies don't dream for the first few years of their life.

4. Humans have caused 322 animal extinctions over the past 500 years.

5. Looking at cute animal pictures at work can make you more productive, a study claims.

6. Alexander the Great founded 70 cities, naming at least 20 after himself and one after his horse.

7. Africa is larger than China, USA, India, Mexico and a big part of Europe combined.

8. The wars between Romans and Persians lasted about 721 years, the longest conflict in human history.

9. Barack Obama was the first sitting U.S. president to visit a federal prison.

10. The Liberty Bell and Big Ben were cast by the same bell foundry and both bells are cracked.

11. British Pennies are used to adjust the time in London's Big Ben clock tower.

12. In 2016, a Singaporean street food vendor was awarded a Michelin star.

13. Iceland (the country!) has Europe's largest banana plantation.

14. Your brain keeps developing until your late 40s.

15. Your brain uses 20% of the total oxygen and blood in your body.

16. The weeks before Christmas is the most popular time for couples to break up, according to data analyzed from Facebook.

17. Goldfish can see infrared radiation that is invisible to us.

18. The Bible is widely considered to be the best-selling book of all time, with estimated total sales of over 5 billion copies.

19. Small traces of gold have been found in the leaves of Eucalyptus trees.

20. Coffee beans aren't beans. They are fruit pits.

21. 1 billion people speak English. That's 1 in every 7 on earth.

22. A new word in English is created every 98 minutes.

23. The word "mortgage" comes from a French word that means "death contract".

24. 90% of everything written in English uses just 1,000 words.

25. Google was originally called "Backrub".

26. When a Google employee dies, their spouses receive half pay from the company for 10 years and their children US\$1,000 per month until they turn 19.

27. White Chocolate isn't technically Chocolate, as it contains no cocoa solids or cocoa liquor.

27. The inventor of the Chocolate Chip Cookie sold the idea to Nestle Toll House in return for a lifetime supply of chocolate.

28. Men are struck by lightning five times more often than women.

29. Spiders can walk on water, and breathe under it, too.

30. Babies have three times as many taste buds as adults.





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OUR ZOO

What's happening at Chester Zoo.

A series of never-before-seen 'glow in the dark' photos showing reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates displaying incredible colours under UV light have been released by Chester Zoo



The never-before-seen photos, which were taken at the zoo at night, show animals displaying vivid shades of red, blue and green under ultraviolet light.

Biofluorescence, the technical term for this spectacle, occurs when higher energy wavelengths of light, like ultraviolet, is absorbed and sent out at a lower energy wavelength, making the area glow.

While this phenomenon is widespread among animals and is caused by several different proteins, pigments and chemical reactions in the skin, little is currently known about why it occurs.

Now, Dr Gerardo Garcia, Curator Lower Vertebrates and Invertebrates at the zoo, who has led efforts to conserve some of the world's rarest reptiles, amphibians, fishes and invertebrates over many decades, has offered several theories on why it may happen. "I have worked closely with many these species for more than 30 years, but never before have I seen them in this way,"

"Seeing these different animals glow in a spectacular range of colours really is incredible, but the question remains – why do they glow?"



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There are hundreds of frequencies of light and how animals see light, and therefore colours, is different to humans. We actually only see a small portion of the sunlight, so although we may see an animal glowing brilliantly, their own kind, and even other species, may see this



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completely differently as they read a wavelength that our eyes can't perceive."

Dr Garcia says another likely reason for the fluorescent glow is to attract a mate – by helping to catch attention of potential partners by highlight their impressive assets.

"The photos show that only some parts of the animals, such as a claw or an eye, glow - and there may be a good reason for this," continued Garcia. *"For the chameleon, for example, fluorescent patterns potentially give them a secondary signalling system that is different to their well-known colour change communication. Males tend to have more tubercles (scales) on their heads than females, which makes them very attractive to the opposite sex. So, with parts of their head glowing, this emphasises their striking head size to females, drawing them in for a closer look.*

"Another theory for an animal's ability to glow is to mark its territory to others.



This is mainly to communicate their social status and ownership, which can help attract a partner and warn off competitors."

Animals also use colour change to hide from or pose as predators, as Dr Garcia explains: "Some fish may use their ability to change colour to hide from predators. So, instead of them standing out to potential mates, they could glow to help camouflage. Some even go as far as posing as a particular species' mate when, in fact, they're its predator.



"A fourth explanation could be that it's just not functional at all and is simply a reaction when exposed to UV light. Fluorescence in terrestrial (land-dwelling) vertebrates has been underestimated until now, and its evolutionary role requires more research. Our understanding of the role of fluorescence in animal vision is in its early stages, but it does open an exciting door to understand the complex world of animal and plant communication.

"Whatever the reason for these magnificent sights, they're fantastic to document and share with others. We hope these stunning images will further engage people on the importance to protect the unique environment we share with fascinating species of plants and animals."

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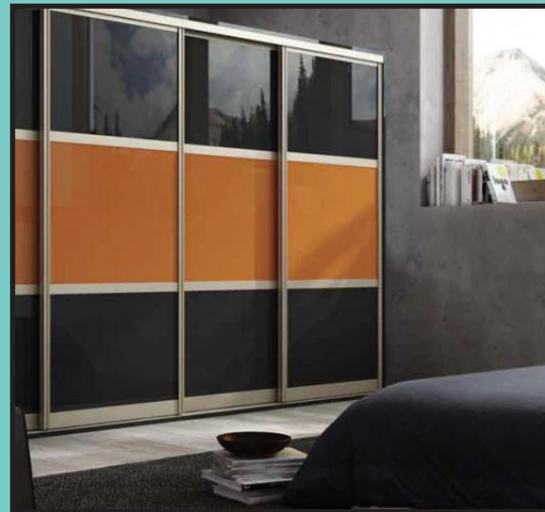
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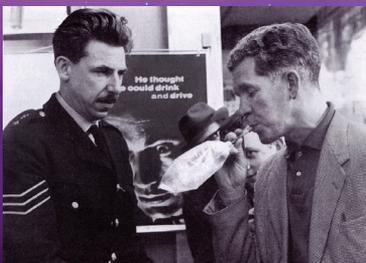
THIS MONTH'S HISTORY

This feature each month will give interesting facts from years gone by. See what you remember that happened in your lifetime.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

7th October 1920

Women were first granted full membership to the University on 7 October 1920 and then, one week later, were given the right to be awarded degrees. Women students who had been denied a degree since the late 1870s began to return to the University to claim them.



9th October 1967

Transport Minister, Barbara Castle, introduces the breathalyser. The breathalyser offered a way of testing a person's BAC (blood alcohol concentration) level at the roadside.

The act stated that the breathalyser device must be one that is type approved by the government.

People protested to the introduction of the breathalyser and claimed that it was an infringement of their personal liberties, especially publicans, many of whom claimed impending bankruptcy.

22nd October 1957

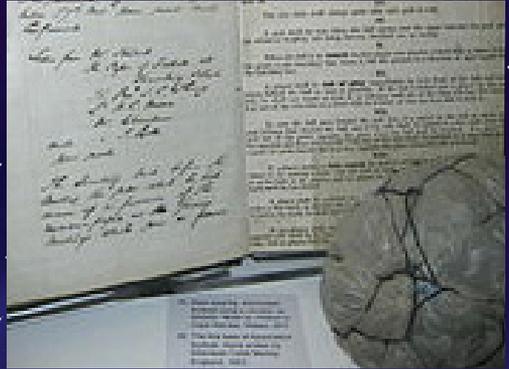
The children's cartoon hero Captain Pugwash makes his television debut. Captain Horatio Pugwash – sailed the high seas in his ship called the Black Pig, assisted by cabin boy Tom, pirates Willy and Barnabas, and Master Mate. His mortal enemy is Cut-Throat Jake, captain of the Flying Dustman.



He was a fictional pirate in a series of British children's comic strips and books created by John Ryan. The character's adventures were adapted into a TV series, using cardboard cut-outs filmed in live-action.

26 October 1863

For centuries before the first meeting of the Football Association in The Freemasons' Tavern on Great Queen Street, London there were no universally accepted rules for playing football. Six meetings near London's Covent Garden, at 81–82 Long Acre, ended in a split between the Football Association and what would become the future rugby ten years later. Both of them had their own uniforms, rituals, gestures and highly formalised rules.



30 October 1925

The first television transmission of a moving image was made by John Logie Baird, a Scottish inventor, electrical engineer and innovator. He went on to invent the first publicly demonstrated colour

television system, and the first viable purely electronic colour television picture tube.

In 1928 the Baird Television Development Company achieved the first transatlantic television transmission. Baird's early technological successes and his role in the practical introduction of broadcast television for home entertainment have earned him a prominent place in television's history.

During 2006, Baird was named as one of the 10 greatest Scottish scientists in history, having been listed in the National Library of Scotland's 'Scottish Science Hall of Fame'. In 2015 he was inducted into the Scottish Engineering Hall of Fame. On 26 January 2017 – IEEE unveiled a bronze street plaque at 22 Frith Street (Bar Italia), London, dedicated to Baird and the invention of television.



Community



Pause for hope is a prayer initiative for dealing with cancer and on Sunday 14th November 2021 at 3pm St Columba's church, Plas Newton Lane Chester we will be holding our Chester Pause for Hope Service.

Pause for Hope services are:

- **Open** - Everyone is welcome and there is no need for a ticket; attendees can be of any faith, or none at all.
- **Ecumenical** - Representatives of all denominations lead the congregation in hymns and prayers.
- **Informative** - A short address is given by an invited speaker and a poem is read.
- **Musical** - A selection of music is played and choirs take part. Hymns are sung.
- **Reflective** - Individual candles are lit by members of the congregation for someone with cancer or in memory of someone lost to cancer.

Friendly? Single? Want to meet and keep new friends?

Do you sometimes wish for a better social life?

If so, come and join us, where you can meet and make a new circle of friends, and enjoy good companionship. We meet every Wednesday at 7.30pm at various locations where there is good car parking, and a bar with a nice relaxed atmosphere.

Members organise various social events including meals out each Saturday evening, theatre visits and many other activities.

Our group of like minded unattached people enjoy getting out and about, and are happy to consider suggestions for trips and outings from all members.

Newcomers will be made most welcome. If you would prefer, we can arrange to meet you at the door.

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THE CLATTERBRIDGE CANCER CHARITY RUNNERS TO BE PART OF WORLD'S FIRST 100,000-PERSON MARATHON!

The Clatterbridge Cancer Charity recently invited their supporters to raise cash for local people with cancer by taking part in the Virtual Virgin Money London Marathon.

Among those who stepped up to the challenge are Dr Rosemary Lord and Dr Danielle Shaw, who will be raising money for The Clatterbridge Cancer Charity, the Charity which supports their work.

"It's a bit crazy, but Rosie and I are the two Gynae-Oncologists for The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre. We work together very closely, and we're also running partners. We are passionate about cancer care, and as we both run we felt like we couldn't say no to this! Neither of us has run a marathon, but we have been running regularly together throughout all of the lockdowns in 2020" says Danielle.

"We've been building up to half-marathon distances, and we can comfortably run up to 15 miles together. It's definitely a challenge, and it was an opportunity for us to raise awareness and much needed funds in our local community. We felt that we had to answer the call for Clatterbridge. Cancer care and Clatterbridge are important to both of us, and our new hospital is something we're both very proud of. The money that we raise will contribute to the research of cancer care in the future. I feel really proud of that; we do what we do because it's important to us" says Rosie.

On Sunday 3 October 2021, 50,000 participants will take on the traditional Marathon course from London's Blackheath to The Mall – an increase of more than 7,000 on the previous finisher record – whilst a further 50,000 people around the globe will run the 26.2 miles on the course of their choice, in a virtual event.

The physical and mental health benefits of being active have been brought sharply into focus during the pandemic, and this biggest-ever London Marathon offers more people than ever before the chance to experience these benefits while raising much-needed funds for Clatterbridge.

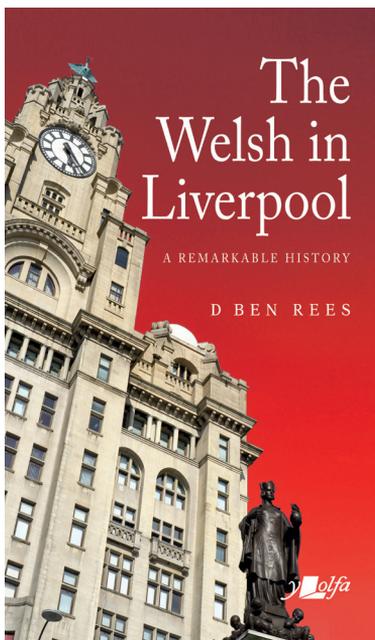
Mark Parkinson, Events Fundraising Manager at The Clatterbridge Cancer Charity said, *"When the Virgin London Marathon added the virtual element we knew we wanted to be a part of it, and the fantastic support from two of our wonderful consultants blew us away. We are so proud of all of our colleagues at Clatterbridge, but to see Rosie and Danielle take it even further is amazing – so many of our staff do get involved in fundraising and events and we couldn't be happier.*

The money they raise will support life-saving research into new ways to treat cancer, support clinical trials at Clatterbridge and fund innovations in care that will impact all of our patients."

If you would like to support Rose and Danielle in their efforts, you can do so at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rosie-danielle.

The Clatterbridge Cancer Charity see supporters take on events throughout the UK and has something for everyone. Take a look at www.clatterbridgecc.org.uk and sign up to support the 1 in 2 who need cancer care in our area right now.





BOOK REVIEW : The Welsh in Liverpool

The 19th and early part of the 20th centuries was a period of severe decline in economic conditions in North Wales. Considerable unemployment in the copper mines in Anglesea, the slate quarries in Gwynedd, and the rural farms in North and Mid Wales resulted in unemployment and extreme poverty.

The poverty faced by families and communities resulted in a “flood of workers” moving to Liverpool and the Wirral to seek employment.

By 1813 around 10% of Liverpool’s residents were Welsh. For the vast majority Welsh was their dominant language, with deep roots in the Welsh language non-conformist chapels.

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In the early 19th century over 40% of the world’s trade passed through Liverpool. The area provided opportunities for the young Welsh migrant male workers who were physically powerful from “toiling” on farms and quarries and keen to adapt to learning new skills, particularly in building.

In an extremely well researched and insightful history of the “Liverpool Welsh”, Dr Ben Rees enthralles the reader with his knowledge of his “adopted homeland”. He has spent 50 years in the city as a non-conformist minister and focal person for Welsh language activities. In recognition of his personal contribution, he was elected as a freeman of the City of Liverpool in 2018.

The main historical focus of the book is how the developing surrounding areas of the Wirral, Birkenhead, Bootle and in particular the City of Liverpool, nurtured the lives of so many Welsh men and women who moved to the area in search of work. The area provided opportunities for young people and families to raise their personal aspirations and for many, an escape route from the poverty of agricultural, sea faring and slate quarrying backgrounds.

Places such as Vauxhall, Anfield, Everton Dingle and Wavertree became “pockets of Wales” where the dominant language was Welsh. For many, particularly in the fields of building, medicine, printing, architecture, education, law and other areas, there was a desire to extend opportunities, experiences and improve their living conditions.

There are excellent chapter on the contribution of Welsh men and women in the fields of building, newspaper and book publishing and printing, medicine, sea faring, prose and poetry, sport, in particular football at Everton and Liverpool.

Two of the significant areas of focus within the book are the contributions in building and medicine . The excellent section “Welsh builders in Liverpool” describes how the Welsh builders developed housing in Moss Bank, Everton, West Derby, Kensington, Toxteth, Edge Lane, Sefton Park, Allerton, Heswall, West Kirby etc.



The shop of Hugh Evans in Stanley Road, Bootle.

The famous “Welsh streets” of terraced houses built for the Welsh workers who flooded to the area for work are worth visiting, with their street names such as Rhiwlas, Powis, Elwy, Teilo.

The contribution of more educated Welsh men and women migrants to raising the status of Liverpool as a “medical city”, in particular the work of Sir Robert Jones in orthopaedic medicine, Professor David Price Evans as head of the University of Liverpool Medical school, Dr Emyr Wyn Jones director of the Liverpool Centre for cardiovascular Science and many others are discussed in depth. It is an oversight that the author pays scant attention to the role of Welsh migrants within the field of education, both at University and school levels. Many schools on the Wirral, Birkenhead, Bootle and in the City had at least one or more Mr Jones, Miss Williams, Mrs Davies, etc. The opportunities available for young Welsh teachers within “Merseyside” schools provided an opportunity for the Welsh community in Liverpool and on the Wirral to thrive.

The main focus of the author is on the Welsh speaking communities of the area, in particular their links to the vast array of Welsh medium chapels and churches. Many of which are shown in an excellent range of photographs. By 1960 when Liverpool was still attracting young teachers, doctors, nurses, students, and many others to work and study in the City, there were over 50 Welsh medium chapels across Liverpool and surrounding areas. Photographic evidence in the text highlights how many of the buildings were mini cathedrals, including Princes Road, Heathfield Road, Trinity Road, Bootle and others. In addition to the numerous chapels in the City, there were chapels in Birkenhead, Moreton, Bebington, Moreton, and Clifton Road.

A key issue the “Liverpool Welsh” community has faced, in common with other migrant groups and Welsh speaking families in other cities outside of Wales, was how to maintain “the mother language of Welsh” with the second and third generation of children. Despite having a wealthy infrastructure of chapel buildings, the author highlights how the leaders of the Welsh community failed to address the problem of safeguarding and promoting the Welsh language with the children of the “Liverpool Welsh”.

Research by R. Merfyn Jones (1981) highlights that the poor rejected the “narrow focus” of non conformism and attendance at chapels which had become “centres for the aspiring middle class” who dominated the congregations. Thus, many of the “working class” “left their Welshness behind them”. In an insightful research document, Merfyn Jones quotes one interviewee, “In more than one household Welsh was spoken only as long as Mam (mother) was alive” This is a common issue facing migrant families from Italy, Poland, etc. It will be interesting if readers with Welsh speaking grand or great grandparents have “lost the Welsh language” or their Welshness.

In 1971 the leader of the Liverpool City Council offered to fund a bi-lingual Welsh/English school in the City to “rectify in some small way” the social injustice of the drowning of the village of Cwm Celyn, near Bala and building the Tryweryn dam. Unfortunately the leaders of the Liverpool Welsh community rejected the opportunity and the model for a Liverpool based Welsh medium school was lost. A major stumbling block was the narrow vision of the language espoused by leaders of the Welsh community and the author as they fail to promote the Welsh language as a free standing objective detached from non-conformism and attendance at a chapel.

This is an excellent insight into Welsh migration and its impact on the development of Liverpool, the Wirral, Birkenhead and surrounding areas. Undoubtedly, the Welsh influence in Liverpool and the Wirral will always be part of the fabric of Merseyside.

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Emlyn Evans and Alun Williams of Gee Press, Denbigh, presenting a volume on preachers and preaching to the author in Liverpool in 1997



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Commissioner:
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Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, John Dwyer, has responded to the results of the recent Victims’ Code Survey and promised to use them to improve services for victims in the county.

Victims’ Commissioner, Dame Vera Baird, launched the survey in the summer to better understand victims’ priorities and gain insights into their experiences of the

criminal justice system over the past three years; this included their experiences of the system during the Coronavirus pandemic.

The survey revealed that just 43% of victims surveyed would report a crime again based on their previous experience of the justice process, while just half would attend court again, compared to the 67% who said they would do so in 2020.

Responding to the survey, John Dwyer, Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, said: “Victims should be at the heart of everything we do, and the findings revealed in this report show that the system needs to improve. Victims of crime should never feel like they’re to blame, and I was disappointed that some of those who shared their views in the survey felt that way.

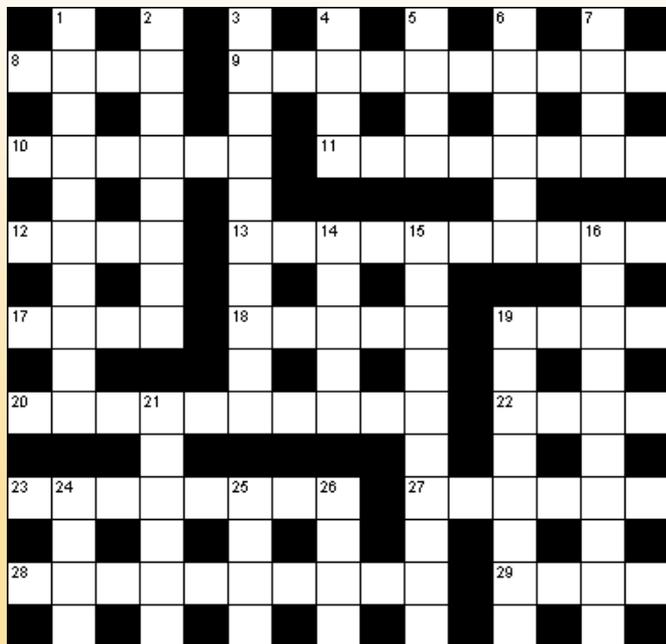
“In Cheshire I want to do all I can to ensure victims of crime feel supported throughout the entire process. I’ve commissioned services that provide support for victims of crime regardless of whether they’ve reported the incident to police or not.”

In the survey, 66% of victims shared that they had to wait too long before their case came to court, and only 9% thought their case had been dealt with promptly by the courts.

John Dwyer added: “It’s no surprise that the pandemic has had an impact on victims, who have had their ordeals prolonged. It’s vital that every effort is being made to help sort this backlog. Communication with victims is paramount and I believe that the findings in this survey give us the building blocks we need to improve our services.”

To find out more about the Victims’ Code Survey visit: [New survey reveals low victim confidence, as Victims’ Commissioner warns victims remain an “afterthought”](#) - Victims Commissioner.

PUZZLE CORNER



Down

- 1 Cited (10)
- 2 A place to do work (8)
- 3 Contempt (10)
- 4 Relating to the ear (4)
- 5 A Great Lake (4)
- 6 Dross (6)
- 7 List of choices (4)
- 14 Communion table (5)
- 15 An event (10)
- 16 Lacking moral discipline (10)
- 19 Abuse (8)
- 21 Captivate (6)
- 24 Ceremonial staff (4)
- 25 Orange pekoe and Earl Grey (4)
- 26 Consumes food (4)

Across

- 8 Present (at a show) (4)
- 9 Socialized (10)
- 10 One who searches (6)
- 11 Happy (8)
- 12 Protagonist (4)
- 13 Opportune (10)
- 17 Riffraff (4)
- 18 Sword (5)
- 19 Mud (4)
- 20 Explorer (10)
- 22 Male offspring (4)
- 23 Fortify (8)

- 27 Type of insect (6)
- 28 Relating to schools (10)
- 29 Turquoise (4)

Sudoku Puzzle

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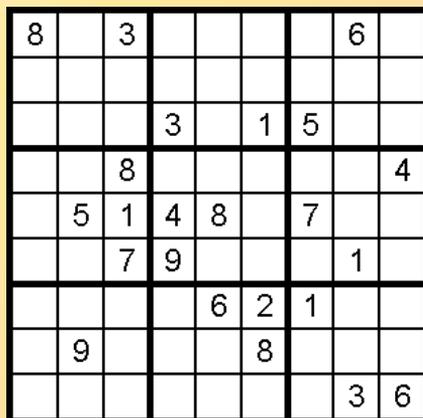
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The call of the hills

During the latter part of the summer, one Sunday walk offered to members of Chester Rambling and Hill Walking Club took place at Trefriw in the Conwy Valley. All the previous night it rained, and we woke to the sound of yet another downpour pelting the window. At such times we question why we're venturing into the hills. But, since my other half and I were leading this particular walk for Club members, there was no choice but to clad ourselves in waterproof clothing, sally forth and make the best of it. There are always the old diehards who turn up whatever the weather, though our numbers on the day were slightly less than one could expect on a 'normal' sunny August day!

From the village, a footpath took us up past the spectacular Fairy Falls and into the woods that flank the hillside. After a mile or so, a small plateau opened up a view across the Crafnant Valley and the mountains beyond, and we reached this place at the perfect time for a breather, despite the drizzly rain. Across the valley, close to where the Geirionydd and Crafnant rivers meet, could be seen the empty shell of the Klondyke Mill, which we'd be passing later that day. Onwards, and we emerged from the dripping trees, not far from the lonely church at Llanrhychwyn. Reputedly the oldest church in Wales, it is a serene and atmospheric place that warrants a peep inside. Prince Llewelyn ap Iowerth worshipped here

with his wife Joan during the 12th century, until she eventually got fed up with the steep climb from Trefriw. Having just made this ascent ourselves, we could see Joan's point! From here we followed a footpath out onto the lush moorland, where, topping the brow of the hill, a panoramic vista overlooking Snowdonia was revealed. My favourite spot on the walk, it's always worth savouring the view for a few moments before descending.

When we reached Llyn Gerionydd for our lakeside lunch, the weather was picking up. By the time we'd completed our second ascent of the day over to neighbouring Llyn Crafnant, the tranquil waters were bathed in sunshine.

Our circular route involved one further climb, passing the long disused Clogwyn y Fuwch Slate Quarry. From here, an undulating woodland path took us to the northern end of Llyn Geirionydd where we began our descent back to Trefriw. En route, we came close to the lofty remains of Klondyke Mill, spotted earlier from across the valley. This lead crushing mill was only in use from 1900 to 1911, and apart from sporadic activity in the 1920s, has stood empty ever since, a legacy of an industry long gone.

When we'd reconnoitred this walk the weekend before, the streams we passed were barely a trickle, but heavy rain had transformed them into raging torrents and stunning waterfalls. What a difference a week can make!

Even in wet weather the call of the hills is strong - especially when you're programmed to lead a group walk! As often happens, a very soggy morning had turned into a beautiful summer's afternoon. This B-graded walk was roughly 10 miles long, with a total ascent of around 1,500ft.

If you fancy discovering new walking areas in Cheshire and North Wales, joining a local hiking group could be for you. To find out more about Chester Rambling & Hill Walking Club head over to our website: www.chesterwalkingclub.com or take a look at our Facebook page to see what we're up to.

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