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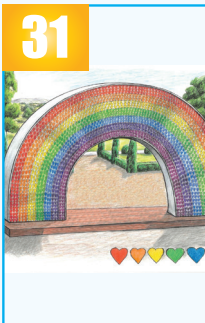
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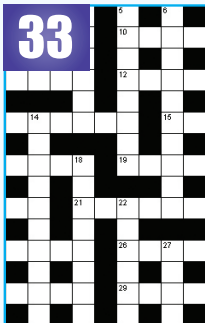
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River Dee looking towards Boughton



### Dear Friends,

Spring is finally on it's way!  
I am so glad all that rain has eased off. This warmer weather is very welcome and it is lovely to see so many people out when I am walking our 4 pugs.

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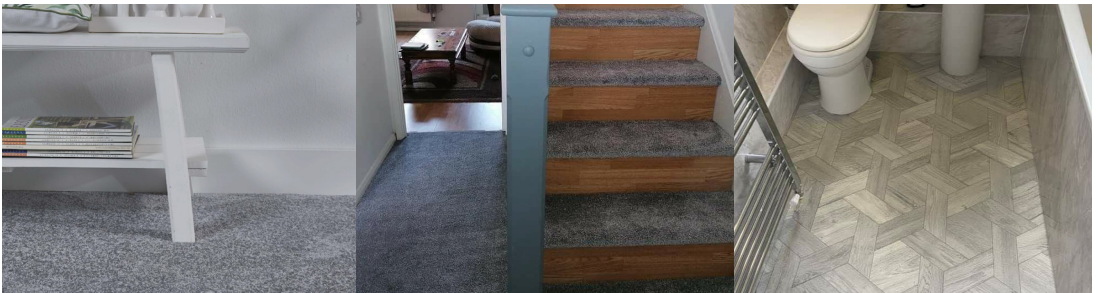
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That number is for a good reason. In the early days of French cuisine, the number of pleats were intended to represent the number of recipes a chef had mastered for a given food, like egg or chicken. The taller the hat the more the chef knew about the foods that they were preparing.

2. A baby puffin is called a puffling.  
3. M&M stands for Mars & Murrie.



4. You can hear a blue whale's heartbeat from more than two miles away.

5. The hashtag symbol is technically called an octothrope.



6. The Lyrebird can mimick almost any sound it hears including chainsaws.

7. Elvis only won three Grammys.

8. The speed of a computer mouse is measured in "Mickey's"



9. About 700 grapes go into one bottle of wine.

10. Fear of the number 13 is called triskaidekaphobia.

11. The Crown Jewels contain the two biggest cut diamonds on earth.



12. Baby sea otters cannot swim.

13. If facebook was a country, it would have one billion more people than China.

14. 11% of people are left handed.

15. August has the highest percentage of births.

16. A bear has 42 teeth.

17. An Ostrich eye is bigger than it's brain.

18. Lemons contain more sugar than strawberries.

19. Snakes are able to predict earthquakes.

20. Bananas are curved as they grow towards the sun.



21. During your lifetime you will produce enough saliva to fill 50 bathtubs.



22. A sheep, a duck and a rooster were the first passengers to take a trip in a hot air balloon.

23. In the 16th century, Turkish women could initiate a divorce if their husbands didn't provide them with enough coffee.

24. Recycling just one tin can can save enough energy to watch television for three hours.



25. Facebook, Instagram and Twitter are all banned in China.

26. A 68 year old grandmother got quite a surprise when a swarm of 20,000 bees followed her car for two days because their queen was stuck inside.

27. Sea otters hold hands when they sleep so that they don't drift away from each other.

28. Hewlett Packard's (also known as HP) name was decided in a coin toss in 1939.

29. Pokemon Hitmonlee and Hitmonchan are based on Bruce Lee and Jackie Chan.



30. There are only two times, that we know of, that snow fell in the Sahara Desert.

31. Mike Tyson once offered a zookeeper \$10,000 to let him fight a gorilla.

32. Queen Elizabeth II visited the set

of Game of Thrones, but she was not able to sit on the iron throne because of an obscure rule.



33. Each year there are more than 40,000 toilet related injuries in the United States.

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Children's cancer charity The Joshua Tree has been overwhelmed by the generosity of Tarmac and the Cheshire Freemasons who have made a considerable donation to complete the new support centre.

Tarmac and its suppliers pulled together to install a new car park and access road for Cheshire based children's charity, The Joshua Tree. Operating across the North West and North Wales, the charity is dedicated to working closely with families affected by childhood cancers.

Due to COVID-19 the charity has been unable to establish normal fundraising activities to complete the access road and car park to the centre. The incredible generality of the Cheshire Freemasons and Tarmac able to step in allowed for the completion of the new car park and access road to the purpose built support centre in Sandiway.

Peter Hyde, highways services director at Tarmac said: "We are delighted we could be of assistance to this fantastic cause. The Joshua Tree is a charity which recognises every family's cancer journey is unique, and not only works with the children themselves but the whole family too. The overall assistance provided by the charity is truly invaluable, and we are very pleased we were able to provide some support in getting the project completed."

## Tarmac and The Cheshire Freemasons make all the difference at The Joshua Tree



Piers McLeish, CEO at The Joshua Tree commented: "We really are incredibly grateful to Tarmac and the Cheshire Freemasons for their enormous generosity and support in helping us complete the new centre. Having the access road and car park ready to safely welcome families to the new centre is the final major element in the completion of the new centre."

For more information on The Joshua Tree, please visit: [www.thejoshuatree.org.uk](http://www.thejoshuatree.org.uk) and for more information on Tarmac, please visit: [v/news-and-media](http://v/news-and-media)







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# OUR ZOO

## What's happening at Chester Zoo.

### Fundraising 'superstars' help to save Chester Zoo from extinction



- After a roller coaster of year, Chester Zoo took a look back at some of their fundraising superstars who helped to save their favourite charity zoo.
- Three months of closure pushed the UK's biggest charity zoo to the edge of extinction, which triggered 130,000 donors and 1,300 fundraisers from 90 countries to step up and help save Chester Zoo from closing its doors forever.
- From running challenges and bake sales to head shaves and virtual mountain climbs, supporters raised an incredible £3m when Chester Zoo launched the 'Save Our Zoo' campaign after lockdown left a £5.5m hole in the charity's finances.

Dr Mark Pilgrim, Chief Executive Officer at Chester Zoo, said:

"Although the zoo was able to reopen, which is vital to our future survival, there's still a long way to go before we're fully back on track. Our closure due to the pandemic has left a huge £5.5m scar in our finances, so there is no denying that there will be some very challenging times ahead for this great charity zoo.

"This has been one of the worst crises in the zoo's history, but our hearts have been warmed by seeing the endless kindness, love and support flood in from our supporters. We've seen whole communities and individuals from all walks of life come together with one common goal - to help save our zoo.



## To save Chester Zoo head to: [www.chesterzoo.org/saveourzoo](http://www.chesterzoo.org/saveourzoo)

"We're so incredibly grateful to our wonderful supporters who have and continue to fundraise for us – taking on all manner of weird, wonderful, and remarkable challenges. We're truly overwhelmed by the kindness that's being shown to us when times are hard for everyone, not just us. Each and every fundraiser is absolutely crucial to us - helping to make sure we have a future in our mission to prevent extinction."

With revenue from visitors making up 97% of the zoo's income, the long period of closure has had a devastating impact on the future of the UK's most visited zoo.

It costs £465,000 a month just to care for the zoo's 35,000 animals, with additional outgoings to keep the zoo ticking over, the global conservation projects and scientific research being carry out, the zoo says it needs £1.6m a month just to keep going.

Six-year-old Jimmy Roose from Mold was devastated to learn about the zoo's difficulty and was determined to do something about it. He set out to complete a marathon run of 26 miles around Mold, running a mile a day throughout June to help save the zoo he has loved ever since his first visit as a baby. In just 19 days, Jimmy finished his 26 miles and smashed his target of £500, raising an incredible £4,690.

For his penultimate mile, two local Mold residents and Chester Zoo employees, joined Jimmy dressed as a gorilla and a tiger.

Carl Askew, Facilities Manager at Chester Zoo, said: "What Jimmy has done for the zoo is amazing and living so locally to me made me feel even more proud of his achievement."

Many other supporters took up gruelling running challenges to raise money for the zoo. Salford Teaching Assistant, Brendan Rendall, ran an epic 31 marathons in inflatable animal costumes, raising over £12,300 for the conservation charity.

The 41-year old ran a half marathon every day in June, a marathon every day in July, then pounded the pavements from Salford to Chester Zoo in August. Brendan ran a total of 1,204 miles in soaring temperatures and torrential downpours dressed as a penguin, rhino and two-metre tall giraffe.

But he didn't stop there. When the second lockdown was announced, Brendan dusted off his animal costumes and began his second challenge of running 10km every day from 7 November 2020 to 31 January 2021.

Brendan said: "The zoo is very close to my heart. I've been working with children with special education needs for the last 12 years and have taken them to the zoo many times and they've absolutely loved it, as have I!"

"When I heard about the zoo's plight due to the coronavirus pandemic and saw it had launched its urgent Save Our Zoo campaign, I had to do something to help. I decided to test myself and take on this fancy dress running challenge. With the year we're all experiencing so far, I just wanted to do something fun, make people laugh, smile and inspire them to donate."

Sadly, Brendan caught COVID-19 during his second challenge and has had to pause his running. He's hoping to re-start in the New Year.

Seven-year old Layla Powell sprang into action to help save the zoo she's loved since a baby when she heard of their struggles. Layla and six school friends decided to climb the height of Everest using the stairs at home during lockdown to raise vital funds for the zoo. The group climbed a staggering 8,848m between them, raising an astounding £3,330.

Vicky Powell, Layla's mum and the zoo's Retail Buyer, said: "Layla and her friends 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 it - one girl even climbed her stairs 100 times on day one!"

"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. I'm so proud of what the girls have achieved."

**Launched in June 2020, the zoo's 'Save Our Zoo' campaign continues to appeal for public support. You can support Chester Zoo by adopting an animal, donating or becoming a member. Find out more by visiting [www.chesterzoo.org/support-us/](http://www.chesterzoo.org/support-us/)**



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# THIS MONTH'S HISTORY

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

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

1985



### MARCH 3 1985

On this day in 1985, Britain's miners voted to return to work after an ultimately fruitless strike that dragged on for almost a full year.

The longest-running industrial dispute in British history was a direct response to a series of proposals laid out by Margaret Thatcher's government.

The strike began in March 1984 over plans to close up to 20 pits at the loss of around 200,000 jobs. A further 75 pits were earmarked for closure over a three-year period. The bitter industrial dispute played out across TV and newspaper as a war of words between the government and the leader of the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM), Arthur Scargill.

The former miner believed the NUM was in a strong position - and for a very good reason. His representatives had been instrumental in organising the strikes that precipitated the 'three-day weeks' which ultimately brought down Edward Heath's government.

### MARCH 5 1936

The Supermarine Spitfire - the British fighter aircraft that became the iconic plane of the Battle of Britain - made its first flight on this day in 1936.

On the night of March 5, the chief test pilot at the parent company Vickers-Armstrongs - took off in the Type 300 K5054 prototype from Eastleigh airfield in Hampshire.

At the end of the eight minute flight, Summers climbed out of the cockpit and said to the small group of observers "I don't want anything touched", indicating that nothing required correcting before his next test flight.



## MARCH 16 1935

Voluntary driving tests were introduced in Britain and became compulsory in June of the same year.

Mind you, given that some of these people had already been driving around since 1903 – when the first licences were issued – maybe it wouldn't have fazed them too much.

Back on March 16, 1935, a voluntary driving test was introduced for UK drivers.

The first person to pass the test was a Mr Beene.

## 1935



## 1987



## MARCH 6 1987

The ro-ro Herald of Free Enterprise capsized in just 90 seconds on March 6 1987. She was sailing out of Zeebrugge at the time, headed for Dover, and 150 passengers and 38 members of the crew lost their lives.

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**MARCH 13 1764** - The birth, in Falloden, Northumberland, of Charles Earl Grey, British Prime Minister. He is linked with Earl Grey Tea, after a blended tea was supplied to him as a gift and the sample was copied.

**MARCH 3 1847** - Alexander Graham Bell, Scottish-born inventor of the telephone, photo phone, graphophone, microphone and a host of other really useful phones was born on this day.

**MARCH 20 1917** - Dame Vera Lynn was born in London and by the age of seven, was singing on a regular basis in working men's clubs. She made her first broadcast in 1935. During the Second World War Vera found fame as the "Forces Sweetheart", keeping up the spirits of the public with such songs as "We'll Meet Again" and "White Cliffs of Dover". These songs, and some films, catapulted Vera Lynn into what would now be referred to as superstardom.

**MARCH 22 1948** - Andrew Lloyd Webber, composer of musicals including Cats, Evita and Phantom of the Opera, to name but a few was born on this day.





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## Ingredients:

1/2 lb. pork tenderloin (cut into bite size pieces)  
1/2 green bell pepper (2 oz. and cut into pieces)  
1/2 red bell pepper (2 oz. and cut into pieces)  
3 stalks spring onions sliced into 1/2 inch pieces  
1 piece fresh/canned pineapple rings  
(cut into small pieces)  
1 clove garlic (finely chopped)  
Oil for frying

## Marinate:

1 teaspoon soy sauce  
1/2 teaspoon corn flour  
1/2 teaspoon rice wine

## Sweet and Sour Sauce:

1 1/2 tablespoons tomato ketchup  
1 teaspoon plum sauce  
1/8 teaspoon Chinese rice vinegar  
(transparent in color)  
1/2 teaspoon Lea & Perrins Worcestershire Sauce  
1 teaspoon oyster sauce  
1 teaspoon corn flour  
1 teaspoon sugar  
2 tablespoons water

## Frying Batter:

1/2 cup water  
2 oz. flour  
1 oz. corn flour  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 egg  
1 teaspoon cooking oil  
1 small pinch of salt

## Method:

Cut the pork tenderloin into pieces and marinate with the ingredients for 15-20 minutes.

Mix the sweet and sour sauce ingredients well and set aside.

Mix the dry ingredients of the frying batter and then add in the egg, water, and cooking oil to form a thick batter mixing well.

When the pork is well-marinated, transfer the pork pieces into the batter and make sure they are well coated. In a deep skillet, add in the cooking oil enough for deep-frying. Once the oil is hot, deep fry the pork pieces until they turn golden brown. Dish out and drain on paper towels.

Heat up a wok and add in some cooking oil. Add in the chopped garlic and stir fry until light brown, then follow by the bell peppers and pineapple pieces. Stir fry until you smell the peppery aroma from the peppers and then add in the sweet and sour sauce. As soon as the sauce thickens, transfer the pork into the wok and stir well with the sauce. Add in the chopped scallions, do a few quick stirs, dish out and serve hot with steamed white rice.





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# AutoReview

by **Tony Yates**

Keeping you motoring

## Peugeot 5008 Allure 1.5L Blue HDi 130 S&S



*This month's road test puts me in the driving seat of the new Peugeot 5008 Allure. First off, the 5008 is a great looking SUV with some wonderful swooping lines flanking its sides along with lots of LED technology not only on the outside but also on the inside.*

*Of course, all new vehicles nowadays come with what I call 'supercomputers' installed at the very heart of the machine keeping all the various safety and electronic control systems in check – so you can be assured if you make a wrong move an 'electronic aid' can be there to steer you in the right direction and out of trouble.*

This is my book is good. Yes, I know it will need to be plugged into a diagnostic machine every time you want to change a wiper blade, but this is the future and its time we started embracing it.

Also, if we look at the current SUV market at the moment, it's flooded and it's becoming almost impossible to decide on what's hot and what's not. You could, of course, ask me, but I will just tell you to buy what makes you feel good. But, if you are still struggling, then remember the Peugeot 5008 is now something you can't ignore because it looks good, drives fantastic and does not cost the earth.

## On The Road

First off – the 5008 does have great chassis, along with a suspension setup that's keen to keep you on the road at all times. I also found the grip levels to be really good, even when cornering at high speed. The steering is also direct, which means the 5008 feels tight and taught and agile into the corners. I'm going to say that Peugeot has done a pretty good job of getting the whole package to work together and I have no issues in saying that it performs well out on the open road for an SUV.

## Power and Efficiency

The 5008 I had on test was powered by a 1.5 litre turbocharged inline 4-cylinder diesel engine that has 129BHP on tap, which also happens to boast a very respectable top speed of 119mph, plus a 0-62 time of 11.1 seconds.

Fuel consumption is also very good with a combined figure of around 50-60mpg. A big plus point for this car though is its 300Nm of torque which allows it to pull very well from pretty much any gear thanks to a brilliant 6-speed gearbox that does a proper job of changing up and down the gears at a decent rate with minimal fuss. Although, where was one small part I found quite annoying – I found I was changing up and down the gears an awful lot to keep the 5008 in the powerband.

Maybe I'm being picky, but it would not be a motoring review if I did not tell you.

## Interior & Technology

The interior is of a good standard – with lots of chrome fittings and clear LED displays.

Along with a decent amount of standard equipment such as; Eco LED headlights,

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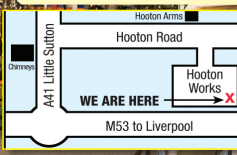
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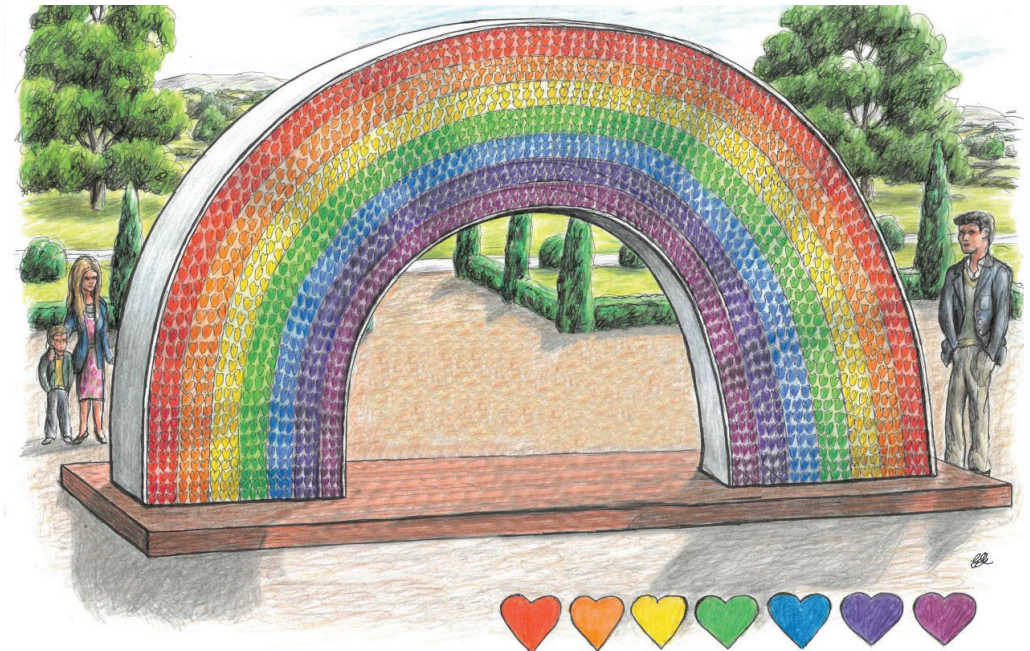
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This will be a lasting tribute to all key workers who worked so hard during 2020/2021. Each heart can be sponsored for a minimum of £10 - we will send you a favour to keep in your purse or pocket about the colour you choose.

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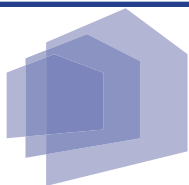
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