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# Q&A: Cheshire site manager gives the inside track on work at Malpas location

Site manager Steve Wood joined Bovis Homes' Hampton Lea location in Malpas, Cheshire in the summer. Here, he talks about what makes a successful development and his aims for the future of the site.

## *- How long have you worked at Bovis Homes and in the housing industry?*

I joined Bovis Homes in July but have been a site manager for 22 years.

## *- How would you sum up your role in one sentence?*

My role as site manager is to produce quality homes for all my customers and to make a safe and enjoyable working environment for the people working on my building site.

## *- What makes Hampton Lea stand out from other new-build locations?*

Hampton Lea is a wonderful spot to build quality new homes with fantastic views of the Cheshire countryside, combined with the quality village life of Malpas.

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## *- What house types are available at Hampton Lea?*

We are building two and three-bedroom social properties plus a wide range of three, four and five-bedroom homes, so we literally have a new property for everyone.

## *- How would you sum up a Bovis Home in one sentence?*

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## *- What can visitors and home buyers at Hampton Lea expect from the Bovis Homes there?*

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## *- How often are you in touch with customers at Hampton Lea?*

We are constantly in touch with our clients. We like to be available to our customers, even if it's just to say good morning. They know where we are, if they ever need us. In our short time here, we have moved in a number of home buyers.

They all seem to be happy new homeowners who wave as they drive past or chat as we walk by. Long may that continue.

## *- How would you describe your team at Hampton Lea?*

My team consists of my long-term assistant, Paul, who has worked with me for many years, although he insists everyone calls him "Woody" (even his wife calls him Woody).

I have a new forklift driver on location and an agency labourer, Matthew, who has worked on site since before I started. We have now sent him an offer of employment as he has impressed us so much.

We have taken on some new contractors since we arrived and feel all of us are working together to produce the best homes we can.

## *- What's happening next at the location?*

The location is currently undergoing a re-plan for the remaining properties, including the new Bovis Homes housing range, which we are all excited about.

## *- What is your overall aim for Hampton Lea as site manager of the location?*

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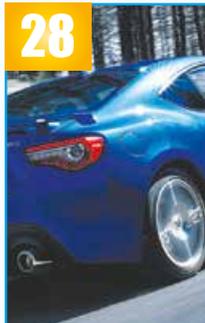
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**Dear Friends, January sees us welcome in 2019!**

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Best Wishes for 2019  
Maxine & Mike

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## Cheshire Wildlife Trust given £143,000 to help local volunteers make a real difference in their community

Cheshire Wildlife Trust has been given £143,000 National Lottery funding from Sport England to help local volunteers make a positive contribution to their community using sport and activity. The project, Go Wild – Get Fit, will improve physical activity levels of more than 200 people currently furthest away from the job market and living in Chester, Ellesmere Port, Northwich and Winsford. Volunteers will have opportunity to take part in a range of nature-based activities during the programme including, practical conservation, wildlife surveying and monitoring and nature walks. The programme also offers opportunities for training in wildlife skills and broader life skills.

Go Wild – Get Fit is funded through Sport England's 'Opportunity Fund', which aims to encourage people to volunteer to help tackle challenges their communities face. Projects are being funded in areas that may experience economic disadvantage, ranging from inner-city areas with high levels of crime and social exclusion, to remote rural areas with few services. Through getting involved, the volunteers will also benefit by developing their own skills and confidence, and experience improved wellbeing. These new projects aim to explore how the outdoors and the environment may motivate people to get involved in volunteering, and how volunteering we can help create new opportunities for people to get active.

"We are grateful to the players of the National Lottery who have enabled this project to go ahead" said Martin Varley, Director of Conservation at Cheshire Wildlife Trust. "Wild places are great spaces to get people active. Thanks to this funding many people who need support the most will have a chance to benefit from getting out into nature and give some back through volunteering." Cheshire Wildlife Trust promotes wildlife and wild places across Cheshire. Increasingly the contribution of wildlife and the outdoors

to people's health is being recognised and so the Trust has run a successful health and wellbeing programme, helping people to feel better through nature for the last two years.

"When people volunteer in sport and physical activity there is a dual benefit – volunteers help others in their communities get active, as well as benefitting themselves" said Phil Smith, Sport England's Director of Sport. "Volunteering can do wonders for job and career prospects, mental health and making friends. it's why volunteering sits at the heart of Sport England's new strategy, towards an active nation. We're delighted to be helping Cheshire Wildlife Trust enable more volunteers to be the catalysts for change in their neighbourhood.

"It's one of 37 projects in which Sport England has invested in to test different approaches to encourage new audiences to volunteer and benefit their community and others through social action, sport and physical activity. These projects will test various different approaches, with the ultimate aim being a larger number and more diverse volunteers. We are targeting people who are currently less likely to volunteer in sport, such as women, disabled people, people from BAME groups and people on a low income."



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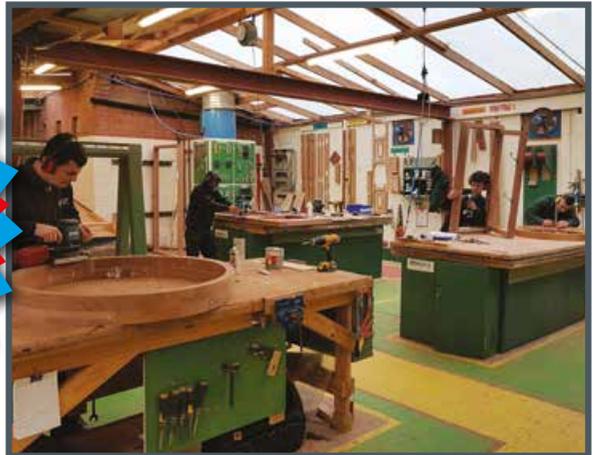
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# DO YOU KNOW?

1. The average employee in Italy works just 20 hours per week, one of the lowest amount in Europe.
2. Most of the tallest buildings in the world are in China.
3. After developing a passion for aviation while in Europe, magician Harry Houdini was one of the world's first private pilots.
4. You can buy eel flavored ice cream in Japan.
5. Seven people have keys with the power to restart the World Wide Web in the event of a catastrophic event.
6. In 2016, a woman in China got her 20 boyfriends to gift her an iPhone 7S each, then sold them all and bought a house.



7. John C. Beale, a man who pretended to be a CIA secret agent, flew around the world on first-class flights, stayed in high-end hotels and cost the taxpayers almost US\$900,000.
8. In 1984, a boy wrote a letter to Ronald Reagan asking for federal funds to clean his bedroom after his mother called it a "disaster area."
9. Most Medieval Europeans were illiterate and needed visual reminders of hell to get them into church, so gargoyles were invented.
10. On April Fool's day in 1976, BBC convinced many listeners that a special alignment of the planets would temporarily decrease gravity on Earth. Phone lines were flooded with callers who claimed they felt the effects.



11.  Chimps use medicinal plants to treat themselves for illness and injury.
12.  Crows in New Caledonia were found to be bending twigs into hooks to extract food hidden in wooden logs, confirming that wild birds can make tools.
13. Giant rats have been trained to sniff out land mines in Africa. In Mozambique, they have already been instrumental in the removal of 13,000 mines, helping reclaim 1,100 hectares of land.
14. When illusionist David Copperfield and his assistants were held up at gunpoint in 2006, he used sleight of hand to conceal his possessions from the robber.
15. How you serve food and drink matters in the perception of taste. Hot chocolate tastes better in orange cups, scientists found.
16. The BBC offers free online language courses.

17. Half a million solar panels per day were installed in 2015.
18. Steve Jobs used to withdraw just US\$1 as his annual salary from Apple's account as CEO.
19. The Simpsons have had more guest stars than they have had episodes.
20. Elon Musk was ousted as CEO of PayPal because he insisted on switching from Unix-based infrastructure to Windows.
21. At the time of his death, Libyan dictator Muammar Gaddafi was one of the world's richest man, worth US\$200 billion.



22. There is a stadium in Brazil in which the midfield line lies on the Equator, making each team defend one hemisphere.
23. Kangaroos are almost always left-handed.
24. The phrase 'crocodile tears' refers to a medieval belief that crocodiles shed tears of sadness when killing and consuming their prey.
25. Helium is the only element discovered in space before it was found on earth.
26. Mongooses were introduced to Hawaii in 1883 to control the invasive rat population. However, rats are nocturnal and mongooses are diurnal. Hawaii now has a problem with both.
27. Charles Boycott, an English land agent, was so hated by the community he became a verb.
28. Nazi German troops were routinely given a narcotic called Pervitin, which allowed them to march for longer than normal.
29. London is still paying rent to the Queen on a property leased in 1211. Horseshoes, 61 nails, an axe and billhook are part of the rent.
30. Tiramisu means 'pick me up' in Italian.
31. A Chilean man is so obsessed with Julia Roberts that he has 82 tattoos of her face all over his body.
32. The United States paid US\$25 million in gold for the Virgin Islands in 1917.
33. In 1785, Benjamin Franklin was the richest person in the United States.
34. Bill Gates has a McDonald's Gold Card for unlimited free fast food.
35. Andrew Jackson, who appears on the U.S. twenty-dollar bill, was highly opposed to paper money.





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# OUR ZOO

## What's happening at Chester Zoo.

### Baby black rhino birth catches visitors by surprise at Chester Zoo



- **Visitors to Chester Zoo astonished as Eastern black rhino calf is born in front of them**
- **Proud mum Malindi delivered the youngster in front of onlookers after a 15-month pregnancy**
- **Eastern black rhinos are critically endangered - JUST 650 remain in the wild**
- **Poaching of rhino horn for the illegal wildlife trade has driven the species towards extinction**
- **New arrival offers hope to conservationists working to preserve numbers globally**
- **Chester Zoo experts are fighting to protect wild rhinos in Africa right now**

Visitors to Chester Zoo were left stunned when a rhino gave birth in front of them yesterday.

While most rhino births typically happen at night or in the early hours of the morning, Malindi, a 12-year-old critically endangered Eastern black rhino, shocked onlookers when she went into labour at around 12:30 in the middle of a busy summer's day.



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A healthy calf was delivered safely less than half an hour later in what zoo conservationists have described as a “very rare and special event” to witness.

The little one was up on its feet within 15 minutes and was seen running around soon after, before returning to suckle from mum.

Tim Rowlands, Curator of Mammals at the zoo, said:

*“Visitors to the zoo were treated to something incredibly special yesterday when Eastern black rhino, Malindi, went in to labour in front of them. With just 650 Eastern black rhino left in the wild, seeing the birth of a new calf and it’s very first steps is a very rare and special event indeed.”*

*“The newborn was delivered onto soft wood mulch and within next to no time it was up on its feet and running around – it couldn’t have gone any smoother.”*

*“Although it’s still very early days, the little one is showing great signs by feeding regularly and mum and calf appear to have bonded very quickly.”*

*“We just hope this little one helps us to raise some much needed attention to this truly magnificent species, and inspires urgent action to protect their future on this planet. We cannot and must not allow this subspecies to become extinct – a fate which has, tragically, already become of some of its cousins.”*

Conservationists now fear that less than 650 Eastern black rhino remain across Africa, with the animals listed as critically endangered by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

The staggeringly low wild number is a result of the illegal wildlife trade, driven by the increasing demand for rhino horn, which supplies the traditional Asian medicine market where it is currently changing hands for more than gold and drugs.

Mike Jordan, Collections Director at Chester Zoo, added:

*“This new arrival is a real boost to a critically endangered species. It increases the number of Eastern black rhino at Chester to 11 and is another vitally important success story in a Europe-wide breeding programme for these highly threatened animals. A thriving, healthy population of this high profile species in good zoos is vitally important to the future of this species and a key component of our mission to prevent their extinction.”*

In tandem with its acclaimed breeding programme, Chester Zoo is also fighting for the survival of Eastern black rhino in the field and has long supported conservation efforts to protect black rhinos and continues to fund, and provide expertise, to numerous sanctuaries, partners and wildlife reserves in Africa.



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COZUMEL

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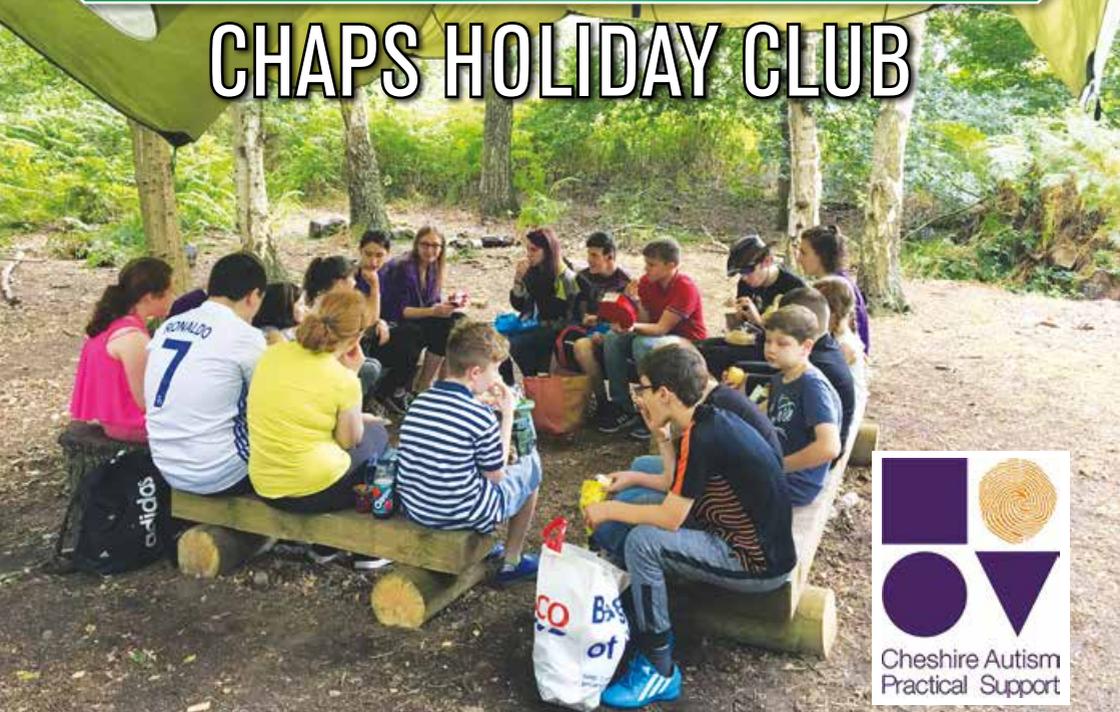


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## CHAPS HOLIDAY CLUB



Over 40 children with autism enjoyed plenty of fun and games – with no technology allowed – at a summer Holiday Club run by the Cheshire Autism Practical Support charity.

ChAPS put on four sessions, lasting for a full day, during the holidays at the Pettypool Trust in Sandiway in Northwich.

A range of activities included indoor games and craft workshops, Lego Therapy, drama workshops, gym and sports, treasure hunts, bug hunts and slime making!

“We put on range of activities during the summer break, and the Holiday Club was certainly one of the most popular with 43 children attending,” says ChAPS Managing Director Jo Garner.

“The outdoor facilities and the forest setting was absolutely fantastic, helped by all technology being banned so no phones or iPads allowed!

“Not only was it a great opportunity for the children to enjoy themselves, but also to spend some quality time with their siblings who were also able to attend the sessions.” That was certainly well-received by the families with one parent thanking ChAPS for “allowing my son to be accepted and for my family to be a family again”.

And another added: “Been so nice to see the smiles of my children after a day with you all.”

ChAPS is a charity which helps anyone who is on the autism spectrum, and has the ambition to ‘support and educate parents to help your child be the best that they can be.’

The charity’s Facebook site offers a vital source of advice and guidance to those in need, and a membership scheme with a monthly fee of just £10 per family has brought 20,000 people into contact with ChAPS.

One huge and innovative success has been the introduction of an Attention Card in collaboration with Cheshire Police and Merseyside Police, carried by people who are on the Autism spectrum, which can alert others to their condition in the event of a difficult situation or indeed an emergency.

ChAPS offer a range of activities for people of all ages who are on the Autism spectrum (with or without diagnosis).

To find out more visit [www.cheshireautism.co.uk](http://www.cheshireautism.co.uk), call 0344 850 8607 or email [info@cheshireautism.org.uk](mailto:info@cheshireautism.org.uk).



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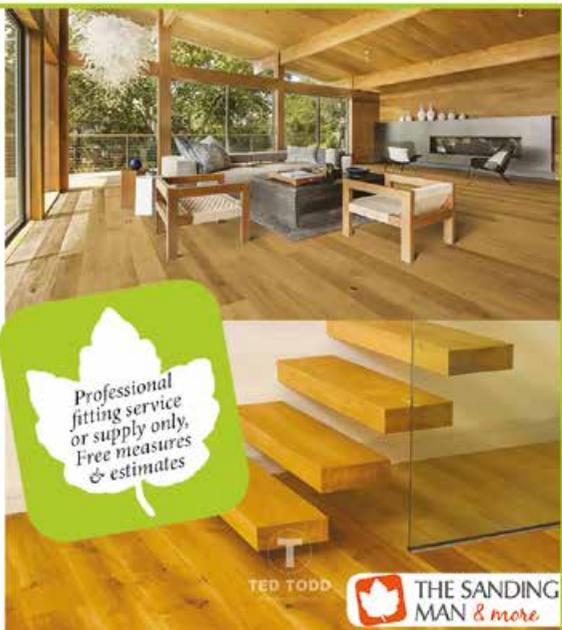
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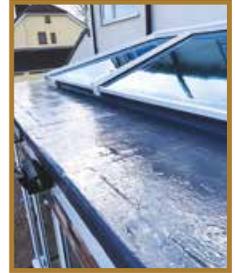
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The good news is, times have moved on and today gardeners have realised that wildlife-friendly features can be incorporated everywhere. With just a little bit of thought, your garden can be good for you and for the planet. Some of the best gardens for nature are some of the most beautiful. So why not create your own nature trail?



Small garden changes can bring stunning visitors.

## 1 GREEN UP YOUR PATIO

Hard landscaping seldom offers much wildlife interest, bar a bit of lichen on the paving slabs or algae on the decking! To give your nature trail a better start, find a way to incorporate a container of pollinator-friendly wildflowers, or perhaps a bee brick, bug hotel or stook of short garden canes or hollow stems to encourage lacewings and ladybirds to hibernate.

That climber growing up the house-wall is the ideal place for robins' nest each year, and perhaps adding a nestbox will encourage sparrows to move in?

## 2 PLANT NECTAR-RICH BLOOMS

Flowerbeds are usually full of spring bulbs and summer flowers. In nature, this is like an open ungrazed habitat, bathed in sunlight, where flowers grow tall.

The obvious visitors are bees and hoverflies; if we're lucky, we'll see some butterflies, too. Stop, stoop and look hard – you'll see that all that foliage provides cover and homes for many other insects, spiders and other creepy crawlies too.

Butterflies and bees will really be boosted if you choose only those plants that are stuffed with nectar and pollen. Too many cultivated plants have lost all their goodness, so avoid double flowers (whose stamens have been bred into extrapetals) and your borders will soon be buzzing.



**HABITATS** Bird boxes, bug hotels and hoggy homes should be positioned in a safe, sheltered place away from daily human activity.



## 3 BUILD A POND

A garden pond might not have the wild swans and geese of the great wetlands and marshes but, wherever there is water, life will come. For many of us the highlight will be frogs and newts. If you're really lucky you'll attract toads. But even watching the skimming of pondskaters across the surface or the antics under the surface of water-boatmen is entertainment enough.

Even an ornamental pond will still attract colourful dragonflies and damselflies, and birdswill visit to drink and bathe.

The larger your pond, the more wildlife it's likely to support. Ponds that have shallow margins and plenty of submerged native pondweed and emergent plants will be much better than steep-sided, plant-free ponds. The water weed and some pond snails will help keep the water clear.

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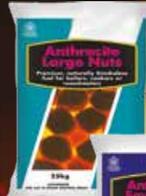
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## Subaru BRZ 2.0i SE Lux



*Dynamic, sophisticated and thrilling, that's what I think of the new updated BRZ.*

*With its low centre of gravity, rear-wheel drive and taut chassis all helping it deliver exceptional on-road handling. This is what being a motoring journalist is all about - and why I love the BRZ so much. So, what's new for 2018. Well, the BRZ now boasts an upgraded infotainment system, with 7" multi-function display, satellite navigation, DAB radio and Apple CarPlay™ and Android Auto™ – all as standard.*

### **Power and Efficiency:**

Fitted with a 2.0-litre horizontally-opposed (Boxer), four-cylinder, four-stroke (DOHC 16V) petrol engine with 200PS @ 7000rpm and 205Nm of torque. 0-62mph is around 7.6sec, fuel consumption is a decent 32.8 mpg combined and a top speed of around 140mph.

For all those tech nerds, out there - the engine's pistons are placed 180 degrees apart allowing a lower, flatter engine profile. This gives the powerplant - and therefore the whole car - a lower centre of gravity. This more balanced weight distribution gives the BRZ exceptional handling, poise and more importantly control.

Boxer engines have taken some stick in the past, but, they fascinate me and the Boxer engine in the BRZ is pretty cool, thanks to key features such as the

engine's square bore and stroke (86mm x 86mm), which all helps achieve a balance between mechanical efficiency, environmental performance, speed and power.

The engine is also fitted with an intelligent port injection system, which selects the appropriate fuel injection rate to provide greater fuel efficiency and lower emissions - all wonderful stuff then!

### **On the road:**

Nimble, frisky and if I am being honest, a little minx – and that's just to get you started. Take the nimble little BRZ out on the road and you will feel how well it grips as I said early on in this review. Again, all thanks to the BRZ being fitted with a Torsen limited-slip rear differential for improved traction, allowing the more enthusiastic driver to make the most of the car's rear-wheel-drive layout.

Also, using a rear-wheel-drive sports car drivetrain allows the engine to sit further back in the BRZ chassis, which helps provide a perfect balance for precise control and grip during high-speed cornering. The BRZ is also fitted with a quick-ratio steering system – tuned to react instantly to every input, which makes it feel like a proper racer.

Of course, to get the best out of a sports car you need to have a front-engined, rear-wheel drive layout – and the BRZ has this by the bucket load.

For 2018, there have been some changes, and although very small – they all make a big difference. Sometimes when you have the perfect balance between man and machine, it's not worth trying to perfect it more when you got it right first time around.

### **Design and Technology:**

Some of the additional standard equipment on the BRZ includes; Subaru Boxer engine (2.0 litre petrol), Rear-Wheel Drive, Track Mode function, Torsen® Limited Slip Differential, LED headlights, Keyless Entry & Push Button Start System, 7" multi-function colour touchscreen with Apple CarPlay™ and Android Auto™ and Satellite navigation.

**To sum up:** What can I say – the BRZ is a great drive and perfect for someone who wants a nimble little sports car.

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# One step ahead



2019 is a very special year for Chester Rambling and Hill Walking Club. It's our centenary year! We can't quite believe we've been tramping o'er hills and dales for 100 years, but it really is that long.

A delve through our archives reveals some noteworthy comparisons between the Club of yesteryear and the one we know and cherish today. In the beginning, only one weekly walk was on offer to members. These days, there is a choice of up to five per week – two or three on a Sunday, one every other Wednesday, plus shorter Tuesday evening rambles in the summer months.

Back in 1919, total reliance on public transport meant walks had to start no more than 15 miles or so from Chester, from a point close to a bus stop or train station. Leaders did gradually introduce forays into North Wales and occasionally Shropshire, but these were curtailed with the onset of WW2, when walks once again became very localised, to places like Picton, Bruera and Hawarden.

Coaches to destinations further afield, including Snowdonia and Derbyshire, were launched in the late 1940s. By the 1950s, several coach trips were running per year, in every direction from Chester. Journeys to the start of most weekly walks, however, were still made via regular bus and train services. The closure of many railway stations in the 1960s (Oh! Dr Beeching!) put an end to trains as a means of getting to the start of a Club walk. Buses, however, continued to be used until the late 1970s, when members began traveling in their own cars, a culture that lives on today.

The first ever Club camping trip was in 1964 and I'm happy to report that this tradition is alive and well! From the outset, any members disinclined to live life under canvas were encouraged to join these trips so long as they arranged their own B & B accommodation. Some things never change.

The social side of things hasn't altered too much either, over the years. Back in 1919, Club activities were equally spread between happy times in the hills and happy times indoors. These days, we still enjoy both, though the Country Dancing, Whist Drives and Games Nights that featured in Club programmes in the 'olden days' are things of the past. Highlights of today's social calendar always have a strong 'foody' element, whether it's a 3-course dinner at a country house hotel or fish and chips out of a paper bag at Parkgate.

We've seen some changes in our 100 years of life, but one thing remains the same. Each and every Club walk is a chance to mix with like-minded folk who share a passion for boots and boggy fields, rucksacks and rugged hills, fresh air and fine views.

Looking ahead, we have walks planned in January to the Llantisilios, Berwyns, Clwydian Range, Sandstone Trail, Wirral, Llangollen and the eastern edges of Snowdonia. In March we're heading to the Lake District for a weekend in a comfy hotel, a good base from which to explore the fells for a couple of days. This year's April coach trip takes us over to Grassington, in the Yorkshire Dales. Both these events will include three grades of walks, with something for everyone, from the seasoned hiker who knows every craggy summit in the North of England, to those just beginning to think that the great outdoors might be for them.

Whatever your New Year Resolutions were, why not add another, slightly belated one? Go dig out those walking boots, check our website and join our century-old walking club!

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**Sunday 13 January 2019**  
**Wedding Showcase**

**Cottons Hotel & Spa,  
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**11:00am - 15:00 pm**



**Thursday 17 January 2019**  
**Chester Lecture Society:  
Chester Celebrates 19:30 - 21:00**

**Grosvenor Museum, 27 Grosvenor  
Street, Chester, Cheshire, CH1 2DD**



David Cummings member and local historian, as a Memorial to Committee member, Margaret Croston, presents a kaleidoscope of Chester events throughout the year in a selection of colourful images called, Chester Celebrates.

**Sunday 27 January 2019**  
**Wedding Fair**

**Crabwall Manor Hotel and Spa,  
ChesterParkgate Road,  
Mollington, Chester, CH1 6NE**

Crabwall Manor Hotel Wedding Fair.  
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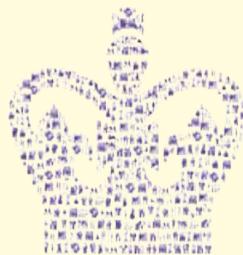
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[www.chesteradult.phab.org.uk](http://www.chesteradult.phab.org.uk)

Email: [lynda.hesketh@sky.com](mailto:lynda.hesketh@sky.com)

**Chester Adult Phab is a social club for people with and without disabilities. We have 75+ members.**

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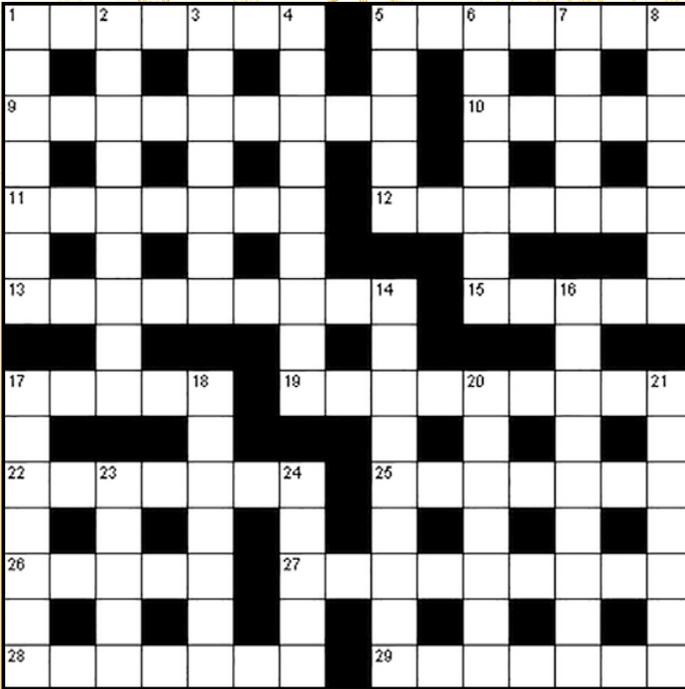
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**Please contact Mrs Pat Daniels**  
**01244 365186 or 01244350755.**



# PUZZLE CORNER



## Down

1. Put into print (7)
2. Compelled (9)
3. Accord (7)
4. Give up (9)
5. Criminal (5)
6. Implore (7)
7. Small Asian goat antelope (5)
8. Public transport (7)
14. Postponement (9)
16. Linked (9)
17. A repairer of horse equipment (7)
18. Make amends for (7)
20. Boat races (7)
21. Approve of (7)
23. Stubble (5)
24. Measured amounts of medication (5)

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|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Affirm (7)                          | 13. Quickly aroused to anger (9) | 26. Andean animal (5)      |
| 5. Cargo (7)                           | 15. Implied (5)                  | 27. One who watches (9)    |
| 9. Having two sides or parts (9)       | 17. Marsh plant (5)              | 28. Sloping roof beams (7) |
| 10. The Earth (5)                      | 19. Citation (9)                 | 29. Prattle (7)            |
| 11. An artless innocent young girl (7) | 22. Any 10-limbed crustacean (7) |                            |
| 12. Used for sewing and knitting (7)   | 25. Bitterweed (7)               |                            |

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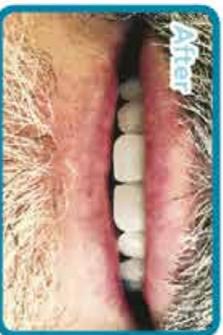
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