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Welcome

Welcome to our April issue.

Spring is here and we have some beautiful country parks right here on our doorstep for us to all enjoy. We've come up with a list of our favourites on pages 24&25. If you do take the time to visit them please leave them as you found them and bring any litter home with you. Another beautiful place to visit is LLangollen again right on our doorstep, so why not take a look at our discover LLangollen feature on pages 14&15

Spring is the time when many of you will be planning your home and garden improvements and may need a bit of help. We have lots of businesses inside who you can call upon for any home and garden quotations and please remember to tell them where you saw their advertisement. Without the businesses within this magazine we would not be able to print and post them through the letterboxes of thousands of local homes. We are an independent business with no affiliation to the county council.

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- Dinosaur Adventure - Amanda Cobden

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AMANDA AZZOPARDI ANP/INP



THE CLINIC HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED

BRAND NEW LOOK

2024 is the year of growth at
Amanda Azzopardi Aesthetics...

After a successful year, Amanda Azzopardi Aesthetics are excited to welcome a host of exciting additions, welcoming many new clients to start their own journey that creates true confidence from within. The Liverpool clinic faced a stunning transformation in conjunction with an iconic re-brand to better showcase their vision and seamless experience of the treatment process. This has also transpired across their London and Buckley locations.

This year brings an influx of new treatments, one of which being the SLIMYONIK® Air Bodystyler – a compression therapy suit, which stimulates lymphatic drainage to deliver a range of health benefits, such as boosting metabolism and balancing hormones. This therapeutic procedure will leave you feeling rejuvenated from both outside and within, aligning with their core values.

They have also introduced the Gelida Arctic-Cryo 2i, a new cutting-edge technology that provides remarkable fat-freezing results and includes extra programmes for pain management and skin concerns. This

can treat a range of areas, from stubborn fat and cellulite to eczema and acne.

Amanda also offers fantastic skin treatments, whether you are struggling with particular skin concerns or wish to retain a youthful glow. Following an in-depth complimentary consultation utilising their OBSERV 520x skin scanner, Amanda can prescribe you medical-grade skincare via GetHarley, an online portal that delivers direct to your door. This revitalised skincare routine can be used alongside innovative skin treatments they offer, such as Carbon Peel or LaseMD Ultra.

Another popular treatment is thread lifts, aiming to lift and tighten the skin to restore your youthful appearance. This focuses on predominant areas that show early signs of ageing – eyes, cheeks and jowls. Following the procedure, you will notice an immediate lift in the treated area, creating a subtle yet impactful look.

Amanda specialises in intimate health, acting as a pioneer in the Intimate Rejuvenation treatment that aims to treat multiple intimate concerns. The treatment is completely pain-free with no downtime.

Introducing these treatments and newly developed technologies would not be feasible without Amanda's invaluable expertise and deep commitment to her clients. Amanda is also keen to tailor this to her clientele to best support their journey.

This year, a core theme they wish to pursue is growth. They are committed to continue delivering fantastic support to clients, highlighting that this goes beyond treatments. Amanda is on-hand for any questions you may have, with advice and treatments completely tailored to your needs. Here, growth isn't merely about the outward enhancements they provide, but also the inner journey towards confidence and self-assurance.

Whether it's rejuvenating skincare treatments or making subtle enhancements, they nurture every individual's vision with care and expertise. At their clinics, growth isn't just a concept; it's their ethos. 🌱

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WIN A PAIR OF TICKETS TO SEE MANIC STREET PREACHERS

at **Trentham Live** on Saturday August 17, 2024

MANIC STREET PREACHERS will headline the 2024 Trentham Live four-day event on Saturday 17th August.

Set in a unique lakeside setting, the band will be returning to the Trentham Estate for the first time since 1998.

Manic Street Preachers are one of the most influential and iconic rock bands to have come out of Wales. Formed in Blackwood they have gone on to release 14 studio albums and have headlined countless festivals including Glastonbury, T in the Park, V Festival and Reading & Leeds. They have won eleven NME Awards, eight Q Awards and four BRIT Awards and were also nominated for the Mercury Prize and the MTV Europe Music Awards.

Their first album, 1992's 'Generation Terrorists', established them as unique artists, and throughout the years they have collected fans from all over the world, maturing and changing musically whilst always keeping the classic Manics sound. At their live shows

early tracks such as 'You Love Us' and 'Motorcycle Emptiness' comfortably sit alongside huge chart hits such as the No. 1 single 'If You Tolerate This Your Children Will Be Next' and other tracks such as 'You Stole The Sun From My Heart' and 'Design For Life' alongside newer songs such as 'Orwellian' and 'The

Secret He Had Missed', both taken from their most recent album 'The Ultra Vivid Lament' which reached No. 1 in the UK Album Charts in September 2021.



● **Trentham Live - Trentham, Staffordshire: Thursday August 15 - Sunday August 18, 2024.**

● **Tickets from: £66.00**

● Tickets for the Manic Street Preachers - Trentham Live 2024 show are available on **General Sale** from **Monday 26th February @10.00am** from www.trentham.co.uk/trentham-live and www.ticketmaster.co.uk.

● Tickets are available for Trentham members on pre-sale from **Friday 23rd February @10.00am.**

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"How many studio albums have the Manics released?"

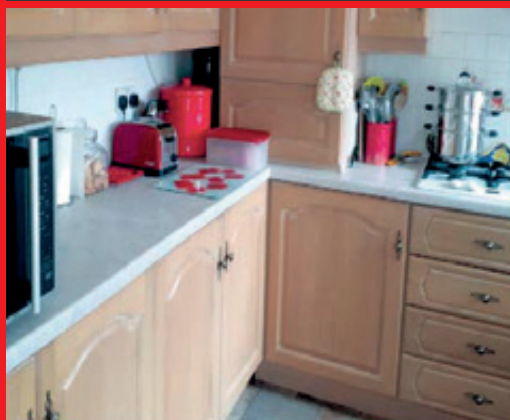
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There are a whole range of outdoor activities, but if you just want to relax, let the train take the strain and ride on the steam railway or experience peace and tranquility, gliding along the canal on a horsedrawn boat. Llangollen is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site along eleven miles of canal from Gledrid to the Horseshoe Falls via the spectacular Pontcysyllte Aqueduct.

Llangollen Steam Railway

Llangollen Railway is the only standard gauge railway in North Wales, situated within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)

and runs alongside the River Dee for its entire length, the river is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). There is lots to see and do, and you can take a stroll on one of the many local walks before jumping back on the train and ending your day in style.

Castell Dinas Brân

Castell Dinas Brân is a medieval castle located within the earthworks of an earlier Iron Age hillfort and was probably built in the 1260s by Gruffudd ap Madog, Lord of Powys Fadog.

Its existence as a castle was short-lived as it was burned down by the Welsh at the time of Edward I's campaign, to prevent it being taken by the English, and abandoned in 1282. The site which rises to 1,000 feet (307m) and, for the energetic, there is a path to the top with the reward of a fantastic view over the valley and to the hills beyond.

Plas Newydd & The Ladies of Llangollen

Plas Newydd, Llangollen is a stone built house converted into a gothic 'fantasy' by its most famous inhabitants - 'The Ladies of Llangollen'.

The ladies ran away from the life they were expected to live in Ireland in 1778 to set up a new life and home in Wales.

The house has been welcoming



visitors since the arrival of Lady Eleanor Butler and Miss Sarah Ponsonby in 1780 who lived there for the next 50 years. Their notable visitors included The Duke of Wellington, Wordsworth, Shelley and Sir Walter Scott.

Walking in Llangollen

Dee Valley Walks is a series of waymarked and graded routes takes in the beautiful scenery, wildlife and history of this stunning area of North East Wales.

The Dee Valley Way and The North Berwyn Way links the two towns of Corwen and Llangollen. The routes are 15 miles/24km in total but if you prefer to pace yourself it can be walked in separate sections.

The Llangollen History Trail links the fascinating historical landmarks in the area through a 6 mile/9.5 km waymarked walk.





Berwyn Mountains

The Berwyn Mountains stretch all the way from Llangollen in the east, along the Dee Valley, to Bala in the west. The highest peak is that of Cadair Berwyn at 830 metres but there are 24 peaks above 600 metres (2000 feet). They are a haven for wildlife and the moorland tops provide habitats for curlews, merlins and red kites. It is a landscape that both opens up to breathtaking vistas and hides intimate corners. Waterfalls, cliffs, moors, bubbling streams and wildflower-dotted fields - the Berwyns have these and more. There are two main walks, the North Berwyn Way and the Dee Valley Way.

Llangollen Food Festival

For one glorious weekend in October, Llangollen turns into the culinary

centre of Wales as some of Europe's top producers come together at the Llangollen Royal International Pavilion. One of the first and most successful food festivals in Wales, representatives from as far afield as Spain, Poland, Italy and France annually take part, giving the whole event a real European flavour. Developed originally as a showcase for traditional food producers in the counties of Denbighshire and Conwy, the event has grown from one room in the International Pavilion to now filling the whole building and sometimes spreading into Llangollen itself. Over 100 different exhibitors offer everything from organic meats to fruit lacquers, Welsh cheeses, bread, chocolate, fish - anything you can think of, you'll find it at this fantastic culinary event.

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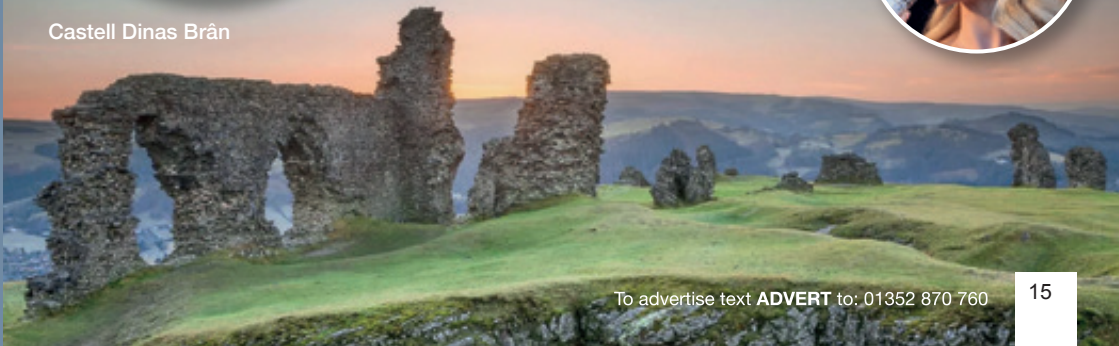
Established in 1947, this annual event is by day a stage to experience culture from across the world, and by night host to a star studded line up from across the spectrum - from jazz to indie-rock.

2024's Eisteddfod opens on Tuesday July 2 with a headline set from legend Tom Jones, who kicks off six days of evening concerts, with mezzo-soprano Katherine Jenkins closing the week on Sunday July 7.

Other highlights include sets from Bryan Adams, Gregory Porter, Jess Glynne, Simple Minds, Chic, Suede, Manic Street Preachers and Madness.



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Rhubarb & ginger nut cheesecake

What could be more cheerful than this vivid pink no-bake cheesecake? Rhubarb and ginger are merry bedfellows and make a stunning springtime dessert.

Ingredients

- 500g forced rhubarb, chopped into 4cm lengths
- 150g caster sugar
- 1 blood orange, zested and juiced
- 1 vanilla pod
- 100g butter, melted, plus extra for the tin
- 200g ginger nut biscuits
- 500g mascarpone or soft cheese
- 100g quark or thick natural yoghurt
- 1 tbsp pistachios, chopped

Method

- 1 Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Line a large baking tray with

baking parchment and fill with the rhubarb. Scatter over the sugar and orange zest and pour over the juice. Scrape the seeds from the vanilla pod in there too, throwing the spent pod on top. Cover with foil and roast for 20 mins. Remove from the oven. Purée a third of the rhubarb, reserving the rest for the top.

- 2 Butter a 20cm springform cake tin and line it with baking parchment. To make the base, put the biscuits in a bag and smash them with a rolling pin, or put them in a food processor and grind to crumbs. Tip into a mixing bowl, and stir in a pinch of sea salt. Pour the butter over the crumbs. Mix it together with a fork and tip it into the tin. Tap the side of the tin with your hand to even the crumbs out, and gently compress it with the back of a large spoon until it's packed in and level. You want it fairly well packed so that it holds together. Put in the fridge to chill.

- 3 To make the filling, put the cheese and quark or yogurt into a mixing bowl, or the bowl of a stand mixer, and beat it together. Mix until combined and thickened, then fold through the rhubarb purée.

- 4 Pile the mixture on top of the biscuit base and smooth it down. Cover with cling film and chill overnight until set. Remove the rhubarb from its syrup with a slotted spoon, tip the syrup into a pan and bring to the boil. Reduce for about 3-5 mins until the syrup is more concentrated. Allow to cool.

- 5 Carefully remove the cheesecake from its tin. Pile the rhubarb on top and drizzle over some syrup (you can save the rest for drizzling over porridge), then scatter with the pistachios to serve.

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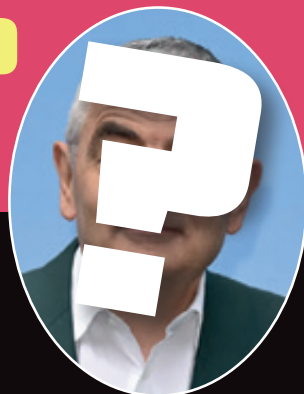
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Born in Consett, County Durham, England on 6 January 1955, ???? is the **youngest of four boys**

His parents were Eric, a farmer and company director, and Ella May (née Bainbridge), who married on 29 June 1945. His three older brothers are Paul, who died as an infant; Rodney, a Eurosceptic economist who narrowly lost the UK Independence Party leadership election in 2000; and Rupert.

He's an English actor, comedian and writer. He played the title roles in the sitcoms *Blackadder* (1983–1989) and *Mr. Bean* (1990–1995), and in the film series *Johnny English* (2003–2018). Atkinson first came to prominence on the BBC sketch comedy show *Not the Nine O'Clock News* (1979–1982), receiving the 1981 British Academy Television Award for Best Entertainment Performance. He has appeared in various films, including the James Bond film *Never Say Never Again* (1983),

The Witches (1990), *Four Weddings and a Funeral* (1994), *Rat Race* (2002), *Scooby-Doo* (2002), *Love Actually* (2003), and *Wonka* (2023). He played the voice role of Zazu in the Disney animated film *The Lion King*.

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Some of the best parks to visit in Wrexham, Chester & Flintshire this Spring...

Moss Valley Country Park



Moss Valley Country Park is situated between Gwersyllt and Brynteg, three miles north of Wrexham. The V-shaped valley has woodland with oak and beech trees, as well as two small lakes and areas of open grassland. The valley provides a rich habitat for wildlife and is particularly noted for its birds.

Moss Valley has an industrial past, and was once a major coal mining area. In 1973 the spoil heaps were reclaimed, but amongst the tranquil woodland and meadows, evidence of the old railways can still be found.

Pathways run through the park, often following old tramways and railway lines that were once used to extract the coal and sandstone from the valley. Although the coal mines have long since gone, the small sandstone quarries still exist offering excellent wildlife habitats hidden away amongst the trees.

Alyn Waters Country Park

The largest country park in the Wrexham area; Alyn Waters is situated in the beautiful Alyn Valley and is a Green Flag Award



accredited site. There are a variety of woodland, grassland and riverside walks throughout the park helping you to explore the whole site.



The park is split into two either side of the River Alyn.

The Gwersyllt side offers parking, a visitor centre with café, gift shop and toilets including baby change facilities. The visitor centre also has fully equipped conference and meeting rooms, as well as a

permanent exhibition on the history and wildlife of the park. The Llay side of the park has a large car park, children's playground and a local nature reserve.

The Clwydian Range and Dee Valley

The Clwydian Range and Dee Valley form a dramatic upland frontier in North Wales, with scenic landscapes, dramatic summits and historic towns and villages.

The heather-clad hills of the Clwydian Range that reward the adventurer with ancient hillforts and incredible views give way to the Dee Valley's rich cultural and industrial heritage. The distinctive beauty and significance of this exceptional landscape is protected and enhanced as one of only five Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty in Wales.





BelleVue Park

BelleVue is a popular traditional park within easy walking distance of the town centre. Visitors can see a splendid formal landscape in the Edwardian style. There are shaded avenues of mature lime trees that extend from the bandstand area, along with areas of newer tree planting and ornamental shrub beds.

A network of well-surfaced pathways provides access to all corners of the park, with period lamps illuminating the park in the evening. From a small hill next to the park's basketball court you can see views over Wrexham, the Parish Church and the surrounding hills. There is also a sensory garden near the park entrance, overlooked by a statue of Queen Victoria.

BelleVue Park was first given Green Flag Award accreditation in 2005 and has held it each year since then.



Greenfield Valley Museum and Heritage Park

Greenfield Valley Heritage Park is situated in Holywell, Flintshire and encompasses 70 acres of industrial history.

Historically Greenfield Valley employed hundreds of people in both its copper factories and cotton mills and is now fabulous open green space. The Valley is home to a number of scheduled ancient monuments and is a haven for wildlife. The free Visitor Centre contains information on the industry, activities and walks. Greenfield Valley is managed by Greenfield Valley Trust, a reistered charity resulting from The Friends of Greenfield Valley in 1980's to learn more visit Greenfield Valley Museum & Heritage Park website.

Grosvenor Park

The award-winning Grosvenor Park located overlooking the River Dee is a popular open space for both locals and visitors and is home to the glorious Grosvenor Park Open Air Theatre each Summer.

The park, one of the finest Victorian examples, underwent a considerable renovation project in 2014 and the 5.8 hectares of landscaped parkland is now a jewel in Chester's cultural crown,

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Sandy Lane Park and Aqua Park

Sandy Lane Park is situated upon the banks of the River Dee, approximately 2.5 miles east of Chester city centre and includes Sandy Lane Aqua Park and the adjacent play area which looks across the River Dee to the Meadows. The park has beautiful views of the local area, which provides a stimulating play environment and the Aqua Park/Water Park includes a 10 feature spray facility close to a grassed picnic area. The Aqua Park and toilets are only open during the summer season (May - September), between 11am - 5pm. Please note that there may be a possibility that the Aqua Park may need to close for an hour to undertake maintenance, this is likely to be sometime between 1pm - 3pm. The adjacent play area remains open during the winter months.



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Jersey's War Tunnels (bottom right) tell the true story of wartime Jersey in a way that no other visitor attraction does. It's the best place to get a true picture of what life was really like in Jersey during WWII. The exhibition is housed within an underground tunnel complex, built by the Germans using slave labour.

Mont Orgueil Castle

Mont Orgueil Castle, or Gorey Castle, (top right) has cast its imposing shadow over the beautiful fishing port of Gorey for more than 800 years. One of the finest examples of a medieval fortress in existence, Mont Orgueil is also a symbol of Jersey's national identity and independent character.

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Known locally as the "Cup and Saucer", Fort Grey (centre, right) is a Martello Tower built in 1804 to defend Guernsey's west coast. Many vessels have come to grief on this beautiful but treacherous coast, and the Tower now houses the Shipwreck Museum with a surprising variety of objects recovered from the wrecks.

Cliff paths

The Islands of Guernsey boast miles of coastal paths, many along the cliffs with views to reward your efforts. Head out on an adventure and refuel at one of the many kiosks and cafes along the way.

Guernsey Literary Festival

The Guernsey Literary Festival is fast-becoming a must-see event in the literary world with previous speakers such as Clare Balding, Sebastian Faulks, Michael Morpurgo, Matt Haig, Richard Dawkins and Ben Fogle.

It also boasts extensive education, family and community programmes, as well as workshops for local writers.

Guernsey Museum at Candie

Treasures from around the world held in the collection, the Folklore of Guernsey and the Rona Cole Gallery showing 200 works of art. There is also the Discovery Room for families with a Cabinet of Curiosities, old-fashioned games to play and the very popular Timewarp that changes theme each year.

Beaches

With crystal clear turquoise waters, secluded coves and panoramic views, The Islands of Guernsey have a variety of beaches to explore. From sandy spots to relax with family to sheltered bays perfect for wild swimming and kayak adventures, each of our five Islands offer unique spots to enjoy and unwind. From the horseshoe beach of Port Soif to hidden spots like the Lihou Venus Pool, there's always a tranquil spot to head to for a dip.

Alfresco dining

There is no need to rush a meal when you are on holiday. Order a bottle of rose and a few plates to share and enjoy each others' company. With seafront restaurants like La Reunion along the coast and Pier 17 on the harbour, and peaceful gardens and terraces at hotels such as The

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If anything's going to warm our spirits during these relentless rainy mornings it's the prospect of all the best spring/summer fashion on the horizon, right?

Sure, layers have been fun, but having to dress practically doesn't always leave a lot of room for creativity and personal expression. After all you could be wearing your best outfit of the year, but what use is it when it's being shrouded in the giant winter coat you've had to wrap yourself up in every day for the last two months?

Masc/fem dressing

For SS24 the skirt is having something of an hyper-feminine update. Ultra mini, super sheer or flowing an elegant, this skirt is an integral part of the aesthetic.

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Do you have to be disabled to receive care?

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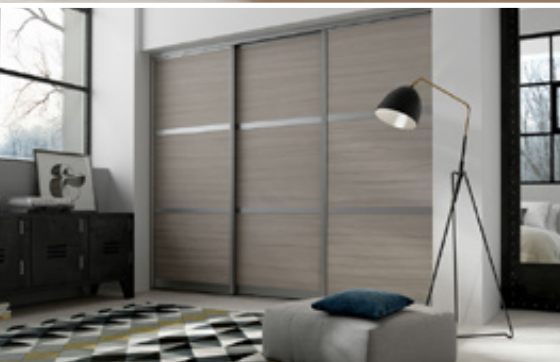
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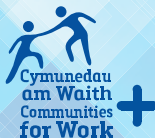
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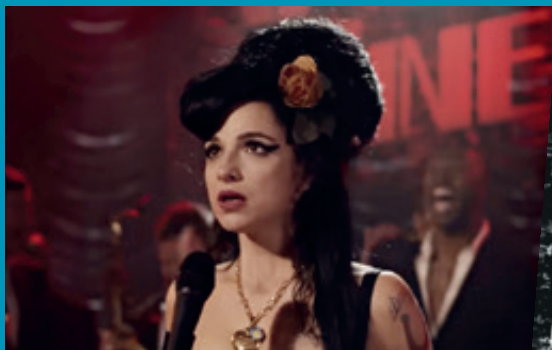
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Starring: Marisa Abela, Eddie Marsan, Jack O'Connell

Director: Matt Greenhalgh

The film delves into the life and career of Amy Winehouse, beginning with her early days in the early 2000's as a North London jazz musician and culminating in her rise to fame as a Grammy-winning singer with songs like 'Rehab' and 'Back to Black'.

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ARCADIAN

Starring: Nicolas Cage, Sadie Soverall, Jaeden Martell

Director: Benjamin Brewer

In the near future on a decimated Earth, Paul and his twin sons find tranquility by day but terror by night when ferocious creatures awaken and consume all living souls in their path.

In cinemas: April 12, 2024



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Starring: Kirsten Dunst, Wagner Moura, Caillee Spaeny

Director: Alex Garland

In the near future, a team of journalists travel across the United States during the rapidly escalating Second American Civil War that has engulfed the entire nation.

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HOMEOWNERS and would-be buyers will be glad to see the back of 2023.

Predictions of 10% declines throughout 2023 and a question mark over how high-interest rates would climb caused many homeowners to cancel any plans to move home last year.

So is 2024 a better time to up sticks, sell your house and move to a new home?

House prices – the reality

Fortunately, forecasts of double-digit house price falls did not materialise. Nationwide recorded a 1.8% fall over the year while Halifax noted 1.7% growth.

Experts agree that we're unlikely to see significant price drops in 2024, predicting a fall of no more than 2% while Halifax says prices could fall by up to 4%.

If you're hesitant about moving house because you don't want to lose equity, keep in mind that house prices rose 26% between the beginning of 2020 and the end of 2022 for an average detached home, so you've already made a significant gain. You'll also benefit from a reduction in the price of your new home.

Will interest rates fall in 2024?

The Bank of England has stopped increasing the base rate which influences other rates such as your mortgage. It currently sits at 5.25% and those who work in the financial markets believe it will not go any higher.

The Bank of England's target for inflation is 2%. Keeping interest rates high stops households from spending lots of money, which should stop prices from rising. If inflation falls back to 2%, the Bank could reduce the base rate this year.

In addition to this, big named mortgage lenders such as HSBC, Nationwide, Barclays and Halifax have recently made cuts to their mortgage rates which will reduce the impact on movers' household budgets.

House prices – the reality

Richard Donnell, executive director at Zoopla, said: 'We expect more buyers to return to the market in 2024 encouraged by mortgage rates falling back towards 4.5%, or even lower.

Mortgage rates are now reducing quicker than anticipated as lenders try to tap into pent-up demand to buy or move home.

'However, if you wait for rates to fall further the property you desire may no longer be on the market.

'If the property fits your needs now and in the future and remains affordable, now is the right time to buy.'

Home moving opportunities in 2024

There are fewer buyers in the market and more homes available to buy, compared to 2019, according to Zoopla which puts the purchaser in a strong position to haggle down the price. Towards the end of 2023, sellers were accepting average discounts of £18,000 or 5.5%.

There are also opportunities for first-time buyers. Some landlords are exiting the market due to high interest rates and less tax breaks which means more starter homes will be available to buy.

There may also be support for first-time buyers announced in the budget. Mortgage affordability, however, will remain challenging for lots of homeowners and will hold back some movers who are reluctant to let go of a low fixed rate.

Zoopla says a key trend in 2024 will be homeowners moving further afield to find cheaper houses.

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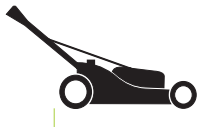
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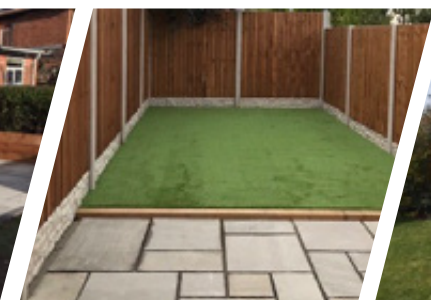
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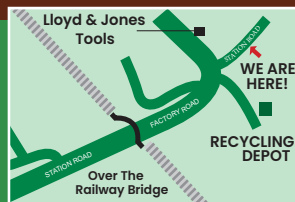
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Motorhomes are a great way of getting both you and your family on the road and exploring, without having to worry about the prices of hotels and travel. With that being said, we are going to be running down the top ten best motorhomes available on the market for 2024.



10. Rapido C03

Based upon a Peugeot Boxer base as standard, the C03 comes equipped with a luxurious interior surrounded by LED lighting and packs a reasonably sized kitchen area with a 140L fridge freezer, a large washroom with a fixed shower and toilet, as well as a fixed bedroom at the rear of the vehicle - all in a 6.19m package. One great feature of the C03 is the full-sized garage type storage space underneath the home.

The Rapido C03 will cost you £71,300 which is one of the more affordable offerings, not only on this list but also on the motorhome market at the time of writing - so it is definitely one worth considering.

Berth:	3
Travelling Seats:	4
Length:	6.19m
Price:	£71,300



9. Laika Kreos H 5109

The Kreos range is the Italian Manufacturer's premium model, and since its launch last year has had plenty of awards due to its luxury nature and technology, being voted best A Class motorhome for 2024 as well as best luxury motorhome for 2024.

Berth:	4
Travelling Seats:	4
Length:	7.89m
Price:	£157,000

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8. Bürstner Lyseo TD Lounge

Voted the most innovative motorhome for 2024, integrating the classic American RV-styled 'pop-out' feature that can be extended when stationary opening up an extra 65cm of width.

Berth:	2
Travelling Seats:	2
Length:	6.99m



6. Rolling Homes Darwin

The Darwin is Rolling Homes first and only motorhome available within their range and comes equipped with a 6.5" touchscreen with APP connect and electric windows and mirrors in the cabin.

Berth:	2
Travelling Seats:	2
Length:	6.94m

7. Rapido 606F

The 606F comes equipped with a large bathroom spread across the rear of the motorhome, an electric drop-down bed, a completely renovated kitchen and living area, as well as a spacious washroom with a fixed toilet and shower.

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Best materials for paving

GIVING your patio a refresh in time for summer might be at the top of your to do list this spring, but with so many different materials for patios to choose from it can be hard to know which one to opt for.

Whether you're looking for a high-end finish or patio ideas on a budget, we've outlined the pros and cons of using each material to help you select the best one.

Porcelain - best for low maintenance

An optimal choice for paving due to its remarkable blend of durability, aesthetics, and practicality. Its exceptional strength and resistance

to stains, scratches, and weathering make it a standout option.

Sandstone - most natural look

For a more natural, country garden sandstone is a good material for a patio. Its rustic appearance, rich in texture and character, adds subtle warmth to outdoor spaces, making

it an ideal option for homeowners looking to enhance the natural ambience of their gardens, pathways and patios. It's also easy to clean, easy to maintain and one of the cheaper real stone options.

Limestone - best for texture

Renowned for its stylish qualities, limestone is also popular thanks to its anti-slip properties due to its textured finish. It offers a classic and elegant look, and is typically more affordable than other natural stones. Limestone is durable, easily maintained and can handle outdoor elements as well as daily foot traffic, ensuring practical longevity.

Slate - for a unique appearance

The unique appearance of slate is what often makes it a popular choice for paving. It's a non-porous paving material that works well in patios. As it's available in slabs and flagstones, you can choose from a smooth and square or a more natural, textured paving style.

Paving blocks - best for pattern

If you want more options design wise, paving blocks can be very versatile as they can be laid in many different patterns for a unique finish. They can also be easily laid without the need for a professional. With its ease of installation compared to other materials and most homeowners tend to lean towards DIY installation, due to the cost savings. Paving blocks are highly durable and are also resistant to weathering - If a paving block does become damaged, it can be easily replaced without having to remove the entire paved area.

Concrete pavers - most budget friendly

As a paving option, concrete pavers are one of the cheapest materials. For those looking to create a functional patio in their garden, ideally, you want to opt for a material that is not only durable but also low maintenance.

From left: limestone, paving blocks, porcelain, sandstone.

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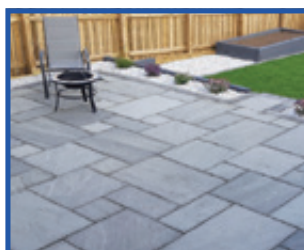
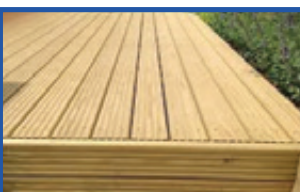
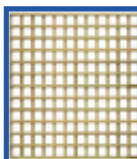
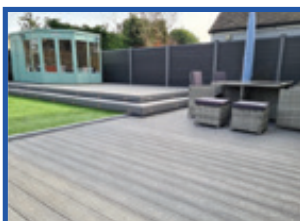
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meeting, played on a Wembley pitch rendered virtually unplayable after hosting the Horse Of The Year Show, was niggly and bad-tempered. That was nothing, however, compared to the re-match three weeks later.

Chelsea's Ron 'Chopper' Harris began proceedings by almost cutting Leeds winger Eddie Gray in half after only two minutes. The match continued in the same vein, with 'dirty' Leeds giving as good as they got, and more besides.

Staggeringly, there was only one booking, for a push on Leeds captain Billy Bremner by Ian Hutchinson.

The game was re-refereed, according to modern interpretations of the rules, by Michael Oliver in 2020, who was forced to concede that he would have handed out 11 red cards.

Chelsea's Ian Hutchinson neatly summed it up: "We hated them and they hated us."

Chelsea, incidentally, won 2-1 after extra-time.

1982 Start of the Falklands War



On April 2, 1982, after several years of failed diplomacy, Argentine forces mounted amphibious landings, known as Operation Rosario, on the Falkland Islands. The invasion started with the landing of Lieutenant Commander Guillermo Sanchez-Sabarots' Amphibious Commandos Group. This was followed by the invasion of South Georgia the next day.

On April 5, the British government dispatched a naval task force to engage the Argentine Navy and Air Force before making an amphibious assault on the islands. The conflict lasted 74 days and ended with an Argentine surrender on 14 June, returning the islands to British control. In total, 649 Argentine military personnel, 255 British military personnel, and three Falkland Islanders were killed during the hostilities.



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