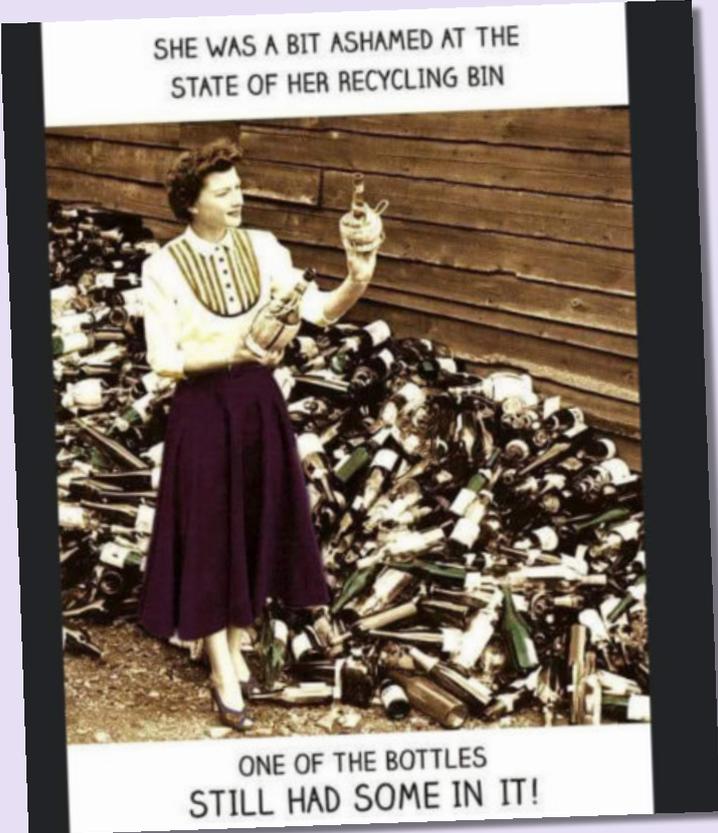




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A bit of slapstick to get you going today. Click [HERE](#) to watch a compilation of 'Epic Reactions'.

Are you a human or a banana? A fairly simple question to answer you might think, but perhaps not for an autonomous vehicle. Click [HERE](#) to watch the video.



In 2019, the papers were full of a story about a man who fell from a plane into a suburban back garden. Click [HERE](#) to read the full story of the investigation (long article).



Libraries have always been a tremendous resource for more than just borrowing books, but I've never considered staying overnight in one.

It seems that, in New York, overnight stays were not uncommon. Click [HERE](#) to read about the libraries with apartments.

The beginners bridge group met face to face yesterday for the first time.



We had a great afternoon as it was a delight for all of us to put our zoom practice skills into real game

We could only have five plus me and we all wore masks (Roberta's visor doesn't show up in the photo), played with new cards and sanitised our hands

There were some external elements to contend with especially the gentle breeze but we managed well with the use of paper weights.

Back to normality (almost)
Brenda



Astronomy

Apparently there are asteroid showers and supermoons visible in the next few weeks. Click [HERE](#) to read about how, where and when to see them.



An Airbus 380 is on its way across the Atlantic. It flies consistently at 800 km/h in 30,000 feet, when suddenly a Eurofighter with Tempo Mach 2 appears.

The pilot of the fighter jet slows down, flies alongside the Airbus and greets the pilot of the passenger plane by radio: "Airbus flight, boring flight isn't it? Take care and have a look here!"

He rolls his jet on its back, accelerates, breaks through the sound barrier, rises rapidly to a dizzying height, only to swoop down almost to sea level in a breathtaking dive. He loops back next to the Airbus and asks, "Well, how was that?"

The Airbus pilot answers: "Very impressive, but now have a look here!"

The jet pilot watches the Airbus, but nothing happens. It continues to fly stubbornly straight, with the same speed. After five minutes, the Airbus pilot radioed, "Well, what are you saying now?"

The jet pilot asks confused: "What did you do?" The other laughs and says, "I got up, stretched my legs, went to the back of the flight to the bathroom, got a cup of coffee and a cinnamon cake and made an appointment with the stewardess for the next three nights - in a 5 Star hotel, which is paid for by my employer. "

The moral of the story is:

When you are young, speed and adrenaline seems to be great. But as you get older and wiser, comfort and peace are not to be despised either.

This is called S.O.S.: Slower, Older, Smarter.

What did the Romans ever do for us? Well apart from anything else they seem to have put Yorkshire on the map. Click [HERE](#) to read the article.

RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PRODUCE AISLE, FROSTY GETS CAUGHT PICKING HIS NOSE.



U3A LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

learn, laugh, live



With things looking like getting back to normal Jean, Myra and I (Helen) have started making plans.

Beginning locally and outdoors.....

KINGS GARDENS

Thursday 22nd April @ 12noon

Meet, Greet and Catch up

PICNIC

Bring your own refreshments (or purchase locally) and your own seat.

We will adhere to regulations and sit in groups of 6. We look forward to seeing lots of you again or for the first time!

If you want to join us and find out what we are about, and planning, please register via Beacon local history, email with your name, contact number and membership number.

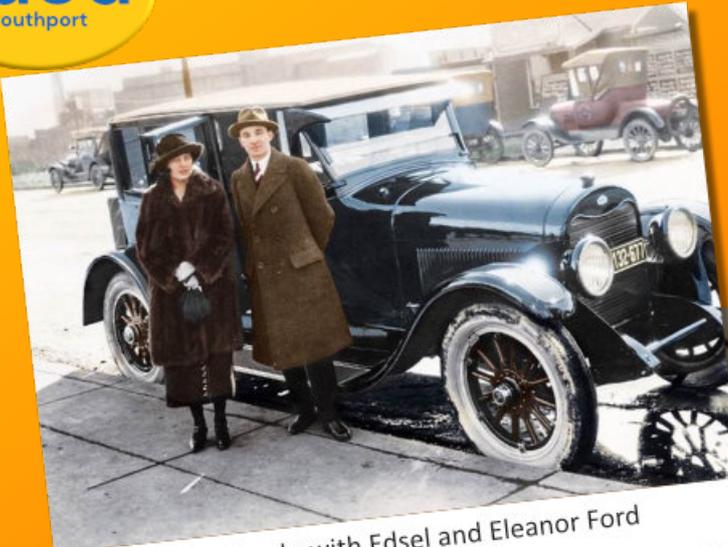
Looking forward excitedly to seeing everyone

JEAN, MYRA and HELEN

WHERE AM I STANDING ANSWERS



- 1 Edinburgh Castle
- 2 The Pinnacle Tower, Portsmouth
- 3 Punting on the River Cam, Cambridge
- 4 Lime Street Station, Liverpool
- 5 Ainsdale Beach
- 6 Tower Bridge, London
- 7 Salford Quays, Manchester
- 8 Hadrians Wall



1922 Lincoln with Edsel and Eleanor Ford



1927 - Al Jolson and Cadillac touring car at St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco



1931 Duesenberg Model J Derham Tourer with Gary Cooper



1931 Lincoln with John Wayne and Constance Cummings