



giving nature a home

Now that I have signed up for the Big Garden Bird Watch, the RSPB have started sending me links to YouTube videos entitled 'Notes On Nature TV'. There are some really interesting items on the video, for example do you know the origins of bird names?

Click [HERE](#) to watch the video.



Google Blob opera is an exercise in machine learning, in collaboration with Google Arts & Culture. How long you spend, playing around with the four voice parts, is totally up to you, but there is no doubting the skill behind it. Click [HERE](#) to visit the experiment.



In addition to being a great comedian, Bill Bailey is a talented musician.

When he is asked to answer 10 random questions through music the results are very interesting.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the video.

u3a Third Age Matters

If you would like to receive the U3A magazine 'Third Age Matters', delivered direct to your home address, please send an email to brianmitchell387@icloud.com. You need to provide your full name and address, including postcode. Also include your membership number.

Brian doesn't yet know the cost for the year, but estimates it to be around £3.

Still on the subject of the U3A, Southport U3A is affiliated to the North West U3A who are now offering a series of Zoom based lectures and lessons.

Click [HERE](#) to visit their website.

Are you fed up of constantly having to water your indoor plants?

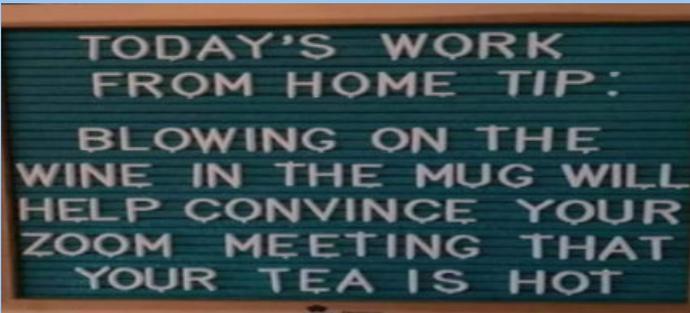


Click [HERE](#) for an article about a technique to help you out.



Did you know that the invention of the microwave oven can be directly linked to WWII?

Click [HERE](#) to read how.



LESSONS IN LIFE

Col Chep has sent me an interesting email, containing a number of life lessons. Here is one of them, others will follow in subsequent newsletters.

“During my second month at college our professor gave us a pop quiz. I was a conscientious student and had breezed through the questions until I read his last one: ‘What is the name of the woman who cleans the college?’

Surely this was some kind of a joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark haired and in her fifties. But how would I know her name? I handed in my paper leaving the last question blank.

Just before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count towards the quiz grade. ‘Absolutely’ said the professor. In your careers you’ll meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your care and attention, even if all you do is smile and say Hello’.

I have never forgotten that lesson. I also learned her name was Dorothy.”

Do you have a rare personality type? Specifically, are you ‘INFJ’?

Apparently only 2% of the worlds population fit this label. Click [HERE](#) to watch a video which details the traits.



Submitted by Andrea Davies

Who remembers Steptoe & Son?

It hasn't been on our screens for some time, so [HERE](#) is a chance to watch the very first episode from 1962, now with a little added colour!



Memories In Pictures

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On the island of Tobago, I met a beekeeper who harvests tiny amounts of honey from his colonies of tropical stingless bees. This ‘nectar of the gods’ is sweet and delicious, but local people use it mostly for traditional medicine, notably as eye-drops to relieve painful conditions such as conjunctivitis.

Francine Sagar

Do you remember going to raves?

Me neither. This is a rug under a coffee table



We had a walk down to Ainsdale beach and took our cameras with us.

As the wind was quite strong there were a number of kite surfers taking advantage of the breeze. Here are a couple of photographs I took on our walk.

I was pleased to be able to catch one of the surfers in mid-air. I focused on the kite rather than the surfer therefore the person is not as sharp as they could be. I'm still learning how to use Lightroom and was pleased that I was able to bring out the colour of the blue kite.

I also like the photo of the kite surfer with the yellow sail, the colour shows up really well against the blue sky. I really must spend more time going through my photos and processing them.

Robbie Homewood



LUSCIOUS VEGAN GINGERBREAD

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In a recent poll of the Homewood household, this was voted the best ginger cake ever tasted! That being despite the fact this is a strictly non vegan house.

If this cake was a car it would be a Bentley. It surrounds you in softness and luxury, giving you a warm and cossetted feeling without any of the stodginess I associate with Rolls Royce. Added to that, there is enough spice to keep things interesting right through your third helping!

Don't believe me? Click [HERE](#) for the recipe and try it yourself. By the way, don't worry if you have no oat milk, normal cow's milk is perfectly fine (told you we were non vegan).

We haven't had a virtual tour for a while, so why don't you grab yourself a brew (and a piece or two of that cake), make yourself comfortable and click [HERE](#) to explore the National Museum of Natural History, at the Smithsonian Institute.

