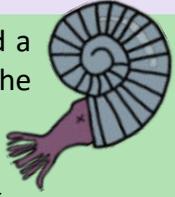




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Researchers have recently discovered a 'living fossil' and it isn't even in the House of Lords! They believe it hasn't evolved for millions of years (still not in the House of Lords). Click [HERE](#) to read the article.



There are ways to get a haircut and there is this! **Warning:** Loud noise right at the start. Click [HERE](#) to watch the video.



Do you want to live forever? I don't think I do, but scientists are getting closer to developing a practical artificial heart, which would help if you do. Click [HERE](#) to read the article.



If you have an hour to kill, how about a full recording of Sarah Millican, the 'Home Bird' show. In case you can't remember who Sarah is, she is a Geordie comedian. She's a bit foul mouthed, if you can put up with that click [HERE](#) to watch the video.



One of our members has 5 vouchers, which they are unable to use, for Virgin Hot Air Balloon Flights. The vouchers cost £144 each, total £720, but the member is willing to sell them for £250.



The flights must be **booked** before 17th September this year, but can be taken later. Having been in a hot air balloon I can confirm it is an incredible experience. If you are interested in the tickets, please reply to the Editor email address at the bottom of the page and I will pass your details on to the member in question.

Having just bought myself a proper ice-cream maker (as opposed to those you have to pre-freeze), this article caught my eye. Handy to know if you plan on going to Italy. Click [HERE](#) to read it.



'Would I Lie To You' has to be one of the best comedy panel shows on at the moment (IMHO). Some of that is because of the presence of Rob Brydon. Click [HERE](#) to watch a compilation of his hilarious impressions.



We recently linked to an article about Japanese cabinet making. As you know, that isn't all they are good at so here is a feature about their 'peaceful' crafts. Click [HERE](#) to read it.

If you fancy a bit of culture, click [HERE](#) to watch a High School production of 'Blood Brothers'. Don't let the 'High School' bit put you off, having seen such a production of this show I can honestly say they can be better than the professional productions.



Lockdown in the Oldham Household

We have been luckier than most during lockdown, we had a sanctuary to go to our allotment. The government said we could go as we were growing produce so down we went on a daily basis.



We worked hard on our plot digging planting weeding and we even built a fruit cage which was built with blood sweat and swearing especially when I hit Pete over the head with a 12 foot plank of wood. We have made brassica tents and strawberry cages. We got both of our plots up and running ,we did lose the rhubarb for a bit but it bounced back

We were then able to take on plot 32 for the food bank a derelict plot that hadn't been used for a few years, we dug, weeded, burnt rubbish, planted , other plot holders gave us excess plants, seeds etc Pete had a load of seeds which he planted in our greenhouses, and we transplanted up on 32. The plot has a large polytunnel in which we are growing cabbage , lettuce and tomatoes, It is also handy to shelter in when the rain comes down. We built frames for brassicas and beans. We had some set backs the frost last May decimated the potatoes and some of the fruit, pigeons ate the lettuce,

During the dry spell we were down at 7:00am some days to be able to get the hosepipe on and water, but it was lovely down there, the birds were singing the place was peaceful and it was a great time of reflection, a proper sanctuary.

The allotment bubble has been great, people are so friendly, conversations take place over fences socially

distancing, everybody is helpful swapping ideas and answering queries.

On 32 we were taking to the foodbank weekly, we were managing, with the help of other plot holders who donated their surplus produce , up to 12 big bags of mixed fruit and veg to be given to 12 recipients the bags contains a mixture of potatoes , cabbage, beans, courgettes, raspberries ,plums and much more all picked on the day.

That was 2020 and we haven't stopped yet throughout the winter we have prepared the soil added manure, the greenhouses are now full of seedlings, waiting for the cold nights to disappear. We are back watering as we have had no rain for ages.



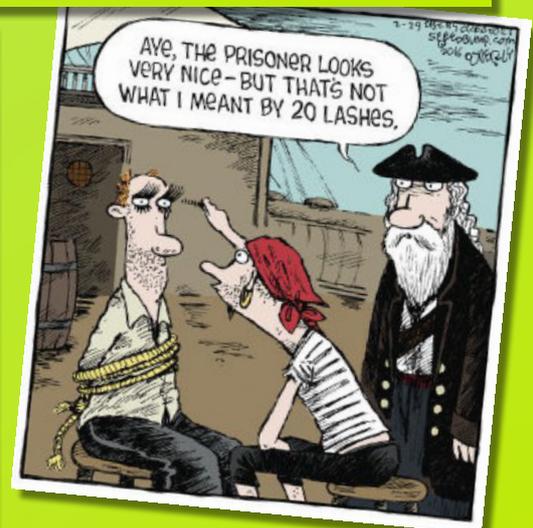
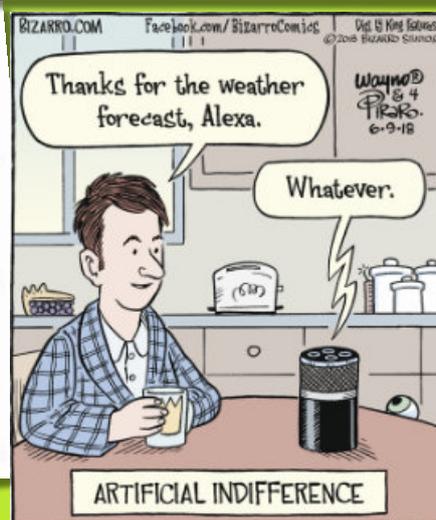
My freezers are virtually empty waiting for the fresh produce to grow and they can be made into soups , crumbles, or just frozen for use over the winter.

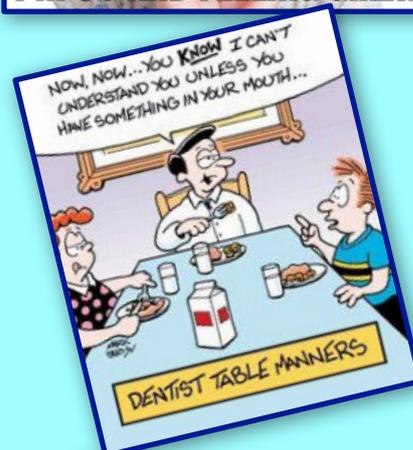
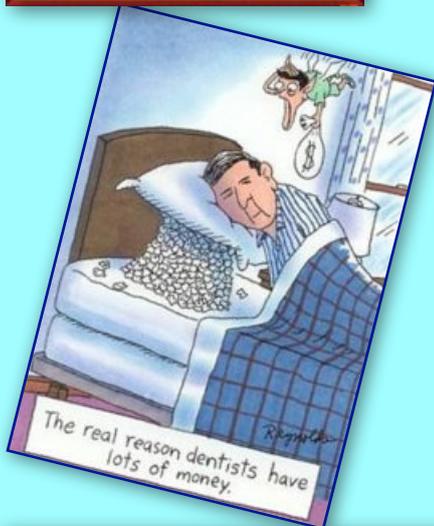
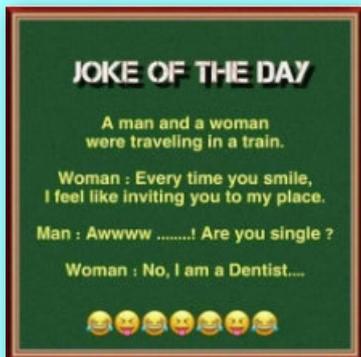


The food bank plot is looking good some stuff has been planted we are back to weeding and watering, the polytunnel is full of seedlings

So our backs have ached, our limbs sore, we got a tan in the sun and got rusty in the rain, got blown about in the wind, but we have achieved a great deal and feel proud of our achievements, but we also feel humble that we have been able to have an escape from the house and meet with like minded people.

Pete and Janet





What did the dentist say to Tiger Woods? **“You have a hole in one”**

Dentist begging patient: *“Could you help me please, scream as loud and painfully as you possible can”*

Patient: *“Why, you've not hurt me this time”*

Dentist: *“Because there are tonnes of patients in the waiting room and I don't want to miss the cup final at 3!”*

Knock, knock. Who's there? Dishes. Dishes, who? Dishes how I talk since I lost my teeth!

What do dentists call their x-rays? Tooth pics.

When did the dentist become a brain surgeon? **When he dropped the drill!**

“Open wider.” requested the dentist, as he began his examination of the patient.

“Good God!” he said startled. **“You've got the biggest cavity I've ever seen, the biggest cavity I've ever seen.”**

“Okay Doc!” replied the patient, **“I'm scared enough without you saying something like that twice.”**

“I didn't!” said the dentist. **“That was the echo.”**

Friday 23rd April 2021

Arsenal v Everton
20:00 Sky Sports

Saturday 24th April 2021

Liverpool v Newcastle United
12:30 BT Sport

West Ham United v Chelsea
17:30 Sky Sports

Sheffield United v Brighton & Hove Albion
20:00 Sky Sports

Sunday 25th April 2021

Wolves v Burnley
12:00 BBC One / BBC iPlayer

Leeds United v Man Utd
14:00 Sky Sports

Aston Villa v West Brom
19:00 BT Sport 1

Monday 26th April 2021

Leicester City v Crystal Palace
20:00 Sky Sports

Friday 30th April 2021

Southampton v Leicester City
20:00 Sky Sports

Back by popular demand (well I like them), we have an hour of steam trains for you. It isn't compulsory to watch the full hour, but why wouldn't you! Click [HERE](#) to watch the video.



 It seems NASA has done it again. They have managed to create breathable oxygen from carbon dioxide, on Mars. That is a big step towards making it possible to live on the red planet for extended periods. Click [HERE](#) to read the article.

Some Things You Just Can't Explain

A farmer was sitting in the neighbourhood bar getting drunk. A man came in and asked the farmer, "Hey, why are you sitting here on this beautiful day, getting drunk?" The farmer shook his head and replied, "Some things you just can't explain."

"So what happened that's so horrible?" the man asked as he sat down next to the farmer.

"Well," the farmer said, "today I was sitting by my cow, milking her. Just as I got the bucket full, she lifted her left leg and kicked over the bucket."

"Okay," said the man, "but that's not so bad."

"Some things you just can't explain," the farmer replied. "So what happened then?" the man asked. The farmer said, "I took her left leg and tied it to the post on the left."

"And then?"

"Well, I sat back down and continued to milk her. Just as I got the bucket full, she took her right leg and kicked over the bucket."

The man laughed and said, "Again?" The farmer replied, "Some things you just can't explain." "So, what did you do then?" the man asked.

"I took her right leg this time and tied it to the post on the right."

"And then?"

"Well, I sat back down and began milking her again. Just as I got the bucket full, the stupid cow knocked over the bucket with her tail."

"Hmmm," the man said and nodded his head. "Some things you just can't explain," the farmer said.

"So, what did you do?" the man asked.

"Well," the farmer said, "I didn't have anymore rope, so I took off my belt and tied her tail to the rafter. In that moment, my pants fell down and my wife walked in ... Some things you just can't explain."