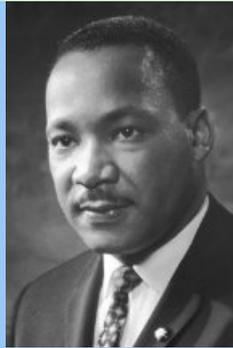


In response to the snippet in Tuesday's email, about the anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr's birth, Barbara Glover got in touch with the following note.



"I've been to the Lorraine Motel in Memphis where Martin Luther King was shot. They've left everything as it was including the big American cars parked outside. The door that the killer went through has never been opened since that day. The Civil Rights Museum is there now. It's very moving."

If you would like to know more, click [HERE](#) for the Wiki link which is a good place to start.



Did you know that the U3A produce monthly podcasts? They are released on the 17<sup>th</sup> of each month and can be

accessed on YouTube.

Click [HERE](#) to listen to this month's episode.

## TEN SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES FROM 2020 THAT MAY LEAD TO NEW INVENTIONS

Last year may have seen a great deal of scientific resource diverted to the search for a vaccination against Covid, but work still carried on in other areas. Click [HERE](#) for an article about a few of those areas.



If there are any members that could make use of the following Printer Cartridges, free to a good home, they should send an email to [Chris Podger](#)

- Lexmark No 1 Colour (quantity 1)
- HP 950XL Black (quantity 2)
- HP 951XL Magenta (quantity 3)
- HP 951XL Cyan (quantity 2)
- HP 951XL Yellow (quantity 2)

Lexmark = NEW. HP = Some NEW Some Part USED.

If you are a glasses wearer and are fed up of them fogging up when you wear your mask, click [HERE](#)



for some tips which may help  
(Submitted by Andrea Rimmer)



If you don't like snakes, look away now. If, however, you find them fascinating, click [HERE](#) for an article about a new way they have found to ~~give you~~ nightmares move around.



No matter how much we may want to reverse, or at least stop, climate

change, there is no doubt that few of us relish the idea of stopping for hours at a service station to recharge our electric car batteries. Following hot on the heels of the 'liquid battery' article we featured, here is one about a battery technology which could be recharged in the time it takes to fill up with petrol/diesel. Click [HERE](#) to read it.



The text below is part 1 of a 4 part item about life during the war, kindly sent in by one of our members.

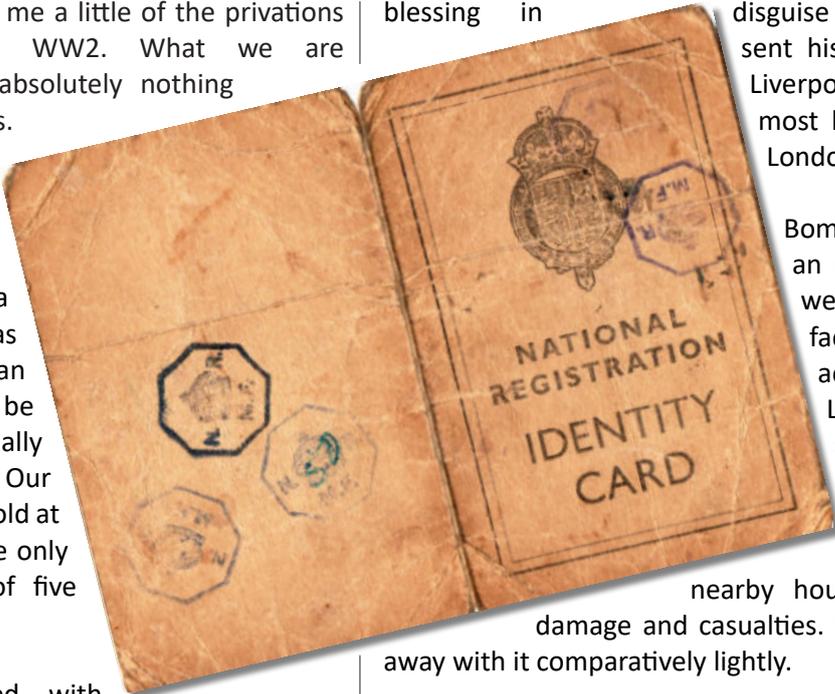
This lock down reminds me a little of the privations we endured during WW2. What we are experiencing now is absolutely nothing compared with the war years.

We didn't have TV, internet, fridges, washing machines, dryers. Like most, our family didn't have a radio, if you had one it was probably run off an accumulator that had to be electrically charged, normally by the local bike shop. Our house was only three years old at the outbreak of war, but we only had one electric socket of five amps with round pins.

Our floors were covered with linoleum, if you could afford it. My mother due to contracting rickets as a child had difficulty walking and in 1951 low and behold we were the first in the road to have a telephone on a shared line, this was all because of my mothers disability. At about the same time Dad bought our first radio, other family's who had one saw the streets cleared of children at 6.45 pm to listen to Dick Barton Special Agent, for all of fifteen minutes.

Before I was born my parents took a bold step in 1936 and moved from central Liverpool to a new council house in the suburbs at Huyton. Not a lot of folk wanted to live there as it was at least a 45 minute tram journey to their work places in the city as well as the cost that was involved. However it was a

blessing in



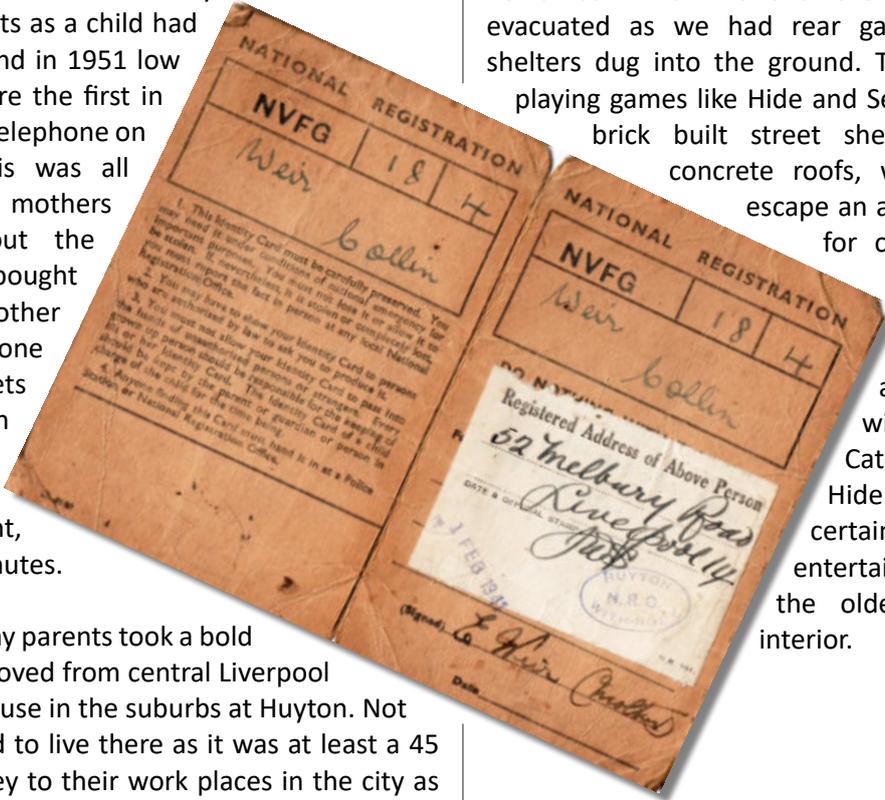
disguise when Herr Hitler sent his planes to bomb Liverpool, the second most bombed city after London.

Bomb aiming wasn't an exact science, the weather was a big factor in its lack of accuracy and the Luftwaffe were no different to other air forces. The docks, their main target and the

nearby houses had massive damage and casualties. We in Huyton got away with it comparatively lightly.

As far as I know none of the nearby children were evacuated as we had rear gardens with Anderson shelters dug into the ground. They were brilliant for playing games like Hide and Seek. We also had large brick built street shelters with reinforced concrete roofs, when not needed to escape an air raid they were ideal

for courting couples or if you were caught short and needed to spend a penny. It added to our play area with a game called, Catch a girl, kiss a girl or Hide and Seek, But I'm certain their was much more entertainment to be had with the older folk in the dark interior.



Colin Weir

Moving forward to the era of the space race; over the years mankind has spent billions of (enter currency here) on the drive to explore and colonise space, not to mention other planets. Apart from the increase in our knowledge of the universe this has provided, there are many every day items which have been invented as a direct result. Click [HERE](#) to read about just a small number of them.

Following on from treating everybody the same, here is another of the lessons provided by Colin Weir.

One night at 11.30 p.m. an older African/American woman was standing at the side of an Alabama highway trying to endure a lashing rain storm. Her car had broken down and she desperately needed a ride. Soaking wet she decided to flag down the next car.

A young white man stopped to help her, generally unheard of in those conflict filled days in the 1960s. The man took her to safety, helped her get assistance and put her in a taxi cab. She seemed to be in a big hurry but wrote down his address and thanked him.

Seven days went by and a knock came on the man's door. To his surprise a giant console colour TV was delivered to his home with a special note attached. 'Thank you so much for assisting me on the highway the other night. The rain drenched not only my clothes but also my spirits, then you came along.

Because of your assistance I was able to make it to my dying husband's bed side just before he passed away. God bless you for helping me and unselfishly serving others.

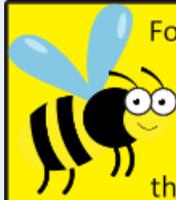
Sincerely  
Mrs. Nat King Cole."



For all of us nature lovers, BBC Winterwatch started this week and is on for two weeks. The presenters are still socially distanced, by about 100 miles minimum, which makes the show a little different to previous years but in some ways the show is better for it.

In addition to the nightly updates, there are webcams available on the website, which are live between 10:00 and 22:00. You can also catch episodes you have missed, on iPlayer.

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



For Buff-tailed bumblebees (*Bombus terrestris*), winter can be just as busy a time as the rest of the year. In the warmer

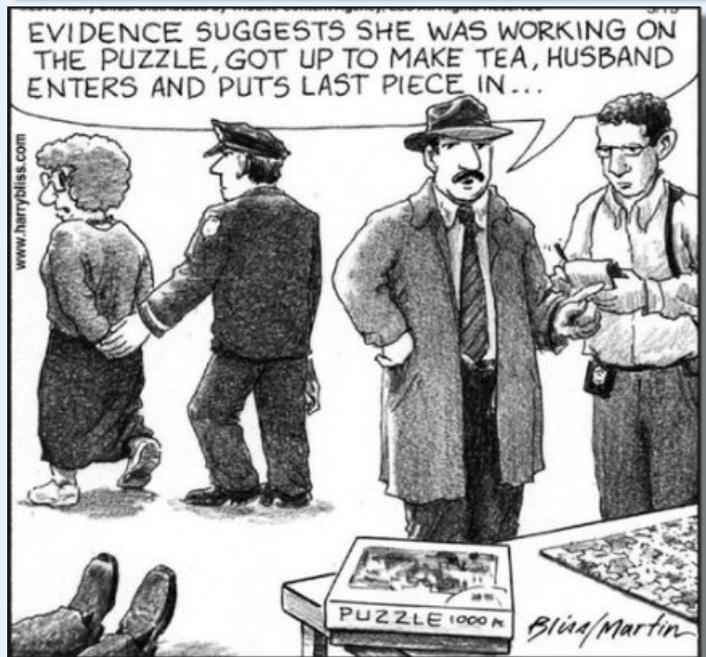
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parts of the UK, fully active winter colonies of this species are regularly recorded, even when temperatures are close to freezing and there is snow on the ground.

These bumblebees will be seen feeding upon a few winter-flowering plant species such as Mahonia and winter honeysuckle. So for many parts of the UK, you may expect to see some bumblebees this winter and can help them by planting one or more of those plant species for them to visit.

Click [HERE](#) to take a look at this one minute video with winter-flowering plants for bumblebees.

Francine Sagar





**Saturday 23rd January 2021**

Aston Villa v Newcastle United  
20:00 Sky Sports

**Tuesday 26th January 2021**

Crystal Palace v West Ham United  
18:00 BT Sport 2

Newcastle United v Leeds United  
18:00 BT Sport

Southampton v Arsenal  
20:15 BT Sport

West Brom v Man City  
20:15 BT Sport

**Wednesday 27th January 2021**

Burnley v Aston Villa  
18:00 BT Sport

Chelsea v Wolves  
18:00 BT Sport

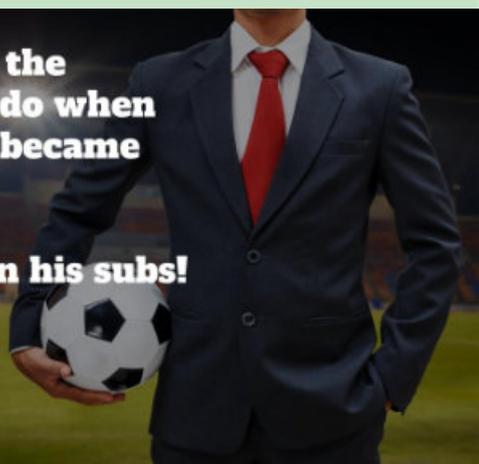
Brighton & Hove Albion v Fulham  
19:30 BT Sport

Everton v Leicester City  
20:15 BT Sport

Man Utd v Sheffield United  
20:15 BT Sport

**What did the  
manager do when  
the pitch became  
flooded?**

**He sent on his subs!**



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The other evening,  
while chatting at  
the dinner table  
(yes we still do  
that) we got

onto the subject of TV  
sitcoms we remembered  
from years gone by. After a few  
minutes our list had reached at least a  
couple of dozen and it became obvious that there  
used to be a lot more from which to choose than  
there are these days. I wonder whether that is  
because there really are fewer these days, or we  
just don't watch as much.

Anyway, if you don't fancy watching a drama  
series about year four of a fictional pandemic,  
click [HERE](#) for an early episode of 'Never Mind  
The Quality Feel The Width'..

If you have any clips you think our members  
would like to see, send them in.

Most people have heard of  
Caligula, even if only  
because of a rather bloody  
and explicit TV series. Click  
[HERE](#) to read an article  
about him and the  
artefacts archaeologists  
have discovered in his  
'pleasure garden'.



Sent in by Pam Hollings

## KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS



I am glad to say that the membership renewals have been coming in this month at a great rate. Not having Christ Church means that renewals have to be done by post and online only. To date we have taken 356 by post and 374 online. All the details on how to renew are contained in the renewal notice all members had earlier this month. If you have lost this, then contact [membership@SouthportU3A.org.uk](mailto:membership@SouthportU3A.org.uk) for help, or go to the 'Membership' Tab in the Southport U3A website.

If you have renewed online, don't forget to print off your card which appears at the bottom of your payment receipt. If you don't have a printer or just want a proper

printed card later, these will be available when we start meeting again at Christ Church.

If you haven't yet renewed your Membership, *please do so.*

**REMEMBER:- Membership year ends on 31<sup>st</sup> January**

A little silver-haired lady calls her neighbor and says, "Please come over here and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started."

Her neighbor asks, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?"

The little silver haired lady says, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster."

Her neighbor decides to go over and help with the puzzle. She lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table.

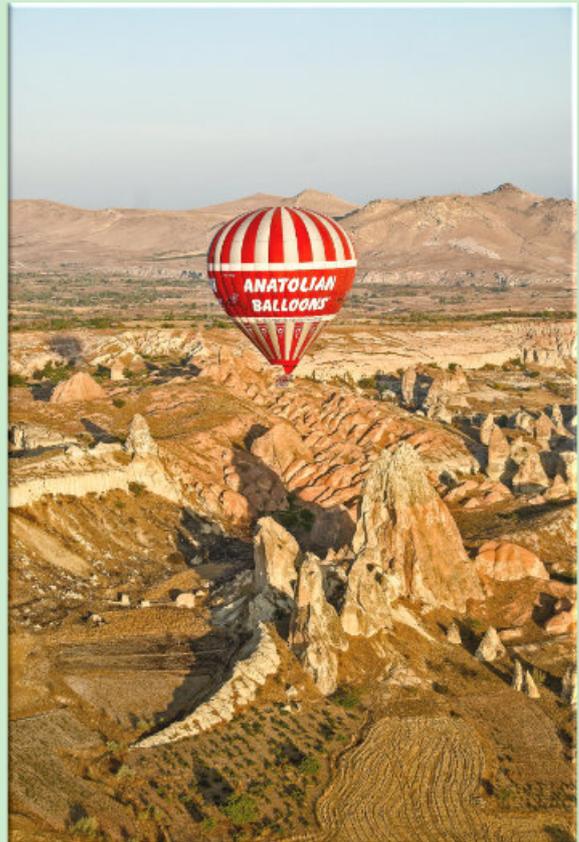
He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says,

"First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster."

He takes her hand and says, "Secondly, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then," he said with a deep sigh.....



**"Let's put all the Corn Flakes  
back in the box."**



During a visit to Cappadocia, Turkey, we took a sunrise balloon flight over the volcanic landscape of the Goreme valley national park. I will never forget the spectacle of being surrounded by hot air balloons and meeting the rising sun at the top of the mountain. The 'Fairy Chimneys' are as spectacular from the air as they are from the ground.

**Ian Homewood**

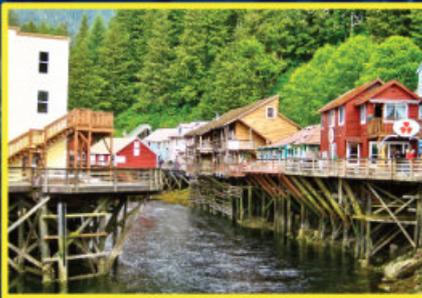
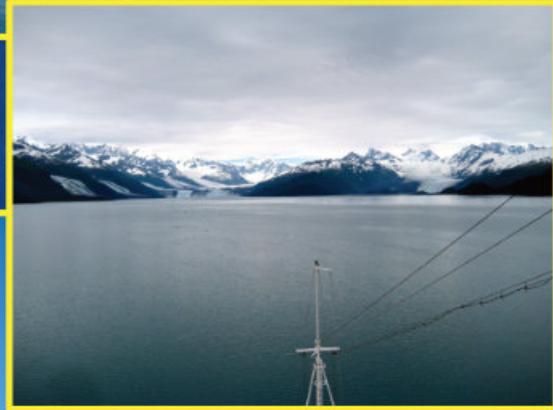
### ★ 2021 Virtual Dark Sky Festival

Due to the lockdown, this year's dark sky festival has gone online. All events are free and take place using Zoom. The festival runs from 12-28 February. ★

Click [HERE](#) for details and registration. ★ ★

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**Jim Hay**



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