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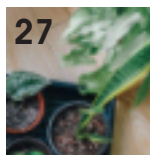
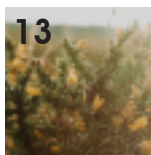
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Now that we've got stinky depressing January out of the way hopefully we'll be able to look forward to the lighter evenings and some days of sunshine...if the freak snow we've been getting more frequently at this time of year minds its manners!

If we do end up getting a sprinkling, at least this year we have the Beijing Winter Olympics to make it seem appropriate. With restrictions now eased and life seeming to get back to the new 'normal' you can head out and enjoy it all the more! In fact, you can head outside this month and do lots! Gardening, visit your Mum, do something special to collect money for Red Nose Day, train your dog for Crufts...well, maybe not that. If your dogs are anything like ours that would be a just deserved embarrassment on national TV.

So hello February, be good to us, we think we all deserve it!

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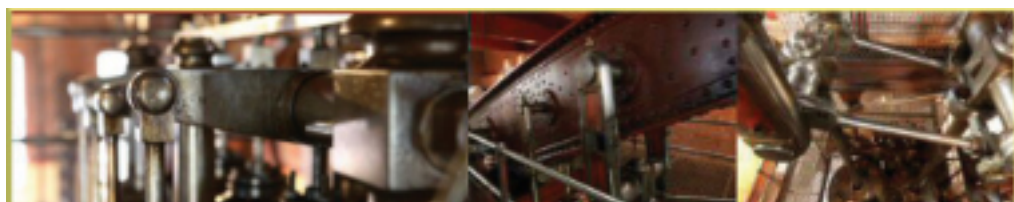
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Mum's the Word

Sunday 27th March marks Mother's Day for 2022. As well as in the UK, countries all over the world have their own equivalent celebration throughout the year.

These days the celebration has become synonymous with honouring our mothers or giving them a special treat: gifts, chocolates, a fancy meal etc. However the origins of Mother's Day are likely to be Mothering Sunday which is more closely tied to the church.

On Mothering Sunday, Christians would have historically visited the church where they received their

baptism. The 'Mother' in Mothering Sunday refers just as much to the church, Mary (the Mother of Jesus) and Mother Nature as it does to our paternal mothers. It was also seen as a day of respite from fasting, falling halfway through the celebration of Lent. In later times it became a day when domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother church, usually accompanied by their own mothers.

The making and giving of cakes and buns on Mother's Day, especially Simnel Cake, is a reflection on the day's association with the story of the Feeding of the Five Thousand. In Bristol and other parts of the world, 'mothering buns' remain a speciality for

Mothering Sunday. They are plain buns, iced and sprinkled with hundreds and thousands, normally eaten for breakfast on the day.

Violet flowers are also strongly associated with Mother's Day, the origins for this are thought to have come from an old proverb that says 'He who goes a-mothering finds violets in the lane.'

Above all, it's a time to honour the many mothers around the world so that we can show our appreciation for the special place they have in our lives.

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The very first Red Nose Day was launched in 1988 by comedian Lenny Henry and comedy writer Richard Curtis in order to raise money for the famine in Ethiopia. Since then it has gone on to raise a staggering £1.1 billion for charities. The highest amount ever raised by the event in one year was £108 million in 2011.

The event has also been the catalyst of over 25 charity pop records featuring the likes of Cliff Richard, Right Said Fred, Spice Girls, Boyzone, Westlife, Sugababes, The Proclaimers, Peter Kay and Sam Smith.

This year is the second year that the ever-popular Red Noses will be 100% plastic free - a great development as we all try to do our bit to reduce the impact of plastic pollution on the environment and wildlife.



In 2022 the charity has restated its ethos in light of the wide-ranging effects of the COVID pandemic, increasing conflict and poverty in developing countries, child poverty, homelessness and personal agency:

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Comic Relief works with organisations to help people speak out and seek help so they can escape fear, violence and discrimination.

Events will be broadcast throughout the day with the main evening show broadcast live on BBC One as usual. This year the TV event is hosted by Davina McCall, Paddy McGuinness, Alesha Dixon, David Tennant and the co-founder of Comic Relief, comedian Lenny Henry. With lots of one-off comedy specials 2022 Red Nose Days promises to be as entertaining and as important to good causes as ever!

But it's not just about the TV show and pledging donations; get involved yourself! Every year there are millions of people who organise fundraising events all around the world.

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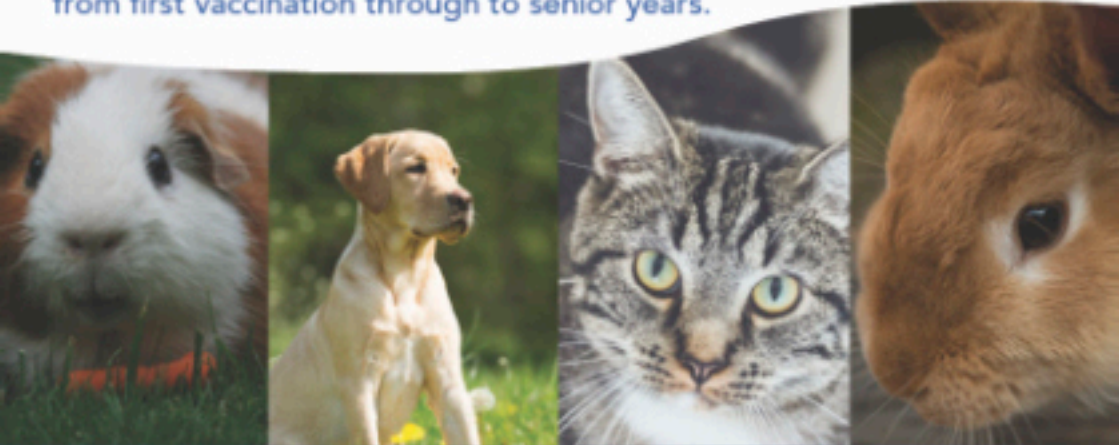
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Bippo is joined by his partner Miss Chelsea, who started her circus career at the tender age of 16 where she joined one of

Britain's largest touring circuses, she has specialised in many aspects of circus including, aerial cube, aerial silks, solo trapeze and roller skating!

Joining the line-up is the incredible Duo Salsky, with their death-defying routines such as The Wheel of Death, Rolla Rolla and roller skating, keeping it in the family Thomas and Collette's sons Peter and Dommy 'The Salvador Brothers' just in their teens take to the stage with their incredible acrobatic routines!

This show promises to thrill and

entertain audiences of all ages!

Producer James Shone says: "Circus Spectacular will be a massive hit with family audiences. The show is packed with great performers from all walks of life, who have worked hard to craft their skills and become the very best they can be, mixed with their showmanship and enthusiasm, you will certainly be entertained!"





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By The Barn *by Angela Sargent*

Here we are already at the shortest month and with Spring just a few weeks away. There is noticeable longer daylight hours and may be the old saying "as the days grow longer the cold gets stronger" will hold true. Also half way between the winter solstice (shortest daylight) and the Spring Equinox (when daylight is the same length as night time).

'February fill dyke' is when we usually notice enough rain causing our lower fields to flood. This used to cause problems in some, which were arable and our crops suffered and yields reduced but through conservation schemes

we changed their usage to permanent pasture, giving us more grazing and also more plants to soak up the excess water.

We can collect logs from where branches and trees have fallen over boundaries or obstructing our fields and we are seeing many Chaffinches with their 'pink pink' chirp being so recognisable. They are colourful birds, with pink, chestnut and grey feathers and double white wing bars and are very gregarious. It reminds me we have our Farmland bird count this month, too.

The upland parts of our county are also undergoing changes and where hefted sheep roam

the moors a slow destocking is happening by policies designed maybe for other reasons, but once lost these can never be replaced and years of heritage and history and experience are also thrown away. We also lose the different breeds and the strong breeding stock needed by the lowland livestock farmers.

Gorse, an evergreen and spiny shrub, can be found on the heaths and moors, with glorious golden yellow flowers like an early February sunrise. It's also known as 'furze' and tends to flower throughout the year, which leads to the saying "when gorse is out of bloom, kissing is out of fashion"!

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Hot Dog! Crufts is Back

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“Crufts Greatest Dog Show” officially began in 1891, founded by Charles Cruft, a dog biscuit seller from England and but originated in 1886 under the name ‘First Great Terrier Show’.

In 1891, Queen Victoria’s collie Darnley II and two of her Pomeranians won prizes at Crufts. The following year, more dogs were entered by European royals including the Princess of Wales, Grand Duke Nicholas of Russia and Prince Henry of Battenburg!

The competition was officially recognised as the world’s largest dog show by the Guinness Book of Record in 1992 - that year 27,000 dogs took part in the event.

At the very first show there were 2437 entries. In 2019 there were 21,000 entries from 44 different countries, showing just how Crufts has grown in popularity.

Many people wonder which breed of dog is the most successful at Crufts. In the popularity stakes, the highest number of entries goes to Retrievers. However the breed that has won the most Best in Show Awards is the English Cocker Spaniel with an amazing seven wins over the history of the competition. What’s even more incredible is that of those seven wins, six of those dogs came from the same breeder, a Mr Herbert Summer Lloyd.

As well as their impeccable grooming, obedience and agility, many of the dogs are infamous for their exotic names. The winner in 1966 was a Poodle called ‘Oakington Puckshill Amber Sunblush’ and in 2019 a

Papillon dog going by the name of ‘Planet Waves Forever Young Daydream Believers’ took the first prize!

Not a lot of people know that Crufts isn’t just for pedigree dogs. In fact a great many number of crossbreed dogs are highly successful in obedience, agility and heel-work sections of the competition. The popularity of Crufts and the the interest of dog owners who do not own pure-bred animals convinced the Kennel Club (the event organisers) to hold “Scruffs”, a show similar to Crufts but solely for crossbreed dogs.

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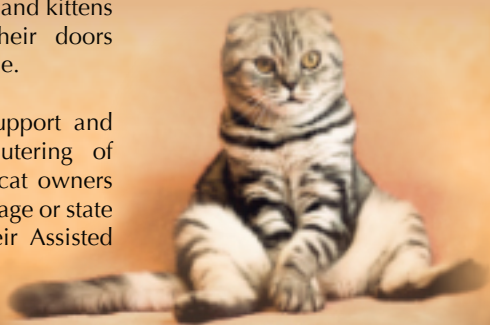
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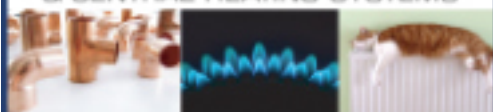
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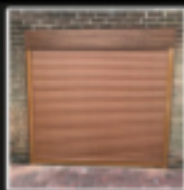
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The design for the medals changes for every competition and the 2022 concept is based on traditional Chinese astronomy and astrology. This was partly because the games coincide with the 2022 Chinese New Year celebrations.

Ordinarily the Summer and Winter games are spaced two years apart but because the 2020 Summer Olympics was postponed to 2021 due to COVID, it's the first time since 1992 that the events are being held less than six months apart.

The budget for this year's event is estimated to be about 4 billion dollars. While that seems an astronomical amount of money, that represents one-tenth of the cost of the 43 billions dollars spent on the 2008 Summer Olympics which was also held in Beijing.



The official emblem of the games is named 'Winter Dream' and is a stylised representation of the Chinese character for Winter. The emblem was designed by Lin Cunzhen who also created the Nanjing 2014 logo.

Away from the snow and the medals podiums, the competition is once again highly politicised, mainly due to international events, human rights criticisms and diplomatic relations with the Chinese government, with many countries, including the United Kingdom, threatening to boycott the games. Politics aside, and despite the global pandemic contenting to have an impact on teams and organisation, the competition is always highly thrilling to watch and it will be interesting to see if the Norwegians maintain their dominance over the games!

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TUESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

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WEDNESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

GCSE Yr11 Maths Top-Up

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THURSDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

Tai Chi Classes

Free event, every day. Starts 10am, 3pm or 7pm. The class starts with warming up exercises, deep breathing or Tao Yin and Kai Men Qigong which opens the energy channels. This takes about twenty minutes, then we have twenty minutes of Tai Chi dance and the beginners class is concentrating on the first ten moves. www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lockdown-tai-chi-lee-style-online-global-daily-classes-registration-104447912518?aff=ebdssbonline&search

FRIDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

Knitting Group

Free event. Every Friday. Starts 3.30pm. Knitting with others ensures we are not alone and yet we can be productive as well. Whatever your knitting level is, is irrelevant. We pass on tips, show what we are doing and learn at the same time. www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/knitting-group-tickets-134008140957?aff=ebdssbonline&search

SATURDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

Weekly Mandarin Corner

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SUNDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

Vinaya Flow Yoga

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MONDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

Kundalini Yoga & Gong Bath

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TUESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

Tuesdays Art Class

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WEDNESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

Priory Art Group

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THURSDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

Coffee at the Castle

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FRIDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

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SATURDAY 26TH FEBRUARY

Electronics Club For Children

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SUNDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

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WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH

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THURSDAY 3RD MARCH

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MONDAY 7TH MARCH

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TUESDAY 8TH MARCH

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FRIDAY 11TH MARCH

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2022 is the Year of the Tiger and the celebrations mark the transition between zodiac signs: 2021 was the Year of the Ox.

Chinese New Year is also known as the Spring Festival. It remains very wintry in China but the holiday marks the beginning of the end of the coldest days. People welcome the spring and what it brings: planting, harvests, new beginning and fresh starts.

Most people don't know that there is no actual set date for the Chinese New Year. The date is determined by the Lunar calendar. Even though China now uses the Gregorian calendar like the rest of the world, the Lunar calendar is still really important. Some people even calculate their birthdays and ages according to the lunar calendar too!

The Spring Festival was traditionally a time to pray to gods for a good planting and harvest season and also for fighting off monsters! According to one legend, a monster named Nian would arrive every New Year's Eve. Most people would hide in fear but one boy was brave enough to fight him off using firecrackers. That's why firecrackers are a crucial part of the celebrations.

Talking of fireworks, on Chinese New Year's Eve, the most fireworks in the whole world are set off on that one single night! Families also burn fake paper money and printed gold bars on honour of they deceased loved ones. They believe the offerings will bring fortune and good luck to their ancestors in the afterlife.

The Spring Festival also causes the largest human migration in the world. Because of the importance of the celebration, everyone should come back home to their families in China for the New Year's Eve dinner. In 2015, statistics showed that around 1000 train tickets per second were bought by people

trying to get home.

On New Year's Day showering or throwing out the rubbish is not allowed. It's thought that washing or cleaning on that day will wash away good luck. In contrast, the day before Spring Festival is dedicated to cleaning. This is to sweep away the bad luck to make way for good luck! It's also taboo to cut your hair, use scissors or knives, to argue or swear, to say 'unlucky' words such as 'death' and 'sickness' and to break things.

It's traditional for children to receive gifts of 'lucky money' in small red envelopes though these days most people use the digital equivalent on their phone or computer.

Food is of utmost importance. Dumplings must be eaten every day, there's a wine that is specifically for the festival and many Chinese desserts have special meanings. For example a cake called 'Fa Gao' is dyed in festival colours and the word 'Fa' comes from 'Fa Cai' which is Chinese for 'get rich'!



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