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Dear Friends,

It's official, **Spring** is in the air! The nights are getting lighter, the sun is shining, birds are singing (getting ready to make their nests), everyone is happier at this time of year.

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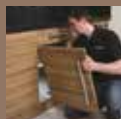
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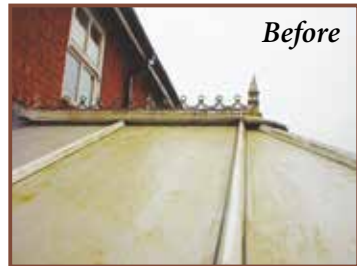
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Which skylights are right for your home?

Here are some room-by-room basics for choosing where to add skylights and the types that are best for each space.

Kitchens

With skylights overhead, you can use wall space in your kitchen for more cabinets and shelves without sacrificing natural light. For enhanced ventilation, fresh air skylights let you release warm moist air and clear cooking odors from your home. Light from above also provides balanced kitchen lighting for cooking tasks, such as chopping and peeling.

Baths

Bathroom skylights provide the ultimate in natural light and fresh air without compromising privacy. Use the remote to open the skylight when showering to silently whisk away moisture and humidity - with no fan noise or power expense. For smaller, or half, baths where traditional skylights may not fit, Velux Sun Tunnel tubular skylights offer natural light during the day plus a light kit for 24/7 lighting. They are inexpensive and can be installed by an experienced DIYer or professional in a few hours.

Family rooms

Choose solar powered skylights and blinds operated by programmable remote control to adjust both light and ventilation. Open the blinds to reduce electric lighting costs and lower them for diffused lighting when watching television.

Master bedrooms

Skylights and blinds are a natural choice to provide lighting and ventilation, plus privacy, when you close bedroom drapes but still have light from above. With blackout blinds you can block up to 98 percent of daylight. And after dark, open the blinds for a view of the nighttime sky.



ROOM TO SHINE

Let natural light enhance your home decor

Something about warmer weather inspires homeowners to lavish attention on their homes. While painting and decluttering are great ways to revitalise home decor, there's no better way to breathe new life into interior spaces than decorating with light.

Incorporating light into interior design can go far beyond a few strategically placed, attractive lamps and some upgraded overhead lights. It's possible to use both natural and artificial lighting to complement other decor and architectural elements, and to create a brighter, upbeat mood that makes your home more enjoyable all year-round.

Lighting types

Every home needs a little of each of the following types of lighting to meet your needs throughout the day:

- Task lighting focuses light into a specific area, for tasks that require more illumination.
- Accent lighting shines a light on decorative elements, such as art or architectural features.
- Ambient lighting provides general lighting for everyday activities.
- Natural lighting from above makes a home feel open and inviting, while also providing balanced light for reading, cooking and other every day activities.

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1. The speed of the wind has fallen by 60% in the last 30 years.
2. Scientists discovered in 2015 that there are 8 times more trees on earth than we previously thought.
3. Despite spending half his career in the saddle, actor Clint Eastwood is allergic to horses.
4. Instead of a Foreign Office, the Roman Empire had a "Bureau of Barbarians".
5. A dozen camels were disqualified in 2018 from a Saudi beauty pageant for receiving Botox injections to make them more attractive.



6. President Donald Trump asked the Guggenheim Museum to lend him a Van Gogh for the White House. Their counter-offer: a solid gold toilet.
7. Cheese triggers the same part of the brain as hard drugs, researchers found.
8. Alternative names proposed for Canada in 1867 were Borealia, Cabotia, Transatlantica, Victorioland and Superior.
9. In Sweden, there's a shopping centre dedicated entirely to repaired and up-cycled goods.
10. In the 1800s, ducks were called 'arsefeet' because their feet are so close to their bottoms.
11. The world's billionaires made enough money in 2017 to end extreme poverty seven times over.
12. A male cheetah can make a female ovulate by barking at her.



13.  In 1932, Winston Churchill went to a hotel in Munich two days in a row to have tea with Hitler. Hitler stood him up both times and the two men never met.
14. There are enough nuclear shelters in Switzerland to house the entire population.
15. Benjamin Franklin invented a mechanical arm for reaching books on high shelves.
16. A 2018 law in France allows citizens to make mistakes in good faith on documents without being punished.
17. The shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald, the man accused of killing U.S. President John F. Kennedy, was the first known human killing seen live on TV.
18. Rock band Oasis were named after a leisure centre in Swindon.

19. The U.S. may have adopted the metric system if pirates hadn't kidnapped the French scientist sent to help Thomas Jefferson persuade Congress to adopt the system.
20. Star Wars Composer John Williams has the record for most Oscar nominations from a living person, averaging one nomination a year since his first in 1967.
21. The "Share a Coke" campaign --where Coca-Cola replaced its name on bottles with people's first names-- increased Coca-Cola's U.S. sales by more than 2%, reversing more than 10 years of decline in Coke consumption in the U.S.
22. "The Matrix" movie took five years to write.
23. U2 singer Bono's stage name comes from the Latin term "Bono Vox" which means "Good Voice."



24. In much of the U.S., it is illegal to buy a new car from the manufacturer.
25. Intel employs a "futurist" whose job is to determine what life will be like 10-15 years in the future.
26. According to the Washington Post, Trump made 2,140 false or misleading claims in his first year.
27. Until three million years ago, whales were less than 30 feet long.
28. 420,000 people die annually from tainted food.
29. 85% of Vakkaru Island in the Maldives is made up of fish faeces.
30. 50% of US territory is under the sea.
31. England is smaller than New York state.
32.  After Korean soccer player Ahn Jung-hwan scored the goal to eliminate Italy from the 2002 World Cup, his contract was cancelled by the Italian club he played at for 'ruining Italian soccer.'
33. Prisoners waiting to be executed on Death Row in America are given a physical beforehand, to ensure they are fit enough to die.
34. In the Norwegian town of Longyearbyen, it is illegal to die.
35. In 2010, a group of 15 monkeys escaped a research institute in Japan by using trees to catapult themselves over a 17ft high electric fence.





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OUR ZOO

What's happening at Chester Zoo.

GB first: Rare Andean bear cub born at Chester Zoo



- **Cub is the first to ever be born in mainland Great Britain**
- **New mum Lima has her paws full with playful cub**
- **Threatened species was made famous by Paddington Bear**
- **Zoo releases first footage of special new arrival as cub comes out of hiding**
- **'Mysterious' species is vulnerable to extinction in the wild**
- **Chester Zoo conservationists are studying bear-human conflict for the first time in Bolivia**

The first Andean bear to be born in Great Britain emerges from its den at Chester Zoo under the close watch of first-time mum, Lima.

The first Andean bear to be born in mainland Great Britain has emerged from its den at Chester Zoo – and it's absolutely adorable.

Made famous in the UK through the classic children's character Paddington Bear, the Andean bear is the only bear to inhabit South America. They are found in Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia.

The species is listed as vulnerable to extinction by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and conservation experts from the zoo say the birth of the cub is especially significant given how threatened the species is.

Tim Rowlands, curator of mammals at the zoo, said:

"The cub was tiny when it was born but Lima is doing a fantastic job, particularly given that she's a first



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time mum, and the cub is developing quickly. Lima is keeping her new charge close and she certainly has her paws full. But even though she's not letting it stray too from her side, we can already see that her cub has a real playful side.

"This is a momentous breeding success for us. To become the first zoo in mainland Great Britain to ever breed the species is an amazing achievement – one that has taken years of careful planning, dedication and skill.

"Andean bears are still something of mystery to conservationists and not a huge amount is known about them. But by working closely with the bears here, breaking new ground with this breeding, we're constantly learning about this amazing species. We're able to relay much of this information to our field conservation teams and partners in the wild, and it's information that could very important in terms of ensuring a long-term future for the bears."

Population estimates for the species were last made a decade ago, placing wild numbers at just 20,000. Conservation scientists are convinced that their numbers have since continued to decrease but are currently unsure of exactly how many remain in the wild.

The main threat to the Andean bear is habitat loss, with some 30% of the forests that contain sufficient food having disappeared in the past 20 years. Hundreds of bears are also illegally killed by farmers and business owners every year, largely to prevent them raiding crops and livestock - believed to be a result of climate change which has created a food shortage in the bears' natural habitat.

Mike Jordan, collections director at the zoo, added:

"Scientists and conservation experts from Chester Zoo are currently working with Oxford University's Wildlife Conservation Research Unit (WildCRU) to study bear-human conflict for the very first time in an area of dry forest in Bolivia.

"Given the ever increasing threats to its long-term survival, we must take action for the Andean bear and further its conservation and this is a hugely important first step."

Chester Zoo field conservationist, Dr Ximena Velez-Liendo, who leads the project in Bolivia, was recently celebrated

at the prestigious Whitley Awards, often referred to as the Green Oscars.

Andean bear facts

- The cub was born overnight on 11 January to first time mum Lima
- Lima is five years old having been born on 12/01/2012
- Seven-year-old dad Bernardo ('Bernie') moved to Chester from Tulsa Zoo in the USA in 2014. It is rare that any zoo animals move between Europe and America but Bernie's arrival introduced important new bloodlines to the European population of Andean bears – a species vulnerable to extinction in the wild
- Bernie was born on 14/01/2010
- Chester Zoo has one of the largest Andean bear habitats in the world



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It is nearly impossible to picture just how pure the sparkling, clear water is that surrounds Dubrovnik. The old city juts out on a small peninsula into the cool Adriatic Sea and this is an integral part of its charm.

But for Game of Thrones fans, Dubrovnik is King's Landing. If you are a devotee you could be forgiven for thinking that the enormous city walls and rugged fortresses of King's Landing are all a huge Hollywood back lot stage. The truth is that Dubrovnik, in its ancient past a city state that held both the Venetians and Ottomans at bay, is as spectacular as any virtual or real set that you would see in a film. Stand at the bridge to the Pile Gate which spans the enormous moat (nowadays a grassy park) and you will be spellbound before you even enter the city.

The perfectly preserved baroque UNESCO World Heritage listed old walled city is surrounded by cliffs and hillsides behind it and beaches to its side. It is considered one of the top ten surviving walled cities in the world. As it has the Adriatic Sea on three sides, it is nearly impenetrable to invaders, which is why the old city survives today virtually unchanged since the 7th century. The exception, of course, was in the 1970s when it was under siege for seven months by the Yugoslav People's Army and sustained significant mortar damage, still in evidence today. The latest archaeological evidence suggests that there may have been a port and a settlement here during the heyday of Greek explorations several hundred years before Christ, so the city is older than previously thought.

As a port of call, it has become particularly popular with cruise lines because of its historic significance and truly striking appearance. In fact, Lord Byron once called Dubrovnik the 'Pearl of the Adriatic'.

As well as loads of activities in and around the city, the old town of Dubrovnik has much to offer with much to keep visitors entertained and engaged.

TAKING IN THE CITY

First and foremost, there are guided tours available that to take fans to all the Game of Thrones hot spots. This includes Lovrijenac Fortress - the

daunting eleventh century castle tower that is known as the Red Keep - which is just outside the city walls.

Visitors can also walk the city walls on their own using an audio guide and get acquainted with the history of the old Republic of Ragusa. Atop the city walls, visitors are afforded spectacular views of the inside of the city as well as of the Adriatic Sea that surrounds it.

The best place to see the walled city is from Mount Sr by cable car. The old Napoleonic-era fort built in 1812, Fort Imperial, stares down from the top of the mountain offering incredible views. This bastion proved critical to the survival of the city in the early 1990s when war with neighbouring countries had broken out. A glitzy cable car now whizzes cruise ship passengers up to the cafe at the top where you can sip on a coffee or imbibe one of the local brews.

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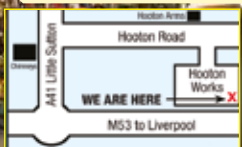
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Seat Ibiza 1.0 TSI FR 95PS



Firstly, I may have already told you this, but I have always loved the little Ibiza, mainly because not only did I used to own one in FR trim - but also because for me it's just a brilliant little hot hatch. There you go, review done!

Ok, not quite. Although, if you just happen to be looking for a great car that has everything thrown in for a decent price - then look no further than the Seat Ibiza FR.

So, let's quickly move on with this weeks review of the newly updated Ibiza FR before I give up and decide to go out for a drive instead.

Power and Efficiency:

The Ibiza FR I currently have on test is powered by a 95PS, 1.0 TSi petrol engine with a 5-speed manual gearbox and a respectable top speed of around 113mph. It also has no less than 175Nm of torque, plus a 0-62 time of 10.9 seconds. Fuel consumption is also very good. Without going economy crazy, I did manage a combined figure of around 50mpg.

On the road:

I like the way the Ibiza handles - it feels well balanced, and so it should as its designed to be a proper little hot hatch. Also, when the road gets twisty it's more than capable of holding its own. The steering also feels light and agile. It's no

exaggeration for me to say that I think the new Ibiza is a proper little racer. Yes, 95PS is not a lot, but it feels fun to drive and it sticks firmly to the road ahead which has always been the case with the Ibiza. To be honest, I was a little worried that it may have lost some of its fun factors, but I needn't have worried - because it's just as much fun as it's always been.

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Inside: As with all Seat's, the interior is of a good standard - but, as I have said many times, Seat is a part of VW group, so it will last till the end of time. The seating does feel a tad hard but it was in FR trim so it's a little sportier. But, saying that, even after a long journey I still felt very relaxed. As for all the dials and switches - they are laid out very well and nothing looks awkwardly out of place or fussy.

Some of the standard equipment on the FR trim includes; electronic traction control, front assist, drivers airbag, passengers airbag with de-activation switch, Isofix preparation, front and

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To sum up:

I'm going to give the Ibiza five stars in this test (which is rare for me and a first for 2018), not only because I like it a lot, but because I believe it's worth it. Next time you're out and about looking for a new sporty little hatch, try out the fantastic little Ibiza first. I promise you, its fun, fun, fun.

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Spring into your garden



The sun is shining, birds are singing and it's time for your garden to come back from the winter weather. Your garden needs some help getting back in shape, though, so it's time to get the supplies from the garden centres, pull out the tools from the shed and get to work.

Here are some tips for your getting your spring garden green and beautiful by the time the season reaches its peak:

Clean out the garden

It's time to clean your garden and remove all the debris (leaves, leftover branches, etc.) Get rid of weeds, making sure that you get the roots so they won't grow back. This is also a good time to sharpen your garden tools, if needed, because you're going to require them for plant maintenance and soil care.

Revitalise the soil

Because your soil is likely dried out and packed after winter, it's time to add moisture. Add organic material like compost or manure. You might need to test the soil to see what nutrients it needs, so you give it the right mixture. You might also need to add more fertilizer to increase the health of the soil and increase the life of your plants.



Trim old plants

Plants that survived the winter will need to be pruned so they'll grow anew in the spring. Make sure to wait until mid-April or May in case there's an unexpected freeze. Blooming plants should be pruned right after they bloom to avoid cutting off future flowers. Summer plants should be pruned in early spring.

Add mulch

In addition to fertilizers and organic materials, you should think about adding mulch to your flower beds and garden. One to three inches of mulch helps to prevent weeds and diseases. It also keeps the moisture in the garden and maintains the temperature. The rule of thumb is to keep the mulch a few inches from the plant stems to prevent roots from rotting.

Plant new flowers and shrubs

Once you've gotten the garden in shape and handled all of the old plants, it's time to turn your attention to new plants. Some recommendations for good spring plants include:

Pansies

Snapdragons

Vegetables like lettuce, peas and arugula - (rocket)

Redbuds

Transplanting tomato plants from indoor pots to outside

Lilacs

Tulips

You should lean towards planting more perennials rather than annuals, because annuals have to be replaced every year. This means you're making an investment in plants that will die every year and require replacement. Perennials, on the other hand, last for two to three years and usually survive winter frosts.

What to do for the rest of Spring

Once your spring garden is up and running again, it's time to look to the future and decide what to do with your garden next. It will need some care so it stays colourful and beautiful throughout the season. Here are some quick tips for garden maintenance throughout the rest of the season:

Mid-Spring:

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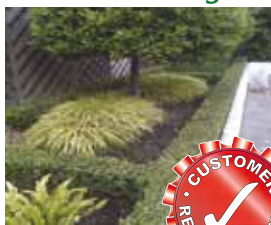
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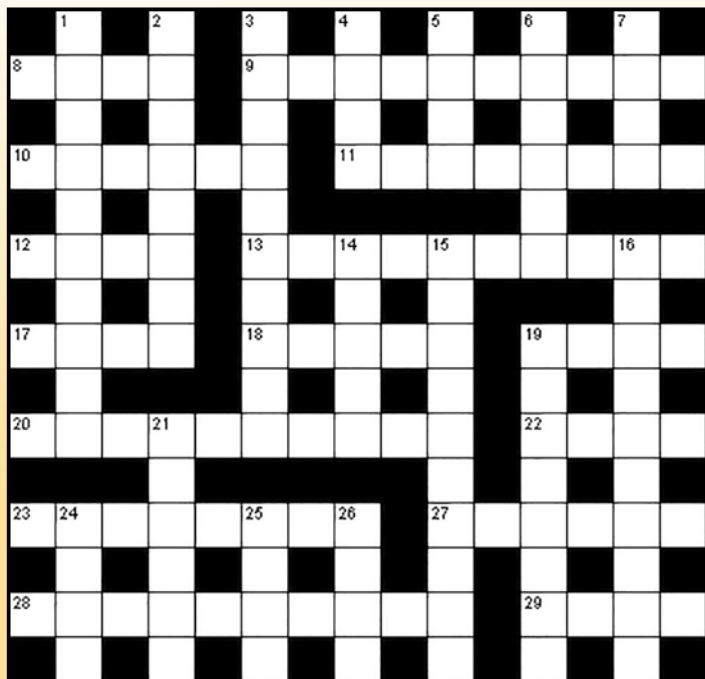
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