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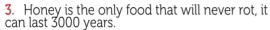
# DO YOU KNOW

The tower where Big Ben is located is officially known as "Elizabeth Tower." It was completed in 1859.



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been used to rehydrate a patient. Reportedly British & Japanese soldiers used coconut water intravenous drips during World War II.

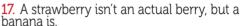


- 4. Alaska has a sand desert with dunes over 150 feet (45 m) high.
- 5. 92% of all new sold cars in Brazil use ethanol as fuel, which is produced from sugar cane.
- 6. In 1924, half the cars in the world were Fords.
- Dolphins Recognize and Admire Themselves in Mirrors.
- 8. Covering nearly 40 square miles, Walt Disney World Resort in Florida is about the size of San Francisco or two Manhattan islands.
- Elvis Presley is considered the best-selling individual artist of all time, with over 500 million records sold.
- 10. All blue eyed people can be traced back to one person who lived near the Black Sea almost 10,000 years ago.
- **11**. 1 billion hours of video are watched on YouTube every day.
- 12. The First YouTube Video was uploaded in
- April 2005, featuring its cofounder Jawed Karim at the San Diego Zoo.
- Bolivia has 37 official languages.
- 14. Cats have 32 muscles that control the outer ear while humans have only 6.



from the collapse of part of a giant molecular cloud that consisted mostly of hydrogen and helium. **16**. Coffee is the world's

second most valuable traded commodity, only behind petroleum.

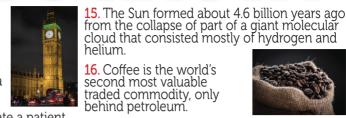


- 18. The World's Most Popular Fruit is the tomato.
- 19. Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, the final novel in the series, sold 11 million copies in the first 24 hours of release.
- 20. Hawaii's largest-ever earthquake occurred in 1868 and the aftershocks are still being observed.
- 21. The Ancient Rome civilization began on the Italian Peninsula as early as the 8th century BC.
- 22. Life expectancy in Ancient Rome was from 20 to 30 years.
- 23. 1.3 million Earths could fit inside the sun, an average-sized star.
- 24. Many fish species are known to change sex during the course of their lives.
- 25. August 2014 was the warmest August ever recorded globally.
- 26. Anne Frank's father survived Auschwitz and died in 1980 of lung cancer.
- 27. Leo Fender, inventor of the Telecaster and Stratocaster, could not play quitar.
- 28. Benjamin Franklin never patented any of his inventions. He reasoned that "we should be glad of an opportunity to serve others by any invention of ours; and this we should do
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# What's happening at Chester Zoo.

A rare male Rothschild's giraffe calf has been born at Chester Zoo





The leggy new arrival – a rare Rothschild's giraffe - was born to mum Orla at 3am on 3 March 2021, landing onto soft straw from a height of around 2m (6.5ft).

Incredible CCTV footage captured the special moment the young male calf entered the world, as well as his wobbly first steps and his precious first suckle.

Already standing at 6ft tall and weighing 70kg, giraffe experts say he will grow to be 18ft and weigh over 1000kg.

### Sarah Roffe, Giraffe Team Manager at the zoo, said:

"Giraffes give birth standing up and so their young receive quite a welcome to the world, dropping around six feet to the ground. Although this seems like a long way, the fall actually breaks the umbilical cord and helps to stimulate the calf's first breath – it's a dramatic entry but it's just how they do it!

The new calf has arrived at the end of a 15-month pregnancy for mum Orla and already he stands at 6ft - he could grow to be up to 18ft tall. Orla, an experienced mother, has slipped back into the role like a natural. She's doing everything right, and it's lovely to see the close bond between the two of them.

This latest arrival joins a group of eight Rothschild's giraffes at the zoo and it's always an exciting time for the herd when a new calf arrives. Two of the older females, Dagmar and Tula, appear to have taken on the role of protective aunties, helping Orla to watch out for the newborn. The other youngsters in the group love running around together and so, as soon as the calf starts to increase in confidence and venture outside, I'm sure they'll enjoy having a new playmate around."

The Rothschild's giraffe is highly threatened and its population













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has suffered a 50% decline in recent decades, making it one of the world's most at-risk mammals. Experts estimate that as few as 1,600 remain across Africa with the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) citing habitat loss and poaching as two of its biggest threats.

Chester Zoo has a long history of protecting Rothschild's giraffes in the wild, working with the Giraffe Conservation Foundation and the Uganda Wildlife Authority in Uganda. Despite recent challenges created by the coronavirus pandemic, the team has just reported a sixth consecutive yearly increase in giraffe numbers in the areas where the zoo and its partners work.

#### Rothschild's giraffe facts:

- Mum Orla is 13 years old (17/03/2008) and has previously given birth to five other calves at Chester Zoo.
- Dad Meru is 10 years old (03/04/2010) and has sired nine calves
- They are named after zoologist Lord Walter Rothschild, founder of the National History Museum in Tring, Hertfordshire
- The species is identified by its broader dividing white lines and has no spots beneath the knees

- Roughly one-third of the surviving population of Rothschild's giraffes live in zoos where carefully co-ordinated breeding programmes are creating a safety-net population for the species
- They are herbivores, so only eat plants, and their long necks allow them to reach leaves, seeds fruit and branches high up
- Their tongues can measure up to 45cm long which helps them pull down leaves, shoots, bark and flowers off tree branches to eat
- Like a human's fingerprint, their spotty pattern is unique to each giraffe
- Giraffes necks are long, but they actually contain the same number of bones (vertebra) as humans (seven)







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#### To make it:

Mix the flour, salt, cream of tartar and oil in a large mixing bowl.
Add about 10 drops of food colouring to the boiling water, then

add it in stages into the dry ingredients.

Stir continuously until it becomes a sticky, combined dough.

Allow it to cool down then take it out of the bowl and knead it vigorously for a couple of minutes until all of the stickiness has gone. \* This is the most important part\* If it remains a little sticky then add a touch more flour until just right. Store in cling film after play and it will last for a few weeks.



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#### THIS DAY IN HISTORY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

#### MAY 12th 1937

George VI (the Duke of York) was crowned at Westminster Abbey in London, following the abdication of his brother, Edward VIII. He was officially proclaimed king the following day. He took the name of George VI and was crowned on May 12, 1937. King George reigned until his death in 1952. He was succeeded by his daughter Elizabeth.

#### **MAY 6th 1954**

Sir Roger Gilbert Bannister CH CBE FRCP was the first man to run a mile in under 4 minutes, at the Iffley Road Sports Ground, Oxford, England.

He was a British middle-distance athlete and neurologist. At the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki, Bannister set a British record in the 1500 metres and finished in fourth place.



#### **MAY 1st 1955**

An auspicious day in motorsport, the day that Stirling Moss and Denis Jenkinson won the Mille Miglia in a record time. covering the 992-mile route in ten hours, seven minutes and 48 seconds - an average speed of 98.5mph. Driving a potent Mercedes-Benz 300SLR, the duo developed one of the first ever pace note systems to navigate the public roads from Brescia in North Italy to Rome and then back, heading home teammate Juan-Manuel Fangio by half an hour and the third placed Ferrari of Umberto Maglioli by 45 minutes.





MAY 30th 1967- Daredevil Evel Knievel jumps his motorcycle over 16 cars lined-up in a row in Gardena, California.

WAY 4th 1494 - During his second journey of exploration in the New World, Christopher Columbus discovered Jamaica.

MAY 12th 1820 - British nurse and public health activist Florence Nightingale (1820-1910) was born in Florence, Italy. She volunteered to aid British troops in Turkey where she improved hospital sanitary conditions and greatly reduced the death rate for wounded and sick soldiers. She received worldwide acclaim for her unselfish devotion to nursing, contributed to the development of modern nursing procedures, and emphasized the dignity of nursing as a profession for women.

MAY 7th 1915 - The British passenger ship Lusitania was torpedoed by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland, losing 1,198 of its 1,924 passengers, including 114 Americans. The attack hastened neutral America's entry into World War I.

# Seven-year-old Hari runs 100k for Children's Cancer Charity

A seven-year-old boy from Whitegate, Cheshire has raised more than £2,500 for a children's cancer charity by running 5k every day over twenty days.

Hari Mitchell, a Year 3 pupil at The Grange Junior School, Hartford, drove past the new purpose-built Joshua Tree support centre every day on his way to school and was inspired to help by fundraising to support children affected by cancer.

Hari ran his daily 5k accompanied by mum and dad along the local Whitegate Way and did not stop until reaching his final target of 100k!
Hari said, "I wanted to run 100km before my 8th birthday and raise money for The Joshua Tree as I want to help children who are poorly".

Keen footballer, Hari said that running and talking helped him during the days of lockdown, something The Joshua Tree believe are vital components for dealing with aiding the recovery of a childhood cancer diagnosis. Over 93 members of the local community have supported Hari's fundraiser and raised more than £2,500 with donations still incoming.



Hari's mum Anita and dad, Chris said they could not be prouder of their young fundraiser.

Communications and Fundraising Manager, Pippa Watson-Peck said "We are so touched and delighted to receive this incredible donation by such a lovely young boy, who by passing the new support centre on the way to school and asking Dad what it was felt compelled to raise funds to help families affected by childhood cancers. It was a pleasure to show Hari, along with his mum and dad around the support centre as one of the very first visitors."

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# Honey Garlic Salmon



#### INGREDIENTS

2 pieces of salmon

#### Sauce ingredients

- 1 tsp chopped garlic ½ tsp chopped ginger
- 4 tbs honev
- 2 tbs soy sauce

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1 Combine the sauce ingredients and marinate the salmon in the sauce for 15-30 minutes in the fridge.
- 2 Arrange salmon on a foil lined baking sheet and bake at 160°fan for 15-20 minutes depending on thickness, basting the salmon with the leftover marinade halfway through.
- 3 Over a medium high heat, bring the leftover marinade sauce to a boil and simmer for 3-5 minutes until reduced\*.
- 4 Dish and serve the salmon hot drizzled with the reduced sauce.

#### NOTES

For a slightly crisp and caramelized top, sear the top of the salmon over medium high heat for 1-2 minutes before baking.



\*If you are uncomfortable reducing the marinade to use as a drizzle, you can divide the sauce into half; half for marinade/basting and half to reduce for a drizzle. If you want even more sauce, double the sauce ingredients before diving it into half.





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# Auto Review by Tony Yates

Keeping you motoring

#### Honda CR-V 2.0 i-MMD Hybrid EX – AWD CVT



#### Power and efficiency

The new CR-V I have on test is a modern-day Hybrid, so that means you get a 2.0 Litre petrol engine that has 145PS and 175 Nm of torque. Then you add in the CR-Vs Hybrid system, which then gets you 315Nm of torque and 184PS thanks to that electric motor - which in turn makes it into a totally different machine altogether.

Top speed – 112mph along with a 0-62 sprint of 9.2s. Now, I would not call it 'sporty' – but it does get a move on thanks to the additional push from that electric motor. The CR-V was

also fitted with an eCVT gearbox – which I'm going to say I am not a fan of, but saying that, it's functional and it gets the job done - so I'm not going to complain too much.

#### On the road

A good ride height is a big plus point for the CR-V - along with how it feels out on the open road. The chassis and suspension are also set up very nicely indeed for all sorts of surfaces and it felt well planted to the road ahead. If you do have to go off-road – then don't

expect the CR-V to come to a sudden stop as soon as you hit the grass either. That's because Honda has managed to do a very good job of getting the (AWD) system to function as a proper 4X4 – which makes it more than capable of doing more than its fair share of off-road work when it comes to going out on the sloppy stuff.

Also, I may have told you this before – but when I get a car to test, I always take a pre-set route that can take me up to 100miles away from my starting point which for me is a good test of how tired or relaxed I feel after a long drive. Well, I have to say – because the driving position and the Petrol/Hybrid systems were so refined – I arrived back home as fresh as daisy.

#### Safety & technology

The interior is of a good standard and its controls are well set out and all the dials are clear. The space inside is good – better than most large SUVs I care to mention. You would easily fit in a very large family along with a couple of Dogs if the need was there. Plus – everything inside the CR-V feels well put together. There is also no cornercutting when it comes to quality either – Honda has gone the extra mile to make it feel very upmarket inside. Boot space inside is also good with a rear seat up capacity

of (497 litres) and rear seats folded flat capacity of (1064 litres).

Standard equipment in the EX model range is good and includes; ABS (Anti-Lock Braking System) Airbags - Front Driver & Passenger, Airbags - Side Curtain (Front and Rear) Blind Spot Information incl. Cross Traffic Monitor, Agile Handle Assist (AHA) ECON Mode, Electric Parking Brake, Brake Hold, Head-Up Display, Hill Start Assist (HSA) Dual Zone Climate and Air Conditioning – including Rear Vents, Rear View Camera, Bluetooth TM Hands-Free Telephone (HFT) DAB, Honda CONNECT with GARMIN Navigation (7" touchscreen, AM/ FM/DAB, internet radio, Aha TM app integration, Apple Carplay and Android Auto) 9 Speaker audio and Wireless Charging.

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## **Travel Writer**

#### Tim Saunders

An hour-and-a-half from our Hampshire home is RHS Wakehurst in West Sussex. Having visited RHS Wisley we thought we knew what to expect; basically lots of inspiring formal gardens. Not so here. Wakehurst is 500 acres of wild botanic gardens, which is a lovely surprise. There are plants and trees from around the world, but probably the greatest aspect of a visit here is that you can relax. Yes, even with children.

Social distancing is easy here and facemasks only need to be worn in the toilets and the visitor centre. We have come prepared.

It is a hot day, 33 °C to be precise and so sweat is already dripping down us.

We head off in a straight line to the lakes and there are so many wonderful tall trees that we regularly find ourselves in welcome shade as we slowly stroll.



It feels as if you are walking down a country lane because the paths are tarmac but there is no traffic to worry about, which is ideal.

So, while the masses are crammed onto the beaches, we are able to roam at leisure without a care.

Along the way we marvel at the ever-changing landscape, up hill and down, and spot some wonderful reddy brown dragon flies that we have not seen elsewhere.

Lots of them in fact. There are pleasant scents and aromas and it is a joy to the senses. This is what the holidays are about. You don't need to jet off to some far flung destination, queuing in airport lounges and then suffering quarantine each way. Just get out and explore Britain.

We, well I should say Caroline really, does worry because we have been to a number of gardens over these holidays that the little people might get a bit bored of them. Thankfully she is proved wrong.

Yes, they do begin to wilt like the finest of summer blooms when they discover that every bench we come across is already taken. But the great thing about these trips is that you never know what you will find. So as we mooch around the lakes admiring the views, in time



we stumble upon a picnic area complete with benches in the shade that nobody else has found. Perfect and just in time for lunch. And as we sit, there is the welcome chirruping sound of crickets.

We don't really walk that far today but in the sheer heat it's quite an effort to do much walking reminding Caroline and I of holidays in Italy and Bulgaria.

After lunch we head back to another lake where we find a bench. Caroline and I are able to have a brief cuddle while the children watch the ducks. Harriett returns to us while Henry (4) and Heidi (7) amuse themselves by feeding the ducks with blackberries, which we discover are safe for them and very much loved.

This occupies the ducks and the children for the best part of half an hour, if not 45 minutes. A welcome break.

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Beside our bench is a large stone slope that Henry and Heidi enjoy throwing their empty drinks bottles down and racing against each other.



They'll make fun out of anything. And before you know it it's time to make our way back home. We walk past a brick maze, which Harriett enjoys completing.

As we head past the garden dedicated to plants from Japan we spy some beautiful maples with their autumnal looking leaves.

In the visitor centre, Caroline and I make our way out to the plant centre where it is impossible for us not to leave without buying some of these wonderful plants.

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#### Down

- 1 Asks (8)
- 2 Quiet (8)
- 3 Desert animal (5)
- 5 Asserts (7)
- 6 Insurgent (9)
- 7 By means of this (6)
- 8 Examine (6)
- 9 Refrigerator (6)
- 15 Millstone (figurative) (9)
- 17 Restrain (8)
- 18 Praises dishonestly (8)
- 20 Place or locate (7)
- 21 Involving financial matters (6)
- 22 Vertical passageways (6)
- 23 Stellar (6)
- 25 Governed (5)

#### **Across**

- 1 A forceful consequence (6)
- 4 The rank of a male hereditary ruler (8)
- 10 Morasses (9)
- 11 Mistake (5)

- 12 Model of excellence (5)
- 13 Depicts in words (9)
- 14 Act like another (7)
- 16 Grain storage building (4)
- 19 Decreases (4)
- 21 A soft light woolen fabric
- 24 Pauses (9)
- 25 Provoke or roar (5)
- 26 Do without (5)
- 27 Ready for use (9)
- 28 Vendors (8)
- 29 Loves intensely (6)

#### **Sudoku Puzzle**

How to play:

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There is only one correct solution to each sudoku.

Good luck!

Difficulty level: Medium.

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