

ARTISTIC TALENT

Since you are always asking for contributions for your News Bulletin, I have attached a watercolour painting by Ricky of our son Rob's new kitten (named Jazzy) which he got just before Christmas. Ricky painted it as a Christmas present for Rob and his partner Lizzy, but as we haven't seen them since November, it's still wrapped up along with the other Christmas presents they haven't had. They don't know of it's existence, so hopefully it will come as a nice surprise when we are eventually allowed to meet up again.

Dick





BADGERS BY MARK



I attended a course run by Surrey Wildlife Trust which I belong to, very worthwhile charity, anyway the course was on Badgers.

Normally the course is run at Nower Wood Educational Nature Reserve, Mill Way, Leatherhead, which usually involves a classroom section and then a practical out in the reserve.

Unfortunately due to the pandemic the course had to be undertaken online. Basically the classroom element and the onsite walk around to see some setts etc. had to be cancelled. However the course was very good and I learnt a lot about badgers, feeding habits, social interaction (no social distancing for them), interaction with other animals such as foxes, hedgehogs etc. How to spot setts and how extensive these are. What a Snuffle Hole is, its where a badger claws at the ground to get at earth worms, which are their favourite food and last but by no means least all about badger latrines, they are a very clean animal.

The Trust runs other courses, throughout the year and it's a great way of learning more about our environment especially as we all are out and about in the countryside more at the moment.

https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/events



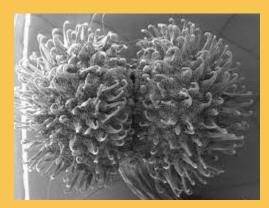


FUN FACTS - VELCRO





n 1941, George de Mestral was on a hunting trip and noticed that both his trousers and his dog's hair were covered in the burrs from a burdock plant. He was a very scientific person and decided to look at the burrs under a microscope.



He saw thousands of tiny hooks that bound themselves to any type of material (or dog hair) that came in contact with them.

He realised that if he managed to come up with a synthetic form of this he would have an alternative to buttons or zips or the need to sew things together.

He managed to work out how to make, by hand, the same small microscopic hooks he'd seen on burs and attach them to a separate piece of cloth with tiny loops. He received a patent in 1955 and got a loan of \$150,000. He set up a company to manufacture his invention called "Velcro" - a mix of the words velvet and crochet, (meaning 'hook' in French).

Twenty years after his discovery he built a loom that would allow him to mass produce the product, however, when it came to the market in the '60's it was far from an instant hit and clothing manufacturers were not interested in using it.

Then NASA were looking for a product to keep objects attached to walls while floating in orbit and Velcro was the ideal solution. This made Velcro trendy and it began to be used in fashion and the invention became a huge success, finally.





TUTORIAL DANCE VIDEOS - BEGINNER

Click on the dance title to view the tutorial video

BEGINNER LEVEL

Do You Remember

Ruby Ruby

Maverick Shuffle

Honey I'm Good

Lipstick, Powder & Paint

The Lemon Tree

Until the Dawn

MD Honky Tonk

Bonaparte's Retreat

Coastin'

Little Rhumba

Simply Mambo

Stand Up & Boogie

Precious Time

Gently Does It

Feel the Way I Do

Dance Monkey

South Sea Shuffle

Primer Beso

Cowboy Charleston

<u>Jo 'n' Jo Tango</u>

Cha Cha Espana

Begin to Swing

Special Delivery

Nothing Compares

Under the Sun

Champagne Promise

My Pretty Belinda

Rocket to the Sun

Bye Bye Mambo

Love You Cha

Waltz Across Texas - ELD 19/11/20

Yes I Do! - ELD 24/11/20

Emergency - ELD 26/11/20 Tush Push - ELD 11/12/20

Piano Man - ELD 12/1/21

When You Smile - ELD 16/2/21

Click here to access a practice video with 10 beginner dances

TUTORIAL DANCE VIDEOS - IMPROVER

Gone West

Crystal Touch

Keep Young

La Fiesta Cubana

What A Man Gotta Do

Mack the Knife

Senorita La-La-La

Bumblebee

<u>Guetta's Party</u>

Stitch It Up

Pot of Gold

Elliot's Dream

Quando When Quando

<u>Playboys</u>

Black Coffee

Sunrise

Late Night Call - ELD 19/11/20

Cecilia - ELD 24/11/20

Half Past Nothin' - ELD 1/12/20

Jamaican Love - ELD 8/12/20

Modern Romance - ELD 12/1/21

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TUTORIAL DANCE VIDEOS- INTERMEDIATE

Chill Factor

Caribbean Pearl

Faithful Soul

Clap Happy Vanotek Cha Tough Love

Shakatak

SXE

Nancy Mulligan

Liquid Lunch

Moves

Drip Droppin'

Graffiti

Rolling Stone

Up - ELD 24/11/20

Wow Tokyo - ELD 1/12/20

Wintergreen - ELD 12/1/21

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EASTER BRAIN TEASERS

(answers at the bottom of the page

Can you name the chocolate from the slogan?

- 1. The lighter way to enjoy chocolate
- 2. Feel the bubbles.
- 3. The taste of paradise
- 4. Take it easy
- 5. A finger of is just enough to give your kids a treat
- 6. It's not Terry's, it's mine
- 7. And all because the lady loves
- 8. Have a break, have a
- 9. Full of Eastern promise
- 10. If you like a lot of chocolate on your biscuit join our

Can you identify the famous rabbits from the following anagrams?

- 1.The Rump
- 2. Nubby Guns
- 3. Bribe Patter
- 4. Teeny Sunbather
- 5. Riot Grabber

Can you find the 5 Easter this newsletter?





 Over 500 million Cadbury's Crème eggs are made in a year. If you piled them all on top of each other, they'd be ten times higher than Mount **Everest!**

Easter Chicks are hiding on

2 on pg 6, behind the chocolate & behind the eggs

2.Aero

3. Bounty

4. Caramel

6. Chocolate Orange

8. Kit Kat

10.Club

3. Peter Rabbit

4. The Easter Bunny

