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Yes, I'm a Virgo, having been born in that part of September, and who would have thought it?!

There are 12 zodiac signs, and each sign has its own strengths and weaknesses, its own specific traits, desires and attitude towards life and people. By analysing the projection of the position of [planets](#), and the [Sun](#) and the [Moon](#) on the Ecliptic at the moment of birth, Astrology can give us a glimpse of a person's basic characteristics, preferences, flaws and fears.



If you believe the Astrologers then I am very happy for you but personally I have my doubts.

Like Taurus and Capricorn, Virgo is an Earth Sign, they'll have you believe, and those born under the sign are "grounded" and the ones that bring us down to earth.

They are mostly conservative and realistic, but they can also be very emotional. They are connected to our material reality and can be turned to material goods. They are practical, loyal and stable and they stick by their people through hard times.

Now I'm even more doubtful. How about you? Are you true to your star sign?

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Arundel Probus Club is quickly getting back to normal and the Pub Lunch at the Arun View on 12th August - the first since 12th March 2020, at Northbrook College - was enjoyed by 26 members and partners.

That was followed two weeks later by our regular monthly meeting at the White Swan Hotel when the ladies joined us to hear a fascinating talk by Bill Avenell entitled "What's in a View? He showed his ten chosen iconic views of Sussex and told us all about them, with musical accompaniment.

We also welcomed two guests, Colin and Pam Cook, and twenty two of us had an enjoyable lunch together. This was a very nice meeting and I am sorry if you had to miss it. See you next time.

Our Treasurer Charles informed us that a few members still have to pay their (reduced) £30 sub for the current year so if you happen to be one please contact him.

The September Pub Lunch on the 9th is at a new venue for us, The Highdown in Ferring, up on Highdown Hill, north of the A259. The menu has been sent out as pre-ordering is required so let David have your choices if you haven't already.

Our own Stephen Brocklebank is the September speaker on Thursday 23rd. His talk is entitled simply "Oil" so do come along to learn more and why not stay for lunch?

More members are encouraged to give a talk on a subject of their choice. Call me to discuss.882127

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[The following are a few genuine enquiries received by the Australian Tourist Board, and the answers they gave. \(Source in brackets\).](#)

Q. Does it ever get windy in Australia? I have never seen rain on TV How do the plants grow?
(UK)

A. We import all plants fully grown and then just sit around watching them die.



Q. Will I be able to see kangaroos in the street?
(USA)

A. Depends how much you have had to drink.

Q. I want to walk from Perth to Sydney –
Can I follow the railroad track?
(NL)

A. Sure. It's only three thousand miles so
take lots of water.



Q. Are there any cash machines in Australia? Can you send me a list of them?
(UK)

A. What did your last slave die of?

Q. Can you give me some information about Hippo racing in Australia?
(USA)

A. Af-ri-ca is the big triangle-shaped continent south of Europe. Aust-ra-lia is that big island in the middle of the Pacific which does not.....oh, forget it. Hippo racing is every Tuesday, Come naked.



Q. Which direction is north in Australia?
(USA)

A. Face south, and then turn 180 degrees. Contact us when you get here and we'll send the rest of the directions.

Q. Can I bring cutlery into Australia?
(UK)

A. Why would you? Just use your fingers like we do.

Q. Can you send me the Vienna Boys' Choir schedule?

A. Aus-tr-ia is that quaint little country bordering Germany which is.....Oh, forget it. Sure, the Vienna Boys' Choir performs every Tuesday night straight after the hippo racing. Come naked.

Fifty percent of the twelve months of the year have their initial letter in common with another month. Which is the third month of the year that doesn't? (Answer below)

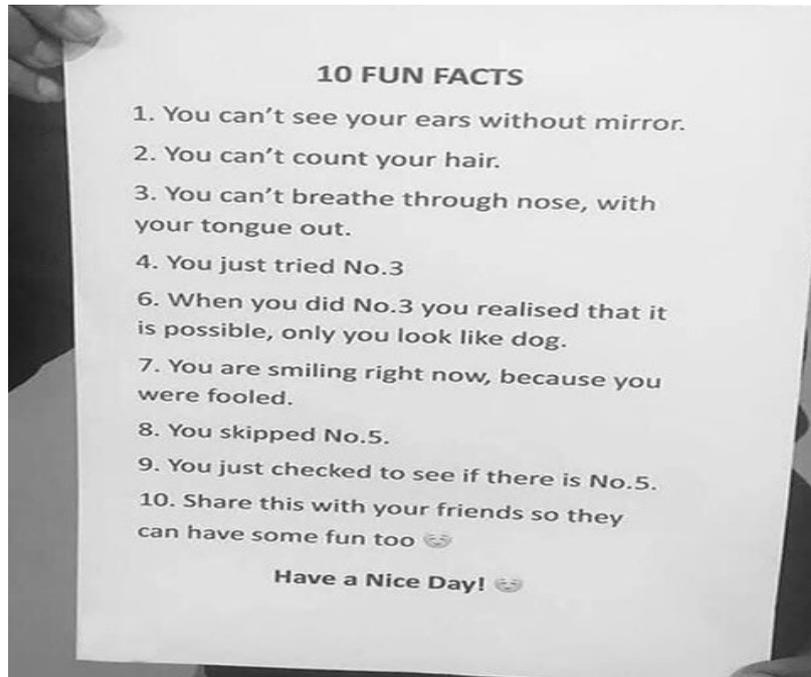
Did you know that the residents of Dubai do not watch The Flintstones but those in Abu Dhabi Doo?

Ow-zat! While talking to a French friend some years ago, we compared our national, summer sports.

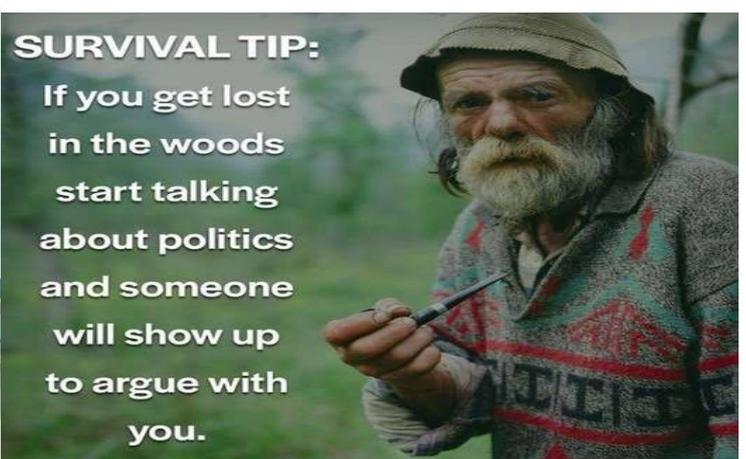
Cycling is very popular in France and the Tour de France the high-spot of their season. My friend watches it each year and sits by the side of the road as it goes past - in about two minutes.

Conversely, an English friend goes to see a Test Match each year and sits watching cricket - for five days.

They are equally passionate about their sport and neither envies the other. What do you make of that?



I have just resigned from my job as an escapologist. I just had to get out!



Looking ahead.

Our 28th October talk will be a first for that popular husband and wife duo, Lucy and Barry Hopkins, our VP no less. Their chosen title leaves no-one guessing:-

NEARLY 50 YEARS OF OUTSIDE CATERING IN ALL SORTS OF PLACES FROM TENTS TO CASTLES!" Bring your own sandwiches. (Not really)



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"What is this life if, full of care

We have no time to stand and stare"

You are invited to write the next couple of lines - of your own creation. Try to keep it clean as I plan to publish all those received, anonymously of course.

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Tommy Cooper, always generous, stepped out of a taxi, turned to the cabbie, said "here, have a drink on me," and handed him a tea bag.

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I tried to give blood today but never again. Too many stupid questions. Whose blood is it? Where did you get it? Why is it in a bucket?

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What did our parents do to ease boredom before the internet ? My 18 siblings don't know either.

ONE DARK, COLD AND RAINY NIGHT, DAVE AND LILLY WERE STAGGERING HOME FROM THE PUB.

DAVE SAID, **'C'MON LET'S TAKE A SHORT CUT THROUGH THE CEMETERY.'**

LILLY SAID, **'NAH, IT'S SCARY, ALL THOSE GRAVES AND THE WIND'S HOWLING...'**

DAVE SNIGGERED, **'IT'S QUICKER, WE'RE SOAKING AND COLD. WE'LL HURRY.'**

LILLY SAID, **'ALRIGHT, BUT DON'T LET GO OF MY HAND...'**

HALFWAY THROUGH THEY HEARD A 'TAP, TAP, TAPPING COMING OUT OF THE MIST AND RAIN.

DAVE NEARLY DIED OF FRIGHT AND LILLY'S HEART WAS POUNDING

THEY CREPT FORWARD SILENTLY TO FIND AN OLD BOY CHIPPING AWAY AT A HEADSTONE WITH A HAMMER AND CHISEL. LILLY SCREAMED.



'YOU SCARED US HALF TO DEATH. WE THOUGHT YOU WERE A GHOST.' YELLED DAVE.

'WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING WORKING SO LATE AT NIGHT IN THE COLD AND RAIN?'

THE OLD BOY REPLIED, **'THE BASTARDS HAVE SPELT MY NAME WRONG!'**

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Do you remember when:- It took five minutes for the TV to warm up
Nobody owned a purebred dog
You'd reach into a muddy gutter for a penny
Your Mother wore nylons that came in two pieces All male teachers wore ties and female teachers had their hair done every day and wore heels
You got your windscreen cleaned, oil checked and petrol served, without asking, all for free, every time.
When a Ford Zephyr was everyone's dream car...
and people went steady
No one ever asked where the car keys were because they were always in the car, in the ignition, and the doors were never locked
Spinning around, getting dizzy and falling down was cause for giggles?
Bottles came from the corner shop without safety caps and hermetic seals because no one had yet tried to poison a perfect stranger
Decisions were made by going 'Eeny-meeny-miney-moe'
'Race issue' meant arguing about who ran the fastest?
Catching tadpoles could happily occupy an entire day?
Cigarette cards in the spokes transformed any bike into a motorcycle?

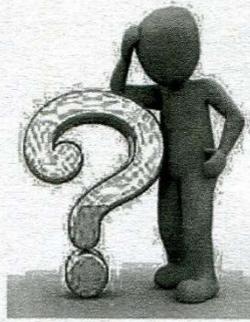


So, what's good about today that today's children will remember with fondness tomorrow???????????????? Answers on a postage stamp please.



New Senior's Exam, you only need 4 correct out of 10 questions to pass.

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years' War last?
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats?
- 3) From which animal do we get cat gut?
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of?
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Atlantic are named after what animal?
- 7) What was King George VI's first name?
- 8) What colour is a purple finch?
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
- 10) What is the colour of the black box in a commercial aircraft?



Remember, you need only 4 correct answers to pass.

Check your answers below ...

ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years War last? **116 years**
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats? **Ecuador**
- 3) From which animal do we get cat gut? **Sheep and Horses**
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October revolution? **November**
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of? **Squirrel fur**
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Atlantic are named after what animal? **Dogs**
- 7) What was King George VI's first name? **Albert**
- 8) What colour is a purple finch? **Crimson**
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from? **New Zealand**
- 10) What is the colour of the black box in a commercial aircraft? **Orange (of course)**

What do you mean, you failed?

Me, too!

(And if you try to tell me you passed, you LIED!)

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(Answer: The third month is September.)

Happy autumn folks.

Bob

