

One of the names originally proposed for Neanderthals was 'Homo stupidus'

'Observe the same rule about martinis that you would in judging breasts: one is far too few and three is one too many.' CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS

Afghanistan is the only country with a Thursday to Friday weekend although in Iran, Friday is the only weekend day.

At the launch of Channel 5 in 1997, the first ad to run was for Chanel no. 5.

A single teaspoon of garden soil contains as many as 830,000 different species of microorganism, most of them not yet named

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Dirt was originally spelled and pronounced 'drit'. And bird was 'brid', horse was 'hros' and 'wasp', 'waps'.

Westward Ho! in Devon is the only place name in Britain to officially contain an exclamation mark (and the only one named after a novel).

I like coffee because it gives me the illusion that I might be awake. - LEWIS BLACK

Researchers used face-recognition software to determine that the Mona Lisa is 83% happy, 9% disgusted, 6% fearful, and 2% angry.

92% of the population of China is lactose intolerant.

Mice made to listen to rock music kill each other, but mice listening to classical music don't
Can't believe Hitler wrote Minecraft. – Milton Jones

Vegetarian sausages were invented by the first Chancellor of West Germany

The first ever issue of the Daily Mirror came with a free mirror.

The official national animal of Scotland is a unicorn.

Vatican City is the only place in the world where cash machines offer instructions in Latin

What did the Vikings do for us? They gave us anger, birth, cake, dirt, freckles, hell, ugly, weak, husband, wife, skill, skull & slaughter.

According to a 2012 poll, more Americans (16%) think that Barack Obama is a Muslim than accept the theory of evolution.

According to a 2010 study, 75% of Scots believe in evolution versus 58% of Londoners.

Invented by Scots: Bovril, lime cordial, the telephone, TV, postmarks, Encyclopaedia Britannica, the Bank of England, the BBC, the US Navy.

There were more Scots in the army which defeated Bonnie Prince Charlie at Culloden in 1746 than there were in his own army.

Good overheard malapropism: "oh queuing up like that is my idea of perjury"...(Stephen Fry).

It would have taken 2.4 million seagulls to lift James's giant peach in the air, not 501 as Roald Dahl claimed

In the 1760s, 33 Cock Lane, London was believed to be haunted by a ghost called Scratching Fanny.

At the London 2012 Olympics, 55% of the athletes were found to have tooth decay.
Until the late 19th century, the age of consent in most US states was 10 years old.

In 2008, the Bank of England's damaged & mutilated notes service received 4,916 claims (totalling £113,000) for bank notes eaten by pets.

Published advice for women cycling in 1895 included 'don't scream if you meet a cow' & 'don't use bicycle slang'

Watched Sin City. Not even a mention of trigonometry. (Milton Jones)

Americans born in the 17th century who made it past the age of 10 were likely to live until at least 60.