

Worcester, UK has installed the country's first 'bat-friendly' (i.e. red) street lights.

Word of the day: Fußhupe (German, colloquial) - literally "foot horn", a dog so small you don't notice and accidentally trip on it (and then it yelps very loudly)

"If cats looked like frogs we'd realize what nasty, cruel little bastards they are. Style. That's what people remember." TERRY PRATCHETT

Medieval historian Michael McCormick has concluded that 536 was absolutely the worst year in human history.

In 1967, the Nigerian Civil War took a 48-hour hiatus so both sides could watch Pelé play a game in Lagos.

In 2018, there were half as many babies in the UK called Alexa as the year before.

The story of Jack and the Beanstalk is believed to be over 5,000 years old.
Rumpelstiltskin and Beauty and the Beast are thought to be around 4,000 years old.

Word of the day: SAYWHAT — definition. Coined in 1573 by English logician Ralph Lever.

The first license plates in the USA were only required to consist of the owner's initials plus any number they wanted.

In 2003, Ecuador announced the 'Campaign Against Unpunctuality' to try and save some of the estimated \$2.5bn that was lost to lateness each year. The TV announcement that kicked the campaign off was several minutes late.

On the first night sleeping in an unfamiliar location, one side of your brain remains alert the entire night in order to "watch out" for potential threats.

English monarchs used to confer knighthoods by punching the recipient in the neck.

WORD OF THE DAY: FIRE-SCORDEL - a lazy cat which lounges constantly by the fireplace.

The New York City subway can provide an official "the subway was delayed, that's why I was late to work" note.

Television is an invention that permits you to be entertained in your living room by people you wouldn't have in your home. DAVID FROST

The town motto of Hooker, Oklahoma is "it's a location, not a vocation".

The 2019 Ig Nobel Prize in economics went to a team of researchers who tested which country's paper money is best at transmitting dangerous bacteria. (It's the Romanian Leu, though the pound was not tested.)

When he retired the senior crayon maker at Crayola admitted he was colour blind.

Word of the day: KABELSALAT (German) - tangled mess of cables. Literally translates as "cable-salad"

In the last year, the government of Ontario lost £25 million selling marijuana.

Word of the day: CONSTULT - to act stupidly together

Cats are banned on Svalbard, so the one cat on the island is registered as a fox.

Real-life coyotes are faster than real-life roadrunners.

Without question, the greatest invention in the history of mankind is beer. Oh, I grant you that the wheel was also a fine invention, but the wheel does not go nearly as well with pizza. DAVE BERRY

Due to translation errors, then-US President Jimmy Carter gave a speech in which he expressed his carnal desire for the Polish people and said that he had left the US never to return.

In Japan you can attend 'crying workshops' where you weep while watching a sad film and a handsome man wipes away your tears.

If you ever injected truth into politics you have no politics. WILL ROGERS