

Documented colours used for 16th century fabrics included; Puke, Gooseturd, Dead Spaniard, Dying Monkey, Ape's Laugh & Lustie-Gallant.

If you gaze long enough into an abyss, the abyss will gaze back into you. - FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE

In China, it is illegal to reincarnate without filling in a government Reincarnation Application form

Wisdom - a Laysan albatross, the world's oldest known breeding wild bird at at least 66 years - is expecting.

(pic of bird on egg)

In Canada, the postal system genuinely recognises the address Santa Claus, North Pole, Canada, HOH OHO.

Word of the day: HEUCHTER-TEUCHTER (Scottish) - highland music, or music from the hills.

It is illegal to make Stilton cheese in the village of Stilton.

Cornish Yarg, was invented in the 1960s by Allan and Jenny Gray. 'Yarg' is 'Gray' backwards.

When eating Casu Marzu, the famous rotten cheese of Sardinia, it's advisable to shield your eyes against jumping maggots.

'Cheese Mites' (1903), the first ever wildlife documentary, featured a piece of Stilton under a microscope, crawling with mites.

At least four Texans voted for Darth Vader for president.

Mozart sold more CDs in 2016 than Beyonce did.

When dinosaurs roamed the earth, days were only 23 hours long.

Word of the day: WALDEINSAMKEIT (German) - the feeling of being alone in the woods

"To flirt" with someone once meant to sneer at them.

Cuba has offered to pay a £221,000,000 debt entirely in rum.

Bloody Christmas, here again, let us raise a loving cup, peace on earth, goodwill to men, and make them do the washing up. – WENDY COPE

A group of cockroaches is called an intrusion.

The Latin name for turkey 'Meleagris gallopavo' translates literally as 'guinea-fowl chicken-peacock'.

Mexico has a festival where Nativity scenes are carved out of radishes; in 2014, they used 12 tons of them.

On 18 November, 1883, New York City had two noons.

In Japan, 'Auld Lang Syne' has the same tune but different lyrics and is used to usher customers out of shops at the end of the day.

'Auld Lang Syne' was the national anthem of the Maldives until 1972.

'Auld Lang Syne' only became a New Year's Eve tradition after the Royal Canadian orchestra's live broadcasts from a NYC hotel began in 1929.

'Auld lang syne' already means 'old times' sake' so never sing 'For the sake of auld long syne'. Try 'Fo-or oh-old la-ang syne' instead.

Beethoven once set the Robert Burns' song "Auld Lang Syne" to music (but not the tune we sing at New Year).

The largest dog cemetery lies in Ashkelon, Israel.

Word of the day: SOBREMESA (Spanish) – the time after finishing a meal spent relaxing and enjoying the company