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Comet stops White Horse from dancing

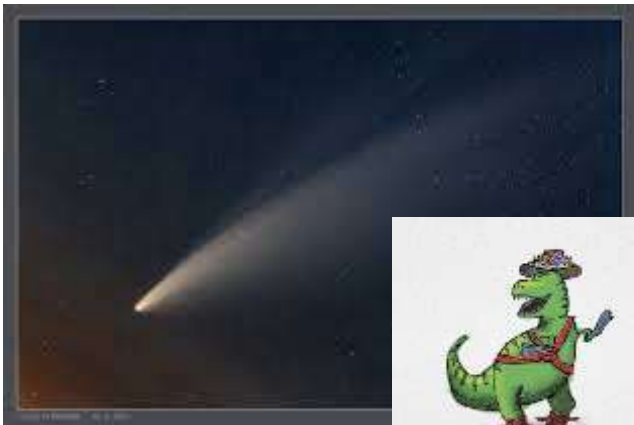
Fear of mass extinction gave White Horse Morris another reason not to dance out in public this week, much to the relief of the good people of Shrewton, as an incandescent celestial body was seen portentously gleaming in the night sky over the A303 last week. Our microbiological and cosmological correspondent Nic Jones reports on the facts. Emily Farewell is cast away on a desert island this week, but will be taking some marking with her. PP political hack Calvin D'Eales leaks shock revelations that female morris dancers are more competent than Chris Grayling.



The End of the World is Nigh!!

Over the past couple of weeks, clear skies permitting, a new “burning”* mass has been seen in the sky at night!!

Comet Neowise was only discovered in March 2020!! Yet for the majority of us we did not know it



existed until now!!

Is this another conspiracy by the government? Is this where Covid-19 really came from? Alien invaders? Biological attack by aliens? Is it really an alien space ship?!!! Did the “experts” think it was going to hit Earth! And that is why we all had to stay home?? They didn’t want us to go about our end of days plans in case it didn’t hit us?

Any way we are still here and not extinct like the dinosaurs. Here is some more info regarding the new “burning”* mass in the sky:

<https://www.skyatnightmagazine.com/advice/skills/how-to-see-comet-c-2020-f3-neowise/>

In the absence of his usual subject (Morris dancing), Tim has been forced to find other things to take photos of. For those interested in astronomy here are a couple of photos he has taken of the stars and a comet:

https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipNOzG2wq9zxXIbnOYAf3Wx_kEzvyq5XmMssWYcC9sSptYsFBKR-jMW3InJKLqA7hA?key=bDNVMGgtdjhrOTc0VEtXMU9DcUxwNDBWLXFhZmx3

Happy star gazing!

Nic

*In fact a comet isn’t burning as comets are icy, small Solar System bodies that, when passing close to the Sun, warm and begin to release gases, a process called out-gassing. This produces the characteristic tail of the comet.

On the day before this day in history

22 July is a feature film about Norway’s most deadly terrorist attack in 2011

- 1930 Sony Liston the boxer was born
- 1812 The Duke of Wellington defeated the French at Battle of Salamanca in Spain
- 1859 Underarm slow right arm bowler V E Walker takes 10-74 in 1st innings for an All-England Cricket XI v Surrey CCC at The Oval in London
- 1865 Underarm slow right arm bowler V E Walker takes 10-104 in an innings for Middlesex v Lancashire in a county cricket match at Old Trafford, Manchester
- 1918 Lightning kills 504 sheep in Utah's Wasatch National Park
- 2012 99th Tour de France won by Bradley Wiggins of Great Britain

Emily Farewell is our castaway this week

Music tracks:

Jon Hopkins - *Everything Connected*

Submotion Orchestra - *Awakening*

Danish String Quartet - *Five Sheep, Four Goats*

Don Ross- *Berkeley Springs*

Mumford and Sons- *Awake my Soul*

Max Richter - *Recomposed Vivaldi Four Seasons*



Food: Cheddar cheese

Book: *Dune* by Frank Herbert

Luxury item: My fiddle

Morris dance I'd miss the most: Valentine's

That was tricky choosing only 6 tracks. 6 albums might have been easier...maybe not! I've really enjoyed reading PP.

Thanks, Emily

Mike Perry goes rambling

In the last few days I have had chance encounters with members of WHM, but who were they?

The first was on Scratchbury Hill on Salisbury Plain. The words are from "The Rout of the Blues" which was made famous by Robin and Barry Dransfield in 1970:

As I crossed over Salisbury Plain
Such a dainty fine sight I behold
The lass H..... was crying and tearing her hair
For the rout has just come for the Blues*
For the rout has just come for the Blues*

*Blues here refers to Tories

The second was in a well-known supermarket in Warminster. This verse is from the song "King Henry" by Steeleye Span from 1972:

Some meat, some meet you King T.....,
Some meat you give to me!
Go kill your horse you King T.....

Tell us about your chance encounters

Contributions for the 19th edition of Prancing Peony to Mike "Reuters" Perry by Monday 27 July, please.

World Leaders' responses to Coronavirus

Our political correspondent, Calvin D'Eales (VIR/Ohm), has been allowed access to the politically delayed report on the global handling of the Covid19 pandemic. The startling analysis has discovered a direct link between action and inaction showing that female Morris dancers were more able to deal with the crisis than their male counterparts.

The editorial board of the award winning scientific and cultural journal *The Prancing Pony* welcome comments from its readership and these should be sent to Mike (Reuters) Perry by Monday 27th July for publication in the 19th edition.

The countries most affected by the coronavirus are the USA, Brazil, Russia, Spain, the United Kingdom, Italy, and France. India



Here are the images of their leaders.

The countries that are recognized as having managed the crisis best are Germany, Taiwan, New Zealand, Iceland, Finland, Norway, and Denmark.



👍 My dear Friend. Now , you know why you have to listen to your wife 😊

Watch this space.
Next week it could contain something erudite, witty or neither, written by you!