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## Scunthorpe & Grimsby Advanced Motorists

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Length: 2.1mi
Car Days: Yes
Bike Days: Yes
County: Yorkshire
Postcode: DL2 2PL
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Name: Blyton Park
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Bike Days: Yes
County: Lincolnshire
Post Code: DN21 3PE
Car – 21st August 2023
Bike – 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023

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#### SOCIAL MEETINGS

The following are dates for our 2023 Social Meetings: Redbourne Club, Scunthorpe

February 22<sup>nd</sup> - Speaker - Tim Stanley April 26<sup>th</sup> June 28<sup>th</sup> August 23rd October 25th.

#### **NEXT ISSUE**

**March 2023** 

If you have any articles, photographs or anything you feel may be of interest for the March edition, please feel free to email me at publicity@scunthorpegrimsbyadvancedmotorists.org

> no later than 15th March please.

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#### **Committee Meeting Dates for 2023 are:**

8<sup>th</sup> February, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 12<sup>th</sup> April, 10<sup>th</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 9<sup>th</sup> August, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 8<sup>th</sup> November, 13<sup>th</sup> December PLEASE NOTE: Meetings are to be held via Zoom until further notice.

Observer Team Meeting – 7th February 2023 via Zoom

#### Our MDU is out on the following dates in 2023:

25<sup>th</sup> February 22<sup>nd</sup> April 17<sup>th</sup> June 12<sup>th</sup> August 7<sup>th</sup> October

We will warmly welcome nominations for anyone who would like to join our committee

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#### Hello and welcome.....

I can't believe it's February already. January has flown by and I bet the rest of the year will be the same. This months edition includes a great recipe for a Nutella Swirl Loaf Cake and I'm sure you will enjoy reading about the Renault Captur in the Caught My Eye series. I chose this car for the February edition as we have just bought one and I thought it a good opportunity to see what Top Gear think of it as a crossover. Fingers crossed they will give it a good mark but we'll have to wait and see.

Don't forget we have our first **Social Night of 2023 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.30 for an 8pm start**. Tim Stanley will be talking about initial actions at Road Traffic Collisions, i.e. what first aid/emergency kit people should carry and the positioning of vehicles which is an important point. A little later on, he will be talking about the IAM test. Tim has said if anyone has a question related to any of these, he is more that willing to answer any questions. Please email Terry with them who will then forward them onto Tim giving him time to do a little research if necessary, and then give the best possible answer on the night. Terry's email can be found in the contacts page.

Please read the message from our Chairman below and let's see just how many of us can remember the IAM motto!

#### Message from our Chairman - Terry Heath

Greetings again folks, here we are still plodding on and it's already February and always thinking about Advanced driving. Whatever age, it's no bad thing to keep learning and improving our knowledge base and indeed our skill set. One thing that so many people never give a thought to is Brake lights! How many times have we sat in a traffic jam with our foot on the brakes? They actually dazzle you if you're sat for a while and especially if it's dark or raining. It can soon be headache time! At this stage your probably thinking well that's just your opinion! Well actually it's no. If you look at the current HWC page 44 it proves it's not just a suggestion it is "law". This is explained in rule 114, the relevant law is RVLR Reg 27.

So next time you're sat in a queue and the driver in front has his or her brake lights on in front of you just think, have you got your foot on your brake too? The way I see this sort of thing is we, as advanced drivers, should always strive to be as good as we can. So let's keep that sense of pride in our driving and remember the IAM's original motto!! Can you remember it?



#### **Chairman's Chatter**

Hello again folks it time to give you my monthly update again.

We are still plodding on nicely, but at the moment we are currently trying to make sure the Grimsby side of things is not just kept afloat, but we want it to start really picking up a bit of pace, so that we can keep it as a good training hub for the area. The Scunny side of things is ticking over quite nicely. We are trying to get some good locations to take the MDU out on a recruiting exercise, but it's proving a bit difficult, not that that will stop us.

At the moment we only have a couple of observers in the Grimsby area, but Paul Cassell our Chief observer and myself will if necessary help out with candidates to get them ready for test. So I think we have all bases covered, fingers crossed though.

On the social side we have local examiner Tim Stanley as our first speaker of the year in February and one or two other irons in the fire. As always though, we are open to new ideas, so if you have any, please get in touch..

Kind regards

Terry Heath.

Chairman S A G A M

#### **Observer Team News February 2023.**

Hello to all SAGAM Group members and welcome to our February update.

As usual, our Team and associates are making progress, each at whatever pace they need, to get their coveted pass certificate. We have no tests to report this month, although we have seven associates including one new in the Grimsby area, who are all at differing stages and all working hard.

We have some observers without associates at the moment, so eyes and ears on the lookout for new members please !!!!.

Regarding our attempts to find a site for a driver assessment day in the Grimsby area, emails have been sent to organisations who have potential car parks etc, that we could use.

Changes are afoot for the Observer teams including ours. All Observers are to become National Observers and the Local and Local Observer Assessor titles will no longer exist. Those of us not already National Observers will be offered extra training to achieve the new status. Webinars have been held with Chief Observers already, with more information due early February.

Our next Observer Team meeting is arranged for Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30 pm and will include the National Observer restructure within our agenda.

As usual, if you need any advice on driving issues or you want to share any information with the team just get in touch using contacts within the newsletter, we will be pleased to hear from you.

Meanwhile, Best Wishes to all SAGAM members....Safe driving.....

On behalf of The Observer Team.

Paul Cassell,

Chief Observer.

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## Now this laughter IS the very best medicine!.....thanks I an W!....





"Folks, the main reason you're not getting a good picture is because you bought yourselves a microwave oven."

Two older men were pushing their shopping trolleys around Tesco when they collided.

The first chap says to the second chap "Sorry about that. I'm looking for my wife and I guess I wasn't paying attention to where I was going"

The second chap says "That's ok. It's a coincidence that I'm looking for my wife too. I can't find her and I'm getting a little desperate"

The first chap says "Well, maybe we can help each other. What does your wife look like?"

The second older chap says "Well, she's 27 years old, tall, brunette, blue eyes, long legs, big busted and is wearing a tight bright green dress with a red scarf. What does your wife look like?"

The first older chap says "Doesn't matter, let's look for yours"







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#### Mmmmmmm....Have you been Scrummy'd yet?

#### Did You Know – There are glass walkways inside London Bridge?...

Designed by architect Sir John Horace and civil engineer Sir John Wolfe Barry, building work on the Bridge started in 1866 and by 1892 the first walkways were approaching completion. They provided a platform for pedestrians to cross the Bridge during Bridge lifts when the Bascules were raised. They also housed the

suspension cable that supports the full length of Tower Bridge. An exceptional piece of engineering, the cantilevered steel beams extend across the gap between the two towers. A cantilever is a rigid structural element that extends horizontally and is supported at only one end — which you can see in this archive photo of the Bridge during construction, where the walkways are being build out from either side to meet in the middle, without scaffolding.

The walkways were closed to the public in 1910 due to the lack of use but reopened in 1982 as part of a visitor attraction.



The glass floors were installed in 2014 and are permanent features which offer visitors an incredible birds-



eye view of London life. Look down to spy those famous red London buses and pedestrians whizzing over the Bridge while river vessels sail under it. There is also the mirrored ceiling to help you get the best selfie! The glass floors measure 11.5 m long and 1.8 m wide, are situated 42m above the river Thames and 33.5 m above road level. Each one comprises of six panels each weighing 530 kilograms each and each one is 70mm thick. Installed in 2014, the floor in the West Walkway opened to the public on 10th November whilst the one in the East Walkway was unveiled on December 1st. It took six weeks for each of the glass floors

to be installed by a team of 20 workers. Each floor is made up of five layers with the top layer (also called



the sacrificial layer) is replaced on a regular basis to ensure visitors get the best views and can support up to four London black cabs or six elephants! There are some dark spots on the top layer which provide a non-slip surface and also make it easier to see through.

The West walkway offers stunning views of the Shard, St. Pauls Cathedral, The Monument, London itself and on a clear day, Wembley. The East walkway

showcases the Docklands, Canary Warf and Greenwich. If you're lucky enough, you can see ships passing underneath your feet or even the bridge lifting. They even have small camera windows to enable you to capture the very best shots and they can even be hired for dinner parties, events or for filming. Taken from Walkways | Tower Bridge



## **IAM RoadSmart Shop**









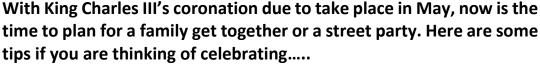














How do you celebrate an event that Britain hasn't seen since 1953? Connecting with your neighbours is a great place to start! As part of a weekend of celebrations between Saturday 6th and Monday 8th May, His Majesty the King has invited communities to come together for a Coronation Big Lunch. This can range from a small gathering to a full-on street party. It is the perfect way to bring you and your neighbours together. Whilst we recommend starting your planning three months

in advance, organising a Big Lunch can be more straightforward than you think. Getting started.\*Order a Coronation Big Lunch pack: Free resources will be made available online by the Eden Project's Big Lunch team at The Big Lunch | Eden Project Communities There you can sign up for your free pack, which will be released in mid-February. It will include editable invitations, posters, recipes, and activity ideas. \*Pick a date: Sunday 7th May will be the most popular date, but you could consider Neighbourhood Watch Week which is 3rd - 9th June, during the Month of Community. \*Talk to your neighbours: Try to speak to all the households on your street – that way nobody feels left out! \*Invites: It is always a good idea to pop an invite or 'Save the Date' through each letterbox. \*Apply for a road closure: If you plan on closing the road, you will have to apply early - see your council's website for more information. Planning \*Share the work: One or preferably two months before your event, ask your neighbours for help sourcing tables, chairs, and decorations. \*Food: You could ask odd house numbers to bring something savoury and evens could bring something sweet! \*Games: Plan activities for all ages – these could involve a street quiz for grown-ups or a treasure hunt for children. \*Signage: If you plan on closing the road for your celebration, you will need to source road signage. Some councils may lend signs to you and some will tell you where you can hire them. \*Decorations: Plan how your street will be decorated. Visit <u>Decorations | Eden Project Communities</u> The Eden Project has some great ideas! \*Rain: Of course, be prepared for rain! For ideas, Visit: Weather-proofing your Big Lunch! | Eden Project Communities. Taken from Community February Newsletter

They do say that chocolate is the food of love, so why not have a go at making this scrumptious loaf cake for <u>your</u> valentine?

## A little bit of what you fancy - Nutella swirl loaf cake (with hazelnuts) Ingredients

- 4 Eggs
- 8 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> oz Nutella
- 1 tsp Baking powder
- 2 cups Plain flour
- 1 cup Sugar
- 2 tsp Vanilla essence
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cup Hazelnuts, whole
- 8 oz Butter



**Taken from Scrummy Lane** 

STEP 1: Cream the butter and sugar together until light and fluffy STEP 2: Add the eggs one by one **STEP 3:** Stir through the dry ingredients Then roughly split the cake batter into three (just in the bowl – nothing fancy). Spread the first third over the bottom of the loaf tin. Then warm some Nutella for a few seconds in the microwave before pouring it over. Leave a bit of a border between the Nutella and the edge of the cake tin so that it doesn't ooze out – don't worry about getting it perfect! Cover with a second layer of cake batter, a second layer of Nutella, then a final layer of cake. Don't worry that the cake layers are thin – they'll rise up beautifully!

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Just one thing left to do before tossing the cake in the oven – press a big handful of hazelnuts into the top. They add a really complimentary c Bake on 180°c for around 30 minutes

Slice and enjoy. Savour each sweet, chocolate-hazelnut-y, super buttery mouthful.....mmmmmmmm

#### Info from



As advanced drivers, we all know the importance of adhering to the speed limits. However, many accidents are caused by speeding drivers and we must therefore encourage as many people we know, to complete an ADC to limit the amount of accidents caused through speeding as possible. Contact **Terry Heath** for more information on how to join our group.

Now read on for the scary information from the IAM. More information regarding this can be found on the IAM website under Road Safety Resources.

Road Safety Resources | IAM RoadSmart | UK Road Safety Charity

#### **Road Safety Statistics**

Road traffic trends have been affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Traffic in 2021 was 12.1% lower when compared to 2019 pre-pandemic levels. However, it saw an 11.9% increase from 2020's levels, with 297.6 billion vehicle miles (BVM) driven on UK roads.

The roads are getting busier again, and more incidents are happening each year, so keeping our roads safe is more important than ever. But, just how much have our roads changed in the past year? Check out the summary of road safety statistics on the next page.

#### **Casualties by speed limit**

Most deaths occurred on roads with 60 and 30 mph speed limits – 514 and 501 respectively – accounting for 65% of fatalities. 20mph zones only accounted for 53 deaths, followed by 50mph roads, with 115 fatalities. 30mph saw 67,715 total casualties: 291% more than the next worst at 17,311 casualties on 60mph roads – statistically the worst for road deaths.

	1-20 mph	21-30 mph	31-40 mph	41-50 mph	51-60 mph	61-70 mph	Motorway
Killed	53	501	157	115	514	115	103
KSI	2,589	12,481	2,249	1,226	4,710	852	814
KSIA	2,713	13,765	2,496	1,382	5,277	939	882
All	16,531	67,715	11,492	5,824	17,311	4,035	5,301

#### **Casualties by location**

England saw a 6.7% increase in deaths on the road in 2021. 1329 people were killed and there were over 110,000 total casualties (11% increase). Scotland had the same number of deaths as in 2020 (143) and only a 2% increase in the overall casualties. Wales had the biggest increase with 21.1% more deaths on the road and an 18% increase in casualties.

Looking at England, the Southeast had the most road deaths with 235, followed by the Northwest with 190. However, London saw the greatest number of overall casualties with 26,698. The Northeast had the lowest number of fatalities with 51, and 3921 total casualties; 85% less than London. View the full breakdown by region below:

	Killed	KSI	KSIA	All
England	1,329	22,145	24,327	118,740
Scotland	86	1,760	1,760	5,106
Wales	143	1,016	1,363	4,363

	Killed	KSI	KSIA	All
East Midlands	153	1,838	2,518	9,469
East of England	164	2,551	2,551	12,445
London	75	3,580	3,581	26,698
Northeast	51	876	935	3,921
Northwest	190	2,814	3,153	12,952
Southeast	235	4,017	4,584	19,847
Southwest	168	1,921	2,291	11,019
West Midlands	133	1,902	1,903	10,593
Yorkshire and the Humber	160	2,646	2,813	11,796

As we can see from the table above. Yorkshire and the Humber are 5<sup>th</sup> from the top and also 5<sup>th</sup> from the bottom. With the average working out at 136.5, this clearly needs to be improved so we have less casualties throughout.

Key; K = Killed; KSI = Killed or seriously injured; KSIA = Killed or seriously injured (adjusted)
Taken from IAM Resources Page



#### WHAT IS IT LIKE TO DRIVE?

The Captur drives as well as it needs to. The steering's extremely well-judged – not overly fast, nor twirlylight – and even on broken roads, it keeps its composure. Plus, thanks to the stiffer body structure this time



around, the ride's less tinny - you don't feel bumps ricocheting around the cabin. It's a comfortable car, with less of the body control sacrifice for sitting up taller than you find in rivals like the Kia Stonic or Skoda Kamig.

The petrol options are made up of a 1.0-litre 3cyl with 90bhp and a 1.3-litre 4cyl with 140bhp. The latter is familiar from Nissans and lower-rung Mercedes and it's broadly a refined thing, only getting strained if asked to rev out beyond 4,000rpm. Is that the Captur's comfort zone? Nope. Is it any

crossover's happy place? Of course not.

The engine is willing and smooth enough, road noise is very pleasingly suppressed, and the manual gearshift is lightweight and fairly positive. The automatic seven-speed DCT behaves like a house cat: it's perfectly reasonable unless it's startled, then it hisses and gnashes and has a strop.

All in all, as either the petrol or hybrid, the Captur drives like a considerably more mature car than its predecessor, and one that's actually composed enough to give supposedly premium competitors like the Audi Q2 or VW T-Cross a run for their money.

The main niggle from a 'what's it like at going along a road' standpoint is wind noise. This is not a particularly bluff-fronted car, but the door mirrors churn out a heck of a din when your speed crests 70mph. Not many Capturs will be bullying their way down the outside lane, we grant you, but add in a headwind and it's a case of cranking up the radio to drown out the rustle. Now, that'll involve operating the infotainment...

#### WHAT IS IT LIKE ON THE INSIDE?

Look away now if you're the proud owner of a Mk1 Captur. This cabin knocks the old car's into a cocked hat. Let's start with the seats: they're superb. Volvo-esque in design, high-quality in fabric and supremely comfortable. The own goal is the adjustment lever on the non-electric versions isn't really operable by anyone who can't fit their hand into a Pringles tube, which rules out most adults.

The car in the pictures has the 9.3-inch infotainment touchscreen, found on higher level S Edition and R.S. Line trims. Most Capturs will rock a 7.0-inch version of the same interface. The cabin centrepiece stands tall and proud, angled



slightly towards the driver. It looks fab, but the navigation renders jerkily, like an early arcade game map, so



in those crucial 'which exit do I need' moments, the nav is liable to infuriating hesitations. You'll be using CarPlay or Android Auto anyway, we'd wager. The menus and shortcut keys aren't particularly logical, and while Renault has sidestepped Peugeot-Citroen's usual faux-pas of hiding heater controls in the touchscreen, everything else is indeed buried in the wannabe iPad, and it's not on pace with what Korean or German rivals offer. Pretty graphics are all very well, but a much faster processor

and a rationalised layout is needed. Like we say, at least there's CarPlay to override it all.

#### AND WHAT OF 'MATERIALS'?

The general material quality has skyrocketed. The lower plastics are hard, predictably, but there's curious soft-touch squidge fronting the dash that, if we're being unkind, feels a tad 'retirement home liquid-repellent chair' but looks way more visually pleasing than the austere Germans are lining their cabins with in this class. The steering wheel and gear lever feel more substantial in the hands.

Satisfied with how it feels well-screwed together, you'll explore the storage on offer. Renault's very pleased with the 27 litres of stowage in the cabin – the best in class, it trumpets. And indeed, the door bins are decent, and if you have the automatic version, the 'floating' centre console opens up more space where the gear linkage doesn't have to go.

The catch is the glovebox. On the left-hand drive Capturs, there's an enormous drawer of storage. Truly, it's like a filing cabinet, big enough not just for gloves but for Sir Ranulph Fiennes' winter wardrobe. The usual French right-hand drive conversion sloppiness strikes, though. For Brits, the glovebox is smaller, because Renault has put a fuse box in the way.



#### IS THERE ENOUGH ROOM ELSEWHERE?

Whichever side the steering wheel is on, you'll not be short of space, save for up front where the shape of the transmission tunnel seems to invade legroom just a tad – the footwells seem narrow to the lanky. In the back, there's enough room for adults. But there should be, as the new Captur is 19mm wider, 11mm longer



and 17mm taller than before. This mission creep is great for brochure boasts like an extra 15mm of elbow room between the front seats, but the constant swell of even small cars isn't making lives in our congested towns any easier. This isn't a hatchet-job on Renault — the whole industry is guilty. Oh, and one additional word of warning — while the petrol cars have up to 422 litres of seats-up luggage capacity, the PHEV has to make do with 379 litres, due to its battery (which also means it tips the scales at 1,564kg, making it almost 400kg heavier than the

lightest petrol). Fortunately, the rear bench slides forwards and back to help maximise the room on offer. Handy if you're buying this for one or two people to use and the back seats won't always be occupied.

#### WHAT SHOULD I BE PAYING?

Such is the car industry, the Captur's model range is ever changing. As it stands in autumn 2021, the range opens up with the £20,000 SE Edition, with both pure petrol engines available but neither of the hybrids. Impressively, it gets all-LED lights front and rear, Android Auto/Apple CarPlay (so you can dodge the flaws of the not-so-EasyLink touchscreen), it'll keep you in your lane, tell you off if you drift out of it, and read road signs as you romp along. There's also cruise control and rear parking sensors plus alloy wheels. All versions come with a black roof. Your only standard, no-cost colour is the dark Boston Blue. If you fancy the jazzy Irn Bru orange or kola cube red hues (our names, not theirs) then they're a £700 extra.

A few hundred quid up from the SE Edition, you unlock the mid-spec Iconic. This is where Renault thinks most buyers will alight. It adds automatic air con, tinted windows and a different alloy wheel design, while opening up the chance to buy the regular, 145bhp hybrid, prices for which start at £24,500.

Top of the tree is either S Edition or faux-sporty R.S. Line, which add the bigger but not better touchscreen, a pleasingly sharp 7-inch digital instrument display, front parking sensors and a back-up camera, plus leatherette trim. The whole engine range is available here, with the plug-in hybrid kicking off at a whisker over £31.000.

#### **SPECS**

Length 4,227mm; Width (including mirrors) 2,003mm; Height 1,576mm; Height (including roof rails) 1,585mm; Seats 5; Doors 5; Luggage Capacity (Seats Up) 404l; Gross Vehicle Weight 1,751kg; Wheelbase 2,639mm; Minimum Kerb weight 1,316kg; Max. Towing Weight – Braked 1,200kg; Max. Towing Weight – Unbraked 630kg; Max. Loading Weight 435kg; Tyre Size Rear 806;

#### **ENGINE**

Top Speed 104Mph; 0–62 14s; Fuel Delivery Turbo; Fuel type Petrol; Transmission Manual; Engine Capacity 999cc; Engine Power – BHP 91bhp; Engine Power – KW 67kW; Engine Torque – NM 160Nm;

Engine Torque - LB·FT 118lb·ft; Cylinders 3; Cylinders – Stroke 81.3mm; Number of Valves 12; Drive Train Front Wheel Drive; Catalytic Convertor NO; Turning Circle - Kerb to Kerb 11.1 m;

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#### **Dates in February 2023**

**World Nutella Day** 

#### 5th Feb 2023

A day dedicated to enjoyment of this most popular of chocolate and hazlenut spreads. Originally started as a joke by Nutella enthusiast Sara Rosso, the day is now officially organised by the manufacturer Ferrero.

#### Children's Mental Health Week

#### 6th Feb to 12th Feb 2023

Shines a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health, raises awareness and campaigns for all children to have access to mental health support.

#### Website

#### **Charles Dickens Day**

#### 7th Feb 2023

This day celebrates one of Britain's greatest writers on his birthday. It is a day to enjoy Dicken's work as a novelist who brought social realism to the fore as his books reflected the real life of the poor in Victorian England.

#### **Safer Internet Day**

#### 7th Feb 2023

A day to help raise awareness of online safety issues in your home, school, workplace or community, not just on Safer Internet Day but all year round.

#### **More About Safer Internet Day**

#### International Day of Women & Girls in Science

#### 11th Feb 2023

A UN Day to encourage women and girls to fully participate in science, and strive for equality of opportunity in the sciences.

#### Website

#### **Darwin Day**

#### 12th Feb 2023

A celebration of scientist Charles Darwin, author of The Origin of Species.

The day is used to highlight Darwin's contributions to science and to promote science in general.

#### What is Darwin Day All About?

#### **February Half Term Holiday**

#### 13th Feb to 17th Feb 2023

Schools break up for a week in the UK for half term, but check with your school for individual date variations of this school holiday.

#### - Things To Do In February Half Term

#### **World Radio Day**

#### 13th Feb 2023

A day to celebrate and appreciate the medium of radio. Radio is a powerful medium for celebrating humanity in all its diversity and constitutes a platform for democratic discourse.

#### Website

#### St. Valentine's Day

#### 14th Feb 2023

The annual celebration of love is the day when we take the opportunity to tell the people we love just how much they mean to us. Traditionally one should send a card and a gift such as chocolates or flowers to the one that you love. Try the Nutella Chocolate Swirl Cake on page 9.

#### **Random Acts of Kindness Day**

#### 17th Feb 2023

Spend the day doing random acts of kindness. The holiday was started by the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation, which was founded in 1995.

#### Website

#### Pancake Day

#### 21st Feb 2023

Pancake Day or Shrove Tuesday is the day before Lent begins, when people would traditionally use up all their fat and eggs by making pancakes.

#### **All About Pancake Day**

#### **Fairtrade Fortnight**

#### 27th Feb to 12th Mar 2023

Fairtrade farmers, workers and campaigners up and down the country highlight the difference fair trade can make to lives and communities.

#### Website

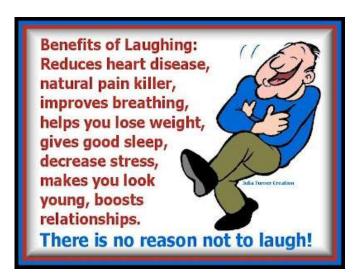
#### **International Polar Bear Day**

#### 27th Feb 2023

Every year, this global event draws attention to the challenges polar bears face in a warming Arctic and how each of us can help.

Website

## Laughter is very much the best medicine.....thanks for the plaster one Sue H!















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What am I? I am higher without a head but smaller with it Last Months' Answer - Stars

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