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Welcome to the last weekly IT Club Lockdown Newsheet!

The first edition was produced on 31 March which is 3 months ago and much has happened since, not all of it good! However the situation is looking more promising, the lockdown is easing and news about Covid-19 gets a bit more positive.

In view of the improvements, from 28 July there will be a monthly newsletter produced on the last Tuesday of the month which was traditionally the day we held our IT Club meetings in the Old Town Hall. Hopefully we will restart the meetings sometime in the future, when it is safe to do so.

In the meantime, stay safe and enjoy the summer!

There is quite a lot of information here, if you want more detail on anything, just let me know at steven.p.dow@me.com.

We have requests to send this newsheet to other people so you can either send their email address to me or you can simply email them this pdf.

Information

Our website is here : <https://ageconcernepsom.org.uk>

The coronavirus update is here: <https://ageconcernepsom.org.uk/coronavirus-update/>

If you have IT problems you can still get telephone help by ringing our office on **01372 732456** between the hours of 9.30 – 1.00, Monday to Friday. An IT volunteer will then ring you back and hopefully solve your problem.

<https://ageconcernepsom.org.uk/coronavirus-update/>

Useful Links

Government advice: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Age UK: <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/coronavirus/>

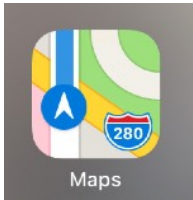
The NHS has lots of information: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

111 phone line website: <https://111.nhs.uk>

Livi information: <https://www.livi.co.uk>

Maps

Apple Maps



Last week we looked at Google Street View which enables you to “walk” along streets anywhere in the world.

Apple Maps which is on all iPads and iPhones (but not on Android tablets unfortunately) also has a trick which is worth looking at.

Open Apple Maps and it should display your local area.

Touch the *i* in the top right corner.

Select Satellite view and then close the pane by touching the *x* at top right.

You should now have a satellite view and at top right 3D should be displayed. Touch it to change to 2D.

Now, if you live in Epsom and Ewell area you will have a 3D picture.

Use 2 fingers together on the screen to move around and rotate the picture. Open your fingers to zoom in. It takes a bit of getting used to. Try flying around your house!

Central London is well worth flying around.



Find My Past

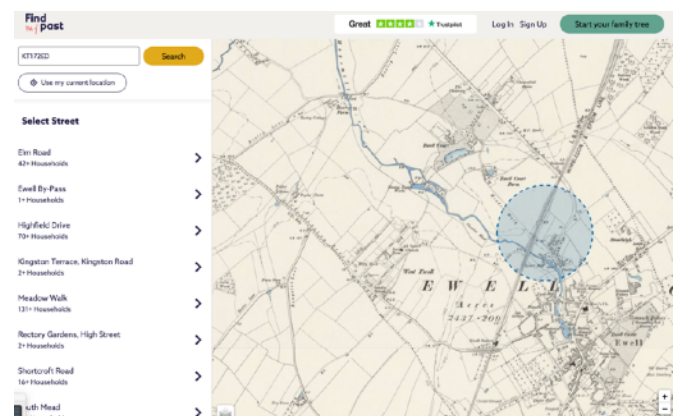
Find My past is a commercial family history website. Although they would like you to sign up and pay a subscription, it does have some interesting free features, and here is one:

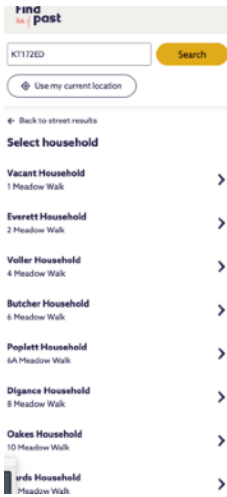
To see a map of your local area in 1939 or 1888 and, maybe, see who lived in your house click here:

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/maps/>

Click on “use my current location” (assuming you are at home, of course!) or enter your postcode.

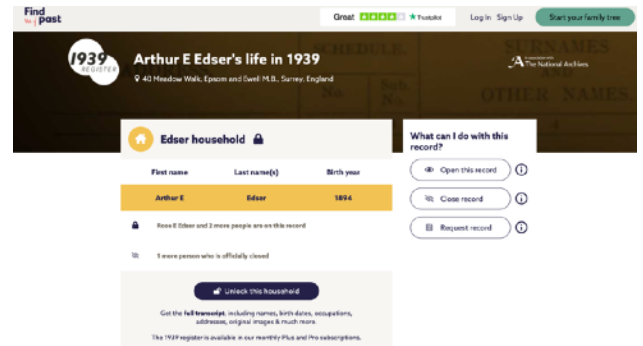
Select the map you require - Current, 1939 or 1888. This map shows Ewell in 1888.





Select your road and then you should be able to find your house (if it was built before 1939). Select your house you will see who lived in it in 1939.

If you would like to see more information then you have to sign up and pay Find My Past!



Virtual Art Galleries

Travelling is difficult and unwise at the moment and will continue to be for some time yet, so why not visit an art gallery or museum on your tablet or computer?

National Gallery.

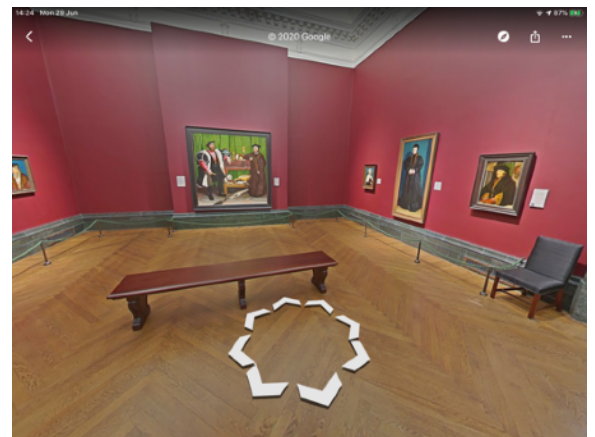
Google Street View extends into the National Gallery so you can walk around an empty gallery and view the wonderful paintings in fine detail.

To walk around do the following:

Open Google Maps and in search box type in "National Gallery".

For tablets: At the bottom left there will be a little photo of the interior. Tap that, and you will be inside the gallery! Use the white arrows to move around.

For Computers: drag and drop the little yellow man onto the gallery. Move around using your mouse.



Here is the National Gallery website : <https://www.nga.gov>

National Portrait Gallery

National Portrait Gallery does not have a Street View facility but it has created a virtual exhibition of the BP portrait prize:

<https://www.npg.org.uk/whatson/bp-portrait-award-2020/virtual-exhibition>

Click on, or touch the white circles to move around.

Tap on a painting to get more information.

It works very well, and you don't have to travel all the way there!

Virtual exhibition

To see the virtual exhibition full screen right click (PC) or CTRL + click (MAC) the interactive below and select 'Enter fullscreen'



There are also more tours available, although not so interactive. Here is the gallery's website: <https://www.npg.org.uk>

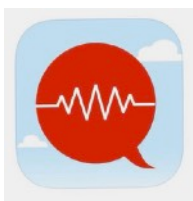
Victoria and Albert Museum

The V&A does not seem to have the interactive facilities but the website does have a lot in it. It is here: <https://www.vam.ac.uk>

More galleries and museums next month.

Apps

Chirpomatic update



Chirpomatic will record bird song, analyse it and identify the birds. Its quite good at identification but it does have a bit of trouble distinguishing between wood pigeons and collared doves! However it easily identifies ring necked parakeets!

I was in the garden recently when the birds were being particularly noisy so I recorded them using Chirpomatic. After a few seconds it had analysed the cacophony and identified the noise as a "blue tit's alarm call" and sure enough there were blue tits in the trees warily watching our cat and presumably warning other birds in the area.

Q&A

One of our group had a question:

I have an iPhone, if I put something in the bin why is it retained in "Everything"?

When I looked on my iPhone I found that I do not have an Everything folder! My email providers are Apple and NtlWorld and neither provide such a folder. I understand you are using Gmail and I assume the Everything folder has all your emails in it, including deleted, moved to other folders etc. It may be useful if you are searching for a lost email.

Does anyone else have an Everything email folder and can shed any light on it?

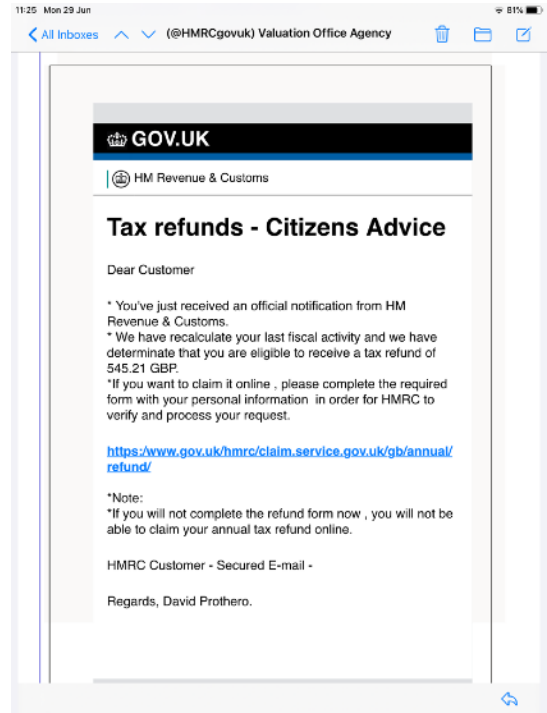
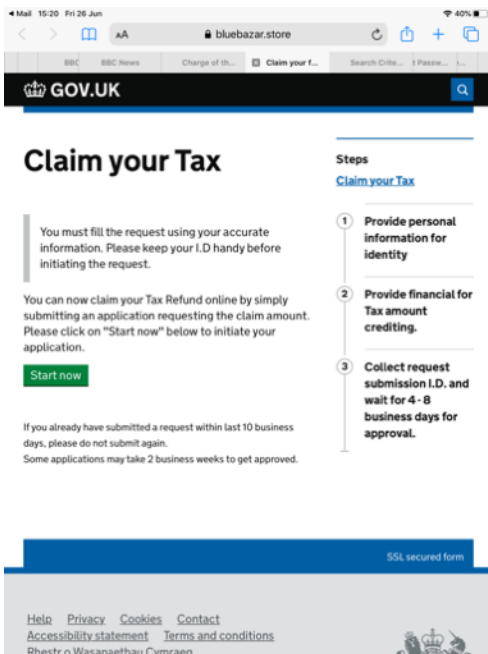
A point worth making is that in folders where emails appear to be duplicated (eg Flagged, Unread) they will not be duplicated physically, which would take up space. On your phone there will be just one copy of the email and, with software trickery, it can appear in multiple places. So no need to worry about space!

Scams

One of our group has just received an email purporting to come from HM Revenue and Customs, which she forwarded to me.

Things to look at: the email address is not a government address. A legitimate address will have gov.uk in it.

The spelling and grammar is atrocious!
There is time factor - *do it now!*



As ever, they want you to click on the link, so in the interests of research, I did!

Look at the website address, bluebazar.store, which has nothing to do with tax!

A few days later I went further and clicked on Start Now and got this:

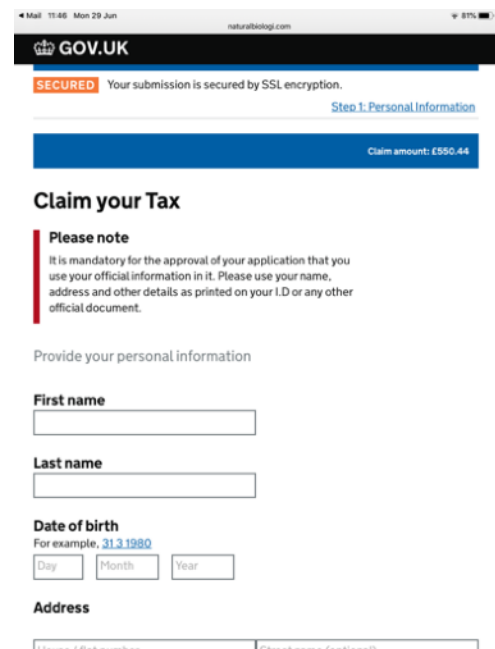
Suspiciously the website has changed to Naturalbiologi and so has the amount "owing"!

This is where they "harvest" your data. They even asked for Mother's maiden name. Next page undoubtedly would be financial details.

At this point I stopped!

This is a very useful website:

<https://www.gov.uk/report-suspicious-emails-websites-phishing/report-hmrc-phishing-emails-texts-and-phone-call-scams>



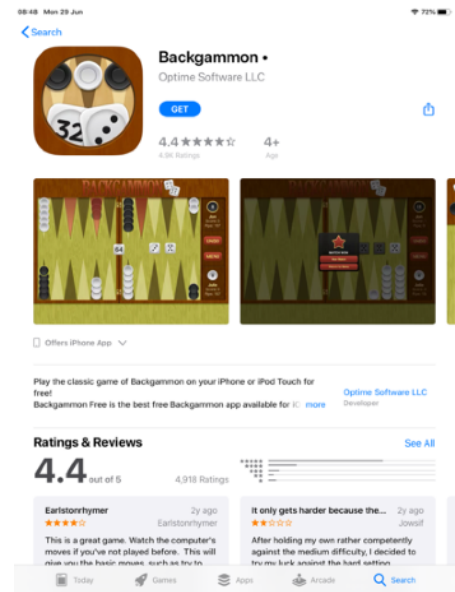
Games of the week

Backgammon

For those of you who play Backgammon, or would like to learn, here is a free game from the App Store (available for Android tablets in Google Play Store). It has a good 4.4 rating by 4900 reviewers.

You play on your own against the computer or against another player. Settings can be easy, medium or hard.

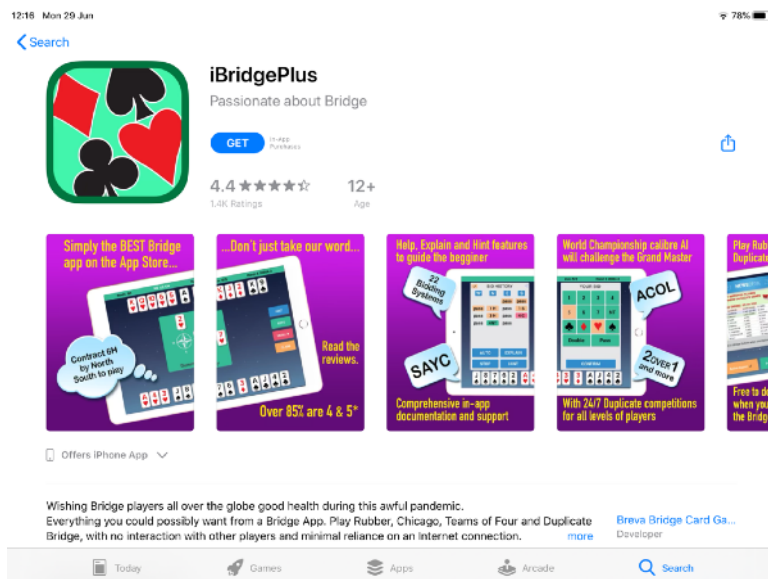
There are full instructions if you have not played before.



Bridge

For those of you who play bridge (and I know there are a few), keep your hand in by playing against the computer.

iBridgePlus has good ratings and seems to be well liked. Available in the App store and Google Play Store.



Puzzling picture

The squirrel car thieves have returned to Epsom!



Finally

If you see this car ring the police
It's stolen.



If you have any ideas, comments, suggestions please email them to me at steven.p.dow@me.com

See you next month!