



Colin's Blog 11.5.2018

Well I remember, in my boyish days,
How deep the feeling, when my eye looked
forth
On Nature, in her loveliness, and storms.
How my heart gladdened, as the light of spring
Came from the sun, with zephyrs, and with
showers,
Waking the earth to beauty, and the woods
To music, and the atmosphere to blow,
Sweetly and calmly, with its breath of balm.
~James G. Percival, "Poetry," c.1822

I am sitting at home, looking out onto my garden, which is currently doused in sunshine, a pleasant change from being doused in rain!

Last weekend, my wife and I, enjoyed a wonderful weekend away in Kent, where we visited Chatham Dockyard and the 'Call the midwife tour,' and used the wonderful vouchers, which I received from colleagues in Essex Police, when I retired for the third time in May 2017, to visit the Spa Valley Railway, and enjoy an afternoon tea at a hotel in Tunbridge Wells!

Although, this is not local to us here in Essex, it is something that is so unbelievably horrific, that I feel the need to highlight it here: -

Sick Thugs attack foal with ACID leaving her unable to open an eye before dumping her in a yard

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The foal was left unable to open an eye after being attacked with acid and dumped in a yard. Affectionately named 'Cinders' by her rescuers after her nightmare ordeal, sustained injuries that left her skin blistered.

Thought to be around eight-months-old, she was discovered in a terrible condition in Chesterfield, Derbyshire, by a member of the public on Tuesday, and she was brought to the Rainbow Equine Hospital, in Old Malton, North Yorkshire, by RSPCA inspectors where she is recovering from the attack. The foal was left unable to open an eye after being attacked with acid and dumped in a yard

Vet Dave Rendle said: 'We are confident it was a chemical attack - acid would seem the most likely based on other recent reports.'

'We believe the horse was deliberately dumped after its injuries had been inflicted.

'It was dumped at a private yard, so we assume whoever dumped it was hoping it would be found and receive treatment.

'But for whatever reason, they weren't prepared to organise this treatment themselves.

'She was very weak, stressed, thin and dirty when she arrived at the hospital but had coped extremely well here.'

The horse, affectionately named 'Cinders' by her rescuers after her nightmare ordeal, sustained injuries that left her skin blistered

The filly was riddled with parasites, but with some care and attention from staff at the hospital, they believe she will make a full recovery.

The suspected chemical attack comes after the RSPCA said that horses were regularly being fly-tipped and left to die by irresponsible owners.

Dr Rendle added: 'We hope she will make a full recovery and find a nice private home where she will be cared for.'

'It is likely that she will be left with permanent scarring, but this will hopefully not impact on her quality of life. We are concerned about long-standing damage to her eyes and neuropathic pain. Time will tell.'

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Staff at the hospital have now set up a **JustGiving page** in the hopes of raising money for Cinders' treatment.

On the site, they posted: 'The team at Rainbow Equine Hospital treated her with pain relief and antibiotics last night and this morning her face was cleaned and the areas of dead skin carefully removed to reduce the risk of infection.'

'She was anaemic due to the ongoing blood loss and a heavy burden of skin of intestinal parasites.'

'A blood transfusion was given to increase levels of blood cells and proteins that are vital for healing.'

'Once the treatment had started, she started to eat and become much brighter stronger.'

Crowdfunding to help fund the medication and intensive nursing required to treat 'Cinders' the burns pony and other abandonment cases treated at REH on JustGiving: -

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rainbow-equine-hospital?ref=pageredirect>

I do not understand how anyone can do this to an innocent animal, anymore than I can understand the sick mentality of anyone who can do this to a fellow human being. Last week, I highlighted the fate of 1.5 million bees that were burnt to death, ***what on earth is going on?***

There is so much sadness, anguish and hurt, through conflict, cruelty, and the inhuman actions, of so many so called, fellow human beings, who seem to have lost the true value and meaning of life.

We all know that teaching basic values, manners and behaviour, should stem from home, and be instilled into infants through their development in childhood, into adulthood. Schools play their part, but, ultimately it is the responsibility of parents or guardians to both lay, then build on the foundations. Unfortunately, due to many family circumstances, we all know that this is easier said than done.

In our modern materialistic world, many values have changed, or gone by the wayside even the basic **Please** and **Thank You**, are lacking as part of many peoples' vocabulary. Constant use of abbreviations, has escalated, through the art of texting, which, if we are not careful, will continue to have an impact on an individual's ability to spell correctly, and possibly speak coherently.

In my day 'lol' meant lots of love, not the current 'lol' which, apparently, means 'laugh out loud.'



Even basic English is being misused. How many people do you hear say: -'Somethink,' instead of 'Something,' or 'Nothink,' instead of 'Nothing?' *Then there's my pet hate:* I was brought up to believe that '*Kids,*' were young goats, and children were always known as '*Children.*'

Perhaps I'm getting too Pedantic in my old age, and it's time for me to hang my hat up!

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Action Fraud have noticed an increase in reports where fraudsters are offering victims discounts on their TV subscription, or told their account needs to be renewed.

How does this scam work?

Fraudsters are cold-calling victims, purporting to be from a Television (TV) provider offering a discount on their monthly subscription. Victims are usually told;

- Their subscription needs to be renewed.
- Part of (or all) of their TV equipment has expired.
- They are due an upgrade on their equipment/subscription package.

In order to falsely process the discount, the fraudster asks victims to confirm or provide their bank account details. The scammers may also request the victim's identification documents, such as scanned copies of passports.

Later victims make enquiries and then discover that their TV service provider did not call them and that the fraudster has made transactions using the victim's bank account details.

Affecting people nationwide

This type of fraud is nationwide. Since the beginning of this year (2018), there have been **300** Action Fraud Reports relating to this fraud. From the reports received, victims aged over 66 seem to be the most targeted.

The fraudsters are using the following telephone numbers: "**08447 111 444**", "**02035 190 197**" and "**0800 151 4141**". The fraudster's voices are reported to sound feminine and have an Asian accent.

How to protect yourself

- **Don't assume a phone call or email is authentic:** Just because someone knows your basic details (such as your name and address or even your mother's maiden name), it doesn't mean they are genuine. Criminals can exploit the names of well-known companies in order to make their scams appear genuine.
- **Don't be rushed or pressured into making a decision:** a genuine company won't force you to make a financial decisions on the spot. Always be wary if you're pressured to purchase a product or service quickly, and don't hesitate to question uninvited approaches in case it's a scam.
- **Stay in control:** Have the confidence to refuse unusual requests for personal or financial information. Always contact the company yourself using a known email or phone number, such as the one written on a bank statement or bill.

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