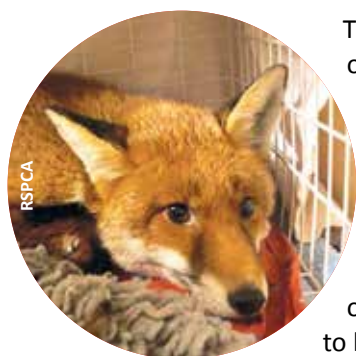




FANTASTIC MR FOX

A FAMILY in London got rather a surprise when they came downstairs for breakfast one morning.



That's because a cheeky fox had managed to get into the Fryers' kitchen and fall asleep on top of the microwave!

The pesky visitor is thought to have got in through the cat flap, leaving a trail of mud behind him. He smashed a few plant pots, before getting cosy for the night.

Sadly, the unusual intruder wasn't feeling so fantastic after his stay, so the family rang the RSPCA to see if they could help.

Inspector Phil Norman came to the rescue and took him to Putney Animal Hospital, where he was given a full inspection. After a little bit of loving, the charity found nothing wrong with the fox and he was able to be released back into the area where he was found.

AWW!



DID you know that a huge fire festival takes place in Shetland every year?

On the last Tuesday in January, Europe's largest fire festival, Up Helly Aa, arrives in Lerwick.

The festival dates all the way back to the 1880s, when rowdy revellers celebrated Christmas.

When the celebrations grew and some people became unhappy, it was decided that a new type of festival needed to be introduced.

In around 1870, a group of young men suggested moving the festivities to January, introducing a type of disguise, known as guizing, and bringing in Viking themes.

Much of this is the basis for what residents enjoy today! There's a fiery march through the town and a torch-lit procession, ending in the burning of a Viking ship. People also dress in fancy costumes.



SAILING ADVENTURE

A FRENCHMAN is attempting to cross the Atlantic Ocean in a giant orange barrel.

Jean-Jacques Savin is hoping to travel from the Canary Islands to the Caribbean, using just the ocean currents. The former paratrooper isn't sure how long the 2,800-mile journey will take, but he's expecting it will be around three months.

The barrel has a kitchen

area and a bed, as well as a little porthole in the floor so that Savin can admire any fish or marine animals he might drift past. The barrel has also been given extra protection in case of any orca whale attacks.

The sailing adventure isn't just a bit of fun, though. Savin will drop markers during his journey, which will help JCOMMOPS, the international marine observatory, to study currents in the Atlantic.



RECORD OF THE WEEK



LARGEST ORIGAMI DOVE

THE largest origami dove measures 4.64m (15.22ft) high, 1.90m (6.23ft) long and 2.92m (9.58ft) wide and was achieved by Liu Tong (China), in Beijing, China, on 19 December 2017.

WOW!



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