

# November 2012 News

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## TECHNOLOGY ADVANCES CATCH US OUT

1 - Bio Fuels Bio Fuels have been mentioned before for causing fuel problems for both petrol and diesel vehicles by attracting moisture attacking rubber and other seals and metals in the fuel system. However, the EU are legislating for a doubling of bio in fuels from 5% to 10%. BEWARE.

### 2 - iPhone G4

iPhone G4 with the claims to give high speed downloads on the move does also cause Freeview TV reception to suffer in several regions. Special add-on filters may be needed in order for some to retain Freeview TV reception. CHECK IT OUT.

### 3 - Analogue TV

Switching off Teletext and analogue TV leaves many TV remote controls with 'dead' buttons. Mullard was a major player in getting Teletext going and subsequently Teletext components were a significant part of the company's revenue. However, Viewdata which shares many Teletext components survives in the travel market, check out your High Street travel agent. CELEBRATE ANALOGUE TV

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## PENSION INCREASE

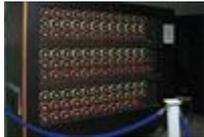
Our pension increase is geared to RPI which in July was 3.2%. There are however limits as it applies to pension built up before 6 April 2006. Pension built up afterwards are subject to a maximum increase of 2.5%. The Guaranteed Minimum Pension (GMP) part is excluded. More details are in your copy of INSIGHT October 2012.

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## BLETCHLEY PARK VISIT

About a dozen Philips pensioners were at Bletchley Park on Tuesday 16 October for the visit organised by PHPA. Now a museum trust housing German and other decoding machines such as Enigma, it also houses all the decoding equipment conceived by Alan Turing. Pride of place goes to the the rebuilt Colossus valve racks which is now recognised world-wide - even by the Americans - as the worlds first programmable electronic computer. Row upon row of Mullard valves are evident.

Click on an image to enlarge then cancel the image to return to the Bletchley Park Page



The Bombe



Colossus



Valve Rack (EF37A & 6V6)

With thanks to the Bletchley Park Trust and the National Museum of Computing, owners of Colossus, for allowing the pictures to be published

Another earlier decoder was the Bombe originally built with the help of the British Tabulating Machine Company and now being rebuilt with 36 sets of 3 rotors, aping the Enigma 3 rotors. The battle for decoding messages fast enough to be of use is at the heart of Bletchley's development. How Bletchley Park was chosen and it's history all add to the days most enjoyable visit. See <http://www.bletchleypark.org.uk/>

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## ANOTHER MUSEUM

A week or so earlier we visited the History On Wheels museum at Eton Wick. Many military vehicles some with unique history are alongside uniforms of the armed services. The owner and curator Tony Oliver provided an excellent guided tour which includes Anderson and Morrison WW2 shelters. See [www.historyonwheels.co.uk](http://www.historyonwheels.co.uk)

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## AERO FILMS

Before satellites we depended upon aircraft and balloons for pictures of the earth, towns and countryside from above. The whole archives of Aero Films has been loaded onto their Internet web page at [www.britainfromabove.org.uk](http://www.britainfromabove.org.uk) Some examples from the 1920s which can be found using search and these codes:

Osram Lamp Works Hammersmith EPW006183

Broadstone Cotton Mills EPW019181

Blackburn City Centre EPW005018

Wembley Stadium EPW020341

Crystal Palace EPW021373

Mullard Radio Valve Mitcham EPW017360

Town names can also be used in the search box.

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## EU BUDGET

Did you read "A new EU edict came into force on the 1st Jan 2012 prohibiting the supply of eggs from battery farms. The UK as usual has complied with this new law, however many other EU countries have not. The UK asked the EU if we could rightly ban the import of such eggs from these countries and their answer was a definitive no and if we did the EU would prosecute us. Did your MP vote on the EU Budget debate on 31 October as you wish?

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