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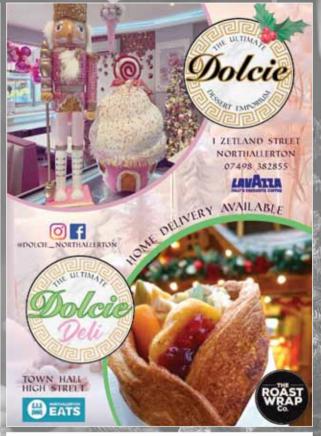
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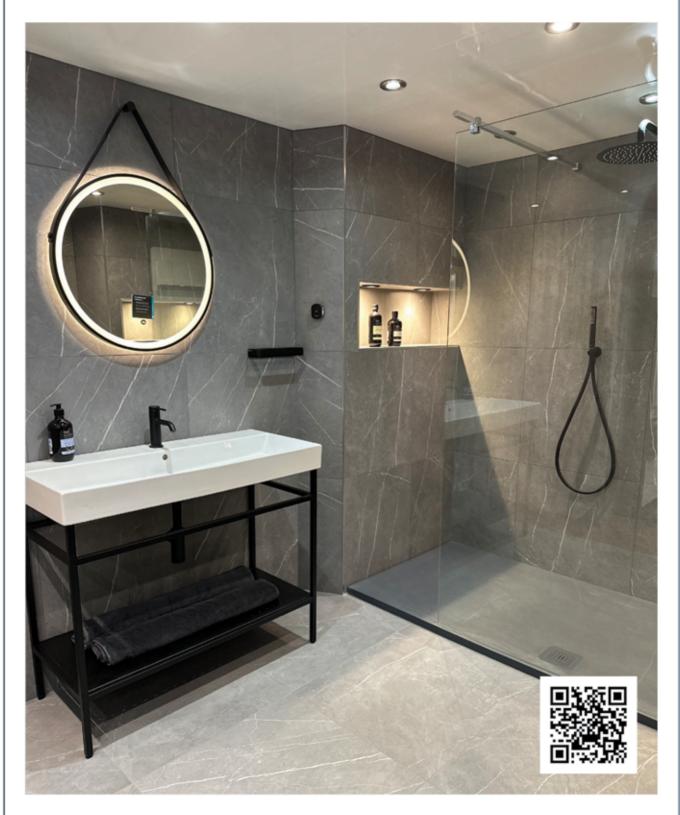
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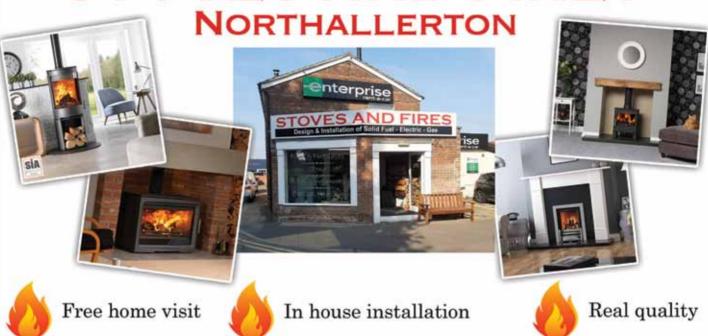
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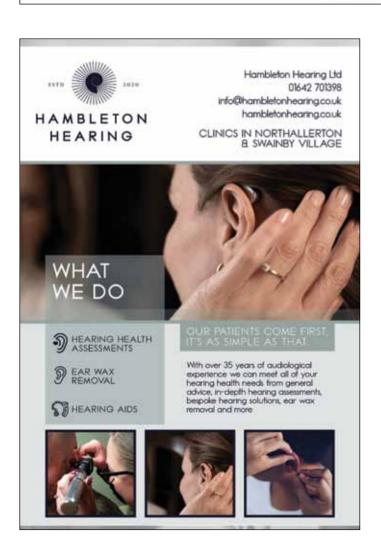
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Performances:

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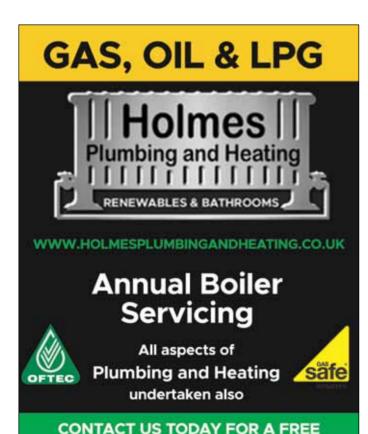
Fri 22nd December, 7pm, Thirsk Town Hall

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The programme will feature the ever-popular Gloria by Vivaldi and Schubert's sublime Mass in G. In addition, our guest soloist, Megan Crozier, will perform Vivaldi's Oboe Concerto in B-flat and the string orchestra will play an arrangement of Ständchen (Serenade) - the exquisite 4th song from the Schubert's collection called Schwanengesang (swan song).

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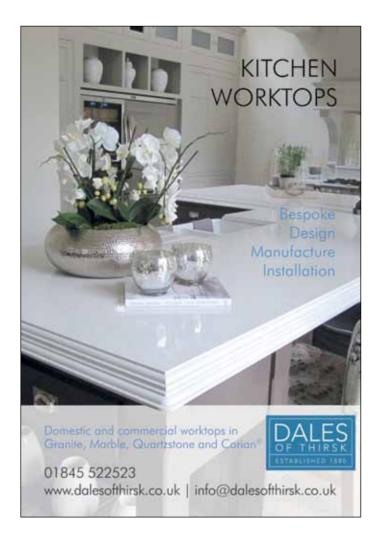
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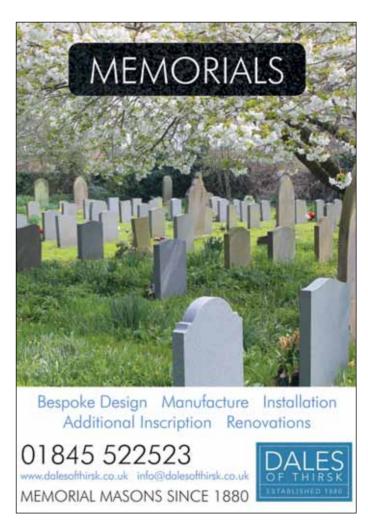


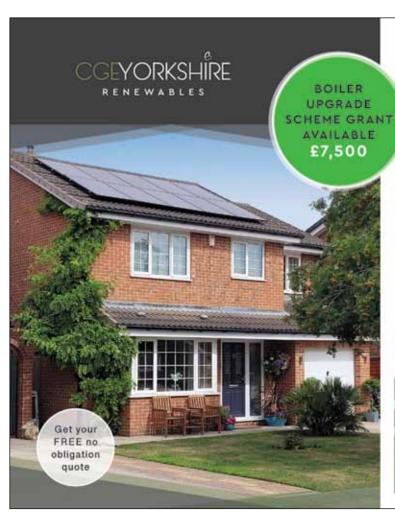
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Family Christmas Quiz Relax and chill out, these ques-• In what year was Queen Elizabeth

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- Who led the Parliament that banned Christmas?
- Who wrote "In the Bleak Mid-
- A Christmas hit sung by Bing Crosby and David Bowie?
- What were the first words that the Herald Angels sang?
- On the seventh day of Christmas my true love sent to me?
- Father Christmas is also known as Saint?
- Who did Mummy kiss under the mistletoe?
- Where did Mary and Joseph travel from before reaching Bethleham?
- Which Christmas song was broadcast from Gemini 6 in 1965?

- II speech first televised?
- What date is St Stephen's day?
- What colours are the berries of the mistletoe plant?
- Who wrote "Auld Lang Syne"?
- · "So this is Christmas" are the first words of which John Lennon song?
- Who was the first British monarch to broadcast a Christmas message to the nation?
- What river did George Washington cross on Christmas Day 1776?
- What do people in Norway hide to prevent wizards and witches from using them?
- Which King hunted baby Jesus?
- What animals does Santa Claus use for transport?
- Who makes the toys for Santa Claus?
- In which language is Santa Claus known as "Pere Noel"?
- How many reindeer pull Santa Claus' sledge?

- · How many points are there on a snowflake?
- Which member of the Royal Family introduced the Christmas tree to the UK?
- What coin used to be hidden in a Christmas pudding?
- What spirit do you pour on to a Christmas pudding?
- What is a male turkey called in the Uk?
- What is a female turkey called in the UK?
- Donner and Blitzen are two of Santa's?
- How many days are there to open on an Advent calendar?
- In which country were Christmas trees fist used to decorate homes?
- During the First World War on which Christmas Day did the soldiers of Great Britain and Germany stop fighting and greet each other?
- There are two Christmas Islands and they are located in which oceans?

- What did Captain James Cook discover on Christmas Day 1777?
- Which famous scientist born on Christmas Day is buried in Westminster Abbey?
- The North Pole is said to be Santa's home. In which Ocean is the North Pole located?
- What British spacecraft was lost on Mars Christmas Day 2003?
- · When does the winter solstice occur this year?
- In the pre Gregorian calendar what numbered month was December?
- What do people in Scotland call New Years Eve?

I wish you all A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

John Harris

Answers on p14

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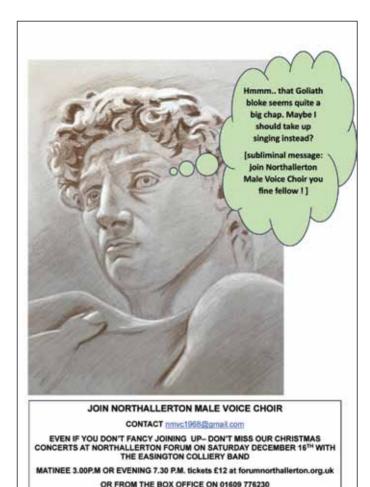
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Two years ago I wrote an article titled "The Pollution of Space" and this month I find that I have to return to what is developing into an important topic in the world of satellite space today.

The figures that I use in this article are not plucked from out of the ether but are those published by The United Nations Office for, Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA), who state "there were 11,330 individual satellites orbiting the Earth at the end of June 2023; this represents a 37.94% increase since January 2022 when we did the last of these updates".

The majority of these satellites are placed in Low Earth Orbit (LEO) and if the above numbers are startling then sit down before reading the next sentence. There are proposals for an estimated further 2,500 satellites a year to be launched over the next decade and this could well be an underestimate.

You may think that we the human race will benefit from these LEO's and indeed we already do, an example being of using the internet via utilising one of UNOOSA's directives i.e. "Bringing the benefits of space to humanity"



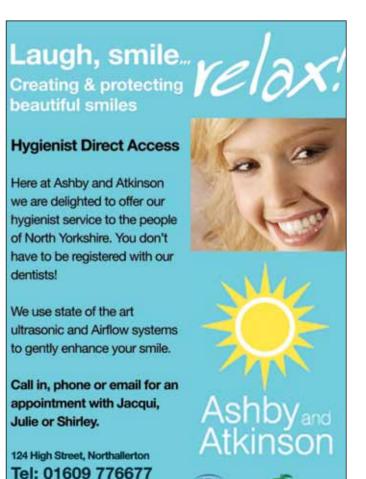
However; we must seriously look at the control and long term implications as the life of each LEO terminates and, in some cases, drifting aimlessly in space before breaking up along with the other 128 million man-made pieces of debris presently orbiting the Earth.

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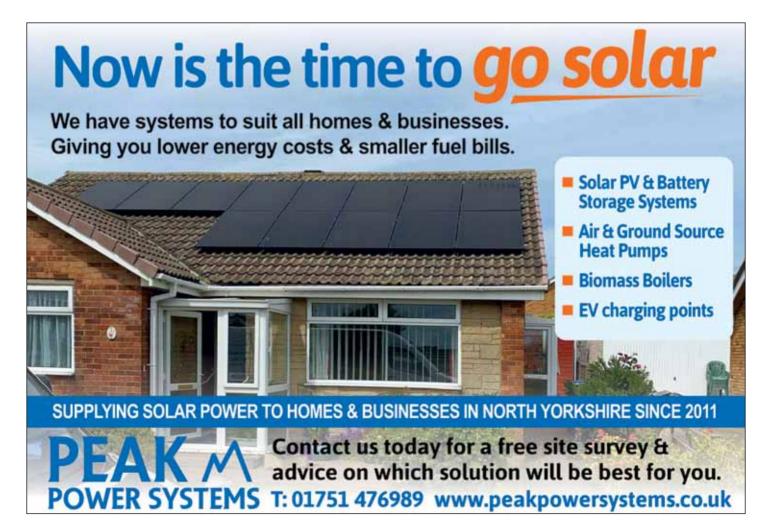
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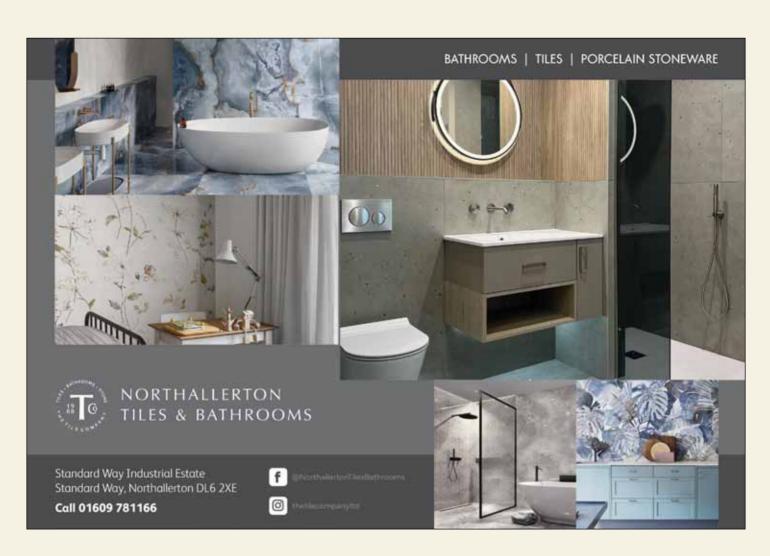


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