



An 85-year old man, designs a 1,000mph car!

Ron Ayers, who is an 85-year old rocket scientist, has designed a car aiming to break the world record for the fastest car in the world.

It has taken Ron three years to design the shape for the British-built car, named the Bloodhound, aiming to reach 1,000mph. His fascination with engineering started as a boy during the Blitz, when he saw Spitfires and Hurricanes flying overhead. The race will take place at the end of October.



Ron Ayers pictured at a recent racing event.



Tony Hisgett

The 'Bloodhound' car.

Letter from the Titanic sold for over £100,000!



Part of the letter, which has been damaged by water.

What's thought to be one of the last letters to have been written on the Titanic has sold for a world record price at an auction. The letter which was written by Oscar Holverson, an American passenger on the ship, sold for over £100,000! Many people were interested in buying it because he wrote it on 13 April 1912 - the day before the ship hit an iceberg and sank into the Atlantic ocean. It is the only known letter, on special Titanic notepaper, to have gone into the Atlantic and survived. The auctioneer, Andrew Aldridge, described the person who won the letter as someone who collects items from history, but didn't wish to be named.



Where have all the flying insects gone?



A dragonfly is one of the many insects falling in numbers

Many people, including scientists, think that insect numbers are falling and now new evidence has found this to be true.

Research from 60 different places in Germany have shown that flying insects have declined by more than 75% over almost 30 years. As yet, the reason why is unclear.

Caspar Hallmann of Radboud University in The Netherlands comments, "This confirms what everybody's been having as a gut feeling - the windscreen phenomenon where you squash fewer bugs as the decades go by".

The data includes thousands of different insects, such as moths, butterflies and bees.

It was thought the dramatic decline was perhaps related to different habitats, land use and weather but this isn't the case, leaving scientists puzzled. Insects provide a food source for many birds, amphibians, bats and reptiles, while plants rely on insects for pollination. The decline is much worse than found in previous studies.

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