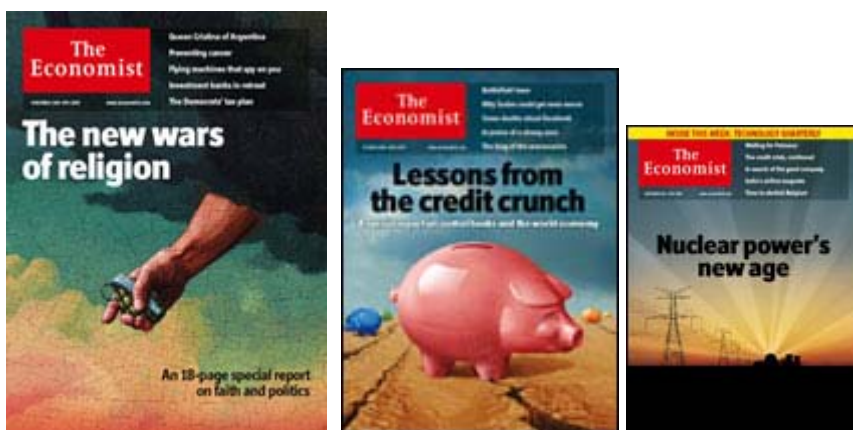


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The Economist



The business magazine 'The Economist' is now free online where previously you needed a subscription

- Current week's content list in full
- Articles up to one year old

<http://www.economist.com>

Virtual Library – things you may have missed

In Information and Reference A-Z, with links to website and books

- [Crafts](#) – is a new section that will grow over the forthcoming months. Look out for the lovely [embroidery samples](#) gallery of over 30 images
The latest additions are the new [lace](#) section



and the [beadwork](#) section.



- [Gardening](#) – has links to gardening websites and information on how to create a sensory garden



Art Gallery 2007

We introduced our [Art Gallery](#) to you in the last Inform. Two new sections showing more illustrations from our older stock have since been added. These are;

Treasures

and

A walk on the wild side



Rosslyn Chapel, from
Architectural antiquities of Great Britain,
volume 1, 1807



Giraffe, from
Cyclopaedia 1788

Citizens Advice and Jobcentre Plus

Already in regular contact, Citizens Advice and Jobcentre Plus are working on new partnership to improve the way vulnerable people are given help, using experience and expertise from both organisations.

Woad you believe it?

A soon-to-be published leaflet on the Virtual Library about the natural history of Bedfordshire (in 1760) contains some interesting facts about the county.

One fact which particularly intrigued was the presence of a woad industry and woad mills in Bedfordshire. The leaflet tells us that the plant was harvested locally, ground, watered and laid on the floor until 'perfectly dry and mouldy', then it was weighed and put into bags and sent for sale. The author continues with a note on how the plant was used in antiquity although its efficacy as a winter warmer induces some doubts!

With this Plant, the antient Britons used to dye their Bodies, to appear the more terrible to their Enemies; others think, to preserve their Skins from the Inclemency of the Weather: And by them it was called, *Ceruleous*, or Sky-coloured.

Owen, W. The Natural History of Bedfordshire, 1760

Where can I find newspaper archives online?

You could start with the [Virtual Library> Information and Reference> Newspapers Online](#)



'[Infotrac Custom Newspapers](#)' gives you articles from ten national daily and Sunday newspapers, including the Guardian, Daily Telegraph, Financial Times, Independent, Independent on Sunday, Observer and Sunday Times from 1996 onwards and the Times from 1985 onwards, up to one or two issues before the current one. For today's newspapers, see individual newspaper web sites on the [Gateway to the Internet](#)

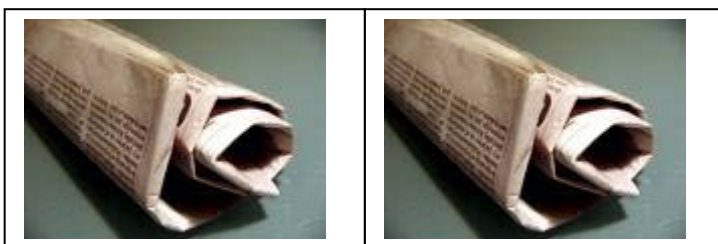


'[The Times Digital Archive](#)' gives you the complete digital edition of The Times for the period 1785 - 1985, including all articles, adverts and illustrations/photos

In addition to the two newspaper archives available to you free through the Virtual Library, The Guardian and Observer are offering a new service we thought you would be interested to hear about. Individuals can pay small amounts for access for varying periods of time



- Archive copies of the Guardian and Observer newspapers are now available in a new digital archive on the web
- Individuals can pay small amounts for access for varying periods of time
- The archive will eventually cover the Guardian from 1821 and the Observer from 1791
- For this launch the archive covers 1821-1975 for the Guardian and 1900-1975 for the Observer.
- From early 2008 onwards the entire archive up to 2003 will be available
- There is a link to the Digital Archive at the main Guardian page <http://www.guardian.co.uk/> in the menu and at the bottom of the page
- **Sample articles from major events are now free on the main web site.** These include the sinking of the Titanic and the coronation





Power of attorney

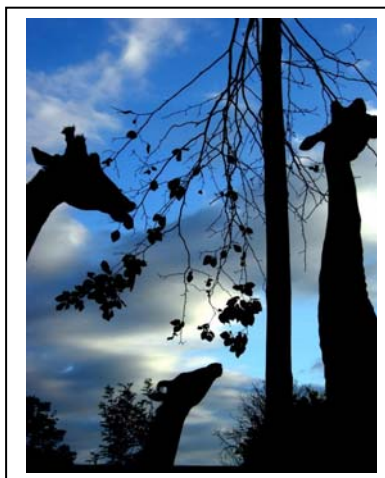
Power of Attorney in England and Wales has changed. The 'Mental Capacity Act 2005' has brought about changes which mean that the new Power of Attorney covers health and welfare as well as financial matters.

There is information on the library gateway at [Gateway to the Internet > Law and Your Rights > Power of Attorney](#)

You can find full information and online copies of the necessary forms at the web site of the Office of the Public Guardian <http://www.publicguardian.gov.uk/> (formerly called the Public Guardian Office).

The menu section 'Mental Capacity Act' for explanation and overview of the Act is very helpful.

Breathing Places Photo Competition



A number of very attractive photographs, including these, were received from the Bedfordshire public in the Bedfordshire Breathing Places photographic competition.

The winner in each category received complimentary family tickets for the Bedford Butterfly Park in Wilden, sponsors of the competition.

A selection of the entries will be added to the Virtual Library

Bedford Central Library

Harpur Square
Bedford
MK40 1PG

Opening Hours:

Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri. 9.00-6.00pm
Thurs. 9.00am-1.00pm
Saturday 9.00am-5.00pm

Telephone:

Reference Library – 01234 270102

Main Library – 01234 350931

Opening hours in other libraries vary

Bedfordshire Libraries Virtual Library is at www.bedfordshire.gov.uk click on Libraries



Other Bedfordshire Libraries

Ampthill Library	01525 402278
Barton Library	01582 881101
Biggleswade Library 312324	01767
Bromham Library	01234 824391
Dunstable Library	01582 608441
Flitwick Library	01525 715268
Houghton Regis Library	01582 865473
Kempston Library	01234 276453
Leighton Buzzard Library	01525 371788
Potton Library	01767 260740
Putnoe Library	01234 276462
Sandy Library	01767 680384
Shefford Library	01462 639070
Stotfold Library	01462 730695
Toddington Library	01525 873626
Wootton Library	01234 766061



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