

Featured content

In which we described the featured articles in rhyme again

By Adam Cuerden

Two of our newest featured pictures



Belle Tout Lighthouse by Kallerna



Silene flos-cuculi by Ivar Leidus

This Signpost "Featured content" report covers material promoted from [date] through [date]. Quotes are generally from the articles, but may be abridged or simplified for length.

We didn't have a huge number of featured pictures this issue, but I think I found a clever and unique way to lay them out. Also, poetry again! Why? Because, while it does, by necessity, simplify subjects, that's actually a good thing when you have thirty-some featured articles and lists to summarise. It *does* have a risk of trivialising things, but being sensitive should help with that, and if I get articles on the Holocaust or the like, well, the "summarise it in poetry" thing isn't a death pact.

We've used basically the same format for these since the *Signpost* was weekly. It was intended for the short weekly issues with five to nine articles to summarise; but this issue has twenty featured articles and eighteen featured lists in this issue. Something has to change, and there's probably going to need to be some playing around until we get there.

—Adam

Featured articles

Twenty featured articles were promoted this period.

Ignace Tonené, nominated by CT55555

*Tonené was an Ojibwe chief and prospector
He got Canada's government to be his community's investor.
His discoveries when acting as prospector bold,
Caused the nineteen-oh-six era rush to find gold.*

Paint Drying, nominated by LunaEatsTuna

*It is what it sounds like. In Britain, you see,
Ev'ry film must be rated by BBFC.
They charge by the minute (but watch them all too),
So, to protest that charge, there's ten hours to view.*

Constantine III (Western Roman emperor), nominated by Gog the Mild

When promised, if he surrendered, they'd let him stay whole,
He did, but they didn't: they put his head on a pole.

Airport Central railway station, nominated by Steelkamp

Flying from Australia? Perth Airport is found
By taking a railway to go underground.

Edgar, King of England, nominated by Dudley Miles

The father of Æthelred the Unready,
His rule of England was really quite steady.
After seeing his sons' reigns, all the wise sages
Ranked **his** reign with all the most golden of ages.

Illusion of Kate Moss, nominated by Premeditated Chaos (PMC)

At McQueen's Widows of Culloden, what was talked about the most
Was Kate Moss in a crystal (an effect called Pepper's Ghost).

A History of British Fishes, nominated by Jimfbleak

"History" as in "Natural History". The phrasing has changed.
But wishes for guides to fishes just does not seem all that strange.

Ken "Snakehips" Johnson, nominated by SchroCat

Black British music does not oft get its due:
Featured articles on it? Appallingly few.
In the thirties and forties, Johnson brought swing
Over to Britain, where he reigned as king.

Siege of Bukhara, nominated by AirshipJungleman29

In Khwarazmian old Ghengis Khan
~~A stately pleasure dome~~ The Siege of Bukhara achieved.
And all folk who Bukhara filled
Found themselves enslaved or killed.
You'd think they'd be quite peeved.

Badge Man, nominated by HAL333

Who killed JFK? Well, some say the job
Was planned and committed by a photograph's blob.

Constantine (son of Theophilos), nominated by Unlimitedlead

He was raised to co-emperor alongside his dad,
From infancy all of that power he had.
He died by sixteen, and it's of some concern
That he died after falling in the palace cistern.
Don't drink the water in Blachernae, lest the slaughter
Create a new market for Constantine-flavoured water.

Bennerley Viaduct, nominated by HJ Mitchell

They wanted to destroy it, but it was made a bit too strong:
They couldn't afford to take apart the ironwork, and so,
It survived to be historic, but repair funds were not there.
A group stepped in to work on it, but everything went wrong
It was feared that on the list of lost history it would go
But finally, quite recently it at last got its repair.

Tomb of Philippe Pot, nominated by Ceoil

Burgundian warrior, Philippe Pot
To look poor in death... would rather not.

"State of Grace" (song), nominated by Ippantekina

Taylor Swift wrote "State of Grace",
Lost rights to the recordings, then,
To put the buyer in his place,
Recorded all her songs again.

Wilfred Arthur, nominated by Ian Rose

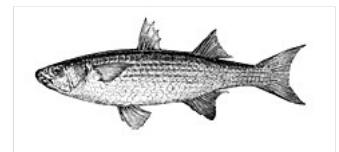
Wilfred Stanley Arthur, Australian flying ace,
Known to friends as "Woof".
(This poem is free verse.)



Ignace Tonené.

Apparently, the British librarian's vocation
Just won't be inclusive of image rotation.
I suspect sometime soon this here image we'll
see

Restored and rotated and on [FPC](#).



From A History of British Fishes:

The Owl and the Pussycat might put down their
gullet

This here illustration of the thicklip grey mullet.
"What's the connection?" Is that what I hear?

Why, they both were created by old Edward Lear!



Badge Man:

I sort of see it, I guess, but if you ask me,

In context? Paradoxia of the bottom of a tree.



Tomb of Philippe Pot:

Limestone, gold, paint, and lead.
A tomb for French mediaeval dead.

Science Fiction Adventures (1956 magazine), nominated by Mike Christie

It's just what it sounds like: it's some sci-fi fun.

So go get your spacesuit and grab your raygun.

Government of Macedonia (ancient kingdom), nominated by Unlimitedlead and PericlesofAthens

Before Alexander the Great's father, there's few records, and, so,

The answers to most questions is, "Well, um... We don't know."

Battle of the Great Plains, nominated by Gog the Mild

Carthage versus Romans, North Africa the scene,

Scipio tricked the Poeni through subterfuge quite keen

Plans to attack Utica he made where they would see 'em

Then he snuck up on the camps, and he then burned right up the reed 'un.

Freedom (concert), nominated by Pseud 14

Regine Velasquez, at the concert, sang whatever thing she pleased,

She wanted her fans to feel connection during the time of the disease.

John Manners (cricketer), nominated by AssociateAffiliate (a.k.a. StickyWicket)^[1]

We call him a cricketer, which some folk might annoy:

He was also commander of His Majesty's Ship, Viceroy .

As cricketer, sure, he was considered first-rate

But he also had a Distinguished Service Cross on his plate.



Science Fiction Adventures:

Rayguns and aliens, and, for the rubes,

A big healthy serving of feminine boobs.

Featured pictures

Four featured pictures were promoted this period, including the two at the top of the article and two at the bottom

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Featured lists

Eighteen featured lists were promoted this period.

To these featured lists, I would like to be reverent,

But a lot of the titles are just too self-evident.

That doesn't lessen achievements, but it does lessen text

So I'll explain more obscure ones then take a long rest.

I hope with this content you are quite content,

See you next issue (when it's finally sent).

Esmée Denters discography, nominated by Sebbirrrr

Dutch singer Esmée Denters has released one studio album, three extended plays (EP) and twenty singles (including three as featured artist). Denters rose to prominence after posting song covers on YouTube, which gained the attention of American singer Justin Timberlake who signed her to his record label Tennman Records in 2007.

List of accolades received by 24 Oras, nominated by Chompy Ace

24 Oras is a Philippine news broadcasting show.

List of basal asterid families, nominated by Dank

This is a division of flowering plants, including blueberries, dogwood, kiwifruit, and American pitcher plants.

List of British armies in World War II, nominated by EnigmaMcmxc

Kind of like how if you divide a pile into two, you can still call the results piles, if you divide up an army, you can still call the smaller divisions armies. And they do. This is a list of all the field armies the British Army was divided into, including some that never really

existed and were instead used to deceive German intelligence.

List of UEFA European Championship winning managers, nominated by NapHit

These are the winners of the European championship for association football (soccer to you Americans).

List of World Heritage Sites in South Korea and List of World Heritage Sites in Malaysia, nominated by Tone

We've talked about these a lot, but in case you're new, they're a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization scheme to mark places that are of such cultural or natural importance that the world should take note and help protect them. Tone has been doing a great job working through the countries of the world for years now and listing off the World Heritage sites within them (hence why we've talked about them a lot).

List of dasyuromorphs, nominated by PresN

An order of mammals consisting of most of the Australian carnivorous marsupials, such as quolls, dunnarts, the numbat, the Tasmanian devil, and the thylacine.

74th Primetime Emmy Awards, nominated by RunningTiger123

Basshunter videography, nominated by Eurohunter

Basshunter is a Swedish singer, record producer and DJ.

List of accolades received by Toy Story 4, nominated by Chompy Ace

List of basal eudicot families, nominated by Dank

Another group of flowering plants including buttercups, poppies, barberries, and plane trees (or sycamores).

List of international goals scored by Ellen White, nominated by Idiosincrático

Ellen White is an English former professional footballer who played for both England and Great Britain between 2010 and 2022, and scored 58 international goals during that time.

List of The Sopranos episodes, nominated by Newtothisedit

List of accolades received by Top Gun: Maverick, nominated by Chompy Ace

List of Hot R&B Singles number ones of 1963, nominated by ChrisTheDude

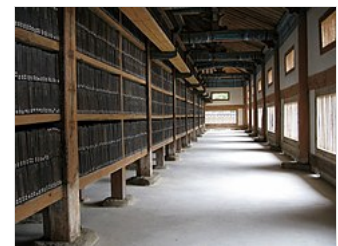
List of Lebanon international footballers born outside Lebanon, nominated by Nehme1499

Registered historic parks and gardens in Monmouthshire, nominated by KJP1

I don't consider this obscure, but then, I lived near there, so for the international audience, Monmouthshire is a county in southeast Wales.

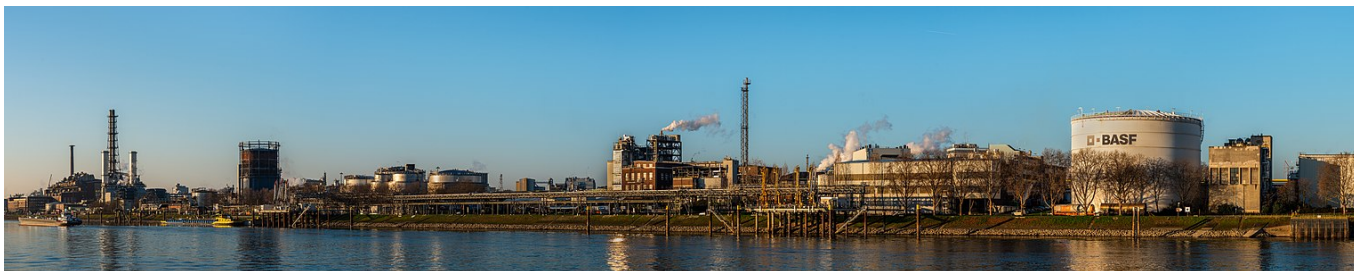


Denters was spotted singing by J. Timberlake And, O! All the music she went on to make!



These sites are quite pretty, so be of them a seer, And look at World Heritage Sites within South Korea.^[2]

Two of our latest featured pictures



BASF Ludwigs



Yıldız Hamidiye Mosque by A.Savin

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- I enjoyed the poetic descriptions. The one for Bennerley Viaduct (my nom) made me chuckle. Keep up the good work! [HJ Mitchell](#) | [Penny for your thoughts?](#) 14:33, 26 April 2023 (UTC)

@HJ Mitchell: Glad you like it! It was honestly one of the ones I had the most trouble with, as there's a lot to fit in information-wise, so I'm glad the extra effort paid off! [Adam Cuerden](#) ^(talk) Has about 8.3% of all FPs. Currently celebrating his 600th FP! 07:52, 27 April 2023 (UTC)

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1. *Sticky Wicket*
Isn't cricket
But, if we take the expression and silly it,
He is AssociateAffiliate.

2. Also, pronounce "Korea" as "Cor-ree-er" so the rhyme works. Or pronounce "see-er" as "see-a". Either way.

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