

Editor's Page

Fly me to the moon!

It was a beautifully clear night on Thursday 10th October when my brother Robbie phoned, giving me two minutes' notice to run outside and see the International Space Station (ISS) passing in front of the moon. It took a moment to distinguish the ISS from the stars but it was exciting to see it moving at a steady pace right along the edge of the moon. Sadly, it was over in moments and the ISS continued on its course across the sky.

Luckily for us, Robbie was on Silver Strand on Sherkin Island with his high-tech camera and took this great picture. The path of the ISS is clear to see, appearing as a line from right to left across the moon. The reason it appears as a line is because Robbie used a 30-second exposure to capture the image. This means the shutter of the camera remained open for this length of time so the camera could capture as much light as possible from the night sky.



Photo courtesy of NASA

AS GAELGE! We are delighted to have teamed up with An Gúm, who have begun to translate Nature's Web into Irish. Check out the issues that are now available *as gaeilge*: http://www.gaeilge.ie/ForasnaGaeilge/An_Bhunscoil.asp

Herb Stuffed Whiting Wrapped in Crispy Bacon



Photo courtesy of BIM

What you need:

- 4 whiting fillets - trimmed
- 4 streaky rashers

Stuffing:

- 55g/2ozs butter
- 1 onion - finely chopped
- 55g/2ozs brown breadcrumbs
- A small bunch of parsley
- A few sprigs of dill/marjoram/thyme
- Salt and freshly milled pepper

What to do:

- Soften onion in melted butter, add all stuffing ingredients.
- Cut fillets in half lengthways.
- Place stuffing on each fillet and wrap a thin slice of streaky rasher around each roll.
- Place in buttered ovenproof dish, cover and bake for 15 minutes at 190°C/375°F/Gas 5.
- Remove cover for last 5 minutes to crisp the bacon.

**You can substitute cod, haddock, hake, herring or mackerel.*

For more recipes visit www.bim.ie

Welcome to the Winter Edition of Nature's Web!



Dear Reader,

Welcome everyone to the winter issue of Nature's Web. In this issue, we learn about the work that marine geophysicist Kevin Sheehan carries out with the national seabed mapping programme. With the help of Captain Cockle, we find out even more information about the discoveries that this survey has made. We also look at two animals that live in colder climates, the walrus and the penguin, and in contrast we look at a 'hot' vegetable, the pepper, which has a scale of its very own to measure its heat!

You can check out nature news from around the world on page 11 and enjoy a giggle with the jokes on page 13.

We would love to hear your views, comments and suggestions for future articles. Have a good read!

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