Did you know?

- The art of deciphering encoded messages is known as cryptanalysis.

- The Small Scale Experimental Machine known as 'Baby' was the world's first stored-program computer. Built in Manchester in 1948, it had the equivalent processing power of a mobile phone, but filled an entire room with technical apparatus and cables.

- Some people say the world's first computer is a Greek machine called the Antikythera mechanism, which is 2000 years old. It had 37 interlocking dials that were used for modelling and predicting the movements of the stars and the date and location of upcoming Olympic Games.

- English physicist, Sir Tim Berners-Lee, is regarded as having invented the World Wide Web in 1989.

- Some of the most infamous computer malware ever created includes Creeper (1971), Michelangelo (1991), ILOVEYOU (2000), Code Red (2001), Conficker (2008) and WannaCry (2017).

- The word 'laser' originated as an acronym: light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation.

- Early lasers were developed in the United States in the 1960s. Their strength was measured in 'Gillettes' because results were based on how many razor blades a beam punctured.

- The word 'blog' is a truncated version of 'web log', and was first used in the 1990s.

- In English, @ is commonly known as the 'at' symbol. Other languages have much more poetic descriptions, many of them animal-related. In Dutch, it's 'apestaart', which means 'monkey's tail', and in Italian it's 'chiocciolina', which means 'small snail'.

- In 1991, the crew of STS-43 Atlantis sent the first email from space, which read: 'Hello Earth! Greetings from the STS-43 Crew... Having a GREAT time, wish you were here... send cryo and RCS! Hasta la vista, baby... we'll be back!'

Tomorrow's World