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Largely based on the nineteenth century *Akzidenz Grotesk* typeface and originally issued in 1957 as *Neue Haas Grotesk*, **Helvetica** is probably the most widely used type family of the last fifty years. Endlessly revised with new variants, the current manifestation – **Neue Helvetica** – comprises 51 fonts covering nine weights and three widths.



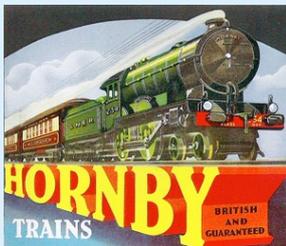
Cardinal Wolsey acquired **Hampton Court** in 1514 and developed it into the finest palace in England, far more magnificent than the king's. The perceived rivalry between sovereign and Chief Minister led to Wolsey giving the palace to **Henry VIII** – seen in a portrait by **Hans Holbein** – in 1528 in an unsuccessful attempt to avoid his inevitable downfall. Later, joint monarchs William and Mary enlisted Christopher Wren to design extensive additions in a Baroque style. In 1702 William died from injuries sustained in a fall from his horse while riding in **Hampton Court Park**.



H is for... **Hornby**. Born in Liverpool in 1863, **Frank Hornby** developed three of the best loved toys of the twentieth century. His first success, the Meccano



construction kit system was launched in 1907. Clockwork model railways followed in 1927, with



the electric Hornby Dublo version arriving in 1948, while the die cast Dinky Toys vehicle models were first available in 1934.



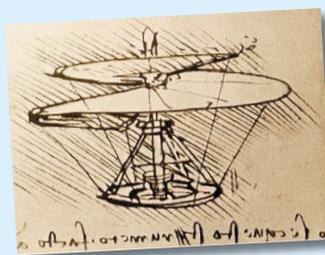
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Tony Hancock as a star radio comedian during the 1950s. His later TV triumphs such as *The Blood Donor* and *The Radio Ham* were never matched in his short-lived film career.



From its opening in 1839, **Highgate Cemetery** in north London has been a fashionable place for burial. The most famous inhabitant, Karl Marx, is buried close to the Victorian philosopher Herbert Spencer – while the Thornton 'piano' gravestone reaches inspired heights of eccentricity.



In the early 1480s Leonardo da Vinci created a design – based on the Archimedes' screw – for a **helicopter**. With its tilt-rotor Rolls-Royce engines the military *Osprey V22* combines the functions of a conventional helicopter with the speed and long range performance of a turbo-prop fixed wing aircraft.



One of the pioneer jazz orchestras, pianist, bandleader, and holder of an MSc degree in chemistry, **Fletcher Henderson** developed innovative riff-based arrangements for his stylishly shod orchestra in the 1930s. His 'call and response' style – with the reed and brass sections playing alternating phrases – grew from the tradition of the work songs of the cotton fields and prison chain gangs, while his soloists, led by **Coleman Hawkins**, emulated the mesmerizing improvisation of the Baptist preachers of the deep south.



An alliance of trading cities stretching from the Baltic to the North Sea with outposts in England and Scotland, the medieval **Hanseatic League** maintained a trade monopoly along the coast of Northern Europe. With a population of almost two million, **Hansestadt Hamburg** – the *Hanseatic City of Hamburg* – still acknowledges its past status and uses the letter code **HH** as part of local vehicle registrations.

