

where we unilaterally **spread** knowledge, news or just an individual's view of life. Now though, there is a difference: the machines are doing the talking, and they are talking to each other.

Industry has always invested heavily in these communication systems; **speeding up lead times** while attempting to either break into new markets or maintain leadership over an existing one. The IoT is just the latest innovation in this centuries-old progression. This time, the emphasis is on using machine-to-machine communication to acquire as much information as possible and, by using AI to analyse this data, make better-informed decisions. Because as Lord Kelvin, the 19th-century mathematical physicist and engineer said, "What is not measured, cannot be improved. What is not improved, is always degraded."

IoT, machine-to-machine communications are allowing us to expand our measurement capabilities at very low costs and start a new communications revolution that will take industry - and society - into the digital age and beyond.

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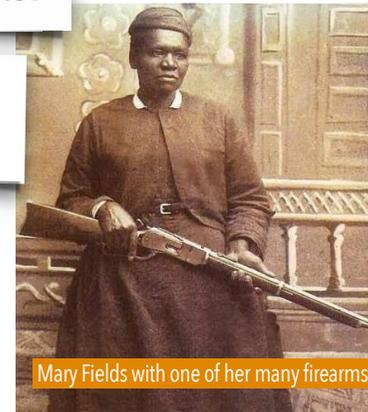
Come and socialise in English!



This Saturday, 6th March at 11:00!
Use the Zoom link in the email

Coffee Saturdays	Cinema Nights
1st Saturday 11:00	Last Friday at 18:15
3rd Oct	30th Oct
7th Nov	27th Nov
5th Dec	Nov in Dec
9th Jan	29th Jan
6th Feb	26th Feb
6th Mar	26th Mar
Not in April	30th April
8th May	28th May
5th Jun	25th Jun

Remember that Monday, 8th March is **International Women's Day**



Mary Fields with one of her many firearms

The story of Mary Fields (Stagecoach Mary), a communications pioneer
Born into slavery in 1832, and emancipated after the American Civil War, Mary Fields led a fascinating life that included being **the first African-American woman to run a 'Star Route' mail contract for the U.S. Postal Service**. After previously working in an Ursuline convent, and having run a tavern that she had to close due to her overgenerosity (she gave poor people free meals), in 1895, at sixty years of age, Fields secured a contract with the U.S. Postal

Service to deliver mail in the unforgiving weather and rocky terrain of Montana. True to her legendary fearlessness, **she carried multiple firearms, most notably a .38 Smith & Wesson under her apron**, to protect herself and the mail from wolves, thieves and bandits, driving the route with horses and a mule named Moses. **She never missed a day, and her reliability earned her the nickname "Stagecoach"** due to her preferred mode of transportation. If the snow was too deep for her horses, Fields delivered the mail on snowshoes, carrying the sacks on her shoulders. She was a respected public figure in Cascade, Montana, and **the town closed its schools to celebrate her birthday each year**. When Montana passed a law forbidding women to enter saloons, the mayor of Cascade granted her an exemption. In 1903, aged 71, she retired from the mail service after completing two four-year contracts. The townspeople's adoration for Fields was evident when **her home was rebuilt by volunteers after it caught fire in 1912**. She continued to babysit many Cascade children and owned and operated a laundry service from her home. Mary died in 1914 and **her funeral was one of the largest the town had ever seen**.

“ In tomorrow's supply chain, even the humble wooden pallet will be digitally capable. ”