New words that have entered into common usage since the last edition...

**adorkable** adjective slang socially inept or unfashionable in a charming or endearing way

**ad esko** adjective, adverb facetious (of a meal, esp lunch) at one’s desk at one’s place of work

**Bitcoin** noun a system of open source peer-to-peer software for the creation and exchange of (payment in) a certain type of cryptocurrency running the Bitcoin client software

**kawaii** adjective denoting a Japanese artistic and cultural style that emphasizes the quality of cuteness, using bright colours and characters with a childlike appearance

**meme** noun an idea or element of social behaviour passed on through generations in a culture, esp by imitation

**photobomb** verb informal to intrude into the background of a photograph without the subject’s knowledge

**preload** verb (intransitive) informal to consume alcoholic drinks at home before going to a social gathering

**textonym** noun (in text messaging) one of two or more words that can be generated by pressing the same key combinations on a mobile phone: ‘kiss’ and ‘lips’ are textonyms

**twerking** noun a provocative dance performed by moving the hips rapidly back and forth while standing with the feet apart and raising and lowering the body in a squatting motion

**vape** verb to inhale nicotine vapour (from an electronic cigarette). Thus **vaping**, and **vaper** (one who vapes).

Win at word games with intriguing, rare and quirky words...

**averruncate** verb (transitive) to avert, to turn away

**cantabank** noun an itinerant singer

**crepuscle** noun twilight

**cymophanous** adjective lustrous; brilliant

**dumple** verb (transitive) to form (something) into a short and fat shape

**flosculous** adjective flowery; abounding in flowers

**furacious** adjective given to stealing; thievish

**hamfatter** noun a second-rate or ineffectual actor

**infaust** adjective unlucky; ill-fated

**logodaedaly** noun the cunning or skilful use of words

**mizmaze** noun the condition of being puzzled or baffled

**rantipole** adjective wild, reckless, boisterous

**senectitude** noun old age

**tenebrific** adjective causing darkness

**virose** adjective poisonous; foul-smelling

**whiskerando** noun a man with extravagant whiskers

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