

HOME NEWS

LAKE DISTRICT

HIDDEN TUNNEL UNCOVERED

A VICTORIAN tunnel has been uncovered during a multi-million pound project to create a new path. The passage had been blocked up for the past 50 years. It was built in 1872 for a railway line that carried coal between west Cumbria and Durham. Around 3,000 tonnes of material had to be removed from the tunnel, which is 80 metres long. The tunnel was filled in after the railway line was scrapped in the early 1970s. The new path is due to open in December.



WORTHING

A RUBBISH JOURNEY

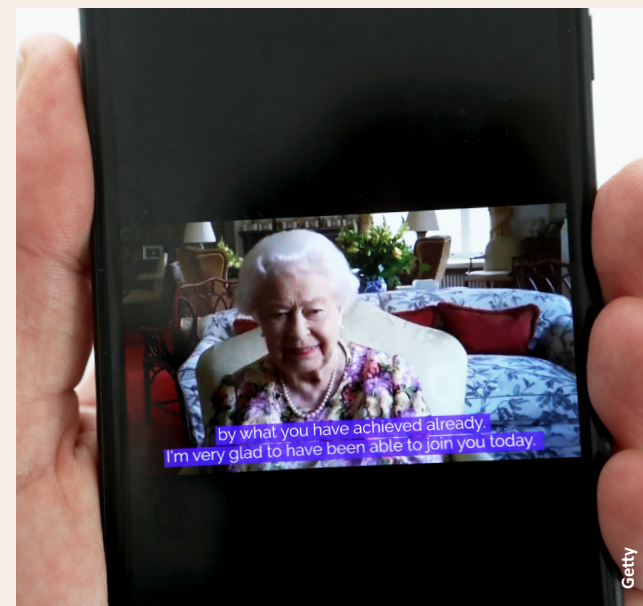
A RUBBISH bin that was thrown off Worthing Pier has washed up 450 miles away on a beach in Germany. The litter bin was thrown into the sea by vandals six months ago and has recently washed up on Borkum, a small island in northwest Germany. It is now being used as a plant holder!



WINDSOR

HRH'S VIDEO CHAT

THE Queen has taken part in her first official video call. The video chat took place as part of Carers Week, which celebrates people who have to look after other people. Princess Anne, the Queen's daughter, joined the call too. The monarch chatted to four carers about the difficulties they face during the coronavirus pandemic. The Queen praised them for their hard work.



Questions on: 'Home News'

1) Match the place to the correct headline.

Windsor

Hidden tunnel uncovered

Worthing

HRH's video chat

Lake District

A rubbish journey

Look at the news from the Lake District.

2) Why was this tunnel built in 1872?

3) Which question **can't** you answer after reading the story?

When did the railway line close?

Why was the tunnel filled in?

Why has it been unblocked now?

Look at the news from Windsor.

4) Who did the Queen chat to on a video call, and why was this group of people chosen?

Who:

Why:

5) What do you think **HRH** stands for?

His Royal Highness

The Royal Elizabeth

Her Royal Highness

Look at the news from Worthing.

6) What is a **vandal**?

7) Fill in the details of the bin's adventure, told from the bin's point of view.

One day, about six _____ ago, I was thrown into the sea from a _____. I floated _____ miles away to an _____ in Germany called _____, where I have a new life as a _____!

Consider all the news.

8) Which story do you think is most likely to be in the news again in the future? When do you think it might be back?

Explain your choices.

ANIMAL NEWS

OFF THE MENU

CHINA has said that pangolin scales are no longer on the list of ingredients for traditional Chinese medicine.

It has also raised the protection level for pangolins to the highest level. Both changes are fantastic news for pangolins, which have come very close to extinction. As many as 200,000 pangolins are killed illegally each year for their scales and meat. Pangolins are very unusual, ant-eating mammals, covered in scales.



SHARK SECRETS



IF you were asked to picture a great white shark, you might imagine its big fin poking above the surface of the sea and terrifying anyone nearby. In fact, these fearsome predators spend a lot of their time feeding on the seabed!

Experts in Australia have studied the food in the stomachs of 40 young white sharks. They found the remains of many fish that only live on the sea floor. This proves that the sharks spend a lot more time feeding along the seabed than previously thought.

PENGUIN RESCUE

THE supermarket chain Iceland has adopted every penguin at Chester Zoo! The company offered to help following an appeal by the zoo, which was at risk of closing down because of the coronavirus. Without any paying visitors, the zoo was racking up huge debts. It needs £1.5 million just to survive each month. Thankfully, the Government has now allowed zoos to reopen to small numbers of visitors.



Questions on: 'Animal News'

1) Three animals are in the news. Which country does each news story come from?

The animal	The country
Penguin	
Pangolin	
Great white shark	

Look at the news story 'Off the menu'.

2) To which animal group do pangolins belong?

- mammals
- reptiles
- amphibians

3) Why are so many pangolins killed illegally every year?

4) What part of a pangolin has been used in Chinese medicine for a very long time?

Look at the news story 'Shark secrets'.

5) Find the description used by the journalist that means 'frightening hunter'.

6) Can you explain how scientists proved that sharks spend a lot of time feeding on the seabed?

Look at the news story 'Penguin rescue'.

7) What is 'Iceland' in this story?

- A country
- The name of a penguin
- A shop

8) Can you explain why Chester Zoo almost had to close down because of the coronavirus?

9) Many people have donated money to the zoo. How has Iceland helped?

Why do you think it chose this particular animal?

SPORT NEWS

IT'S BACK!



THE Premier League finally restarted on Wednesday 17th June, exactly 100 days since it was halted due to the coronavirus.

If you've been missing the footie, you're in for a treat. All remaining 92 games are going to be packed into the next 42 days and many of the matches will be on free TV channels, so everyone can watch.

Football won't be the same as before though. Games will take place in empty stadiums and crowd noise will be added to give the match more atmosphere. Players are being tested for the virus twice a week.

After the three-month break, Liverpool in particular will be raring to go. They are on the verge of winning the competition for the first time in 30 years.

At the moment they sit comfortably at the top of the table, a full 25 points clear of Manchester City in second. They only need two wins from their nine games left to play in order to gain the six points they need to be crowned champions and win the trophy (above).

Players will also have a chance to battle it out for the Golden Boot, awarded to the season's top scorer. Jamie Vardy of Leicester City is currently leading that table with 19 goals.

This week's matches on free TV

Weds 24th June	Manchester United v Sheffield United (6pm) – Pick TV
	Norwich v Everton (6pm) – BBC
Thursday 25th June	Burnley v Watford (6pm) – Pick TV
Sunday 28th June	Watford v Southampton (4:30pm) – Pick TV



Liverpool's Virgil van Dijk in action during a behind closed doors friendly against Blackburn

Questions on: 'It's back!'

- 1) What happened on Wednesday 17th June?
- 2) How long has the Premier League been suspended because of the coronavirus?
- 3) Why is it going to be a very busy six weeks for football players and fans?
- 4) Explain how the football matches are going to be different to before the lockdown.
- 5) Which option has a similar meaning to “raring to go”?

- Eager to begin
 - Keen to run fast
 - Desperate to win

- 6) What might Jamie Vardy win this year?

The award for

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- 7) Look at the information on the free-to-watch football matches and answer this quick quiz.

Who are Manchester United playing on Wednesday?	
What time does the Watford-Southampton match start?	
Which TV broadcaster is showing the Norwich v Everton match?	
What day and date is the Burnley v Watford match?	

- 8) Do you predict that Liverpool will win the Premiership this year?

Use the information from the report to answer, even if you don't know anything about football! Explain your opinion.

SCIENCE NEWS

ARE SATELLITES RUINING THE SKIES?

SCIENTISTS are warning that satellites are ruining the night sky in the southern half of the world.

The skies over Australia and New Zealand are famed for their view of the stars. In the northern hemisphere, where there are more people and cities, light pollution from streetlights already hides many of the stars from us.

But the skies in the south are so clear they are known as ‘dark-sky sanctuaries’. Astronomers and tourists alike go there to enjoy spectacular views of the solar system.

But that may not be the case much longer because so many satellites are being launched into the atmosphere. At night, they reflect the sun and shine like stars.

Elon Musk’s SpaceX company is getting a lot of the blame. It has launched more than 400 satellites in the past year, in batches of 60 at a time! At night they look like trains of bright lights, streaking across the sky. The company plans to launch 12,000 satellites in total. It says they will provide cheap broadband internet to remote parts of the Earth.

Scientists have pointed out that there is no control over what happens above the Earth.

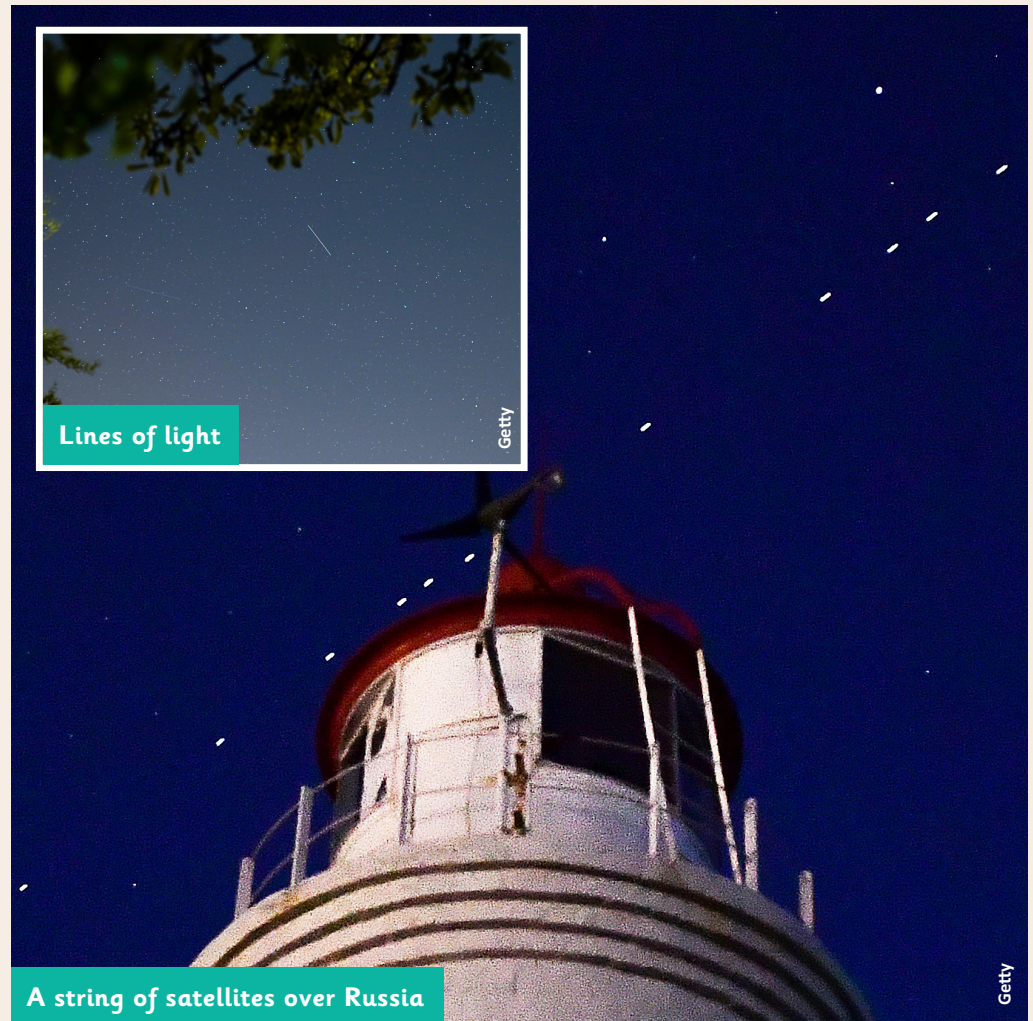
Dr Michele Bannister teaches astronomy at a university in New Zealand. She said:

“When you look into the night sky, do you want to see nature or do you want to see artificial constructions? This is what it comes down to.”



Lines of light

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A string of satellites over Russia

Getty

Questions on: 'Are satellites ruining the skies?'

- 1) What man-made object is being blamed for ruining the night sky in the southern half of the world?
- 2) Which word means half of the Earth?
- 3) Why is it already hard to see stars in the northern half of the Earth?
- 4) Can you find the name given to parts of the world where there are few street lights and you get an amazing view of the stars?
- 5) Why is the company SpaceX getting a lot of **criticism**?
- 6) Find the numbers to fill the gaps.
- 7) Have SpaceX had to ask anyone if they can launch 12,000 satellites into the sky? Find the sentence that tells you the answer.
- 8) What do you think? Are the astronomers worrying too much? Should there be controls over what can be launched into the sky? Explain your reasons.

SpaceX have plans to launch _____ satellites in order to provide broadband around the world. It is sending _____ satellites up in one go and has already launched more than _____ in the past year.