

UK NEWS

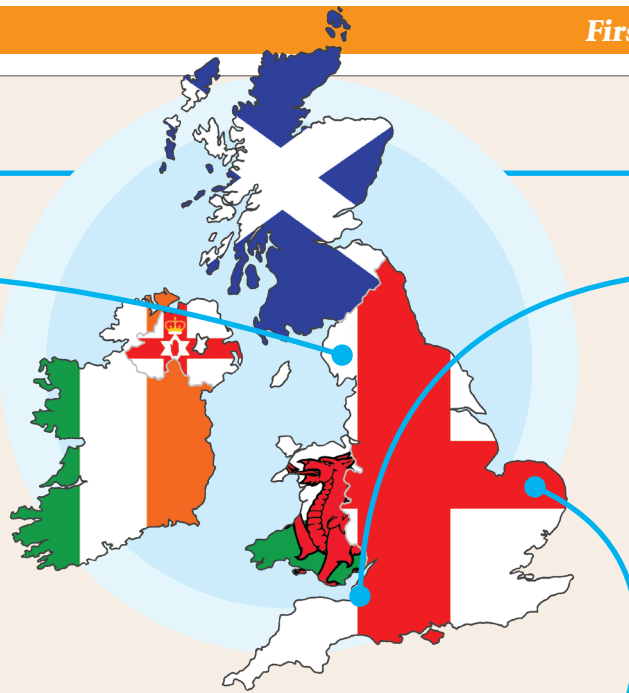
CUMBRIA



● Man reunited with dog

A 93-year-old man has had an emotional reunion with his beloved sheepdog. Alan Leek had to say goodbye to Cap when he moved into a care home two years ago. But thanks to Cap's new owner, they have been reunited at last. Sallyann Fisher drove 300 miles to Alan's care home so the pair could spend some time together.

Sallyann said: "I just felt I had to do it because when I was talking to Alan, he was saying how lonely he was. And I'd like to feel that when I'm old, maybe somebody will come and see me and brighten up my day."



BRISTOL

● I need a name!

Bristol Zoo Gardens wants your help to name its new western lowland gorilla.

The two-month-old infant is being raised by keepers because he wasn't getting enough milk from his mother. A shortlist of names has been drawn up and the zoo wants people to vote for their favourite. The choices are:

Motuku – 'Chief of the village' in the Bubi language

Hasani – 'Handsome' in Swahili

Luango – A town in Equatorial Guinea

Kidosi – A popular African name

Which would you vote for?



NORFOLK

● Teens find rare coins

Two teenage boys have separately found very rare coins using metal detectors. Both coins are almost 1,000 years old.

Seventeen-year-old Reece Pickering from Great Yarmouth found a Harold II silver penny. (Harold was the king who died in the Battle of Hastings in 1066, when William the Conqueror invaded.)

Sixteen-year-old Walter Taylor from Essex discovered a Henry I silver penny. (Henry I was William the Conqueror's son.)

The coins are expected to fetch between £2,500 and £3,500 when they are sold this week.



Questions on: UK News

Look at the news from Bristol.

- 1) Why is this young gorilla having to be raised by zookeepers?
- 2) Match the name to the correct definition.

Motuku

An African town

Kidosi

Handsome

Hasani

A popular African name

Luango

Chief of the village

Look at the news from Norfolk.

- 3) Which coin is older? Explain how you know.
- 4) What information do you find out in brackets?

- The age of each coin
- Facts about the kings
- Where the coins were found

Look at the news from Cumbria.

- 5) Why did Alan Leek have to part with his dog, Cap?
- 6) How has he been feeling recently?
- 7) Look at the first sentence. Find the two adjectives (describing words) that have been added to show this is a very moving story.

1.

2.

- 8a) What motivated Sallyann to make this 300-mile trip?
- 8b) Choose **three** words to describe Sallyann.

ANIMAL NEWS

FIREWORK FEARS



MANY people will be celebrating Bonfire Night or Diwali at home this year, but it's important to remember how frightening fireworks can be for pets.

This year, most organised events have been cancelled, so many people are expected to enjoy firework celebrations at home.

The British Veterinary Association (BVA) is worried that many more fireworks will be set off in gardens this year. It is asking people to think about the animals around them before celebrations are started.

Pets, farm animals and wildlife can all be distressed by fireworks. The flashes and loud bangs frighten animals, causing them to panic and run off. Horses can bolt from their fields. Some dogs injure themselves trying to hide or by chewing furniture because they are stressed.

If you have pets, it's important to make sure they're inside and in a safe space after dark, if possible. Give them their favourite blanket or toys and try to leave a TV or radio on so that it muffles the sounds outside.

The leftover bits of fireworks and sparklers can be a hazard to animals too, so if you are having a celebration in your garden, make sure you clear away any leftover pieces before you let your pets back out.

Bonfire Night – 5th November

Bonfire Night remembers the day when Guy Fawkes tried to blow up parliament and kill the king. He was caught red-handed on 5th November 1605.

Diwali – 14th November (the exact date changes each year)

Diwali is a five-day-long festival of light celebrated by Hindus and Sikhs. It celebrates the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil. Being a festival of light, fireworks are now a huge part of the celebrations.

Questions on: 'Firework fears'

1) Name two events that might be celebrated with fireworks this November.

1.

2.

2) **Who** is asking us to consider animals before having fireworks this year?

3) Why might there be more home firework celebrations this year?

4) "Horses can bolt from their fields."

What does 'bolt' mean in this sentence?

- To eat food very quickly
- To move fast because frightened
- To lock something by sliding a metal bar

5) Find three things you can do to keep pets safe **before**, **during** and **after** a firework celebration at home.

Before

During

After

6) Which religious groups celebrate Diwali?

1.

2.

7) Find the four missing words.

Diwali celebrates...

_____ over _____

_____ over _____

8) Some people think that fireworks scare animals, are bad for the environment and should be banned. Do you agree? Explain your opinion.

SPORT

LEWIS Hamilton has made Formula 1 history by winning a record 92nd victory at the Portuguese Grand Prix.

Hamilton's eighth win of the season means that he has now overtaken the legendary Michael Schumacher. The German driver retired from the sport in 2012 as Formula 1's all-time record race winner.

Breaking the record is yet another achievement in Hamilton's incredible F1 career. Hamilton won his first world champion title at the age of 23, in his second season of racing.

Since switching to drive with Mercedes in 2013, he has dominated the sport, winning a further five world championships.

His record-breaking success means that he will be remembered as one of the greatest drivers of all time. "Today is beyond my wildest dreams," Hamilton wrote on Twitter. "I couldn't be here without my team, continuously innovating. I'm so grateful to have you guys by my side."

Hamilton also paid tribute to Schumacher, who suffered a serious brain injury while skiing in 2013. "I'm thinking of Michael today," he wrote. "I will forever have the utmost admiration and respect for you."

HAMILTON MAKES HISTORY



Lewis Hamilton celebrates his victory and new record

How do I say?

Grand Prix – "grahn-pree" (A Grand Prix is the name of a Formula 1 race)

Schumacher – "shoe-mack-er"

Mercedes – "mer-say-dees"

Questions on: 'Hamilton makes history'

1) How many Grand Prix races have now been won by Lewis Hamilton?

2) How many have been won by Michael Schumacher? (You aren't told the answer, but it's easy when you think about it.)

3) Where did Hamilton win his last race?

- Portugal
- Poland
- Pakistan

4) What change did Hamilton make in 2013?

5) How many World Championship titles has Hamilton won, **in total**?

6) Look at Hamilton's words. Where do these quotes come from?

- An interview with the journalist
- His website
- Hamilton published them on Twitter

7) Hamilton says: "I couldn't be here without my team, continuously innovating. I'm so grateful to have you guys by my side."

What do you think his team-mates do to help him race and win?

8) Who else does Hamilton mention in his 'tweet'? Why is he thinking about this person, at this moment?

CRAZY BUT TRUE

DAD'S DIRE DRAWINGS

A doodling dad has found internet fame with his peculiar drawings of people's pets!

Phil Heckels started drawing pet portraits when his son needed

help making a thank you card. After putting the pictures on the internet, friends started asking for dodgy drawings of their own animals.

Phil felt that his drawings were just too rubbish to be worth any money. Instead, he asked people to donate to a local homeless charity in Worthing. So far, he's made 120 portraits and raised more than £21,000!



justgiving.com/fundraising/portraitsbyhercule



DOGGY PHOTO BOOTH



SimoneGiertz/Twitter

A dog has become a hit on the internet after its owner helped it to take selfies! Simone Giertz built a photo booth out of LEGO and hooked a camera up to a pedal. When Scraps hits the pedal with her paw, it takes a photo and gives her a treat. The adorable photos have been a huge hit.

TIME FOR A DIET?



All photos: Charmaine Hulley/Facebook

In Australia, snaps of a mutt's mishap have also been spreading smiles online.

Drax the labrador was caught on camera having a bit of trouble fitting through a dog door. The chubby pup got so lodged he pulled the door off its hinges! In Drax's defence, he was visiting some friends who are smaller than he is.

His owner Charmaine Hulley describes Drax as a "chonky boy" (adorably round or plump), but it wasn't always that way.

"He is a rescue off the streets," she explains. "He was sleeping curled up outside a supermarket all skinny and sad. Now he's very happy and warm and loved... a little too loved!"

Questions on: Crazy but True

1) What links all the Crazy but True stories this week?

2) Who are these people? Match the options correctly.

Simone Giertz

A dad who draws pets

Charmaine Hulley

A person who made a doggy photo booth

Phil Heckels

The owner of Drax

Look at the story about Drax the dog.

3) What does the new word 'chonky' mean?

4) People are laughing at Drax, but why is this actually a happy story?

Look at the story about Phil Heckels.

5) What caused Phil to start drawing pets?

6) Which word could be used to describe Phil? Explain why.

- Proud
- Modest
- Ambitious
- Calm

7a) This story includes lots of **alliteration** (where words start with the same sound). Can you find these examples? They all start with 'd'!

d _____ d _____ d _____
d _____ d _____
d _____ d _____

7b) Why do you think the journalist has included so much alliteration in this particular news story?

Think about all of the stories

8) Explain how the internet plays an important part in every story.