

UK NEWS

WINCHESTER

PEREGRINE EGGS HATCH

A pair of peregrine falcons who live at the top of Winchester Cathedral are thought to have had a record number of eggs this year. Winnie and Chester have lived on top of the 900-year-old building for a couple of years. Winnie laid a clutch of five eggs recently, and they have just started to hatch! On 27th April one of the experts keeping track of the pair wrote: “Winnie has hatched her first chick this morning. At 10am she was eating the eggshell – not wanting to waste valuable calcium. The chicks will be carefully guarded and kept warm by her for the first 7-10 days, and then she will leave them to go hunting.” You can see the birds yourself via a live webcam. Peregrines are the world’s fastest animal. When they dive to catch prey, they reach speeds of 200 miles per hour!



MANCHESTER

AEROPLANE MEALS SHARED OUT

Air travel has collapsed because of the coronavirus. With most flights grounded, a “mountain” of frozen meals meant for airline passengers has been growing near Manchester Airport. Now, a group called Open Kitchen MCR has stepped in to rescue the meals and give them to people in need. More than one million meals are going to be given to people in the area who struggle to afford their own food.

UK

CRANES COME BACK

The tallest bird in Britain, the crane, is making a comeback! This spectacular bird can grow to 1.2 metres tall. Cranes were once common in the UK, but they became extinct here about 400 years ago because of hunting and the loss of their habitat. However, the increase in wetland nature reserves means that about 200 cranes are now thought to live in the UK. Chrissie Kelley, from a wildlife group in Norfolk, said: “We are thrilled to see wild cranes doing so well. Seeing these birds in flight is breathtaking.”



Questions on: 'UK News'

Look at the news from Winchester.

1) Who are Winnie and Chester and where do they live?

Who:
Where:

2) Why does the mother bird eat the egg shell?

“You can see the birds yourself via a live webcam.”

3) What is **cam** short for in the word ‘webcam’?

4) What does the word **via** mean in this quote?

- using, or through
- connected
- seeing, or seen

Look at the news from Manchester.

5) ● Who was supposed to be eating the meals?

- Why haven't they been eaten?
- Who is going to eat them instead?

Look at the news from the UK.

6) Find **three** facts about cranes.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

7) Why are more cranes living in the UK now?

Consider all the stories.

8) Which category do these news stories fit into?

- Funny news
- Good news
- Bad news

Explain your choice.

ANIMAL NEWS

FOUR FREED

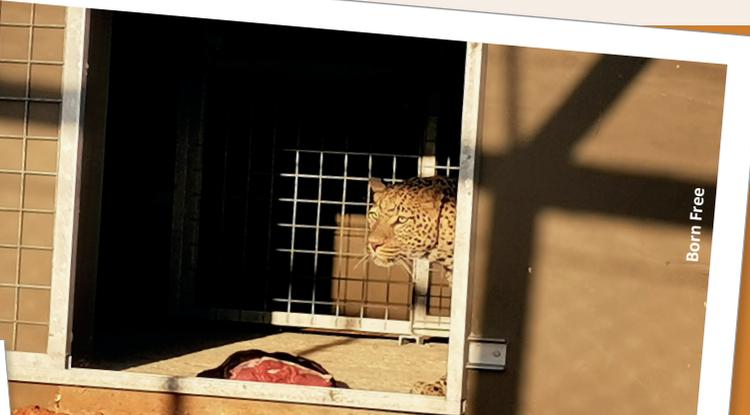
FOUR big cats that were rescued by the charity Born Free have been released into nature reserves in Ethiopia and South Africa.

Two cheetah cubs have found a new home at a wildlife sanctuary in Ethiopia. It's thought that the cubs were snatched from their mother so that they could be sold illegally as pets in the Middle East. Thankfully, they were rescued just before Ethiopia went into lockdown because of the coronavirus.

In South Africa, two adult leopards have been given a new home at Born Free's big cat wildlife reserve. They were rescued from a zoo in the country where they were being kept in very poor conditions. Mowgli, a black leopard, and Zeiss, a spotted leopard, did not have enough food and were not being checked by vets.

Dr Chris Draper, from Born Free, says: "These are two very different cases, but they highlight the problems with big cats in captivity."

All four of the rescued cats are settling into their new homes, although their recovery back to full health may take some time.



Questions on: 'Animal News'

1) Big cats have just been released in which **two** African countries?

1.
2.

2) Why were the cheetah cubs taken from their mother?

3) What is the writer 'thankful' about?

4) Find the details of the leopards.

Name	Type of leopard

5) Why were the leopards in captivity?

6) What was wrong with the way they were being cared for?

7) a) What do you think a **wildlife sanctuary** is?

b) Can you find **two** words from the story that have a very similar meaning?

8) Why do you think it's very difficult to care for big cats in captivity – even if you are an expert?

NEWS IN PICTURES

GERMANY

A man buys a face mask from a vending machine in a train station. Germany is beginning to lift the lockdown that was put in place to slow the spread of the coronavirus. Soon, people will have more freedom again. But new rules mean that people will have to wear face masks on trains and in shops.



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ISLE OF MAN

New stamps on the Isle of Man will celebrate the people working hard to get us through the coronavirus crisis, such as doctors, care workers and delivery drivers. The stamps have the words Care, Community, Love, Science, Compassion, Work, Words and Faith, all finishing the message, “...will carry us through”.

UK

Thousands and thousands of bugs have been washed up on a beach in Scarborough. Local people going out for their daily exercise noticed the sea of bugs along Cayton Bay. At first it was thought they were heather beetles, an insect that lives on the local moors. But it's now thought that they are European chafer beetles, from mainland Europe. No-one knows why so many of the bugs have ended up on the beach.



Questions on: 'News in Pictures'

1) Match the place to the news topic.

UK

New stamps

Isle of Man

New facemask rule

Germany

Bugs on the beach

Look at the news from the UK.

2) This news is about...

an announcement

a celebration

a mystery

a crime

3) Which **two** beetles might the insects be and where are they from?

The beetle	From

4) How do you think the insects got there? You aren't told the answer – come up with your own idea.

Look at the news from Germany.

5) What is the good news coming from Germany?

6) Why do you think this man is buying a mask from this machine?

Look at the news from the Isle of Man.

7) Find and copy the complete message on one of the stamps.

8) Of all the **eight** words chosen for the stamps, which do you think is the most important for getting us through the coronavirus crisis?

Explain your choice.

SPORT NEWS

“I’M IN MUM’S BAD BOOKS!”

WHEELCHAIR tennis star Alfie Hewett is one of the sport’s most successful athletes. He talked to *First News* about his career and how he’s coping with the lockdown.

■ How did you first get into tennis?

When I was seven I was diagnosed with a hip condition called Perthes’ disease. That’s why I came to be in a wheelchair. Obviously to have my life change and be told I had to be in a wheelchair was a struggle.

My mum and my family were big drivers behind getting me back involved with sport. They took me to Stoke Mandeville [a hospital] where anyone with a disability could try various para-sports. It was to get social again... be happy and be active – all those benefits that sport can bring.

■ How have you been keeping active in the lockdown?

I live out in the sticks [far away from towns and cities] in Norfolk, so it’s a peaceful and quiet area to go out for a push. To not have the gym and court on hand means I have to be creative. But I’m in Mum’s bad books because I’ve turned the conservatory into a home gym!

■ As an athlete, what has been the most frustrating thing about the lockdown for you?

I accept the situation... everyone’s in the same boat. I haven’t picked up a racket since the second week of March now. It’s quite strange! But it’s quite good for us as athletes to take the strain off our bodies.

■ You’ve won so much, but what has been the stand-out moment so far?

Playing at the Rio 2016 Paralympics [bottom right] was just unbelievable, a dream come true. To go and play as well as I did and get two medals was unexpected! To look up and see [my family] all there with the flag, it was something I’ll never forget.



Alfie Hewett has two Paralympic silver medals and three Wimbledon doubles titles – and he’s still only 22!



Alfie and Gordon Reid winning the doubles at Wimbledon in 2018



GLOSSARY

Paralympics – An international sports competition for people with disabilities, held immediately after the Olympics

Questions on: "I'm in Mum's bad books!"

1) What is the name for this kind of news article?

- A photo story
- An interview
- A review

2) How old was Alfie when he found out he would need a wheelchair for the rest of his life?

3) Alfie's family helped to get him into sport. What **three benefits** does he say sport brings?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

4) Why is Alfie in his mum's bad books?!

5) Look at the third question, about the lockdown. Alfie says: "Everyone's in the same boat."

Can you explain what he means?

6) What does Alfie consider the highlight of his career so far?

7) What does Alfie find hard about the lockdown? What does he think is a benefit of the lockdown?

8) What do you think are the benefits of the lockdown? What are you finding the most difficult?