

## 1. AUTHOR TOM

National hero Captain Tom Moore is bringing out a children's picture book. The book doesn't have a name yet but it will tell the story of the Captain's amazing life through pictures. It will come out in the autumn, alongside his autobiography. Captain Tom became a household name last month after raising more than £32 million for the NHS by walking 100 laps of his garden.



## 2. CHILDREN'S DAY

Sunday 17 May was National Children's Day UK. The day is all about the importance of a healthy childhood and how adults need to protect the rights and freedoms of children. But did you know you had rights? Click on the *I Don't Get It* logo at [first.news/fyi](https://first.news/fyi) and select our film *Do Children Have Rights?*, made with the BFI Young Audience Content Fund and Sky Kids.

## 3. HOMER'S REAL AGE

Fans of *The Simpsons* recently uncovered an image of Homer's driving licence from an early episode. The licence revealed that Homer – who has been 33 years old for 32 seasons – would now be 64!

## 4. EUROVISION 2020

*Eurovision 2020* – the international song contest competed for by mostly European countries – was cancelled back in March. However, *Eurovision: Come Together* was screened instead. It saw the public voting for the best Eurovision song ever, with Abba's *Waterloo* topping the list.

## 5. COVID-19 ESSENTIALS

An investigation by *Which?* has uncovered hundreds of listings for household items being sold at really high prices online. It says that some shady sellers are trying to benefit from the coronavirus pandemic by selling items for more money because they know people need them. The research shows Amazon Marketplace and eBay were full of items being sold for at least double the typical price.

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## 6. UK SOAPS RETURN

*Coronation Street* and *EastEnders*, two of Britain's longest-running soaps, are set to resume filming "within weeks". Some soaps have had to spread their episodes out over the lockdown period to make sure they didn't run out.

## 7. MYSTERY KNITTER

A mystery knitter has been decorating postboxes in West End, near Woking in Surrey, to pay tribute to key workers. The first knitted creation popped up on a postbox a few weeks ago, but several more have been found since. Knitted figures spotted so far include NHS workers and bin collectors.



## 8. LOCKDOWN SIGNS

The Victoria & Albert museum in London is looking for homemade signs created during lockdown to enter its collection. Pics of your signs can be sent to [homemadesigns@vam.ac.uk](mailto:homemadesigns@vam.ac.uk).

## 9. ABANDONED ANIMALS



The RSPCA has received more than 1,600 reports of abandoned animals across England & Wales since lockdown began in March. Over half were dogs, with Staffordshire bull terriers being the most likely breed to be abandoned.

## 10. SHORTEST MAN

Thirty-four-year-old Edward Niño Hernández has been declared the shortest living man in the world by Guinness World Records. Mr Hernández is 72.1cm (just over 2ft 4in) tall.



## 11. HOLDING HANDS FEAR

According to a new EU survey, six out of ten LGBTQ+ people are too afraid to hold hands with their partners in public. A whopping 140,000 LGBTQ+ people across Europe were interviewed in the study, which found that 43% had been victimised because of their sexuality during the past year.



## 12. SUPER CYCLONE

As *First News* went to press, India and Bangladesh were evacuating millions of people from coastal areas ahead of a super cyclone which was approaching. The coronavirus outbreak was making it harder to move people.

## 13. KEY WORKERS

Data from the Office for National Statistics has revealed that a third of the UK's workforce are key workers. 31% work in health and social care while 15% were at risk of COVID-19 due to health conditions.

## 14. CHAINSAW CARVING

A life-sized wooden carving of Captain Tom Moore has raised more than £7,000 in a charity raffle. Simon Bogg spent ten days carving the sculpture using chainsaws, and described Captain Tom as an "absolute legend."



## 15. DEMENTIA HELP

People affected by dementia are lonely and struggling to cope during lockdown, a survey by the Alzheimer's Society reveals. The charity has made thousands of welfare calls to provide support and information. It has also started an emergency fund to raise money for the £45 million it expects to lose in income due to COVID-19. See p13 for more about dementia.

## 16. FACE MASK FEARS

New research from Middlesex University shows men are less likely to wear a face mask to prevent spreading COVID-19 than women, because they see it as a "sign of weakness". A survey of 2,459 men living in the US showed more men than women view wearing a face mask as "shameful" and not "cool".

## 17. RAPTORS TARGETED

The RSPB says there has been a surge in reports of people illegally killing birds of prey since lockdown began. Birds like hen harriers, peregrine falcons, red kites, goshawks, buzzards and a barn owl have been killed in planned attacks.



## 18. NEW SUBSCRIBERS

UK families have turned to streaming services like Netflix, Amazon Prime and Disney+ in recent weeks to ease the stress of the nationwide lockdown. New research estimates 4.6 million families have signed up to streaming services since the country went into stay-at-home mode in March.

## 19. GET ON TELLY!

The British Film Institute has launched the See Yourself On Screen Challenge. It wants anyone aged 4-18 to send in a mini 30-second TV show from their home. Backed by Dr Ranj and judged by industry experts, the best entrants will be helped to turn their idea into a two-minute film that will be aired on TV later this year! Visit [bfi.org.uk/seeyourselfonscreen](https://bfi.org.uk/seeyourselfonscreen) for more info. But be quick – the competition closes on Monday 25 May.

## 20. BUMPER CAR BAR

A bar in America is trialling a fun and slightly crazy way to reopen while maintaining social distancing. The Fish Tales bar and grill in Maryland has created bumper tables – tables on wheels with big rubber rings around them. Customers have a circular table for food and drink, wheels to move and socialise, and a protective bumper to stop anyone getting too close!

