

1. KENT CLIFF FALL

Cliff erosion in Kent has caused houses to be evacuated and left one property dangling over the edge. Surf Crescent on the edge of the Isle of Sheppey has seen several cliff falls in recent weeks. Luckily, the family who live in the house below left after an earlier cliff fall caused a road to collapse. “They are just waiting for the house to fall,” said neighbour Malcolm Newell.



2. PUFFIN BOOK FESTIVAL

Children’s publisher Puffin is launching a week-long online book festival for families from 8 June. The Puffin Festival of Big Dreams will take place each day until 14 June on Puffin’s YouTube and Facebook channels. It will be full of creative workshops and online activities from authors like Jeff Kinney, Jacqueline Wilson, Carrie Hope Fletcher and Robin Stevens.

3. DISNEY RATS

Three abandoned rats have been named after Disney characters by their rescuers. A family found the trio, who had been left in their cage in the rain. The rats, Mickey, Simba and Tayo, are now in the care of the RSPCA.

4. OLDEST MAN DIES

Three months after becoming the world’s oldest man, Bob Weighton has died at the age of 112. His family said Bob, from Alton in Hampshire, was an “extraordinary man” and that he “died peacefully in his sleep”.

5. DEEP DEEP DOWN

The deepest ever sighting of an octopus has been recorded by cameras on the Indian Ocean floor. The octopus, from the *Grimpoteuthis* family, was filmed 6,957m down in the Java Trench, almost 3km deeper than the previous reliable recording. It is also known as the Dumbo octopus because of its ear-like fins that make it look a bit like the famous Disney character.

20 THINGS TO KNOW AND TELL

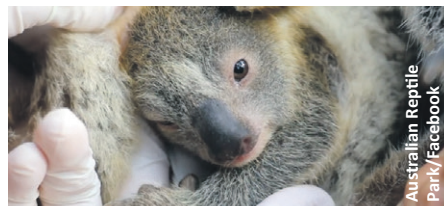
QUICK NEWS TO READ YOURSELF AND SHARE WITH FRIENDS

6. 111-YEAR-OLD RECOVERS

A 111-year-old woman in Chile has recovered from COVID-19. Juana Zúñiga had breathing issues before getting sick, but luckily she didn’t suffer from severe symptoms.

7. BABY KOALA JOY

An Australian wildlife centre is celebrating the arrival of the first baby koala since the bushfires that raged there earlier this year. Staff at the Australian Reptile Park have named the joey Ash, in honour of the many koalas who died in the fires.



8. CHILD LABOUR DAY

Friday 12 June is World Day Against Child Labour. The United Nations estimates that 152 million children are still working. Seven out of ten of those children work farming fields.

9. LONELY ELEPHANT

A court has ordered that an elephant in Pakistan must be set free into the wild. Kaavan has been in chains at Islamabad Zoo for 18 years and without a mate for eight. The Islamabad High Court demanded that the lonely elephant be found an appropriate sanctuary within 30 days.

10. TOXIC PLANT

People are being warned not to touch a toxic plant called giant hogweed. The plant can reach 4.5m and contains a sap that can cause burns on your skin. The tall plant has green stems with purple blotches, huge leaves with jagged edges and umbrella-like heads with small white flowers that appear in June and July.



11. PRINCE PARTY

A prince who attended a party in Spain has tested positive for COVID-19. Prince Joachim, nephew of Belgium’s King Philippe, was said to have visited Spain on 24 May for professional reasons. However, after admitting he also attended a party of nearly 30 people, the prince said he regretted his actions and apologised for “not respecting all quarantine measures during my trip”.



12. WORLD COLOURS

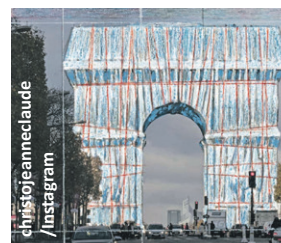
Crayola is releasing a new pack of crayons to reflect all the different skin tones in the world. Colours of the World will feature 24 different shades, and was made with the help of make-up expert Victor Casale. The new crayons will be released in July.

13. OLDEST BUG FOUND

A millipede fossil found on the Scottish island of Kerrera is believed to be the world’s oldest bug. It is around 425 million years old, older than any known insect fossil.

14. FABRIC ARTIST DIES

Christo, the artist most famous for wrapping giant buildings in fabric, has died at the age of 84. However, his final



project of wrapping France’s Arc de Triomphe will still go ahead in September 2021.

15. WORLD OCEANS DAY

The National Maritime Museum will hold a day-long festival of activities to mark World Oceans Day on 8 June. For obvious reasons, this one will be online. It will include interviews with scientists and oceanography experts, a scavenger hunt and a live quiz!

16. LICENCE TO DRILL

Pictures of the HS2 tunnel boring machines have been unveiled. They will help create the route for HS2, Britain’s next high-speed railway. The giant machines will drill under areas of natural beauty, like the Chiltern Hills. They are as long as five football pitches and will run non-stop for three-and-a-half years.



17. DRONE DELIVERIES

The NHS is trialling the use of drones to deliver medical supplies. Drone delivery service Skyports has been transporting medical supplies and tests to NHS hospitals in remote parts of Scotland.

18. RINGS REUNION

The cast of *The Lord of the Rings* movie have reunited over Zoom for an online chat show. Elijah Wood, Orlando Bloom, Sir Ian McKellen, Sean Astin, Billy Boyd and Dominic Monaghan, alongside other cast members, appear in actor Josh Gad’s (who voiced Olaf in *Frozen*) *Reunited Apart* series on YouTube.

19. DINO COINS

The Royal Mint has released three special dinosaur 50p coins that use augmented reality (AR). The coins feature the *Megalosaurus*, *Iguanodon* and *Hylaeosaurus*. You can scan the coin’s packaging using an app to see facts and pictures of the dinos.

20. LOUD LOBSTERS

A new study has found that European spiny lobsters are really loud. So loud in fact that their ‘antennal rasps’ can be heard almost two miles away! The sound is created by the lobsters rubbing their antennae against a rough spot beneath their eyes. The fascinating creatures are considered vulnerable due to overfishing.

