

## 1. RETAIL RETURN

In a further easing of the lockdown in England, some shops and restaurants are set to reopen on 15 June, including some branches of Primark, The Entertainer, McDonald's and Nando's. In Scotland, First Minister Nicola Sturgeon hinted that shops could open soon, but the question will be looked at again on 18 June.



## 2. 80 YEARS TOGETHER

One of the UK's longest-married couples have celebrated their 80th wedding anniversary. Eric and Nancy Kingston were married on 1 June 1940 and have five children, 11 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great grandchildren.

## 3. SUNBATHER'S SHOCK

A man sunbathing near a railway line in Essex got a shock when concerned rail workers mistook him for a dead body. British Transport Police rushed to the scene only to find the man, who was in his thirties, was just happily sunbathing naked. Afterwards, they warned the public that the railway is not a safe place to sunbathe and that people should stay away from the tracks.

## 4. NEW BANKSY

Street artist Banksy has revealed a new piece of artwork inspired by the death of George Floyd in America. The piece appeared on Banksy's Instagram account and featured a vigil candle burning an American flag.

## 5. CLIFF COLLAPSE

You may remember last week we told you that cliff erosion had left a house in Eastchurch, Kent dangling over the edge of a cliff. The house has now collapsed over the edge, and 15 people have had to leave their homes in the area in case of any further cliff falls.

# 20 THINGS TO KNOW AND TELL

QUICK NEWS TO READ YOURSELF AND SHARE WITH FRIENDS

## 6. SAVE THE THEATRE

Actor David Tennant has called on the Government to save theatres across the country. He says that many theatres are "teetering" on the edge of going out of business.

## 7. DRONES HELP BIRDS

Scientists have come up with a new way to help protect an endangered bird – wildlife drones. The kakapo, only found in New Zealand, is nearly extinct, with only 211 left. By using special drones to fly near the birds and monitor their activity, the scientists say they can check on the kakapos without disturbing them.



## 8. BACK IN THE HOUSE

This week, MPs returned to the House of Commons to vote in person with social distancing rules in place. The queue ran all the way outside, and voting took 90 minutes!

## 9. CANCELLED FESTIVAL

Sadly, the Bath Children's Literature Festival has been cancelled this year, due to the coronavirus outbreak. An exciting digital programme is being devised to take place instead.

## 10. GREAT GAGA

Lady Gaga's *Chromatica* has become the fastest-selling album of 2020. More than 53,000 copies of the album were sold in the first week of release and it sold more than the rest of the UK top ten albums combined. *Chromatica* features 16 new songs, including collaborations with Ariana Grande, Blackpink and Sir Elton John.



## 11. SPY DAD

James Bond has apparently become a father in the new movie, *No Time to Die*. In the latest instalment of the hugely popular film franchise – set five years after the last film, *Spectre* – the spy is still with Dr Madeleine Swann and they have a five-year-old daughter. Release of the film was shelved until November because of the new coronavirus.



## 12. LOCKDOWN READS

A survey has found that 89% of 7 to 11-year-olds have been reading during lockdown, with 37% of them reading more than before schools closed. The survey was carried out to mark the launch of the Summer Reading Challenge 2020.

## 13. BUSY STATION ALERT

National Rail has announced that it will start alerting passengers when train services get busy. They'll be told when they buy a ticket, to help people follow social distancing guidelines.

## 14. LARGEST LESSON

The UN is hosting the World's Largest Lesson on its YouTube channel. Featuring actor Millie Bobby Brown and UN experts from around the world, the lesson will discuss how the world could change after the pandemic.



## 15. REFUGEE WEEK

This year, Refugee Week is 15-21 June, so why not use lockdown to learn more about the lives of refugees? At [refugeeweek.org.uk](https://refugeeweek.org.uk) you can find eight simple acts to do at home, and next week we'll have a special report about the refugee crisis. Watch our video explainer at [first.news/idgi](https://first.news/idgi).

## 16. BUTTERFLIES RETURN

Our sunny spring has encouraged a lot of midsummer butterflies to emerge early this year. Dozens of species, including the marbled white (below) and the dark green fritillary, are making an appearance a month before their usual season in July. Experts are saying it's the best summer for butterflies in 25 years, with large numbers of common and endangered species spotted.



## 17. BYE-BYE BLAZERS?

It might be the end for blazers! Blazers are hard to wash properly, and since some schools are asking students to come in wearing clean clothes every day, a blazer isn't an option any more.

## 18. BASE JUMPERS

Police are looking for two base jumpers who leapt 272ft (82m) from the top of St Botolph's Church in Boston, Lincolnshire. The pair were spotted jumping with a parachute, although one of them landed on his face rather than feet. Both then fled the scene. The police have called the act "dangerous and reckless".

## 19. COMMUNICATION CUT

North Korea says it is cutting all communication with its South Korean neighbours. The secretive country said that it will stop talking to the South until North Koreans who fled the country stop launching balloons with negative slogans about North Korean leader Kim Jong-un.

## 20. LOVE NATURE

The Wildlife Trusts are asking people to love and look after wildlife and wild places this summer. They want people to avoid BBQs and fires, take their litter home, keep dogs on leads and clean up their mess, be considerate towards staff, avoid trampling on meadows and – as there are no toilets – stay local.

