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# Environmental News

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## Flooding in Bahia Blanca

In Early March, after a long eight hours of rain in Argentine Bahia Blanca, there was a lot of flooding which destroyed many buildings, bridges, and roads. The flooding also caused most of the city to have no electricity. More than 1100 people had to evacuate their homes and newborn babies were evacuated from the hospitals. Unfortunately thirteen people died in this tragic event. On Saturday, city officials announced that the death toll might have a possibility of rising. The provincial government said that they were sending out helicopters and ambulances as well as the essentials like food and water. The coast guard is also trying to help in the rescue effort.

Authorities have announced that more than four hundred millimeters of rain fell on the city on the Friday when the flooding started. The city normally gets six-hundred to six-hundred-and-fifty millimeters of rain per year. The flooding has also blown up on social media, showing pictures raging flood waters and cars being swept of through the flood rivers. The city of Bahia Blanca is a city with the population of 300,000 and is a major part of the of the Buenos Aires community; it is a port in the South-Western part of Buenos-Aires province. Also, the provincial government minister (Carlos Bianco) told his local radio station that they had to rebuild the city again because there are people who have lost everything.

# History Feature

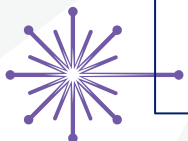
Aashritha Guntuka

## Lincoln Cathedral: A Testament to Faith and Architectural Brilliance

Lincoln Cathedral, an architectural marvel and a symbol of faith, has stood proudly over the city of Lincoln, England, for nearly a millennium. Construction of this magnificent structure began in 1072, shortly after the Norman Conquest, under the direction of Bishop Remigius. The cathedral was built in the Romanesque style, characterised by its massive stone walls and rounded arches, and it quickly became a centerpiece of the local community and a significant pilgrimage site.

The cathedral's most significant transformation occurred in the early 12<sup>th</sup> century when it was rebuilt in the Gothic style, which introduced pointed arches, ribbed vaults, and flying buttresses. This ambitious project was completed in 1280, resulting in a stunning structure that reached new heights of architectural innovation. The central tower, which once soared to 525 feet, was the tallest building in the world for over two centuries, showcasing the cathedral's grandeur and the skill of its builders.

Throughout its history, Lincoln Cathedral has been a witness to numerous historical events. It played a vital role in the English Reformation, and its beautiful interiors have been the site of many important ceremonies, including royal weddings and coronations. The cathedral also houses the famous Lincoln Imp, a legendary creature said to have been turned to stone for its mischief. Today, Lincoln Cathedral remains a vital part of the city's heritage, attracting visitors from around the world who come to admire its stunning architecture and rich history, making it a true treasure of England.



# International News

John Hutchings

## Trump Says He Will Get Greenland “One Way or Another”

So, Greenland seems like a big lie right? Being covered in deep layers of *white* snow, it defeats the purpose of “Green”land. Well, Greenlanders taking to the polls while Trump wants to annex the biggest island in the world, has thrown it into the international spotlight. Last week while speaking to congress, Trump said “I think were going to get it one way or another,” which has obviously sparked fears about forcefully taking Greenland.

Greenland's prime minister, Mute Egede, spoke up, and said “We are not for sale and cannot simply be taken,” and “We don’t want to be Americans, nor Danes. We are Kalaallit (Greenlanders).”

Every party in Greenland said they do not want Greenland to become American ground.

Greenland do want to push for independence but Denmark still controls security in Greenland. And ironically, Greenland benefits from Denmark's EU and NATO memberships.

Now what happens if Greenland breaks away? Who will it make a treaty with? Denmark? Canada? The US?!

# Nature news

Max Stothard

## **“Time capsule“ found revealing new types of habitats and insects which still exist today!**

Have you heard that a so-called “time capsule“ from centuries ago has been found? No? Well neither had I - until now! In an area looked after by the National trust in Exmoor, Somerset, they have found a patch of buried prehistoric woodland, plant, and insect remains; some of these species still exist today!

These findings were discovered in a year-long project called the “Peatland Restoration Project“, and its purpose was to improve the health of demeaning peatlands across the South-West. Peatland is “terrestrial wetland ecosystems in which waterlogged conditions prevent plant material from fully decomposing” according to its exact definition .

The remains themselves were dated from the Neolithic and Bronze ages and so were some of the discoveries made, including the following: 100 fragments of *Hydraena riparia* beetles; a semi-aquatic beetle which flourishes in damp conditions (and still exists today); and prehistoric samples of dung beetles, rove beetles, moss mites, and water scavenger beetles .

Remains from a prehistoric woodland were also found and they include: fragments of trunks, and small branches and twigs which, after much detailed observation, have been dated to around 4,500 to 3,500 years ago during the late Neolithic and middle Bronze ages. These fragments revealed the presence of tree species which include alder and willow, with evidence of birch trees growing nearby, indicated by seeds.

Plant remains have also been found from the peat which indicate that sedges and rushes were also in the area of the wet woodland habitat, whilst birch and oak were in the vicinity around the larger landscape surrounding the woodlands .

# World News

Oliver Erskine

## Keir Starmer - 1.6 Billion Missile Deal

In the past few days, Keir Starmer has made a £1.6 billion deal with Ukraine. He has promised five thousand of the best missiles to help in the war against Russia. This deal has also been mentioned to gain support at the summit with other European leaders. Keir Starmer has asked for every country to contribute in the best way they can and to take a great responsibility in ending this war. So, the UK government agreed on some important steps to help; firstly, they agreed to keep the military aid flowing and to keep economic pressure on Russia.

Secondly, they agreed that everlasting peace must ensure Ukraine's security and sovereignty; they must be at the table. Thirdly, in the event of a peace deal, the UK will keep boosting Ukraine's own defensive capabilities to deter any further invasion. Finally, they agreed to further development of a coalition and how they are willing to defend a deal in Ukraine and to guarantee the peace. Maybe not every nation will feel able to contribute but the UK definitely will not sit back.

# Environmental news

Emily Dove

## **‘World’s largest’ fuel fusion company is to be built to store and recover fuel used for nuclear fusion**

The United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA) and ENI (an Italian company) have joined to build at the Culham science campus in Oxfordshire.

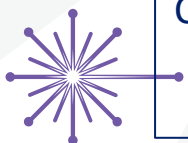
Tritium is a polluting radioactive form of hydrogen which is heated and forced together to make a heavier particle during nuclear fusion. To battle the current pollution, the new tritium fuel cycle facility is due to be completed in 2028. The fusion process sees two hydrogen isotopes, in this case tritium, fuse together at an intense heat and pressure to form a helium atom .

This will be an important building project as nuclear fusion is the energy process that powers the stars, with scientists saying it has the potential of unlimited supplies of low-carbon and low-radiation energy.

UKAEA said tritium recovery and re-use would play a “fundamental role” in the “supply and generation of the fuel in future fusion power plants” and would be “crucial in making the technology increasingly efficient”.

Kerry McCarthy, government climate minister, said the new fuel fusion build would “not only position the UK as a leader in the development of fusion fuel technologies”, but would “accelerate progress towards a future of safe, sustainable, and abundant clean energy”.

Culham was previously home to a nuclear fusion reactor, which in its final test produced a record amount of energy.



# Environmental News

Gregor Wallace

## Hull Tanker-Cargo Ship Collision

Recently, an American tanker collided with a Portuguese cargo ship off the coast of Hull, Yorkshire, at about 10am on the 10<sup>th</sup> March. The tanker was transporting jet fuel for the US military, while the cargo ship was heading for the Netherlands from Scotland. The tanker (Stena Immaculate) was anchored at the time of collision, when the cargo ship (the Solong) hit at eighteen miles per hour. The conditions were described as 'very foggy' and one member of the crew of the Stena Immaculate described the event: 'a massive ship came out from the blue' and they only had seconds to react. The tanker burst into flames upon collision.

It is currently unclear what caused the collision in the first place; however both ships were clearly visible on MarineTraffic, a route tracking website that tracks ships' locations (similar to FlightRadar24, but for the sea). Most of the crew were recovered from both ships; however one of the fourteen from the Solong is still missing, and one recovered crewmate is in hospital.



# Mental Health Feature

Estrela Costa Marcal

Depression is a serious mental health condition that affects how a person feels, thinks, and acts. It goes beyond just feeling sad, causing a feeling of hopelessness, trouble sleeping, and endless amount of stress. Almost 4 percent of people in 2024 faced depression; this is why it's so important to talk about it in order to raise awareness. Depression can negatively impact physical appearance and can cause you to lose interest in things you enjoy. This is why if you notice anyone going through something, it's best to ask if they are okay and if anything is wrong. By helping and understanding depression, we can help people get the support they need.

According to Pew Research, 51% of people globally have been facing difficult hardships and consequences due to depression but through different support programs it can make a change in people's thoughts and provide encouragement in their lives. It is important to remember that you are not alone and its okay to not feel your best all the time. Seeking help, talking to someone and taking small steps towards healing can make a difference. You're not alone - support is available and things can get better.

# Gaming News

Oliver Erskine

## Top Five Most Sold Video Games

Here is a run down of the top selling video games. Is your favourite on the list?

### Fifth: Mario Kart Eight Deluxe

Mario Kart Eight has made over 75.8 million pounds in revenue. This game was made by Nintendo on May 29<sup>th</sup> 2014. It is about racing your go-kart for three laps on different circuits. The reason this stood out was because of its difference to other racing games as you could gain powerups to improve how your race went. It can only be played on switch and WiiU.

### Fourth: Ark Survival Evolved

This game has made 76 million pounds in revenue and it was created on the 29<sup>th</sup> August 2017. This is a multi-platform game based on survival in a Jurassic world. There are dinosaurs and your goal is to tame creatures that once ruled the Earth. Overall, this game is loved by many in the gaming community, and is established as one of the best in the history of gaming.

### Third: Wii Sports

Wii Sports was a game made in 2006 - one of the earlier games. However, people came to love it and still do as it has made 82 millions pounds in the time that it has been around. In this game you can choose sports like surfing, basketball, fencing, and more. There was a lot of diversity in this and that is why so many people enjoyed it.

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# Gaming News

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Second: GTA 5

GTA 5 is a game that isn't suitable for people under the age of eighteen so a lot of the gaming community cannot play it but so many people thought of it as such a good game it made a whopping 210 million pounds. It was made in 2013 so it has been around for less time than the third place spot, but it has made almost triple the amount.

Most Sold: Minecraft

As expected, the best-selling game is Minecraft. It was made in 2011 and it has made over 300 million pounds in revenue. Many people play it and it has got to the point where almost an eighth of the population own it. It is known across the globe and loved by many. It is also loved for its simplicity and peacefulness, but it can be 'modded' to make it even more challenging than before.

# Events Feature

Erica Lawlor

## National Education Day

Looking ahead to later this year, National Education Day (11<sup>th</sup> November) encourages schools, colleges, and universities to engage in new activities and opportunities. The day honours the first educated prime minister of India - Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. The Ministry of Human Resources Development first announced National Education Day in 2008.

### How to celebrate National Education Day

- Create a poster:

Create a poster that highlights the importance of National Education Day, and display it in your school, library, and community/village. You could use bright colors, cool fonts, and catchy slogans so everyone can remember.

- Write and share essays:

Write a detailed essay about interesting facts you can find about National Education Day and share them with your family, friends, and teachers. Share your knowledge everywhere you go, helping people understand the importance of National Education Day, and how lucky they are to have had a decent education.

Many people across the world are denied an education, and though not everyone wants to get up in the morning to go to school, it's better than not having the choice; without school you wouldn't make friends, you wouldn't learn, you wouldn't lead yourself forward.