



'Please can we have our whale back?'

As restoration work started on a 17-metre whale skeleton, a stately home has appealed to anyone who may have taken a bone as a souvenir to give it back. In 1825, a gigantic sperm whale was found stranded on the Holderness Coast, and was claimed by Sir Thomas Aston Clifford Constable. Doctor James Alderson dissected the whale on the beach, where it was found, and later presented a paper on it. The whale was mounted on an iron structure in the grounds of the Burton Constable Hall, and scientists, writers and tourists went to see it. It has since been neglected and fallen into disrepair. Over the years, the skeleton has lost 11 of its 44 vertebrae and much of its left flipper. It is believed that people took the bones as souvenirs. The skeleton, which was described in the classic novel, *Moby Dick*, written by Herman Melville, is being restored as part of a celebration at the hall to mark the 200th birthday of the writer.



Pictured: Sperm whale skeleton at Burton Constable Hall taken from their Twitter page.

Solero ditches plastic ice lolly wrappers



Pictured: The new ice lolly box being trialled by Unilever from their Twitter page.

Unilever is trialling wrapper-less ice lollies this summer to help the nation cut down on single-use plastic. Multipacks of the organic peach ice lollies will be sold in a recyclable cardboard box with compartments, meaning there is no need for individual plastic wrappers. The new box is made from a specially designed polyethylene-coated cardboard meaning it has been approved to be widely recycled in the UK. Noel Clarke, from Unilever, said: "As we head towards summer, we've listened to our customers and are working hard to rethink plastic packaging for our ice cream ranges." Another company LICKALIX were the first frozen treat company in the world to have compostable, 100% plastic free packaging.



Every freshwater fish species in the UK filmed



Pictured: The last freshwater fish to be captured on camera and one of the rarest fish the Allis Shad taken from Jack Perks' Twitter page.

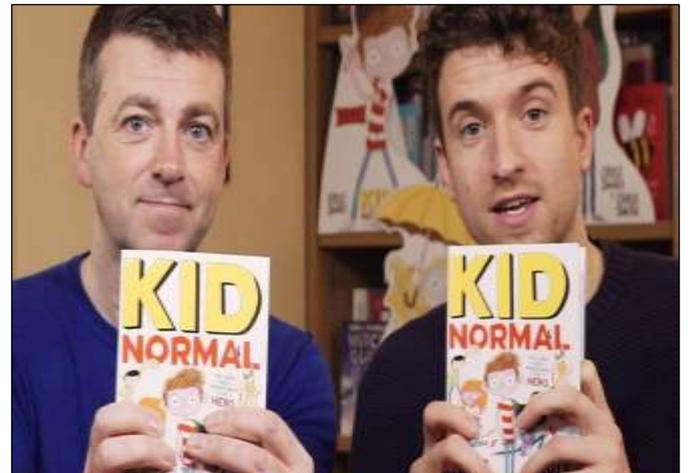
A photographer and fish enthusiast, Jack Perks, has become the first person to capture on camera all 54 species of freshwater fish in the UK. He has released a film of the footage of every single freshwater fish species in Britain filmed over the course of 7 years. Jack travelled across England, Scotland and Wales to film these species using various specialist techniques. But, the feat was not without its challenges. Perks explains that some species can only be found in small areas and that weather conditions also play an important role. Then there are the fish themselves. "They are not easy subjects to work with," he says. "They don't sit there and smile – they swim off half the time."

Are you a KID NORMAL?

BBC Radio 1's Greg James and newsreader Chris Smith are the authors behind the very popular Kid Normal book series. Kid Normal is a tale of the journey of a 'normal' schoolboy in a school for superheroes! Greg James has said about his decision to try his hand at writing stories, "One of really important things we wanted to do when we started writing them was to encourage kids to write their own stories but also to read."

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Pictured: Authors Chris Smith and Greg James with their first Kid Normal book.

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