



## Violinist plays whilst having brain tumour removed

A woman has undergone brain surgery while playing the violin to ensure surgeons did not damage the part of her brain which controls the fine movement of her hands. Dagmar Turner, from the Isle of Wight, played music by Gustav Mahler, George Gershwin's jazz classic "Summertime" and songs by Julio Iglesias. To prevent any damage to her violin skills, Professor Keyoumars Ashkan, Consultant Neurosurgeon at King's College Hospital, came up with the plan – they mapped Dagmar's brain, prepared her skull for the operation and then asked her to play as they removed the tumour. She thanked her surgeons, and said "The violin is my passion, I've been playing since I was 10 years old. The thought of losing my ability to play was heart-breaking."



*Pictured: Dagmar Turner playing the violin whilst undergoing surgery at the Kings College Hospital taken from the Kings College NHS Twitter page.*

## Ghost ship washes up on the rocks in Cork



*Pictured: The washed up ship pictured by the Irish Coast Guard, taken from their Twitter page.*

A large cargo ship from the African coast has washed up on an Irish shore following Storm Dennis. The boat, that is now snagged on rocks near the city of Cork, was known as a "ghost ship," floating around the Atlantic with no one on board. The US Coast Guard had rescued 10 crew members from the vessel in September 2018 and the MV Alta has drifted alone across the ocean for over 17 months. Cork County Council has issued assurance that the 77-metre vessel poses no environmental threat. Ballycotton RNLi Lifeboat Operations manager John Tattan said: "This is one in a million. It has come all the way up from the African coast, west of the Spanish coast, west of the English coast and up to the Irish coast. I have never, ever seen anything abandoned like that before."



## 'Birdgirl' Mya-Rose Craig awarded honorary doctorate



A 17-year-old birdwatcher, who campaigns for greater diversity in conservation and the environmental sector, has been awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Bristol. Mya-Rose has been studying birds for almost all of her life and is the youngest person to have seen half of the world's bird species. Mya-Rose was nominated by Dr Rich Pancost, head of earth sciences at the University of Bristol. He said, "Although only 17, Mya-Rose has already created a phenomenal amount of positive change for nature and is a fantastic role model for her peers. In addition to being a world-leading ornithologist, she has delivered over 50 inspirational talks and is a passionate advocate for the need to engage people of all ages and backgrounds in both the conservation sector and the climate change movement."

Pictured: Mya-Rose Craig 'Birdgirl' taken from her Twitter page - BirdgirlUK.

## Your thoughts on the news...

"Some people say it's not fair that some athletes wear Vaporfly trainers but it's because they are not supporting them. They are jealous because they don't have a pair themselves. I think that Vaporfly should be allowed because they help athletes to get better times and break world records. It would be fairer if all athletes had the same technology".

Mia Wilson - Year 4



"In a competition, if one athlete wears these shoes then all of them should wear the same shoes. If anyone is not wearing Nike trainers no one should to make it fair!"

Zara Babar - Age 6

"We think it's fair because everyone can wear what they want to wear. People can choose their own footwear which makes them comfortable."

John Randall Primary

"Some people may not be able to afford the sportswear. If it is over a certain price they should be banned."

Millie - Age 11

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