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5. HOME

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1. DERBY

Secret nests

The nesting locations of hundreds of peregrine falcons are being kept secret for their own protection. The RSPB made the decision to keep locations secret to avoid the birds getting disturbed, having their eggs stolen or the birds themselves being taken by falconers. Bird fans can watch the progress of the birds who have made their nests on the top of buildings in Nottingham and Derby via webcams.



2. SOMERSET

River dredging begins

Work has started on dredging the Somerset Levels as part of plans to protect the area from future floods. It is just one of the plans in place to prevent a repeat of the disastrous flooding from earlier this year. Prime Minister David Cameron has said "money is no object" when it comes to sorting out the problems.

3. LONDON

Plague skeletons

Skeletons found during London's Crossrail development works were from the 14th century, according to forensic tests. DNA found in their teeth revealed bacteria from the plague and their graves have been dated to 1348-50. Experts think that the skeletons are part of the mass grave for plague victims noted in historical records. Its exact location has never been known.

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4. EDINBURGH

Panda watch

All eyes are once again on Tian Tian and Yang Guang, the pandas at Edinburgh Zoo, as mating season approaches. It is hoped the zoo will welcome a panda cub this year, after Tian Tian failed to get pregnant last year. The pair are the only pandas in the UK and are both in excellent health, so keepers are hopeful this year will be more successful.



5. YORKSHIRE

Festival under way

The first ever Yorkshire Festival is under way, celebrating the countdown to the Tour de France. The 100 days of celebrations will include sculptures flown in from Los Angeles, a film premiere and creative workshops for people of all ages. You can find out how to get involved at yorkshirefestival.co.uk. It runs until 6 July.

UK

X Factor auditions begin

This weekend (Saturday) the X Factor Open Audition Tour begins searching for new talent for the 2014 show. This year 43 cities will be visited by the production team. The tour will be visiting cities in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. You can find out the full dates of auditions at xfactor.itv.com.



6. CHANNEL ISLANDS

Best beaches

The Marine Conservation Society's annual Beachwatch survey has shown that the beaches in the Channel Islands are cleaner than those in most of the UK. The levels of litter across the UK's beaches has started slowly rising but, in the Channel Islands, it is going down. A spokesperson for the Environment Department in Guernsey says it is because local residents really care for their beaches, and that lots of bins and recycling bins help.



7. ESSEX

Mystery artist

A mysterious artist going by the name of Sandbanksy has been creating works of art on Southend-on-Sea beach. So far, two unusual designs have appeared on the beach overnight. Some people are attributing the works of art to aliens and comparing the designs to crop circles. One local resident said: "They are just the most fantastic pictures."

WALES

Journalist school

The Welsh News Academy launched this week. It is aimed at teenagers who want a career in journalism. More than 140 students from 13 different schools are the first students to attend the academy. Budding journalists will take part in workshops looking at different areas of journalism and how the industry works.

NEWS IN NUMBERS

2017 is when a new bridge over the River Mersey will open. Building work begins on it this month.

140,000 pounds is to be spent raising a stream in Telford that has been buried under the city since the 1960s. The Madebrook will be raised and will run through a newly proposed nature reserve.

1 April is when Chiddingstone Castle in Kent will officially open as a museum. The Grade II listed building dates back to the 16th century.

5 star hotel Cromlix House in Dunblane opens this week. It is owned by tennis star Andy Murray, who bought it after his brother got married there.

13 tonnes of crisps have caught fire at a farm in County Durham. The snacks failed quality control tests and were destined to be mixed into pig food before the blaze.

1.3 million pounds is being invested in a huge refit of Leicester Cathedral ready for it to host the bones of King Richard III.



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Ending: Fact to find out if you read the whole story. Put this as a question so you don't give the fact away!	If you read the story, you will find out: how the skeletons' teeth helped solve this mystery.

6. SCIENCE

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Stripes fight flies

SCIENTISTS have disagreed for a long time about the purpose of zebra stripes, but a new report claims that their main role is to keep biting flies away.

Experts writing in *Nature Communications* have looked at all of the theories and evidence, and say that the fly theory is the only one that fits.

Older experiments showed that flies don't like landing on black and white striped surfaces, although it's still not clear why. Maps of zebra and fly locations in Africa show a lot of overlap, but other theories only work for certain areas. For instance, one popular theory is that the zebra's stripes act as 'dazzle camouflage' and fool lions' eyes about the speed of their prey and their direction of travel. The new report points out that lions actually catch more zebras than we would expect based on their population, which suggests that the zebras' 'camouflage' isn't working.



Our solar system just got bigger

A NEW object has been discovered in space that is further away from the sun than any other body in our solar system.

The object, known as 2012 VP113, is thought to be a dwarf planet, similar to Pluto. Its closest approach to the sun is a distance of 80 astronomical units (AU). 1 AU is the distance from the Earth to the sun.

At a distance of 50 AU from the sun, our solar system has a well-defined edge. Before now, only a small object called Sedna was known outside this, at a distance of 76 AU.

"The discovery of 2012 VP113 shows us that the outer reaches of our solar system are not an empty wasteland as once was thought," said Chadwick Trujillo, lead author of a report in *Nature* about the discovery. "Instead, this is just the tip of the iceberg. It also illustrates how little we know about the most distant parts of our solar system and how much there is left to explore."

Five a day? Try two more



A LARGE study has shown that eating seven portions of fruit and veg a day can reduce your risk of death by 42% compared to someone who eats less than one portion.

"We all know that eating fruit and vegetables is healthy, but the size of the effect is staggering," says Dr Oyinola Oyebo, a researcher from University College London.

This latest study has given scientists more data than ever before. 65,226 people aged 35 or over took part in the Health Survey for England between 2001-08.

The results showed that eating seven portions reduced the risk of dying from cancer by 25%, and heart disease by 31%.

"The clear message here is that the more fruit and vegetables you eat, the less likely you are to die at any age," says Dr Oyebo. "Vegetables have a larger effect than fruit, but fruit still makes a real difference. People shouldn't feel daunted by a big target like seven. Whatever your starting point, it is always worth eating more fruit and vegetables."

No widdling in the water

MANY Olympic swimmers have admitted to having a cheeky wee in the pool, but scientists have shown that it endangers the health of other swimmers.

When Michael Phelps said that he did it, some scientists backed him up, saying that there was nothing dangerous about pee.

Now, tests reported in *Environmental Science & Technology* show that swimming pools really should just be used for swimming. They showed that the uric acid in pee reacts with the chlorine in pools to form substances including cyanogen chloride (CNCl) and trichloramine (NCl₃). NCl₃ can be damaging to the lungs, while CNCl can affect the heart, lungs and nervous system. This also uses up the chlorine in the pool, so it is less effective at killing germs.

Uric acid is also found in sweat, so experts recommend that every swimmer should shower before they get in the pool. And more importantly, wee in the toilets and not in the water!



Did you know?



TELESCOPES have shown that the asteroid Chariklo has two rings, like those of Saturn. Chariklo is only 250km across and is the smallest known object to have its own rings.

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<p>Ending:</p> <p>Fact to find out if you read the whole story. Put this as a question so you don't give the fact away!</p>	<p>If you read the story, you will find out: if it is safe to pee in the sea.</p>