



Fancy a game of Quidditch?

It began as the sport of fictional wizards but the sport of Quidditch has been brought to life! Quidditch is a competitive, inclusive sport with thousands of players worldwide. Many players play in university teams with a growing number of community teams in the UK.

The UK Championship have been hosted at Craven Park Stadium in Hull. Anyone could attend, with food vendors, a Harry Potter shop and bouncy castle for spectators to enjoy. It was a landmark occasion for the sport of Quidditch, the first time it has been played in a professional sports stadium in the UK.

The Championship was held at the end of August with the West Midlands Revolution being crowned the overall champions.



A team talk during a game of Quidditch.

British rowers marooned on Norwegian island



A picture of two of the rowers whilst at sea.

A group of rowers, all from the UK are said to be happy and healthy in spite of being trapped on a Norwegian island for 8 days. The men, including Olympian Alex Gregory, say they do not expect to be rescued for another week.

The group sought refuge on the small island of Jan Mayen on 19 August, a month after starting their expedition from Norway to Iceland. In nine days, the crew completed the 521 nautical miles and achieved eight world records. On 7 August, the group began the next part of their expedition, and three days later they reached the Arctic sea ice. Soon after, the weather became cloudy, after five days of no sun the boat's solar-powered batteries ran out. Eight days after leaving Svalbard, the power had stopped all electrical equipment from working. The crew had to resort to manual steering and without navigational aids decided to head towards the island of Jan Mayen - 370 miles (600 km) from Iceland.

Asked when they will be able to return home, Alex said a boat visiting the island next week is the most likely possibility.



Plastic bags now illegal in Kenya

A complete ban on plastic bags has come into action in Kenya, this now means that anyone found selling, producing or carrying them could face fines of up to around £20,000 or even be sent to prison.

The government says the ban will help protect the environment. But companies who make the bags have argued that many jobs could be lost.

On Friday, a court rejected a challenge to the ban. People in Kenya are thought to use about 25 million bags a month. A number of other countries have outlawed plastic carrier bags, including Rwanda and Eritrea.



Plastic bag waste in a Kenyan town.

People travelling to Kenya with plastic bags will be required to leave them at the airport under the new rules, the government has said.

The UK's tallest bridge

What's set to be the UK's tallest bridge has been recently completed and will be officially opened by the Queen later this month, six years after construction began.

The spectacular 1.7 mile Queensferry Bridge will replace the Forth Road Bridge as the main road route between Edinburgh and Fife.



Queensferry Crossing

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