

Historic wall revealed after 200 years hidden!

A 200-year-old harbour wall dating back to the industrial revolution has been discovered as part of restoration works by the Environment Agency at Lydney Harbour on the Severn Estuary.

The Environment Agency has been working with Forest of Dean District Council to carry out improvements at the site. Among the works was the removal of vegetation along a canal basin bank where the historic stonework was uncovered.

The harbour, which has Scheduled Ancient Monument status, is already a popular destination for walkers, runners, and families since the recent addition of a cafe, new toilet facilities and an art installation inspired by the harbour's historical lookout tower.

Martin Quine, Environment Agency Assets and Waterways Manager for the West Midlands said:

“Lydney Harbour is an important historic site and one of just two harbours that the Environment Agency manages. We have been carrying out a number of improvements at the site to prevent further deterioration which includes the removal of vegetation growth and debris from the south side of the inner basin, revealing the original harbour stonework.

“We didn't realise it was there, so it was a surprise to see it unveiled when the soil was removed. It's wonderful to see the wall and restore it to its former glory. We hope that these improvements to the site will make it safer and more enjoyable for people to visit.”



Crazy Cheese Rollers 2022!

Gloucester's famous cheese rolling contest returned on Sunday, June 5 2022.

Brave - some might say foolhardy - hopefuls competed to chase after a Double Gloucester cheese wheel at Coopers Hill in Brockworth, Gloucester. The winners of the first two races were from the local area.

But later racers were won by guests from abroad, including a **Belgian**. Other contestants came from as far as **South Korea** to take on the steep slope.

The event usually takes place on the second May Bank Holiday. But this year, due to the Jubilee changing the Bank Holidays around, it took place on Sunday, June 5.

The first race was at 12pm. Organisers limited each race to 25 runners. Attendees and contestants alike are warned they attend at their own risk! And the dangers were heightened today after lots of wet weather. While there were some injuries - including one man who had to be carried away - it seemed most came away largely unscathed!!!



Lilani Rider, aged 13, won one of the uphill races.

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The Great Big School Clean!

Concerns about the impact of litter on wildlife and the local environment, have led Yorkley School to organise its first lunchtime club dedicated to picking up other's rubbish to keep the Forest of Dean clean.

Set up after Stan, a Year 2 pupil at the school, voiced his worries about the amount of litter he saw – in particular discarded face masks, as well as low-level litter in the playground which hadn't always made its way into the litter bins provided – the new club has recently received a donation of litter pickers from the Forest of Dean District Council.

Councillor Sid Phelps, Cabinet Member for Environment at Forest of Dean District Council, said: "Stan's enthusiasm for looking after the environment around where he lives has been an inspiration to his classmates, his teachers and to us. So, when the school approached us about donating some litter picking equipment, we were delighted to oblige.

"Educating our younger generations not to drop litter and about the

problems it causes, is one way to help break the cycle of littering and we hope the actions of Stan and the club to tidy up, will be a catalyst for others to get involved in looking after their communities and the open areas around where they live."

Lesley Payne, Year 2 Teacher at Yorkley School, said: "Pupils are encouraged to value their outdoor spaces and areas of the curriculum touch upon the impact that litter has on the environment, on wildlife and on human health so we've been really pleased to be able to launch the new club with the support of the District Council."

"We've recently signed up to take part in this year's Keep Britain Tidy's Great Big School Clean, which encourages children up and down the country to keep their neighbourhoods clean, so it's been wonderful to receive the new litter picking kit in time for us to take part and to enable pupils to pick up the rubbish they find safely."

Yorkley School has already achieved the Eco-Schools' bronze award and is currently taking the next steps to achieve the **Green Flag standard.**



Royal Ascot: Mike Tindall rocks another of Zara's hats and leaves fans 'hysterical'!



The ladies of the Royal Family are known for turning up at horse racing events looking prim and proper, often commanding the attention of other racegoers by wearing bold hats. But now, former professional rugby player Mike Tindall has shown that it's not just the ladies who can be creative with what their headgear.

Mike, who is married to one of the Queen's granddaughters, Zara, has made headlines recently after donning some of his wife's impressive collection at recent events. The 2003 Rugby World Cup winner donned a striking red headpiece owned by his wife in a photograph he posted after Trooping the Colour, on June 2.

Despite Zara accusing her husband of having 'hat envy', the ex-Gloucester Rugby player refused to back down. The next day, June 3, Mike shared a picture of himself wearing one of Zara's pink hats, which matched his tie, after paying tribute to the Queen's reign at St Paul's Cathedral!