

New Channel 5 Docuseries to feature Gloucestershire Police Dogs

Police dogs are set to feature in the upcoming Channel 5 docuseries focussing on Gloucestershire Constabulary. The series, named 'Police: Night Shift 999' will begin at 9pm tonight (February 14) and hopes to give the public a unique insight into policing across the county.

A recent tweet from Gloucestershire Police Dogs Section revealed that Dog Handler PC Ben Smith will play a role in the new series with his dog Arnie. It will also feature officers and staff from Gloucester and Cheltenham Local Policing Teams, including specialist operations, neighbourhood policing, custody and force control room.

The episodes were filmed between October and November 2021, and will cover a range of incidents

including disorder and violence, burglary, armed robbery, drinking driving and drugs possession. The footage is from a combination of directors shots as well as police-worn video cameras.

“The first episode makes compelling viewing and highlights the wide range of skills officers have to demonstrate – whether it’s supporting a distraught victim, containing the erratic behaviour of a man under the influence of drugs or bringing the pursuit of a dangerous offender to a safe conclusion.

“Crime is generally very low in this county but crime does happen and these incidents, which are a fair representation of what we saw over a six-week period, are often dealt with by these officers in what can seem relentless work.”



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Pancake Fun Facts!

LARGEST PANCAKE EVER!

The largest pancake was created in Rochdale, Greater Manchester, in 1994, by the Co-Operative Union, Ltd. It was 49 foot wide and one inch thick. The pancake weighed three tonnes (that’s the weight of an African elephant!). It’s no surprise then that the batter-made monster took more than just a frying pan to flip over!



MOST PEOPLE TOSSING PANCAKES!

The most people to toss pancakes at the same time was set in 2012 in Sheffield. A huge crowd of 890 people flipped them non-stop for 30 seconds to get the world record.

TALLEST STACK EVER!

The tallest stack of pancakes ever recorded was 3 ft 4 in - that’s the same as the average height of a child! Over 200 pancakes were balanced on top of each other at a Center Parcs in Sherwood Forest, Nottingham in 2016.

Facts from Guinness World Records

Tour of Britain bike race returns to Gloucestershire

Britain's biggest bike race The Tour of Britain is returning to Gloucestershire. And this time the county will host both the start and finish of the stage in September.

Pretty much the entirety of the sixth stage of the eight-stage race will take place in the county, with a bit of a detour into South Gloucestershire (we'll count it as part of Gloucestershire for these purposes though).

Leader of Gloucestershire County Council Mark Hawthorne tweeted; "Delighted to confirm we have secured a whole stage of the @TourofBritain with a start and finish in Gloucestershire.

A fantastic opportunity to showcase our county. Watch out for more details in the coming months."

The Tour of Britain organisers said: "While it may be the modern Tour's first full stage in Gloucestershire, it is no stranger to the UK's most prestigious cycle race.



Jonathan The Tortoise

A Seychelles giant tortoise named **Jonathan** recently was named by the Guinness Book of World Records to be the oldest land animal—at 190 years old.

Thought to be born in the year 1832, Jonathan's advanced age is really only a guess, based on the fact that he was fully mature when he arrived, making him at least 50 in 1882. The Guinness folks say, in all likelihood, he's been alive for **more than two centuries.**



Café, toilets and visitor hub opens at Lydney Harbour

A new café, public toilets and visitor information hub is now open at Lydney Harbour as part of the Forest of Dean District Council's Destination Lydney Harbour regeneration project.

The café will be run by Hips Social, a family run coffee shop and eatery already in Lydney. The café along with the public toilets and information hub are part of the District Council's 'Destination Lydney Harbour' project which will continue to improve the docks and harbour to drive growth, improve the experience for visitors and residents and increase jobs and prosperity in the town.

Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Communities, Cllr Paul Hiatt said: "We are delighted to see the next stage of Destination Lydney Harbour complete; residents and visitors will now be able to enjoy a cup of coffee at one of the most beloved spots in the district.

"This is only one stage of the project though, and we are determined that the rest will follow in due course. With the public art trail and heritage interpretation set to get underway in the coming months, along with improvements to the harbour approaches and more to follow. A community boat building project is also taking shape.

"I would like to thank our regeneration team, who have worked tirelessly on what is a major regeneration project for the Council and the opportunities that this wonderful area offers are numerous."

Tom and Lucy, Hips Social owners, said: "We're excited to be opening the doors of the café to guests old and new and can't wait to share a coffee with them while they enjoy the harbour."



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