

# Highway Hullabaloo

A busy highway between two Chinese cities became blocked with nearly 100,000 cyclists earlier this month! The riders were travelling from Zhengzhou to Kaifeng to try some special dumplings, as part of a social media trend called the 'Night Ride to Kaifeng'. Guantangbao are delicious dumplings, filled with warm, tasty soup, and are a local favourite in Kaifeng. The bicycle frenzy started with just four friends, who decided to rent bikes and cycle to Kaifeng to taste the famous dumplings. As more and more people joined, the streets became crowded and blocked with bikes. One of the original four friends said, 'You don't get

a second chance at youth, so you must go for a spontaneous trip with friends.' While it caused a bit of chaos, it was certainly an exciting adventure for everyone involved!



**Pictured:** Cyclists on their way to get their dumplings! **Source:** @tongbingxue on X.

# Whale Rescue!

A humpback whale, that became tangled in fishing ropes, has been set free in Loch Fyne, Scotland. The poor whale had ropes wrapped around its body and head, making it hard for it to swim. A team from British Divers Marine Life Rescue (BDMLR) rushed to help. Using underwater cameras, they saw how tightly the ropes were caught around the whale. 'It was a tricky job, but we're thrilled to see the whale swim away safely,' said BDMLR rescuer Sarah Collins. The team carefully untangled the



**Pictured:** A humpback whale enjoying its freedom! **Source:** Canva.

ropes, and soon the whale was free to dive back into the sea. Thanks to these brave rescuers, the humpback whale is now safe and swimming happily again! The BDMLR hopes this rescue will serve as a reminder of the importance of keeping our oceans clean and safe for all sea creatures.

## What impact can bullying have on a community?



*Sometimes the people who bully can be hurt inside but there is still no reason to bully someone and hurt them. Alyza*

## Bells Ring Out!

Notre Dame Cathedral, in Île de la Cité, Paris, is due to reopen on 8<sup>th</sup> December. It has been restored following a fire that destroyed a lot of the historic building in 2019. Earlier this month, people were overjoyed to hear the bells ringing out across the city for the first time in five years! Chimes from the cathedral's northern belfry were heard by thousands. The eight bells rang as part of a technical test. Three of the bells are new (pictured right), including the recently-gifted 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games bell. This special bell rang out during the Games



**Pictured:** Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Paris and the recently installed bells.  
**Source:** Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Paris on Facebook.

whenever an athlete won gold or broke a record. Explaining that it was 'the culmination of a big project', Alexandre Gougeon, who managed the bell's installation, said, 'Hearing the bells ring this morning was very moving'.  
**Do you like to hear bells tolling?**  
**Would you like to visit Notre Dame?**



**Pictured:** Notre Dame. **Source:** Canva.

## Magic Circle Mystery!

The Magic Circle has launched a search to find their first female member, who had to pretend to be a man to join! The famous society of magicians is looking for the talented performer to apologise. Before women were allowed into the Magic Circle, Sophie Lloyd fooled the organisation by posing as a male. She passed her entrance exams in disguise, going by the name Raymond Lloyd. After 18 months in the club, when the rules were changed and females were eventually allowed into the society in 1991, she revealed her true identity. The society responded by expelling her for 'deliberate deception'! Chair of the Magic Circle, Laura London, said, 'As a woman in magic it is so important to



**Pictured:** Sophie Lloyd (as herself and disguised as Raymond Lloyd!).  
**Source:** Laura London Magic on Facebook.

share her story. Because what she was doing essentially was to prove that women were just as good as the guys.' Marvin Berglas from the Magic Circle, explained, 'We're trying to welcome Sophie back because it's such a great story. Being that she was such a pioneer we would love to find her, get her side of the story and honour her.'

**How do you think it would feel to have to pretend to be someone else to do what you wanted to do?**

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*Bullying can have a really bad impact on us because it will hurt people and make them feel like crumpled paper with no way to be straight again!*  
**Dorothy**