



## Singing bus driver



Pictured: Bus Driver || Ranjit Singh Veer || Tez Records || Music D Gill Source: YouTube

A talented bus driver has become an accidental YouTube sensation after recording a video to show his family in India what he does for work. Ranjit Singh, who works at National Express West Midlands, recorded a four minute upbeat music video in Punjabi, with English subtitles. The lyrics explain how proud he is of his profession and the respect that he has for his colleagues, some of whom joined him in the video. The heart-warming

song states, 'Friends drive buses together. With honest working hands, we drive the buses. From different countries brothers drive buses together...' David Bradford, managing director for National Express West Midlands, said, 'Our staff really are our greatest assets. They all work incredibly hard to keep our customers moving, and to see the enthusiasm that they have for their roles in the company is great.'

## Ham-dini the duck

A duck called Ham, who lives in Chorley, has gone missing so many times that his owner has nicknamed him Ham-dini, after Harry Houdini, the famous Hungarian-American escape artist. The four-and-a-half-year old Indian Runner duck, who was adopted at 1-week old by Charlotte Taylor-Dugdale, loves to escape from his garden and go for a wander around the local area. Neighbours now keep a look out for him and comment on their local Facebook page when they make a new sighting of his adventures. Ham is easy to spot as he often wears scarves, made for him by Charlotte's mother! Charlotte says, 'He loves people and children. He also follows people to school, gets into their houses and goes to the local nursery. I call him Ham-dini. He is cheeky and sulks but also very loving and loyal. He chases bin lorries down the street, cats and dogs and he even tackles foxes.' After his escapades, he returns home for a salad and a cup of tea!



Pictured: Ham the duck  
Source: Charlotte Taylor-Dugdale Facebook

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# Vast canyon of books



Pictured: Wuhan Library design images

Source: MVRDV Twitter page

Dutch architecture firm, MVRDV, has revealed its competition-winning design for the new Wuhan Central Library, which, when completed, will be among China's largest libraries! The stunning design for the new library is described as a 'Vast Canyon of Books'. It takes inspiration from its location, where two rivers, Yangtze and Han, meet. The two waterways are pulled into a central channel, replicated in the design of the building as visitors move through the 140,000-square-metre

venture. It will be as if they are contained in a monumental canyon, with sedimentary layers replaced by shelves of books. MVRDV discuss the project on its website, saying it, 'combines traditional and non-traditional functions with diverse study, living room, reading, and studio spaces. The building connects to its surroundings via three large openings that will act as visual displays of life inside the building, sparking curiosity and intrigue.'

Last week's topic:

## Do we throw things away too easily?

Yes, we all throw things away but don't always do it responsibly. I am careful with what I buy but we all throw things away without needing to.

Callum



My parents always try to fix things and see if someone else wants to buy it online.

Keith

I recycle and I am careful with what I buy.

Evelyn

Packaging has so much rubbish, it's hard to not throw it away.

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