

Rock On for Charity!

Something amazing has happened in a little town called Witney in England! Six very special guitars were given to an Oxfam charity shop – and they've just been sold for a whopping £12,660!

The guitars were kindly given by someone who wished to stay unnamed – they simply wanted to help. And help they did! These weren't just any old guitars. They were the kind that famous musicians, like Elvis Presley and Bob Dylan, used to play. One shiny black Gibson J-45, like Elvis', sold for £2,200! The volunteers at the shop were amazed. 'We knew they looked special,' said Chris Meadows, one of the helpers. 'But we didn't realise just how valuable



Pictured: An acoustic guitar.
Source: Canva.

they were!' The guitars were sent to Ewbank's auction house, where lots of people bid money to buy them. All the money raised will help Oxfam do good things, like giving clean water, food, and education to people around the world.

Fun fact! The world's largest guitar is over 13 metres long – that's bigger than a bus! And yes, you can really play it!

All Aboard the Garden Ship!

A man in Norway had a very surprising start to his day when he woke up and found a huge ship had crashed into his garden! The cargo ship, which is as long as four football pitches, got stuck on land early in the morning, just metres away from Johan Helberg's house. Johan didn't hear it happen; he was fast asleep! It was his neighbour who saw the ship coming and rang the doorbell to warn him! 'The doorbell rang very early,' Johan said. 'I don't usually like to open the door at that time!' Luckily, no one was hurt, and Johan's house was safe. But it

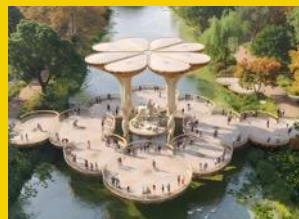
was not the usual kind of visitor for a garden! Cargo ships carry large containers filled with goods, like toys, clothes or food, from one country to another across the sea.

Did you know some cargo ships travel for weeks or months without stopping?



Pictured: A cargo ship in the sea, not on land!
Source: Canva.

What are some special or meaningful ways to remember someone?



My grandparents live in another country, so my mum and dad send them lots of photos of us so they can see us grow, even when we are not together. **Poppy**

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Offline Zone

The world's first public 'Offline Zone' has opened in a busy train station in the Netherlands. It's a space for people to enjoy each other's company and partake in activities that do not involve the internet, such as chatting, reading, and playing board games. The initiative is a collaboration between The Offline Club and health insurer, Zilveren Kruis, who believe the space will improve the mental health of people visiting the zone. Dutch social movement, The Offline Club, is creating and promoting screen-free public spaces and events, encouraging people to meet for screen-free fun. It also hosts digital detox retreats, for guests to unplug completely from the internet.



Pictured: Book club. **Source:** Canva.



Pictured: Playing a board game. **Source:** Canva.

Describing the new 'Offline Zone', the group said, 'It's like a living room for everyone to share!' A recent survey, from the British Standards Institution (BSI), found that 46% of teenage respondents would answer yes to the question: 'Would you erase social media from the history books if you could?' 68% also said they felt worse when they spend too much time on social media!

Do you think it is important to have time away from screens?

Do you enjoy playing board games or reading books with friends?

Youth Charity Takes Over Art Gallery

Last month, Suffolk youth charity, Level Two, took over a local art gallery! Their art exhibition showcased many different kinds of artwork created by children during sessions run by the charity. There was an open theme, but much of the work was inspired by nature. The children used paint, ink, clay, pencil and photography to express themselves. All funds raised from the exhibition at 142 Gallery in Felixstowe were donated to the charity, to help them continue offering a wide range of support and activities for school-aged children in the town and surrounding villages. Youth worker, Megan Pilcher, said, 'We are passionate about creating



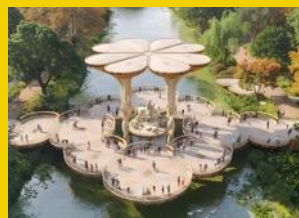
Pictured: A Level Two Youth Project meeting. **Source:** Level Two Youth Project on Facebook.

opportunities for young people that remove luck and allow anyone to participate.' Caitlin, who goes to Level Two every week and created several pieces for the exhibition, said, 'I use the music studio and also do painting in the art room. I've been able to focus more at school, and it breaks up my week better.' Monica, who used bubble wrap to create textured patterns on her colour paintings, said, 'I like to make things with all the stuff in the art room.'

Do you enjoy creating art?

Would you like to join an art club?

What are some special or meaningful ways to remember someone?



As a family we like to tell stories and share our happy memories to help us to remember.

Mattie

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