



## Mysterious caves found under farmer's field!



Inside the cave, lit up by candles. The tunnels reach as high as 6ft at their highest but some areas require crawling!

A rabbit's hole in a farmer's field leads to an underground cave thought to have been used by a medieval religion.

It is said locally that the Caynton Caves in Shropshire, were used by followers of the Knights Templar in the 17th Century. They can be found less than a metre underground and appear to be untouched structurally.

Their original purpose is unknown, but Historic England, which describes the caves as a "grotto", believes they were probably built in the late 18th or early 19th Century - hundreds of years after the Templar order was dissolved.

*What do you think they might have been used for?*

## Youngest 'Spelling Bee' contender

5-year old Edith Fuller has made history as the youngest person to qualify in the United States' regional Scripps National Spelling Bee Finals.

The Scripps National Spelling Bee Finals is a huge national spelling contest held in the United States and open to children under the age of 15. Its purpose is to help children improve their spelling and increase their vocabulary. It started in 1925 and has nearly 11 million applicants each year!



*Edith Fuller, age 5, defeated 52 other children at the regional contest, spelling words such as jnana, sarsaparilla and Baedeker.*

## Spelling Bee facts:

-  Contestants must be 15 or younger and must not have passed beyond the eighth grade.
-  Winning words have included: Laodicean, luge, croissant, milieu, lyceum and kamikaze.
-  The only years when no National Spelling Bee was held was during World War 2 in 1943-1945.
-  The winner receives a large cash prize.
-  The name Bee is thought to refer to 'a gathering' with a buzz!
-  The children are given 2 minutes to spell each word.



# Pink water in Canadian taps!



The town of Onoway in Alberta, Canada has received an apology from the local water plant after their water supply turned all the water pink.

Local residents in Onoway complained when taps began running pink water on Monday. The local Mayor Dale Krasnow said, "There was no public health risk but the town could have done a better job communicating what was going on."

The pink water is thought to have been caused by the water-treatment chemical 'potassium permanganate', it's usually used to remove iron and hydrogen but it's likely it ended up in the water when the pipes malfunctioned.

*Would you drink pink water if you were told it was safe?*

## Peter's great adventure!

On Friday 3rd March, 12 children, two teachers and one bear set off from Glossop Station in Derbyshire to travel to London via Manchester. In Manchester, they boarded a train to London. Two hours later they arrived in the capital and wide-eyed with excitement, they were carried on escalators into the bowls of the earth where they rode a train through a tube! Emerging into the daylight, one more train took them to Stoke Newington.

A short walk followed through a city so different from the Northern Town they came from, past interesting shops and unknown languages. They were excited to arrive at The Olive School. All the party, bear included were made incredibly welcome. A debate followed the title being 'This House Believes School Holidays Should Be Shorter'. The debate was to have been chaired by John Bercow but he was called away at the last minute so the speaker of Hackney Council stepped in. The quality of the debate was very high and Peter Bear was swayed by every speaker. In the end the motion was defeated. Children, teachers and Peter Bear were walked through Hackney to visit the school's local mosque.

Tired but enthusiastic everyone navigated Friday rush hour commuting back to Glossop.

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