

## CARNOUSTIE

### DOGS OF WAR

A special sculpture is being created to commemorate the Airedale terriers who served alongside soldiers in the First World War. The dogs were trained by the military to deliver messages in the trenches and transport medicine. They even learnt how to use gas masks! The sculpture honouring their service is set to go on display in the village of East Haven.



## ENGLAND

### ACTIVITY PASSPORT

Primary school children in England are being challenged to complete a 'passport' of activities this year. The Education Secretary, Damian Hinds, wants families to ditch their gadgets and spend more time discovering other skills and interests. To help, he has launched a list of fun experiences for people to try. The list includes:

- Painting a self portrait
- Going on a nature trail
- Interviewing someone
- Planning and cooking a meal
- Making a treasure map

The new campaign is being supported by the Scouts, Girlguiding and the National Trust, as well as children's charity Action for Children.



## EDINBURGH

### GREAT PYRAMID STONE DISPLAYED

A stone from the Great Pyramid of Giza in Egypt is set to go on display at the National Museum of Scotland in February. The fine white limestone block was first brought to Scotland in 1872, but has never been seen by the public. It'll be the only casing stone from the Great Pyramid to be put on show outside of Egypt.

## UK

### TOO MUCH SUGAR

An average child consumes 18 years' worth of sugar by the time they are ten, says Public Health England. PHE found that children have on average 52.2g of sugar a day, the equivalent of eight sugar cubes more than the recommended amount. PHE says that by choosing lower-sugar foods and drinks, families can tackle the problems of obesity and tooth decay.



## NEATH PORT TALBOT



### POTTER RECORD

A woman from Wales is hoping to set a new Harry Potter world record. Victoria Maclean is hoping her love of all things magic will secure her the record for the largest collection of memorabilia. The YouTuber has collected everything from toys and books, to clothes and bags. She needs more than 3,097 individual items to scoop the record.

## WINCHESTER

### ANIMAL STOCKTAKE

Keepers at Marwell Zoo started the year with an annual stocktake of all the animals. Dozens of creatures, including every resident mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian, fish and invertebrate, had to be counted. The annual stocktake is designed to see how species are doing, especially those in conservation programmes.



## GATWICK

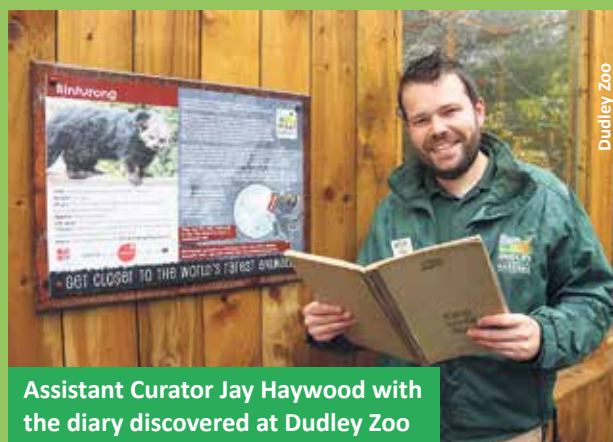
### ANTI-DRONE TECHNOLOGY

Gatwick Airport has spent £5m on anti-drone technology. It comes after major chaos broke out at the airport just before Christmas, when drone sightings led to the cancellation of nearly 1,000 flights. The Army had to be deployed to help. It's hoped the new equipment will prevent any further incidents. Heathrow Airport is also getting new technology.

# NEWS IN NUMBERS

**£115M** is how much a couple from Northern Ireland won on the EuroMillions lottery at the start of the year. It was the fourth-largest EuroMillions win ever in the UK.

**50** years old is the age of a giraffe keepers' diary that's been discovered at Dudley Zoo. It's given keepers an insight into how the animals were cared for many years ago.



Assistant Curator Jay Haywood with the diary discovered at Dudley Zoo

**£216M** is how much NHS England claims that it costs every year when people miss their doctor's appointments. Fifteen million appointments go to waste because patients don't turn up.

**650,000** people turned out to watch London's New Year's Day Parade. That's a record number for the annual street spectacular!

