

# Wandering Walrus

An Arctic Walrus, called Thor, has become famous after making an incredible 3,000-mile (4828km) journey from his home in the Arctic Circle, that saw him swim past France and the Netherlands before visiting some English coastal towns. The celebrity walrus, thought to be the first ever spotted in Yorkshire, has now left to return to his Arctic home following an eventful few months. Thor is believed to be a healthy male aged between 3 and 5 years old. He was spotted in the Netherlands at the beginning of November and swimming off the coast of Belgium later that month. Sightings were also reported on the 18<sup>th</sup> November in Brittany, France. In December, he rested on the beach in Southampton, before swimming another 290 miles (467Km) to arrive in Scarborough. Here, he took a rest in the harbour, and was visited by thousands of well-wishers. In the New Year he continued his journey, stopping off overnight in Blyth. Experts believe he will now continue to travel north to his home in the Arctic waters. Whilst in the UK, the marine mammal has been watched over by the British Divers Marine Life Rescue (BDLMR) who have ensured that everything possible has been done to keep him and the public safe; Scarborough Council even cancelled their New Year's firework display so that he didn't become distressed whilst resting in the harbour there!



**Pictured:** Thor the Walrus in Scarborough  
**Source:** British Divers Marine Life Rescue  
@BdmlrYorksLincs Twitter page.



**Pictured:** Learning online. **Source:** Canva

## Learning Welsh on TikTok

After recent census data showed that there had been a decline in Welsh speakers, lovers of the ancient language have been taking to social media to promote and teach it to others! Bethany Davies from Llanelli, Carmarthenshire, is a history graduate who grew up speaking Welsh after moving to the country at a young age, she says, 'I never knew anything different. I went to a Welsh cych, like a creche, a Welsh primary school, a Welsh secondary school.' She started to use Welsh on her TikTok after missing the language whilst in lockdown at university and is now sharing the joy of speaking Welsh with her 44,000 TikTok followers. Bethany has made a career out of sharing the Welsh language

and culture. It has been reported that TikTok videos are particularly good for this purpose as they are short and sweet, and creators are therefore able to engage with people more easily. Bethany's advice for anyone wanting to learn Welsh is, 'For any language the best way is to immerse yourself in it as much as you can. Just start listening to some Welsh music, watch some Welsh TV or Welsh films. Engage with Welsh media. It's meant to be fun, so don't put too much stress on yourself.' Bethany's favourite word is 'hiraeth' which she translates as being a descriptive word for 'a longing and feeling for Wales'.

**Do you have a favourite word?**  
**Which language is it in?**

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# 18 Michelin-starred restaurants in a day

Eric Finkelstein, from New York, USA, has just set a new Guinness World Record for eating at the most Michelin-starred restaurants during a 24-hour period. The Michelin-star marathon involved eating a course at 18 different restaurants and took about 11 hours. Eric visited four two-star spots (Aquavit, Jungsik, Momofuku Ko, and The Modern) and 14 one-star locations, starting his journey at Le Pavillon, where he ate a grilled avocado salad and completing his mission with a caviar-dressed chawanmushi at Noda. He said his food cost over £400 (without any tips) and he estimates that he consumed a total of 5,000 calories! The world record was harder to beat than you might think as its often very difficult to book a table in any of these very sought after restaurants and a rule of completing the record is that he could only move between Michelin-starred establishments using public transport or walking, meaning a lot of planning was involved before the day! When asked why he wanted to break this particular record Eric said, 'I loved the idea. It combined my loves of eating interesting food, working towards a checklist, and working towards something silly.' Eric completed the challenge on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 and the Guinness World Records team have now verified and presented his new world record. This isn't Mr Finkelstein's first world record, he was previously a competitive table tennis player and holds two records: longest table tennis serve - 15.57 m and largest table tennis ball mosaic - 29.12 m<sup>2</sup>.

***I wonder which record he may try to break next! Do you have any ideas?***



**Pictured:** Eric Finkelstein eating in Michelin-starred restaurants **Source:** Guinness World Records @GWR Twitter page.

Last week's topic:

## Should all the energy we use be renewable?

I think we should try to be as energy efficient as possible but it isn't realistic to get all of our energy from renewable sources at this time.

**Emily**



It should be something that we always strive for and we all have a part to play in making that happen.

**John**

No I don't think it all should as not everyone can afford or have access to renewable energy.

**Bryony**

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