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CHILLING CRIME RATE RISE

STABBINGS and petty crimes have drastically gone up in Somerset, with North Somerset being the area worst affected with 7,000 incidents per 100,000 people. However, this only accounts for 0.3% of total crime in the UK, with 4,661,441 total reported crimes in the UK that year, Making North Somerset the 21st safest unitary authority in England.

The fastest growing form of crime in North Somerset is shoplifting, with a 36.7% change in shoplifting. However, the largest reduction was in vehicle related crime, which decreased by 18.6%. Homicides have increased by 200%, from 1 to 3 per year. As for Somerset itself, There was a rise in crime by 16%, With sexual offences rising a shocking 51%.



-Image of crime scene

So what has brought about this rise in crime? Well, Patrick Green, CEO of the Ben Kinsella trust, said that a national increase in knife crimes demonstrates that despite much talking and agreements, not enough real action is being taken. Mr Green also stated "Only through strong enforcement and investing in prevention and early intervention services can we hope to make any headway against this growing menace." The home office stated that the increase in the number of violent crimes is due to an improvement in how many crimes are reported. They also stated that the statistics fail to account for the effects of the pandemic. They added that police funding this year adds up to 16.9 billion, with the number of officers at a 10 year high.

Terrifying train cuisine

Passengers on a Suzhou subway system in Jiangsu are left stunned when an obese man is sighted having a 3-course meal during his journey. . Viewers comment on how insatiable his eating seemed. A video went viral on Tik Tok and the event has spread worldwide.

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Tom's sheep success

Thomas Nash - a queen's school pupil - has had multiple successes in the sheep world. With his fabulous flock of coloured ryelands he dominates the competition and is a masterful shephard.

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Time travel tales

Mysterious whispers? Unknown fates? A TikToker is a self-proclaimed time-traveler who blows up as they predicted dark mysterious events in the future. Is it true?

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MESSY MAN ON TRAIN SPARKS INTERNATIONAL OUTRAGE



A video of an elderly man eating a full three course meal on an underground train has gone viral. Onlookers begged for him to stop, which only caused the man to engulf his meal more aggressively.

Commuters were left speechless after a man began to chow down on his messy three course meal on a subway train. He proceeded to do this while being asked multiple times to stop by concerned passengers.

The man, who was riding a train in the Suzhou subway system in Jiangsu province in eastern China, could be seen setting out three containers of different dishes and a bowl of rice on the seat, while fellow commuters crowded around him. He can then be seen tucking into his meal without a care in the world, as reported by South China Morning Post.

A passenger at the scene described that the man continued to act like the train was his own "private restaurant".

However, another person had a slightly more sympathetic view, saying: "Maybe he had a tight schedule, or maybe he hadn't eaten for a long time. Although his behaviour is not civilised, our society should show more tolerance."

According to a subway system employee, eating and drinking is not permitted on the train, and that the man would likely have been stopped if a patrolling colleague had spotted him. However, on the day in question there was no one patrolling as they were reportedly running a trial that meant people could ride the subway for free.

The video, posted on June 18, has gone viral on TikTok with over 4 million views and has sparked a fierce debate on whether this kind of behaviour is acceptable while using public transport. Thousands of users commented on the post, with one person saying: "It's common sense that no loud talking, eating or drinking or mobile phone speakers are allowed on subways."

This isn't the first incident involving unusual behaviour on trains. Recently, a man was filmed dragging his own sofa with him on a train, so he could relax after a tiring day at work.

QUEEN'S OWN ASPIRING SHEEP CHAMPION

Tom Nash is a student at Queens college, an aspiring cook with awards to his name and also a farmer who lives within the heart of the Somerset countryside with his herd of 50 sheep. He has even met the former prime minister Boris Johnson due to his respectable achievements and is well known for his accomplishments within the school community, but what exactly are the details of his success and how do others within the school view his achievements?

Competitions

The competitions Tom competes in are for rare breeds of sheep and are judged based on the sheep's movements, characteristics, behaviour and looks. The sheep which exceeds the standard on these categories wins the competition and claims victory. Tom has an abundance of experience since he has been farming from the young age of six years old. With a plot of over 30 acres, there is plenty of room for practice and training for the coloured ryelands, who have competed and won the showings 4 times. Tom also competes for the award of "National champion young handler" and managed to acquire it back in 2021, which is in fact, an incredible award in the sheep industry.



How do others at the school view his achievements?

Being a school relatively close to the rural hills of Somerset, Queens attracts families who farm in and around the area, including another local farmer: Nancy Holt, who lives on her farm in Somerset and is an avid farmer herself. When talking to Nancy about her views she told me: "Tom Nash is doing amazingly for his age and I think his achievements are an inspiration to others with sheep". The wider community are mostly all aware of his accomplishments and he has even been mentioned in the school bulletin multiple times for parents and students alike to view.

Speaking to some other fellow students many have told me that "Tom Nash's dedication to the sheep related competitions is an amazing feat that should be recognised by all in the school and wider Somerset community, not only in the school bulletin or this article but in local newspaper organisations" spoken by a student : Atticus Manning.

SELF - PROCLAIMED TIME TRAVELLER

SELF - PROCLAIMED 'TIME TRAVELLER' FROM THE YEAR 2671 WARNS THAT WORLD WAR III IS ONLY THREE YEARS DOWN THE LINE.



With the many supposed 'time traveller' accounts surfacing on social media platforms, the most used of which is Tik Tok, more people have been worried about the many dark events that these 'time travellers' warn about.

There has been a great rise in the number of 'time traveller' accounts on large social media platforms; they have gained lots of traction and many people have started to believe these accounts. The 'time traveller' tiktoker known as @theradianttimetaveler has gained lots of recognition due to his 26,000 tiktok followers, this recognition leads to more and more people thinking that this time traveller is 'the real deal'.

However, there are many people who believe these accounts are for the use of internet 'trolling' or fear mongering and have criticised the tik tokers for trying to scare the public. A tik toker claiming to be from 2027 has responded to these allegations with eerie 'proof' that he is really from the future saying he is the "last human on Earth".

These tik tokers have made many claims such as that scientists will find a cure for both lung and skin cancer. These claims become progressively more and more hard to grasp such as that aliens will choose 8,000 people to save the planet.

TALK AND Q&A SESSION WITH WILLIAM SITWELL

TODAY, ACCLAIMED FOOD CRITIC, MASTER CHEF JUDGE AND AUTHOR OF SEVERAL AWARD WINNING BOOKS, WILLIAM SITWELL CAME INTO QUEENS TO TALK ABOUT THE PATHWAY TO HIS ESTEEMED CAREER.

After his speech to years 8 & 9, William gave us the opportunity to ask him questions to gain an insight into his life and his comeuppance in the world of journalism and how he is where he is today.



Q: "What advice would you give to those who want to get into writing?"

A: "Write as much as you can and be consistent, all good writers must practise. Also, aim to read as much as you can as it helps you understand the world and life."

Q: "What makes a good piece of writing?"

A: "Good writing consists of a balance between colour and description so that the reader remains engaged"

Q: "What were some challenges of writing?"

A: " - keeping the writer engaged, -conveying information clearly, - a rhythm and pace which is suited to the story."

Q: "what were the challenges and hard decisions in your career?"

A: "Choosing my job and choosing to go for an editing position when i knew the enormity of work it would take"

Q: "As restaurants closed and your jobs involves eating out, what did you do in lockdown?"

A: "I published a book about eating out, the culture of eating out and hospitality so people could recognise what a huge part it played in our lives and how fundamental it is to society."

Q: "What are your goals in your career?"

A: " Perhaps to earn more money."

A LOCALS GUIDE TO THE GLORIOUS REGION OF PROVENCE-ALPES-CÔTE D'AZUR.

THE SUN IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE IS ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS FOR TOURISM IN THIS REGION IN ADDITION TO THE BEACH AND FESTIVITIES.



Plateau de Valensole: lavender fields

L'île de Porquerolles: island

The beautiful region of Provence has many incredible and enchanting areas to explore. The Provence area is really varied, you can go to the forest but also in the mountains or to the beach. I advise you to vary between all these different areas. For example you can go to the beach one day and the next day go for a walk in a mountain.

There are a lot of lovely places to visit and I think that the Plateau de Valensole is one of the places that you absolutely must visit. It's a gigantic enchanting field of beautiful purple lavender that stretches as far as the eye can see. You can have a wonderful stroll around the field, and a lovely picnic during the warm sunset in the evening. It's just phenomenal. I think you already know that lavender has an incredible odour so imagine the sweet smell of this place.

L'île de Porquerolles is in my opinion the most beautiful island in the PACA region. It's a piece of paradise. It's a really pretty small island. Even though this is a minute island it's a very famous one. A lot of tourists come every summer for the beach and walks or bike rides. Most of the tourists come just for the day for having a little break in their routines. As many people who live near the island as people who live further away. If you want to stay a few days you can go to the hotels or you can rent an apartment or a house. Do not arrive on the island thinking you are going to do shopping because there is just a supermarket. Don't be worried about the place where you are going to have lunch or dinner because there are a lot of restaurants around the village. About the way between the continent and the island there is a boat company who is doing this route every day so there is a constant availability to go there and back.

To conclude, there are a lot of lovely places to visit in this amazing region who breathes the sun and the holidays. It's an absolutely amazing destination for having holidays with your friends or your family. I will advise you to to balance between resting and enjoying and visiting historic places because it's the best balance for having a memorable vacation.

Neymar in tears after hearing Messi will not be played anymore in PSG.

MESSI MAKING MONEY MOVING TO MIAMI

7 time ballon d'or winner ends his deal with PSG after two years of success, and while it was initially believed that the World Cup winner would extend the deal, he then confirmed his exit from PSG and will now be joining MLS. A new friendship will be forged with a two time winner of the FA cup, David Beckham.

PSG manager Christophe Galtier confirmed on Thursday that Lionel Messi won't extend his contract with PSG and will therefore join MLS. Manager said Both parties have agreed to end the contract and said "I had a privilege of coaching the best player in the history of football. It will be Leo's last match at the Parc des Princes against Clermont." Fans were shocked by the news because rumours have said that he was going to end his career in football. Despite Messi turning 36 on June 24 he still has plenty to offer.

He gave serious consideration to a huge offer of 1.2 billion euros from Saudi Arabian side Al-Hilal but opted to move to MLS with part time owner and former captain of England David Beckham with an offer of 150 million euros showing the passion over money.

Messi said he wanted to be with his family more and MLS could support this. His childhood sweetheart and 3 children are excited for the big change and the new bond that Beckham and Messi will create.



QUEEN'S FIRST TEAM CRICKET

TODAY AT 11 O'CLOCK THE BOYS FIRST XI FACES THE FORTY CLUB IN A T20, AN EQUALLY STRONG TEAM PROMISING A CLOSE MATCH-UP.



Queens college are a strong team with their most recent win against Wells cathedral with a tight 13 run win. They have Mr Bell and Mrs Foster as their coaches who have both previously played cricket. Mr Bell played for Zimbabwe and Mrs Foster played for England. Queen's first team has some very strong players such as Jonty Lusk and Joel Savage.

Queens were first out to field, kicking off the match. Hayden Taylor-Worth started the match with some poignant bowling, putting the batter under heavy pressure. Miraculously, The Forty Club batters managed to withstand harsh bowls, playing many defensive shots. The Forty Club occasionally adapted to bowlers and forced the ball to the boundary for four runs towards their total. Casper Reeve and Joe Ball, showed off some of their seismic potential.

Next up we asked some questions to Mrs Foster. First we asked her why she chose to teach at queens. He explained to us that it is an exciting opportunity to lead cricket at Queens and help the school and first team progress in the sport so we can become an even stronger side. Next we asked her what it was like playing at such a high level or cricket. She said that cricket was always her passion and she wanted to chase and achieve her dreams. Next we asked her why she started playing cricket. She has a local club around where she lived so she joined when she got the chance but mainly her dad liked cricket so he taught her it from a young age. Finally we asked her what she thought about the first team. She said they are all very good individuals and make a good team when put in the correct positions.

The game will continue throughout the day and we will continue to support our school and our players throughout the game. We are hopeful that when the game finishes at the end of the day we are the team that comes out victorious.



QUEEN'S SPORT ROUNDUP

QUICK QUEENS SPORT SYNOPSIS



Rugby

Rugby at queens is a strong team as we have won most games at every age group meaning we are definitely not a weak side. Our 1st team is a large team with a good amount of subs to keep switching so we never get tired and can play to our full extent every game. Our younger teams such as the under 15 have players from clubs such as bristol bears and exeter. When they sometimes get short of players, people from the year below can step up to fill in for them.

Hockey

Hockey at queens isn't as strong as our other teams but we can still put up a strong fight in all of our games. The first team has players from ages 15 and up as some players from younger years are better than the older players. The under 14s team are a very strong team as they got through to the regionals and smashed millfield. We have good players all around the pitch with Tommy Nash as midfielder and Alex burrough as another centre mid.

Cricket

Cricket at Queens is a pretty good team with the first team having some good players such as Joel Savage and Jonty Lusk. With Mr Bell and Mrs Foster as their coaches who have both previously played professional cricket. Mr Bell played for Zimbabwe and Mrs Foster played for England. Our u15 team is good with quite a lot of the players playing for the first team.

Netball

The netball first team is a very strong side with Osa Eribo and Milly Lusk being key players in the team and winning them some games. The under 15s are also a strong side also winning quite a few games and again some playing for the 1st team.

