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# **Inspirational Story:** Captain Tom Moore

Captain Tom Moore has raised over £29m for the NHS by walking 100 laps of his garden at 99 years of age.

Captain Tom is a war veteran who served during World War II. He began raising funds to thank the NHS staff who treated him for cancer and a broken hip. Then with the aid



of his walking frame he completed 100 laps of the 25 metre / 82 ft loop in his garden in Marston Moretaine, Bedfordshire just weeks before his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. He turns 100 this week on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Captain Tom has been congratulated by the royal family.

Do **you** have an **inspiring story**? Please get in touch so we can inspire everyone.

### Saying of the Week: 'Gordon Bennet'

<u>Meaning</u>: Expressing surprise, puzzlement, incredulity, annoyance, etc.

Origin: The expression is primarily used in the UK even though Gordon Bennett was an American. It comes from the name of journalist James Gordon Bennett, Jr. He inherited great wealth and was known for his extravagant and shocking life. The term Gordon Bennett alludes to his wild ways.

### This Week in History:

<u>29<sup>th</sup> April 1993:</u> The Queen opened Buckingham Palace to the public for the 1st time to raise funds to repair Windsor Castle.

**29**<sup>th</sup> **April 1958:** The Broadway musical, My Fair Lady, opened for its first night in London to a rapturous reception, dazzling London.

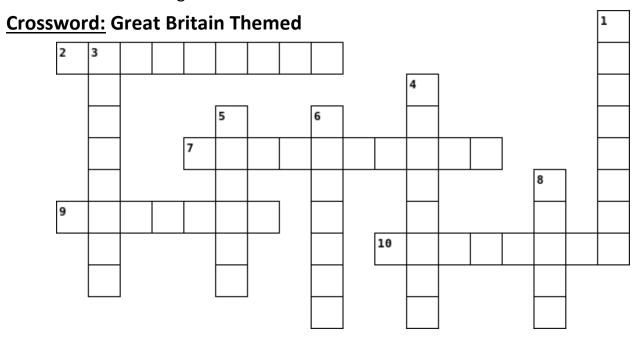
**1st May 1945:** Germany announced Hitler was dead. The German Fuhrer was killed in the Reich Chancery of Berlin fighting the Soviets, according to German radio.

# Your Top 5 Places and Why:

- 1. <u>Mrs S Prince:</u> The Glacial Express in Switzerland because it was a great holiday with her late husband. The roofs of the trains were see-through!
- 2. Mr J Bonner: The lavender farm because he likes to go there with his daughter. Also, there is a little café that makes huge cheese scones and lavender tea.
- 3. **Staff Member Ginnie:** Borneo because she went there on a special family holiday. She stayed in longhouse, and saw orangutans, proboscis monkeys and pygmy elephants in the wild.
- 4. <u>Volunteer Janvrin:</u> Mousehole Harbour because they spent a day with their cousins watching the boats and tide come in and out. Now when they need to imagine somewhere peaceful, they think of there.
- 5. Mrs G Scriven: The bench on top of Strawberry Hill because you can see for miles and the view is beautiful. She likes to go there with her dog.

## This Week's Quiz:

- 1. A grandmother has 6 grandchildren. Each grandchild was born 2 years apart, and the youngest is 10 years old. How old is the eldest?
- 2. Which soccer teams plays its home games at Carrow Road, in yellow and green, and is nicknamed the Canaries?
- 3. In which county is Stratford-upon-Avon?
- 4. Which US city is served by JFK Airport?
- 5. What is the longest river in the world?



#### **Across:**

- 2. Major seaside town
- 7. Ancient stone monument
- 9. Surfing town in Cornwall
- 10. Highest mountain (2)

#### Down:

- 1. New city in Wales (2)
- 3. Home of Scottish Monster (2)
- 4. Most Southern point (2)
- 5. Famous London Street
- 6. The Titanic was built there
- 8. English port

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