



## 120,000-year-old human footprint in Saudi Arabia

Mathew Stewart and his team at Max Planck Institute for Chemical Ecology have discovered seven sets of human footprints, alongside those of elephants, beside an ancient dried up lake in the region of Tabuk, on the Arabian Peninsula. They are believed to be those of two people. Mr Stewart said: "Footprints are a unique form of fossil evidence in that they provide snapshots in time, typically representing a few hours or days, a resolution we tend not to get from other records." The researchers do not think that the footprints belong to Neanderthal man, as they were not thought to be in the region at the time. Instead, because of the size and depth of the prints, researchers believe that they belong to modern humans. Mr Stewart said: "We know that humans were visiting this lake at the same time as elephants and other animals, and, unusually for the area, there were no stone tools." Experts have discovered that humans chose to navigate routes beside lakes and rivers when they left the continent of Africa.



*Pictured: Footprints found in Saudi Arabia could help understand how humans spread out of Africa. Source: Moyan Brenn*

## There's an alpaca on the pitch!



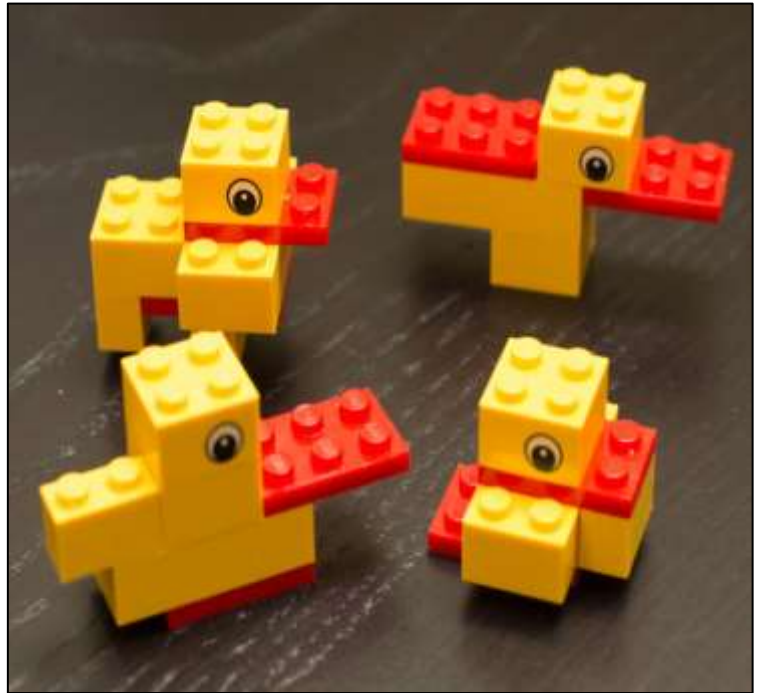
*Pictured: This image has been taken from Ilkley Town AFC's Twitter feed.*

A video posted on Twitter went viral during a Saturday game of football between Ilkley Town and Carlton Athletic when a friendly alpaca from a local farm invaded the pitch. Club chairman, Richard Giles, was watching on the side of the pitch whilst his wife, Claire Armstrong, Ilkley's Covid-19 officer and the first-team coach was busy taking a phone call. He said: "Claire was phoning someone and said, 'I'm so sorry, I've got to put the phone down, there's an alpaca on the pitch'." She filmed Oscar the alpaca as team-mates tried to encourage him to leave the pitch. It took so long that the players were freezing! "I've been watching football and playing football 40 years and never seen anything like this," Mr Giles added.



## £310 million to transform Lego bricks

After estimates suggest that Lego uses 90,000 tonnes of coloured plastic to manufacture its products each year, the Danish toymaker, has promised that its popular building bricks will no longer be made from oil-based plastic. Since 2015, a team of more than 150 engineers and scientists have made their bricks from a wide variety of different plant-based and recycled materials, in an attempt to 'go green'. Lego executive, Tim Brooks, said the company has been testing prototypes made from bio-polyethylene, a type of plastic made from ethanol that is produced using sugarcane. But they have come across problems. The colourful bricks have refused to stick together, and engineers have had to resort to using pliers and wrenches to prise them apart! The company are determined to find a solution by 2030.



*Pictured above: Lego ducks from MIT Media Lab 30th Anniversary event.  
Source: Michael Radwin*

## Your thoughts on the news...

*I want to raise some money in our school, and we will put a suggestion to the pupil council.*

**Taylor-Age 10**

*I think it is important that everyone has a home, so they don't have to live outside in rainy, stormy and snowy weather.*

**Ciara-Age 10**



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*Food shops that are closing could donate food. Pet food shops could donate food. Food waste should not be thrown away but given to the homeless.*

**Acacia Tree Class-Age 10**

*It is good that people are building shelters for homeless people and putting food in food banks.*

**Mamie-Age 8**



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