

Coming up on this week's show.

Singing to remember the past.

Brand new banknotes.

And can you guess what this invention's for?

But first up, the general election.

On the 4th of July, adults will get to vote on who they want to run the UK.

And at the moment, there's been lots of stories in the news about what the different parties would do if they got into power.

But are they all genuine?

Reports are circulating online that the Conservative Party will introduce what's called conscription for 18 year olds.

That means young people will be forced to join the military and could even fight in a war.

And we've seen lots of stories that the Labour Party have pledged to lower the minimum voting age from 18 to 16 if they become elected.

But are these two reports fake news or fact?

Find out later in the show.

Now, if you're lucky enough to have any of these in your pockets, well, actually, just take a closer look because you may spot that one of them's a bit different.

From this week, all new banknotes issued by the Bank of England will have a portrait of the king on them.

Braydon was one of the first people to get his hands on some!

Here at the Bank of England, it's a historic day.

The first time in a generation where they've issued banknotes with a new monarch on them.

There were around four and a half billion banknotes in circulation, equating to £80 billion.

And her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth the second has appeared on all Bank of England notes since 1960.

But now that's all changing. Let's go and find out more.

As of today, the Bank of England will be issuing these, banknotes

with the portrait of King Charles the third.

However, all notes in circulation won't change immediately.

Bank notes that feature the portrait of Queen Elizabeth The second will remain legal tender, which means you can still buy things with them.

But how did banknotes come to be used in the first place?

I met with the curator of the Bank of England Museum to find out more.

People would have deposited coins at the Bank of England and they would have received something like this.

Now, that was a banknote from 1697.

Now, that became something that people would have exchange to get other things.

And that's how the very earliest banknotes began.

So this is almost like the very, very start of it all.

The very beginning. Amazing.

So from this banknotes, we go to this one, which is worth a little bit more.

Take a look at the number, £1,000,000.

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So technically, I've got £1,000,000 in my hand right now.

Yeah. So this is only used inside the bank? Yes.

What are you going to do with the million pound note? Who can accept it? Who can give you change for £1,000,000?

Not many people. Much too big to be useful.

This was made in 1960 and it was one of the First Bank of England notes that has the Queen's face on it.

You can see there are quite complex designs and that helps to make the paper really difficult to copy.

Fascinating stuff.

But we don't use notes and coins anywhere near as much as we used to.

Instead, we pay with things like our bank card or even on our phones.

So will the museum soon be the only place to see cash?

And to help answer that do better than the Bank of England's chief cashier, Sarah John.

What does your job actually mean?

So I'm responsible for overseeing the design of the banknotes, the production of the banknotes.

If you look at any of these new banknotes, you will actually see my signature on them.

Sarah John. There it is, in this corner here.

What about the future of cash? And the future of notes? What's that looking like?

I actually think that cash is going to be around for quite a long time to come.

And we know that around 2 million people still rely on cash for their everyday spending.

These notes swap from paper to plastic. Why was that?

So this is a material that's called polymer and it's cleaner, safer and stronger than paper notes.

So these polymer notes are all recycled when they come back to us at the end of life and they end up looking a little bit like this.

They then get melted down and then they get recycled into other products like plant pots.

Well, there you go, it is sustainable, then?

It is, absolutely.

It seems that there's still a demand for cash.

So there's no doubt that we'll be seeing these banknotes out and about.

But I don't think I'll be leaving the house without a bank card.

Now, take a look at this.

Ten year old Emily came top dog in the invention competition with her cunning creation.

What is it?

Well, it's a brand new doggie poop scoop.

Her initial design was singled out by judges and transformed into a one off prototype by experts.

I do hope Emily's also invented a way of cleaning it.

Did you know? This week marked 80 years since the D-Day landings.

A huge event during the Second World War that changed the course of history.

Recently, Iara went to meet a young music act connecting wartime stories through song.

D-Day, the 6th of June 1944, was the epic moment during World War Two, when allied forces landed on the beaches of Normandy, France, to fight for freedom.

It was a major turning point in the war and helped lead to the eventual defeat of the Nazis.

Thank you for our freedom.

Thank you for this song.

We will sing it proud and pass the message on.

My great, great uncle Fred lied about his age and joined the military in 1939.

He was a driver at the D-Day landings.

In World War Two, my nan, Joan, was a fire watcher and member of the Civil Defense Services.

She protected the public by saving lives and homes from air raids.

My great granddad, Francis George Cedric was driving a tank in 1942 at the Battle of El Alamein

Only 3 out of 113 tanks returned that day.

He was driving one of them.

These are the D-Day juniors.

They're a performance group inspired by World War Two acts.

Looking to keep the wartime spirit alive.

And they've been on Britain's Got Talent.

Appearing on Britain's Got Talent was great.

It was a really amazing opportunity to have and to be able to perform in in a venue like the Hammersmith Apollo was absolutely incredible and definitely a dream for quite a lot of us.

But today, they're performing here on the stage in Sutton Coldfield.

It's a hive of activity backstage as the D-Day Juniors are getting ready for their big performance.

So I feel like what I wear is a bit more expressive, and I got to really make myself feel good on stage rather than physically and mentally from.

So how are you feeling about the performance?

I am very excited because I get to show off my talent and what I really have in me.

I'm most excited to perform Pass It On today because of meaning behind it. It's about passing on the message that all these people fought for us and we need to thank them.

The audience are starting to arrive and the juniors are about to step on stage.

I can't wait.

World War Two is literally a lifetime away.

But these kids are making sure that the efforts of those who fought in World War Two are not forgotten.

So what will one of the few remaining veterans think of this performance?

While Stan couldn't make the show in person, we brought the performance to him.

They're great performers. The songs, the songs that they sang, brought back memories of that and the good parts of war and the happy times.

Thank you for our freedom.

I hope and pray that we don't see anything like it again.

As in the countries the injuries that these young people move in the right direction, pass it on to everyone.

Thanks, Iara.

Next, we head to the golf course of Thomas to find out how advanced prosthetics are helping young disabled people take part in the sport.

Check this out.

This is G4D and it's the biggest series of tournaments in disability golf.

80 players from around the world compete in these events.

And today, there is a special workshop taking place for young people with a limb difference.

All these people are missing their low arms or hands.

And they've been invited to try out some new prosthetics.

It's also encouraged the future generation of disabled golfers.

There we go.

The prosthetics are uniquely 3D printed to fit each individual, but that's not the only clever bit.

The design means limbs can be connected to the golf club in the right position to create a really powerful swing.

How is the prosthetics helping people adapt to sports like golf?

Because if you don't have a prosthetic, you actually you have to scoop your back and you don't get as much power in your swing.

It makes it a lot more powerful and it goes a lot further. And it's better than playing one handed.

Is it comfortable?

Yeah, it gets a little sweaty, but it is very comfortable.

I've got pattern inside and I can bend my elbows still.

Everybody knows what this is called.

I met with Mark Taylor from the European Disabled Golf Association.

He's one of the organisers of this event.

What is your advice to kids who want to get involved with disability golf?

I mean, is it accessible enough?

Yeah. Golf is getting more accessible.

We're starting to drive these programs into schools, allowing coaches to be better educated in inclusion and including children with physical disabilities or sensory disabilities into a mainstream activity.

I think the grassroots stuff that we're doing here is very, very important to get the message out that golf could be a game for children or young adults with a disability.

Why do you think events like Golf for Disabled are so important?

Because it gives other people a chance to know that they can play, not just people who've got two arms. It just gives them an opportunity that they wouldn't normally get, and it just makes them feel like everyone else. And even though we might be a little different, I wouldn't describe us as different. I just have this unique, great fun. And it's so good to see efforts to make sport more inclusive for everyone.

So what do you make of this week's fake news or fact?

Well, reports that conservatives will introduce conscription if they're elected are false. They have actually pledged to introduce national service. That will mean 18 year olds are required to either join a year long military training scheme or take part in community service one weekend a month for a year. But they said no one will be forced to join the military if they don't want to.

And what about the story that the Labour Party are pledging to lower the minimum voting age?

Well, this one is actually true. If Labour win the election, they said they would lower the age that someone can legally vote from 18 to 16. That would mean approximately 1.5 million more people would get the right to vote.

Well, that's about all we've got time for today. Make sure to catch us again next week for more of the news that matters to you. Bye.