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My name [REDACTED], I am 14, home-educated and I live on a narrowboat. I enjoy playing music, I sing, play ukulele, harmonica, guitar, highland bagpipes and a little bit of saxophone. I like making art, at the moment I am creating strange hats with skulls and horns. I also enjoy solving rubixs cubes, my current record is 38 seconds. I am writing this blog for an account of my life and as a project to help a university student complete her phd about what home-educated students get up to.

About 2 and a half months and 230 miles from where we started in the narrowboat near Cambridge, more then 200 locks later and 3 breakdowns we arive in Newbury, where we breakdown for the forth time! We had to pull a 20 ton boat through the buzzing town centre, through a lock and past half a dozen narrow boats, which was probably the most awkward part as we had to trample on their boats to pull ours past them while passers by stand and watch waiting for one of us to fall in!

When we finally get to the place that dad wants to moor at, we stay there for a week. I get busy doing my school work and start on 2 new hats art which the results of both are pleasing.

I did an environment management GCSE past paper and I got an A. I really enjoy that subject as it is topical and interesting about how we are killing the planet ad how the governments are doing very weak attempts to save it.

I made these hats, using different medium, in the skull top hat, i used a lamb skull (i found it while walking, dont worry i didnt kill it!), paint, cardboard, resin and mesh. And in the hat with horns i used tinfoil, paper mache, paint, hotglue and resin. I really enjoy using diifferent mediums, especially

if they are recycled! I am trying to finish them off professionally as dad thinks that an independent art shop might want one in their window and that is now my aim, to get one of my hats into a shop.

Although I love moving the boat and seeing different towns and scenery's I do enjoy stopping and getting some work done. We decided to leave after a week and move on towards our destination. Devises.



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We are starting to meet people in bath which I am pleased about, as I have been thinking about going back to school, mainly to meet people and make friends but also for more work structure because I thought I was meant to do all my gcse's next year with my year group. Dad looked into it and spoke to some people from schools who said I would be "sitting at the back of the class bored to tears" if I went back. They also said that I will be in year 10 after the summer therefore everyone in my year haven't even started the gcse's curriculum yet so I am well ahead. The proof is in the pudding as people say, as I have already pasted a few past papers I have done.

We moved the boat from Newbury to Pewsey in the last week or so and last Thursday I got invited to the Pewsey folk club where I sang and played a couple of songs on the guitar. I think everyone really enjoyed it, and people said how music is such an important skill in life and that I should keep it going.

Today was probably the most social day since last year, as I ran gemstone jewellery making workshop in Alice park, and although there was a high chance of rain there was a big turnout! and luckily the rain held off! I think everyone enjoyed it and 35 bracelets were made in just 2 hours! As I have run the workshops before it wasn't very stressful and now in the past 3 years I have finished off and helped make about 650 bracelets! Doing these workshops really help my social skills,



organisation skills and leadership skills and I really enjoyed running it and meeting new people. We will certainly be doing it again.



4th of July

We arrived in Honeystreet on Friday, a very prehistoric place with a huge white horse looking down on us in the county Wiltshire known for its white horses and crop circles. It is a lovely place, only an hour from Bath, Dad said we have more or less finished our journey. Throughout the last 3 and a half months, I have been very busy, I normally study in the early morning and start to move the boat after a few hours of work. It's been wonderful to wake up in a new scenery almost everyday but we have settled for now, and I can start a new project for my gold art award in the next few days.

We put our stall out, I was selling fossils and gemstones and did very well! We moored right outside the pub and campsite so there were lots of people. It's a good experience running a stall as you have to talk to the customers politely, give facts about different fossils and I also set up a card machine so people could pay contactless.

Dad wanted to practice our music and it was a nice day so we stopped the stall for a bit and played outside. The pub owner, Allister came up to Dad later on and invited us to play in his pub - he said it was brilliant - so we did, he and his wife and everyone else enjoyed it a lot and he offered us a free meal and drinks. Allister also said there were some mysterious happenings going on that night and we could tag along so we did, it was a very late night! Then, surprisingly the next day appeared the most beautiful crop circle appeared right next to the oldest road in the whole of Europe. Aliens???