



Our World

Week Beginning: Monday 4 May 2020



This Week in Our World...

This week the focus of **'Our World'** is the 100th birthday of Captain – now Honorary Colonel – Tom Moore.

Colonel Tom captured the nation's interest in April when he decided to walk 100 lengths of his garden leading up to his 100th birthday. He then captured our hearts....

Colonel Tom



What's the background?

Tom Moore was born in Keighley, in what was then the West Riding of Yorkshire, on 30 April 1920. He attended the town's grammar school before completing an apprenticeship in civil engineering.

Captain Tom joined the army at the beginning of World War Two, serving in India and Myanmar, then known as Burma. After the war he became an instructor at the Armoured Fighting Vehicle School in Bovington, Dorset.

He lived in Kent before moving to Bedfordshire to be with his youngest daughter Hannah Ingram-Moore and her family in 2007.

Colonel Tom



Raising Money for NHS

Ahead of his 100th birthday celebration, war veteran Colonel Tom set himself the challenge of walking 100 laps of his garden to help raise money for the NHS.

Colonel Tom originally aimed to raise £1000 but quickly passed his target to reach over a staggering £33 million for the NHS!

His challenge has raised awareness all over the world and has led to many others setting their own similar challenges!

Colonel Tom has also lifted the spirits of many during difficult circumstances.

Colonel Tom



Special Birthday

The war veteran was made an Honorary Colonel on his birthday and was awarded special medals in recognition of his amazing achievements. Head of the Army, General Sir Mark Carleton-Smith, called Colonel Tom "An inspirational role model".

His birthday was also marked with an RAF flypast by a Spitfire and Hurricane from the RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight which made three passes of his house. He also received birthday greetings from the Queen and Prime Minister.

With celebrations under way, Colonel Tom said everyone who donated was "magnificent" as the fund reached £30m on Thursday morning.



Birthday Cards

Colonel Tom also received more than 150,000 birthday cards, sent via a special post box with his own post code!

His grandson Benjie, who is 16, said: "The volume of cards that have been sent to Granddad is just astonishing."

"So many of the cards are truly heartfelt with thousands from young children who have taken the time to use their artistic talent and write a personal message."

And some of the senders include Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, Dame Kelly Holmes and England football captain Harry Kane.



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Staggering (adjective)

Something astonishing or deeply shocking





Watch...



Clip 1 & 2 (BBC News and Daily Telegraph)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A3GVPKzlOxo>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rX3OeuG_coY