

INFLATING HOPES FOR BRIGHTER DAYS

Radiating all the colours of the rainbow across a beautiful blue sky last week were 43 hot-air balloons in the West of England.

Flying high above a lush green landscape, the balloons were a special flypast put on by pilots and organisers of Bristol's International Balloon Fiesta for this year's socially distanced

event. Local residents were able to enjoy the technicolour turnout from their doorsteps, with operations director Ben Hardy hailing it a "magnificent sight".

The big balloon bonanza is the largest hot-air balloon spectacle in Europe, usually attracting more than 500,000 visitors to Bristol each year.



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TOP DOG CHARLEY'S A SEASIDE SPECIAL

Splashing through the waves on a hot sunny day is adorable black cocker spaniel Charley. The pooch has been unveiled as this month's star dog in the Hearing Dogs for the Deaf official calendar.

Charley appears to be taking her "Miss August" title in her stride as she's captured mid-air in this striking beach shot. One of the charity's stars, Charley is a hearing dog mum who welcomed eight puppies in Christmas 2018.

Volunteer Nicky Johnson, who fosters Charley, said: "I don't know if we just got particularly lucky, but Charley fitted into our family straight away. She has a beautiful personality and was not fazed by the change of home and routine."





DRAMATIC PHOTOS ARE FULL OF DELIGHT

August's spectacular Sturgeon Moon was caught on camera as it mesmerised sky-gazers across the globe last week, with one photographer snapping the full moon in all its glory in Greece at the Temple of Poseidon at Cape Sounion (above). Crowds gathered to see the yearly lunar event as it illuminated the marble columns of the heritage site.

Back in the UK, the magic of the moon was best captured in Darwen, Lancashire, shining high above the hills and horses next to the octagonal Jubilee Tower (right) – built in 1898 to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.

The Sturgeon Moon is said to be so named by Native Americans because this was a good time of year to catch the freshwater fish in New England.

The August full moon is otherwise referred to as Grain Moon in Britain, marking the start of harvest season. Other names include Barley Moon, Green Corn Moon and Fruit Moon.

