

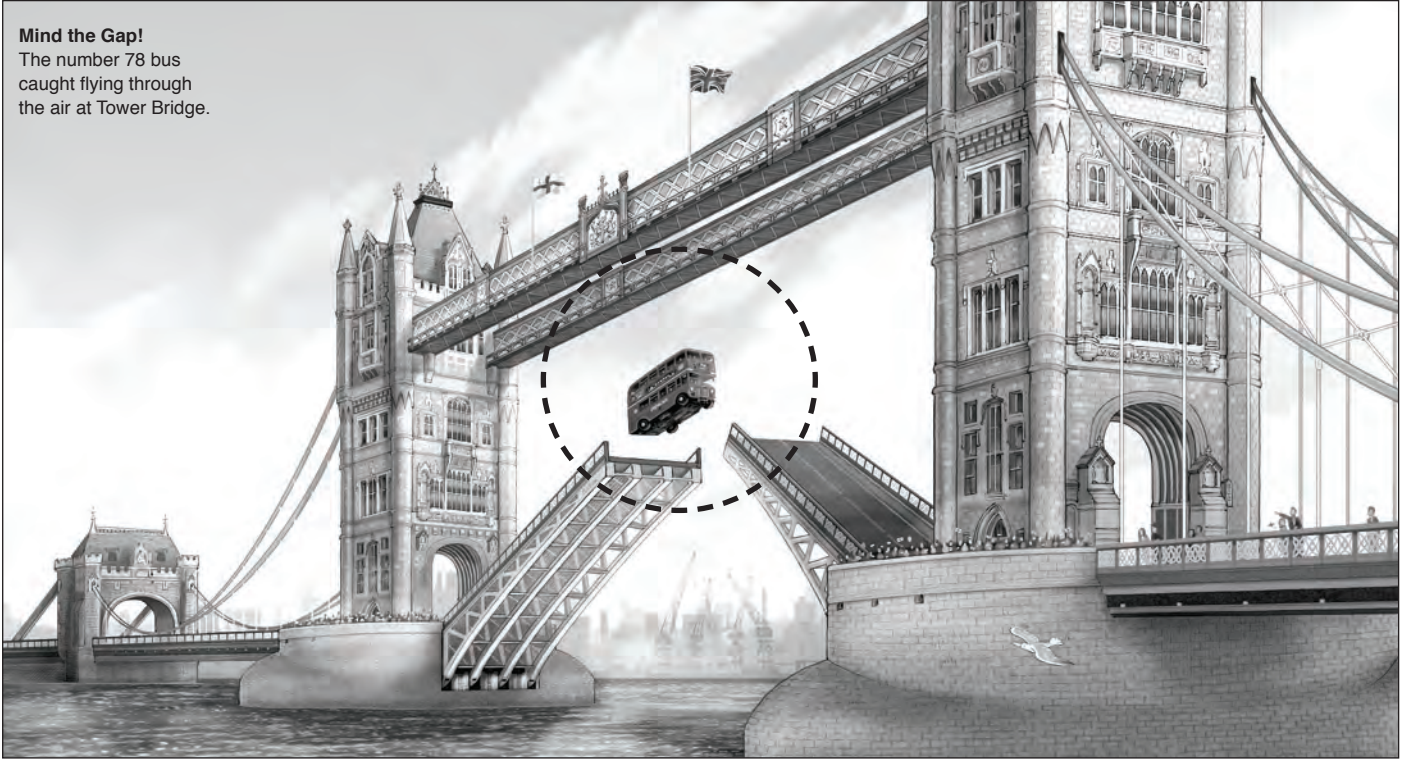
THE TOWER BRIDGE TIMES

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SPECIAL EDITION

Mind the Gap!

The number 78 bus caught flying through the air at Tower Bridge.



CAT SAVES THE DAY!

Purr-fect jump at Tower Bridge as Bella the Cat helps save a double decker bus

A crowded London bus has achieved the unthinkable. The number 78 bus travelling north to Shoreditch managed to leap the gap as Tower Bridge began to raise its bascules. Eye witnesses at the incident report that the bus driver, Babs acted swiftly to avoid a cat-astrophe. She has been praised for her actions but the Tower Bridge News can now reveal that the bus driver was aided and assisted by Bella the Tower Bridge Cat. Bella, who lives with the Bridge Master on the Bridge itself, had a hand (or paw) in the dramatic events as they began to unfold.

CATS EYES DO WORK!

Bella's keen eyesight helped her spot a problem with the traffic lights on the bridge. She raced into action in order to assist Babs and save the passengers who were all travelling to a



To the rescue: Bella the Tower Bridge Cat with her special gold tag photographed shortly after the dramatic events on the bridge.

CAT-ASTROPHE AVOIDED

party to celebrate The Queen's Birthday. What happened next is unclear but it can be reported that the Bridge Master has confirmed that the complete story will be explained in a brand new publication entitled *The Tower Bridge Cat* that will be on sale in all good London bookshops.

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- The Bridge Master: *A Room of My Own*



THE QUEEN TO REWARD CAT WITH M.B.E.

Royal Cat Correspondent

Her Majesty the Queen is rumoured to have added Bella the Tower Bridge Cat to her New Year's Honours list. The unconfirmed award is expected to be an MBE (Moggie's Badge for Excellence) - given for bravery and exceptional mice chasing. Bella was not available to comment about the prestigious award but the Stan the Stoker who works with her on Tower Bridge commented

that, 'Bella is delighted to be honoured by the Queen. She looks like the cat who got the cream!' He went on to explain that 'All the Tower Bridge staff are very proud of her. She is great, she's the cat's whiskers.' The Queen is believed to have taken a special interest in Bella's bravery as she was close by at the time of the incident. Bella leapt in to action when the bridge was opening for the Royal Barge to pass.

EXCLUSIVE!

Royal river:
The Queen's barge spotted heading towards Tower Bridge shortly before the bus incident.

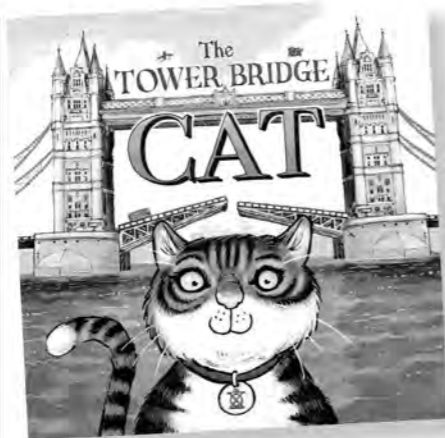


"Bella looks like the cat who got the cream"

Left: Stan the Stoker hard at work shovelling coal in the boiler room at Tower Bridge.

NEW Book about the Bella and the Bus jump launched...

London's famous Tower Bridge has teamed up with one of their publishing partners, Baizdon to produce a beautifully illustrated children's book about Bella and her adventure with the 78 bus on Tower Bridge. As well as Bella, the book features many of the team working behind the scenes at Tower Bridge, including the Bridge Master and the identical twins, Oly the Oiler and Eddy the Engineer. There are plenty of London landmarks to spot in the book as well a special visit to the Engine Rooms. It is called *The Tower Bridge Cat* and has been written by Tee Dobinson and illustrated by Steve Cox. The book is now on sale at the Tower Bridge Gift Shop or available from their online outlet, shop.towerbridge.org.uk



Above: The new book introducing Bella the Tower Bridge Cat. A great gift or souvenir of your visit to Tower Bridge. A softback book with 36 fully illustrated pages. For more details contact info@Baizdon.com

COOL TUNES FOR HIP CATS...

TOP TEN HIT SONGS

1. Morning has Broken - *Cat Stevens*
2. What's new Pussycat? - *Tom Jones*
3. Diamond Dogs (and Cats) - *David Miowie*
4. Cool for Cats - *Squeeze*
5. Ever fallen in Love (With Some Doggie You Shouldn't have)? - *The Buzzcats*
6. Careless Whisker - *George Michael*
7. The Year of the Cat - *Al Stewart*
8. See Ya! - *Atomic Kitten*
9. Purr-rr-ple Rain - *Prince*
10. The Lovecats - *The Cure*



TOWER TREATS

BY HANNAH THE COOK (above)
One of the best ways to keep any cat cool this Summer is by serving them Miced Lollies. Follow this recipe and be sure to label the lollies to avoid mix ups!

Method

1. Get Bella to catch a few mice.
2. Put them in the freezer for awhile
3. Serve with cream

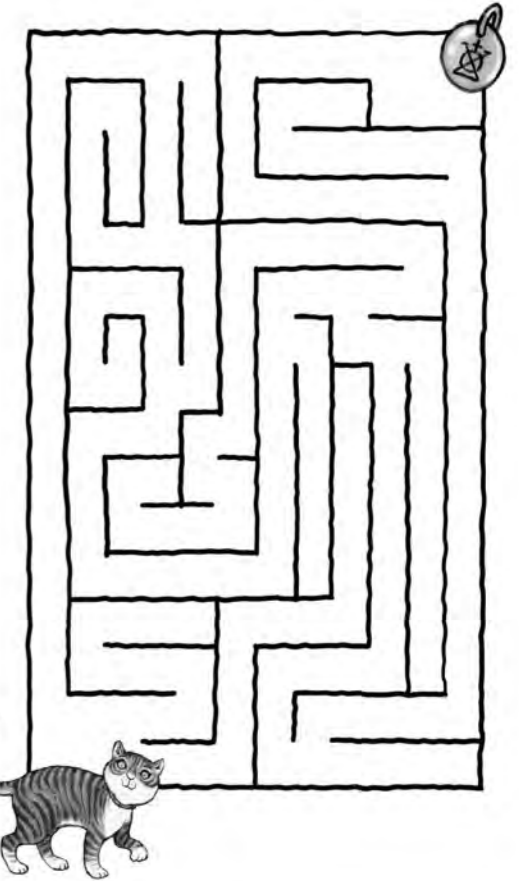
BRIDGE QUIZ ??

1. What is the speed limit for traffic on Tower Bridge?
2. What was the number of the bus that leapt over the gap in Tower Bridge?
3. Who shovels the coal in the Tower Bridge boiler room?
4. What is the name for the two parts of the Tower bridge that swing up and down to allow ships to pass?
5. Where do Bella the Cat and The Bridge Master have their breakfast?
6. Who has the right of way through Tower Bridge - Boats on the river or cars on the road?
7. What was the name of the Bus Driver?

- ANSWERS
1. 20 mph
 2. The number 78
 3. Stan the Stoker
 4. Bascules
 5. The Bridge Master's Dining Room
 6. Boats
 7. Babs

KITTEN CORNER

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BELLA THE CAT

A ROOM OF MY OWN

The Bridge Master explains why his Dining Room is his favourite place on Tower Bridge

‘E’very morning I start the day in my own Dining Room having breakfast with Bella. We usually have kippers and a cup of strong tea. I then make sure I look spick and span in my uniform and tell Bella what needs to be done on the Bridge that day. The Dining Room has a few of

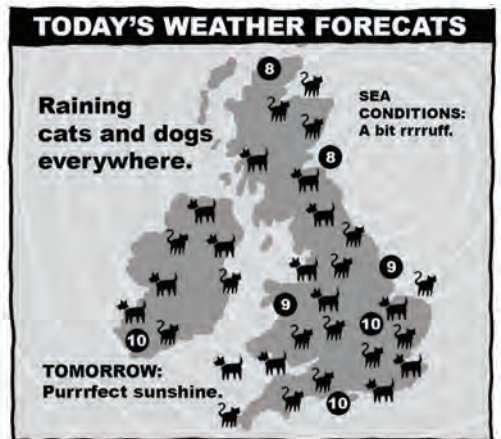
my favourite pictures and some of my model ships on show. There is also some cosy furniture where Bella sometimes enjoys a snooze. What I like best is that the room has wonderful views over the River Thames and I often feel like I am captain of a sailing ship floating on the water.... Its wonderful.’



London' Celebrity Cats

A’fter being at the centre of the drama, Bella the Tower Bridge Cat is set to join the special group of famous London cats - The V.I.Fs (Very Important Felines) The group includes such special cats as:

Larry the Downing Street Cat and Chief Mouser to the Cabinet Office, *Doorkins Magniicat* - the Southwark Cathedral cat, Dick Whittington’s Cat, *Street Cat Bob* and *Hodge*, Samuel Johnson’s oyster-loving companion.



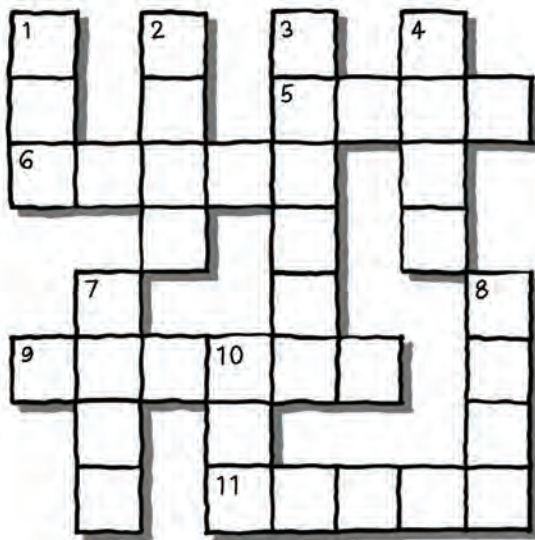
Crossword puzzle

DOWN

1. The place to take poorly cats
2. Cats' traditional enemy
3. A marking commonly found on a tabby cat's coat
4. Cat's favourite food (best with chips!)
7. How cats wash themselves
8. The number of lives a cat has
10. A male cat

ACROSS

5. Long thin furry thing at the back of a cat
6. Big wild stripey cat
9. A baby cat
11. One animal a cat likes to catch



JOKES FIVE CAT FUNNIES

Q What do cats like on hot dogs?
A *Mouse-stard*

Q What is a cat's favourite colour?
A *Purrrrr-ple*

Q What happened when the cat ate a ball of wool?
A *It had mittens*

Q What is a cat's favourite song?
A *Three blind mice? (see how they run!)*

Q Why was the cat sitting by the computer?
A *To keep an eye on the mouse*

