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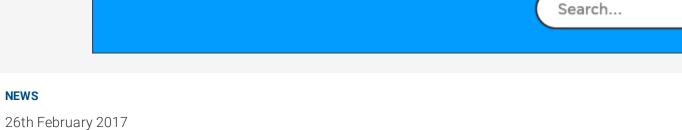
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city that evening, outside York Minster. It wasn't a *complete* bolt from the blue. The band had embarked on a busking tour of the UK, playing jam sessions on street corners, small pubs, student union cafes and the like.

The tour had started in Nottingham, then continued to Leeds. Suddenly, it was York's turn.

The four photos above capture the band and the crowds. Are you In 2015, 30 years on from the urgently gig, we asked Press readers for their memories, and the appeal

seeking employment? following day. In the days before social media, I got a call from my friend Andrew Ellis his fellow students at York Art College.

account from fan Stuart Heron: I WAS lucky enough to see The Clash busk outside York Minster and busk in King's Square the

drew this fascinating first-hand

on the evening of May 8 that The Clash were going to be performing outside the Minster in two hours time. He had found out about this from When we arrived at the front of the Minster there were a couple of hundred people, most of which were students from the art college. The band arrived 20 minutes later and played a couple of songs before the police arrived and promptly tried to move the band on, whereupon The

by the drummer using the Minster door as his drums.

The following day I was working in town and heard The Clash were going to be busking in Kings Square. The square was packed and again the band sounded great, this time the police did not try to move them on. All in all a memorable 24 hours which I can't believe was 30 years ago. Memories and photos of the performances have also been shared **on** this discussion thread on the Memories of York facebook page.

Clash started singing "I fought the law and the law won" accompanied

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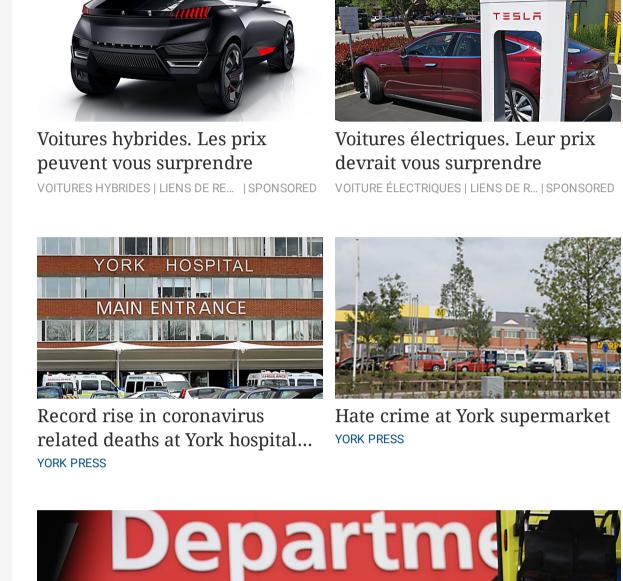
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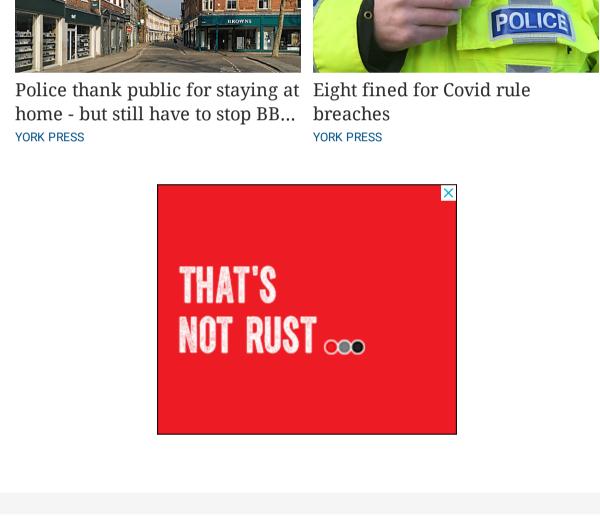
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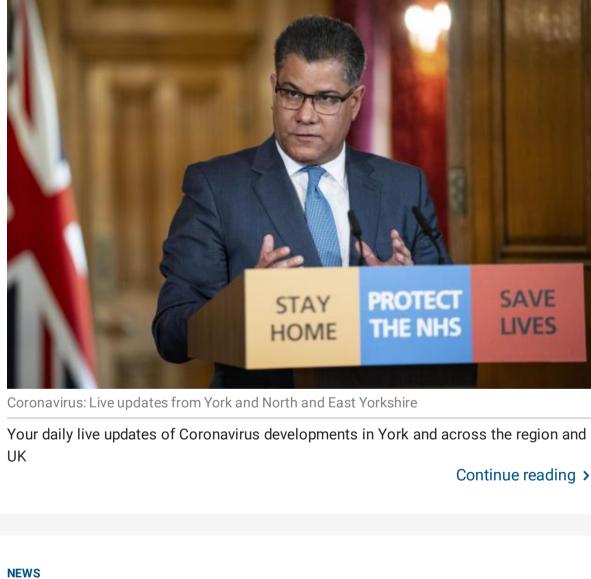
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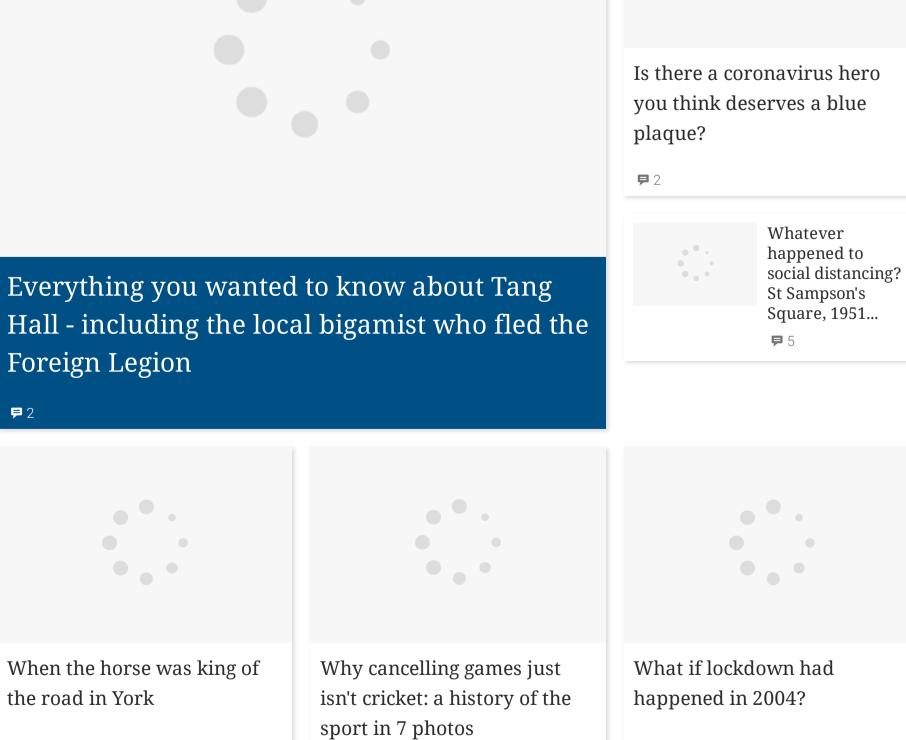
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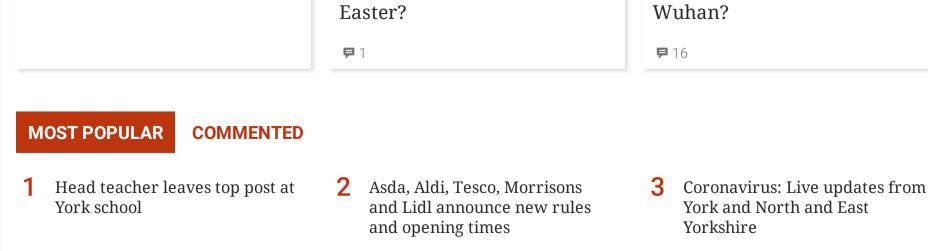
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