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As British cases hit 36, ministers prepare for the worst

CITIES WILL SHUT DOWN IN VIRUS BATTLE PLAN

By **Hanna Geissler**
Health Reporter

CITIES could be placed under lockdown if the coronavirus outbreak escalates under drastic measures being considered by the Government.

Health Secretary Matt Hancock said that large gatherings could be banned, schools closed and people advised to stop using public transport if the killer virus cannot be contained.

His comments came as the number of UK cases jumped to 36 yesterday, with 13 more people testing positive.

Three are members of the same family related to a man diagnosed on Friday in Surrey.

He had not recently travelled abroad and the source of his infection last night remained a mystery.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson will today chair a meeting of the emergency Cobra committee to discuss, finalise and sign off a detailed battle plan to keep the country safe. He will tell the meeting: "The number of coronavirus

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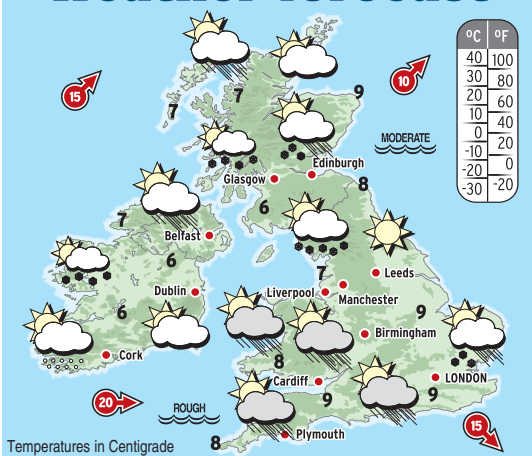
HAPPY CARRIE

But will busy dad Boris be at birth?

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Weather forecast



North West: A mostly bright and dry day but the small chance of a shower. Strong south-westerly winds. High 9C (48F).

Northern Ireland: Sunshine and scattered light showers, turning wintry later. Brisk south-westerly winds. High 6C (43F).

Wales: Mainly dry but the threat of an isolated shower, wintry later. Fresh south-westerly winds. High 9C (48F).

Midlands: Mainly dry but the threat of an isolated shower, wintry later. Fresh south-westerly winds. High 9C (48F).

North East/Yorks: Gusty with the chance of the odd wintry shower later. Strong south-westerly winds. High 9C (48F).

Scotland: Largely dry but with wintry showers in the west. Brisk to strong westerly winds. High 7C (45F).

UK OUTLOOK TOMORROW: Cloudy with outbreaks of showery rain for Scotland but largely dry elsewhere with sunny spells and a few showers. Showery rain in the south later.

East Anglia: A dry and fine day with plenty of spring sunshine. Brisk south-westerly winds. High 9C (48F).

London/South East: Scattered showers are expected, especially later. Brisk south-westerly winds. High 10C (50F).

South: Unsettled with the chance of showers, mainly later. Fresh south-westerly winds. High 9C (48F).

South West: Bright with sunny periods and a scattering of light showers. Brisk westerly winds. High 9C (48F).

Channel Isles: Mainly cloudy with the chance of heavy blustery showers. Strong westerly winds. High 8C (46F).

Sea: North Sea: Rough. Irish Sea: Very rough. Channel: Moderate.

SIX-DAY FORECAST

	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	min max	min max	min max	min max	min max	min max
London	2 9	2 9	4 10	6 10	7 13	6 12
Belfast	1 6	1 6	3 7	6 8	5 9	4 9
Birmingham	1 8	1 8	3 8	6 9	6 11	5 9
Cardiff	0 9	1 9	4 9	6 10	7 11	5 10
Glasgow	2 7	2 6	4 7	6 8	6 9	5 8
Manchester	2 7	2 7	3 8	6 8	6 11	5 10
Newcastle	1 7	0 7	2 7	4 8	5 10	3 9
Norwich	0 9	1 9	3 9	4 9	7 12	5 10
Plymouth	5 8	3 9	6 9	8 10	9 11	6 11

24 hours to 5pm	SUN (hrs)	RAIN (ins)	TEMP (min) (max)
Aberdeen	3.9	0.09	3 6
Aberporth	7.2	0.00	4 8
Alnwick	3.6	0.12	1 7
Belfast	5.5	0.14	3 6
Birmingham	8.4	0.03	3 8
B'mouth	6.7	0.04	5 10
Bristol	6.2	0.15	3 9
Cardiff	6.6	0.20	3 8
Durham	6.0	0.13	2 7
Edinburgh	2.4	0.70	2 6

Britain Warmest: London 10C (50F)	Lighting-up times	Glasgow	5:54pm-7:02am
Extremes: Coldest: L. Glascomoc 0C (32F)	Belfast	6:02pm-7:07am	5:43pm-6:40am
Wettest: Shap 1.48in.	Birmingham	5:49pm-6:48am	5:49pm-6:51am
Sunniest: Watlington 9.9hr.	Bristol	5:53pm-6:50am	5:44pm-6:50am

Today	Europe forecast	Tomorrow
Amsterdam	Rain 9C/46F	Fair 8C/46F
Brussels	Showers 9C/48F	Showers 8C/46F
Dublin	Hail 6C/43F	Fair 7C/45F
Frankfurt	Showers 10C/50F	Fair 8C/48F
Geneva	Rain 7C/45F	Fair 8C/46F
Lisbon	Fair 17C/63F	Cloudy 18C/64F
Madrid	Showers 14C/57F	Cloudy 14C/57F
Paris	Rain 9C/48F	Showers 9C/48F
Rome	Showers 17C/63F	Fair 14C/57F

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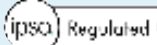
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76,000 SYRIAN REFUGEES' LONG WALK TO EUROPE



THOUSANDS of Syrian refugees are heading for Europe, authorities have warned.

Up to 76,000 people displaced by the Syrian civil war are planning to cross into Greece at the land border with Turkey.

More than 500 Syrians crossed into Greece by boat yesterday, while riot police are trying to halt

By Cyril Dixon

tens of thousands more on the Turkish land border.

The crisis began on Thursday, when Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan scrapped his promise to the EU to prevent refugees reaching Europe through Turkey. Mr Erdogan

complained that EU funds promised to help Turkey deal with nearly four million Syrian refugees already within its borders have not been provided.

Greek deputy defence minister Alkiviadis Stefanis attacked the Turkish government, saying: "Not only are they not stopping them, but they are helping them."

Pictures: AFP; REUTERS

Terror groups could 'disrupt US peace deal'

By Michael Knowles
Security Correspondent

TERRORIST groups could wreck the historic peace deal between the US and the Taliban, British officials have warned.

America and its NATO allies, including the UK, have agreed to withdraw all troops from Afghanistan within 14 months if the militants uphold the agreement.

Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab described the peace deal as a "significant moment in pursuit of peace".

He said: "Meaningful negotiations between the Afghan leadership and the Taliban are the real prize and I hope this opportunity will be seized."

Hundreds of British servicemen and women could now return home.

The peace deal, signed in Qatar after months of



'Significant'... Dominic Raab

negotiations, is based on concrete assurances that Afghanistan will no longer harbour terrorists or allow a repeat of 9/11 to be planned from within its borders.

But Whitehall officials fear that Islamist terrorist groups Al-Qaeda and Islamic State (Daesh) could attempt to disrupt the historic agreement.

A Ministry of Defence source said: "There is a

possibility that Al-Qaeda, Islamic State and other affiliates will exploit everything. We will have to be reactive and on our toes for that."

The source added that the agreement between the US and the Taliban requires hard-line militants to "renounce those groups" and take charge of terrorist bands to prevent a return to bloodshed.

A Foreign Office source added officials are "absolutely sure" there will be difficulties with the groups, but said the Taliban is a much more "significant force" in Afghanistan.

They also fear terrorist groups may ramp up activity as foreign troops leave Afghanistan.

A Whitehall official said of the deal: "It has to ensure 9/11 can't happen again and that we can defend ourselves against Al-Qaeda and Daesh."

Far-Right web threat warning

FAR-RIGHT terrorists operating in global web communities pose an unprecedented threat to Britain, says a charity.

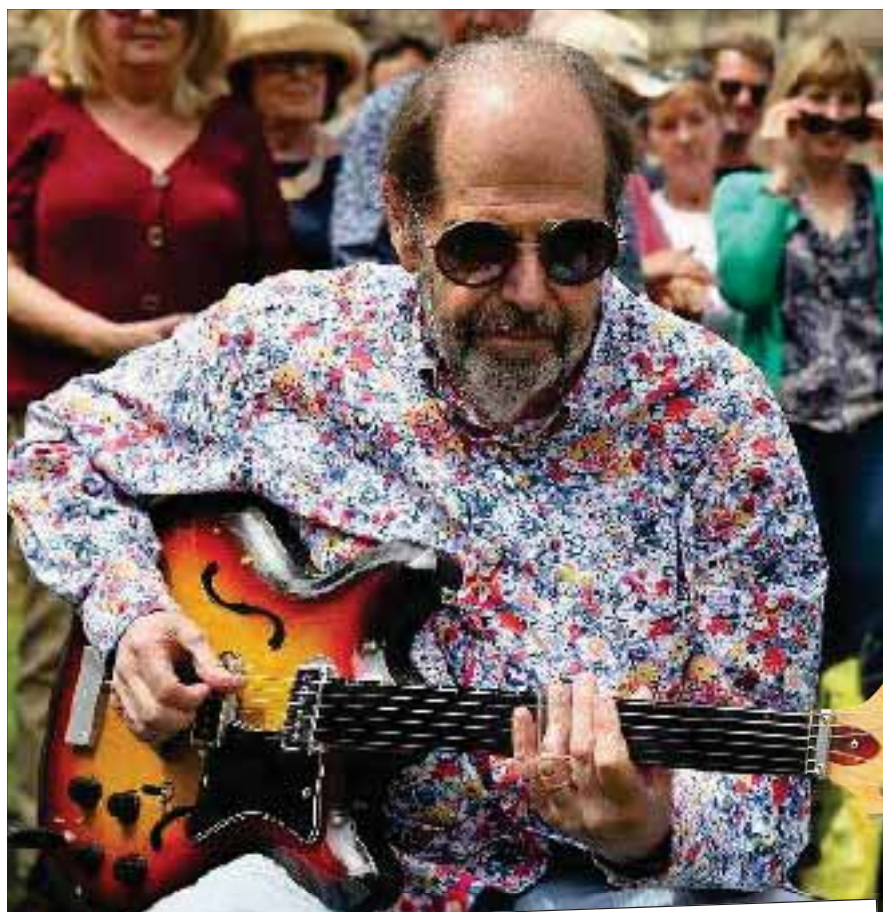
Hope Not Hate also said officials were too slow to see the links between online extremism and attacks such as in Christchurch in New Zealand and Halle in Germany last year.

The charity said the UK-based Nazi-satanic Order of Nine Angles that advocates murder and sexual violence should be banned.

Ministers were told they must clamp down on rising far-right content on messaging platform Telegram.

Nick Lowles, boss of Hope Not Hate, said: "The threat posed by far-right terror groups today is unprecedented but the Government's current counter-terrorism strategy is wholly inadequate for dealing with this rapidly changing danger."

The Government said it was "taking decisive action" by investing so police "have the tools and resources they need to tackle this threat".



Help! Roadshow reveals my old Beatles guitar is worth £400,000

By Kim Carr

A GUITAR once owned by former Beatles John Lennon and George Harrison was valued at up to £400,000 last night on TV's Antiques Roadshow.

The fretless 1960s prototype stunned expert Jon Baddeley. The managing director of international auctioneers Bonhams Knightsbridge, said: "In 25 years it's by far the most expensive thing I've ever seen."

"To a guitar collector it's initially a very rare guitar. Then to somebody who's a Beatles fan – to own a guitar that was once owned by both John Lennon and George Harrison, can you get a better history?"

"Two of the most important rock stars of the 20th century."

Current owner Ray Russell worked as a session musician for Handmade Films, whose credits include Monty Python's Life Of Brian, Withnail And I and A Private Function.

He was gifted the guitar by Beatles lead guitarist George, who thought he made it sound better than him.

The musician recalled George branding the guitar, which was made at Bartell's of California, "a strange old thing to play". Ray recalled: "I played a few notes and he said, 'You're definitely getting more out of it than I am. It's doing better for you. Why don't you have it?'"

The valuation given in yesterday's episode at Battle Abbey in Sussex was boosted thanks to Ray also



Antiques expert...Jon Baddeley

having a 1970s photo of George's guitar collection, which showed the fretless instrument among them.

Calling it "the icing on the cake", Jon said: "You can see the maker's name and the design below."

"That puts that guitar in this room in George Harrison's house, so I think that's a 100 per cent certainty it is what it is."

Ray was shocked by the valuation and said he still plays it regularly.

He said: "I never really thought about value, as George being a mate and all that."

"I'm really taken aback by it. I didn't realise it was worth that much money. It's lucky I don't keep it in the house."

● Sunday's episode can be watched now on BBC iPlayer and Antiques Roadshow continues on Sunday, BBC One, 8pm.

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Strum-thing special... Current owner Ray Russell plays the guitar Antiques Roadshow. It was a gift from George Harrison, pictured far right with The Beatles in 1963



The chat controller...millions talk like me because of Thomas, says Ringo

SIR Ringo Starr says he inspired a global increase in Scouse accents – after millions of children heard him narrate Thomas The Tank Engine.

The Beatles drummer, 79, claims his voice has been mimicked by people all over the world, who grew up listening to him on the beloved TV series.

Ringo even said he meets fans of the show, now in their 20s, 30s and 40s, who boast a faux Liverpool accent.

He said: "People have held all these kids up to me saying

By James Desborough

that he or she loves Thomas. And my plan was when we first started in England, when I just narrated the stories, I thought all these kids would grow up talking like that, saying, 'Alright, what is for dinner?'"

"I thought they would all have a Liverpool accent. And some of them did, according to their parents."

Ringo was the first narrator of the Thomas And Friends television programme, from

1984 to 1986 for the British broadcast, and from 1989 to 1990 in the US.

The show remains one of the most successful children's franchises in history, with a huge line of merchandising and worldwide syndication.

But Ringo's first love will always be his music, having spent more than six decades as a drummer.

He recently recalled: "My mother always said, 'Son, you're always at your happiest when you're playing your

drums.' It's a lot of joy, when I play, in my heart."

As well as The Beatles and Thomas, Ringo has starred in a host of movies and is also an avid photographer, even having a photo book published.

He admitted most of his snaps were taken with an iPhone.

He said: "I pull the iPhone out and I start shooting."



Voice training... Ringo and Thomas The Tank Engine

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cases around the world is rising every day — and the UK is no exception. There now seems little doubt that it will present a significant challenge for our country, but we are well prepared.

“The Government and the NHS will stop at nothing to fight this virus. This battle plan lays out in detail the measures we could use — if and when they are needed.”

Mr Hancock said the Government was prepared to take “significant measures” if the outbreak worsens.

Asked whether Britain may follow China's lead by restricting travel in and out of infected areas, he told the BBC's Andrew Marr Show: “There is clearly a huge economic and social downside to that.”

“But we don't take anything off the table because you must make sure you have all the tools available if that is what is necessary.”

A cross-Whitehall war room is being set up and the four-part battle plan will be published this week.

Britain is currently in the “containment” phase but the plans outline action for phases to “delay” and “mitigate” if the situation deteriorates. A fourth research phase is

‘We will stop at

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Masks are worn on the London Tube, top left, at Tenerife airport, in Trafalgar Square, and, inset, by fan at Bournemouth's game against Chelsea. Left, Holiday Inn, Heathrow, where patients are being held



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ongoing. Mr Hancock claimed “the finest minds on the planet” are at work and he is hopeful the UK can contain the virus.

But in the worst-case scenario, he admitted that “we would have to take some quite significant actions that would have social and economic disruption”.

These could include so-called “population distancing” measures, such as banning gatherings, cancelling football matches or concerts and closing schools.

Other steps could see doctors and nurses brought out of retirement and operations cancelled if the health service is overwhelmed.

New powers due to be introduced this week could also lead to

laws relaxed to allow teachers to supervise more children.

Mr Hancock, far right, added: “There are more enabling powers to help public services to continue to operate effectively. If they were taken, they would be temporary and they are essentially about how to deal with a large-scale problem.”

Mr Johnson, at Public Health England's Colindale laboratory in north London where testing has been taking place, said questions

would be asked about big public events — but he stressed he did not want children sent home from school unnecessarily.

He added: “We have a great plan to tackle the spread of coronavirus and I'm confident that, in the NHS, we have professionals who are able to cope with it.”

“The crucial thing for the public to understand is coronavirus is of concern, it is a novel illness, but it is something this country really has

the resources to deal with. We have state-of-the-art testing facilities, we have a fantastic NHS. Believe me, we are going to beat it.”

Work has begun to trace anyone who came into contact with the latest 13 victims — the biggest jump in cases the UK has suffered in a single day.

Professor Chris Whitty, England's Chief Medical Officer, said 12 were in England while Scotland recorded its first case, with the infection

being found in a resident of the Tayside region, who had recently travelled from Italy.

Apart from the three related to the man in Surrey who tested positive on Friday, one patient is a resident in Essex and had also not travelled from an infected area.

The remaining eight had recently returned from abroad, six from Italy and two from Iran.

Prof Whitty said these patients came from London, West Yorkshire,

Italian food firms stockpile two months of supplies

PASTA, mozzarella and pesto firms are stockpiling at least two months' worth of the foods in UK warehouses.

The emergency measures result from concerns that the outbreak of coronavirus in Italy could lead to limits on exports and even halt production there.

Italian food companies have ramped up production and have started shipping extra supplies

By **News Reporter**

to the UK as the virus spreads from Milan to Sicily.

Italy, particularly in the north, has suffered the worst outbreak of Covid-19 outside of Asia — and there are fears it may lead to an industry lockdown to try to halt the spread.

Walter Zanre, managing director of olive oil producer

Filippo Berio UK, told trade mag The Grocer: “We have taken the decision to produce as much as we can before it goes into lockdown. If there's an extended lockdown, we will run out.”

Mr Zanre plans to import eight-weeks' supply to the UK and the company's US base is intending to do the same.

Mutti International, a Parma-based tomato producer, is also

preparing for disruptions to its shipments, though it is worried that countries may have their own concerns about importing Italian food because of the virus.

Director Farid Tisselli said: “There may be delays in shipments from northern Italy. “We have increased the activity of our warehouse in order to avoid the risk that clients run out.”



Pasta...but supplies are under threat

nothing to beat virus'

Picture: KYODO/REUTERS



Japan is running scared...

WHAT a difference a year makes – a handful of runners took to the streets yesterday for the Tokyo Marathon for a race that last year attracted 38,000.

Only elite runners and wheelchair athletes competed on virtually empty streets. More than 200 people have been infected in Japan and six have died.

Meanwhile, Italy reported that cases had jumped by 40 per cent to 1,576 and the death toll reached 34.

In France, Paris' Louvre closed its doors after a ban on indoor gatherings of more than 5,000 people.

Officials there and in Switzerland also recommended that people stop greeting each other with kisses on the cheek to limit physical contact.

Britain is pulling all non-essential staff out of its embassy in Tehran due to concerns about the outbreak. The move comes after Richard Ratcliffe said he suspected his wife Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, who is imprisoned in Iran, had contracted coronavirus.

Greater Manchester, Hertfordshire and Gloucestershire.

The deadly virus has now killed some 3,000 people worldwide and has infected almost 90,000.

The World Health Organisation has urged the over-60s and those with underlying health conditions to steer clear of supermarkets and to stop using public transport in order to try to minimise their risk of infection.

WHO director-general Dr

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus tweeted that anyone who has symptoms should stay home, eat and sleep away from family and use separate utensils and cutlery.

WHO spokeswoman Dr Margaret Harris claimed older people should stay off public transport and order goods remotely rather than going to shops and supermarkets.

Mr Hancock agreed that older people and those with underlying

conditions were the most vulnerable but he insisted it was not yet necessary for older people to stay at home.

He urged Britons to "go about their ordinary business" and he added: "If we get to the position where this is endemic around the world and large scale here, we will change the advice according to what scientists say."

Dr Susan Hopkins, of Public Health England, agreed WHO's

comment was overly cautious for the UK. She said: "This is sensible for these groups in countries that are seeing rapid rises in cases – but in the UK, we do not currently have evidence of sustained and widespread transmission within the community."

Children are being encouraged to sing "happy birthday" while washing their hands, to help them measure the 20 seconds needed for a thorough clean.

Paul Hunter, a professor in medicine at the University of East Anglia, said: "The recent sharp increase in the number of reported cases in the UK is a reminder, if any were needed, that we are moving into the next stage of the epidemic."

"Although it may still be possible to prevent a community-wide epidemic, this is looking increasingly unlikely – and we should be prepared to cope with a more widespread epidemic on our shores."

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Retired medics may be drafted in

RETIRED doctors and nurses could be drafted in if hospital staff become overwhelmed, the Health Secretary said.

Ministers are considering allowing "emergency registration" of medics who have left the health service.

Asked yesterday whether the Government may call upon ex-employees for help, Matt Hancock, right, said: "We may do. That isn't something

By **Hanna Geissler**

we need right now...but the big challenge for the NHS in the event of this becoming widespread is NHS staff themselves not being able to come to work because they're ill or self-isolating."

He added: "We are buying at speed the sorts of kit we need. Also, some of the stockpiles that we made for no-deal

[Brexit] planning are now being effectively used."

He admitted operations could be cancelled to make beds available, adding: "These have to be clinical decisions."

There were currently 50 high acute critical care beds available, he said, with plans to raise this to 5,000 if necessary.



Helpline creaks from the strain

MORE call handlers are being recruited as the NHS 111 helpline buckles under the strain of the coronavirus.

Callers have reportedly given up with one worried father even claiming he waited four days for a doctor to call back.

Health Secretary Matt Hancock said: "Of course the number of calls to 111 has risen very sharply by more than 50 per cent in the last week."

"We have a plan already to put more resources into 111 and that is happening."

"I hope that people will also bear with us. People should bear with the system, everybody has a part to play and people should be patient."

He added though 111 was a "fantastic" service.

The NHS said all calls were being answered and the service was hiring extra call handlers.



Budget... Rishi Sunak

Campervan tax 'must be stopped'

By **Macer Hall**

CHANCELLOR Rishi Sunak is facing pressure from MPs to scrap an EU rule that has sent taxes for motorhomes soaring seven-fold.

Backbenchers in the North claim the little-known Brussels regulation is crippling vehicle manufacturers and mobile home parks in their region.

Introduced two years ago in an anti-pollution drive, it hiked vehicle excise duty for a new motorhome by £265 to £2,135 in the first year and further annual payments by £465.

Richard Holden, Tory MP for North-west Durham, said: "It is vital the Chancellor uses the budget to reverse this ridiculous tax before it costs more jobs in manufacturing in the UK. It's a self-defeating tax that negatively affects our domestic tourism."

More than 12 newly elected Tories backed a joint letter to Mr Sunak.

Boris's busy summer may mean he'll miss the birth of his baby

By **Macer Hall**
Political Editor

BORIS Johnson could miss the birth of his baby because of a string of overseas visits this summer.

The Prime Minister's busy month of world travel includes two summits and EU trade negotiations in June, when his partner Carrie Symonds is thought to be giving birth.

Mr Johnson, 55, and Ms Symonds, 31, confirmed the pregnancy and their engagement on Saturday.

But aides fear Mr Johnson could be abroad when his partner goes into labour.

The Prime Minister and other world leaders have a G7 summit at US President Donald Trump's Maryland retreat Camp David in mid-June and his stay could be extended by transatlantic trade deal talks.

Crucial

He also has the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in late June and, with UK-EU trade talks reaching a crucial stage, could have to travel to Europe.

Downing Street was unable to say yesterday whether Mr Johnson will take paternity leave – new fathers can have up to two weeks off.

Meanwhile, in a post on Instagram under her nickname Apples, Ms Symonds wrote: "We got engaged at the end of last year...and we've got a baby hatching early summer."

She said she and Mr Johnson felt "incredibly blessed". The Prime

CHURLISH LEFTIES BLAST PM OVER 'CYNICAL' ANNOUNCEMENT



Carrie's recent Instagram pic of her and Boris and, right, Campbell

POLITICAL opponents have laid into Boris Johnson over his and fiancée Carrie Symonds baby/wedding news.

Tony Blair's former spin doctor Alastair Campbell led the attacks, while a string of Labour MPs branded the announcement a cynical ploy.

Campbell, 62, laid into a Twitter user congratulating the couple: "What a creep. 'The country' would be happy to have a Prime Minister who took the floods seriously, had a real Brexit strategy, wasn't flatlining the economy, didn't lie compulsively and knew how many children he had."

Labour MPs accused Mr Johnson of deliberately using the announcement to "bury" the row engulfing Home Secretary Priti Patel following the resignation of Sir Philip Rutnam

Florence Eshalomi, Labour MP for Vauxhall, said the timing was "very convenient".

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Minister, who has at least five children, was thought to have proposed during a Christmas break on the Caribbean island of Mustique.

The marriage, Mr Johnson's third, will make him the first premier to wed while in office since Lord Liverpool nearly 200 years ago.

Mr Johnson and Ms Symonds are

also the first unmarried couple to live together in Downing Street.

Earlier this month, a court heard Mr Johnson and his estranged second wife Marina Wheeler were preparing to end their marriage after reaching a financial settlement.

Conservationist Ms Symonds, an ex-Tory party communications chief,

first made headlines when she and Mr Johnson were romantically linked last year.

But their association dates back to when she worked on his London mayor re-election bid in 2012.

Their new arrival will be the third baby born to a serving prime minister in recent history. Tony Blair's wife

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'Fantastic' Patel gets backing of top Tories

THE Prime Minister last night confirmed he "absolutely" trusts Priti Patel following allegations that the Home Secretary led a campaign to oust her chief civil servant.

Boris Johnson and other senior Tories rallied to defend Ms Patel after Sir Philip Rutnam quit the Home Office accusing her of "vicious" behaviour.

Party figures insisted Ms Patel was "determined" to shake up the Whitehall department but rejected claims of bullying against her.

Mr Johnson said: "I absolutely do have confidence in Priti Patel. I think she is a fantastic Home Secretary."

"It is never an easy job, as anyone who has been Home Secretary will testify. It is one of the toughest jobs in Government."

"There is a big, big task ahead of us now. We are delivering, at last, a new immigration system. That will take a lot of work by the Home Office, a fantastic department." Ms Patel has been



Bullying claims...
Priti Patel

Boris Johnson and fiancée Carrie Symonds at the door of Number 10. They are the first unmarried couple to live together in Downing Street

under fire since Sir Philip resigned on Saturday.

He claimed a "vicious and orchestrated briefing campaign" had been run against him by ministers and threatened to launch a legal action for constructive dismissal.

The outgoing permanent secretary also claimed to have received reports of her "shouting and swearing, belittling people, making unreasonable and repeated demands".

Health Secretary Matt Hancock defended her yesterday saying: "Priti is a very determined Home Secretary. In every dealing I've had with her she has been very courteous."

Former Tory transport minister Nusrat Ghani suggested she may have ruffled male mandarins.

She said: "I do think it's curious that if you're providing leadership, if you're determined, working at a fantastic pace, that in men that is seen as a fantastic skill and for women sometimes it's seen as challenging."

Labour leadership candidate Sir Keir Starmer said: "The Home Secretary has a duty to come to Parliament on Monday to explain the allegations."

Cherie gave birth to son Leo in May 2000, three years after her husband's first election victory.

David Cameron and his wife Samantha welcomed daughter Florence Rose Endellion Cameron in 2010, three months after Mr Cameron formed a coalition government with the Liberal Democrats after the general election produced a hung parliament.

The last babies born to prime ministers before Leo and Florence arrived more than 150 years ago.

Lord John Russell's wife, Lady Russell,

gave birth to two sons, George and Francis, during her husband's first stint in office between 1846 and 1852.

Mr Johnson is believed to be the first modern-day premier to divorce and marry in office.

The last to do so was Augustus FitzRoy, the 3rd Duke of Grafton, who became prime minister in 1768.

He divorced and remarried the following year.

Mr Johnson met his first wife, Allegra Mostyn-Owen, while they were students at Oxford. They wed in 1987 but the

marriage was annulled in 1993. He and Ms Wheeler, the daughter of BBC journalist Charles Wheeler, were childhood friends at the European School in Brussels.

They married in 1993, had four children, and separated in 2018.

In 2004 Mr Johnson was sacked from the Tory frontbench over a reported affair with journalist Petronella Wyatt.

And in 2013, it emerged during a court hearing that he had fathered a daughter from a liaison while Mayor of London in 2009.

US trade deal could reap £3.4bn a year

A FREE-TRADE deal with the US could lead to a £3.4billion-a-year injection to the economy.

The Government says slashing tariffs and quotas would also see a £15.3billion surge in transatlantic commerce.

Makers of ceramics, cars and food and drink, as well as architects and lawyers would be among the big winners.

Officials at the Department for International Trade released the forecast last night ahead of publishing its negotiating objectives for a US trade deal today.

A Whitehall document is to spell out that any agreement with the Donald Trump White House must protect the NHS and uphold standards on food safety

By **Macer Hall**

and animal welfare. It will try to maximise opportunities for businesses to trade digitally across the Atlantic.

Last night, Boris Johnson said: "We have the best negotiators in the business and, of course, we're going to drive a hard bargain to boost British industry."

Ambition

He added: "Most importantly, this transatlantic trade deal will reflect the unique closeness of our two great nations."

Mike Cherry, of the Federation of Small Businesses, said 46 per cent of small and medium

enterprise exporters were prioritising the US over the next three years. He added: "This shows the scale of ambition that will be unleashed if we can take full advantage of the opportunities."

But National Farmers' Union president Minette Batters warned not to "open up our borders, effectively, to cheap raw ingredients that would be illegal to produce here".

Meanwhile, France's Europe minister, Amelie de Montchalin, insisted the UK will not secure a trade deal with Brussels unless European fishing vessels still have access to British waters.

She said there was a risk the talks could become "a very nasty battle" and "we will both lose".



Hands off the NHS...Donald Trump

Two dead as more knife horror grips our streets

By **Cyril Dixon**

A TEENAGE partygoer and a new father were stabbed to death in separate horrors during a 24-hour knife crime spree which left two others seriously injured.

Ramani Morgan, 16, died after being found in the street with multiple stab wounds following a row at a house party in Coventry.

Scotland Yard said a 24-year-old father was knifed to death just 15 minutes after leaving his girlfriend and newborn child to work a night-shift in Hendon, north London.

In Liverpool, a 19-year-old male was critical but stable after being wounded in an early hours fracas.

In Sheffield, meanwhile, another 19-year-old was in a serious condition after a city centre attack.

The weekend's violence comes amid record increases in the number of knife offences.

Heartbreaking

West Midlands Police said Ramani, of Erdington, Birmingham, was killed in the street after a row broke out at the party on Saturday night.

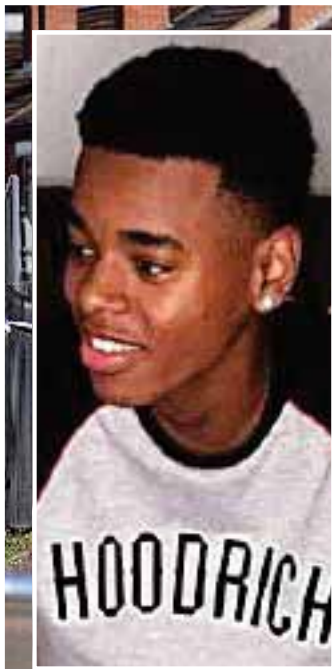
He was pronounced dead in hospital despite receiving medical treatment from police, paramedics and hospital staff.

Detectives were questioning two 17-year-old youths about the attack in Coventry's Stoke district at about 10.30pm. Yesterday, forensic officers delved into manholes as they searched for evidence near the scene.

Chief Superintendent Mike O'Hara, police commander for Coventry, said the well-attended house party got out of hand.

He said: "We have then had an altercation between some young people at the party that has spilled out on to the street. As a direct result a young man called Ramani Morgan, who is 16, was stabbed several times."

Detective Inspector Michelle Allen, of the homicide team, added: "This is



Life cut short... stab victim Ramani Morgan, 16, and, above, police examining the crime scene in Coventry



simply tragic. My thoughts remain with the young man's family and friends at this heartbreaking time."

She appealed for witnesses and drivers who may have dash-cam footage to come forward.

The unnamed London victim, from the north-west district of Edgware, was found after police heard reports of a car crashing into another vehicle shortly after 9pm on Saturday. Officers found him with stab injuries, slumped inside a silver VW Polo, and believe he was attacked minutes earlier in a nearby car park.

Detective Chief Inspector Andy Partridge said: "The victim was arriving at the car park to travel to work

for a night shift. He had just left his girlfriend and newborn baby at home in Edgware 15 minutes earlier."

DCI Partridge said no one has been arrested, but added: "It is likely that a number of witnesses in the Belle Vue Estate may have witnessed the attack."

"I am appealing for anyone who saw the incident, or who knows anything about what happened, to make contact with my officers, all calls will be treated in the strictest confidence."

Merseyside Police appealed for anyone with mobile phone camera footage to come forward after the fracas in Liverpool city centre's

Church Street. The victim was stabbed in the chest after a large group of men were seen fighting at about 4am yesterday. A second 19-year-old man was treated in hospital for a cut to the face.

A 20-year-old man from the Kirkdale district is being questioned on suspicion of assault, possession of a bladed article and possession with intent to supply the drug MDMA.

Detective Inspector Sabi Kaur said a small knife was recovered from the scene of the crime.

South Yorkshire Police said a 23-year-old man had been arrested on suspicion of attempted murder following the 4am attack in Sheffield.



Tributes... Ryan Lowry

Axe victim 'was full of kindness'

By **Eleanor Barlow**

THE family of a man who died after being attacked with an axe told yesterday how he was "full of kindness".

A 31-year-old man arrested on suspicion of killing Ryan Lowry, 36, had been detained under the Mental Health Act, police said.

Mr Lowry, of Marple, Stockport, was chased down and attacked in Moss Lane in Partington soon before midnight on Thursday, Greater Manchester Police said.

His family said: "It's hard to believe how something like this can happen to someone like Ryan, who did not have a bad bone in his body."

"Full of kindness, strong principles and humour, he will be missed by so many."

Motor racing fan Ryan founded the CALM All Porsche Trophy series, raising money for mental health. His family have asked wellwishers to donate to the charity.

Detective Chief Inspector Colin Larkin said: "The arrested man and Ryan were known to one another, and police are working hard to understand the reason for this horrific attack."

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Moving on... Fern spoke about her marriage ending

Fern on marriage split: 'It was a difficult year but now I'm fine again'

By Ashleigh Rainbird

PRESENTER Fern Britton has opened up about her split with TV chef Phil Vickery, insisting: "We will always be connected."

Fern, 62, and Phil, 58, revealed in January they had decided to separate after a 20-year marriage.

And Fern, best known for her roles on *Ready Steady Cook* and *This Morning*, admits she has experienced "very low" points during a difficult year.

She told *Woman & Home* magazine: "There are times when I've been very low. It was a difficult year, but now I'm fine again. Phil and I are both OK."

"We simply needed to follow our own paths."

"We realised we weren't having the kind of life we once did."

"It seemed right to say 'thank you' and move on. But we do have a good friendship."

"Phil and I had the greatest fun together and we have the most beautiful daughter together, Winnie. We will always be connected."

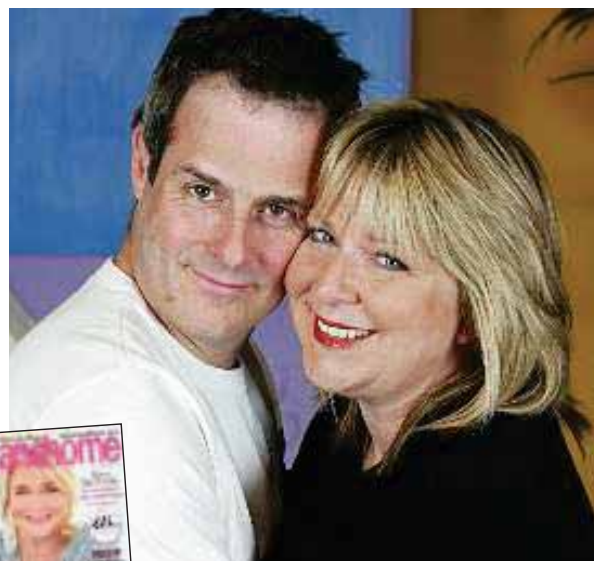
The couple released identical statements in January revealing they had decided to separate.

Their joint announcement said: "We will always share a great friendship."

The pair had met in the 1990s while appearing together on BBC programme *Ready Steady Cook*.

They later worked together on ITV's *This Morning*.

The stars married in 2000 and



Break-up... Fern and Phil. Inset, *Woman & Home* cover

then renewed their vows in 2008. Daughter Winnie is now 18.

Fern added: "Since turning 60, I'm re-powering at life. Not that you have to change, but you have to find the basic, real version of who you are and ask, 'What does that person want?'"

"I'm getting there and it's really exciting."

Fern also admitted in the interview she always felt like

second best during many of her on-screen roles.

The presenter has also co-hosted *Soapstar Superstar* and *All Star Mr & Mrs*.

She said: "Throughout my career, I've noticed a gender problem."

"Looking back, I can see how I always worked with a male presenter and, somehow, it was always the guy who was on top."

The April issue of Woman & Home is on sale from Thursday, March 5.

Picture: DAVID VENNI

Meghan seeks superhero role for comeback



Wonder Woman... Meghan plans heroic return

THE Duchess of Sussex has set her sights on returning to the big screen in a blockbuster superhero movie, according to a source close to the former actress.

The *Suits* star, 38, has told her agents to search for a suitable Hollywood film for her return to the big screen since marrying Prince Harry, 35.

This comes after she encouraged female workers last year to forget *Cinderella* and channel their inner Wonder Woman to take on the world – and now she wants to do just that.

Meghan's agent Nick Collins, of Hollywood's formidable Gersh Agency, has been busy fielding offers.

A source said: "He has said

By Steph Spyro

she wants her return to acting to be part of an ensemble cast in something like a superhero film.

"He's actively seeking such a movie for her. He's saying she is available and open to the best offers."

"Meghan is planning a series of meetings in Hollywood. She has already done the voiceover for Disney and now word is out that she's looking for a superhero film, as a voiceover or even on screen."

Meghan is determined to act again but in a role that does not put her on centre stage. The source added: "She knows she can't carry a film as an actress. People

won't be able to get past the fact she's Meghan Markle."

"But she's determined to act again and she thinks a big, ensemble film is the way to go, something that pays big but which doesn't put her front and centre."

Meanwhile detectives protecting Harry and Meghan have been staying in a luxury £1,100-a-week home in Canada.

The Duke and Duchess's security team were housed close to the couple's eight-bedroom ocean-front mansion on Vancouver Island.

Only when Harry flew back to the UK last week for his remaining public appearances before stepping back fully from royal life, did the protection officers move out.



Meghan... in her role in the TV series *Suits*

Working from home is a shedload less stressful

By **Steph Spyro**

PEOPLE running businesses from garden sheds are four times less likely to suffer stress than employees stuck in offices, research reveals.

Those operating from outbuildings rather than standard surroundings are typically found to enjoy an improved work-life balance.

The shed brigade have been known to furnish their chosen workspace with anything from gym equipment and flat screen TVs to meeting facilities and kitchens.

The study, by digital bank Starling, also found that some business owners have opted for more unique outdoor working spaces, including a barn, caravan and log cabin.

Psychotherapeutic counsellor Katrina Murrell runs her business from her garden shed in Northampton in a move that she says achieves her "parenthood dreams".

She explained: "All I needed for my practice was me and a room. I had experienced counselling locations during my training. I found them cold, impersonal and expensive.

"With the support of family and very little money, a DIY shed was purchased, built in my garden and kitted out with second-hand furniture. My



Works like a dream...Katrina runs her business from her shed, above

home-based business has allowed me to flex my working hours and achieve my parenthood dreams."

The rise in popularity of operating from a shed comes as more people are choosing self-employment and because of the growing emphasis on flexible working.

The report shows that 104,000 micro-businesses and sole traders operate exclusively from a shed and

contribute nearly £17billion a year to the UK economy. Such workers spend on average £3,343 on garden workspace but save £8,738 a year on rent, commuting costs and food expenses.

Some of the other benefits that are mentioned include avoiding the anxiety of commuting as well as being able to be with their pets.

Though the biggest benefit of all is getting more peace and quiet, it is not

always a case of solitary working. Almost one in five host client or customer meetings in their outbuilding, use them for staff catch-ups or as a venue for new business pitches as well as meetings.

Anne Boden, chief executive and founder of Starling Bank, said: "The growing emphasis on a healthy work-life balance has led to an explosion in people working from their homes."

Say nuts to poor health, women told

JUST two handfuls of walnuts a week can help women become "healthy agers", a study claims.

Those in their late 50s and early 60s who ate that amount had a greater likelihood of having a sound mental state and no major chronic diseases, cognitive issues or physical impairments after the age of 65.

Lead researcher Dr Francine Grodstein, of Harvard University, said: "There is no one solution to slowing down ageing, but adopting habits like snacking on walnuts can help."

Health and diet data was analysed from 33,931 women, who were tracked over four years up to 2002.

Some 16 per cent were "healthy agers", being free from certain diseases, poor memory and physical disabilities.

Walnuts were the only nut linked to significantly better odds of staying fit, claimed the report published in the Journal of Aging Research.

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Amanda and pals' girlie getaway



Parka life...Amanda and Lisa. The pair, centre and second left, with Angela, Tracy, Sarah and Tamzin

A WEEKEND getaway was "the best tonic ever" for Amanda Holden and her talented gal pals.

The Britain's Got Talent judge organised the trip to members' club and hotel Soho Farmhouse.

The star, who also hosts a show on Heart radio, shared photos from her trip to Chipping Norton in the Cotswolds.

She and celebrity chef Lisa Faulkner were snapped cuddling up in matching camouflage

By **Steph Spyro**

parkas, with Amanda, 49, choosing a turquoise faux fur trim and Lisa, 48, royal blue.

A fan on Instagram commented yesterday: "Matching coats! Wow you both look gorgeous," with another adding "beautiful duo".

The night before, the pair had posed with pals in the ladies' room including ex-EastEnders star Tamzin Outhwaite, TV presenter Angela Griffin, 43, and actresses Tracy Ann

Oberman, 53, and Sarah Parish, 51.

Tamzin, 49, called the trip "the best tonic ever".

She said: "When you finish an intense period of work and you are spinning plates just trying to keep it all going, and then you remember your girls weekend that [Amanda Holden] planned.

"All I want to do, as I feel shattered, is hold, laugh with, chat with, dance with and try to make you all laugh as much as possible.

"What a privilege to be able to call you my friends."

By **Steph Spyro**

ACTRESS Linda Robson has told she would beg strangers to buy her alcohol after her loved ones put her on lockdown at her home.

The 61-year-old, who suffered a breakdown 18 months ago, said her family would lock the gates to stop her buying the spirits she craved to cope with anxiety and depression.

Linda said she put her "poor family through hell and back" and even "necked" half a bottle of rum during a trip out with a rehab nurse.

During her illness police visited mother-of-three Linda's north London home on multiple occasions and she had three stints in rehab.

The Birds Of A Feather star and Loose Women panellist's erratic behaviour was later thought to have been caused by a rare allergic reaction to anti-depressant medication.

Meltdown

She said: "I'd find money and say, 'Excuse me, I've lost my key and can't get out...would you be able to go and get me a little bottle of vodka from round the corner?'"

"And a couple of people did. But one day I asked a man to do it and he turned out to be from an alcohol crisis place that my family had called to come and help me.

Linda also had a "meltdown" three days into a girls' holiday in Ibiza with Loose Women pals including singer Stacey Solomon, 30, and was found curled up in bed "in a terrible state".

Stacey flew back to the UK with Linda, who was thinking, "What am I going to do? Where am I going?"

She said: "I was scared, embarrassed and ashamed because my kids had been told their mum was in a state and needs help.

"When we got to the clinic they all met us there and when I saw their worried faces all I could think of was,

I'd beg passing strangers to buy me booze, says TV Linda



Brave... Linda gets a big hug from panellist Nadia Sawalha as she returns to TV's Loose Women. Right, with her pal, singer Stacey Solomon

"Oh no, what have I done to them?'" Linda then started her recovery process and has not touched alcohol since changing medication.

She was bear-hugged by panellists Kaye Adams, Nadia Sawalha, Stacey and Jane Moore when she returned to Loose Women in January.

Saying she wanted to share her experience to help others in a similar crisis, Linda revealed: "I was just blacking out all the time.

"I had always been able to pick my grandchildren up but suddenly I couldn't be trusted to do that because I might be drunk." During one rehab

stay, Linda said she knocked back a bottle of rum while other people looked on.

On another occasion, she sneaked up to a store's alcohol counter while a nurse who took her for coffee to reward her progress was distracted.

Linda said: "I asked for vodka and they said they didn't have it, so I pointed at a bottle of rum and said I'd have that instead.

"I'd already necked half of it by the time the security guards came over and grabbed me and the poor nurse was saying, 'Oh Linda, I'm never taking you out for a coffee again'."





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We're all on the front line against coronavirus

THE number of confirmed cases of coronavirus in the UK is rising – and each new diagnosis brings with it a heightened level of fear which could morph into widespread panic.

What's needed now is firm and clear leadership, spelling out the dangers and preparing for the worst while at the same time giving practical advice.

Yesterday Health Secretary Matt Hancock said nothing will be “off the table”, including shutting down whole cities if the outbreak escalates. This would have a huge economic and social impact but it is right to spell out such a last-resort scenario.

Boris Johnson will chair an emergency Cobra meeting today and hopefully will give more details about contingency plans. But it is also incumbent on us all to follow the guidelines about how to contain the virus. All of us must play our part. That means washing our hands, catching coughs and sneezes in disposable tissues and avoiding people who are unwell.

The Government will be tested in the coming days – but we need to share the responsibility for defeating this virus.

Spoiling the joy

BORIS Johnson's private life has long been a little messy. But Daily Express readers will want to join us in congratulating the Prime Minister on the uplifting news that he and his fiancée Carrie are expecting their first child.

Even many of the PM's political enemies would find it hard not to express some kind words about the happy couple. Which makes the thoroughly nasty comments of Alastair Campbell – Tony Blair's former spin doctor – all the more reprehensible.

“Sorry but Boris Johnson getting another woman pregnant hardly qualifies as news... poor kid is what I think,” he tweeted.

Others on the Left – including The Guardian columnist Owen Jones – have accused the Prime Minister of using the announcement to bury the news about the attack on Home Secretary Priti Patel by top civil servant Sir Philip Rutnam.

And Gary Lineker made a cruel jibe about how Carrie's pregnancy amounted to “someone admitting to sleeping with Boris Johnson”. What a graceless bunch.

How unnecessarily spiteful. But their comments tell us more about them than they do about the Prime Minister.

Beatles guitar magic

PERHAPS The Beatles will always be in a league of their own when it comes to pop fame. How else to explain the figure of £400,000 Antiques Roadshow expert Jon Baddeley has put on a fretless guitar once owned by John Lennon and George Harrison?

While My Guitar Gently Weeps was one of the Fab Four's biggest hits – but this particular guitar will have its lucky owner laughing all the way to the bank.

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With his record we are happy to be rid of 'Sir Calamity'



ON THE ATTACK: Sir Philip Rutnam has plans for legal action



Leo McKinstry
Daily Express columnist

NO Government department has failed more miserably than the chronically dysfunctional Home Office. It has long been a byword for mismanagement and warped priorities.

In 2006 the tough-minded Labour Home Secretary John Reid described the organisation as “not fit for purpose” and those words still ring true. In its central duties of protecting the public and upholding Britain's borders, it is a disgrace.

Yet the mandarins refuse to embrace genuine reform, as the experience of Priti Patel demonstrates. Since the energetic Brexiteer was appointed Home Secretary last summer, the Home Office establishment has systematically tried to undermine her, particularly through poisonous briefings.

At the weekend, this hostility came to a head with the resignation of the department's top civil servant Sir Philip Rutnam. In an unprecedented statement to the media, he attacked Patel, claiming that her conduct included “shouting and swearing, belittling people, making unreasonable and repeated demands”. As he embarks on legal action for wrongful dismissal, it now seems clear that he aims to bring her down.

Opponents of the Tory Party are revelling in the turmoil. They believe that both Patel and her tough line on immigration are doomed.

BUT they should not be too smug. In any forthcoming fight, neither Sir Philip nor the Home Office have much credibility. He is a classic Whitehall figure with a deeply unimpressive record.

As the senior official at the Department for Transport, he was involved in 2012 over the West Coast Main Line franchise fiasco, which a subsequent review found to be littered “with deeply regrettable and completely unacceptable mis-

takes”. He was also criticised for the ballooning costs of HS2 and flaws in the Network Rail improvement programme.

Taking the helm at the Home Office in 2017, he was soon embroiled in Windrush, where the Government threatened scores of British citizens with deportation over lack of documentation about their status. Yet it was the Home Secretary Amber Rudd who had to quit.

His defenders now act as if the Home Office is a Rolls-Royce whose smooth functioning is put in danger by the reckless antics of Patel. But in truth

the department is a clapped-out banger needing urgent repairs. The Home Secretary may be impatient with her officials, but she has every right to be. If they do not want to be hectoring, then they should start implementing the Government's policy instead of thwarting it.

The former head of the civil service Lord Macpherson moaned yesterday that the Tories “used to want to preserve our great institutions. Now they are hellbent on destroying them”. But the Home Office is nothing like a “great institution”. On the con-

trary, it continually lets down the British public. Awash with progressive ideology, it is reluctant to maintain our borders or punish criminals.

For more than a decade, mass immigration has been running at over 600,000 every year. At the same time, thanks partly to enfeeblement of the Home Office, crime is soaring, up 7 per cent in the last year alone, with violence up by 12 per cent.

PRITI Patel is hardly the first Home Secretary to feel despair. Michael Howard, appointed to the job in 1993, once told me of his dismay at his first briefing from civil servants, who showed him a graph of inexorably rising crime into the future, as if nothing could be done about it.

An adviser to David Blunkett, who became Home Secretary in 2001, said that the place “was a giant mess”, a point reinforced by a scathing report in 2006 from the National Audit Office, which stated that the department's accounts could not be verified because it “had not maintained proper financial books and records”.

In yet another shambles, Blunkett's successor Charles Clarke was forced to resign after incendiary revelations about the Home Office's pathetic failure to deport a large number of foreign criminals.

Tellingly, it showed far more zeal in 2008 after leaks of documents to Tory front-bencher Damian Green that exposed the ineffectiveness of border controls. Displaying a robustness that it rarely showed towards criminals or illegal migrants, the Home Office launched a heavy-handed investigation that resulted in the arrest of Green.

Theresa May survived so long as Home Secretary partly through her subservience to officialdom. But the consequences for crime and immigration were disastrous. Whatever the moans of the mandarins, change is desperately needed.

'The Home Office is not a Rolls-Royce. It's a clapped-out banger'

LET'S NOT FORGET THE CLASSICS OF OUR YOUTH

By James Moore

THIS Thursday, don't be surprised if you bump into a crowd of Harry Potters or furry Gruffalos. It will be World Book Day, when millions of schoolchildren eagerly dress up in costumes to honour their favourite characters from literature.

Since 1998 the annual event has been encouraging youngsters to love books, with tokens handed out to spend on their favourites.

There's no doubting its popularity and the drive to get them reading is to be welcomed. But six in 10 parents feel the annual celebration of reading has become more about the outfits than the books, according to a recent eBay poll.

And the get-ups will reflect the domination of the children's book market by a handful of modern authors: JK Rowling, Julia Donaldson and, of course, the ubiquitous David Walliams.

True, there will be plenty of Willy Wonkas and Matildas testifying to the timeless appeal of long departed Roald Dahl.

But, as a parent, I find myself lamenting that many of the characters from the classics I loved in my youth will be missing.

You'd struggle to spot a William Brown with his catapult – the schoolboy from the once famous Just William books by Richmal Crompton.

And what are the chances of seeing a Toad from Kenneth Grahame's brilliant *Wind In The Willows*, a Long John Silver from Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island* or even a *Stig Of The Dump* from Clive King's 1963 novel about a lonely boy who befriends a caveman?

A NEW study by Renaissance UK found that 16 of the top 20 books read in secondary schools were by just two authors, Jeff Kinney – the man behind the *Diary Of A Wimpy Kid* series, and comedian David Walliams, famed for *Gangsta Granny* and *Billionaire Boy*, who has sold 25million books, raking in £100million.

Meanwhile there's a tsunami of children's titles penned by other stars such as footballer Frank Lampard, model Cara Delevingne and TV presenters such as Dermot O'Leary and Julian Clare.

Some writers have hit out at the swathe of celebrity children's authors promoted by World Book Day. Chocolat author Joanne Harris, for example, has commented that: "Celebrity authors are the equivalent of the

World Book Day will celebrate new characters (and their celebrity creators) but should never displace the timeless stories of yesteryear

CHEERS: But you're unlikely to see many children dressed as *Wind In The Willows* characters on Thursday



NEGLECTED CLASSICS: *Stig and Swallows* are rarely read today

McDonald's Happy Meal: okay once in a while, perhaps, but not the everyday, varied diet a healthy child needs to flourish and grow."

A teacher friend believes that they're a gateway for children to more demanding books.

But I'm not sure children are even aware of some of the great classics from the past. My local Waterstones dedicates a small table to them, but it is dwarfed by the displays for Walliams.

Indeed a study by Worcester University found that fewer than one in 10 had read *Anne Of Green Gables*, the 1908 novel by Lucy Montgomery charting the story of 11-year-old orphan Anne Shirley. *Swallows And Amazons*, the tale of children mucking about on boats in the Lake District, written by Arthur Ransome in 1930, was also known to just as few.

And a fifth thought that lion Aslan from CS Lewis's *The Lion, The Witch And The Wardrobe* was a giraffe.

Once-loved characters such as *Jemima Puddleduck* and *Pippi Longstocking* meant nothing to three quarters of them.

Many children will have heard of PL Travers's *Mary Poppins*, JM Barrie's *Peter Pan* or Beatrix

Potter's *Peter Rabbit* from the movies. Yet few will ever open the pages of the original books.

A lot of children simply don't have access to these or many other timeless masterpieces. As a child of the 1970s I was lucky enough to discover a treasure trove of dusty tomes at my grandparents' house.

Most were published decades before my birth, but that didn't stop me finding them irresistible.

I thrilled to TH White's *The Sword In The Stone* about a young King Arthur, which came out in 1938 while *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett from 1911 also sparked my imagination.

A lifelong love of history was set loose by Rosemary Sutcliff's 1954 *The Eagle Of The Ninth* set in Roman Britain. I wouldn't have missed the escapism of delving into Tom Brown's *Schooldays* by Thomas Hughes (1857), Anna Sewall's *Black Beauty* (1887), E Nesbit's *Five Children And It* (1902), Henry Williamson's *Tarka The Otter* (1927) or Mary Norton's *The Borrowers* (1952) for the world.

But you would struggle to find any of them in the

bedrooms of youngsters today though thankfully most still lurk in our public libraries, which is another good reason for supporting the Express's library campaign.

Of course many of the books I loved in my formative years are now frowned upon by the PC brigade.

RUDYARD Kipling, who wrote the *Jungle Book* stories set in India about the man-cub *Mowgli*, first published in 1894, is often lambasted as a hopeless imperialist.

Alice In Wonderland, from 1865, has been tarred by unproven allegations that its author Lewis Carroll was a repressed paedophile.

The *Boys' Own* adventures of *Biggles*, the heroic pilot created by Captain WE Johns who had himself flown in action during the First World War, have been slammed as racist.

Tintin, *Barbar*, *Mark Twain's Huck Finn* and *Enid Blyton's Noddy* have all suffered from the same criticisms, with the latter's

Famous Five stories slated for sexism. While our modern mores might be offended by some of their prose, there's no doubting these authors' ability to tell a good yarn. I believe most children are clever enough to see beyond these books' anachronistic aspects, while still thrilling to their gripping narratives.

After reading Arthur Conan Doyle's *The Lost World*, published in 1912, my dinosaur-crazy son's verdict was that it was indeed: "Racist and sexist...but a brilliant story!"

Conversely, I have heard adults describe Richard Adams's 1972 rabbit-themed *Watership Down* as "too violent" and EB White's 1952 work *Charlotte's Web*, about a brilliant spider as "too sad".

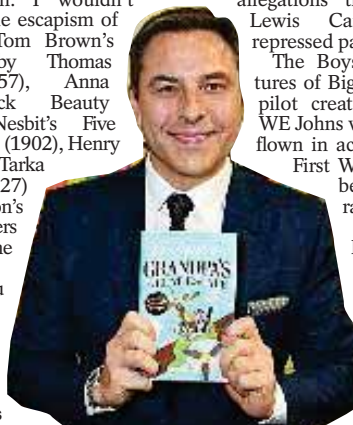
It seems to me that we should let children find their own way. As anthropologist Margaret Mead observed: "Children must be taught how to think, not what to think."

It's true that in a world of gadgets and diminished attention spans some older books suffer.

Re-reading JRR Tolkien's *The Hobbit* with my son, for example, I was surprised at how long it took to get going. But there's something to be said for learning a bit of patience and the rewards that a slow-burn story can bring.

And perhaps at this World Book Day we should remember the sage words of writer George Bernard Shaw who said: "Make it a rule never to give a child a book you would not read yourself."

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Outsider...Adrienne Liebenberg with, centre, her boss Stefano Rossi. She claims he would interrupt meetings to discuss football or watch match highlights

EXCLUSIVE By Henry Goodwin

A BUSINESSWOMAN claimed she was sacked from a major FTSE 100 company because she did not want to talk about football and go out drinking with "the lads".

High-flying Adrienne Liebenberg was sacked from her £200,000-a-year job at international packaging group DS Smith in December 2018 after being told her "leadership style" was "not working".

However Ms Liebenberg – who had previously worked at oil and gas giant BP Castrol – took the firm to an employment tribunal, arguing that she was sacked because of her gender.

In a witness statement read out at the Central London Employment Tribunal, Ms Liebenberg alleged that she was marginalised at DS Smith because did not want to join in with the male banter and work style.

She said key business decisions were often taken over "boozy dinners" with a "gang" of senior male employees where the practice was "bonding, drink and football".

Ms Liebenberg added that she found it difficult to join in with these events, because she felt "alienated by the focus on drinking, and talking about football, and starting up late".

Pressure

She said: "I did not believe that I was accepted as 'one of the lads' and I did not feel that I was capable of playing such a role. When I did not join in I felt under pressure to do so."

The businesswoman joined DS Smith as director of global sales, marketing and innovation in March 2017, and was handed a "special joining award" of £100,000 to spend on shares on top of her six-figure salary.

But tensions quickly grew between Ms Liebenberg and her line manager Stefano Rossi, DS Smith Packaging CEO.

She said: "I felt that Stefano's modus operandi was to connect with his team over wine, dinner and football. Because I did not embrace those things in the way that my male colleagues did, I was perceived, by Stefano and others, as not being a 'team player' or 'one of the gang'."

Ms Liebenberg said Mr Rossi was a huge football fan and would often interrupt meetings to discuss football or watch match highlights.

She added: "I cannot remember a single day of meetings at which we went the whole day without Stefano watching football matches, or videos of parts of matches, on his phone or

Woman high-flier 'fired for not liking football and drinking with lads'



Ms Liebenberg says boss Stefano Rossi liked to talk about Inter Milan. Right, the team celebrating a goal last week



following football scores and interrupting meetings with an update or to discuss Inter Milan or a particular player."

Expressing surprise at how male-dominated DS Smith was, Ms Liebenberg noted that she was "often the only woman in the room".

Out of 35 leadership roles in sales and operational positions at the company, only eight were reportedly filled by women.

She said: "I believe that at the time of my dismissal, I was the most senior and highest-paid woman." Ms Liebenberg said her experience left

her feeling "hopeless and helpless". She said: "I think that I have been particularly upset and angered because I believe that I have been treated as I have because I am a woman, either directly or indirectly."

"It has destroyed my belief that if someone sets their mind to something and works hard, they have a good chance of achieving their goals, whatever their gender."

"It may sound like a small thing, but having this belief taken away has made me feel hopeless and helpless and with a deep sense of despair that women and men are not equals." Mr

Rossi and colleagues insisted that Ms Liebenberg was sacked because of poor performance rather than sexism.

In a statement to the tribunal, Mr Rossi cited her "dictatorial approach" and "lack of respect for senior colleagues".

When Ms Liebenberg was sacked, Mr Rossi said the company was seeking "a different leadership style," and criticised her for not being "collegial" with other employees.

The firm, Mr Rossi, group chief executive Miles Roberts and HR director Tim Ellis all deny sex discrimination. The hearing continues.



Mourned... Andree Melly

Last of the Hancock team dies

THE last surviving cast member of the legendary comedy show Hancock's Half Hour has died aged 87. Andree Melly died in St Eulalia, Ibiza, where she had lived for the past 30 years.

Her actor husband Oscar Quitak, 93, daughter Natasha and son Mark were with her.

A statement said she had died on January 31 at her home.

It added: "She was much loved and will be greatly missed."

Andree, the sister of the late jazz musician George, played Tony Hancock's girlfriend in two series of the radio show, which aired on the BBC Home Service between 1954 and 1959.

She was the last surviving cast member after the death of Bill Kerr in 2014.

The Liverpool-born actress was also a regular panellist on Radio 4's Just A Minute – and the first to successfully talk for the prescribed 60 seconds without hesitation, repetition or deviation.

She appeared in films The Belles of St Trinian's and The Brides of Dracula and several episodes of The Benny Hill Show on television.

Police to get 8,000 Tasers

ALMOST 8,000 more Tasers could be deployed by police after the Home Office confirmed £6.5million will be spent on them.

But the number was scaled down following an announcement last September that more than 10,000 extra devices would be given to officers.

Police were able to bid for £10million of ring-fenced Taser cash.

The money left over will be spent on tackling serious violence and nationwide "county lines" drugs gangs.

Police in London will get an extra 2,380 Tasers, West Midlands will order 250 extra and Greater Manchester applied for 100 more.

WE remain concerned the incidence, and possibly the severity, of care home shortcomings is actually much higher than reported.

These worries come from the fact that providers are able to legitimately challenge the regulator's enforcement action.

And as a result, serious issues can remain unreported for many months after they were initially raised.

While we respect the right of any person, company or entity to due process, we are very alarmed as to what protections are afforded to vulnerable elderly people in care during this protracted period of time.

It is not beyond the realms of possibility a care home with

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issues can continue to provide services while being the party in a litigation case brought because the regulator believes services were detrimental to the welfare of residents.

While we know the regulator can in such circumstances seek an immediate closure, that also can be incredibly traumatic for vulnerable

people. CCFTV continues to call on the CQC to support the use of overt safety monitoring that will ensure early signs of poor care are detected.

That would mean action can be taken much earlier and that visual evidence is available to ensure a long litigation process is simply not necessary.

Safety monitoring should be a requirement for any provider with an inadequate care inspection rating.

That should also be part of a contractual commitment with the local authority care commissioning groups. We implore the CQC to seriously consider monitoring and making it a valued care tool to protect our most vulnerable.

Legal action as our social

EXCLUSIVE

By Giles Sheldrick
Chief Reporter

THREE social care providers a day face legal action as vulnerable patients are "left at the mercy of an unsafe system".

Standards have slumped to such unacceptable levels the watchdog is punishing or prosecuting record numbers for breaking the law.

The Care Quality Commission has taken criminal or civil enforcement action against care homes and other adult social care providers 2,928 times in three years.

Experts said the unprecedented rate highlighted how England's creaking care system is buckling under the weight of demand and inadequate funding.

Sally Copley, of Alzheimer's Society, said: "How much more evidence do we need before we see change? Every day we hear from families who call our dementia

helpline in despair because a loved one with dementia needs support, but there is nothing available locally or the only care home they can get into is inadequate. People with dementia cannot be left at the mercy of this unsafe system any longer." Figures obtained by the Daily Express show the commission took enforcement action 1,046 times in 2017, 1,160 times in 2018 and 688 times in 2019.

Already in the first two months of this year the regulator has been forced to act 34 times, taking the total to 2,928.

The figure includes 1,561 warning notices, three urgent suspensions, 197 urgent conditions, 11 urgent cancellations, two cautions, 266 fines, 413 conditions and 231 cancellation of registrations.

Managers or providers have been prosecuted on eight occasions.

The figures include residential care, care at home and other supported living services.

Campaigner Baroness Altmann said: "These shocking figures are yet more evidence our country's social care system is broken."

"It is under unprecedented pressure to deliver care services without adequate resources to pay for good quality care."

"The result is increasing numbers of vulnerable people being left without the care they require to manage their daily life, or facing the risk the care services they receive will not meet their needs. While the Government is committing billions

Safety alarm as one in five homes fails

By Giles Sheldrick

ONE in five dementia care homes is putting vulnerable residents at risk.

Some of the 1,604 failing homes are so bad they have been put in special measures by the Care Quality Commission.

Of 7,432 care homes registered in England with a dementia specialism, 129 are inadequate and 1,475 require improvement.

Some 5,298 are "good" and 274 "outstanding".

It leaves 256 with no rating, usually because they have only been registered within the past year.

Jayne Connery, director of Care Campaign for the Vulnerable, said: "Families consistently raise concerns with us about unexplained injuries, neglect, repeated falls, poor hygiene, low staffing levels and issues with the quality of food and lack of fluids."

She also urged the CQC to visit homes more than twice a year, saying: "We remain concerned that without daily safety monitoring, many of the 'good' rated homes may have significant issues that are unknown simply because inspection isn't undertaken with sufficient frequency."

More than a fifth of the homes specialising in dementia are failing compared with 13 per cent (one in eight) of those for those with other ailments.

Alzheimer's Society estimates there will be a shortfall of 30,000 care home places for people with the condition by 2021.

Meanwhile, the financial strain is leaving families penniless.

Jeremy Hughes, boss of Alzheimer's Society, demanded £8 billion for social care.

He said: "Only then will people, wherever they live, be protected from catastrophic costs."

of pounds to the NHS, social care is still struggling to find money to meet the increasing requirements of our ageing population.

Meagre

"Care and health should be integrated, so taxpayers are meeting the needs of the most vulnerable in society, rather than rationing care so cruelly, or leaving private firms struggling to offer good-quality care on the meagre funding they receive."

In one case prosecuted by the CQC, Lister House Ltd, which ran Sherrington House Nursing Home in

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to protect elderly soars care system lies broken



Up for sale...Peter and Pearl's home. Above, Peter is awarded the Air Force Cross in 1958 and below right, salutes Vulcan plane



If Dad knew I was selling his house it would kill him

THE daughter of a 94-year-old Cold War pilot whose home must be sold to pay for his care says the system is a travesty of justice.

Ex-squadron leader Peter Thomas has no idea his and wife Pearl's £400,000-plus four-bedroom home is being put up for sale by their daughter Dawn.

Dawn, 61, who says she feels "broken", revealed: "I'm forced to lie to him to say, 'Everything's all right, don't worry about it'.

"In the meantime I'm going home and ripping the place apart, taking all his possessions before it's sold.

"I want to say, 'Dad, this is what I'm

By **Steph Spyro**

being made to do' and he would go nuts...it would probably kill him."

Vulcan bomber pilot Peter, who was awarded the Air Force Cross in 1958, is at the end stages of Alzheimer's.

Pearl, 89, has vascular dementia and has needed round-the-clock care since falling at their home near Leicester.

Dawn, of Bedford, said: "My dad, who defended the country to the highest level, saved all his money and wanted his family to benefit from that, is going to get it all taken away – and I haven't got the heart to tell him." Peter has not

been assessed for free NHS social care through Continuing Healthcare Funding.

Dawn said: "Dementia is not classed as a healthcare issue, it's a social care issue and this is how they dodge the bullet."

Sally Copley of Alzheimer's Society said: "We hear tragic stories like this every day. No one should face these catastrophic bills to pay for care."

The Department of Health and Social Care said: "Putting social care on a sustainable footing, where everyone is treated with dignity and respect, is one of our biggest challenges and we will be bringing forward a plan this year."

Bradford, West Yorkshire, was fined £40,000 for failing to provide safe care.

Morag "Ruby" Wardman had been admitted for respite care. But when she got home her son noticed severe skin damage to her knee.

She died a month later of septicaemia and pneumonia caused by the broken sore.

In a separate prosecution, care-home owners Rhoda Ellis and her husband Michael were fined £30,000 after Ted Kendall fell down stairs at Woodthorpe View Care Home in Nottingham,

breaking his hip. He was not taken to hospital for 12 hours and he died a few months later aged 94.

Around 70 per cent of people living in care homes are suffering from dementia.

Yet more than 20 per cent of homes specialising in the condition are failing, compared with 13 per cent of those for residents with other conditions.

The crisis has led to renewed calls for the Government to urgently set out its proposals to reform the broken social care system after Boris Johnson

promised everyone "dignity in old age". Meanwhile, campaigners said CCTV should be immediately installed in all communal areas of care homes with an inadequate care inspection rating in an effort to stamp out avoidable abuse and neglect.

Dignity

Caroline Abrahams, of Age UK, said: "Our Prime Minister and his administration need to listen to this growing chorus of disapproval and respond. Older people need action on social

care and it cannot come too soon." Kate Terroni, of the CQC, said: "The small number of criminal enforcement actions clearly shows most people are getting good, safe care – a testament to the hard work of everyone who works within the NHS and social care."

The Department of Health said: "Putting social care on a sustainable footing, where everyone is treated with dignity and respect, is one of the biggest challenges we face as a society, and we will be bringing forward a plan for social care this year."

HICKEY

GROUCHY business tycoon Lord Sugar has bizarrely insisted on being accompanied by a life-size mannequin of President Trump when flying back on his private jet from Florida to London.

The real Trump has publicly locked horns with Sugar, pictured, in the past. As former host of The Apprentice television series in America, the Donald claimed the British businessman owed his success in the British version of the programme to him. "Drop to your knees Sugar, and say thank you Mr Trump," he pompously announced.



PREPARING for his role as Wilbur Turnblad in musical Hairspray, opening at the London Coliseum next month, comedian Paul Merton reveals: "I've already met the choreographer and told him this is a professional challenge he won't be able to meet, as I am one of those people who can't dance."

While it remains unclear just how many dance steps Merton will in reality be required to master, the Have I Got News For You regular, 62, light-heartedly warns: "It's amazing, isn't it, how one person can ruin an entire production?"

LONGTIME Labour luvvie Ben Elton, 60, concedes he's never been warmly embraced by the comrades.

The writer of debunking satire from Blackadder to new TV-to-West End hit Upstart Crow concludes: "I've never been Left-wing enough for the Lefties."

PERFORMING with fellow singer Michael Ball on a current UK tour, celebrated tenor Alfie Boe "hates" having his thinning hair magnified on a big screen during shows.

The Lancashire-born star, 46, ruefully explains he doesn't appreciate those unflattering top-shot camera angles that highlight his bald patch.

REFLECTING on family life, Sting, pictured, now curiously insists: "I never intended to be a dad. I became a dad by accident... six times."

The 68-year-old, born Gordon Sumner, adds: "I didn't intend to be the patriarch of a tribe, but I am." He somehow never struck me as the type who needed the birds and the bees explaining to him.



SPEAKING of famous fathers of six... Tory gent Jacob Rees-Mogg responds to plans for "supernanny-style" teachers being brought into schools to crack down on troublesome pupils.

Raised by his own nanny, Veronica Crook, during childhood – she now cares for Rees-Mogg's offspring – the 50-year-old politician clarifies: "Fortunately it doesn't mean Nanny, who is already busy."

Nanny Crook's disciplinary techniques are known to have included threatening young Jacob with a wooden spoon when he misbehaved.

RECALLING a holiday to Jamaica with wife Michèle, gossip star Gyles Brandreth, 71, mischievously claims: "We were on the beach, on the golden sands in the evening. Coming towards us was this little old lady, wizened-looking. It wasn't until she got right in front of us that we realised... it was Mick Jagger."

Our puppy is cloned from dog who saved mum's life

A FAMILY has paid £44,000 to have their heroic dog cloned.

Labrador-retriever Marley died months after saving pregnant Alicia Tschirhart from a venomous snake.

She and husband David, both lawyers, had DNA frozen until children Madeleine, five, and Colette, three, were old enough to appreciate a pet.

The family, from San Diego, California, welcomed Ziggy, pictured right, now four months, in December. David, 40, who got Marley in 2002

when studying at the University of Michigan, said: "He was a constant part of our lives for 12 years. Now I feel like his presence is here again."

Marley came to the rescue of Alicia, 37, on a hike on San Diego's Battle Mountain. He clawed at the ground to warn her as she reached for a stick near a coiled rattlesnake. David added: "We were so thankful."

Their dog was cloned by Texas firm ViaGen Pets, which had famously cloned actress Barbra Streisand's pooch Samantha.



Alicia Tschirhart with Marley

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Legal & General

By Camilla Palmer

NICOLE Gibson is something of a chameleon. "One minute I'm walking the dog, knee-deep in mud, the next I'm raiding my best friend's wardrobe for something to wear to a casting or black-tie do," she laughs.

"Today, I'm helping a mate paint their new café. I've just had my hair done, so I need a 1940s scarf and lipstick. I do like a red lip – I could take on the world with it."

Now, as one of the faces of a new ad campaign by coffee chain Starbucks celebrating LGTB+ inclusivity and calling for greater tolerance, the 39-year-old is doing just that.

The What's Your Name? campaign, which has won Channel 4's diversity award and will receive £1million-worth of advertising with the broadcaster, focuses on the significance of a person of any gender being able to refer to themselves in a way that feels right to them.

"As a transgender woman, choosing my own name was so important. It felt like something I had control over," explains Nicole.

"One day I opened the paper, telling myself that I'd take the first female name I saw. There were a few stories about various Nicoles, so that was it."

"I was so chuffed that in the Starbucks campaign I get the opportunity to share a positive."

Nicole's journey from the child she was – Glenn – to the woman she is now is one she's keen to share.

"I hope it might help someone. When I was going through it, I had absolutely no idea what was going on."

BORN in Horsham, West Sussex, where she still lives, Nicole played with dolls and adored female cartoon characters. "As I pranced around the garden being She-Ra instead of He-Man, I began to sense that I might be a little bit different," she chuckles.

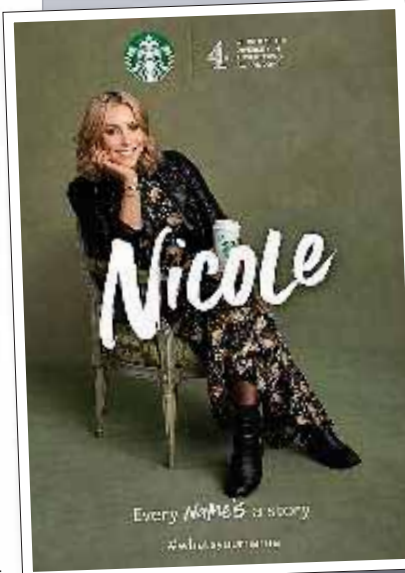
As a child, she felt profound unease at her body. "It was as if it didn't really belong to me. It's a classic symptom of someone with gender dysphoria, but obviously I didn't know that at the time," Nicole explains.

"When people ask me now about my physical transition, I can't ever tell them I was a born with a..." she trails off, laughing. "My goodness, I just can't say it! I tell them I wasn't born with a vagina, but have one now!"

Happily, all that unspoken childhood uneasiness was unfolding in a loving family atmosphere. "I was so lucky that my parents just let me get on with it. They just wanted their children to be happy, and me playing with Cindy wasn't hurting anyone."

"Looking back, after hearing horror stories from trans friends who have been ostracised by their families, I am so grateful." Things changed, how-

Main image: JOHN PATRICK



Nicole Gibson spent years feeling trapped in the wrong body before changing sex. Now she's the stunning face of a positive new TV campaign for more inclusivity...

'As a child I felt as if my body didn't belong to me. A classic case of gender dysphoria'

ever, when Nicole went to the local secondary school.

"No one had batted an eyelid all through infant and middle school, because puberty hadn't hit. But from then on, it was hell. I don't think anyone had seen anything quite like me, really," she muses, in a typically cheery understatement. "I didn't look like a girl, but my voice and my mannerisms were very, very feminine."

TAKING ON THE WORLD IN RED LIPSTICK



SITTING PRETTY: Nicole today and as one of the faces of the Starbucks LGBT+ adverts. And in her childhood as a boy



The hardest part was the abuse about being gay.

"I knew I wasn't gay. But I had no idea what – or who – I was. I really felt as if I was the only one in the world who felt like this."

Nicole had friends – all of them girls. "They were towers of strength, but every single day I wished I didn't have to get up and go to school because of the abuse."

She developed coping mechanisms, joining after-school clubs every night so she didn't have to

walk home amid a sea of threatening kids and, when the family moved from a gated house in a small village to a street where one of the bullies lived, she steered clear.

"He never, ever, knew I lived there – I always made sure I saw him first. I walked the dog in full-on stealth mode," she says, making what sounds like an appalling situation sound almost funny.

Within the safety of home, Nicole's sister, four years older, became a handy reference point – and donator of clothes. "My mum

was fanatical about her hair and make-up, and there was an atmosphere in which I could furtively experiment with the feminine."

Leaving school for college and A levels helped. Nicole studied Drama, Performing Arts and English Literature at Collyer's sixth-form college where one of her friends was Holly Willoughby.

"Suddenly, I was with very similar people. I had 'permission' to test the waters. It felt amazing," she smiles. "Holly and I were friends.

'There's such a huge spectrum among the trans community and each of us is equally valid'

She was part of the supportive group of girls who were brilliant about my situation. Outside, I wasn't a girl. Inside, I was, but I was welcomed into the group without the batting of an eyelid. I was one of them."

Subsequently, she became more overt about her fashion choices.

"I dabbled with dressing effeminately, grew my hair and wore heels. I never hid it from Mum, she knew what I was dressing like and didn't care. As far as I was concerned, I was a woman in the

wrong body, and was attracted to men, so I'd drive to Brighton, and jump into Revenge [the famous LGBT nightclub]. It was enormous fun."

Finally, in her late 20s, she went to her GP and asked to be referred to a gender clinic. "She just said, 'I wondered when we'd be having this conversation,' and that was that," she breezes.

After undergoing the required two-year period of living as a woman, as well as a raft of psychological tests, she had transitional surgery – "I call it my downstairs work" – in 2012, aged 32.

She's had none of the other cosmetic surgical work – facial feminisation and breast construction – sometimes undertaken by trans women. "I grew breasts with the help of hormones and, as for my Adam's apple, well – Sandra Bullock's is bigger," she laughs.

NEITHER did she opt for voice coaching, to help develop a more feminine sound. "It seemed like I'd be putting on an act, and I'd hate for Mum not to recognise me over the phone."

Nicole is unapologetic about the attention her looks get.

"I cherish the beauty I have because it took so long to get it. I went years without having the body I wanted, and I want to show it off," she says, adding how happy she was to be cat-called as she walked to the post office recently with her dog.

"I'd been feeling a bit rubbish, but suddenly, all was well with the world," she laughs. I put it to her that some women wouldn't agree with her. "Oh, come on!" she groans. "I think everyone needs to lighten up."

Since transitioning, Nicole's acting career has seen her as a trans character in TV shows such as *Silent Witness*, *Borderline* and the adult comedy *Catastrophé*.

She wants more trans people appearing in mainstream TV and film. "There are plenty of roles for all kinds of women characters who aren't mothers or obviously female from birth, where it wouldn't matter if that character was trans, just as it wouldn't if the character was in a wheelchair," she reasons.

But she's a little ambivalent about being labelled a trans activist. "I've only just felt comfortable calling myself transgender," she says. "I used to feel that, because I'd transitioned, that journey was over. I was a woman. End of."

But she says meeting trans people with a huge variety of stories – positive or otherwise – has made her realise the importance of telling hers.

"There's such a huge spectrum among the trans community, and each of us is equally valid."

"I can't speak for everyone, but somewhere out there, there's a young person who's feeling the way I did, and maybe they don't have the support I did. I'd be honoured to fight their corner."

Spring is sprung but

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Visitors enjoy the sun in St James's Park, central London, yesterday and, below, take selfies...



...but residents of East Cowick were evacuated from flooded homes

By **David Pilditch**

BATTERED Britain saw Storm Jorge blast out last night amid hopes that spring is on its way.

After another weekend of gales and relentless downpours, meteorologists said the UK had weathered its wettest February on record.

The first day of meteorological spring saw 15 rivers in the Midlands, Yorkshire and Lancashire reach their highest levels since records began.

And the Environment Agency warned the country needs to brace itself for "more frequent periods of extreme weather like this" because of climate change.

Yesterday emergency teams repaired flood barriers in the West Midlands with water levels on the River Severn expected to peak at 18ft today, the Environment Agency said.

Towns including Ironbridge and Bewdley along the Severn, and East Cowick and Lidgate along the River Aire in East Yorkshire, are among the worst-hit areas in England.

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs said more than 3,300 properties in England are thought to have been flooded as a result of the combined effects of earlier storms Ciara and Dennis.

Warnings

Local authorities in Wales said more than 1,000 homes had flooded, with reports of more than 300 businesses also affected.

The Met Office said a UK average of 202.1mm (7.9in) of rain fell last month, surpassing 1990 when 193.4mm fell.

East Riding of Yorkshire Council said water levels are dropping or remaining stable in Snaith, Gowdall, East Cowick and West Cowick, but are expected to remain high for several days.

Stephen Hunt, head of planning and development for East Riding, said: "While we are still very much in the response phase, the council has started planning for the recovery operation."

Local authorities will embark on huge clean-up operations once flooding risks subside and water levels fall.

Last night a total of 77 flood warnings were still in place across England and Wales, mostly in the South-west, along the English-Welsh border, and in Yorkshire, while a further 164 alerts over possible floods were also in force.

Last night meteorologists warned of travel disruption this morning due to icy conditions in Scotland, north-west England and North Wales.

But the Met Office said many parts of the country will begin to see more settled weather – with cold nights with frost and fog giving way to milder days.

But it is likely to be mid-March before things brighten up for the whole of the UK.

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flood misery goes on



We'll have to demolish, reveal swamped couple

KEVIN and Catherine Lorryman have told of their heartbreak after their bungalow was completely submerged in the deluge.

The couple said they are now facing having to demolish their beloved home in Snaith in the East Riding of Yorkshire (see picture below).

Speaking of the couple's turmoil, Mrs Lorryman, 56, said: "We are just in a dream world at the moment and there are people all over this town exactly the same. It's a nightmare." Mr

By David Pilditch

Lorryman, also 56, added: "We are going to have to demolish, I think."

Around 25 properties have been flooded in the town while a further 50 properties in neighbouring East Cowick were also swamped.

Thousands of items including clothing, bedding and toiletries have been donated for those forced to leave their homes and are being distributed at a local sports hall.



Rescuers visit homes in East Cowick, East Yorks, yesterday while, left, owners of inundated bungalow in nearby Snaith say they might have to demolish

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Cowell: I'll retire if I can't create stars

SIMON Cowell says he will walk away from his hit reality shows if he cannot find star quality.

The mogul is riding high with his America's and Britain's Got Talent shows, but ratings for the X Factor plummeted last year.

When asked about his plans and possible retirement after two decades on TV since he started with Pop Idol, Simon said: "Yeah we are getting close I guess... yeah! I need to keep finding stars is the number one priority."

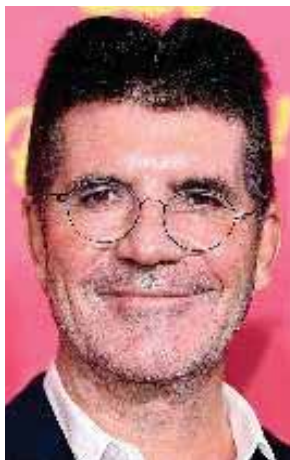
"If I really felt that we were

By James Desborough

making these shows and nothing is going to happen to them afterwards, then you genuinely have to say, 'Well I have had 20 great years, it is time to stop!'"

He said that carving out careers is why he keeps working having amassed a fortune of around £450million.

Simon is about to reveal a new US talent competition. He said it is going to be a "really different type of one, so I am excited".



Searching for new talent...Cowell

Tens of thousands of 'kinship carers' are looking after vulnerable relatives, especially children, at great personal cost, with no legal or financial help. Campaigners are now calling for changes in the law...

By Kat Hopps

TEN YEARS on and Graham Leach will never forget the phone call that would dramatically change his life. The pensioner knew his daughter had used drugs but nothing prepared him for what he was about to hear.

"It was my daughter on the phone," recalls Graham, 63. "She said 'social services are here and they are going to take the children away'."

Graham told his daughter to put them on the phone. "They said that I needed to come and pick them up right away or they'd be taken into care. It was a shock."

He had no idea social services were involved with his daughter, let alone the extent of her drug addiction. They told him his two grandsons would end up in foster care if he did not intervene. The youngest was an 18-month-old. "I said 'no way', I did not want them going into the system," says Graham. "We had such a good bond."

Several hours later, Graham found himself returning home with Tommy and Rocco, their worldly possessions contained in one carrier bag each.

Within hours, the single grandfather from Blackburn had become a single parent.

A decade later, the boys, aged 12 and 15, still live with him and Graham is one of thousands of kinship carers the government has dubbed "unsung heroes" – those who step in to look after the vulnerable children of relatives.

Their numbers are on the rise with an estimated 200,000 children in the UK living with relatives, half of whom are grandparents. But many of these helpers are in crisis themselves, both mentally and financially.

"I withdrew my private pension early and used what little bit I had saved," says Graham, a former warehouse manager who used £40,000 of his own money to build a bedroom extension when the council refused to help.

"The boys have both got special educational needs and disabilities and it was impossible for both to be in one small box room. Now, whereas most pensioners can look forward to a lump sum, I will have nothing."

For the first five months, he survived on £50 a week and it took years of legal battles to get funding for his boys. "You are trying to find a way out and to do right by the children, the birth parents and local authorities. You can easily slip up."

Unlike adoptive and foster parents,

kinship carers have no rights in law and get no financial allowances so often end up in debt. Many feel they have no choice as in three quarters of cases, the children would be taken into care if they didn't step in.

"The role is uniquely difficult – there's the lack of time to prepare, the children's needs, the complexity of what's happening in your own family, the lack of rights to financial or other support, and the grief for the life you'd planned," says Dr Lucy Peake, chief executive of Grandparents Plus, a charity which is calling for a new law to ensure kinship carers get the help they need.

SOcial workers have been under increasing pressure to place children with relatives since 2013 when Sir James Munby, then president of the Family Division of the courts in England, said local authorities must explore all suitable avenues before adoption.

Research has shown that children do better with family members they know and trust, but carers don't speak up for fear of having youngsters taken away. In some cases, the consequences are dire. Sandra and her husband Jim (not their real names) took in their son's two children, including a six-month-old baby, but were told they had to care for two step-siblings as well, because they "came as a package".

The couple had to make a decision immediately as all four children were being abused by their son's ex-partner. Sandra, a shop worker was, and still is, the only wage earner due to Jim's angina and diabetes.

She received £50 when she picked up the two youngest children and was given a cot and a pushchair – the wheel of which fell off soon after.

"They gave me the kids knowing

FIGHT: MP Catherine McKinnell wants a change in the law with a Kinship Care Bill



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From grandfather to single parent!



YEARS OF STRUGGLE: Graham Leach with Tommy, back, and Rocco at his support group and when they were youngsters



SELFLESS DEVOTION: Kinship carers take on huge responsibility with no legal rights nor financial support



SUCCESS STORY: Graham with the boys today. But bringing them up has not been easy

they had nowhere to sleep," says Sandra, who had to put borrowed mattresses down on the floor.

Her next problem was that the couple had a daughter still living at home, so how to feed her expanded family of seven on £200 a week.

"Me and my husband fed the children and waited for what they left. If they didn't leave anything, we did without. There were days when we went hungry except for maybe a slice of toast."

Worse was to come. The children started revealing details of the abuse they had suffered – including being starved. "They told us they hunted for food, rummaged through bins and slept in parks," says Sandra. "They exhibited volatile behaviour and then some revealed that they had also been sexually abused. I just fell to the floor, I couldn't believe it."

The children received counselling through CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) but there was no such support for Sandra and Jim. "I was covered in a rash, my hair was

falling out," says Sandra. "It was the first time I saw my husband break down in tears during our 40-year marriage because it was so stressful."

Her daughter was often in tears too. "All of sudden four kids invaded her space. The love and attention she had from Mum and Dad had to be divided by five."

University of East Anglia academic Paul McGrath, who is writing a PhD thesis on kinship carers, says Sandra and Jim's experience is far from unusual.

"Some carers had to sell their houses, they lost businesses," he says.

"They went from being comfortable, to living in substantial poverty where they couldn't feed their own children who then

become disadvantaged. Grandparents are more vulnerable as a parenting group than most because of their own health, their socio-economic status and the so often challenging and complicated behaviour of such children. In my study, the local authorities were closing cases quite quickly, meaning grandparents were having to manage without any support, counselling or even other family."

Because of the children's unpredictable and volatile behaviour, Sandra and Jim stopped socialising with their friends.

"They were often out of control," says Sandra. "So we didn't go

anywhere and became virtually prisoners."

She even, she admits, thought about throwing in the towel. "For foster parents it's a job but this isn't a job for us, we take these kids through love and nothing else," she says. "To us it's permanent."

MP Catherine McKinnell, chair of the cross-party Parliamentary Task Force on Kinship Care, says:

"We are developing an action plan to put to government. Some things require a change in the law and we would love to see a Kinship Care Bill brought to Parliament."

Another carer, Helen, has spent £34,000 to date on legal fees since she started looking after her goddaughter, Kelly, who was being physically abused by her mother.

Kelly was a toddler when Helen, a nursery nurse, informed the authorities and was told she could care for her. Helen was in her early twenties and in a relationship. Her partner could not cope and left.

Then she faced court battles with Kelly's mother over her access and rights to her. "I didn't feel confi-

dent representing myself so the bills kept mounting," she says.

"Kelly had suffered from neglect and didn't have a strong attachment to anybody. She could only speak five words and couldn't sit still as she was constantly on high alert."

HELEN has suffered mental health problems since rescuing Kelly. "I was told by the court if I hadn't intervened then Kelly would have been found dead so I would rather have PTSD than have that happen."

Now married to a woman who cherishes Kelly, Helen wants people to know kinship caring can be rewarding. Seeing the transformation of her goddaughter, now thriving at catering college, is proof.

"She's this young lady, not that two-year-old lost and broken. She's ready for the next stage of her life."

For Graham, as the children grow up he hopes life gets easier for everyone. He set up a support group for other kinship carers and won a "Grandfather of the Year" award. But, he says, the secret suffering of kinship carers must end: "We shouldn't still be shouting about this, not in 2020."

● Some names have been changed.

'My husband and I fed the children and waited for what they left. Some days we went hungry'

30-SECOND CHALLENGE

JUST follow the instructions from left to right, starting with the number given to reach an answer at the end of the row. Set your own 30-second challenge: for the very young or arithmetically rusty, you have 30

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LUCKY schoolgirl Ava Bray uncovered a 3,000-year-old axe just seconds after she picked up a metal detector for the first time. Ava, eight, from Blackfield in the New Forest, was out with detectorist grandad Tony Bray on Dorset's Southbourne beach when the device beeped. Tony, 62, said: "Some people spend a lifetime searching and never find anything like that. Ava has since studied Bronze Age history and shown me how it was made."

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EXCLUSIVE By Paul Jeeves

LITTLE Taylor Lewis's bedroom may be filled with toys and pictures of Batman, Spider-Man and Superman – but he is the real superhero.

The smiling five year old lost his legs and hands following a vicious bout of meningitis and septicaemia.

He has also endured 84 operations.

But that doesn't stop him from playing football, rugby and even skateboarding with his friends.

Taylor was eight months old when he started being sick in April 2015. Mum Terri Lewis, 26, said they went to hospital but were sent home.

She added: "I didn't really know about meningitis. He was getting worse and then his face got a blue cheese-type rash so we called an ambulance."

Within hours doctors confirmed he had meningococcal type W – a virulent strain of meningitis and septicaemia – and to prepare for the worst.

Taylor was put into a medically induced coma at Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham. Terri said: "His whole body was shutting down and his face and limbs were all turning black."

Seventeen days later, Taylor pulled through. Now he has a pair of prosthetic limbs which he wears to race around his home and his hands have been surgically reconstructed to provide him with 10 pincer-style fingers, which will develop as the bone grows.

That means he can now hold a pen, a fork, grip a bottle with one hand, grab toys, and even manage that essential task beloved by five-year-old boys – pick his nose. "We have Superman, Iron Man, Spider-Man and Bogeyman," joked Terri. "But it's incredible – because he hasn't known anything different, he finds a way."

Terri, who split from Taylor's father before he fell ill, gave up work to become a full-time carer, but now gets some respite with Taylor going to school.

Taylor said: "School is fun. I've got lots of friends and I try to do everything that they all do. There's nothing they do that I can't."

Mum and son live in an open-plan bungalow with disabled access in Ilkeston, Derbyshire.

Terri said: "It is incredible to think from that night in the hospital that we are here now with this incredible little boy who has such a zest for life. He really is my little superhero."

Real superhero... boy, 5, with no legs and hands who has braved 84 ops

Picture: TIM CLARKE



Superboy... Taylor, with mum Terri, above, doesn't let his disabilities hold him back



'Mortgage prisoner' fights to stay put

Picture: GETTY



HAPPY: There's no place like home

THE ONLY thing single woman Karen Osner wants is to be able to stay in the house she has lived in since childhood.

"To have to leave would break my heart," says Karen who has no immediate family but who is facing a financial time bomb that could end in her losing what she loves the most.

Her problem centres on the £160,000 interest-only home loan she took out 12 years ago.

She is one of tens of thousands who consider themselves "mortgage prisoners", affected by the stricter lending criteria brought in following the last financial crash to cut defaults, leaving some trapped in expensive deals unable to switch.

Others, like Karen, have been prevented from remortgaging.

Despite having an exemplary payment record, her self-employed

status and earnings assessed on income after tax, compounded by her age, 65, means she falls short of those stricter affordability rules now in place.

Karen's loan will reach its term in July. Her desire is to carry on as before with an extension, eventually using the equity or value in the property, currently worth 50 per cent more than what she owes, to pay off the loan when she does move or passes away.

"Since taking out the loan, one of those self-certified ones that are no longer available, my circumstances have changed," she explains.

"I had expected to be receiving a state pension by now, but I am one of the many women who lost thou-

sands of pounds when they raised the pension age. I was also carer for my mum who suffered with Alzheimer's disease.

"Now assessment is on my income after tax – and so is much less. It's a perfect storm."

It was only after asking her lender, the Bank of Scotland, part of Lloyds Banking Group, about extending for another five years that she realised there was a problem.

"With an extension, the terms for my obtaining equity release would improve and the value of my home is likely to increase so I would be in a much better position," she explains. However, the offer Karen has received is for a six-year mort-

gage on a part-repayment basis at a cost of £1,300 a month, double what she currently pays.

That prompted her to ask Crusader for our help.

"I just can't afford that," says Karen, "but with another solution we would all win. I could keep my home until I had more options and they would keep their customer."

Lloyds is now reviewing the matter. The regulator has altered rules to help "mortgage prisoners" move to a cheaper provider.

"However lenders are not compelled to use this option," advises David Hollingworth of broker L&C Mortgages.

"Although smaller lenders such as Beverley and Ipswich building societies have developed some more flexible options, it has yet to pick up momentum."

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By Paul Jeeves

A GREAT-GRANDMOTHER born during a leap year has celebrated turning 100 despite the fact it is only her 25 birthday.

Avid Daily Express reader Mary Purvis partied in style after the momentous occasion fell on February 29.

The grandmother of seven and great-grandmother of three usually celebrates her birthday on February 28.

Mary believes dancing, a glass of sherry every night before bed and good genetics are the secrets to longevity.

She worked as a seamstress through the Second World War before leaving to raise a family.

She only travelled abroad for the first time in her 80s.

Mary, who lives in independent accommodation, in South Shields, South Tyneside, said: "It's absolutely fantastic my 100th birthday has fallen on a leap year. Of all the birthdays to be able to celebrate on my actual

Mary at the age of 25



Leap year gran celebrates centenary on 25th birthday!

birth date, this is the best. My family have done a wonderful job, everyone has been incredible.

"I still can't believe I am 100. Health-wise I am fine, I just find it a bit harder to walk.

"When I turned 25 I was working in a factory during the Second World War.

"I would have loved to have joined the Forces then but my mum didn't want me to go as well as my brother."

The mother-of-three, whose husband

Richard, died 40 years ago aged 65, added: "I danced until

I was 95 years old but I

don't know what the secret to old age is.

"My brother lived to be 101, maybe it is genetics."

Mary's earliest memory is travelling over the High Level Bridge in Newcastle in a horse-drawn bus with her father and walking from school to watch King George V open the now iconic Tyne Bridge in 1928.

She said: "I read the Daily Express every day, Sunday as well. I have read it since I can remember.

"My husband Richard used to read it all the time."

Mary's daughter, Eileen Jobson, 73, a retired secretary from South Shields, said: "It is fantastic to see mum fit and well on her 100th birthday.

"But it is really strange to think that this is officially her 25th birthday."

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Mary celebrating with, from left, daughter Eileen Jobson and sons Davis and Colin Purvis

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WITH DISTINCTION

By **Chris Riches**

DELIGHTED PKU sufferers have hailed the Daily Express after we launched a crusade to secure them a life-changing drug.

Genetic condition phenylketonuria leaves sufferers struggling to break down phenylalanine (Phe) – an amino acid that comes from protein.

Phe is toxic to the brain at high levels. For this reason they must live on a severely restricted diet.

US firm BioMarin's drug Kuvan, which could help 600 UK sufferers lead a normal life, has been available in the UK for 11 years – but not on the NHS.

On Saturday we launched a new campaign to demand BioMarin and the NHS thrash out an immediate deal for the drug after talks failed over pricing.

And families at the annual National Society for Phenylketonuria conference in Ashford, Kent, rushed to snap up copies of the paper – and posted a video shouting, "Thank you Daily Express".

Siblings Holly and Callum Graham, of Godalming, Surrey, both have PKU and vowed to support our health justice crusade.

Callum, 26, said: "I'm so grateful



you are fighting with us. I hope this will help us get a solution at last."

PKU sufferer Heidi Sudworth, 38, came to the conference from Swindon with PKU-free five-year-old daughter Anya Jayne.

Heidi told us: "I've struggled with my PKU for my whole adult life. It's so hard to cope every day."

Kuvan, available here since 2008, reduces levels of Phe but has yet to be approved by NHS drugs appraiser, the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (Nice).

It costs around £45,000 a year per adult and around £4,000 for a child.

NHS England wants BioMarin to re-engage with the Nice process after the firm withdrew last October.

But BioMarin says the NHS wants an unrealistic 80 per cent discount.

BioMarin told us there is "no realistic probability" of getting a deal done while the NHS insists on the massive markdown.

The firm told the Daily Express: "BioMarin has offered the lowest tier of pricing in the world to NHS England – but the NHS does not recognise the burden and severity of phenylketonuria."

Thank you! Joy of PKU sufferers as we lead drug fight



My sad, desperate boy needs Kuvan

By **Chris Riches**

EVELINA Hudson used to work as a translator but had to give it up to care for seven-year-old Derren.

Derren was born with PKU but his non-identical twin brother George is PKU-free. The pair have a 10-year-old brother and a sister aged nine.

Frustrated Evelina, 43, said Kuvan would make a huge difference to the diet and mental health of Derren, who has to take foul-tasting synthetic protein supplements.

She said: "I cannot work because of the emotional needs and physical food care required by Derren."

"If he continues without Kuvan, I fear he will suffer mental health issues."

The single mum, from Sutton, south London, spends much of her day cooking separate meals for her family.

Evelina said: "His most common emotional state about food is hate and depression – already, at this young age."

"Kuvan would help Derren to finally enjoy food and feel good. It would bring some normality and I could feel I can return to work."

Fighting... Evelina with son Derren, who struggles with the condition. Right, families hold aloft copies of the Daily Express at the PKU conference



Ministers back our campaign

By **Chris Riches**

THE Department of Health and Social Care yesterday backed our battle for Kuvan – stressing they too want an NHS deal.

But they said the US firm must first re-engage with drug appraiser the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (Nice).

Nice was appraising Kuvan, below, for use on the NHS but BioMarin withdrew from the process last October, unhappy about proceedings.

A DHSC spokesman told us: "Thank you to the Daily Express for bringing this issue to the forefront with their new campaign."

"We understand how



distressing this condition is for those affected and their families.

"Nice began its process of evaluating the clinical effectiveness of Kuvan and whether it should be funded for NHS patients."

"Unfortunately, the manufacturer of Kuvan, BioMarin, has withdrawn from this process and Nice has had to suspend its appraisal."

"We urge BioMarin to re-engage so that patients can begin to benefit from this treatment as soon as possible."

Blue Peter trips caused my cancer, says Purves



Peter Purves has recovered

FORMER Blue Peter presenter Peter Purves has blamed trips to steamy exotic locations as part of the show for his six-year battle with an aggressive cancer.

The 81-year-old revealed that he had been diagnosed with melanoma, a type of skin cancer, in 2014. He suggested that sun exposure from his time in countries like Ivory Coast and Ethiopia were the cause.

The veteran TV host, who presented the BBC children's show from 1967 to 1978, said: "I travelled to 27 countries with Blue Peter in the 1960s and early 70s. We were going to places like

By **Steph Spyro**

Morocco on safari in a Land Rover. I went to Ivory Coast, to Ethiopia and Mexico at a time when very few people travelled."

He added that his TV travels came at a time when warnings about skin damage were rare.

"I would put oil on my skin and fried myself, which is probably why I eventually ended up with melanoma. I either fried it or I didn't protect my skin at all. It was just stupid," he said.

Speaking about his diagnosis, the father-of-two, who was given the all-clear eight months ago,

said: "My wife was very worried and I'm sure my children and my sister were. We all were, but I came through it."

"I think I'm in reasonably good nick for an old 'un."

Purves also spent 41 years as the Crufts dog show commentator before Channel 4 dropped him in December, a decision he criticised as "ageism".

Now cancer-free, he has been asked to return to Crufts this week to present the coveted Best in Show award.

He said: "I'm delighted because I love being at Crufts and meeting everyone."



Break your junk food addiction... today!

Picture: GETTY

IT'S well known that junk food is bad news – it's lacking in nutrition and high in empty calories that lead to poor health and weight gain.

However, a new report has found that the consequences of filling up on high-fat, sugary treats could be even more serious.

The study found that eating junk food actually damages the brain, causing memory problems and overrides the body's natural appetite control so you crave junk even more.

So it's never been more important to change your eating habits – but how do you do it?

Help is at hand from Allen Carr's team of psychologists – the experts behind successful books on how to quit negative habits such as phone addiction – who promise to set you free from binge-eating and emotional eating forever.

YOU'VE BEEN FAKING IT

Any feeling of comfort you've experienced from food is fake.

It's the result of prolonged periods of controlling your food intake followed by times of release where you relinquish control and get momentary relief from feelings.

It's a bit like wearing tight shoes, simply to experience the relief of taking them off.

With all addictions we are brainwashed into believing that our little fix is a source of pleasure or comfort.

We are deluded into thinking that happiness lies in the very thing that's causing us misery.

Once you've started using food in an attempt to deal with emotions, it is the addiction to sugar that hooks you.

When you eat, you feel a small boost, which partially relieves the insecure feeling, and your brain is fooled into believing that eating junk is providing comfort.

This is why you cannot find true happiness while you remain in the trap. When you're eating junk, you will wish you didn't have to.

When you can't eat it, you'll wish you could.

ARE YOU AN EMOTIONAL EATER?

Emotional eating is using food to relieve uncomfortable emotions such as anxiety, stress, loneliness and boredom. Most people have experienced the compulsion to comfort eat when they feel low, bored or under pressure but it can take over your life, causing a destructive cycle of eating, guilt, misery and more eating. People often make light of their desire for these comfort foods by claiming to be a chocoholic or addicted to carbs. But it's no joke, emotional eating is a form of addiction.

THERE IS NO JOY IN JUNK

We grow up believing that sugary foods taste delicious.

In truth, we don't savour these foods at all. We wolf them down because we want to get our fix as quickly as possible.

It's not genuine pleasure that drives us to eat these foods, it's the idea of pleasure.

We don't eat them for the taste, we eat them for the sugar and the effect it has on our brain and body.

Remember the last time you binged on biscuits or ice cream or chocolate.

Did you take your time, carefully tasting it, savouring every morsel? Or did you consume it in a frenzy?

Next time you eat a cake or chocolate bar, pay attention to the way you eat it.

Slow down, chew the food and be aware of the taste and feel of it in your mouth.

You will become increasingly aware that it's a dry lump of stodge.

Most junk food tastes of very

little at all but it's not the taste that keeps you coming back for more – it's the sugar addiction.

HOW TO BREAK FREE

The desire to eat junk comes from the Big Monster – this is the illusion that eating gives you pleasure or comfort.

The anxiety you feel when you can't eat junk is merely the Big Monster responding to the cries of the Little Monster to be fed.

But the Little Monster was created by eating junk in the first place. Therefore, eating junk does not relieve the anxiety, it causes it.

The key that will enable you to get free is the realisation that your days of slavery are over. You no longer need to be a slave to

Always tempted by sugary snacks?
Feel trapped by emotional eating?
The Allen Carr method – which has helped millions quit smoking – promises to set you free



SWEET NOTHINGS:
Break free from sugary snacks

food that does absolutely nothing for you. You won't miss it and you will enjoy life more.

You will be able to deal better with stress, plus you won't have to go through a terrible trauma in order to escape.

What's more, you can remind yourself of the marvellous truth.

Whereas someone who tries to quit with willpower will think, "I mustn't eat junk," or "I thought I'd beaten this craving," you'll be thinking "Great, I'm a happy, healthy eater. I'm free."

ESCAPE THE TRAP

There is no pleasure or comfort in emotional eating, but you've conditioned yourself to seek comfort from anxiety and stress by eating junk food.

This means that rather than dealing with the real cause of the misery, you use the temporary fix of emotional eating. This becomes a vicious circle of need, fix, withdrawal, need. And because you keep increasing the dose with more junk food, the highs become more short-lived and the lows more intense. It's time to make a change and escape the trap.

LIVE A FREE LIFE

Life becomes so much easier when you're not being dragged all over the place both physically and mentally by emotional eating. You will rediscover the

pleasure of meal times. Instead of being a source of guilt and self-loathing, the food you eat will be a genuine pleasure, leaving you feeling satisfied, energetic and happy.

Enjoy eating when you feel like it, rather than when the monsters drive you to it.

Enjoy the flavour and variety of nutritious foods.

Enjoy not feeling bloated or sluggish, caused by indigestible junk food, or the feeling of gluttony after bingeing uncontrollably.

Never doubt or question your decision to stop – you know it's the right one.

If the thought enters your head that life will be less enjoyable without junk food, just remember how miserable it felt to be in the grip of emotional eating.

● Extracted by **DEBBI MARCO** from Allen Carr's *Easy Way To Quit Emotional Eating* (£9.99, Arcturus). To order a copy call the Express Bookshop on 01872 562 310 or visit expressbookshop.com

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**LOOK
AFTER YOUR
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PART ONE**

The country is facing a health crisis. From heart disease to high cholesterol, millions of Brits are developing life-shortening conditions – often triggered by lifestyle choices. Our new series will help you reduce your risk and make vital changes – before it's too late. This week, **PAT HAGAN** takes a look at liver disease

MENTION liver disease to most people and one word nearly always springs to mind – alcohol. And there is no denying drinking to excess is a major cause of liver-related ill health, directly responsible for an estimated 6,000 deaths a year in England alone.

But there is another, much more insidious and much less obvious liver condition that, some experts fear, is fast becoming an epidemic.

Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease – or NAFLD – hardly rolls off the tongue.

It's not a catchy term, it doesn't enjoy a high public profile like cancer, heart disease or diabetes and few people outside medicine have ever heard of it.

Yet this hidden illness, combined with other causes of liver ailments (such as drinking more than the recommended 14 units a week and infections such as hepatitis), means liver disease is now the biggest killer of adults in their 30s and 40s, according to the British Liver Trust.

When singer George Michael passed away in 2016, the coroner's report listed fatty liver disease as one of the causes of death – it was arguably the first time many British people would have heard of the disease.

"We are facing a liver disease epidemic," says the charity's chief executive officer Pamela Healy.

"Thirty years ago, it was very rare for liver units to admit people in their 20s with liver cirrhosis (scarring of the liver) but now it is quite common for people this young to die from the disease.

"The liver is just as vital an organ as the heart but people often fail to appreciate the importance of keeping it healthy.

"There are also lots of myths surrounding it. For

example, many people believe you need to be an alcoholic to develop liver disease, whereas one in five of us are currently drinking at a level that puts our liver at risk.

"And many also fail to realise that being overweight is a major risk factor."

Experts fear liver disease – although mostly preventable – will overtake heart disease as the biggest cause of premature death in the

WHAT DOES THE LIVER DO?

THE LIVER is the largest solid organ in the body – the size of a rugby ball. Astonishingly, it is responsible for more than 500 key functions that help to keep the body in balance.

One of the most important is to break down food and convert it into energy. For example, when we eat carbohydrates, such as bread or potatoes, they get broken down into glucose and stored in the liver to be released when we need a burst of energy.

But it also fights infection, filters out toxins from the bloodstream and controls cholesterol levels.

Sudden liver failure kills up to 90 per cent of sufferers.

The deadly disease that can strike without warning

next few years. But why does carrying a few extra pounds around the middle have such a devastating effect on this vital organ?

After all, it's one of the body's most resilient parts – capable of substantial regeneration after injury or surgery.

The reason is that a healthy liver should contain little or no fat.

Yet poor diet and being overweight – not necessarily obese – means that up to one in three people in the UK is now in the early stages of NAFLD.

This means they have small amounts of fat in their liver which may not yet be causing them direct harm but, as those levels rise, will increase the risk of diabetes, high blood pressure and kidney complaints.

This build-up of fat initially causes no symptoms – most people get diagnosed during routine tests for something else.

Left unchecked, it turns into a more serious condition called non-alcohol steatohepatitis, or NASH, where the liver becomes inflamed. It's thought one in 20 people in the

UK – or around three million – have NASH.

Over time, this inflammation causes scar tissue around the liver and nearby blood vessels.

Yet sufferers may still have no idea because the liver – the remarkable organ that it is – is still able to function normally.

Often, it's only when things get to the most serious stage, cirrhosis, that the problems become clear.

Years of inflammation make the liver shrink and become lumpy and scarred.

By this stage, the damage is irreversible and the chances of liver failure (where it stops



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ARE YOU AT RISK OF FATTY LIVER?

Warning signs that your liver is in trouble include:

- Having an apple body shape, with lots of fat around the waist
- Being overweight
- Having type 2 diabetes
- High cholesterol
- Being aged over 50
- Smoking

THE EARLY WARNING SIGNS

NAFLD produces few, if any symptoms, but once liver disease starts to progress it can cause:

- A dull pain in the top right of the tummy
- Extreme fatigue
- Weakness
- Yellowing of the skin and whites of the eyes
- Itchy skin
- Swollen legs, ankles or feet
- Dark urine

HOW IS FATTY LIVER DIAGNOSED?

- Often by accident – through routine blood tests for something else
- Doctors will then quiz you on diet, lifestyle, alcohol intake and what medication you are already on
- An ultrasound check – or a test called a Fibroscan – is done to check the state of the liver
- Some patients also need a CT or MRI scan and possibly even a liver biopsy – where a tiny amount of liver tissue is removed for testing

KEY ORGAN: The liver fights infection, filters out toxins and controls our cholesterol levels

DOCTORS GAVE ME SIX MONTHS TO LIVE... SO I OVERHAULED MY LIFESTYLE

WHEN doctors told Deborah Watson she had non-alcoholic fatty liver disease, she was baffled. "I'd never heard of it," says Deborah, 39, from Sunderland.

"Yet I was told that if I did not completely change my lifestyle, I could be dead from liver failure within six months.

"And as soon as I mentioned it to people they assumed I had a drink problem. But apart from the occasional social tipple, I don't consume much alcohol at all."

Deborah, who is married to Alan, 46, had led an active lifestyle, enjoying walks and going to the gym, until her weight started to creep up in her mid-30s.

At 5ft 1½in, she reached her heaviest weight of 15st 7lb.

As her weight started to get her down, she stopped exercising and became depressed about her appearance.

"Alan and I got married in 2017 and on the honeymoon a stranger asked if I was pregnant," says Deborah. "That really hit a nerve."

A few weeks later, Alan insisted on taking her to a walk-in NHS clinic when he noticed the whites of her eyes had gone yellow.

"Within an hour I was on a ward undergoing all sorts of tests," says Deborah.

"Next day the consultant confirmed I had liver disease and if I didn't do something drastic, I might not be alive for long. It hit me really hard."

But it gave Deborah the incentive she needed. She started to eat more healthily and started walking, then running, on a regular basis.

In the last two years, she has run a half-marathon, numerous 10k events and has joined a local jogging group called the The Silky Striders, who meet every Wednesday in Silksworth, Sunderland.

"The effect was incredible – I lost 6st in a year," says Deborah.

"I have regular liver tests that show it is back to normal and I no longer have NAFLD.

"I want everyone else to know they can do something about it if they get a diagnosis of fatty liver disease.

"It was scary and I genuinely don't think I would be here if it wasn't for Alan, the love of my life, insisting I get help."



FITNESS: Deborah is now clear of liver disease

working properly) and liver cancer suddenly sky-rocket. It's precisely because this process can go largely unnoticed until it's too late that experts stress it's vital to make lifestyle changes long before that point.

"That five per cent who get NASH is expected to increase to seven per cent by 2030," says Professor Jonathan Fallowfield, head of liver research at the University of Edinburgh. "By and large most people don't know they have a fatty liver.

These are often people who are thin on the outside and fat on the inside. They tend to carry visceral fat that accumulates around the abdomen and rarely any symptoms other than fatigue."

Professor Fallowfield says although NAFLD is not booze-related, there is a major overlap with liver disease that is caused by alcohol. In

other words, people who have a poor diet and lifestyle are more likely to drink too much as well.

And while nobody dies from NAFLD itself, once it progresses to the more serious stage – NASH – around one in 12 patients die within seven years of their diagnosis.

He adds: "The best treatment for NAFLD is weight loss.

"You only have to lose about 10 per cent of your body weight to reverse it and possibly even reverse liver fibrosis too, boosting your quality of life.

"It's a condition that is very reversible. However, we know that about 85 per cent of people are unable to lose

and maintain even 10 per cent weight loss. They find it too difficult to adhere to. This explains why drug firms are currently very excited about a possible future role for drugs in treating NAFLD – although there's nothing available at the moment."

But experts agree the most immediate priority is to get the wider public to recognise that millions are at risk of hidden liver disease – even those who drink little or no alcohol.

As Pamela Healy from the British Liver Trust says: "It's vital that we alert people of all ages to the risk factors so they can make simple lifestyle changes which can really save lives."



**COMING TOMORROW:
THE SIMPLE STEPS TO
ENSURE YOUR LIVER
LASTS A LIFETIME**

Beauty news

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BOOTS has teamed up with the Hygiene Bank so shoppers can donate toiletries and cosmetics to people in need. Drop off points can be found in 25 Boots stores, and if successful, the scheme will be expanded. Visit [boots.com/the-hygiene-bank](https://www.boots.com/the-hygiene-bank) for more details.



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Q MY CAT is two years old and has started to eat a lot more than she used to, and is drinking a lot of water. Should I be worried?

A INCREASED appetite is often seen alongside increased thirst and urination. Common diseases that present with these signs include diabetes, hyperthyroidism and digestion problems.

However, I would not expect to see these in a young cat. It will be best if you see your vet just to be sure. There are some things you can do first that will help the vet.

I suggest you weigh her in kilograms and then check with your cat food supplier how much food is recommended each day. It may be that she is now eating a normal amount, albeit more than before.

If she is on dry food, or you recently changed brand, this may explain her increased appetite. Many cats can't get enough of their favourite food, hardly surprising as it is designed to be tasty.

Cats on dry food must have unlimited access to water. The recommended amount of food can seem too little so it's easy to overfeed. The instructions don't help, typically recommended helpings are between 80-115g per day for a 6kg cat. It is too easy just to fill the bowl. If she is losing weight book an appointment for a health check. Also take her food along with you so the vet can check she is getting the right amount.

Q MY DOG keeps being sick with frothy contents. Are there any warning signs of something more serious than a tummy upset?

A DOGS are susceptible to tummy upsets due to their tendency to scavenge, resulting in gastritis or gastroenteritis.

The frothy contents that you describe are from the stomach and diarrhoea will occur if there is intestinal involvement. Provided that food is withheld for 12 hours before resuming with a light diet, mild cases will get better very quickly without relapse.

My first warning sign that it's something more serious, is when a dog does not respond quickly to withholding food. The second warning sign is continued vomiting, on more than three occasions. Serious problems have some things in common. Dogs are obviously very ill and have no interest in food.

Extreme lethargy is often present, accompanied by abdominal pain and eventually collapse. Severe symptoms are often seen in unvaccinated dogs with parvovirus and are almost identical in dogs that have ingested foreign bodies such as stones or bones, which become stuck in the intestines.

Other serious conditions include liver and kidney failure, ingestion of toxins, pancreatitis, complications arising from diabetes and cancer. Many of the diseases above are curable when quickly diagnosed and treated.

● David Grant MBE was a vet at the RSPCA Harmsworth Hospital for Animals. Write to him at Daily Express, One Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5AP or email pamperedpets@express.co.uk He is unable to enter into individual correspondence.

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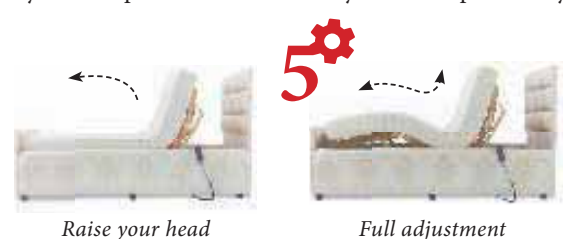
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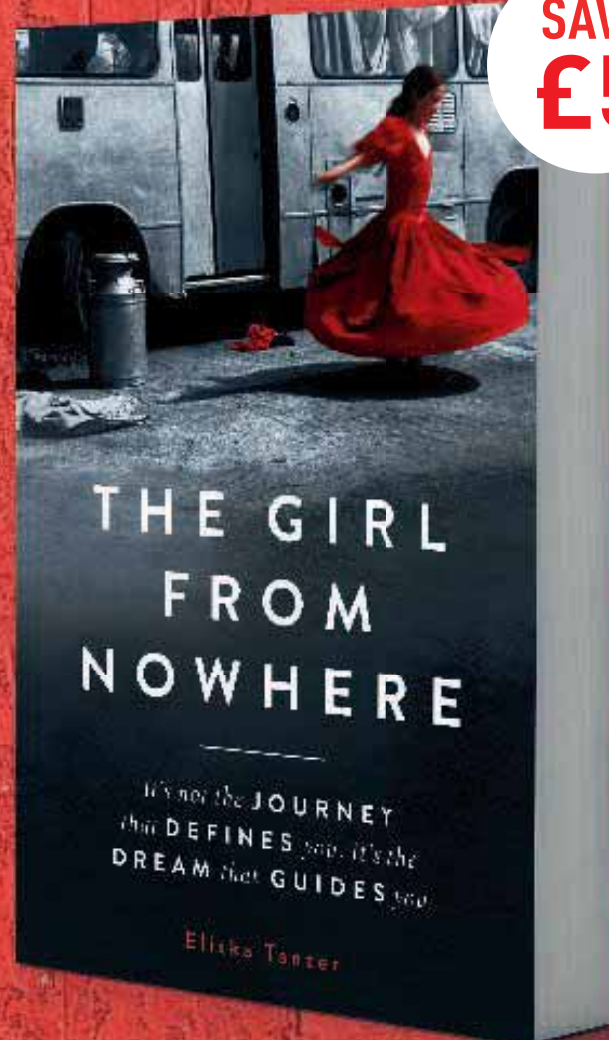
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Truthfully, I am gripped

IT'S taken a ridiculously long time – two and a half years, to be precise – but ITV drama **LIAR** is finally back tonight (9pm) for its second series. It's the one that began, you may recall, with Joanne Froggatt's Laura – a teacher and newly single – going on a date with Ioan Gruffudd's Andrew, a smooth-talking surgeon, then afterwards insisting she'd been drugged and raped.

At first it wasn't obvious which of them was telling the truth (hence the title).

The writers had made Andrew's denials sound chillingly convincing. Even when we did find out, it took



Mike Ward previews tonight's TV

a while to realise just what a monster he was. Laura, it transpired, was merely his latest victim.

Tonight we pick up the story three weeks after Andrew's body is found in the Kent marshes, his throat cut.

Put in charge of the case are Katherine Kelly's DI Karen Renton

and Danny Webb's DS Rory Maxwell. But it turns out they're not allowed simply to go: "Oh, well, good riddance to bad rubbish".

Instead, they're professionally obliged to find his killer.

For Laura, then, fresh hell awaits.

There's new drama for daytime, too, with the return of Jimmy McGovern's **MOVING ON** (BBC1, 2.15pm).

Conveniently, each of these new stories is once again a stand-alone affair (it makes life so much easier than having to remember who the heck all these characters are), starting with the tale of a chap just out of prison.

Things are at last looking up, it seems, for Joe (Tom McKay) when he befriends single mum Lisa (Angel Coulby).

Trouble is, he's neglected to tell her about the tag he has to wear.

That, plus his 7pm curfew.

Elsewhere, **THE SPLIT** (BBC1, 9pm) pops up a day earlier than usual (helping clear space in tomorrow night's schedules for the Chelsea vs Liverpool FA Cup tie, hope it's worth it).

And what a fun-packed episode it is, the drama cranking up several gears after Nathan decides to take a peep at wife Hannah's phone.

He's curious, as indeed he should

be, as to the content of a voicemail that's been left for her.

And Hannah, despite being a super-sharp legal mind, seemingly isn't quite super-sharp enough to think: "Hmm, that's a message from my lover and therefore likely to be rather incriminating, probably best I don't now leave my mobile in my jacket on the bed, slap bang in front of my already suspicious husband, while I nip to the bathroom to freshen up..." (I mean, honestly, what on earth is the matter with these people?).

The upshot being that her secret is suddenly not so secret any more. And Nathan gets jolly cross.

PICKS OF THE DAY



Documentary: Prison, C4, 9pm

HMP Foston Hall, nestled in a small Derbyshire village, has more than 300 women incarcerated there – many of them mothers. Their offences may differ vastly in terms of severity but staff believe that maintaining family contact is vital to reduce reoffending. Two inmates offer us an insight into the thought process of these caged women. Kelly challenges the family court to renew contact with her young boys, while Lexi (left) is trying to figure out how to tell her young son why she is in jail, as now he is getting older he has started to ask her questions about it. Sadly this is the third and final part of the mini-series but the Channel 4 team behind it deserve credit for their handling of a variety of issues.



Food: Food Unwrapped, C4, 8.30pm

There are few nuts in the world that are as beneficial to the human body as the walnut. Dr Helen Lawal (left) wants to find the secret behind perfectly shelled walnuts and that particular mission sees her heading to the sunny surroundings of California for tonight's show. Meanwhile, the less glamorous jobs this week fall to Andi Oliver – who is tasked with finding out how the cloud gets into the hazy beers that are so trendy currently – and Matt Tebbutt, asked to look into sour sweets!



Film: Die Hard 4.0, Film4, 9pm

John McClane was left in storage for 12 years after Die Hard With A Vengeance but he returned with the aforementioned vengeance in 2007 for Die Hard 4.0 and to great commercial success. Tough New York cop McClane is sent to escort a computer hacker to Washington for questioning but he stumbles on a criminal mastermind's plan to launch a terrorist attack. Action thriller sequel, with Bruce Willis (above).



Documentary: Warship: Life At Sea, Channel 5, 9pm

As Iranian forces take control of the British-flagged oil tanker Stena Impero and hold the crew hostage, HMS Duncan is ordered to the Persian Gulf. The captain is briefed by the captain of the Montrose – another Royal Navy ship in the region – who comes on board for a private intelligence update on Iran. After arriving in the Gulf, the Duncan escorts a tanker through the Strait of Hormuz.

Technology: Age Of The Image, BBC4, 9pm

It really is worth keeping a close eye on the BBC4 listings because there are some genuinely interesting shows hidden away on there on a midweek evening particularly. Here, art historian James Fox (right) explores how the power of images has transformed the modern world, beginning with the explosion of scientific and technological advances at the start of the 20th century that created some radical new ways of looking at the world. Fascinating viewing.



DID YOU KNOW? Joanne Froggatt was in a car crash when she was 16 and has a scar on her face from smashing the passenger window with her head. "If the car had rolled, I would have been dead," she says.

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BBC One	BBC Two	ITV	Channel 4	Channel 5
6.00 Breakfast Headlines. 9.15 Britain's Housing Scandal 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer From southeast London. (R) 11.00 Wanted Down Under (R) 11.45 [NEW] Saved on Camera Stories of bravery captured on phones, CCTV and dashcams, beginning with two boys who are rescued from a rising tide and saved by a total stranger. 12.15 Bargain Hunt Items at an antiques fair in Peterborough. 1.00 BBC News at One; Weather 1.30 BBC Local News; Weather 1.45 Doctors Daniel and Zara have fun trying to keep a secret, while a determined Bear makes his return. 2.15 [NEW] Jimmy McGovern's Moving On A man just released from prison neglects to tell his new girlfriend he is fitted with a tag and has a 7pm curfew. Drama, starring Tom McKay and Angel Coulby. 3.00 Escape to the Country 3.45 [NEW] Money for Nothing Sarah Moore visits Wallyford Recycling Centre in East Lothian. 4.30 [NEW] Steady Cook Rylan Clark-Neal hosts a revival of the culinary duel in which two chefs create a meal in 20 minutes. 5.15 Pointless Quiz show, hosted by Alexander Armstrong. (R) 6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather 6.30 BBC Local News; Weather	6.00 Flog It! From Blackburn. (R) 6.45 Bargain Hunt From Kent. (R) 7.30 Sign Zone: Best Home Cook The contestants produce an ultimate Sunday brunch. (R) 8.30 The Week in Parliament 9.00 BBC News at 9 Headlines. 10.00 Victoria Derbyshire 11.00 BBC Newsroom Live 12.15 Politics Live Updates. 1.00 Hardball Quiz show. (R) 1.45 Best House in Town (R) 2.30 Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip In Weymouth. (R) 3.00 Red Rock Paudge is enraged when he suspects Tony Doyle has been abusing Aoife Burke. (R) 3.45 The Great Interior Design Challenge Three hopefuls must transform a bedroom each in a modernist former leisure centre. (R) 4.45 Portillo's State Secrets Michael Portillo trawls through the National Archives. (R) 5.15 Flog It! In Dover Castle, Jonathan Pratt discovers a Lalique figure and James Lewis finds a collection of Chinese snuff bottles. 6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games Trivia-based quiz show. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys Michael Portillo sets off on the first leg of a journey across Northern Ireland to Argyll and Bute, beginning by travelling from Newry to Portadown. (R)	6.00 Good Morning Britain Sharon and Ozzy Osbourne invite Piers Morgan into their Los Angeles home to discuss their recent struggles and Ozzy's life-changing diagnosis of Parkinson's disease. 9.00 Lorraine Entertainment, lifestyle and fashion news. 10.00 This Morning A mix of celebrity chat and lifestyle features. 12.30 Loose Women Topical studio discussion from a female perspective. 1.30 ITV Lunchtime News 1.55 Local News; Weather 2.00 Judge Rinder Criminal barrister Robert Rinder takes on real-life cases in a studio courtroom. 3.00 Tenable Five friends from London with a shared love of music and dance tackle questions about top 10 lists, then try to score a perfect 10 in the final round. Hosted by Warwick Davis. (R) 4.00 Tipping Point Ben Shephard hosts the arcade-themed quiz in which contestants drop tokens down a choice of four chutes in the hope of winning a £10,000 jackpot. 5.00 The Chase Bradley Walsh asks the questions as contestants must work as a team to take on the ruthless quiz genius. 6.00 Local News; Weather 6.30 ITV Evening News; Weather	6.30 Cheers Double bill. (R) 7.25 The King of Queens (R) 8.10 Everybody Loves Raymond Double bill of the sitcom. (R) 9.10 Frasier Double bill. (R) 10.10 Undercover Boss Canada (R) 11.05 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA In California. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary 12.05 Find It, Fix It, Flog It (R) 1.05 Posh Pawn Documentary. (R) 2.10 Countdown Word game. 3.00 A Place in the Sun Husband and wife Steve and Dawn are searching for a holiday home in Mijas, southeastern Spain. (R) 4.00 A New Life in the Sun: Where Are They Now? Catching up with the owners of a unique B&B in rural France, and revisiting a dive centre as its managers attempt to attract more customers. 5.00 Come Dine with Me Four contestants from the Liverpool area compete to win the cash prize. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons Homer wakes up to find he and the world around him are made of Lego. It seems like a great existence – but he cannot quite shake the feeling that something is not right. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks Warren is on the warpath after Liam's latest stunt. Meanwhile, Darren is starting to feel defined by his failures, and Diane struggles to keep a secret. (R)	6.00 Milkshake! Children's shows. 9.15 Jeremy Vine Talk show. 11.15 Paddington Station 24/7 A lorry rips the safety barriers off a level crossing. (R) 12.10 5 News at Lunchtime 12.15 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords The story of Lesley and Mark Irwin, who fell foul of a single mother and confidence trickster. (R) 1.10 Access Showbiz news. 1.15 Home and Away See 6.00pm. 1.45 Neighbours See 5.30pm. 2.15 [FILM] Famous and Fatal (2019/PG) Premiere. After saving 10-year-old Jack from an attempted kidnapping, Casey Wright is hired as a home-school teacher by the boy's celebrity father Sam Austin, but she soon becomes the target of the star's crazed stalker. Thriller, starring Sarah Roemer and Jon Prescott. ★★★ 4.00 Friends Double bill. (R) 5.00 5 News at 5 Headlines. 5.30 Neighbours Finn struggles to subdue his anger about the Mardi Gras party, and Terese's plan to promote the Wedding Expo has unforeseen consequences. (R) 6.00 Home and Away Ryder needs to convince Colby of his innocence, but Jade has stacked things against him, and the news that his former colleague Lance has been murdered spurs Robbo into action. (R) 6.30 5 News Tonight Headlines.
 THIS COUNTRY: An infamous Mucklowe family member returns to the village, 10.35pm	 MURDER 24/7: The Police investigate a double stabbing in Colchester's homeless community, 9pm	 LIAR: Joanne Froggatt reprises her role as Laura, who, once again, finds herself drawn into Andrew's destructive path, 9pm	 PRISON: Lexi struggles with admitting the truth to her son, 9pm	 NEIGHBOURS: Terese's plan to promote the Wedding Expo has unforeseen consequences, 5.30pm
7 PM	7.00 The One Show Presented by Alex Jones and Matt Baker. 7.30 Coronavirus: Everything You Need to Know A panel of experts and reporters around the world answer questions on the coronavirus outbreak, including latest health advice.	7.00 Coastal Path Paul Rose explores the north Cornish coast, touring Tintagel Castle and visiting St Ives. (R) 7.30 Mastermind Specialist subjects include the life and works of John Lennon and the Back to the Future trilogy.	7.00 Channel 4 News The latest headlines, in-depth interviews and analysis of topical political developments and current affairs. Plus, a look at the day's leading sports stories as well as up-to-the-minute weather reports.	7.00 Premiership Rugby Highlights Action from the 12th round of fixtures, including Harlequins v Exeter Chiefs, Bath v Bristol Bears, Gloucester v Sale Sharks, and London Irish v Wasps; 5 News Update. Headlines.
8 PM	8.00 EastEnders Keegan and Tiffany have a run-in with a burglar at their flat, and Suki's lies come close to unravelling. 8.30 Spying on the Scammers – Panorama Journalist Rajini Vaidyanathan reports on criminal call centres in India.	8.00 Only Connect Victoria Coren Mitchell hosts, as the Orwellians take on the Turophiles in the quarter-final. 8.30 University Challenge Jeremy Paxman asks the questions in the sixth of the quarter-final matches.	8.00 [NEW] St Davids – Britain's Smallest City The busiest tourist season in the Pembrokeshire city's history. 8.30 Coronation Street Adam and Sarah prepare to tie the knot, and Yasmeen's absence sends Geoff into a panic.	8.00 Starbucks & Nespresso: The Truth About Your Coffee – Dispatches A report on children picking coffee beans used by two major brands. 8.30 Food Unwrapped Matt Tebbutt hopes to discover what makes sweets sour.
9 PM	9.00 The Split Secrets come out and lies unravel as Hannah deals with the fallout from her anniversary Party, while the Noble Hale Defoe team attends a prestigious awards ceremony, where Ruth is given a lifetime achievement award.	9.00 Murder 24/7 The police investigate a double stabbing in Colchester's homeless community that leaves one victim dead and the other seriously injured. Detectives search for witnesses, but people are reluctant to talk.	9.00 [NEW] Liar Three weeks after his disappearance, Andrew's body is found on the Kent marshes and it's declared he was murdered, leaving Laura once again drawn into his destructive path. Thriller, starring Joanne Froggatt.	9.00 Prison The concluding edition explores the emotionally charged difficulties of being a mother in prison. Featuring Lexi who is trying to figure out how to tell her young son why she is in jail as now he is getting older he has started to ask questions.
10 PM	10.00 BBC News at Ten 10.25 BBC Local News 10.35 This Country An infamous Mucklowe family member returns to the village, causing Kerry to re-evaluate her living arrangements, and Kurtan helps Len get back on his feet.	10.00 Inside No 9 Seven disparate characters share their stories with a camera, their fates inevitably and unknowingly set for a head-on collision. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather Analysis of the day's events, presented by Emily Maitlis.	10.00 ITV News at Ten 10.35 Local News; Weather 10.45 Tyson Fury: The Gypsy King The opening instalment in a three-part documentary following the boxer as he prepares for his rematch with Deontay Wilder. (R)	10.00 Baghdad Central Zubeida Rashid offers to help Khafaji find Sawsan, but when they discover her supposed whereabouts it appears that she has fled. Meanwhile, a murder in the Green Zone wrecks Parodi's investigation.
11 PM	11.05 Young, Welsh and Pretty Minted Gonth makes a new friend who shares his passion for fast cars. 11.35 Live at the Apollo Jon Richardson introduces stand-up routines by Sara Pascoe and Nathan Caton. (R)	11.15 Hospital An 81-year-old has been left with a hole in his heart after suffering a heart attack, and faces a complex procedure that carries a high mortality rate, and a 28-year-old who suffers from a congenital heart disease. (R)	11.05 Emergency Helicopter Medics An appearance at a charity event in Suffolk is cut short by an emergency, a worker at a wind farm suffers a cardiac arrest, and Stephen breaks his thigh while off-road motorbiking in the Pennines. (R)	11.05 [FILM] Run All Night (2015/15) A disillusioned hitman turns against the crime family he works for to protect his estranged son from assassination. Action thriller, starring Liam Neeson, Ed Harris and Joel Kinnaman. ★★★
12 midnight	12.20am A Question of Sport With England striker Ellen White, Great Britain 400m runner Perri Shakes-Drayton, former Everton midfielder Leon Osman and Grand National-winning jockey Mick Fitzgerald. (R) 12.50 Weather for the Week Ahead 12.55-6.00am BBC News. The day's headlines	12.15am Sign Zone: The Farmers' Country Showdown First-time farmers Paige and Kingsley show their sheep at the Isle of Wight show. (R) 1.00 Countryfile. The team visits the annual snowdrop festival in Shaftesbury, Dorset. (R) 2.00 Secrets of the Museum (R) 3.00-6.30am This Is BBC Two	12.35am Teleshopping 3.00 James Martin's French Adventure. The chef visits the port of Marseille, where the fishermen are selling fresh seafood from their boats, and buys sea bass for an outdoor cook on the waterside. (R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen 5.05-6.00am Judge Rinder. Real-life cases. (R)	12.00m't Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA Trobiano's in Great Neck, New York. (R) 12.55 Hunted (R) 1.50 The Supertvet. A Bengal cat with a broken back. (R) 2.45 Liberty (R) 3.55 Come Dine with Me (R) 4.50 Location, Location, Location (R) 5.50-6.30am Countdown (R)

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1.00 **Top Gear** With Hugh Grant.
2.00 **Border Force: America's Gatekeepers** Documentary.
3.00 **Sin City Motors** Motoring.
4.00 **Top Gear USA Special**
5.00 **Top Gear** With Simon Pegg.
6.00 **Taskmaster** Gameshow.
7.00 **Room 101** Double bill.
8.20 **Have I Got A Bit More Old News** For You Quiz show.
9.20 **QI** Comedy panel game.
10.00 **The Misadventures Of Romesh Ranganathan**
11.00 **Meet The Richards**
11.40 **Mock The Week** Quiz show.
12.20 **Taskmaster** 1.20 Jon Richardson: Ultimate Worrier
2.25 As 10pm **3.15** Zapped
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Drama

6.00 **Teleshopping** Buying goods.
7.10 **Soldier, Soldier** Drama.
9.00 **The Bill** Police drama.
10.00 **Classic Holby City** Drama.
11.00 **Classic Casualty** Drama.
12.00 **The Bill** Police drama.
1.00 **Classic EastEnders** Soap.
2.20 **London's Burning** Drama.
3.20 **Monarch Of The Glen**
4.20 **Bergerac** Detective drama.
5.20 **Bread** Carla Lane's comedy.
6.00 **Hi-de-Hi!** Classic comedy.
6.40 **As Time Goes By** Sitcom.
7.20 **Last Of The Summer Wine**
8.00 **Dalziel & Pascoe** The detective duo hunt for a child killer.
10.00 **New Tricks** The team reopens a 17-year-old murder case.
11.15 **Waking The Dead** DS Boyd investigates whether a woman who confessed to the murder of her husband could be innocent.
1.40 **The Bill** 2.40 London's Burning. Drama with the Blue Watch team. **4.00-6.00** Shopping

Gold

6.00 **Teleshopping** Buying goods.
7.25 **You Rang, M'Lord?** Sitcom.
8.20 **The Good Life** Comedy.
9.00 **Porridge** Prison comedy.
9.40 **Hi-de-Hi!** Classic comedy.
10.20 **Last Of The Summer Wine**
12.20 **Keeping Up Appearances**
1.00 **Porridge** Prison comedy.
1.40 **Hi-de-Hi!** Classic comedy.
2.20 **The Good Life** Sitcom.
3.00 **Keeping Up Appearances**
3.35 **Dad's Army** War comedy.
4.20 **Last Of The Summer Wine**
6.20 **The Good Life** Sitcom.
7.00 **Porridge** Fletcher yearns for a bit of peace and quiet.
7.40 **Dad's Army** Triple bill.
9.40 **Live At The Apollo** Stand-up.
10.40 **Peep Show** Double bill.
11.40 **Upstart Crow** Sitcom.
12.20 **Black Books** 12.55 Black Books 1.30 Black Books 2.00 Peep Show 2.25 Live At The Apollo 3.15 Harry Hill's TV Burp
4.00-6.00 Home Shopping

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6.00 **Ronnie Kray And The Pervert Peer** Documentary.
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8.00 **Chris Tarrant: Extreme Railway Journeys** From Cuba.
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RADIO 3

FM: 90.2-92.4 MHz

6.30 Breakfast. **9.00** Essential Classics. **12.00** Composer Of The Week: Price. **1.00** Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. **2.00** Afternoon Concert. **4.30** Early Music Now. **5.00** In Tune. **7.00** In Tune Mixtape. **7.30** Radio 3 In Concert. **10.00** Music Matters. **10.45** The Essay: Women Writers To Put Back On The Bookshelf. **11.00** Night Tracks. Late music. **12.30-6.30** Through The Night.

RADIO 4

FM: 92.4-94.6 MHz LW: 198 kHz

5.30 News Briefing. **5.43** Prayer For The Day. **5.45** Farming Today. **5.58** Tweet Of The Day. **6.00** Today. **9.00** Start the Week. **9.45** (LW) Daily Service. **9.45** (FM) Book of the Week: Guest House For Young Widows. **10.00** Woman's Hour. **11.00** Out Of The Ordinary. **11.30** Loose Ends. **12.00** News. **12.01** (LW) Shipping Forecast. **12.04** Apeirogon. **12.18** You And Yours. **1.00** The World At One. **1.45** The Californian Century. **2.00** The Archers. **2.15** Drama: This Thing Of Darkness. **3.00** Round Britain Quiz. **3.30** Food Programme. **4.00** OK, Boomer! **4.30** The Digital Human. **5.00** PM. **5.54** (LW) Shipping. **6.00** Six O'Clock News. **6.30** Nature Table. **7.00** The Archers. **7.15** Front Row. **7.45** The Book Of Strange New Things. **8.00** Class Talk. **8.30** Analysis. **9.00** Peach Fuzz. **9.30** Start the Week. **10.00** The World Tonight. **10.45** Book at Bedtime: Apeirogon. **11.00** Night Vision. **11.30** Today In Parliament. **12.00** News; Weather. **12.30** Book of the Week: Guest House For Young Widows. **12.48** Shipping Forecast. **1.00** As BBC World Service. **5.20-5.30** Shipping Forecast.

RADIO 5 LIVE

MW: 909, 693 kHz

5.00 Morning Reports. **5.15** Wake Up To Money. **6.00** 5 Live Breakfast. **9.00** Your Call. **10.00** The Emma Barnett Show. **1.00** Nihal Arthanayake. **4.00** 5 Live Drive. **7.00** 5 Live Sport. **7.45** 5 Live Sport: FA Cup Football 2019-20. **10.30** Geoff Lloyd. **1.00-5.00** Up All Night. Global stories.

talkSPORT

MW: 1053, 1089, 1071, 1107 kHz

5.00 Early Breakfast. **6.00** The Alan Brazil Sports Breakfast. **10.00** White And Sawyer. **1.00** Hawksbee And Jacobs. **4.00** Adrian Durham And Darren Gough. **7.00** The PressBox. **10.00** Sports Bar. **1.00-5.00** Extra Time With Paul Ross.

BBC WORLD SERVICE

on digital only

5.00 News. **5.06** The Newsroom. **5.30** CrowdScience. **6.00** Newsday. **8.30** Business Daily. **8.50** Witness History. **9.00** News.

Variations

BBC One Variations WALES: 7.30-8.00 X-Ray
8.30 Flooded Out Of My Home **9.00-10.00** Hidden
10.35 The Split **11.35** Spying On The Scammers
 – Panorama **12.05** This Country **12.35** Live At The Apollo: With Jon Richardson, Sara Pascoe and Nathan Caton. **1.20-6.00** BBC News
BBC Two Variations WALES: 11.15 New Voices From Wales: New series. The world of undefeated Welsh MMA fighter Oban Elliott. **11.30** Rugby Union: PRO14 Highlights **12.30-1.00** Coast
ITV Variations ITV WALES: 8.00-8.30 Wales This Week **10.45** Sharp End **11.15** St Davids – Britain's Smallest City **11.45-12.35** Tyson Fury: Gypsy King **S4C 6.00** Cyw **12.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **12.05** Ysgol Ddawns Anti Karen **12.30** Heno **1.30** Nyrsys **2.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **2.05** Prynhawn Da **3.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **3.05** Ysgol Ni: Maesincia **4.00** Awr Fawr: Timpo **4.10** Awr Fawr: Nos Da Cyw **4.15** Awr Fawr: Do Re Mi Dona **4.30** Awr Fawr: Digbi Draig **4.45** Awr Fawr: Cacamwnci **5.00** Stwnsh: Pat A Stan **5.05** Stwnsh: Mwy O Stwnsh Sadwrn **5.25** Stwnsh: Sgorio **5.50** Stwnsh: Ffeil **6.00** Cerys Matthews A'r Goeden Faled **6.30** Heno **7.30** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **8.00** Pobol Y Cwm: Ffion telus Gaynor that she is pregnant. **8.25** Dan Do: Aled Samuel and Mandy Watkins visit three more homes. Last in series. **8.55** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **9.00** Ffermio **9.30** Ein Byd: Cocen: Sion Jenkins follows a young woman through drug rehab. **10.00-11.45** Clwb Rygbi: Edinburgh v Cardiff Blues.

Radio Choice

Start the Week Radio 4, 9am

Dame Hilary Mantel has twice been awarded the Booker Prize, the first for her 2009 novel Wolf Hall, a fictional account of Thomas Cromwell's rise to power in the court of Henry VIII, and the second for the 2012 sequel Bring

Up the Bodies. Here, in a special edition of the programme, Mantel talks to Andrew Marr about The Mirror and The Light, the final book in her Cromwell trilogy. The novel reveals a 16th-century England beset by rebellion at home, traitors abroad and Henry VIII desperate for a male heir.

9.06 The Inquiry. **9.30** Boston Calling. **10.00** World Update. **11.00** The Newsroom. **11.30** The Conversation. **12.00** News. **12.06** Outlook. **1.00** The Newsroom. **1.30** The Why Factor. **1.50** More Or Less. **2.30** Newshour. **3.00** News. **3.06** HARDtalk. **3.30** World Business Report. **4.00** BBC OS. **6.00** News. **6.06** Outlook. **7.00** News. **7.06** The Newsroom. **7.30** Sport Today. **8.00** News. **8.06** HARDtalk. **8.30** Discovery.

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CLASSIC FM

FM: 100-102 MHz

6.00 More Music Breakfast. **9.00** John Suchet. **1.00** Anne-Marie Minhall. **5.00** Classic FM Drive. **7.00** Smooth Classics At Seven. **8.00** The Full Works Concert. **10.00** Smooth Classics. With Margherita Taylor. **1.00-6.00** Sam Pittis.

ABSOLUTE RADIO

MW: 1215, 1197, 1242 kHz

6.00 Bush And Richie. **10.00** Leona Graham. **1.00** Sarah Champion. **4.00** Ben Burrell. **7.00** Danielle Perry. **10.00** Jay Lawrence. **1.00-6.00** Chris Martin.

RADIO WALES

MW: 882, 657 kHz FM: 93.9-95.9, 103.7-103.9 MHz

6.00 Radio Wales Breakfast. **8.30** Jason Mohammad. **11.03** Wynne Evans. **2.03** Eleri Sion. **5.00** Gareth Lewis. **6.30** Live From Aberystwyth Pier. **7.00** Janice Long. **10.00** Chris Needs. **1.00-5.30** As BBC World Service.

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FILMS

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

Sky 301

6.00am **The 2020 Top Ten Show 6.15 UFO (2018) (12)** Sci-fi action thriller, starring Gillian Anderson. **8.00 Tell It To The Bees (2018) (15)** Drama, starring Holliday Grainger. **10.00 Hot Air (2018) (15)** Drama, starring Steve Coogan. **Noon The 2020 Top Ten Show 12.15 Godzilla: King Of The Monsters (2019) (12)** Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Vera Farmiga. **2.30 Killers Anonymous (2019) (15)** Crime mystery thriller, starring Gary Oldman. **4.15 American Woman (2018) (15)** Drama, starring Sienna Miller and Christina Hendricks. **6.15 UFO (2018) (12)** Sci-fi action thriller, starring Gillian Anderson. **8.00 Godzilla: King Of The Monsters (2019) (12)** Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Vera Farmiga. **10.15 Mapplethorpe (2018) (18)** Premiere. Biopic of the controversial photographer Robert Mapplethorpe, which traces his rise to fame in the 1970s through to his death in the late 80s. Starring Matt Smith. **12.10am Killers Anonymous (2019) (15)** Crime mystery thriller, starring Gary Oldman. **1.55 Extracurricular (2018) (18)** Thriller, starring Keenan Tracey. **3.35 Tell It To The Bees (2018) (15)** Drama, starring Holliday Grainger. **5.30 The Hurricane Heist: The Eye Of The Storm**

SKY CINEMA COMEDY

Sky 308

7.05am We're The Millers (2013) (15) Starring Jason Sudeikis. **9.00 Last Vegas (2013) (12)** Starring Michael Douglas. **10.50 All About Steve (2009) (12)** Starring Sandra Bullock. **12.35pm Little Monsters (2019) (15)** With Lupita Nyong'o. **2.15 We're The Millers (2013) (15)** With Jason Sudeikis. **4.10 Last Vegas (2013) (12)** With Michael Douglas. **6.00 Trading Places (1983) (15)** With Dan Aykroyd. **8.00 Identity Thief (2013) (15)** With Jason Bateman. **9.55 Little Monsters (2019) (15)** Horror-comedy, starring Lupita Nyong'o. **11.35 All About Steve (2009) (12)** Romantic comedy, starring Sandra Bullock. **1.15 Dirty Dogs (2018) (18)** Starring Guillaume Canet. **3.20 Trading Places (1983) (15)** Starring Dan Aykroyd. **5.20 Our Man Flint (1966) (PG)** Starring James Coburn.

SKY CINEMA ACTION

Sky 307

6.00am Ghost Rider (2007) (12) Starring Nicolas Cage. **8.00 Gunfight At The OK Corral (1957) (PG)** With Burt Lancaster. **10.15 The 2020 Top Ten Show 10.30 Hotel Artemis (2018) (15)** With Jodie Foster. **12.15pm Mortal Engines (2018) (12)** Starring Hera Hilmar. **2.30 Escape**

TODAY'S CHOICE

MAPPLETHORPE ★★★★★

Sky Cinema Premiere, 10.15pm

He may be best known as the 11th incarnation of the Time Lord in Doctor Who, but Matt Smith has played his fair share of real-life characters over the years, from Christopher Isherwood to Charles Manson.

Shortly before tackling the latter, he took on the title role in this biopic about Robert Mapplethorpe, charting the controversial photographer's rise to fame in the 1970s to his death in 1989 at the age of 42.

Marianne Rendón co-stars as his ex-girlfriend and muse, influential singer-songwriter Patti Smith.

Sarah Morgan



Plan 3 (2019) (15) With Sylvester Stallone. **4.15 Ghost Rider (2007) (12)** With Nicolas Cage. **6.15 Hotel Artemis (2018) (15)** Starring Jodie Foster. **8.00 Mortal Engines (2018) (12)** Fantasy adventure, starring Hera Hilmar and Hugo Weaving. **10.15 Escape Plan 3 (2019) (15)** With Sylvester Stallone. **Midnight Red Heat (1988) (18)** With Arnold Schwarzenegger. **2.00 The Last Warrior (2018) (18)** Starring Aleksey Faddeev. **3.50 Gunfight At The OK Corral (1957) (PG)** Starring Burt Lancaster.

SKY CINEMA KIDS BOOKS

Sky 306

6.00am Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs (2009) (U) Animated comedy, with the voice of Bill Hader. **7.35 Matilda (1996) (PG)** Children's fantasy comedy, starring Mara Wilson. **9.15 Goosebumps 2 (2018) (PG)** Comedy sequel, starring Madison Iseman. **10.50 Harry Potter And The Philosopher's Stone (2001) (PG)** Fantasy adventure, starring Daniel Radcliffe. **1.25pm The Little Vampire (2017) (U)** Animated adventure, with the voice of Rasmus Hardiker. **3.05 Sinbad: Legend Of The Seven Seas (2003) (U)** Animated adventure, with the voice of Brad Pitt. **4.40 Matilda (1996) (PG)** Children's fantasy comedy, starring Mara Wilson. **6.25 Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs (2009) (U)** Animated comedy, with

the voice of Bill Hader. **8.00 Harry Potter And The Philosopher's Stone (2001) (PG)** Fantasy adventure, starring Daniel Radcliffe and Alan Rickman. **10.40 Goosebumps 2 (2018) (PG)** Comedy sequel, starring Madison Iseman. **12.20am The Little Vampire (2017) (U)** Animated adventure, with the voice of Rasmus Hardiker. **2.05 Sinbad: Legend Of The Seven Seas (2003) (U)** Animated adventure, with the voice of Brad Pitt. **3.50 Percy Jackson & The Lightning Thief (2010) (PG)** Fantasy adventure, starring Logan Lerman.

SKY CINEMA WOMEN IN FILM

Sky 310

6.10am Being Frank (2018) (15) With Anna Gunn. **8.15 Motherhood (2019) (15)** With Christina Hendricks. **9.55 Where Hands Touch (2018) (12)** Starring Abbie Cornish. **12.10pm Galveston (2018) (15)** With Ben Foster. **2.00 Step Up (2006) (PG)** With Channing Tatum. **3.55 Eternal Love (2018) (15)** With Jeremy Allen White. **5.45 Berlin, I Love You (2019) (15)** With Keira Knightley. **8.00 Mary Queen Of Scots (2018) (15)** With Saoirse Ronan. **10.10 Zero Dark Thirty (2012) (15)** Starring Jessica Chastain. **12.50am Being Frank (2018) (15)** Starring Anna Gunn. **2.50 Motherhood (2019) (15)** With Christina Hendricks. **4.20 Step Up (2006) (PG)** Starring Channing Tatum.

ENTERTAINMENT

ITV2

Freeview 6 - Sky 118

7.00am Ellen DeGeneres **7.50** Emmerdale **8.20** Coronation Street **9.20** Superstore **10.15** Dinner Date **11.15** Dress To Impress **12.15pm** Emmerdale **12.45** Coronation Street **1.50** Ellen DeGeneres **2.45** Dinner Date **3.50** Dress To Impress **4.50** Take Me Out **6.00** You've Been Framed! Gold **8.00** Two And A Half Men **9.00** Family Guy **9.30** American Dad! **10.00** The Stand Up Sketch Show **10.30** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **11.55** The Cleveland Show **12.25am** Two And A Half Men **1.25** Hey Tracey! **2.05** Plebs **3.05** Bonkers Guinness World Records

ITV3

Freeview 10 - Sky 119

6.00am Classic Coronation Street **6.55** Classic Emmerdale **7.55** Heartbeat **8.55** The Darling Buds Of May **10.00** That's My Boy **10.30** Inspector Morse **12.40pm** Heartbeat **1.45** Classic Emmerdale **2.50** Classic Coronation Street **3.55** Midsomer Murders **6.00** Heartbeat **7.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** Endeavour **10.00** Scott & Bailey **11.00** Inspector Morse **3.10am** Nightscreen

ITV4

Freeview 24 - Sky 120

6.00am Quincy ME **6.50** Kojak **7.50** The Saint **8.55** Minder **10.05** The Professionals **11.10** The Sweeney **12.15pm** Quincy ME **1.20** Kojak **2.20** The Saint **3.30** Minder **4.30** The Professionals **5.55** The Sweeney **6.45** Film: Goldfinger (1964) (PG) **9.00** Giant Lobster Hunters **10.00** Film: Cop Land **10.57** (18) **12.05am** Car Crash Global: Caught On Camera **1.05** The Contender **2.20** Auto Mundial **2.50** Nightscreen

5STAR

Freeview 30 - Sky 128

8.00am 3rd Rock From The Sun **8.20** House **10.05** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords **12.05pm** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! **1.00** Can't Pay Special: Secrets & Lies **2.00** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! **3.00** Neighbours **3.30** Home And Away **4.00** House **6.00** Neighbours **6.30** Home And Away **7.00** Benefits Britain: Life On The Dole **8.00** Filthy House SOS **9.00** Maternity Ward **10.00** The Nightmarer Neighbour Next Door **11.00** Film: Scary Movie 4 (2006) (15) **12.35am** Caught On Camera: Funniest Moments **1.40** Riverdale **3.25** Two And A Half Men **3.50** Access **4.00** Teleshopping

SUSA

Freeview 21 - Sky 141

9.05am Criminals: Caught On Camera **9.30** CSI: NY **11.10** The Mysteries of Laura **12.10pm** Law & Order **8.00** NCIS: New Orleans. A corporal is killed. **9.00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent **10.00** Law & Order: SVU **1.55am** Law & Order: LA **3.50** Access

SKY ONE

Sky 106

6.00am Monkey Life **7.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue **8.00** The Dog Whisperer **9.00** Stop, Search, Seize **10.00** Brit Cops: Law & Disorder **11.00** NCIS: LA **1.00pm** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** MacGyver **4.00** Modern Family **5.00** The Simpsons **5.30** Futurama **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Film: Men In Black II (2002) (PG) **10.00** A League of Their Own **11.00** Avenue 5 **11.35** Strike Back: Vendetta **12.35am** Flintoff: Lord of the Fries **1.30** Road Wars **2.00** The Real A&E **3.00** Jett **4.00** Stop, Search, Seize **5.00** Futurama

E4

Freeview 13 - Sky 135

6.00am Hollyoaks **7.00** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** Baby Daddy **9.00** Mike & Molly **10.00** The Big Bang Theory **11.00** The Goldbergs **Noon** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **1.00** The Big Bang Theory **2.00** Baby Daddy **3.00** Mike & Molly **4.00** The Goldbergs **5.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** Man With A Plan **8.00** Don't Tell the Bride **9.00** Celebs Go Dating **10.00** The Sex Clinic **11.05** The Big Bang Theory **Midnight** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **1.00** Celebs Go Dating **2.05** Don't Tell the Bride **3.00** The Sex Clinic **3.55** The Big Bang Theory **4.45** How I Met Your Mother

MORE4

Freeview 18 - Sky 136

8.55am Kirstie's Vintage Gems **9.15** A Place In The Sun: Summer Sun **10.05** A Place In The Sun: Winter Sun **11.05** Emergency Helicopter Medics **12.10pm** 999: On The Front Line **1.15** Escape To The Chateau: DIY **2.15** Four In A Bed **4.55** The Secret Life Of The Zoo **5.55** Car S.O.S. **6.55** Escape To The Chateau: DIY **7.55** Grand Designs: The Street **9.00** Car S.O.S. **10.00** Inside Bentley: A Great British Motor Car **11.00** 24 Hours In A&E **Midnight** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown **1.05** Car S.O.S. **2.05** 24 Hours In A&E **3.10** Best Of Food Unwrapped

SKY WITNESS

Sky 107

6.00am Nothing To Declare **8.00** Paramedics **9.00** Blue Bloods **10.00** Criminal Minds **11.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation **Noon** Elementary **1.00** Blue Bloods **2.00** Law & Order **3.00** The Real A&E

SPORT

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

Sky 401

6.00am Live Women's ICC World T20 Cricket. Australia v New Zealand. **7.30** Good Morning Sports Fans **10.00** Football Centre **11.30** Ref Watch **Noon** Sky Sports News **5.00** Sky Sports News At 5 **6.00** Carabao Cup Final Highlights **7.00** Best Goals: Carabao Cup 2019/20 **7.30** Live EFL Midlandsbrough v Nottingham Forest (Kick-off 7.45pm). Coverage of the Championship clash from Riverside Stadium. **10.00** The Debate **11.00** Live Test Cricket. New Zealand v India. Coverage of the fourth day of the second and Final Test from Hagley Oval.

SKY SPORTS PREMIER LEAGUE

Sky 402

6.00am PL Greatest Games **7.00** PL Legends: Robbie Fowler **7.30** Goals On Sunday **9.00** Premier League Highlights **10.00** Premier League Yearly **Noon** Premier League Highlights **3.30** Best PL Goals: Newcastle V Liverpool **4.00** Premier League Highlights **5.00** Soccer AM: The Best Bits **5.30** Premier League 100 Club **6.00** Premier League Highlights **7.00** Premier League Review **8.00** Gary Neville's Soccerbox **9.00** Premier League Review **10.00** The Debate **11.00** PL Best Goals 14/15 **Midnight** The Debate **1.00** Premier League Years **3.00** PL Greatest Games **4.00** PL Best Goals 15/16 **5.00** Best PL Goals: Tottenham V Chelsea **5.30** PL 100 Club: England's Finest

4.00 Stop, Search, Seize **5.00** Nothing To Declare **8.00** Ghost Whisperer **9.00** Criminal Minds **10.00** Blue Bloods **11.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit **Midnight** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation **1.00** The Good Doctor **2.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit **3.00** Shades Of Blue **4.00** Ghost Whisperer **5.00** Brit Cops: Frontline Crime UK

CBS JUSTICE

Freeview 39 - Sky 148

9.00am Diagnosis Murder **11.00** Matlock **Noon** Perry Mason **1.05** Walker, Texas Ranger **2.05** CSI: Miami **3.00** NCIS **4.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **5.00** Matlock **6.00** Perry Mason **7.05** Scorpion **8.00** Walker, Texas Ranger **9.00** NCIS **10.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **11.00** Scorpion **Midnight** CSI: Miami **1.00** NCIS **2.00** Gunsmoke **3.05** The High Chaparral **4.50** Mission: Impossible

CBS REALITY

Freeview 66 - Sky 146

9.00am Judge Judy **7.00pm** Medical Detectives **8.00** 48 Hours **9.00** Cold Blood **10.00** Cold Justice **11.00** Killer Doctors On Death Row **Midnight** Wives With Knives **1.00** Cold Blood **2.00** Cold Justice **3.00** I Survived **3.45** Celebrity Damage Control **4.30** Unsolved Mysteries **5.10** Bondi Rescue

BBC FOUR

Freeview 9 - Sky 116

7.00pm Beyond 100 Days **7.30** Francesco's Mediterranean Voyage **8.00** New Zealand: Earth's Mythical Islands **9.00** Age Of The Image **10.00** The Accused: Damned Or Devoted? - Storyville **11.15** Art Of France **12.15am** Leonora Carrington: The Lost Surrealist **1.15** Rude Britannia **2.15** New Zealand: Earth's Mythical Islands

COMEDY CENTRAL

Sky 112

8.00am Will & Grace **10.00** The Office (US) **11.00** Friends **3.00pm** My Name Is Earl **5.00** Friends **7.00** Friends: First Dates **7.30** Friends **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News **10.00** Impractical Jokers **10.30** Impractical Jokers **11.00** Film: Eurotrip (2004) (15) **1.00am** The Mick **2.00** The Ricky Gervais Show **3.00** South Park **3.25** Bad Robots **4.15** The Office (US) **5.00** Teleshopping

FOX

Sky 124

8.00am Republic Of Doyle **9.00** Bones **10.00** Bull **11.00** NCIS **Noon** Bones **2.00** The Mentalist **3.00** NCIS **4.00** Bull **5.00** Bones **6.00** The Mentalist **7.00** NCIS **9.00** The Walking Dead **10.00** Talking Dead **11.00** American Dad! **Midnight** Family Guy **1.00** American Dad! **2.00** Family Guy **3.00** American Dad! **4.00** Republic Of Doyle

DISCOVERY

Sky 125

6.00am Combat Dealers **7.00** Robson Green: Extreme Fisherman **8.00** Bitchin' Rides **9.00** Code Of The Wild **10.00** UFOs: The Lost Evidence **11.00** Fast N' Loud **Noon** Gold Rush: White Water **1.00** Alaska: The Last Frontier **2.00** Combat Dealers **3.00** World War Two: The Complete History **4.00** Building Off The Grid **5.00** Wheeler Dealers **6.00** Fast N' Loud **7.00** Outback Trucks **8.00** Texas Metal. A 1950 Ford F5 COE. **9.00** Wheeler Dealers **10.00** Twin Turbos **11.00** Dirty Mudder Trucks **Midnight** Wheeler Dealers **1.00** Twin Turbos **2.00** Deadliest Catch **3.00** Wheeler Dealers **3.50** Kindig Customs **5.30** How It's Made

HISTORY

Sky 130

6.00am American Pickers: Best Of **7.00** American Pickers **8.00** Pawn Stars **9.00** Lost Worlds **10.00** Storage Wars **11.00** Forged In Fire Tournament Of Champions **Noon** Strongest Man In History **1.00** Forged In Fire **2.00** American Pickers: Best Of **3.00** Storage Wars **5.00** Pawn Stars **6.00** Forged In Fire **7.00** American Pickers **8.00** Britain's Greatest Bridges **9.00** Uncharted Mysteries **10.00** True Monsters **11.00** Storage Wars **Midnight** The Unexplained **1.00** Britain's Greatest Bridges **2.00** Forged In Fire **3.00** Strongest Man In History **4.00** Storage Wars

HGTV

Freeview 42 - Sky 158

7.00am Homes Under The Hammer **8.00** Bargain Hunt **9.00** Flop It! **11.00** Escape To The Country **1.00pm** A Place In The Sun: Winter Sun **3.00** Flop It! **4.00** Homes Under The Hammer **6.00** A Place In The Sun: Winter Sun **8.00** Escape To The Country **10.00** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **11.00** Fixer Upper **Midnight** Homes Under The Hammer **1.00** Flop It! **2.00** Hawaii Life **3.00** Digging For Victory **4.00** Teleshopping

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

Sky 129

8.00am Nazi Megastructures **9.00** Buried Secrets Of WWII **10.00** Lost Cities With Albert Lin **11.00** Drain The Oceans **Noon** Car S.O.S. **2.00** Wicked Tuna **3.00** Ice Road Rescue **4.00** Air Crash Investigation **6.00** Car S.O.S. **8.00** Apocalypse: Cold War **9.00** Air Crash Investigation **10.00** Brain Games. How brains tell fact from fiction. **11.00** Air Crash Investigation **Midnight** Alaska State Troopers **1.00** Extreme Airport Security **2.00** Ultimate Airport Dubai **3.00** Air Crash Investigation: Special Report **4.00** Air Crash Investigation **5.00** This Is Nat Geo

SKY COMEDY

Sky 113

8.00am Everybody Hates Chris **9.00** Parks And Recreation **10.30** 30 Rock **Noon** The Mindy Project **12.30** The Mindy Project **1.00** The Mindy Project **1.30** Modern Family **2.30** Everybody Hates Chris **3.30** Parks And Recreation **5.00** 30 Rock **6.30** Modern Family **7.30** The Mindy Project **9.00** Miracle Workers **9.30** A.P. Bio **10.00** Last Week Tonight With John Oliver **10.35** Real Time With Bill Maher **11.45** My Favourite Shapes By Julio Torres **12.55am** Entourage **1.30** Silicon Valley **2.40** Girls **3.50** 30 Rock

BBC ALBA

Sky 169

7.00am Alba Today **5.00pm** Piseag & Cuilean/Kit & Pup **5.05** Piseag & Cuilean/Kit & Pup **5.10** Gudrun - A' Bhana-phrionnsa Lochlannach **5.20** Sgrìobag (Get Squiggling) **5.35** Na Blegieardan (Little Monkeys) **5.45** Na Braithrean Cuideachail (The Koala Brothers) **5.55** Stoiridh **6.00** Clann Na Cruinne **6.15** Sraid Na Sgreid (Scream Street) **6.30** Seonaidh (Shaun The Sheep) **6.35** Na Moomins/Moomin Valley **7.00** Turas A' Bhraidh (The Salmon's Journey) **7.30** Speaking Our Language **7.55** Earrann Eachdraidh (History Shorts) **8.00** An La (News). News reports. **8.30** Thar Na Loidhne/Crossing The Line **9.00** Trusadh: Croitearan Leodhas (Next Customer Please) **10.00** Port **10.30** 'San Fhuil (It's In The Blood) **11.30** Mach a Seo! **Midnight** Alba Today

SKY CINEMA GREATS

Sky 304

6.00am **Awakenings (1990) (12)** Fact-based medical drama, with Robin Williams. **8.10** **Poltergeist (1982) (15)** Horror, starring JoBeth Williams. **10.10** **Men In Black (1997) (PG)** Sci-fi comedy, starring Will Smith. **Noon** **The Guns Of Navarone (1961) (PG)** Second World War adventure, starring Gregory Peck. **2.45** **Almost Famous (2000) (15)** Comedy drama, starring Patrick Fugit. **5.30** **About A Boy (2002) (12)** Romantic comedy, starring Hugh Grant. **7.15** **Men In Black (1997) (PG)** Sci-fi comedy, starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones. **9.00** **The Wolf Of Wall Street (2013) (18)** Fact-based drama, starring Leonardo DiCaprio. **Midnight** **Basic Instinct (1992) (18)** Thriller, starring Sharon

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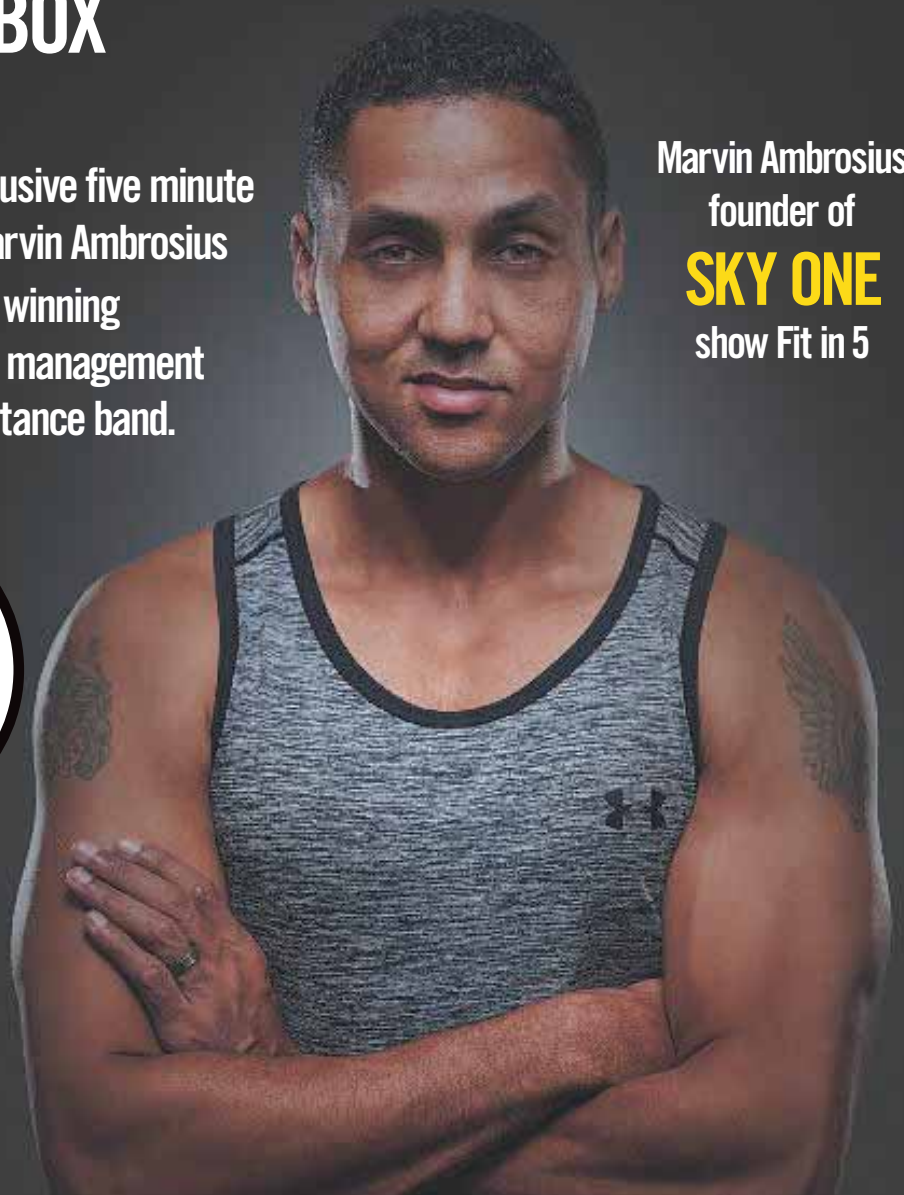
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Johnson's got EU leaders dancing to his own tune

I WHOLEHEARTEDLY thank and praise our Prime Minister for the stance he has adopted in ensuring Britain's departure from the political shackles of the European Union will take place, as he has outlined to all and sundry ("We'll walk out if EU refuse to bend at talks", February 28).

Let's not fool ourselves, if Michel Barnier & Co were in Boris Johnson's position he would do likewise, with a touch of venom.

So I say thank you, Mr Johnson. You will forever be remembered by the British people. Rule Britannia!

Harry Stephenson,
Kircubbin, Co Down

Sussexes will not bleed Canada dry over security

CONGRATULATIONS Canada for refusing to pay for the protection services of the Met Police, in regard to Mr and Mrs Sussex and Sussex Minor ("UK taxpayer faces a £20m bill to guard couple after Canada snub", February 28).

If they choose to "go it alone" and put independence and celebrity ahead of duty and tradition, they should pay for their own protection.

British taxpayers' funds should be targeted toward dealing with the flood damage and protection, combating the terror threat and protecting rough sleepers in this country where it will benefit the greater need and not the selfish requirement of three people.

Peter Shelly,
Saxilby, Lincs

Get a real job, Harry and pay for your protection

AM I missing something or did I read that Canada will stop paying for the Sussexes' security (why should they?) which roughly comes to around £380,000 per week.

I do believe in having a Royal family but surely this cannot be the true amount of money it costs to look after three people.

So unfortunately, Harry, I think you are going to have to get a proper job or start being very nice to your grandparents.

Allan Robson,
Houghton-le-Spring, Co Durham

Climate change protesters barking up the wrong tree

I AM getting so tired of these climate change protesters, do they think they are King Canutes ("Heathrow third runway bid set to be axed after judges' verdict", February 28)?

You are never going to stop climate change. Have they not heard of wind, rain and also the Earth turning?

I worked at Heathrow for more than 30 years. A lot of these protesters were not around in the 1950s when we had the great smogs every winter in London. Do we get them now? No.

The only way to cut it down is to stop China, India and the US; they are the three worst offenders. That will never happen so you're stuck with it.

Ian Sampson,
Southwick, Wilts

Letter of the day

Picture: GETTY



MAN OF HIS WORD: Prime Minister Boris Johnson

Boris points the way to a great future

I HAVE to express my admiration for Boris Johnson and his attitude to the forthcoming EU negotiations ("PM threatens EU: Play ball or it's no-deal!", February 28).

He may turn out to be the first prime minister in decades to have kept election promises after winning an election.

Just a few years ago he was seen hanging from wires in a mishap that could have finished his career. But his personality led people to laugh with him more than at him.

If he holds his nerve and also delivers his promises on health and crime while building and maintaining a healthy economy, there could be a statue of him in Parliament Square as would befit a great prime minister.

Dave Austin,
Chalfont St Peter, Bucks

It's time for Heathrow to finally give up the flight

IT is disappointing that Heathrow, unlike the Government, has not had the grace to accept the landmark ruling handed down by the Court of Appeal last week.

It has been as clear as a pikestaff for many months that if the third runway project were to go ahead it would be riding roughshod over our international CO2 commitments.

Heathrow would do well to accept that it has lost the argument on expansion and concentrate on becoming better rather than bigger.

Rev Andrew McLuskey,
Ashford, Middx

I love Frederick but he's got it wrong over Begum

BEING a fan of Frederick Forsyth's column in the Daily Express, I could not disagree with him more on the case of Shamima Begum ("Quality of mercy is sadly lacking...", February 28).

If she does not know right from wrong aged 15 then she should go.

These Islamic State thugs she went out to join of her own free will was her choice. They were as bad as the Nazis, if not worse.

Had they not been smashed and she ended living in the lap of

luxury, do you think she would want to come back to UK then? I think not, instead of where she is now, in a refugee camp.

None of those who went out to Syria should have been let back into this country because Britons would end up paying with their lives for that potential decision.

Derek Chappell,
Hatfield, Herts

Shamima was old enough to make up her own mind

IT is not very often after reading Frederick Forsyth's column that I disagree with his views but I do on that woman Shamima Begum.

Firstly, she knew what she was doing when she left. Secondly, she got exactly what she deserved.

The British Government did right by not allowing her back.

Michael Ventress,
Fishburn, Co Durham

Big stamp of approval for kind Daily Express readers

THANK you to Daily Express readers for thinking of the donkeys and sending us their used stamps. We can sell them on to collectors by the bag full, so it is a wonderful way for us to raise funds.

We all watched the utterly heartbreaking scenes unfold in

Australia, for both human and animals alike, with the bush fires over the last few months.

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Barbara Leppert,
The Donkey Sanctuary, Sidmouth, Devon

OAPs, there's a big pot of cash with your name on it

I CANNOT understand why hundreds of thousands of pensioners are not at least making an application to top up their pensions with pension credit ("600,000 are missing out on benefits for elderly", February 28).

There is a huge pot of money set aside for those hard-up people who have reached retirement age and who may be struggling financially.

You can still claim if you have considerable savings and own your own home. Please call the Department for Work and Pensions.

Tony Thomas,
Solihull, W Mids

CAN 20-YEAR AGE GAP RELATIONSHIPS REALLY WORK?

Yes

FAIR play to ex-EastEnders actress Tamzin Outhwaite on dating a young man who is 20 years her junior ("I don't care what people think about our 20-year age gap says Tamzin, 49", February 28).

If the roles were reversed and a man in his late 40s was dating a

woman in her late 20s then no one would bat an eyelid. It happens all the time so what's the big deal here?

Tamzin has a fun-loving and vibrant personality. I'd never have guessed she was 49, I thought she was at least 10 years younger.

Angela Ripley,
Liverpool

No

I WISH Tamzin Outhwaite and Tom Child

every success in their relationship and hope they will be very happy together. They certainly looked delighted in the Instagram post printed in the Daily Express.

Many people in their 40s and 50s feel invisible and if I was in

her shoes it would be a huge boost to my ego if a man 20 years my junior even gave me a second glance.

Tamzin must be so young at heart but I couldn't be bothered with what people in their 20s did when I was actually in my 20s.

Melanie Burt,
Derby

TODAY: Monday
March 2, 2020

ON THIS DAY



70 years ago (1950)

We asked how communist spy Klaus Fuchs had been getting away with passing nuclear secrets to the Russians for six years without alerting the authorities.

A German scientist who fled the Nazis in 1933, Dr Fuchs was given British citizenship and a senior position in atomic research.

He worked on the development of the atomic bomb in the US in 1944.

51 years ago (1969)

Anglo-French supersonic airliner Concorde completed its 27-minute maiden flight from Toulouse airport.

The test flight reached 10,000ft and although its speed never rose above 300mph, the aircraft would eventually reach speeds of up to 1,300mph. The first British-made prototype would make its first flight on April 9, 1969.

20 years ago (2000)

Former Chilean dictator General Augusto Pinochet was allowed to return home after being told the UK would not seek to extradite him on torture charges. Pinochet was arrested in London in 1998 after a Spanish judge sought to put him on trial for human rights abuses during his 17-year rule.

BIRTHDAYS



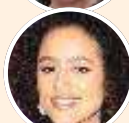
007 star **Daniel Craig** is 52. No Time To Die will be his last Bond film.



Coldplay's **Chris Martin** is 43. He's dating actress Dakota Johnson.



Living On A Prayer singer **Jon Bon Jovi** is 58 and has a net worth of £312million.



Game Of Thrones actress **Nathalie Emmanuel** is 31. She also starred in Hollyoaks.

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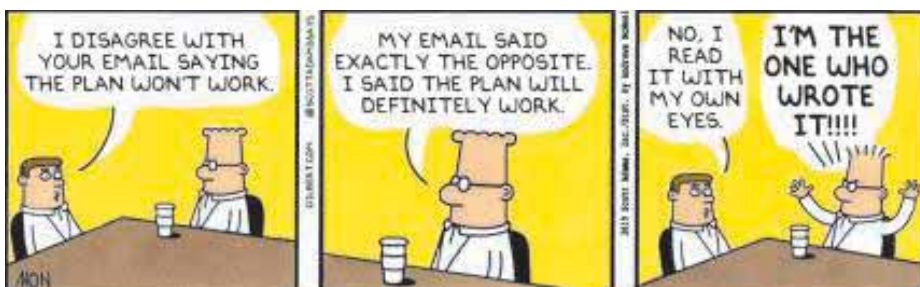
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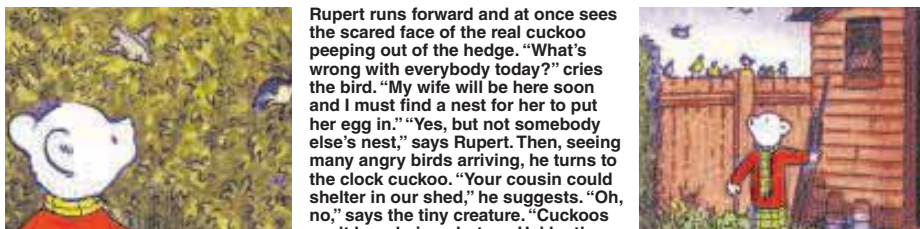


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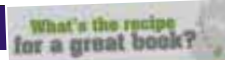


The real cuckoo pops out his head, Rupert says. "Hide in our shed!"

Rupert runs forward and at once sees the scared face of the real cuckoo peeping out of the hedge. "What's wrong with everybody today?" cries the bird. "My wife will be here soon and I must find a nest for her to put her egg in." "Yes, but not somebody else's nest," says Rupert. Then, seeing many angry birds arriving, he turns to the cuckoo. "Your cousin could shelter in our shed," he suggests. "Oh, no," says the tiny creature. "Cuckoos can't bear being shut up. He'd rather defend himself where he is."

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"Oh no, he will not go in there." The wooden bird tells Rupert Bear.



Beef pot roast

There aren't many recipes more traditionally British than a beef pot roast and this is a great dish to serve on any occasion. Serves 6.

INGREDIENTS

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1 onion, chopped

2 cloves garlic, minced

2 bay leaves

Salt and pepper to taste

METHOD

- 1) Preheat the oven to 160C/140C fan assisted, gas mark 3.
- 2) Heat a casserole pot on the hob over a medium high heat. Add the oil and sear the meat in the centre of the pan for 4 minutes.
- 3) Turn the meat over with tongs. Sear all sides for 3 to 4 minutes on each side. Remove the meat from the pan.
- 4) Arrange the onion, garlic and 1 bay leaf in the bottom of the pan, sprinkle with salt and pepper. Return the meat to the pan, place the remaining bay leaf on top of the meat and cover.
- 5) Cook in the oven for 30 minutes. Reduce the heat to 150C/130C fan assisted, gas mark 2, and cook for 1 1/2 hours. Remove the roast to a platter and allow to rest for 10 to 15 minutes. Slice and top with onions and gravy. Serve with mashed potato.



ALAN'S TIP OF THE DAY: Once the soil dries out enough to become workable, fork a little general fertiliser in, then plant onion sets, garlic and shallots in a sunny, well-drained and well-prepared part of the vegetable plot. Check them periodically since birds tug them out.

Russell Grant



Britain's celebrity astrologer



Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

A mystery that has puzzled you will be solved. The real story will be more interesting than the gossip that preceded it. A travel invitation will make a refreshing change although a change of plans will upset others more than it bothers you.

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Taurus Apr 21 - May 21

Your ideas have merit and will gain popular support. Working on a public relations project will give you a job. This is your chance to promote a cause that is close to your heart. Don't be surprised if you are asked to organise a fundraiser.

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Gemini May 22 - June 21

If you've been thinking about embarking on a freelance career, now is the time to do so. The money you make will improve your standard of living. Being able to do the work you love every day will be like a dream come true.

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Libra Sep 24 - Oct 23

Praise from your boss makes you feel like you're a valuable member of the team. People respect your contributions and this inspires you to share your creative ideas. You've always preferred working in a group than going solo.

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Scorpio Oct 24 - Nov 22

This is a good day to book a holiday. You could find some great discounts on plane tickets and hotel rooms. Your dilemma will be to choose which offer to go for. Choose a destination you've never been to before.

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Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 21

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Cancer June 22 - July 23

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Leo July 24 - Aug 23

A refund, loan or legal settlement will solve a financial problem. Use this money to pay off some bills that have been worrying you more than you care to admit. Once you have cleared these debts, you will sleep easier at night.

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Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Take the chance to enter a creative partnership. You have always been good at finding practical solutions to problems. Teaming up with someone who has tremendous artistic ability will help you get a special project off the ground.

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Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 20

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Greggs on a roll after vegan products fuel soaring sales

HIGH street baker Greggs is set to post its latest set of stellar results as it continues to ride high on the back of the success of its vegan range.

Shares in the retailer were a whisker away from an all-time high last week before market fears pressed down on the company, during one of the FTSE's worst weeks since the financial crash due to the coronavirus.

Nevertheless, the past 18 months has been a purple patch for the business, with its shares doubling in value over the period despite wider uncertainty in the retail sector.

Declining high street footfall and sky-high business rates have continued to weigh on UK retailers over the past year.

However, Greggs is set to deliver higher profits and soaring sales for 2019 when it announces its results tomorrow.

Last month, it said it expected to post 13.5 per cent sales growth for the year to December 2019, accelerating from an already strong 7.2 per cent growth in the previous year.

While this figure has been significantly boosted by the company's continued expansion – which saw it increase its portfolio by 97 stores during the year – it was primarily driven by higher takings per store.

Greggs said it saw like-for-like sales

By Henry Saker-Clark

shoot up by 9.2 per cent, from 2.9 per cent like-for-like growth in the previous year.

Customers increasingly visited stores for its traditional ranges but the company has also grown its customer base through new ranges.

Its vegan sausage rolls have seen sales continue to surge, leading the firm to recently launch its first vegan steak bake and vegan doughnut to continue to capitalise on this growing segment of the market.

Greggs has previously said it will continue to evolve its range to embrace a broader variety of dietary choices, fulfilling the need of modern customers whose demands are not always satisfied by fast food retailers.

The bakery chain's success has not just also get a major windfall as a result. In January, the company said each employee would receive around £300 as part of a £7million payment shared across all staff to mark the "phenomenal year".

Nevertheless, consumer uncertainty continues to weigh on retailers and poor weather at the start of the year poses another challenge for the business.

It has grown its customer base through new ranges

BREXIT CAN BOOST PUBS, MPs TOLD



PLEA: Campaigners want a cut in beer duty for pubs. Picture: Alamy

MPs will be urged to support a cut in duty for draught beer to help pubs keep open.

The Campaign for Real Ale (Camra) will tell politicians in Westminster tomorrow that there should be a preferential rate of duty for beer sold in pubs. The group will launch research it has undertaken with Europe Economics on a proposed duty cut.

Camra chairman Nik Antona said: "A cut in duty for draught beer is possible now

we have left the EU. The Government should take full advantage of this opportunity."

Conservative MP Giles Watling said: "Previous freezes in beer duty have allowed the supermarket to continue undercutting the pub with cheap alcohol. That was because of single market rules.

"Now we have left the EU, I want to change that and differentiate the rate of duty so that it finally benefits and supports our pubs."

What the Sunday papers say

SUNDAY EXPRESS

BRITAIN'S 2020 growth prospects are set to be downgraded by the influential EY ITEM Club think tank due to the disruption caused by the coronavirus to the global economy.

SIRIUS Minerals is set to go into administration unless investors back a cut-price rescue deal from mining giant Anglo-American at an emergency shareholder meeting. DOMINO'S Pizza is set to post double-digit profit growth at its results on Thursday, despite widening losses at its international division and a dispute with franchisees.

SUNDAY TIMES

THE new chairwoman of John Lewis is preparing to launch a strategic review of the ailing mutual as it releases a dire set of results, which are expected to included big write-downs to the value of its properties.

SUNDAY TELEGRAPH

THE petrol station billionaires Mohsin and Zuber Issa are challenging some of the world's biggest buyout funds in the battle to buy Asda.

OBSERVER

THE streaming service Disney+ launches this month in the UK – and it has the stars and the money to shake things up.

Travelodge hiring drive targets parents

HOTEL chain Travelodge has launched a recruitment drive aimed at hiring 4,000 house-keeping roles this year.

The firm said it was hoping to attract parents wanting to return to work by offering flexible hours designed around the school run.

The jobs will be in new Travelodge hotels opening this year, additional summer

cover and to fill vacancies in its 573 UK hotels. Around 150 vacancies need to be filled immediately.

Travelodge said its house-keeping teams are regarded as "heroes", collectively spending over one million hours a year making up beds.

Rebecca Baker of Travelodge said: "We have made it our mission to help

unemployed parents return to work in the hospitality sector.

"We have a strong established workforce of working parents, offering jobs close to home, flexible hours that can work around the school run, benefits that suit families and a career path into management specifically for mums and dads."

More women investing in buy-to-let

THE number of women buy-to-let investors has increased slightly to almost half the total, new research suggests.

Women now account for some 47 per cent of the 2.5 million buy-to-let investors in the UK, up from 46 per cent over the past year, narrowing the gender gap in the investment class,

London estate agents ludlowthompson said.

Stephen Ludlow, chairman of ludlowthompson, said: "The buy-to-let sector has a reputation of providing stable, long-term returns.

"Whilst some investors have become distracted by more speculative investments, buy-to-let continues

to build increasing interest amongst investors who value income and long-term growth."

Mr Ludlow added: "It may not be long before we see a 50/50 gender split amongst buy-to-let investors, which is significant given the much wider gaps in other asset classes, such as equities."

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THE Government's move to cut the maximum stake on in-shop gaming machines to £2 dominated 2019.

William Hill closed 713 shops in the UK as a result, while redundancy and other costs pushed the group into a loss for the year.

However, the change was less painful than expected. Retail profits came in ahead of expectations for the year as whole, with customers moving to stores that remain open.

Unfortunately for William Hill, this isn't the end of the road for new regulation. Attention is moving beyond the high street to online operations weighing on digital profits this time round. A ban on gambling

William Hill hoping stake in US market pays off

with credit cards could knock £5-£10million off profit next year, too.

But it's not game over for bookies. William Hill's app has had a facelift, and the acquisition of Swedish digital specialist Mr Green should add further expertise. An enhanced European position should reduce risk, although the continent comes with its own regulatory challenges and debt has risen after the deal.

The US presents another exciting avenue. We think it has the potential to become the world's most valuable

betting market. William Hill has run books in over 100 casinos in Nevada for some time, which historically had a near-monopoly on sports betting. Now the Supreme Court has cleared the way for gambling across the country and William Hill has been quick out the gate.

Early growth has been promising, but the market will be no walkover. Rivals are scrambling to secure a piece of the action, and GVC and Paddy Power Betfair should not be taken lightly. Memories of William

Hill's unsuccessful foray into Australia still linger.

The shares trade at 12.3 times expected earnings, slightly above their longer-term average of 12. The group is targeting a minimum dividend of 8p per share through the current transition, with a dividend yield of 5.2 per cent forecasted.

"This article is designed for investors who make their own decisions without advice, if unsure whether an investment is right for you, you should seek advice. Shares can rise and fall in value so you could get back less than you invest"

Racing Festival Fears

By Neil Randon

NICKY HENDERSON thinks it is "vital" the Cheltenham Festival goes ahead in the event it has to be rescheduled due to the Coronavirus outbreak.

Organisers are confident it will be business as usual next Tuesday for the start of the meeting, but a significant spike of 12 confirmed virus cases reported yesterday, making

a total of 35 in the UK, have raised concerns.

Speaking on the Luck On Sunday programme yesterday, Henderson (right) said: "It's on until anything ghastly happens and that decision will come from the government, of course."

"I think it's vital, whatever happens, that this is staged at some point.

If we were forced to stop how long is the break period going to be?"

In France, tomorrow's meeting at Chantilly is to be run behind closed doors, as will local track Compeigne today and Wednesday.

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Power to step on it

TODAY'S drop in grade will enable DEAR POWER (7.15, nb) to regain winning form at Wolverhampton.

The Roger Varian-trained filly impressed on a successful debut at Chelmsford in August before stepping up in grade to a Group Three event at Salisbury in September, where she failed to fire.

If Wetherby passes

By The Scout

an 8am inspection, LE CHEVAL NOIR (2.00, treble) is worth another chance. He impressed when taking a bumper at Kelso in November.

At Leopardstown, DORTMUND PARK (2.55, nap) can open his account over fences. He has the superior hurdle form and today's step up in trip will be ideal.

WETHERBY RACING TV

2.00 MAIDEN HURDLE
£3,508 (Class 5) 3m 26yds (3 declared)
1 53/233 ACCORDINGTINO (62) D Skelton 11-13... H Skelton 113
2 4/627-84 BLUEFURY TWO (43) J Ewart 7-11-3... B Hughes 125
3 1/15 LE CHEVAL NOIR (86) Mrs R Dobbin 6-11-3... Craig Nichol 105
SP FORECAST: 4-6 Accordingtino, 9-4 Bluefurytwo, 11-2 Le Cheval Noir.

2.35 NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE
£4,809 (4) 1m 7f 36yds (8)
1 5-14992 THE CRAZED MOON (27) M Scudamore 6-11-8... B J Powell 109
2 54/39-1 RELKAM (28) T Easterby 6-11-2... Mr W Easterby 109
3 50/10 STEEL YARD (10) Oliver Greenall 5-11-7... H Brooke 105
4 4/5-176 SNOUGAR (36) D McCain 7-11-4... B Hughes 105
5 64-5176 GOING MOBILE (78) Sam England 5-10-13... J England 105
6 99966-6 TAKEMEBACK (295) T Symonds 8-10-9... B Poste 104
7 671-444 CARLINGFORD PRINCE (34) T Reed 11-10-2... H Reed 103
8 336-244 ANGEL'S ENVY (182) Laura Morgan 8-10-0... Ross Chapman 101
TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 1, 5, 6 CHEEK PIECES: No. 1 HOOD: No. 6
SP FORECAST: 5-2 The Crazy Moon, 4 Snougar, 5 Relkam, 6 Take Me Back, 8 Going Mobile, 10 Angel's Envy, Steel Yard, 12 Carlingford Prince.

3.10 NOVICES' HURDLE
£4,159 (4) 2m (5)
1 80-2136 THOR DE CERISY (77) D M Scudamore 6-11-8... B J Powell 127
2 1102-4 CREATIVE TALENT (18) C Carroll 8-9-9... T Marquand 69
3 2-1550 MCGARRY (25) P Kirby 6-11-1... T Dawson 102
4 51-2623 YOUNG LIEUTENANT (35) F W Greatrex 6-11-2... R Johnson 137
5 LF ELLA NUTRAGILE (191) S G West 6-10-8... J Kingston 101
HOOD: No. 5
SP FORECAST: 11-9 Young Lieutenant, 9-4 Thor De Cerisy, 7-2 Diodorus, 7 Mgarry, 33 Ella Nutrargile.

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4.45 BETWAY CASINO HANDICAP (DIV 1)
£2,782 (6) 1m 1f 104yds (10 declared)
1 1102-4 CREATIVE TALENT (18) C Carroll 8-9-9... T Marquand 69
2 100-608 ALLUX BOY (10) C Tinker 6-9-7... F McManamon 58
3 3/522-0 TEMUJIN (18) M Appleby 4-9-6... George Rooke 70
4 6 1150-4 CAFE SYDNEY (21) A Carroll 4-9-9... G Downing 70
5 5-53365 THAWRY (7) F A Brittain 5-9-3... C Hardie 72
6 6-61545 SEAMUS (40) D Wintle 8-9-2... F Marsh 70
7 6 72-3264 PIKE CORNER CROSS (10) C P Evans 8-8-3... C Shepherd 71
8 9 0886-70 PADURA BRAVE (44) M Usher 4-8-7... D Probert 69
9 10 30794-7 FINAL ATTACK (42) C D S Hollinhead 9-8-7... J P Sullivan 67
10 7 48999- MONKEY (18) M Blanshard 4-8-7... D Keenan 56
VISOR: No. 7 TONGUE STRAP: No. 2
CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 2, 5, 9 HOOD: No. 8
SP FORECAST: 11-4 Creative Talent, 5 Thawry, 6 Seaforth, Caffe Sydney, 7 Pike Corner Cross, 8 Temujin, 10 Allux Boy, 14 Final Attack, 16 Others.

5.15 BETWAY CASINO HANDICAP (DIV 2)
£2,782 (6) 1m 1f 104yds (9)
1 539-191 TRAVELLER (6) C D S Hollinhead 9-8-7... J P Sullivan 67
2 3587-1 AL THORAYYAN (11) F O M Simcock 4-9-7... J P Spencer 64
3 302-442 CAFE SYDNEY (21) A Carroll 4-9-9... T Marquand 73
4 1 0-83992 AMOR FATI (10) C P Evans 5-9-4... A Kirby 69
5 904664 DECORATION OF WAR (4) C D S Appleby 5-9-4... A Rawlinson 70
6 4 7617-8 CORMIER (118) E Ellison 4-9-2... T Eaves 63
7 450-476 LYRICAL BALLAD (14) N Mulholland 4-8-11... S W Kelly 68
8 6 007000- GOLD STANDARD (137) A Carroll 4-8-8... E Whittington 77
9 5 133-381 VALENTINE MIST (28) James Grassick 8-8-7... Sophie Raistoun 69
BLINKERS: No. 7 VISOR: Nos. 1, 3 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 1, 5
CHEEK PIECES: No. 5

SP FORECAST: 5-2 Traveller, 11-4 Cheeky Rascal, 3 Amor Fati, 10 Decoration Of War, 14 Cormier, Al Thorayyan, 16 Valentine Mist, Lyrical Ballad, 25 Gold Standard.

TRACK FACTS: Going: Standard. Left: Handled. TOP TRACK Jockey (2015-): Luke Morris 12% Strike rate. TOP TRACK TRAINER (2015-): P Evans 12% Strike rate. FIRST TIME: 4-45 Thawry (cheek pieces), 5-15 Lyrical Ballad (blinkers), 5-45 Desert Land (hood), 6-15 Cosmoepolitan (tongue strap), 7-45 With Virtue (cheek pieces).

3.40 HANDICAP CHASE
£4,809 (4) 2m 3f 85yds (7)
1 52-LL2U MORTENS LEAM (67) M Hawker 8-11-2... P K Donovan 119
2 20L7P7 WELL SMITTEN (25) D M Sam England 8-11-9... J England 118
3 4/47231 CASUAL CAVALIER (31) D F Tristram Davidson 11-11... H Reed 113
4 216L/4L UN GUET APENS (60) J Ewart 12-11-7... B Hughes 98
5 46-PP8 ENVOI DE LA COUR (27) M Scudamore 6-11-0... B J Powell 105
6 96132 MAXED OUT KING (42) D M S Smith 12-10-13... D Cook 122
7 334332 FRANKIE BALLOU (11) Miss J Foster 11-10-0... S Quinlan 114
BLINKERS: No. 4 VISOR: No. 7 TONGUE STRAP: No. 7
CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 2, 3

SP FORECAST: 5-2 Casual Cavalier, 3 Maxed Out King, 5 Well Smitten, 6 Mortens Leam, 7 Un Guet Apens, 8 Frankie Ballou, 16 Envoi De La Cour.

4.15 JOIN RACING TV NOW HANDICAP HURDLE
£6,758 (3) 2m (9)
1 11-55P3 KHAGE (30) D T H Whittington 7-11-2... G Sheehan 135
2 53/1L-11 SECRET STREAM (30) CSD Ruth Jefferson 11-11... J Hamilton 134
3 20-FPUU ZIZANEUR (44) T P Hobbs 5-11-5... Mr D Maxwell 115
4 513-20 FLEGMATIK (23) CSD D Skelton 5-11-5... H Skelton 136
5 4/048-12 MCGOWAN'S PASS (35) A M Thomson 9-11-2... R Mania 138
6 1/176-4 KEYBOARD GANGSTER (121) D D Williams 9-11-1... C Williams 136
7 43-313 BARACALU (12) D C Pogson 9-11-1... C Todd 135
8 541431 GENNADY (58) D Sam England 6-11-0... J Todd 135
9 14/311 MAIN FACT (32) C D S T Pipe 7-11-0... Mr F Gillard 137
TONGUE STRAP: No. 6 CHEEK PIECES: No. 7
SP FORECAST: 15-8 Main Fact, 5 Gennady, 6 Secret Stream, 7 Khage, 8 Zizanur, 10 Flegmatik, Baracalu, 16 McGowan's Pass, 20 Keyboard Gangster.

TRACK FACTS: Going: Heavy. Left: Handled. TOP TRACK Jockey (2015-): Harry Skelton 30% Strike rate. TOP TRACK TRAINER (2015-): D Skelton 28% Strike rate.

THE SCOUT
4.45 Cafe Sydney 6.45 Lady Reset
5.15 Cheeky Rascal 7.15 DEAR POWER (nb)
5.45 Johnny Reb 7.45 Egoticist
6.15 Cosmoepolitan

5.45 HEED YOUR HUNCH AT BETWAY HANDICAP
£3,429 (5) 6f 20yds (9)
1 06-1312 TABAHARY (77) F O M Simcock 5-9-2... D Nolan 83
2 1 3164/1-1 SLOWMO (399) C D S Appleby 4-9-7... C Hardie 101
3 7 437-620 BIG LACHIE (16) C D S Appleby 4-9-6... H Hollie Doyle 81
4 905-561 JOHNNY REB (19) F James Ferguson 4-9-5... D Muscutt 80
5 1 3855-14 BUGLER BOB (41) D J Quinn 4-9-5... J Hart 80
6 4 2423-37 DESERT LAND (27) J Boyle 4-9-3... T Marquand 80
7 5 2133-51 CALIN'S LAD (16) B Haslam 5-9-0... A Mullen 82
8 9 2790-84 MADRIDINO (13) C D S Carroll 7-8-13... B Curtis 74
9 12 41-4515 ISABELLA RUBY (19) C D S Mrs L Williamson 5-8-7... Elisha Whittington 74
BLINKERS: No. 4 VISOR: No. 4
CHEEK PIECES: No. 9 HOOD: Nos. 6, 9

SP FORECAST: 11-4 Tabahary, 4 Big Lachie, 5 Johnny Reb, 6 Madridino, Bugler Bob, 10 Slowmo, 12 Desert Land, 14 Calin's Lad, 33 Isabella Ruby.

6.15 BETWAY HANDICAP
£11,828 (2) 1m 4f 51yds (5)
1 141-121 SKY DEFENDER (15) D F J Johnson 4-9-9... J Fanning 102
2 2103-34 DEAL A DOLLAR (15) D M Simcock 4-9-7... J P Spencer 103
3 602-123 ORIGINAL CHOICE (11) C D S P N Luttenden 6-9-4... H Hollie Doyle 106
4 2300L5- COSMOEPOLITAN (104) D A King 7-9-2... M Harley 104
5 1 2121-4 KODIAC HARBOUR (247) P Bristow 8-11-1... L Morris 105
BLINKERS: No. 3 TONGUE STRAP: No. 4
SP FORECAST: 6-4 Sky Defender, 3 Original Choice, 7-2 Deal A Dollar, 5 Cosmoepolitan, 14 Kodiac Harbour.

BEATEN FAVOURITES: 6-15 Kodiac Harbour(hcp), 6-45 Lady Reset(hcp), 7-45 Lachie(hcp). DRAW: No advantage in the draw. LONGEST TRAVELLER: Tabahary (5-45) 155 miles. STABLE SWITCH: 5-15 Cormier from Stef Kenley to 8-15 Simon, Gold Standard from John Murphy in Ireland to A Carroll, 5-45 Slowmo from T Dobbins to A Carroll, 6-15 Kodiac Harbour from Paul George to R Bristow, 6-45 Survivor from W Muir to Grace Harris, 7-45 Egoticist from D M Simcock to J Butler.

THE SCOUT
2.00 LE CHEVAL NOIR 3.40 Well Smitten
2.35 The Crazy Moon 4.15 Flegmatik
3.10 Diodorus 4.45 Ektor

Inspection 8.00am

4.45 BET AT RACINGTV.COM HANDICAP CHASE
£3,509 (5) 3m 45yds (11)
1 27/1-584 ALBERTO'S DREAM (24) D T Kety Price 11-12-1... B Poste 100
2 1-PLP1 NEWBERRY NEW (39) C William Bethell 8-11-2... D Cook 83
3 143/3P4 SMUGGLER'S STASH (60) D F Mrs R Dobbin 10-11-5... Craig Nichol 96
4 LP12-PL PURPLE HARRY (51) Miss T Jackson 12-11-5... Ross Chapman 104
5 P-45418 SPIRIT OF HALE (11) D Jennie Candlish 9-11-2... S Quinlan 101
6 54418P SIGURD (23) CSD Miss J Foster 8-11-0... J Hamilton 104
7 LP151F TRIMMERS LANE (28) M Hammond 10-11-1... A Cawley 101
8 442-965 THE DAWN MAN (37) M Scudamore 9-10-10... B J Powell 101
9 LL34L ROLLERBALL ROCCO (23) D C Pogson 8-10-6... Hammond 103
10 P-F8263 EKTOR (23) F W Greatrex 6-10-4... G Sheehan 96
11 8-05-45 WESTERNER OCEAN (41) D Alexandra Dunn 8-10-0... A Wedge 96
BLINKERS: No. 9 VISOR: Nos. 3, 5, 6 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 4, 5, 6
CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 2, 4, 10, 11

SP FORECAST: 11-8 Spirit Of Hale, 6 Ektor, 7 Alberto's Dream, 8 Smuggler's Stash, 12 Sigurd, Rollerball Rocco, 14 Newberry New, Westerner Ocean, 20 Others.

FIRST TIME: 2-35 Snougar (wind surgery), The Crazy Moon (cheek pieces, tongue strap), Going Mobile (tongue strap, wind surgery), Take Me Back (wind surgery), 3-10 Thor De Cerisy (wind surgery), Ella Nutrargile (hood), BEATEN FAVOURITES: 2-00 Accordingtino, LONGEST TRAVELLER: Main Fact (4-15) & Westerner Ocean (4-45) 263 miles. STABLE SWITCH: 2-35 Angel's Envy from 1 Jardine to Laura Morgan, Take Me Back from P C O'Connor in Ireland to T Symonds, 4-15 Gennady from K Daghleish to Sam England, 4-45 The Dawn Man from Miss C Dyon to M Scudamore.

6.45 CLAIMING STAKES
£2,782 (6) 1m 142yds (7)
1 38-5667 SCOFFLAW (9) CSD P Evans 6-9-10... Laura Pearson 72
2 7 5611-31 UNFORGIVING MINUTE (31) C S Curran 9-10-0... A Kirby 88
3 4 608-587 BAZOOKA (133) D D Flood 9-9-0... D Probert 77
4 201-010 UNVISOR (37) Grace Harris 4-8-12... J P Spencer 74
5 48-7523 VIPIN (3) M Muir 5-8-12... T Marquand 74
6 1 860/114 LADY RESET (280) P Evans 4-8-11... Gina Managan 79
7 2 2121-27 ROCKESBURY (10) C David Loughnane 5-8-8... L Morris 80
BLINKERS: Nos. 1, 3, 7 TONGUE STRAP: No. 3 CHEEK PIECES: No. 5
SP FORECAST: 11-8 Unforgiving Minute, 5-2 Lady Reset, 5 Scofflaw, 10 Vipin, 12 Rockesbury, 14 Bazooka, 25 Survivor.

7.15 FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES
£3,429 (5) 6f 20yds (11)
1 1-33-1 WILDMOUNTAIN THYME (46) Mrs Stella Barclay 4-9-11... C Hardie 25
2 1 158-71 DEAR POWER (179) D S R Varian 3-9-4... S De Sousa 77
3 7 68-5115 LORD P (140) D R Hannan 9-11-2... T Hammer Hansen 55
4 1 626-64 LAKEVIEW (22) David Loughnane 9-9-5... S De Sousa 75
5 1 153-1 WITH VIRTUE (226) J Tate 9-9-3... P J McDonald 68
6 1 158-71 DEAR POWER (179) D S R Varian 3-9-4... S De Sousa 77
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WORLD OF SPORT

It's Sophie, so good as England reach semis

SOPHIE Ecclestone says England are hitting peak form after booking their place in the semi-finals of the T20 World Cup.

Heather Knight's side thrashed West Indies by 46 runs, with Nat Sciver hitting 57 yesterday.

England have been dominant in Australia since losing their opening game to South Africa.

Spinner Ecclestone, who took 3-7 against the Windies, said: "The South Africa loss was a wake-up call for us all

CRICKET
From Alex Smith

to be like, 'We're in the World Cup now, we need to up our game'.

"Everyone just trained a bit harder and is in form now."

And Sciver, the top scorer so far in the tournament

with 202 runs, likes the omens. She said: "We didn't win the first game in the 2017 World Cup in England. Whoever we play in the semi-final it will be a big game."



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OFF COURSE:
A rider crashes during the World Superbike warm-up in Australia

THE BIG PICTURE



MOTOGP

MOTOGP riders will not race at Qatar this weekend after new travel restrictions were brought in to halt the spread of coronavirus.

The new season is due to begin at Losail on Friday, but the main class will not run due to the high number of personnel flying from Italy. The Moto2 and Moto3 classes – in Qatar since last week for testing – will go ahead.

ZOE BURN

Barker strikes gold

RAINBOW WARRIOR Elinor Barker yesterday landed Britain's only gold at the Track World Championships.

A largely below-par week in Berlin has lowered expectations about the prospects of Team GB at the Tokyo Olympics this summer. Barker claimed the Britain's lone Rainbow Rersey, and only their fourth medal, in the women's points race – an event she also won three years ago in Hong

CYCLING

Kong. It provided a much-needed boost for the squad – 24 hours after disappointment in the Madison, where Barker and Neah Evans had their medal hopes hit by a late crash.

Barker, 25, said: "It always feels pretty good to be honest. I'd have much rather won the Madison – I was very happy with how I rode."

MIKE WALTERS

GOLF

SAMI VALIMAKI was feeling "awesome" after landing a maiden European Tour title yesterday.

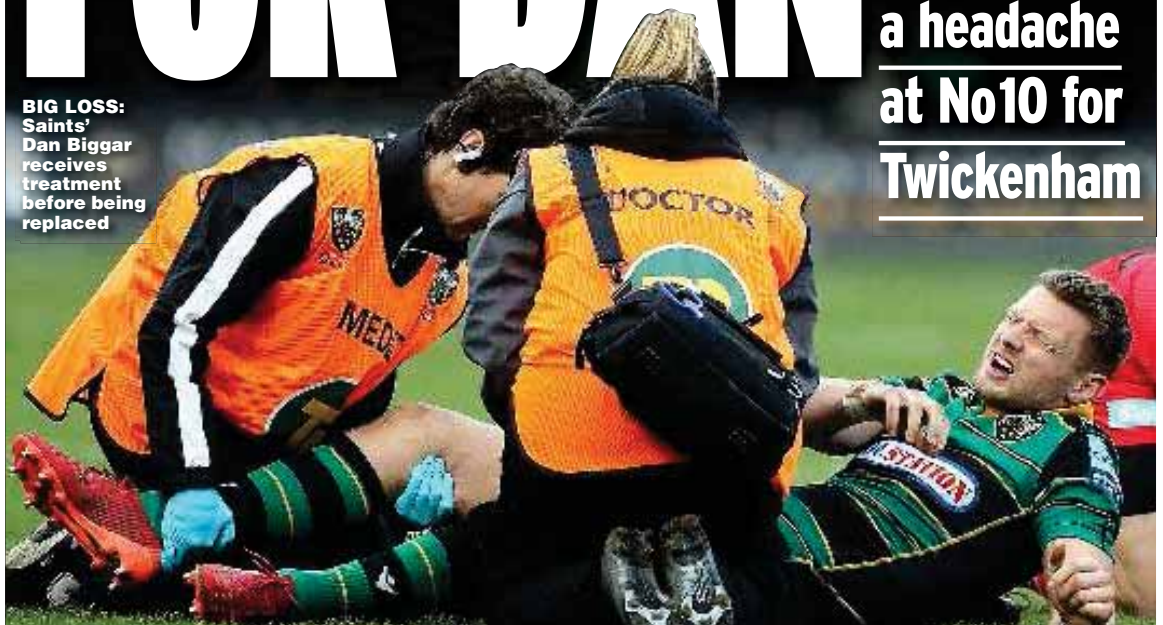
The Finn and South African Brandon Stone finished level on 13 under par at the Oman Open in Muscat after both shot final-round 70s.

The duo halved the first two play-off holes before Stone faltered with a bogey. Valimaki, 21 and making his sixth Tour appearance, said: "It's awesome. There are not many words to say."

DESPERATE FOR DAN

Biggar blow gives Wales a headache at No10 for Twickenham

BIG LOSS: Saints' Dan Biggar receives treatment before being replaced



DAN BIGGAR is set to miss Wales' clash with England – leaving the defending champions without a recognised playmaker for Saturday's Twickenham showdown.

Fly-half Biggar hyper-extended his right knee playing for Northampton against Saracens on Saturday after Wales were obliged to release their Premiership players back to the clubs.

Saints director of rugby Chris Boyd calmed fears about serious damage to the 30-year-old, but sources suggest he is highly unlikely to recover in time for Saturday's clash.

That would present a significant problem for Wales, who have already lost fly-half trio Rhys Patchell, Owen Williams and Gareth Anscombe to long-term injury.

Coach Wayne Pivac will assess his options today, which

By Alex Spink

should not take long as Cardiff Blues fly-half Jarrod Evans – who has never started a Six Nations match – is the only No 10 left in the squad.

The loss of Biggar hits particularly hard as the former Osprey turned the game Wales' way in Cardiff a year ago and played a decisive role in England's 2015 World Cup defeat at Twickenham.

But Sam Underhill, left, who played club rugby in Wales before joining Bath, warned that whatever team Pivac takes to London, it will be a battle royal.

The flanker said: "Whether you've lived in Wales or not, England v Wales is a game with an extra edge to it. It's always a pretty passionate occasion for us – and them especially.

"I'll never know what it really means for the Welsh because

I'm English. But you definitely sense there's a – call it what you want – an edge, an added emotion, a sense of occasion. There's always more to it.

"From living there I've seen how much it means to them as a nation. I don't think rugby has got sterile by any stretch of the imagination, but I suppose there's a bit more emotion in a game like this. As a player it's the game you want to play in."

Underhill, 23, had the misfortune to watch England lose that 2015 World Cup game to Wales in a Cardiff bar.

"It was full of Cardiff students from Surrey so it wasn't the same atmosphere as I'm sure it was in Neath or St Helen's," added Underhill, speaking at an event for kit supplier Canterbury at Harwell RFC. "But there's a bit more to the game than just rugby. None of us work at Westminster but it's important to recognise what the game means to both parties."

FANS SLAM SKY TALK

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about which platform matches appear on going forward. "We would not rule anything out at this stage," said a spokesperson.

Fans have taken to social media to heavily criticise the possibility of the championship being lost to terrestrial TV in a new £300million deal.

Ex-England prop Jeff Probyn joined the chorus of disapproval, saying: "It would be bad news were the Six Nations to agree to sell to pay per view as it would reduce exposure of the game when it is already in decline."

As the debate rages, Six Nations chiefs will meet in Paris today to discuss the growing coronavirus crisis and the rescheduling of Ireland's postponed match with Italy.

Russell's making amends

By Alex Spink

since Scotland's win over Italy last month.

The fly-half will not feature in the remainder of the Six Nations but has agreed to pass on knowledge gained from playing French club rugby for Racing 92 ahead of Sunday's clash at Murrayfield.

FINN RUSSELL will help prepare Scotland to face Grand Slam-chasing France after burying the hatchet with coach Gregor Townsend. Russell missed Scotland's games against Ireland, England and Italy after a breach of team protocol.

When he went public with criticism of Townsend, there seemed no way back, but the pair have spoken three times



INSIGHT: Russell in action for Racing 92

BRIS MEAN BUSINESS

ROUND-UP

BRISTOL sit third in the Premiership after beating Bath 19-13 yesterday – their first league win at the Rec for 14 years.

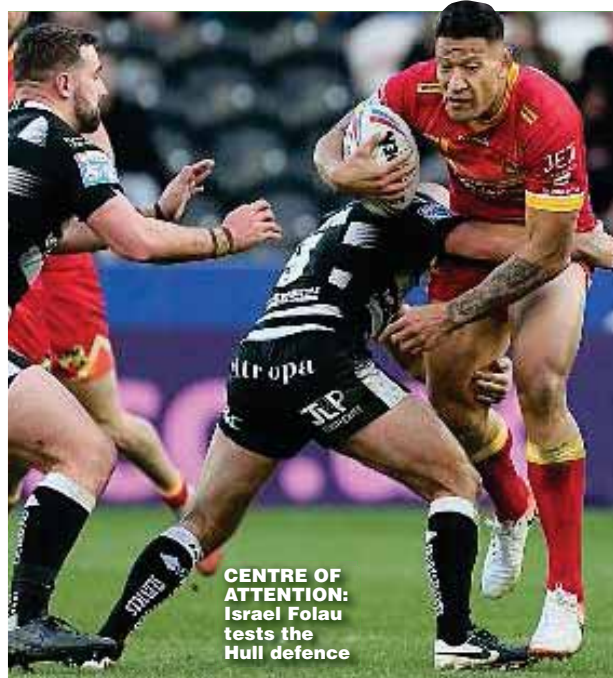
Chris Vui, Alapati Leiua and Harry Randall scored the visitors' tries.

Bristol director of rugby Pat Lam said: "We want to play at the highest level – the

Champions Cup – and are pretty relentless in terms of that being our goal this season."

Wasps came from behind to beat London Irish 36-26. Exiles boss Declan Kidney said: "Wasps were good value for the win and gave us a lesson at the breakdown."

Main picture: RICHARD SELLERS



CENTRE OF ATTENTION: Israel Folau tests the Hull defence



LEAVING IT LATE Maloney gets the winner and, inset, a rainbow flag



Folau magic seals Catalan comeback

WAYWARD STAR SETS UP VITAL TRY

ISRAEL FOLAU was a bit-part player in his first Super League appearance in England as his Catalan Dragons pulled off a famous comeback victory.

But the high-profile Australian centre's one moment of magic was crucial in the visitors' unlikely success.

Folau's brilliant one-handed take of James Maloney's short restart two minutes from time was key to Maloney touching down moments later to complete Catalan's great escape.

The Perpignan side hit back to win from being 28-10 down in the final quarter.

Coach Steve McNamara said of Folau: "Izzy was solid without being spectacular, but he did come up with a really big play to give us a last chance. We underused him but it was a special catch."

Much had been made of dual code international Folau's return to England for the first time since a two-try show for the Wallabies in 2018. But the 30-year-old,

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By Trevor Baxter

whose social media post that "hell awaits" gay people has made him a despised figure, hardly had to run a gauntlet of hate.

A number of rainbow, gay rights' flags were waved by home fans before kick-off, including from members of the city's first inclusive male rugby team. There were also ripples of boos when Folau took his first pass.

But there was no animosity towards him on the pitch. He was congratulated and embraced by several Hull FC stars, including two-try winger Mahe Fonua, after the final hooter.

Home fans were more dismayed by the final result and a third successive defeat. Fonua's double and further touchdowns from Carlos Tuimavave, Jamie Shaul and Manu Ma'u, plus four Marc

Sneyd goals, had given Hull an 18-point cushion.

That lead was wiped out in nine minutes as Ben Jullien, Josh Drinkwater and Samisoni Langi crossed, and Maloney kicked a hat-trick of conversions.

Sneyd's 40-metre drop-goal edged Hull back in front, only for Folau to snatch that restart to launch a brilliant Dragons' reply.

McNamara said: "Before the game we were well planned and organised, but we never gave ourselves a chance for 50 minutes."

"When we were 18 behind we went to what we should have been doing and scored some nice tries."

Hull boss Lee Radford said: "I thought we had done enough to win the game twice."

Of Folau's inspirational moment, he said: "Unfortunately, we don't have anyone in our team who can jump that high."

HULL FC - Tries: Fonua 2, Tuimavave, Shaul, Ma'u. Goals: Sneyd 4. DG: Sneyd.

CATALANS - Tries: Jullien 2, Yaha, Drinkwater, Langi, Maloney. Goals: Maloney 5.

LIAM MAKES GIANTS PAY

HUDDERSFIELD 10 WIGAN 42



MARSHALL: Treble

LIAM Marshall scored a 14-minute hat-trick as Wigan ruthlessly exploited Aidan Sezer's first-half yellow card to go top of the early Super League table.

Huddersfield - the last unbeaten side going into the game - led 10-4 before Sezer's high tackle on Tommy Leuluai.

The Warriors scored four tries in his absence, with a thrilling length-of-the-field Marshall effort among them. Coach Adrian Lam said: "He was sensational."

GARETH WALKER

1962: Wilt Chamberlain of the Philadelphia Warriors, below, became the first and only man to score 100 points in an NBA game. Philadelphia beat the New York Knicks 169-147 in front of a crowd of 4,124.

1996: Nigel Benn announced his retirement after losing the WBC super-middleweight title to Thulani 'Sugarboy' Malinga, although the Briton returned to the ring later in the year.

2004: Ken Bates stood down as Chelsea chairman after 22 years.

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

ON THIS DATE IN SPORTING HISTORY

2005: Ian Woosnam was confirmed as European captain for the 2006 Ryder Cup at The K Club in Ireland. At the same time, Nick Faldo was selected to lead the team in the 2008 event in Louisville.

2011: Ireland's Kevin O'Brien hit the fastest century in cricket World Cup history to set up a stunning

three-wicket victory over England. O'Brien blasted a 50-ball ton, eventually being dismissed for 113, as Ireland successfully chased down 327-8 in Bangalore.

2013: Shinji Kagawa scored a hat-trick as Manchester United went 15 points clear at the top of the Barclays Premier League table with a 4-0 win over Norwich at Old Trafford.

2017: Celtic announced the death of 'Lisbon Lion' Tommy Gemmell aged 73.

1. Who broke Thierry Henry's record as the highest-scoring non-English player in the Premier League with his hat-trick in Manchester City's 6-1 win at Aston Villa?
2. Which part-time spinner took his first four-wicket Test haul for England in the third test against South Africa?
3. Who was appointed club captain of Manchester United when Ashley Young moved to Inter Milan?
4. Which Munster player scored two tries in their 33-6 Heineken Champions Cup victory over Ospreys?
5. What is the women's equivalent of golf's Ryder Cup called?
6. Which Swiss tennis player has won three of the four Grand Slam titles?
7. Which Australian swimmer was Olympic men's 400m freestyle champion in 2000 and 2004?
8. Which Scottish Championship football team plays at Somerset Park?
9. What number lies between five and one on a dartboard?
10. Who is the only rugby league player to have won the Lance Todd Trophy three times?

ANSWERS: 1 Sergio Aguero, 2 Joe Root, 3 Harry Maguire, 4 Clu Standen, 5 Sotheim Cup, 6 Stan Wawrinka, 7 Ian Thorpe, 8 Ayr United, 9 20, 10 Sean Long.

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We've got cocky

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IAN WATSON warned the Red Devils to stop living off the glory of last year's Grand Final appearance.

After another defeat, Watson said: "We've got to smarten up quickly. You can get a bit above your station."

Salford actually took the lead through Tui Lolohea and Ken Sio tries, but Max Jowitt, Tom Johnstone, Bill Tupou and Kelepi Tanginoa replied for Wakefield. Sio added a second late on.

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WILDER: Dethroned

Wilder triggers rematch clause

TYSON Fury's American promoter Bob Arum says Deontay Wilder has triggered his rematch clause for a third fight.

Wilder had 30 days to request it after losing his WBC title to Fury and did so at the weekend.

Arum says Fury will then face the winner of Anthony Joshua's June

BOXING By David Anderson

13 title defence against Kubrat Pulev.

"Wilder and his representatives have formerly notified us that they have accepted the rematch," said Arum.

"It's going to happen in the summer, middle of July. And if Joshua beats Pulev and Fury

beats Wilder, then why not do Joshua v Fury at the end of the year?

"We would certainly sit down with Eddie Hearn and work it out." □ KAL YAFAI'S run as Britain's longest-reigning world champion was ended in Texas by Roman Gonzalez. Yafai was WBA super-flyweight king since 2016.

WATSON RIDES MEXICAN WAVE

Heather takes her first title in four years



HIT & MISS
Watson on her way to the title and reducing Fernandez, inset, to tears

HEATHER WATSON won her first title since 2016 yesterday with victory at the Mexican Open after bouncing back from a "heartbreaking" second set.

The British No2 triumphed 6-4, 6-7, 6-1 over Canada's Leylah Fernandez to seal her fourth WTA Tour crown.

But she had to recover after five championship points in the second-set tiebreak.

Watson, in fact, needed 10 match points to seal the trophy and revealed how she dealt mentally with her second-set profligacy.

She said: "I'm so happy to get my fourth title. It's been a few years, so I'm just really, really happy I came through that match.

By Darren Witcoop

It was so up and down. I had those match points in the second set and I wasn't able to win that but I was really pleased with how I stayed in the moment and won that third set. It was heartbreaking losing the second set.

It's been a few years, so I'm just real happy

"But I reminded myself that I also saved a lot of set points before that. It was so close, both of us had our chances.

"I just had to leave that set behind me, even though I had my opportunities, and just remind myself it's a tennis match and it won't be the end of the world if I don't win. Just play every point and focus on just that one point, that next point."

Watson, 27, last won a title in 2016, also in Mexico, and it has

been a tough road since.

She has dipped in and out of the world's top 100 but she ended last season by reaching the final of the Tianjin Open and has not looked back.

She began 2020 by making the semi-finals of the Hobart International and Saturday's victory will return her to the top 50 for the first time in nearly four years.

Rafael Nadal won the men's title on Saturday with a 6-3, 6-2 triumph over American Taylor Fritz, a player 11 years his junior.

The 33-year-old Spaniard said: "I couldn't be happier.

"I played a great event from the beginning to the end."

Novak Djokovic maintained his unbeaten start to 2020 by beating Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-3, 6-4 in the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships final.

Godden winner takes Sky Blues to summit



COVENTRY are in top spot thanks to a 1-0 win over Sunderland.

A second-minute goal from Matt Godden, above, took them two points clear of Rotherham as they made it 13 games unbeaten in the league.

But boss Mark Robins said: "If you look too far ahead you come unstuck. Nothing's achieved so far." Sunderland boss Phil Parkinson said:

LEAGUE ONE

"We're still in the promotion mix. You get knocked back and have to come back fighting."

Paul Warne is staying optimistic despite Rotherham's 1-1 home draw against MK Dons.

He said: "This point doesn't feel a good point, but it might be at the end of the season."

Ipswich lost more ground in the play-off

race after going down 2-1 at Blackpool.

Ipswich boss Paul Lambert said: "You simply cannot defend like we did for the goals and expect to win."

A stoppage-time goal from Callum Reilly saw AFC Wimbledon end Gillingham's 15-match unbeaten league run with a 2-1 win.

Dons manager Glyn Hodges said: "The boys were fantastic."

CREWE DRAW ARTELL REBUKE

CREWE boss David Artell told his side to sharpen up to stay on promotion course.

Artell saw his second-placed side draw 1-1 at struggling Morecambe and said: "We created the chances but we didn't take them - and it cost us."

Exeter remain third after a late goal from Brennan Dickenson secured a 1-1 home draw against Crawley.

Grecians boss Matt Taylor said: "I was really pleased with how the group

LEAGUE TWO

responded in the second half. We looked a little leggy for the first hour."

Cheltenham won 2-0 at Colchester to move fourth after a fifth straight win.

And boss Michael Duff predicts more to come. He said: "There is a resilience."

Plymouth slipped to fifth after having Gary Sawyer and Antoni Sarcevic sent off in a 2-1 defeat at Bradford.

KEEP CALM & CARRY ON

HULL

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LEEDS

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OPPONENTS may see Illan Meslier as Leeds' weak link, but Grant McCann says he has already proved his strength.

Meslier, who is 20 today, belied his lack of senior experience as he produced an assured, confident display on his Championship debut.

The French goalkeeper, signed on loan from Ligue 2 side Lorient, is deputising for Kiko Casilla during the Spaniard's eight-game ban for racially abusing Charlton's Jonathan Leko.

Hull manager McCann was impressed and said: "I know he's a very good goalkeeper. There were a couple of times when the ball went into the box and he was very confident and caught it."

"We were aware they had a young goalkeeper. It's easy to say put balls on top of him, but the game doesn't always go the way you think it will."

Leeds believe in Meslier and did not sign an experienced goalkeeper in

Banned Casilla's stand-in is the stand-out for high-flying Leeds

By David Anderson

January as they were confident he could deputise for Casilla. He is as comfortable kicking the ball as he is handling it.

Striker Tyler Roberts said: "We all knew as soon as he came in that he was a great keeper. He was confident and commanding and it's good for the defenders to have him behind them."

Roberts scored twice as Leeds registered their biggest away win since 2011 to close the gap on leaders West Brom to a point.

Luke Ayling and Pablo Hernandez also found the net as Leeds made it four straight wins without conceding to put their promotion bid firmly back on track.

"Scoring four shows how sharp we are," said Roberts. "But

we're not going to get ahead of ourselves."

Hull are feeling the loss of Jarrod Bowen and Kamil Grosicki in January, and have been sucked into the relegation fight after taking just two points from their past 10 league games.

McCann will not tolerate any moping, though, and said: "If anyone feels sorry for themselves, they can go home or play for the Under-23s. But that won't be an issue for this group."

HULL (4-2-3-1): Long 8; McKenzie 6, Pennington 6, McLoughlin 6, Elder 5; Stewart 6, Da Silva Lopes 5 (Batty 63, 6); Wilks 5, Samuelsen 6 (Maddison 76), Honeyman 6; Magennis 6 (Balogh 63, 7).

LEEDS (4-1-4-1): Meslier 7; Ayling 7, White 7, Cooper 7, Dallas 7; Phillips 7; Costa 7, Klich 8, Hernandez 7 (Shackleton 87), Harrison 8 (Alioski 87); Bamford 7 (Roberts 66, 8). **Goals:** Ayling 5, Hernandez 47, Roberts 81, 84.



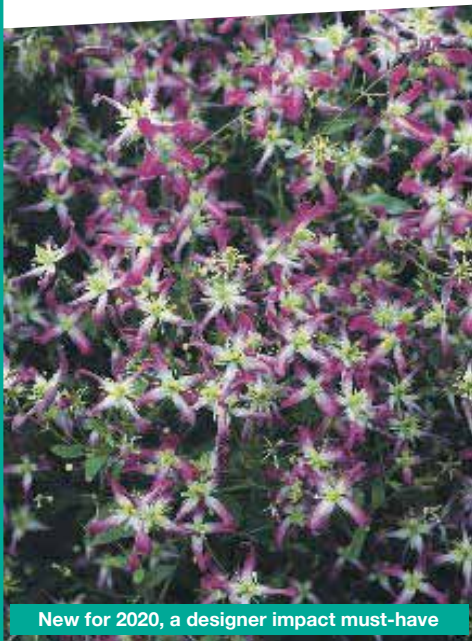
IN SAFE HANDS

Goalkeeper Illan Meslier after the win and, inset, Luke Ayling celebrates his opener

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We need to sort out

ROUND-UP

LUKA Racic has told his Brentford team-mates to forget about promotion until they iron out their set-piece problems.

The Danish defender netted his first senior goal as Brentford took a two-goal lead before unravelling at Cardiff to draw 2-2, leaving them winless in five. The

Bees have conceded 12 goals from dead-ball situations this term.

Racic said: "I got my first senior goal, which I'm sure I will be happy about tomorrow, but now I'm disappointed with the draw. The second one, from the



LUK AT ME: Racic celebrates his first Brentford goal

SUPER SAM... Wigan's Morsy fires in the second-half winner against league leaders West Brom



MORSY'S HUNGRY LIKE THE WOLVES

WEST BROM

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WIGAN

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By James Nursey

MATCH-WINNER Sam Morsy admitted it was extra special to shoot down West Brom as a lifelong Wolves fan.

But Wigan's captain says he still expects Slaven Bilic's Baggies to go up and join neighbours Wolves in the Premier League.

Morsy ensured strugglers Wigan secured a shock but deserved win at the Championship leaders with a rasping 73rd-minute finish.

Victory was the Latics' third on the bounce and lifted them out of the drop zone for the first time in three months.

There was added delight for Morsy as he celebrated his third goal of the season in front of the 978 away fans.

Egypt midfielder Morsy, 28, who was on Wolves' books as a child, said: "It was great.

"It was brilliant, we beat them last season at home as well to the delight of friends and family who are all big Wolves fans.

"This is the game I look for – Albion away.

"I am a Wolves fan who watched them for years and enjoyed the rivalry with Albion. I used to go home and away.

"But I genuinely hope Albion go up to see the derbies again.

Wigan captain shoots down his boyhood rivals but then backs them to be promoted

I really enjoy that. I think they will be in the Premier League next season."

Morsy and fellow midfielder Joe Williams played a vital role to shackle Brazilian dangerman Matheus Pereira, who has six goals and 12 assists this season.

Paul Cook's side could have won more comfortably as they also hit the post and Jamal Lowe was denied late on by goalkeeper Sam Johnstone one-on-one.

Morsy, right, added: "We have played well this season without the results, which can be demoralising and demotivating.

"But if you believe in what you do, you have to keep going and be more clinical.

"Each player has to step up, which is what we have done.

"We actually thought we would win because the team spirit is brilliant. You come here and you can change formation and tactics,

but the gaffer was really brave with his team. We just went and had a go."

Albion manager Bilic lamented his side's poor display, but consoled himself with having another game tomorrow night, at home against Newcastle in the FA Cup.

However, the Hawthorns boss made it clear promotion is the priority this season.

Bilic said: "The FA Cup game is a massive game for the club but when I say we have to bounce back, it is against Swansea on Saturday. This is the big game.

"Newcastle is a bonus game but we want to win as soon as possible in the next game."

WEST BROM (4-3-3): Johnstone 6; O'Shea 6; Ajayi 7; Hegazi 6 (Bartley 43, 6); Townsend 6; Harper 6 (Phillips 55, 6); Livermore 7; Krovinnovic 6; Pereira 4; Robson-Kanu 7; Robinson 6 (Grosicki 61, 6).

WIGAN (4-2-3-1): Marshall 7; Byrne 7; Kipre 7; Balogun 7 (Naismith 69, 6); Pearce 7; Morsy 8; Williams 8; Lowe 6; Roberts 7 (Evans 80); Massey 6 (Jacobs 58, 6); Moore 7. **Goal:** Morsy 73.



Parker's high praise as Christie seizes chance

CYRUS CHRISTIE was held up as an example to his team-mates after going from substitute to man of the match.

Christie, above, had barely sat down before replacing Joe Bryan in the ninth minute after he limped off with a hamstring injury.

He slotted in at right-back and not only contributed to a clean sheet but was also one of Fulham's most potent attacking forces, sending in a stream of crosses.

Fulham manager Scott Parker was full of praise for the Ireland defender, who has been restricted to eight league starts so far this season.

"He was exceptional," Parker said. "I don't really expect anything less from Cyrus, to be honest, because he is

FULHAM 2 PRESTON 0

someone who takes disappointment on the chin but also takes it as a motivation to keep improving and keep working hard.

"There is no sulking with him and he deserved his moment. When he was called upon, he was ready."

Preston boss Alex Neil would have been left with few positives to take away after

David Nugent's own-goal and Aboubakar Kamara's added-time breakaway strike meant North End left Craven Cottage empty-handed.

Preston midfielder Brad Potts said: "It is in our own hands.

"We have lost two games on the bounce, but we are still in the play-off spots, which shows how well we have done."

NICK SZCZEPANIK

FOREST MAY CASH IN

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NOTTINGHAM FOREST could be forced to sell Matty Cash and Joe Worrall if they miss out on promotion.

Forest go to Middlesbrough today hoping to boost hopes of a return to the top flight for the first time since 1999. Full-back Cash, 22, and centre-half Worrall, 23, have contracts until 2023 and 2024 respectively. But the club handed out the deals to protect the value of their assets for potential sale.

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basics to be the Bees knees says Racic

long throw, is such an annoying goal to concede. It is something we need to work on."

Millwall midfielder Jayson Molumby is dreaming of being a part of Republic of Ireland's Euro 2020 plans after helping dent **Bristol City's** play-off hopes. The Ireland Under-21

skipper, on loan from Brighton, is aiming for a senior call-up and starred as the Lions held the Robins 1-1. He said: "Playing for Millwall will help my case.

"I need to focus on playing but the Ireland squad is something I'm

aiming for." **Blackburn** and **Swansea** are jostling just behind City after they drew 2-2 at Ewood Park, Bradley Johnson's injury-time leveller saving Rovers.

And **Blackburn's** £7million striker Ben Brereton, 20, has been given a reality check by

boss Tony Mowbray after coming off the bench. Mowbray said: "Brereton with the ball at his feet is an extraordinary talent.

"I said to him this is a working-class town. People pay hard-earned money to watch him play and they expect you to fight for every ball."





BRUCE: Problem time

Goal wait may take a season

NEWCASTLE 0 BURNLEY 0

STEVE BRUCE says it could be another 12 months before his goal-shy imports start producing the goods.

Record Newcastle buy Joelinton, Miguel Almiron and Allan Saint-Maximin have hit just four league goals between them this term.

Bruce said: "They've all found it difficult. It takes a while, maybe another 12 months. Of course, you can't wait that long – that's the problem."

"We'll try to find a solution but in my opinion, unless you're a top one, getting used to the Premier League can take a season."

Meanwhile, James Tarkowski believes Burnley are ready for another tilt at Europe.

Burnley are unbeaten in six league games and Tarkowski said: "We've given ourselves a decent platform."

The Clarets finished seventh two years ago, sealing a place in the Europa League qualifiers.

Tarkowski said: "Of course, we'd like another shot. We would be better equipped to handle playing in Europe and the league if we managed to qualify again."

IAN MURTAGH

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LIVERPOOL	0

By Mike Walters

INVINCIBLE no more, Dejan Lovren admitted Liverpool were "ashamed" after their 44-match unbeaten run crashed and burned.

One anaemic performance at Vicarage Road does not dismantle an empire. The title is still returning to Anfield after 30 years on tour.

But, holy moly, it raises serious questions about the Treble.

Lovren, who was bullied into submission by that shrinking violet Troy Deeney, insists Liverpool can still complete a "perfect" campaign if they learn from the shock result of the season.

But the dream of matching Arsenal's 'Invincibles' class of 2004 has gone. This was one almighty blot on a 'perfect' landscape.

We can deal with Watford in short measure: What on earth were they doing in the relegation zone when they can dismantle the champions-in-waiting so comprehensively in front of their biggest crowd for 32 years?

Two-goal record signing Ismaila Sarr is so quick he can catch pigeons, while skipper Deeney, who completed the rout, should be on England's radar this summer as an alternative target man if he can rough up the country's meanest defence.

Liverpool, who took their medicine with class, deserve only our admiration for an unbeaten run spanning 422 days, but for once they ticked all the wrong boxes.

Jürgen Klopp's side were strolling, complacent, pedestrian, lethargic. And hopeless.

Lovren, making his first Premier League appearance

SHOCK THERAPY

Lovren's 'ashamed' but insists Reds can benefit from 'proper wake-up call'

in almost three months, admitted: "We felt a little bit ashamed. We should have done better. There is no excuse for that."

"The manager looked at us when we came into the dressing room afterwards. He knew that we knew it wasn't our best performance."

"I think this was a proper wake-up call to everyone."

"One performance won't ruin everything but this is always a learning process. From

DEE-LIGHT: Deeney enjoys sealing it with third goal

tomorrow, we look forward and until the end, we can still make this a perfect season."

"The last couple of games hadn't been the best performances but we won. This one was like someone hit us in our faces – and we deserved it."

"It hurts, really hurts. A defeat is a defeat but, you know, this was strange."

"Right from the beginning until the end, it was missing the usual things that we have. We deserved to lose."

WATFORD (4-2-3-1): Foster 7; Femenia 7, Kabasele 8, Cathcart 8, Masina 8; Capoue 8, Hughes 8; Sarr 9 (Pussetto 82), Doucoure 8 (Chalobah 89), Deulofeu 7 (Pereyra 37, 7); Deeney 8. Goals: Sarr 54, 60, Deeney 72.

LIVERPOOL (4-3-3): Alisson 5; Alexander-Arnold 5, Lovren 4, Van Dijk 5, Robertson 5; Oxlade-Chamberlain 4 (Origi 65, 5), Fabinho 4, Wijnaldum 4 (Lallana 61, 6); Salah 4, Firmino 5 (Minamino 79), Mane 5.



IT'S NO FOR MO Salah shows his dismay as Liverpool run is ended with Lovren, inset, hurt by defeat

DEENEY IS EVEN LOVED BY ARSENAL



TROY DEENEY enjoyed a new phenomenon – popularity among Arsenal fans – after that famous victory over Liverpool.

Watford's trashing of the Merseysiders' unbeaten run preserved the Gunners' record as the Premier League's only Invincibles.

And the Hornets talisman, who upset Arsenal with his 'cojones' barb in 2017, said:

"Popular with Arsenal fans? That

By Mike Walters

is a first." He refused to rub Liverpool's noses in it, adding: "They're still an unbelievable side. Invincibles or not, it doesn't mean they're not an unbelievable side."

"You tip your hat to them – it was our day today and Arsenal fans like me. It's a good day to be alive."

Watford climbed out of the bottom three courtesy of a more relaxed training regime featuring a day of yoga and aquatherapy. Deeney said: "Do you want to know

the God's honest truth? This week was the least we've done. We had a yoga day on Thursday. We came away from the training ground and went for a yoga and swimming day because the gaffer wanted to clear our minds."

"Everyone was putting too much pressure on this game, so we had our least demanding week."

The only sour Watford note was Gerard Deulofeu's season-ending knee injury, as Deeney said: "It doesn't look great. Unfortunately this is the game we play."

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SORRY BOYS
David De Gea holds up his hand in apology after gifting Everton the opener

A game of two gaffes

DAVID DE GEA is still the best goalkeeper in the world, says Manchester United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer.

But he did not even look the best keeper at the club yesterday when he somehow cannoned a clearance off Dominic Calvert-Lewin to gift Everton the opener after just three minutes.

No one in the Premier League over the last two seasons has made as many errors leading to goals.

Until the 88th minute, when he made a superb save to deny Everton a late winner, it looked like Dean Henderson – on loan at Sheffield United – was his superior.

While De Gea was having a nightmare at one end, Everton's Jordan Pickford was hardly doing himself favours at the other end in front of England boss Gareth Southgate.

The England No1 allowed Bruno Fernandes' swerving

EVERTON

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MAN UNITED

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By Chris McKenna

strike to sneak under him for United's equaliser.

Ex-United captain Roy Keane said De Gea would have been "lynched" at half-time in his day and was equally dismissive of Pickford, below.

Both belatedly made up for their early errors with fine late saves.

Pickford's was a fine double stop to deny Fernandes a second goal, then his quick reactions and an outstretched leg stopped substitute Odion Ighalo's point-blank follow-up.

Then in stoppage time, De Gea pulled off a reaction save of his own with his feet to thwart Gylfi Sigurdsson.

Calvert-Lewin thought he had a second goal when his rebound effort deflected in off

Harry Maguire to leave De Gea wrong-footed. But Sigurdsson was sitting in front of De Gea in the six-yard box and pulled his feet away to let the ball roll in, so VAR ruled out the effort.

Everton boss Carlo Ancelotti was sent off at the final whistle for confronting referee Chris Kavanagh about the incident, while Solskjaer said afterwards he was confused by the rules.

In the end, a point was a fair result but not what either team needed.

United were the dominant side in the opening 45 minutes with Nemanja Matic hitting the bar. And it was Matic's quick pass which found Fernandes for the equaliser.

EVERTON (4-4-2): Pickford 6; Coleman 6 (Sidibe 28, 6), Holgate 6, Keane 6, Baines 8; Walcott 5 (Bernard 63, 6), Davies 7, Gomes 8 (Keane 82), Sigurdsson 7; Calvert-Lewin 8, Richarlison 7. Goal: Calvert-Lewin 3.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-3-1-2): De Gea 6; Wan-Bissaka 7, Lindelof 7, Maguire 7, Shaw 7; McTomlinay 8 (Mata 72), Matic 7, Fred 7; Fernandes 8; Greenwood 6 (Ighalo 72), Martial 5 (Williams 89). Goal: Fernandes 31.

CARLO: I DIDN'T DISRESPECT THE REFEREE

By Chris McKenna

CARLO ANCELOTTI says he did not disrespect referee Chris Kavanagh after the controversial ending yesterday.

The Everton boss was furious that Dominic Calvert-Lewin's late deflected strike was ruled out by VAR for offside.

Ancelotti confronted Kavanagh on the pitch at full-time demanding an explanation and warning he wouldn't "disappear" until he got one – only for the referee to brandish a red card.

"I asked for an explanation," said Ancelotti. "There was a misunderstanding on the pitch and he sent me off. After that I spoke with him calmly in the dressing room. "I didn't disrespect him but I can understand the end of the game was really exciting. It's not the first time I've been sent off and it will not be the last."

Ancelotti was convinced Calvert-Lewin's late goal should have stood. United boss Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, above, said David De Gea is still the "best goalkeeper in the world" despite his howler. He added: "I trust David 100 per cent."

But former United captain Roy Keane said: "I'd have lynched him at half-time. I'd have no time for that carry-on. What is he waiting for? It's almost arrogance."

MENTAL BLOCK

Dominic Calvert-Lewin charges down De Gea's clearance and, below, sees it ricochet in

TOP OF THE FLOPS

Errors leading to goals from keepers since start of 2018-19 season:

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B Leno (Ars)	7
D De Gea (Man U)	7
J Pickford (Eve)	7
A Begovic (Bourne)	5

We'll stick it up 'em, vows Arsenal fan Curtis

PORTSMOUTH winger Ronan Curtis has warned Arsenal not to expect an easy ride at Fratton Park tonight.

Mikel Arteta takes his side to the south coast for an FA Cup fifth-round tie, with Pompey's top-scorer confident the Premier League side will be forced to step well outside their comfort zone.

"Our pitch is tight," Portsmouth's 13-goal leading marksman said. "The

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fans are right on top of us and Arsenal will not be used to conditions like that. We will stick it up them.

"They are not used to playing League One teams and they don't like the physical side. The lads are buzzing and we are all looking forward to it."

Curtis is seeking inspiration from Gunners icon Thierry Henry, with the

23-year-old having grown up worshipping the striker and his fellow Arsenal 'Invincibles'.

"I got my wish! It will be like a dream to play against my all-time favourite team," he said. "My heroes were Thierry Henry, Dennis Bergkamp, just the classics really."

"I loved Henry. His finishing and his all-round game was amazing."

NICK CALLOW

SPORT IN BRIEF

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ICC WOMENS WORLD TWENTY20

GROUP B—England v West Indies (Sydney): England 143-5 (20.0 overs; N R Sciver 57). West Indies 97-8 (17.0 overs). England (2pts) beat West Indies by 46 runs.
South Africa v Pakistan (Sydney): South Africa 136-6 (20.0 overs; L Wolvaardt 53), Pakistan 119-5 (20.0 overs). South Africa (2pts) beat Pakistan by 17 runs.

SECOND TEST MATCH—India v New Zealand

(Christchurch): India 242 (63.0 overs; G H Vihari 55, C A Pujara 54, P P Shaw 54; K A Jamieson 5-45), and 90-6 (36.0 overs) New Zealand 235 (73.1 overs; T W M Latham 52; Mohammed Shami 4-81).

THIRD ODI—Sri Lanka v West Indies

(Pallekele): Sri Lanka 307 (50.0 overs; A S Joseph 4-65). West Indies 301-9 (50.0 overs; S D Hope 72, S W Ambris 60, N Pooran 50; A D Mathews 4-59). Sri Lanka won by 6 runs.

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TORONTO WOLF...0 ST HELENS...32
St Helens—T. Lomax (2), Bentley, McCarthy, Scarsbrook, Smith. G: Makinson (5).

HUDDERSFIELD...10 WIGAN...42
Huddersfield—T. O'Brien, G. Sezer (3), Wigan—T. Isa, Marshall (3), Powell, Manfredo, Partington, G. Burgess, G. Handaker (5).

HULL...29 CATALANS DRG...34
Hull—T. Fonua (2), Tuimavave, Shaul, Ma'u, G. Sneyd (4), DG: Sneyd, Catalans Dragons—T. Julien (2), Yaha, Drinkwater, Langi, Maloney, G. Maloney (5).

SALFORD...12 WAKEFIELD...22
Salford—T. Lolohe, Sio (2).

Wakefield—T. Jowitt, Johnstone, Tupou, Tanginoa. G: Jowitt (3).

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Wigan	5	4	0	1	128	58	8
Castleford	5	4	0	1	122	81	8
St Helens	4	3	0	1	112	45	6
Leeds	4	3	0	1	114	48	6
Huddersfield	4	3	0	1	116	68	6
Catalans Drg	3	2	0	1	82	79	4
Hull	5	2	0	3	114	112	4
Wakefield	4	2	0	2	67	82	4
Warrington	5	2	0	3	69	92	4
Salford	5	1	0	4	62	120	2
Hull KR	5	0	4	1	68	139	2
Toronto Wolf	5	0	0	5	58	148	0

RUGBY UNION

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HARLEQUINS...34 EXETER...30
Harlequins—T. Laisle, Cavubati, Smith, C: Smith (3), P: Smith (2).

Exeter—T. Dollman, J. Simmonds (2), C: J. Simmonds (3), P: J. Simmonds (3).

LEICESTER...14 WORCESTER...8
Leicester—T. Olowofela, P: McPhillips (3).

Worcester—T. Humphreys, P: Weir. Att: 18,268.

NORTHampton...21 SARACENS...27
Northampton—T. Dingwall, Mallinder, C: Biggar, P: Mallinder (3).

Saracens—T. Segun, Singleton, Tompkins, Earl, C: M. Vunipola (2), P: M. Vunipola. Att: 14,978.

BATH...13 BRISTOL...19
Bath—T. Chudley, C: Priestland, P: Priestland (2). Bristol—T. Vui, Leiua, Randall, C: Sheedy (2).

LONDON IRISH...25 WASPS...36
London Irish—T. Meehan, Loader, Rogerson, Matu'u, C: Myler (3).

Wasps—T. Alo, Harris, Watson, Robson, Umaga, C: Gopperth (4), P: Gopperth (3).

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Dragons...13 CHEETAHS...10

MUNSTER...29 SCARLETS...10
Zebre...P OSPREYS...P

SOUTHERN KINGS...19 CONNACHT...29

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pts
Leinster	13	13	0	0	9	476	181	61
Ulster	12	8	0	4	9	355	252	41
Glasgow	13	7	0	6	6	334	286	34
Cheetahs	13	6	0	7	8	342	280	32
Dragons	12	5	0	7	2	218	317	22
Zebre	12	2	0	10	6	204	370	14
Ospreys	12	2	0	10	5	165	326	13

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pts
Edinburgh	13	10	0	3	7	358	195	47
Munster	13	9	0	4	9	352	216	45
Scarlets	13	8	0	5	5	281	242	37
Connacht	13	7	0	6	7	264	291	35
Cardiff	13	6	0	7	5	242	275	29
B Tvisio	11	4	0	7	8	243	280	24
S Kings	13	1	0	12	3	204	498	7

TODAY'S DIARY

(7.45pm unless stated)

FA Cup 5th Round

Portsmouth v Arsenal

(Live on BT Sport 1)

Sky Bet Championship

Middlesbrough v Nottingham Forest

(Live on Sky Sports Football)

CRICKET

Second Test Match—day 4 of 5:

New Zealand v India (Christchurch, 10.30pm).

Hungry Lampard is aiming to kick Reds while they're down

FRANK LAMPARD has vowed to go all out to inflict a second defeat in successive games on Liverpool and dump them out of the FA Cup tomorrow.

The runaway Reds were brought crashing down to earth when they lost 3-0 at Watford on Saturday, ending their hopes of an unbeaten league season.

And now Lampard has promised to play his strongest side against them in the fifth-round tie at Stamford Bridge. The Chelsea manager said: "We will go for victory. It's Liverpool. Our fans want us to overturn the best team in the land."

"It doesn't mean I don't change a couple of people, fresh legs or a couple of different options, but I won't pick a team casually. I will be treating it with the care I'd give a Premier League game."

Chelsea needed two goals from wing-back



LAMPARD:
For the fans

BOURNEMOUTH 2 CHELSEA 2

Marcos Alonso to rescue a point at the Vitality Stadium after Jefferson Lerma and Josh King had scored for Bournemouth.

Cherries midfielder Philip Billing has told the doubters not to write them off when they travel to Anfield in the Premier League on Saturday.

He said: "Nobody thinks we will get anything. We have to make sure we're 100 per cent and go in with the right attitude. It's a challenge, but you look forward to these games. Even though you know everyone is going to doubt you and think it's an easy win for Liverpool, you have to believe in yourself."

"Obviously they've been unbelievable, but it still 11 versus 11. Hopefully we'll just play as everybody knows us, and that's energetic, attacking football."

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THE RACE for Champions League places looks like it may just come down to who has the man to bang in the goals. Tottenham do not, but Wolves do.

Raul Jimenez converted his chance expertly at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium yesterday to take his tally for the season to a remarkable 22 as his combination with the electric Diogo Jota tore Spurs apart.

Meanwhile, still in the treatment room for probably another six weeks are Tottenham's main strikers Harry Kane and Son Heung-Min.

If ever that loss was exposed, it was yesterday. Jose Mourinho's team strived, they battled, they probed. But they simply did not have the wit or invention to open up a formidable Wolves defence or, crucially, the strikers to finish off the chances. Wolves did.

Nuno Espirito Santo's powerful, pacy and clever team moved ahead of Spurs into sixth. They are behind Manchester United on goal difference only and fifth will

TOTTENHAM	2
WOLVES	3

By Tony Banks

be good enough for a Champions League place if Manchester City do not succeed in getting their European ban overturned.

Mourinho's Tottenham, after successive Premier League defeats, look like they are running rapidly out of steam.

It was the second weekend in a row where Mourinho has been schooled by one of his pupils – Frank Lampard with Chelsea last week and now his former Porto goalkeeper Nuno.

Spurs suffered a blow before kick-off when goalkeeper Hugo Lloris was ruled out with a groin injury. But Mourinho's move of playing Eric Dier in defence was what really hurt them. It backfired spectacularly.

Wolves' ability to break with pace was also instrumental in their fifth away league win of the

season – in their 46th game of the campaign. The danger was there from the start as Adama Traore broke clear but shot wide.

But Spurs, with Lucas Moura again gallantly leading the line, actually took the initiative. From the excellent Giovani Lo Celso's pass, Serge Aurier crossed low and Steven Bergwijn slotted home after Dele Alli's effort had been saved by Rui Patricio.

Wolves, though, were never quiet, Jota shooting over. And then they were level with a goal that will give Mourinho nightmares.

Ruben Vinagre burst down the left, Dier completely missed his cross, the ball bounced back off the hapless Japhet Tanganga and Matt Doherty finished with aplomb.

But on the stroke of half-time, without really creating too much, Spurs were ahead again. This time Alli played in Aurier on the right and the wing-back cut in to curl his shot nicely past Patricio.

Though Ruben Neves headed over, the key moment for Spurs



IN FULL FLIGHT: Bowen opens the scoring

Attack-minded Moyes

WHISPER it quietly but West Ham finally appear to be showing signs they can entertain their fans again.

Supporters have seen a series of drab, uninspiring displays this season.

But they had something to shout about on a day on which thousands marched in a protest against the running of the club.

David Moyes was rewarded for picking forwards Jarrod Bowen,

WEST HAM 3 SOUTHAMPTON 1

Pablo Fornals, Michail Antonio and Sebastian Haller by a thrilling attacking display.

Bowen, Haller and Antonio all scored to help the Hammers out of the bottom three.

Now Moyes needs to sort out a defence that has leaked 15 goals in six league games. He said: "This was good to watch. Suddenly

Main picture: FACUNDO ARRIZABALAGA

THAT'S HOW TO DO IT:
Jimenez leaves defender
Tanganga floored as he
shows Tottenham how to
finish yesterday

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	28	26	1	1	64	20	79
Man City	27	18	3	6	68	29	57
Leicester	28	15	5	8	54	28	50
Chelsea	28	13	6	9	47	39	45
Man Utd	28	11	9	8	42	30	42
Wolves	28	10	12	6	41	34	42
Tottenham	28	11	7	10	46	39	40
Sheff Utd	27	10	10	7	29	25	40
Burnley	28	11	5	12	33	39	38
Arsenal	27	8	13	6	39	36	37
Everton	28	10	7	11	37	42	37
Crystal Palace	28	9	9	10	25	32	36
Southampton	28	10	4	14	35	51	34
Newcastle	28	8	8	12	24	41	32
Brighton	28	6	10	12	32	40	28
West Ham	28	7	6	15	35	49	27
Watford	28	6	9	13	27	43	27
Bournemouth	28	7	6	15	28	45	27
Aston Villa	27	7	4	16	34	52	25
Norwich	28	5	6	17	25	51	21

TOTTENHAM v WOLVES

65	POSSESSION %	35
5	SHOTS ON TARGET	4
2	SHOTS OFF TARGET	7
6	BLOCKED SHOTS	3
4	CORNERS	5
12	FOULS	14
3	YELLOW CARDS	2
0	RED CARDS	0

Source: Opta

came when Ben Davies slung in a long cross and Alli escaped his marker but glanced his header wide. Had that gone in Wolves might not have recovered at 3-1 down.

But they did. Traore found Doherty again breaking with pace down the right and Jota stabbed in his low cross at the far post to make it 2-2.

And then came the best move of the game. A lovely touch by Jota saw him get away from Moura, he raced clear to cut inside, rolled a pass to Jimenez and the Wolves marksman fired home.

It was all about precision and finishing ability. And right now Mourinho's men do not have enough of it. And his tinkering with his defence is not helping.

TOTTENHAM (3-4-3): Gazzaniga 6; Sanchez 6, Dier 5, Tanganga 5 (Ndombele 76); Aurier 6 (Fernandes 82), Winks 6, Lo Celso 7, Davies 6 (Parrott 90); Alli 6, Moura 6, Bergwijn 6. **Goals:** Bergwijn 13, Aurier 45.

WOLVES (3-4-3): Patricio 6; Boly 7, Coady 7, Saiss 7; Doherty 7, Moutinho 7, Neves 7, Vinagre 7; Traore 7 (Neto 74), Jimenez 8 (Podence 90), Jota 7 (Dendoncker 79). **Goals:** Doherty 27, Jota 57, Jimenez 73.



DEADLY PAIRING Jota and Jimenez strike to cancel out Tottenham's lead



'WE WERE TOO NICE'

JOSE Mourinho accused his side of being too nice as they threw away two leads to lose.

Mourinho, below, fumed: "We are too good, too nice. "They had the correct mentality. We were punished because we don't have that aggression, ruthlessness. But the result was unfair on us.

"It's frustrating but we have to keep fighting."

Spurs lost keeper Hugo Lloris to a groin injury before the game and Mourinho does not know how long he will be out for. Wolves' Adama Traore went off injured and his boss Nuno Espirito Santo said: "I am worried about it."



lays on a feast for restless Hammers fans

we have a wee bit of competition up front.

"We were a bit open, so getting the balance right is important.

"If we want really good attacking players, we have to have good defenders.

"Issa Diop and Angelo Ogbonna have grown. Issa has incredible potential but he also has the mistakes of a young centre-half.

"I am working continuously with them. We

have to make sure we are strong defensively."

West Ham took the lead through Bowen's classy finish from Fornals' pass.

But they were cut open at the back when Michael Obafemi converted a James Ward-Prowse cross to level.

A major mistake by Alex McCarthy allowed Haller to beat him to Antonio's cross and convert the rebound.

And the game was over when Antonio converted

Fornals' through-ball after 54 minutes.

Moyes will also tread carefully with Antonio, given his hamstrings problems. The manager said: "With his injuries, we have to curtail some of the work he does. Maybe we give him some leeway.

"He's missed a lot of games. I don't know when he last played three 90 [minutes] in a row. He will not play all the time. We

want to keep him as fresh as we can. There have been some games where we've needed him."

Southampton are seven points clear of the drop zone, but Obafemi said: "We are coming to the end of the season and we have to pick up as many points as possible. The equaliser was a good finish but it was a shame it did not mean anything."

IAN BAKER

Murray backing Seagulls to fly high and defy doubters

GLENN MURRAY believes that Brighton can shock some Premier League big guns to dodge relegation.

The Seagulls have not won this year – failing to beat Watford, Aston Villa, Bournemouth and West Ham before losing to bitter rivals Crystal Palace on Saturday.

Jordan Ayew's strike ended a seven-year wait for a win at the Amex Stadium for Palace.

Tougher fixtures lie ahead for Brighton, who are just a point clear of the drop zone, with six of their next seven matches against teams in the top half.

But veteran striker Murray says there is lots still to play for.

"If the Premier League was that simple that you predicted all the scores, who would

BRIGHTON O C PALACE 1

be interested?" said the 36-year-old. "No one had us winning away at Arsenal.

"The media talk like we're relegated already but we're not and we've got plenty of points to play for.

"We've been here before, haven't we? Every year we've been in the Premier League

we've been fighting for survival."

Joel Ward says the Palace squad want Roy Hodgson to nail down a contract extension.

The 72-year-old boss is poised to sit down this week with Eagles owner Steve Parish.

Ward said: "The players are keen to see the manager stay and enjoy playing for him."

HECTOR NUNNS



TOP-FLIGHT FIGHT: Murray tussles for a high ball

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LIFTING THE BLUES:
Chelsea win first Women's League Cup

I'm really, really disappointed. I really wanted the ball today!

- ISMAILA SARR ON MISSING A HAT-TRICK

PREMIER LEAGUE TEAM OF THE WEEKEND



18 Wolves conceded the first goal in a PL game for the 18th time this season but have avoided defeat in 12 of those.

PERIOD OF DOMINATION

Since Carlo Ancelotti's first game in charge of Everton on Boxing Day, Dominic Calvert-Lewin has scored more Premier League goals than any other player.

	APPS	GOALS
Dominic Calvert-Lewin	10	8
Sergio Aguero	8	7
Mohamed Salah	11	6
Anthony Martial	10	6
Raul Jimenez	10	6
P-E Aubameyang	7	6
Troy Deeney	10	5

3 THINGS WE LEARNED IN THE PREM THIS WEEKEND

1 Palace striker Jordan Ayew's goals this season have won his side 12 points. Only Andy Johnson in 2004-05 (15) won more in one Premier League season for the Eagles.

2 Jarrod Bowen became the first English player to score on his PL debut for West Ham since Kevin Nolan in August 2012.

3 Watford's win over Liverpool was the biggest over a side starting the day top of the PL table by a team in the relegation zone since Leicester beat Manchester United 3-0 on November 23rd 1985.



"PHEW..."

Relief on Arsenal's official Twitter account after Liverpool fell short of their 49-game unbeaten run - a top-flight record - and missed out on the chance to match the 2004 'Invincibles'.

FODEN SHINES PUT GREALISH



JOY AND DESPAIR Phil Foden celebrates Sergio Aguero's goal with the scorer but, below, Jack Grealish was crestfallen at the final whistle



GIVEN the odds stacked against Aston Villa there was always a chance Jack Grealish might have found himself upstaged at Wembley yesterday - by the result if nothing else.

Yet Villa's captain was not only outshone by the collective glow of a better team in Manchester City but by one individual who looked the brightest talent on show.

It may be pushing it to suggest Phil Foden could be a late bolter for Gareth Southgate's Euro 2020 squad given his lack of opportunities for first-team action at City under Pep Guardiola. But on



GIDEON BROOKS
AT WEMBLEY

this display he should not only be considered but figure more often than not for City in a run-in which could still see his club lift three pieces of silverware.

Grealish had made no bones about his ambition to further his international ambitions before the end of the season, and he should make the England squad for this month's friendlies against Denmark and

City youngster sends a message to Southgate

Italy. Grealish said in the Wembley programme: "When you look back on your career you don't remember assists or anything like that. You look back on what you've won. "I want to win cups and to be an England regular is a target for the near future."

There was no silverware for him yesterday - as City lifted

their fifth League Cup in seven years - but there were some flashes of the talent which has put him on the cusp.

Two neat passes early on and a crunching challenge to block a cross from Ilkay Gundogan promised much.

However, those who had come to see him sprinkle stardust on the showpiece

BRIGHTEST TO IN THE SHADE

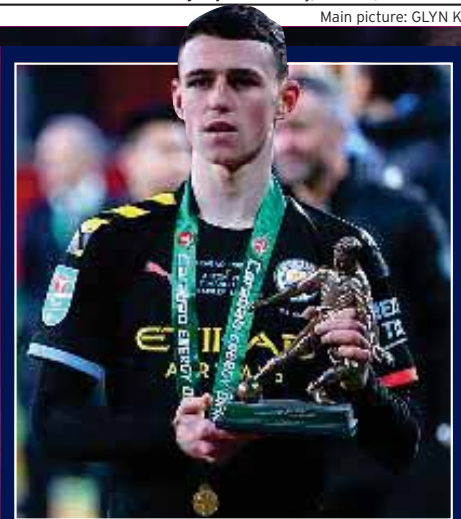
FODEN V GREALISH

0	Goals	0
1	Assists	0
5	Shots	0
2	Chances Created	1
71	Touches	46
51	Passes	32
90%	Passing Accuracy	75%
4	Dribbles Attempted	1
3	Dribbles Completed	1
71	Touches	46
2	Tackles	0
1	Interceptions	0
0	Fouls Won	2

“He’s already producing special moments”

WINNING NUMBERS

- Manchester City are the second side to lift three consecutive League Cup titles after Liverpool between 1981 and 1984 (4 in a row). Only Liverpool (8) have won the competition more times than City (7).
- Only Arsenal (6) have finished runners-up more often in League Cup finals than Villa (4 - level with Liverpool, Man United, Tottenham).
- Manchester City’s Phil Foden has been directly involved in nine goals in his 10 starts in all competitions this season (2 goals, 7 assists).
- Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola has now won the League Cup on three occasions (2018, 2019, 2020) - only Alex Ferguson (4), Brian Clough (4) and Jose Mourinho (4) have won the competition more often.
- Aston Villa have scored 20 League Cup goals this season. The last side to net 20-plus in a single EFL Cup campaign were Manchester City in 2013-14 (22).
- Since his League Cup debut in November 2011, Manchester City’s Sergio Aguero has scored more goals in the competition than any other player (11).



STAND-OUT: Foden with man-of-the-match trophy

Ambitious Sterling warns rivals: We’re all hungry for more

RAHEEM STERLING warned that this was only the start of Manchester City’s trophy hunt this season after the club fell short in the Premier League.

“It’s always a pleasure coming to Wembley and even better to win here,” he said. “You can never get enough of it.”

“The league was difficult this year but we’ve won one title so far and we’re still in the running for two more.”

City face Sheffield Wednesday in the FA Cup fifth round on Wednesday and take a 2-1 lead into the Champions League last-16 second leg against Real Madrid.

Sterling, above, added: “We’re fully focused and ready to do the business. We know as a team, if we’re not in the running for one trophy there’s always a couple more.”

“It’s so hard to do that for three years on the bounce and that’s what we’ve done, so we’ll just keep doing it, keep trying to win trophies.”

Man-of-the-match Phil Foden was described as

By Matthew Dunn

“clinical” by manager Pep Guardiola and revealed he had been chomping at the bit for 24 hours to take part in the showpiece.

Foden said: “I found out I was playing the day before, in training. The manager was working on tactics - I couldn’t wait to play. It was an unbelievable day.”

“When I play, every minute counts, so I try and do my best and I’m very proud of my performance today.”

“You look at players like Kevin De Bruyne and David Silva, who are great, so when I get into the team I have to make the most of it.”

Aston Villa boss Dean Smith was full of pride in his side, saying:

“Everybody wrote us off. “I think we were 18-1 to win but I knew those odds weren’t right.”

“I could see it in their eyes and their body language that they wanted to prove people wrong.”

“We went toe-to-toe with a side who are not just one of the best in Europe but the best in the world.”



PRINCE HAPPY

Villa fan Prince William celebrates their goal but sadness followed

occasion were left appreciating the skills and energy from Foden instead.

The 19-year-old City midfielder has made four starts in this competition this season, two in the FA Cup, two in Europe and just two in the Premier League.

But, given his head here, Foden showed not only that City have a ready-made successor to yesterday’s captain for the day, the outgoing David Silva, but that Southgate has something to ponder.

Foden provided the assist for the first goal, heading back Rodri’s cross for Sergio Aguero

to finish. But there was a moment when he took a crossfield ball down on the outside of his left foot, killing it stone dead before cutting into the box, that caught the eye.

Then, in the second half, he dropped deep to offer an outlet at right-back and chipped the ball calmly over an onrushing Villa player to initiate a move that ended with him fouled 30 yards inside Villa’s half.

Foden has time on his side but he is a player producing special moments like this now and Southgate might consider, given he has spent much of the season in a tracksuit, the merits

of taking a fresh player into the Euros.

Villa will head back to the West Midlands a little like a family returning from their holidays.

There is just work stretching ahead as they approach their last 11 games of the Premier League season two points from safety, albeit now with a game in hand.

A run of Leicester next Monday followed by Chelsea, Newcastle, Wolves, Liverpool, and Manchester United will dirty their hands.

Judged by the battle they put up here and the fact that as City lifted the Cup they stood,

virtually to a man on the field, and applauded, they still have spirit and no lack of belief.

It was a classy gesture.

A straw poll of fans before and after would no doubt have exchanged a Wembley defeat for Premier League survival.

While there are no guarantees, the chances of Villa still being in the top flight next season look brighter not darker after yesterday’s showing.

And they still have Grealish with a point to prove.

He may not get the cup but he could keep them up. That would be a legacy if he does move in the summer.

ASTON VILLA

PLAYER ANALYSIS

(4-5-1)

By Matthew Dunn

NYLAND

6

Inexperienced goalkeeper who could perhaps have done better with City's first goal.

ENGELS

7

Inches away from being a Villa hero and taking City to extra-time with his late header.

GUILBERT

5

Hopelessly outjumped by Rodri as Villa conceded the second goal. Needed to do better.

MINGS

7

Did everything he could to get his body in the way of whatever City threw at his team.

TARGETT

6

Useful from set-pieces but it tended to be his flank that City found easiest to exploit.

ELMOHAMADY

5

Struggled to support his team-mates on Sterling-watch and offered little outlet going forward.



MINGS: Did everything he could

LUIZ

6

Feisty helping out at the back but composed on the ball helping Villa move forward.

NAKAMBA

5

Got the orange of yellow cards for huge foul on Aguero. Frustrated by chasing shadows.

GREALISH

6

This was a big game for him but he was restricted to a few half-promising moments.

EL GHAZI

7

Seemed determined to pounce on any sign of a City mistake and set up goal brilliantly.

SAMATTA

7

Wow! He certainly meant the header which nearly burst the Wembley net. Powerful.

SUBSTITUTES

Trezeguet (for Elmoahady 70) 6; Hourihane (for El Ghazi 70) 6; Davis (for Samatta 80).

BOOKED: Mings, Nakamba, Elmoahady.
GOAL: Samatta 41.

CLAUDIO HAS A

Keeper saves his best until last as Pep's men celebrate another trophy



Matthew DUNN

AT WEMBLEY

ASTON VILLA

1

MAN CITY

2

AFTER 88 minutes, Manchester City were convinced that they had both hands firmly on the trophy.

The trouble is the Carabao Cup is unique in that it has a third handle and, but for one man, it could have been snatched out of their grasp.

Claudio, Bravo!

Never has a man been better named to take a bow for rescuing his team-mates.

The Manchester City goalkeeper had done little in 88 minutes apart from picking one unstoppable bullet header out of the back of his net just before half-time.

Then, as Villa gamely mustered one final push, the City defence in front of him completely switched off.

A deep corner reached Bjorn Engels at the far post and his header was firm and on target.

Bravo could only get his fingertips into the path of the ball – but it was enough to deflect it onto his post and away.

Extra-time avoided at the end of a week in which Pep Guardiola's side had puffed hard enough to see off Real Madrid at the Bernabeu amid similar late drama.

It was agonising for Villa, who had been led out by manager and supporter Dean Smith for an unexpected showpiece in what has been a tough season. But they had not just come for the occasion.

Players from both sides sank to the ground when the final whistle blew after five frantic minutes of stoppage time.

Who says this is not a trophy worth winning?

On balance, City were the better team. With both the scorers in midweek, Kevin De Bruyne and Gabriel Jesus, on the bench they had plenty in reserve and should have won more comfortably.

However, yet another worrying gaffe from John Stones just before half-time kept Villa on their tails.

A hopeful up-and-under was all it took to bamboozle the England defender, who has become so low on confidence just recently. He lost his footing when distracted by what



OPENER: Aguero is in the right place to hammer City in front

HE'S TOP OF THE STOPS

Claudio Bravo dives to push a late Bjorn Engels header onto his post and away to safety

was going on around him and Anwar El Ghazi pounced, with his inviting cross headed in so fiercely by Mbwana Samatta that you could almost hear the netting strain under the impact. Bravo's late heroics to deny Villa a second goal meant

Who says this is not a trophy worth winning?

that ultimately the sides were separated by a strike that should not have counted.

Replays showed that the corner from which Rodri rose above Frederic Guilbert to nod in should

have been a goal-kick. But such is the weird world of VAR that we can have goals chalked off for fouls in the opposing penalty area, but a wrong call over a corner cannot be reviewed.

There had been little doubt about the City opener, which came after Villa burned themselves out with their eagerness to get in and amongst their opponents.

Rodri's pass picked out Phil Foden brilliantly and his header back across goal was whalloped home by Sergio Aguero in typical fashion.

The England Under-21 midfielder's part in securing his fifth major trophy at the age of

just 19 was no more than he deserved as he showcased the talent City have within their ranks: trapping a 70-yard pass instantly with the outside of his foot; taking another bullet from a team-mate dead on his chest; and dropping his shoulder to play a reverse pass to Kyle Walker on the overlap.

But without restoring that two-goal cushion, City should have been more than aware that anything can be conjured up by English football.

Although, after Watford's defeat of Liverpool, perhaps two such massive shocks on the same weekend was just too much of an ask.

SILVER LINING

ASTON VILLA v MAN CITY	
30	POSSESSION %
3	SHOTS ON TARGET
2	SHOTS OFF TARGET
0	BLOCKED SHOTS
3	CORNERS
7	FOULS
3	YELLOW CARDS
0	RED CARDS
Source: Opta	



HEADING FOR THE BACK OF THE NET Rodri doubles City's lead when nodding home from a first-half corner while, below, Samatta flies through the air to give Villa a lifeline just before the break



UP FOR THE CUP: Kyle Walker, left, and John Stones on the lap of honour

Guardiola: It's awesome

FROM BACK PAGE

won at Wembley, prompting the suggestion he should get a tattoo of the stadium.

"I love the old Wembley and the new Wembley - you can invite me whenever you want," he said. "But a tattoo? My body doesn't accept tattoos, I'm not strong enough."

Guardiola has now won 29 trophies in 11 seasons as a boss and added: "It was awesome. We struggled in the first few minutes and the last ones."

"They had two clear chances in the first minutes but we played really well, especially in the second half."

"We've won a lot. Every game we play we try to win it, every competition we try to win it, and three times in a row being here and winning is great." He

was unable to mask his anger at the Villa goal, when John Stones slipped to let them in.

But he hugged Stones at the end and said: "I'm pleased with how he reacted - always with the players we speak about that."

"It wasn't easy for him in front of 90,000 fans and everyone watching here in England, but after that one mistake he made two big clearances at the end."

"He's a lovely person, always there for us. I know he struggled a bit recently because he didn't play much, but we need him."

Villa boss Dean Smith called his players into a huddle after the final whistle but does not believe they will need much picking up.

"They'll wake up tomorrow and have an awful lot of pride," said Smith. "Our concentration goes to Premier League survival but we'll take heart from this."

MAN CITY



PLAYER ANALYSIS

(4-1-4-1)

By Matthew Dunn

BRAVO 6

No chance with the goal, and right at the death he produced the save that secured the cup for City.

WALKER 6

Worked well with Foden coming forward and firmly in control of things at the back.

STONES 4

Even standing up seems beyond him right now. His slip for the Villa goal was a calamity.

FERNANDINHO 7

Calm presence, as ever playing within himself in that centre-back role. Composed.

ZINCHENKO 6

Showed plenty of positivity striding forward and always offered an eager wide option.

RODRI 7

When he was purring away, City ticked along nicely. And that was most of the time.



RODRI: Kept City ticking along

STERLING 6

Always a threat when he got on the ball without causing any direct damage.

D SILVA 6

Played his usual role of re-angling the City attack to keep Villa on their toes. Tidy as ever.

GUNDOGAN 6

Got lucky with the corner decision ahead of second goal but made most of it with delivery.

FODEN 8

Created the first goal and some of his touches absolutely lit up Wembley. Sublime.

AGUERO 7

Of course he scored. He always does. Consistently City's most undervalued hero.

SUBSTITUTES

De Bruyne (for Gundogan 58) 6; B Silva (for D Silva 77); Jesus (for Aguero 84).

BOOKED: Rodri, Sterling.
GOALS: Aguero 20, Rodri 30.
REFEREE: L Mason (Manchester).

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HATS OFF TO HEATHER
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SKY IS THE LIMIT FOR FANS

SIX NATIONS chiefs face an outcry if they opt to go behind a paywall with their new TV rights deal. The tournament is the jewel in rugby's crown, accessible through a free-to-air deal with BBC and ITV. That deal runs out in 2021 and it has been reported joint bids are not being allowed, raising the prospect

By **Alex Spink**
 of Sky securing the biggest rights contract in rugby history. Six Nations chiefs - who described a report in The Rugby Paper as "highly premature and speculative" - are open-minded
TURN TO PAGE 46, COLUMN 6

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LOVE AND FIGHT

PEP GUARDIOLA won his eighth domestic trophy out of nine yesterday and told rivals: We're a hard act to follow. After watching his Manchester City side's hard-fought win over Aston Villa, Guardiola warned rivals Liverpool how difficult it is to stockpile silverware. "It's remarkable, from the last nine titles to win eight," he said on the back of City's Premier League, domestic cup

By **Matthew Dunn**
 and Community Shield successes under his management. "It would be so difficult for anyone to do it again. Not just for us but for our opponents too. "When you have a team that's incredible in the Premier League, so many champions drop after winning the league." His third successive Carabao Cup win is also his eighth trophy
TURN TO PAGE 59, COLUMN 1

LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN: City show off the trophy to the delight of Guardiola
 Main picture: **GLYN KIRK**

Pep hails remarkable trophy haul and says 'beat that'

CARLO SEES RED EVERTON 1 MAN UTD 1 See page 53

JOSE'S 'NICE' GUYS FINISH LAST TOTTENHAM 2 WOLVES 3 See pages 54-55

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ACROSS

1. Heal (4)
3. Allayed (8)
9. Physiotherapist (7)
10. Strengthen (5)
11. Unprincipled (12)
13. Declaration (6)
15. Extreme (6)
17. Thought (12)
20. Unsullied (5)
21. Free (7)
22. Shows (8)
23. Disorder (4)

DOWN

1. Shared (8)
2. Hazards (5)
4. Band (6)
5. Incredible (12)
6. Particle (7)
7. Pulled (4)
8. Leisure (12)
12. Enthusiasm (8)
14. Unity (7)
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18. Idol (5)
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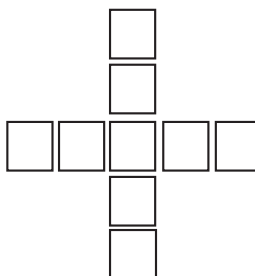
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ACROSS

- 1 Automated teller machine (9)
- 7 Enclosure for birds (6)
- 9 Ladder section (4)
- 10 British noblemen (5)
- 12 Association of countries (4)
- 13 American state (9)
- 14 Cupid (4)
- 16 Cleave (5)
- 18 Prima donna (4)
- 19 Destroyed (6)
- 20 A person's home (9)

DOWN

- 1 Slipshod (8)
- 2 Fixed basin with a water supply (4)
- 3 Scottish dish (6)
- 4 Snap fastener (5,4)
- 5 Instrument flying regulations (abbr.) (3)

- 6 Stockings (6)
- 8 Cease pad (anag.) (8)
- 11 Cadaver (6)
- 12 Golf term (6)
- 15 A native of Finland (4)
- 17 Television's Mr Dennis (3)

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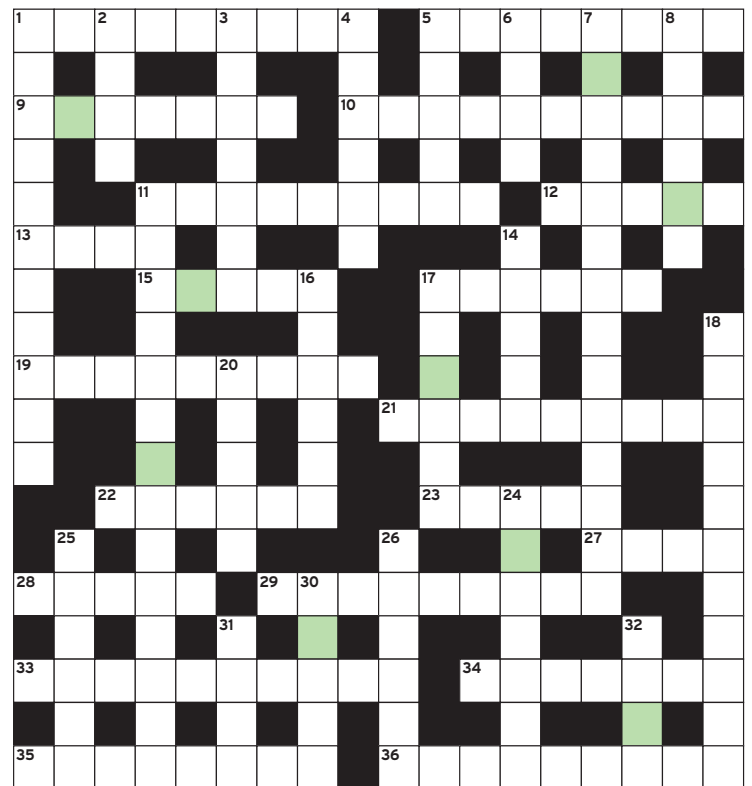
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ACROSS

- 1 Derived SI unit of radioactivity, equal to one nucleus decaying per second (9)
- 5 2020 fantasy adventure film starring Robert Downey Jr. and Harry Collett (8)
- 9 Round-grained rice variety named after a town in Italy's Po Valley, used for risotto, rice pudding etc. (7)
- 10 Soft silvery metallic element of the lanthanide series, atomic no. 66 (10)
- 11 Norwegian Labour politician elected as the first Secretary General of the United Nations in 1946 (6,3)
- 12 Single instruction that initiates a series of additional instructions to perform a specific task (5)
- 13 Island province of the central Philippines east of Negros and west of Leyte and Bohol (4)
- 15 See 28
- 17 Third-largest moon of Neptune, discovered by Dutch astronomer Gerard Kuiper in 1949 (6)
- 19 Plant genus of the family Plantaginaceae to which the foxgloves belong (9)
- 21 Best Actress winner at the 2020 Academy Awards, for her role in Marriage Story (5,4)
- 22 Black Sea port of southern Ukraine founded in 1794 by decree of Russian empress Catherine the Great (6)
- 23 Former name of Russia's Mariinsky Ballet Company, still widely used overseas (5)
- 27 Concerning, with regard to; used especially in probate and bankruptcy proceedings (2,2)
- 28 and 15 Lettuce variety with curly red-edged leaves and a slightly bitter taste; from Italian, 'red husk' (5,5)
- 29 Former province of NE South Africa (1910-94) whose capital city was Pretoria (9)
- 33 Human cave-dweller, especially a member of a cave-dwelling tribe in prehistoric times (10)
- 34 Self-governing territory of the United Kingdom in the NW Atlantic, comprising more than 150 islands (7)
- 35 Headquarters building of the US Department of Defense, in Arlington, Virginia (8)
- 36 Highest mountain in the Pennine Alps, located on the border between Switzerland and Italy (5,4)

DOWN

- 1 Abnormally slow resting heart rate of 60 beats per minute or less (11)
- 2 Three-dimensional geometric figure that is the only regular hexahedron (4)
- 3 Alternative name for the Furies (Alecto, Megaera and Tisiphone) in Greek mythology (7)
- 4 'And he dreamed, and behold a --- set up on the earth' (Genesis 28:12) (6)
- 5 Morarji ---, prime minister of India who succeeded Indira Gandhi in 1977 (5)
- 6 Small northern constellation whose brightest star, Vega, is the fifth-brightest in the sky (4)
- 7 Small ferocious Australian marsupial also known as the ursine dasyure; Sarcophilus harrisii (9,5)
- 8 National museum and art gallery of France, housing exhibits including the Mona Lisa and the Venus de Milo (6)
- 11 Confectionery with which Jadis, the White Witch, beguiled Edmund Pevensie in C. S. Lewis's The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (1950) (7,7)
- 14 Edible mollusc (Haliotis tuberculata) also known as the sea-ear, found near the Channel Islands (5)
- 16 State of north-east India on the Bay of Bengal; capital, Bhubaneswar (6)
- 17 Largest city of New Jersey, on the Passaic River just west of New York City (6)
- 18 Spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhism said to be the reincarnation of Khedrup Gelek Pelzang (1385-1438) (7,4)
- 20 Flavouring used in spirits including the Greek ouzo, Italian sambuca and French absinthe (5)
- 24 Substance taking part in a chemical reaction, especially one used to test for the presence of another substance (7)
- 25 Standard currency unit of Haiti, divided into 100 centimes (6)
- 26 St ---, Italian Benedictine monk; Archbishop of Canterbury from 1093 to 1109 (6)
- 30 Synthetic textile fibre or fabric made from regenerated and purified cellulose (viscose) (5)
- 31 Nicolas ---, English director of films including Walkabout (1971) and The Witches (1990) (4)
- 32 Simple board game in which counters are moved according to throws of dice; Latin, 'I play' (4)



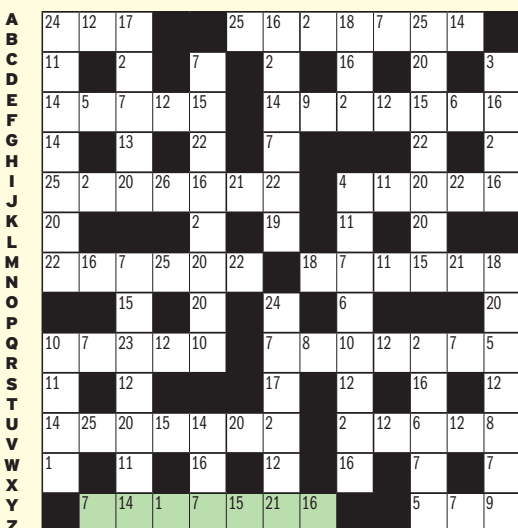
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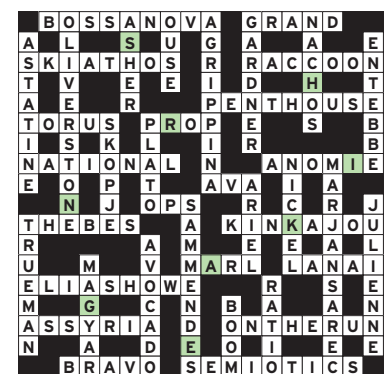
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Arrow-words are like crosswords, but the clues are printed inside squares on the grid. Write your answers in the blank squares in the direction indicated by the arrows.

Solution tomorrow

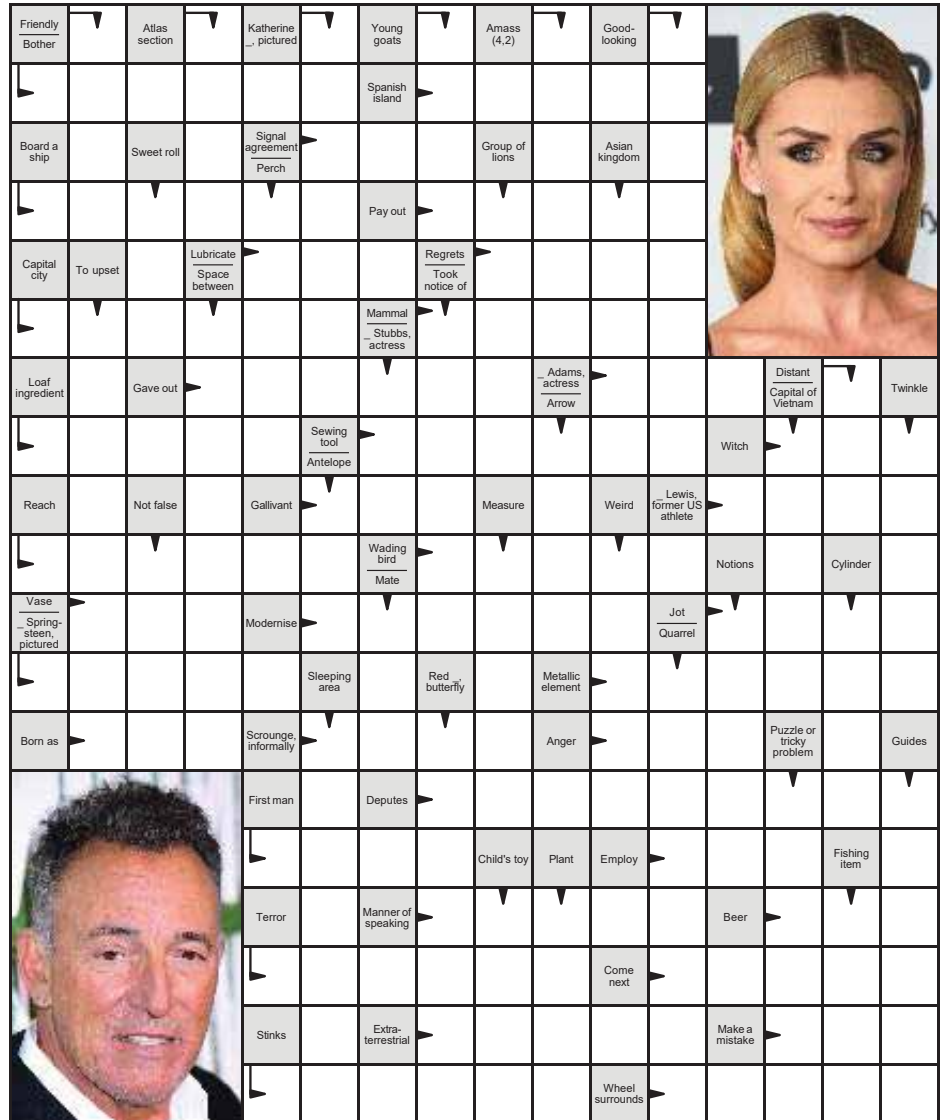
WORDSEARCH

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D R A P M A G S R M A J A S H
Z U M U R I A H H E E P J M W
H X P H I L I P P I R R I P V

Find all the Dickens characters listed below in the grid.

Solution tomorrow

**ARTFUL DODGER • BILL SIKES
BOB CRATCHIT • DANIEL QUIP • ESTELLA
FAGIN • JACOB MARLEY • MISS HAVISHAM
MR BROWNLOW • MR PICKWICK
MRS GAMP • NANCY • OLIVER
PHILIP PIRRIE • SAM WELLER • SCROOGE
TINY TIM • URIAH HEEP**



FRIDAY'S SOLUTIONS

THE ALPHABEATER

Black squares: 1, 5, 8, 10, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 29, 33, 38.

Across: Trade, Discount, Awful, Ozone, Exchequer, Jaw, Mazy, Jibe, Fib, Chorister, Polka, Mangy, Carnival, Deity.

Down: Row, Opal, Cymbal, Dough, Caviar, Dictum, Toucan, Actor, Shake, Object, Anon, Gut.

THE ALPHAPUZZLE

Across: Network, Fiat (clue), Ocean, Inquire, Aspic, Dirt, Dismal, Cactus, Kohl, Lunar, Anxious, Irony, Ajar, Treptop.

Down: Morbid, Koala, Even, Asphyxia, Wingspan, Raisin, Bursar, Magazine, Initiate, Solo, Treat, Sprays.

TV CROSSWORD

Across: 1 Griff, 6 Hamm, 8 Our Coast, 10 Emily, 11 Carol, 12 Keppel, 15 Reed, 16 Atkins, 17 Bell, 19 Elliott, 21 Home, 22 Paddy.

Down: 2 Rita, 3 Fowler, 4 Cook, 5 Stephanie, 6 Hammond, 7 May, 9 Russell, 13 Liam, 14 Jake Wood, 17 Beth, 18 Life, 20 Lea.

TV show: Finding Joy

ARROW-WORD

Across: Brenda, Untidy, Are, Act, Laud, Twig, Ebb, Roe, Lama, Envy, Blethyn, I do, Outré, Eat, Fabulous, PTO, Stale, Sire, Ado, Fen, Unit, Coy, Notch, Ira, Fine, Run-up, Rye, Get.

Down (left to right): Wren, Lima, Tennis, Tattered, Boa, Ion, On air, Tofu, Latter, Delilah, Lied, Hazy, Aga, Yo-yo, Ochre, Menu, Ups, Dean, Testifying, Vera, Ore, Rue, Boy, Etc, Enrapt.

Shaded letters: Bedroom Farce

WORDS

Eking

MUDDLESOME

Mister Spock, Doctor Leonard McCoy, Mister Chekov

CLOCK-WISE

Star, aral, alga, gaze, zebu, bust.

QUIZ OF THE WEEK

1 Lester Piggott 2 Sagittarius 3 Spice Girls 4 Alfred Hitchcock 5 Jimmy Carter 6 Scrum half 7 Paul Hardcastle 8 Smith 9 Sheena Easton, 10 The Brighton Line.

MENTATHLON ANSWER

Verge

DITLOIDS

1 Camera Obscura in Edinburgh, 1 Wolf on Stirling's Coat of Arms, 2 Universities in Aberdeen, 4 Christian Cathedrals in Glasgow, 6 Rugby Union Teams in Dundee

TRIVIA WORDSEARCH

1 Debussy 2 Firenze 3 Bulgaria 4 Flanders 5 Buchanan 6 The wind 7 Tbilisi 8 Rainbow 9 Madonna 10 Forty

SUMTHING

9+2=11, 5x4=20, 4x8=32

SMALL CROSSWORD

Across: 1 Irascible, 7 Neat, 8 Claim, 10 Fib, 11 Roadie, 13 Ridicules, 14 Makers, 16 AKA, 18 Ratio, 19 Tile, 20 Shepherds.
Down: 1 In arrears, 2 Recoil, 3 Stud, 4 Ill, 5 Baffles, 6 Embassies, 8 Chicago, 9 Radiate, 12 Herald, 15 Kite, 17 Pip.

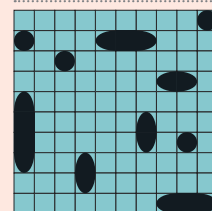
CROSS DOUBT

Across/Down: FARCE/IRATE

SUDOKU EASY

1	8	2	3	4	7	6	9	5
7	3	9	1	5	6	4	2	8
6	5	4	9	8	2	7	1	3
9	6	7	4	3	5	2	8	1
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2	7	1	5	6	4	8	3	9
3	9	6	7	1	8	5	4	2
5	4	8	2	9	3	1	7	6

BATTLESHPIS



QUICK CROSSWORD

Across: 6 Disease; 7 Value; 9 Civil; 10 Boycott; 12 Inquisitive; 14 Painstaking; 18 Gratify; 19 Surly; 21 Decoy; 22 Wishful.
Down: 1 Pixie; 2 Benign; 3 Asp; 4 Mascot; 5 Furtive; 8 Forsake; 11 Justify; 13 Barrier; 15 Nation; 16 Nought; 17 Flout; 20 Pin.

SUDOKU MEDIUM

3	7	5	4	2	9	6	1	8
1	4	8	5	3	6	9	7	2
2	6	9	1	7	8	4	5	3
6	8	4	2	9	7	5	3	1
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4	1	3	7	6	2	8	9	5
5	9	6	3	8	4	1	2	7
8	2	7	9	1	5	3	4	6

KAKURO

1	2		1	2	4	9	
2	5	7	4	3	1	6	8
		9	1		3	8	
1	5	2				9	2
3	9				2	3	1
	7	1		5	1		
1	8	5	2	7	6	4	3
3	4	2	1			2	1

SUDOKU DIFFICULT

1	8	4	5	6	2	7	3	9
3	9	2	7	1	4	8	6	5
6	7	5	3	8	9	1	4	2
8	5	9	4	7	6	3	2	1
4	2	6	1	3	5	9	7	8
7	1	3	9	2	8	4	5	6
9	6	1	2	4	3	5	8	7
2	4	7	8	5	1	6	9	3
5	3	8	6	9	7	2	1	4

KEIJO

1	2	4	3
2	4	3	1
3	1	2	4
4	3	1	2

TARGET

CONCERNED cede cere code coder coerce coerced concede concenter concern CONCERNED cone coned conned cord core cored corn corned cred credo creed croc crone deco decor ecce encode encoder encore encoded nonce once recce recode

Puzzles

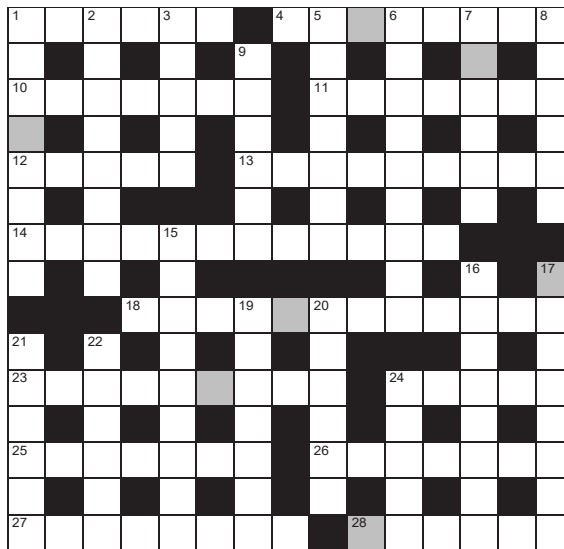
CRUSADER PRIZE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Provocative person makes Georgia and daughter travel (6)
- 4 Delighted to get keys fixed (8)
- 10 Road ran off to the country (7)
- 11 Conveyance follows light (7)
- 12 Old money, not Rand, not Mark, for a villa (5)
- 13 Old scene - it changes our way of life (9)
- 14 Recreating instant homes causes surprise (12)
- 18 Gloom finds variable number in undefined state (8,4)
- 23 Scheme - develop a seed around walkway (9)
- 24 A flat turned out to be deadly (5)
- 25 Satellite captivates old Poles in rainy season (7)
- 26 Accidental directions make a point (7)
- 27 It's sweet of French mother, admitting rare mistake (8)
- 28 Happy to be part of the family? Not initially (6)

DOWN

- 1 Sentry has weapon, arranging a raid inside (8)
- 2 Commit to day, including playing dice (8)
- 3 Rudimentary form of molecular variation (5)
- 5 Rascal gets quiet word about current element (7)
- 6 Drunken fool holds king close (9)
- 7 Volunteers fast to provide gift (6)
- 8 Solved clue about director general in club (6)
- 9 Worries about small stroke (6)
- 15 Novel work for political movement (3,6)
- 16 Fondness for quiet location (4,4)
- 17 Eaten, having European measure refused (8)
- 19 Apprentice left a paid worker (7)
- 20 Musical lubricant (6)
- 21 Considered a river a sea (6)
- 22 Named person brings this writer back holding £25 (6)
- 24 Delicate resistance in collapse (5)



FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN

Read down the letters in the highlighted squares to reveal the mystery word.

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● The winner will be the first random correct entry drawn from all entry routes after the closing date of March 9. The Editor's decision is final.

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LAST THURSDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Dartboard, 6 Gasp, 10 Seven, 11 Gesturing, 12 Colonel, 13 Ignited, 14 Rapprochement, 17 Imperiousness, 21 Overbid, 22 Tunesful, 24 Americana, 25 Inlet, 26 Dish, 27 Sideline. **DOWN:** 1 Dustcart, 2 Revel, 3 Banana republic, 4 Anglic, 5 Despire, 7 Aristotle, 8 Pagoda, 9 Quintessential, 15 Priceless, 16 Isolated, 18 Redraws, 19 Outward, 20 Coward, 23 Felon. **Prizeword:** Supine

TARGET



● The Target uses words in the main body of Chambers 21st Century Dictionary (1999 edition)

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown here?

In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word. No plurals or verb forms ending in "s".

TODAY'S TARGET

Good 20; very good 30; excellent 39 (or more). **Solution tomorrow**

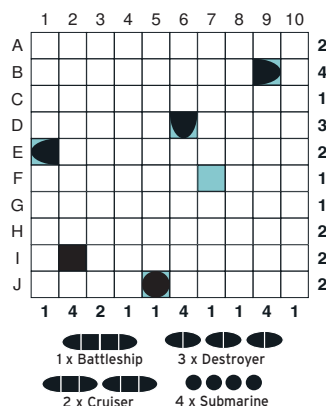
Call **0907 181 2585** for today's Target solution

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BATTLESHIPS

FIND where the fleet of ships shown is hidden in the grid. The numbers to the right of and below the grid indicate how many of the squares in that row are filled in with ships or parts of ships. The ships do not touch each other, even diagonally. Some squares have been filled in to start you off.

Solution tomorrow



THE ALPHABEATER

TARGET TIME: 34 minutes

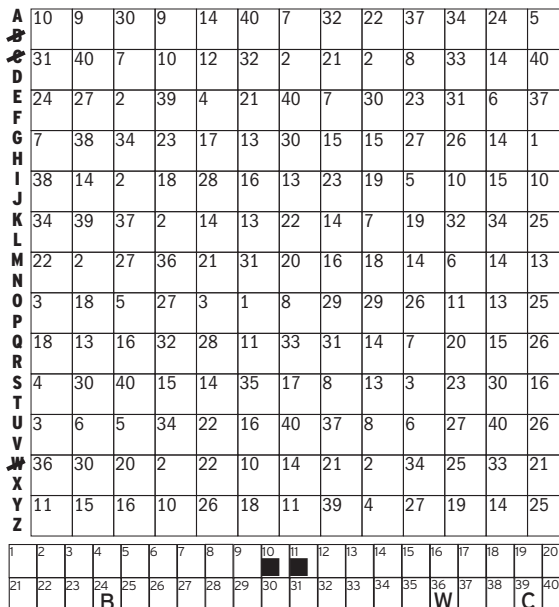
CAN you crack the Alphabeater? Each grid number represents a letter - or black square. As in Alphapuzzle, every letter of the alphabet is used. But you have to complete the grid too! Use the given letters and black squares below the grid to start. The grid is 'rotationally symmetrical' - in other words, it looks the same if you turn the page upside down.

Solution tomorrow

Extra letter clues
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(Deduct three minutes for each extra clue letter heard)

Full solution
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WORD BUILDER

Solution tomorrow

Answer the clues so that each word contains the same letters as the previous word, plus or minus one.

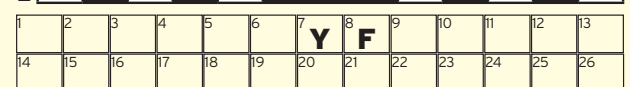
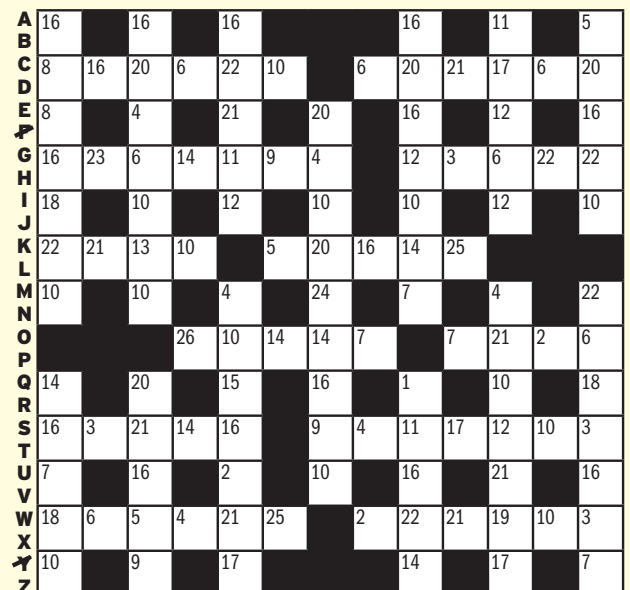
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7

- 1 Epoch
- 2 Nobleman
- 3 Angry look
- 4 Mix up
- 5 Push rudely
- 6 Snatch
- 7 Counter

THE ALPHAPUZZLE®

Alphapuzzle® tests logic and word power. Each grid number stands for a letter. Every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter or letters - below the main grid - to start. **Solution tomorrow**

DIFFICULTY: 8/10; **TARGET:** 26 mins; **CLUE:** Sick medic's seen on parade ground.



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