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**Patient dies in hospital as
crisis pushes NHS to brink**

FIRST VIRUS DEATH IN UK

By **Giles Sheldrick**
Chief Reporter

BRITAIN'S first
coronavirus death
was confirmed
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nosis rates soared.

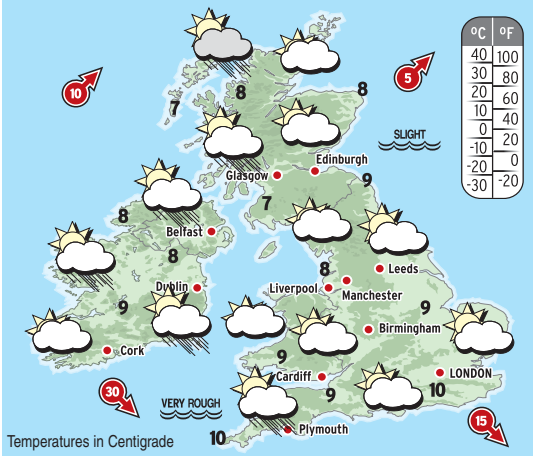
It came amid dire
warnings the disease

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Meghan an entrance...Duchess and Duke's joint comeback last night

Weather forecast



North West: Sunny spells and one or two showers. Rather chilly. Gentle north-easterly winds. High 9C (48F).

Northern Ireland: Bright or sunny spells along with the chance of the odd showers. Chilly. Light winds. High 8C (46F).

Wales: Mainly dry with sunny spells today but the odd shower is possible, mainly across the west. High 10C (50F).

Midlands: Bright or sunny spells along with the chance of a shower. Moderate north-easterly winds. High 9C (48F).

North East/Yorks: Bright or sunny spells at times, and it should stay dry. Gentle north-easterly winds. High 9C (48F).

Scotland: A chilly day with sunny spells but a few showers are possible too, mainly in the west. High 8C (46F).

East Anglia: Sunny spells and one or two showers possible. Moderate north-easterly winds. High 8C (46F).

London/South East: Variable cloud with the odd shower, but some sunny spells too. Fresh northerly winds. High 10C (50F).

South: Bright or sunny spells developing along with the odd shower. Moderate north-easterly winds. High 9C (48F).

South West: A chilly day with sunny spells along with scattered showers. Fresh north-westerly winds. High 9C (48F).

Channel Isles: A chilly day with a few sunny spells but a scattering of showers too. North-westerly winds. High 9C (48F).

Sea: North Sea: Slight. Irish Sea: Moderate. Channel: Slight.

UK OUTLOOK TOMORROW: North-western areas will become wet and windy with spells of heavy rain. Dry in the south-east but with cloud tending to increase. Milder.

SIX-DAY FORECAST

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

24 hours	SUN	RAIN	TEMP	24 hours	SUN	RAIN	TEMP
to 5pm	(hrs)	(ins)	(min) (max)	to 5pm	(hrs)	(ins)	(min) (max)
Aberdeen	8.2	0.00	-4 8	Glasgow	0.3	0.05	0 6
Aberporth	5.0	0.00	4 6	Hull	6.2	0.01	-1 7
Ainwick	8.0	0.00	-1 6	Ipswich	0.0	0.17	4 8
Belfast	3.8	0.00	-1 8	Leeds	6.1	0.00	-1 8
Birmingham	1.1	0.01	3 6	Lincoln	0.4	0.02	0 5
B'mouth	0.1	0.89	6 6	London	0.0	0.39	5 6
Bristol	1.4	0.02	5 6	Manchester	7.1	0.00	-3 8
Cardiff	1.6	0.04	4 7	Oxford	0.2	0.01	4 6
Durham	7.6	0.00	-3 9	Sh'ampton	0.1	0.01	6 6
Edinburgh	4.9	0.01	-2 8	St Andrews	5.6	0.01	-3 8

Britain yesterday

Warmest: Jersey 11C (52F)
Coldest: Katesbridge -6C (21F)
Wettest: Guernsey 1.06in.
Sunniest: Aberdeen 8.1hr.

Lighting-up times

Belfast 6.10pm-6.57am
Birmingham 5.56pm-6.39am
Bristol 6.00pm-6.41am

Moons, sun and tides

MOON rises: 1.22pm, sets: 5.07am
SUN rises London: 6.34am, sets: 5.50pm
Manchester rises: 6.44am, sets: 5.57pm

Full Moon

09 March

HIGH TIDE

London Bge (10.43am), (11.24pm)
Liverpool (8.13am), (8.47pm)
Greenock (9.21am), (10.22pm)
Dover (8.14am), (8.46pm)

Today	Europe forecast	Tomorrow
Amsterdam	Rain 8C/46F	Fair 9C/48F
Brussels	Rain 8C/46F	Fair 10C/50F
Dublin	Showers 8C/46F	Cloudy 11C/52F
Frankfurt	Rain 8C/46F	Cloudy 9C/48F
Geneva	Showers 9C/48F	Fair 9C/48F
Lisbon	Fair 15C/59F	Sunny 18C/64F
Madrid	Fair 12C/54F	Sunny 17C/63F
Paris	Cloudy 10C/50F	Fair 10C/50F
Rome	Fair 15C/59F	Fair 14C/57F

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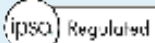
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Kate wields a hurling stick and, below, football training



Kate and William square up for It's A Royal Knockout

By Richard Palmer
Royal Correspondent

THE Duchess of Cambridge was game for a laugh yesterday as she attempted Ireland's sports – while William embraced the circus of royal life with juggling.

The couple rounded off their historic three-day visit to the Emerald Isle in Galway on the west coast.

They watched a cultural showcase giving them a taste of some of the acts that will represent the city later this year in its role as European Capital of Culture. Among them were circus acts, including tightrope walking.

Kate said to a group of teenage musicians about son George, six: "I wish we could have brought George and Charlotte, they would have loved it. George is learning the guitar."

She then told the tightrope walkers about her four-year-old daughter: "Charlotte is really into gymnastics, she's doing cartwheels, handstands, everything. It's so good for their basic skills of balance."

In the city centre the Royals sat with a group of musicians performing traditional Irish music in a pub. Then they had their final engagement of the trip – becoming the first members of the Royal Family to visit a grassroots Gaelic Athletic Association club. Famously competitive, Kate and



Master juggler...William shows off his hidden talent to entertainers yesterday

Wills took part in Gaelic football training drills before going head to head in a shoot-out with hurling sticks. Kate, 38, who played hockey as a teenager, started badly, failing to connect with the sliotar – the ball – twice.

But then, like William, 37, she

managed to strike. Both hit the woodwork and scored but it was Kate's team that secured a narrow 13-10 victory over William's side.

Club secretary Conor McGauran said: "Their technique was excellent. I'm blown away. To be honest, I'm really impressed."

Pictures: PA; GETTY

Meghan is all smiles for the crowd as she and Harry arrive at Mansion House in London last night

Meghan is back... with new movie star looks

The couple exchange grins under their umbrella



THEY looked every inch the Hollywood couple as they sparkled in the rain.

Prince Harry and Meghan, who wore heavy make-up, matched her dramatic look with a turquoise Victoria Beckham dress and blue suede heels for the annual Endeavour Fund Awards at London's Mansion House.

They smiled as they clutched a black umbrella while stepping out of their car into the pouring rain.

The Duchess was last seen two months ago when they revealed they were stepping down from being senior royals. Fans gathered to see the couple on what will be one of their last public engagements before they begin life away from the Firm.

Cheers rang out amid shouts of "We love you Meghan" – but there was one loud boo from an onlooker. The actress simply smiled and waved.

Once inside, she told the audience: "It's nice to be back. It's the third year I've had the incredible fortune of joining my husband here.

By **Michael Knowles**

When we watched the videos of nominees in Canada we had the moment of, 'How are you going to choose?' We've done our best."

Harry, 35, told them: "To be able to serve Queen and country never leaves us, once served always serving. A lot of you tonight told me you have my back. I'm here to tell you I'll always have yours."

The couple were supporting wounded, injured and sick servicemen and women who have taken part in remarkable challenges.

Meghan, 38, presented the Celebrating Excellence Award to former Royal Marine Lee Spencer, who completed a record-breaking solo row of the Atlantic despite losing a leg. Ceremony host, former soldier JJ Chalmers, said he supported Harry's decision to step back from public life, adding: "It's fantastic to have them here."

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WOMAN IN 70s DIES AS

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will push the NHS to the brink. An elderly patient with underlying health conditions contracted the virus here and died in hospital while the number of British cases jumped to 116.

The patient, reported to be a woman in her 70s, had been "in and out of hospital" for other reasons, but was admitted on Wednesday evening to the Royal Berkshire Hospital in Reading and tested positive.

Battle plans are now being stepped up as health chiefs realise they can no longer stop a significant virus outbreak.

Professor Chris Whitty, England's chief medical officer, yesterday admitted the inevitable spike will heap further pressure on a health service already creaking at the seams. He also warned that the NHS could run out of hospital beds.

He said: "The bit of the system which will come under pressure first will be those conditions that require people to have oxygen and, particularly, to have critical care beds."

"That bit, I think, will come under pressure at quite an early stage."

The number of people diagnosed with the virus has more than doubled in 48 hours and experts told Boris Johnson an epidemic of the bug was "highly likely".

Eight of the patients diagnosed have caught coronavirus in Britain. Officials conceded the infection was spreading, and not just from those who have travelled abroad.

Prof Whitty said there was a "slim to zero" chance the virus

TRUMP TURNS THE OTHER CHEEK TO VIRUS CLAIMS

DONALD Trump has claimed not to have touched his face "in weeks" – despite being pictured on Monday with his hand on his cheek.

The US President, pictured, told a meeting of airline bosses on Wednesday that he had taken the precaution to limit his chances of catching coronavirus.

He said: "I haven't touched my face in weeks. I miss it."

But on Monday, during a meeting at the White House with the pharmaceutical executives, the President was pictured with his hand on his cheek.

Mr Trump continues to rail against his medical experts. Yesterday he said he had a "hunch" the death rate is lower than recent estimates by the World Health Organization.

To date, 11 people have died of Covid-19 in the US.

Iran yesterday shut all schools and universities until March 20 and confirmed 107 people had died from coronavirus. Germany reported a jump in cases by 109 in 24 hours.

So far there have been more than 98,067 cases globally and more than 3,356 deaths.



An NHS Covid-19 pod, for people who believe they may be suffering from the virus, by St Thomas' Hospital in London yesterday. Left, inside the pod



could now be stopped, adding it would be "lucky" if a vaccine for Covid-19 arrived in the next year.

He added it is probable some people infected in the UK have no connection to overseas cases.

Of the confirmed cases, 105 are in England, with 25 of those in London, six in Scotland, three in Northern Ireland and two in Wales.

There are now fears the deadly disease is spreading inside the NHS after at least four staff, a patient and a student at King's College Hospital in London were diagnosed. An NHS

spokesman said of the death in Berkshire: "Sadly, we can confirm that an older patient with underlying health conditions has died."

"The patient has previously been in and out of hospital for non-coronavirus reasons, but on this occasion was admitted and tested positive for coronavirus."

Health Secretary Matt Hancock tweeted: "Terribly sad news today that a patient has died with coronavirus in Reading. My sincere

condolences to their family and loved ones." Medics are now desperately tracing those who were in contact with the patient.

Prof Whitty said: "I'm expecting the number only to go up, and there are now several cases where we cannot see where this has come from in terms of transmission."

"Either someone has come directly from overseas or they've had a close contact with someone who has recently returned from

overseas." The Prime Minister's official spokesman said it was "now highly likely that the virus is going to spread in a significant way" as officials step up work to prepare for the outbreak.

The fresh warnings come as it emerged millions of pensioners could be ordered to stay indoors if the outbreak intensifies.

Under plans being drawn up to mitigate the effects of the deadly disease, the elderly and those with

'There are several cases where we cannot see where it's come from'

By **Macer Hall** Political Editor

BORIS Johnson last night told Government officials to accelerate efforts to delay the coronavirus spread after medics warned a significant UK outbreak cannot be stopped.

Scientific experts told the Prime Minister an epidemic of the potentially fatal bug was highly likely.

Officials will examine proposals including widespread quarantine and encouraging more home working that could be unveiled early next week.

But Mr Johnson appealed for calm yesterday while appearing on This Morning.

He said: "People can see this country is going to get through this in good shape."

And he repeated his insistence that he will not give up shaking hands because of the outbreak. He shook hands with presenters Holly Willoughby and Phillip Schofield

Johnson urges calm but large outbreak predicted

on arriving on the set and later did the same thing with Maltese premier George Vella on his visit to Number 10.

The PM emphasised that the risks from the virus were small for most of the population and signalled that draconian measures such as closing schools and cancelling sports events and other big public gatherings were unlikely. The experts had advised

him that "things like closing schools and stopping big gatherings don't work as well perhaps as people think in stopping the spread".

Most victims will only suffer from a "mild to moderate" illness, he said. However after

meetings of the Government's Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies and the Cobra planning committee, the Prime Minister's spokesman said: "It is highly likely that the virus is

going to spread

in a significant way. Officials will focus on steps we could take to seek to delay the spread of the virus."

Chief Medical Officer Chris Whitty is expected to formally declare the response has moved from "contain" to the "delay" phase over the coming days.

The PM also held a summit with Chancellor Rishi Sunak and Bank of England governor Mark Carney to discuss measures for next week's Budget to help the country withstand the global economic impact of the virus.

In the Commons, Leader of the House Jacob Rees-Mogg said there were no plans to suspend Parliament.

Expert
Chris
Whitty



CASES IN UK LEAP



WORLDWIDE LATEST

CASES **98,067**

DEATHS **3,356**

pre-existing health conditions would be told to avoid public places and limit social contact.

It would mean the state placing restrictions on travel, GP visits and activities.

Caroline Abrahams, charity director at Age UK, said: "The coronavirus outbreak is obviously a huge worry and looks likely to be challenging for our older population."

"So it is more important than ever to be vigilant and look out for older friends and relatives to make sure they're OK. If you have

any concerns about their health or need more information about coronavirus, call NHS 111."

Official figures showed calls to the NHS non-emergency number last week were up by 120,000 compared to last year as panic sets in.

Some surgeries have been closed to be given a deep clean by specialists wearing visors and protective clothing.

The NHS has also unveiled "coronavirus pods", tiny shed-like buildings for people who believe they may be suffering from the

virus to speak to doctors inside. Pods were seen yesterday outside St Thomas' Hospital in London.

Elsewhere, sanitising hand gel was sold out in stores around the country, with empty shelves left where handwash products had been placed.

Coronavirus continues to cause panic across the world.

There are now more than 98,000 confirmed and suspected cases globally, and more than 3,350 deaths.

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Cleaners in protective clothing at Waterbeach Surgery, Cambs



Empty shelves of hand gel in Sainsbury's store

Telling flu from Covid-19

PEOPLE worried about catching Covid-19 might find it hard to tell the difference between seasonal flu and the deadly virus.

Both viruses cause similar symptoms but genetically they are very different.

Professor Neil Ferguson, of Imperial College London, said symptoms emerge two or three days after being infected with flu while the coronavirus can take at least 14 days to incubate.

"Coronaviruses don't evolve in the same way as flu but equally our body doesn't generate very good immunity," he said.

Prof Sian Griffiths, of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, said the only way to tell for certain is to take a test. She added: "Symptoms tend to be a fever, shortness of breath and a cough and a cold, and will probably have a runny nose than that. But it's not foolproof."

Vaccine trials on horizon

TRIALS of a vaccine against coronavirus will start on human volunteers next month.

Researchers at pharmaceutical giant Inovio in San Diego, California, hope to develop a jab in the next six months.

But the firm's Dr Kate Broderick, originally from Dunfermline, Fife, said work was around three months ahead of schedule.

She said: "We were targeting early summer for the start of the first clinical trial and even on the basis of that timescale it was really fast. But we've been really lucky and we're able to say now that we're hoping to start that clinical trial in April."

"That's approximately four months from when we first knew about the virus to getting this into human testing."

"So, that's really quite an achievement on our part."

The Covid-19 vaccine will be targeted initially in countries with the worst outbreaks but others will follow.

By Mark Reynolds

SHOCKED air passengers were left trapped on planes and stranded hundreds of miles from home after regional airline Flybe collapsed.

The budget carrier narrowly avoided going bust in January but its fate was sealed by a catastrophic fall in demand caused by the coronavirus crisis.

The Civil Aviation Authority confirmed early yesterday that the firm had ceased trading "with immediate effect".

The airline's website had advised customers "not travel to the airport" unless they had alternative flights. But there were still chaotic scenes and uncertainty for thousands of passengers.

Those using the low-cost operator, based at Exeter, told how they were suddenly ordered off planes after hours of waiting on the tarmac for take-off.

Many were then left in the wrong city as seizure notices were placed



Last-gasp bid failed to save Flybe

on planes across the UK and Europe. Others were successfully herded onto coaches to continue their journeys.

Passenger Jeff Morton, who works in property, was stuck on a plane for hours at Manchester airport before being told to get off.

He said: "I boarded the 8.40pm at Manchester heading for Southampton. We were actually moving, going for take-off close to the scheduled departure time – but suddenly engines were off and we were called back to the stand."

"At 10.50pm, we are told we were not flying anywhere."

"The captain and crew have been marvellous considering what this event means to them personally."

Phil Houlst, from Exeter, was also on the runway at Manchester.

He said: "The captain told us we wouldn't be flying anywhere."

"There was no regard for any passengers. The flight was full, maybe 200 people, and it was very hot. Nobody knew what was

Misery for stranded thousands as ailing airline Flybe folds



Crew member Katherine Densham in tears as the airline collapsed



Passengers at Manchester are told to get off after all flights were grounded



Chaos and confusion as travellers learn that their flight is going nowhere

going to happen." One passenger stranded at Glasgow airport said: "Wish I'd known before I tried to get home from Glasgow."

"The flight was announced as delayed until 8pm, then all the gate staff disappeared. They announced it was cancelled and said that no Flybe staff were available."

David Manners, of Lyme Regis in Dorset, was "absolutely gutted" when he arrived at Exeter airport

to find his Flybe flight to Paris had been cancelled.

Staff facing redundancy were left in tears and blamed bosses.

One employee, who had worked for the company for 16 years, said: "The people made Flybe. On the frontline we were lions – but lions led by donkeys."

Even the operator's pilots were critical of how it had been run. Captain Ben Wing heard nothing

from the airline about its collapse after piloting one of the company's last flights from Belfast.

He added: "It has been years and years of bad management and issues. The current guys that have come in have tried to do their best but too much had gone before."

Mark Anderson, Flybe chief executive, told of his "enormous sadness" in an email to staff, in which he said Ernst & Young is

expected to be administrators. He claimed coronavirus had put "pressure on a difficult situation" and said he appreciated how "distressing this news is and the shock and numbness" staff will be feeling.

Mr Anderson wrote: "Despite every effort, we now have no alternative, having failed to find a feasible solution to allow us to keep trading. I am very sorry that we have not been able to secure the funding needed to continue to deliver our turnaround."

Crisis

Crisis talks had been held throughout Wednesday but no rescue package was found.

Flybe, founded in 1979, carried some eight million passengers a year between 71 airports.

When Monarch Airlines went bust in October 2017, the Government spent £60million hiring planes to get passengers home while bringing back Thomas Cook passengers was estimated to have cost even more.

IT'S sad to see another decent airline go under in yet more grim news for the UK travel industry.

Flybe was sunk by a perfect storm of volatile fuel prices, Brexit, an aviation tax double whammy and the current impact of coronavirus on bookings.

More than 2,000 staff at the Exeter-based carrier will lose their jobs, and eight million passengers a year will have to find other means of transport for getting around.

Not everyone needs to travel to or via London and Flybe offered an alternative for trips across the UK and Europe for

COMMENT NIGEL THOMPSON Travel Editor

passengers in the regions. Its loss will be keenly felt in Manchester, Southampton, Birmingham, Northern Ireland, Scotland and in its south-west home. For the smaller airports, where it was the chief airline, it spells bleak times ahead.

There will of course be industry sympathy at another

carrier going bust, but business is business.

Once the Covid-19 aviation downturn is over, I would expect other airlines to cherry-pick the best Flybe staff and its prime landing and take-off slots at major airports (unfortunately, those smaller airports may not be so lucky).

So what went wrong? Coronavirus is seeing airlines cut routes as bookings slump, and it is entirely possible that only the carriers with deep pockets will survive.

Flybe had been struggling for years but this pernicious virus

was the final nail in the coffin. Brexit and fluctuating oil prices contributed too. If you have a business in a competitive market running on fine margins, then it was going to be tough to cope with the weaker pound after the EU referendum.

Also, Air Passenger Duty was a factor with the £13-per-person charge imposed on flights leaving UK airports, meaning Flybe's domestic routes suffered a double hit. It's a real pity it's gone. I always enjoyed a Flybe flight – punctual, good value, friendly staff and some handy destinations.



Equipment is taken away at Exeter airport yesterday

Pictures: SWNS; PA; SPLASH

Warnings of 'domino effect' with regional airports also set to suffer

By **Mark Reynolds**

THE collapse of Flybe has prompted fears that regional airports will suffer as well as associated small firms.

As more than 2,400 face redundancy, with workers such as baggage handlers as well as businesses reliant on the airline's routes also at risk.

The GMB union's Nadine Houghton called the collapse "a tragedy for the company's loyal workforce."

"A domino effect now puts 1,400 jobs in the wider supply chain at immediate risk and threatens the future of vital regional airports."

Some 95 per cent of flights at Southampton last year were by Flybe. At Belfast City the figure was 80 per cent, Exeter 78 per cent, Newquay 66 per cent and Cardiff 52 per cent, said analytics firm Cirium. At Birmingham – our seventh busiest – it was 31 per cent.

Aviation consultant John Strickland said some routes could be lost if no replacement airlines were found.

He said: "I think it will be down to one or two of the regional players like Loganair, who I would expect to step up to the plate and add some capacity, particularly at



A notice by the empty Flybe check-in desks at Birmingham

airports like Southampton, which has got a short runway so we're not going to see the likes of easyJet and Ryanair going there."

And he warned: "There will be some routes left uncovered, just because they are so difficult to operate."

Mike Cherry, national chairman of the Federation of Small Businesses, called the collapse a "blow to our regional economy" with companies who use it to travel to meetings "wondering what is going to be done to replace these routes".

The Government last night defended its decision not to save Flybe and said it "stands

ready" to support the failed airlines' passengers and staff.

Transport minister Kelly Tolhurst said the Government had been "working tirelessly" to help the business stay flying, but the spread of Covid-19 has hampered these efforts. She told MPs: "Unfortunately, in a competitive market, companies do fail and it is not the role of Government to prop them up."

Meanwhile, travel and insurance firm Saga, which operates over-50s cruise ships, has warned its travel arm was being hit by cancellations and a fall in bookings due to the virus's spread.



Workers clear out Flybe's Exeter headquarters

Q&A

How many people are affected?

Flybe, founded in 1979, carried about eight million passengers a year between 71 airports across the UK and Europe. Thousands could be stranded.

Who owns Flybe?

A consortium, Connect Airways, made up of Virgin Atlantic, Stobart Group and Cyrus Capital Partners.

How many will lose their jobs?

About 2,400 staff.

What happens to customers already on holiday?

When other airlines collapsed, the Civil Aviation Authority was ordered by the Department for Transport to fly them home. It is not yet clear if this will happen in this case.

Who would pay for this?

When Monarch Airlines went bust in October 2017, the Government spent £60million hiring planes to get passengers home, while bringing back Thomas Cook passengers is estimated to have cost even more.

Will travellers get a refund?

Customers who bought a flight directly with Flybe might be able to get a refund under Section 75 of the Consumer Credit Act – providing the flight was paid for using a credit card and cost over £100.

Can they claim on their travel insurance?

Some travel insurance companies will cover cancelled flights if they are the result of an airline collapse, but not all policies cover this. Holidaymakers can apply to their credit or debit card provider.

What is the Atol scheme?

Atol provides protection to holidaymakers when travel firms collapse. It protects most trips booked as a package.

What protection does it offer?

It will let you finish your holiday and get home. If you have not left home, you will get a refund or replacement holiday.

EXCLUSIVE
By **Chris Riches**

THE company behind a miracle drug to fight a rare genetic condition that can cause brain damage are returning to the negotiating table – just days after we launched a new campaign.

Last Saturday we unveiled our Supply Kuvan On The NHS crusade, demanding the life-changing drug for those with Phenylketonuria, or PKU.

The inherited disorder forces sufferers to live on a severely restricted dietary regime, as too much protein can cause brain damage.

Since 2008 US firm BioMarin's drug, which could help 600 UK sufferers lead a normal life, has been approved for use but not available on the NHS.

Last October, BioMarin quit the NHS drug appraisal process overseen by The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (Nice) having failed to reach agreement on terms.

But we can confirm they are re-engaging with Nice again, despite their reservations at how Nice values "orphan" drugs for rare diseases.

Yesterday the shock news was greeted with delight by PKU campaigners who have been delighted by our new health justice campaign.

Tireless Kate Learoyd has fought for years for Kuvan on the NHS, despite her son Alex, 11, luckily taking the pill via a drug trial.

Kate, 46, of Holt, Wiltshire, said: "I am relieved BioMarin are going to re-engage with Nice. BioMarin has a monopoly on this drug and a responsibility to prioritise people in the UK who struggle with PKU."

The disorder means sufferers cannot properly digest the amino acid phenyla-

Hopes for miracle drug on NHS as firm rejoins talks



Life changer...Kuvan wonder drug



Then and now...Darren, left, before taking Trikafta. Right, all smiles with wife Jane. Above, he thanks Daily Express readers



lanine (Phe), which builds up and can cause brain damage.

Kuvan successfully reduces the levels of phenylalanine.

Caroline Graham, mother to PKU siblings Holly, 23, and Callum Graham, 26, of Godalming, Surrey, said: "I am overjoyed to hear that BioMarin are going to co-operate with Nice again."

"We've been waiting too long. I hope we can finally bring this fight to an end so that my children can get on with their lives. Everyone with PKU who is suitable should get this treatment."

A Nice spokesperson said: "We look forward to working with BioMarin (to) establish whether the drug should be made routinely available."

Kuvan costs around £45,000 per adult, per year and £4,000 for a child, although the NHS would seek a significant extra discount.

Former Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt, an active campaigner for PKU sufferers and MP for South West Surrey, backed our new crusade.

He said: "Kuvan will change lives. This excellent campaign by the Daily Express has my full support."

Eric Lange, chair of The National Society for Phenylketonuria, told us: "It is completely unacceptable that the UK is one of the only countries in the world not to provide this treatment."

Last year BioMarin made £358million in Kuvan sales alone.

Yesterday the company told us: "BioMarin is pleased the Daily Express is supporting calls for Kuvan to be made available to people with PKU in the United Kingdom."

"We are proceeding with Nice's STA (single technology appraisal) process in the hope of achieving reimbursement."

Wonder tablets are saving my life

By **Chris Riches**

GIVEN just weeks to live, cystic fibrosis sufferer Darren Waite is now beaming – after a wonder drug we helped him win has transformed his health.

And the Daily Express can reveal since last July, 170 CF patients in the UK have had free "compassionate-use" Trikafta from US firm Vertex.

Darren, 41, of Burnham, Bucks, had struggled to take a breath since November after infections left just 13 per cent of his lungs working.

In January, wife Jane, 42, pleaded in our paper for Darren to get Trikafta, and days later he started taking the drug.

Four weeks on his lung function has doubled, his heart



rate lowered and he no longer needs to be given oxygen constantly.

Darren said: "Before starting Trikafta, I'd heard the incredible claims from others on it, but didn't believe it would bring me the same results."

"Yet after four weeks on Trikafta I am practically off oxygen and I realise now this really is a miracle drug."

"I am able to exercise, after a year of wasting away, and it has

also improved my appetite, energy and ability to breathe.

"Thank you to the Daily Express for their Trikafta fight as all CF patients should have this drug available to them."

The drug is set to be licensed for use by the European Medicines Agency in November.

At that point it is hoped Vertex will submit all their data to NHS drugs appraiser NICE.

Jane said: "It still feels strange to say, that our life has nearly returned to what we call 'normal'."

"We started 2020 not knowing if Darren would even see in the summer, and now we have been given the gift of extra time."

"Four weeks in and Darren's lung function started at 13 per cent, then crept to 21 per cent

and now is 25 per cent – and this is without exercise."

Since Christmas we have helped Nicole Adams, 28, in Belfast, and Michelle Bamber, 37, from Farnham, Kent, get compassionate Trikafta.

But we recently highlighted the case of mother-of-three Karis Dean, 32, of Mansfield, Notts, who also desperately needs the drug.

She weighs just four and a half stone and only 16 per cent of her lungs are working.

Her doctors have submitted her request for compassionate Trikafta but are waiting to hear from Vertex, who told us:

"Making decisions about requests for compassionate use of an unlicensed medicine is always complex."

I am so much better I've started jogging, says Carlie



Carlie...more energy

CYSTIC fibrosis sufferer Carlie Pleasant, 30, of Kent, tells us how a few weeks on Symkevi have enabled her to start jogging – and boosted her lung function.

After two months on Symkevi I am beginning to see the benefits of the pill that the Daily Express successfully campaigned for.

Before Christmas my lung function was at its lowest, I was admitted to hospital for intravenous antibiotics and had

By **Carlie Pleasant**

been on oral antibiotics almost constantly.

Since starting Symkevi I have found I have more energy, am less lethargic and more motivated to work towards achieving a higher lung function.

Recently I have upped my exercise and have begun running.

This is something I could not have achieved just a few months ago and

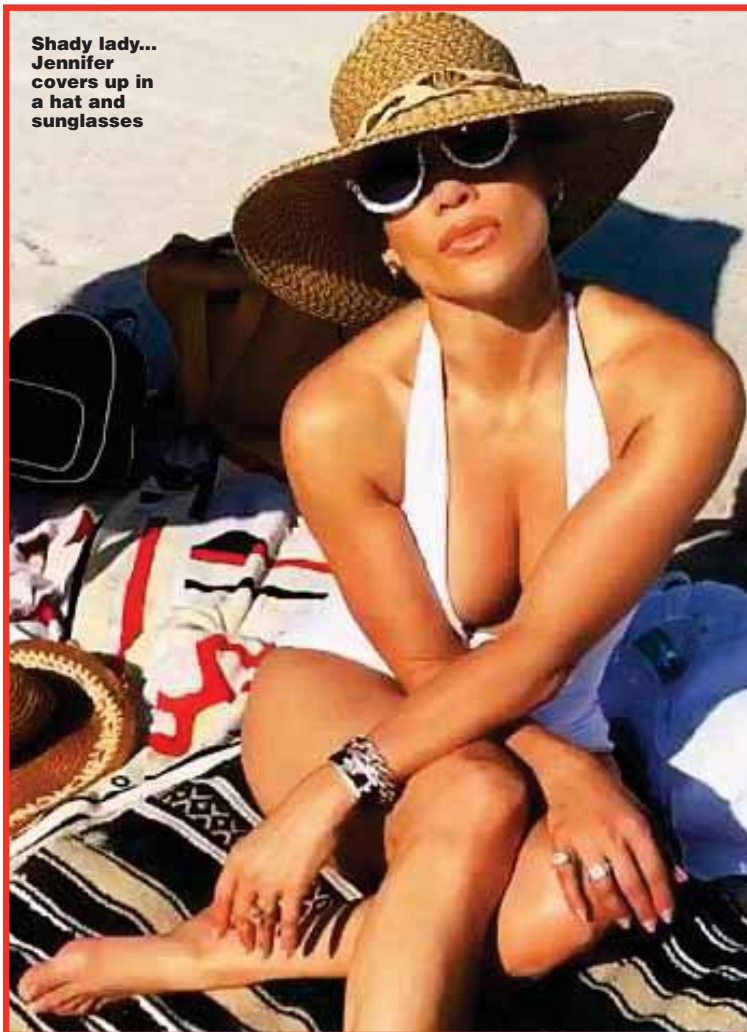
I can see the benefits of this form of physiotherapy reflected in lung function results.

Due to how unwell I was, I have had fortnightly home appointments with the CF team.

This week my lung function reached 75 per cent – a number I haven't seen for over three years!

I am reducing my steroids, I feel healthy, my mental health has improved and it's all thanks to Symkevi.

Shady lady...
Jennifer
covers up in
a hat and
sunglasses



Here's Jenny from the sun block as star takes a break

By **Steph Spyro**

THIS star may hide behind a huge straw hat and oversized shades – but we know she can't keep a Lo profile.

Pop diva Jennifer Lopez took time off to soak up the sun on a break to Miami, Florida.

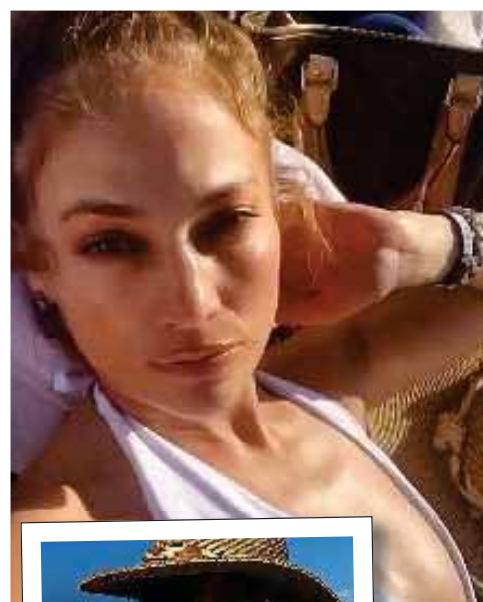
The 50-year-old American singer, dancer and actress wore a white halter-neck swimsuit, with sensual side slits, in a video posted on Instagram on Wednesday.

J-Lo captioned it: "No one likes a shady beach."

In the photographs shared with her 215 million followers, the Jenny From The Block singer also showed off the emerald-cut diamond engagement ring worth up to £3.8million from her fiancé Alex Rodriguez.

Lopez and the 44-year-old former baseball player got engaged last March and plan on getting married this year.

Talking to chat show star Oprah Winfrey during her 2020 Vision Tour on Saturday, J-Lo said: "If we're going to be together for the rest of our lives, what is the rush?"



Back to her best... J-Lo wears a stunning white swimsuit from a video posted during her sunshine break in Florida

By **Martyn Brown**
Senior Political Correspondent

THE most vulnerable will be hit hardest if free TV licences for over-75s are axed in a move a senior campaigner called "outrageous".

Lord Foulkes yesterday said that the decision to scrap the perk will devastate lonely elderly people across the country.

He said it was "despicable" the Government is passing on the cost to the BBC.

From June 1, four million people aged 75 and over will have to pay £157.50 a year to watch TV. Only households claiming pension credit will still get a free licence. But many

Free TV axe will devastate lonely over-75s, warns peer

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FOR OVER-75s**



are unaware they are entitled to it and others do not want to admit they need the extra help.

The life peer said the decision would devastate lonely elderly people across the country.

Lord Foulkes told the House of Lords: "This is going to have a huge impact on vulnerable pensioners up and down the country, particularly those who fall just short of qualifying for pension credit and thereby are by no means well-off."

"It's those people who are going to be hardest hit by the changes."

He added: "Some pensioners still entitled to free TV licences will nevertheless pay the fee for fear of prosecution, the resulting fines and



Labour peer Lord Foulkes

even the threat of imprisonment if this remains a criminal offence.

"It is outrageous that the Government should be putting the most vulnerable people in our society in this position."

His remarks came as new Culture Secretary Oliver Dowden warned that the BBC needs to do more to reflect the country's "genuine diversity of thought and experience".

Mr Dowden, who recently succeeded Baroness Morgan, made the comments in his first speech in the

HALL: BBC'S NEEDED MORE THAN EVER

By **Sherna Noah**

BBC director-general Tony Hall insisted there is more of a need for the BBC today "than at any point in our history" as he rejected any plans to scrap the licence fee.

He said the corporation was far from redundant following the rise of streaming services like Netflix and Amazon although he was aware it must drop its "Auntie knows best" image in favour of a "warmer" relationship with viewers.

Addressing the Media And Telecoms 2020 And Beyond conference, Lord Hall said: "The BBC is not Netflix, it really isn't... Netflix don't do sport, they don't do news,

they don't do a whole raft of things. It's really important to see what the BBC does in the round.

"There is more of a need for the BBC today than at any point in our history. It's the best antidote to fake news." He stressed that the licence fee would be "phenomenally important" in the future.

Lord Hall, who leaves the BBC in the summer, responded to a speech from Culture Secretary Oliver Dowden, who called on the corporation to "embrace proper reform" as he reviews the licence fee.



Tony Hall defends the BBC

role on Thursday. He also warned that the broadcaster must "guard its unique selling point of impartiality in all of its output".

His comments come amid a debate about the future funding of the corporation.

The Government is currently consulting on proposals to decriminalise TV licence fee evasion, while negotiations for the next licence fee settlement are due to take place.

Mr Dowden told the Media and Telecoms 2020 And Beyond

conference that audiences should cherish a unique contribution made by public service broadcasters.

But he said: "If we're honest, some of our biggest institutions missed, or were slow to pick up, key political and social trends in recent years."

"The BBC needs to be closer to, and understand the perspectives of, the whole of the United Kingdom and avoid providing a narrow urban outlook."

Mr Dowden emphasised the

importance of safeguarding impartiality, citing research that suggested some viewers trust other broadcasters such as Sky and CNN more than the BBC.

He said: "If people don't perceive impartiality, then they won't believe what they see and read and they'll feel it is not relevant to them. In an age of fake news and self-reinforcing algorithms, the need for impartiality is greater than ever."

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'Unforgiveable'... serial rapist should have been recalled to jail 8 times

By **Michael Knowles**
Homes Affairs Correspondent

SERIAL rapist Joseph McCann should have been recalled to prison eight times after breaking his licence conditions, an official review found yesterday.

Police warned probation officials that McCann, 35, "might pose a risk of sexual harm and exploitation to teenage girls" as far back as 2011.

Instead, the monster carried out a string of sex attacks within two months of being freed in 2019.

He was given 33 life sentences after being convicted of offences against 11 women and children.

Lawyers for McCann's victims said it was "unforgivable" to put his "perceived interests before the safety of the general public".



Monstrous... Joseph McCann, 35



ASBO... McCann as a youngster

Pictures: GETTY, PA

Abducted

The chief inspector of probation Justin Russell will be ordered to carry out an independent review of the National Probation Service's management of McCann and how the process of recalling offenders to prison is working.

McCann's offender manager discovered he was in a new relationship weeks before he abducted a 21-year-old as she walked home from a Watford nightclub and raped her in her own home.

The rapist also failed to live at his designated address and abused council staff in Buckinghamshire, which the report said "all constituted clear breaches of his licence conditions". McCann - who received an Asbo as a teenager -

was given an imprisonment for public protection (IPP) sentence in 2008 after holding a knife to the throat of an 85-year-old man during a burglary.

He was released on licence in 2017, but breached the terms of his release when he burgled another house.

But he was automatically released after serving just 18 months of a three-year jail term, because probation officials did not flag up his IPP sentence.

Alan Collins, for the victims, slammed the findings of the Serious Further Offences report.

He said: "It is unforgivable the probation service put McCann's perceived interests before the safety of the general public. McCann posed a real risk to the

public and the systems in place to manage the risk he posed were corrupted through ineffectual management and poor judgment.

"Lives have been damaged, if not ruined, as a result and the Ministry of Justice must accept full responsibility."

Justice Secretary Robert Buckland said: "HM Prison and Probation Service has identified unacceptable failings in this case and has rightly apologised to victims for them."

The report added: "It appears that pressure on the staff throughout 2018 and the chaotic transfer of the case between numerous offender managers also significantly impacted their ability to comprehensively review McCann's historical record."

Weinstein finally heading to prison after heart operation

By **Christopher Bucktin**
US Editor

RAPIST Harvey Weinstein underwent heart surgery while locked up at a New York hospital ahead of his transfer to prison.

According to reports in the US, the disgraced movie mogul had a stint fitted on Wednesday night.

Yesterday Weinstein, 67, was said to be in a stable condition after the four-hour operation as he was due to be taken to the North Infirmary at the notorious Rikers Island prison.

A source said: "He's nervous, but he isn't in control and has to deal with it."

Following his conviction 11 days ago, the producer has avoided prison after being taken to New York's Bellevue Hospital after complaining of chest pains.

He suffered heart palpitations and high blood pressure and was re-routed to the infirmary. He's



Harvey Weinstein during his trial

been holed up in a private hospital room ever since.

Weinstein was found guilty of the rape in the third degree and criminal sexual assault in the first degree of two women.

First-degree sex crimes involve the use of force or threat while in third-degree offences victims are

unable to give consent through, in Weinstein's case, fear.

The powerhouse film producer was cleared of the two most serious charges of predatory sexual assault that would have seen him automatically sentenced to life in prison. He was also found not guilty of a fifth charge of rape in the first degree.

The millionaire faces up to 29 years behind bars when he sentenced on Wednesday.

Weinstein was set to move from Bellevue Hospital to Rikers Island yesterday, according to his spokesman Juda Engelmayer, after seeking to remain at the hospital until sentencing.

The movie mogul has always denied sexual misconduct and has vowed to appeal his conviction.

More than 80 women have accused him but only two have had their claims prosecuted.

Weinstein is also still awaiting a case in Los Angeles.

Outrage as

By **Macer Hall** Political Editor

MPS are to receive an inflation-busting 3.1 per cent pay rise next month to take the annual salary for backbenchers to nearly £82,000.

Parliament's independent pay and allowances body yesterday awarded them the £2,500 hike based on salary rises across the public sector.

The rise compared with a 1.8 per cent Consumer Price Index inflation rate reported by the Office for National Statistics last month.

Critics said struggling taxpayers, pensioners and low-paid workers would be "infuriated" by the whopping increase.

The Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority (Ipsa) said the annual pay for a backbench MP will rise £2,464 from £79,468 to £81,932 on April 1.

It was the first time backbenchers' salaries have topped £80,000 and represents an increase of just over £16,000 compared with their £65,738 salary in April 2010.

MPs will also receive increased expenses to cover the cost of staffing their parliamentary offices.

Also, MPs who chair Commons select committees and debates in Parliament's Westminster Hall will

UK taxpayers pick up the £4bn Brexit wrangle bill

By **Gavin Cordon**

WITHDRAWAL from the European Union has cost the taxpayer more than £4billion in additional government costs, says the spending watchdog.

The National Audit Office said that between the EU referendum in June 2016 and March 31 this year, departments will have spent at least £4.4billion while £6.3billion was allocated by the Treasury to prepare for Brexit.

Some £2billion was specifically earmarked for no-deal preparations in 2019-20, although this was scaled back after the prospects of a cliff-edge exit receded.

The NAO said the figures represented a "minimum estimated level of spend" due to "limitations" in the data provided by departments.

Some £1.9billion went on staffing costs, £1.5billion on building new systems and infrastructure, and £288million on bringing in expertise and external advice.

Shifting

At the peak of activity, in October last year, there were 22,000 staff working on Brexit, including 1,500 moved within Whitehall to prepare for a possible no-deal exit.

NAO boss Gareth Davies said: "In preparing for EU exit, government departments planned for multiple potential outcomes, with shifting timetables and uncertainty. "Producing this report has highlighted limitations in how Government monitored spending on EU exit specifically, and cross-government programmes more generally."

Meg Hillier, chairman of the Commons public accounts committee, said: "The public has been kept in the dark as to what the Government has been doing. Data is limited, and the Treasury seem unconcerned by the lack of transparency."

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see their extra annual payment for duties increase from £15,928 to £16,422 in April.

Duncan Simpson, research director at the TaxPayers' Alliance, said: "This will infuriate the over-taxed public. Taxpayers have made it clear they want the cost of politics to go down, yet politicians have been given an even bigger, inflation-busting pay rise than last year."

"In the private sector, pay rises are rewarded based on performance, not for just turning up. Ipsa is once again out of touch with the public who have to pay for it."

Garry Graham, deputy general secretary of the managerial and specialist workers union Prospect, said many civil servants have seen average pay increases capped at two per cent over the past year. He said: "If MPs are to avoid being accused of hypocrisy, they need to ensure the staff who serve and support the Government receive pay awards of at

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Suella Braverman

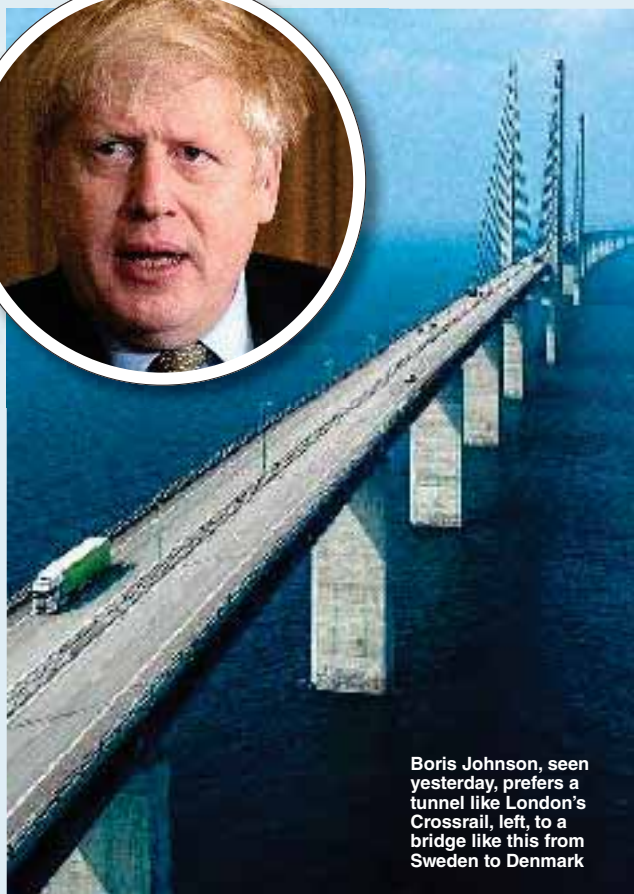


least this level this year." Ipsa interim chair Richard Lloyd said: "Our review of MPs' staffing budgets in 2019 found demands on MPs' offices were high, with staff doing difficult and stressful casework with constituents on a very wide range of problems."

"We have provided additional funding in MPs' 2020/21 staffing budgets for staff training and welfare, security, and changes to the

MPs' pay soars to £82,000

Pictures: EPA; GETTY



Boris Johnson, seen yesterday, prefers a tunnel like London's Crossrail, left, to a bridge like this from Sweden to Denmark

By Tom Martin

A TUNNEL linking Scotland and Northern Ireland is now Boris Johnson's preferred option instead of a bridge, it emerged yesterday.

Scottish Secretary Alister Jack said they are both in favour of examining an ambitious 28-mile underwater link that would be cheaper than a £20billion sea crossing.

He also said a bridge over the Irish Sea would have to shut for up to 100 days a year because of high winds.

Mr Jack told Scottish parliament MPs in Edinburgh: "I would think that 2030 would be quite achievable. Since the days of the Channel Tunnel, costs have come down and techniques have improved dramatically.

"It's not about whether you would be able to do it, it's about how quickly you can do it."

The PM had looked at a bridge between Portpatrick and Larne, similar to one built between Sweden and

Now Boris backs a Scotland to Northern Ireland tunnel

Denmark. Last month he commissioned a study to examine the plan. But Mr Jack said they were now both on the "same page" over a tunnel.

Mr Jack said he understood Northern Ireland First Minister Arlene Foster was "very enthusiastic" about the idea, which would be similar in length to the 31.4-mile Channel Tunnel but shorter than much longer tunnels in China.

He added: "It's no different to the tunnels connecting the Faroes, it's not different to those underneath the fjords. Tunnelling techniques now are quite advanced and certainly to go from south-west Scotland to Northern

Ireland would be less expensive." A Downing Street spokesman last night confirmed that a tunnel crossing was being studied by officials.

Dumfries and Galloway MP Mr Jack said: "The Prime Minister is passionate about improving connectivity all across the UK. He has always been clear that we should be ambitious in our plans."

But a spokesman for Scotland's First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said: "It would be a gigantic undertaking which would cost many billions of pounds. Nobody has yet, from an engineering point of view, said 'Yes, we agree this is feasible.'"



Tunnel backer Alister Jack

PM denies EU's claim of human rights snub

BORIS Johnson last night rejected claims he is refusing to back human rights protections in any trade deal with the EU.

The Prime Minister was stung into responding after EU chief negotiator Michel Barnier suggested the UK does not want to commit to applying the European Convention on Human Rights.

And in a further ratcheting up of the rhetoric Mr Barnier said Britain will face "lots of consequences" if it walks away from post-Brexit trade talks.

After four days of talks with a UK team led by David Frost, he told a press conference that the UK could not expect "business as usual" after the December deadline if it refuses to give ground.

But the Prime Minister's spokesman said: "The UK is committed to the European Convention on Human Rights and protecting human rights and championing them at home and abroad."

Standards

"But we believe that this does not require an additional binding international legal commitment."

The war of words comes amid growing frustration in No10 over EU demands.

The two sides are also deadlocked on Brussels' claims for the UK to maintain a level playing field over rules and standards on trade, the role of the European Court of Justice and fisheries.

Talks are expected to alternate between Brussels and London, with each round of negotiations held every two to three weeks.

The next is due in London from March 18 for three days.

A Government spokesman said: "We have just concluded the first round of negotiations and are pleased with the constructive tone."

"This round was a chance for both sides to set out their positions and views."

salary bands and job descriptions for MPs' staff to bring them into line with the jobs they actually do."

Downing Street officials said salaries for Government ministers, which come on top of their MPs' pay, have been frozen since 2010.

Asked about the latest hike, the Prime Minister's spokesman said: "This is a decision for Ipsa, which is independent of Parliament."

Cabinet Office figures show in 2019 the Prime Minister was entitled to a second salary of £79,286, while senior ministers including the Chancellor and Secretaries of State

were entitled to up to £71,090. The Attorney General, currently Suella Braverman, is entitled to one of the highest salaries in government, set at £98,921 in April 2019.

Figures in December last year showed total earnings rose 2.9 per cent, the ONS said – slower growth than was seen in the rest of 2019.

Meanwhile, new analysis showed the typical council tax bill in England is set to increase by £64.65, or 3.7 per cent, for 2020/21.

The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, which carried out the research, said that while

council tax bills have increased consistently every year since 2012, the most recent survey findings indicate a second year in a row with a lower increase than the year before.

The findings were based on council tax for a band D property. Of 306 local authorities across England which responded to questionnaires, 304 will be increasing their tax.

Councillor Richard Watts, chair of the Local Government Association's resources board, said: "Faced with ongoing funding pressures such as homelessness and looking after vulnerable children, councils continue

to be left with little choice but to ask residents to pay more to help them try and protect their local services.

"Councils in England face an overall funding gap of almost £6.5billion by 2025 just to cover basic inflationary and demographic pressures.

"Council tax income cannot be expected to plug the growing funding gaps they face.

"The Budget and the Spending Review need to provide a sustainable, long-term funding settlement for councils which means they can improve services and not just keep them going."



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Time for Britain to draw on traditional strengths

ONE of our greatest national strengths is that the people of Britain refuse to panic. It is right to be concerned about coronavirus and there is no excuse for not washing hands and binning tissues. We passed a sad milestone with the first person in the UK dying of it. Everyone will feel profound sympathy for those who had to say goodbye to a loved one.

The collapse of Flybe is a bold reminder of the economic damage a full-scale outbreak could unleash, and chief medical officer Professor Chris Whitty has admitted in the most challenging scenario critical care beds would be "under pressure".

This is a time for cool heads and the Government's response has showcased rationality and judicious decision-making. The public must also stay calm.

Experts are weighing up different strategies to delay the spread of infection and we should trust their clinical judgment. Our present anxiety may encourage a new empathy for people living in countries where children are routinely killed by malaria, tuberculosis and filthy water.

Past generations did a magnificent job of keeping a sense of perspective when our country confronted much greater perils than coronavirus. We can follow their stoic example and take inspiration from Rudyard Kipling's famous fatherly advice to "keep your head" when those all around us are losing theirs.

Have a care, Auntie

STOPPING free TV licences for the over-75s on June 1 is outrageous. Lord Foulkes has warned that the most vulnerable will be the hardest hit if forced to pay the £157.50 fee.

He fears that people who should qualify for a free licence because they are entitled to pension credit – a benefit unclaimed by 1.2 million eligible pensioners – will still make the payment "for fear of prosecution".

The nation will fall out of love with the beleaguered broadcaster for good if pensioners are prosecuted or pushed deeper into poverty.

Sad day for the Royals

GOING to the Endeavour Fund Awards, which honour injured veterans, as one of the final acts as official Royals by the Duke and Duchess of Sussex was absolutely fitting. It reminded us that Harry has served his country in uniform and done so much to champion the wounded. Meghan, too, wants to use the power of her celebrity to improve the lives of others.

It is deeply sad that this talented, sensitive and caring couple feel the need to step out of the royal spotlight. But we hope that a happier chapter now opens and that they will continue to find ways to help Britain's true heroes.

Turbulent times had hit Flybe long before the virus

TO throw good money after bad is rarely a good idea, and the Government has just had a sharp reminder of why. Less than two months ago, Flybe was bailed out by a deferred £100million tax bill. But the airline came back with the begging bowl regardless, and early yesterday morning collapsed into administration, putting 2,400 people out of work and stranding hundreds of passengers.

It would have been better had Flybe been allowed to be put out of its misery in January. It was hopelessly in debt, having made bad decisions such as ordering planes that it was unable to fly. Propping it up with taxpayers' money was merely creating unfair competition for rivals who had been less rash in their expansion plans and had maintained healthier balance sheets.

But there is, of course, another factor which finally helped push Flybe over the edge. Coronavirus has led to a collapse in airline bookings across the board. British Airways, Ryanair and easyJet have all announced the suspension of some services, and have suffered steep declines in business at the slump in air travel.

It is inevitable, and perhaps desirable, that people should want to travel less while medical science gets to grip with a novel disease. However, the Government needs to be very careful how it manages the risk from Covid-19. Allow panic to spread and we could end up with a contagion of the financial kind, as confidence in the economy collapses leading to a wave of bankruptcies.

IRONICALLY the economy had just begun to pick up before the coronavirus took hold. The Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) for February – which measures business confidence and gives an advance indication of economic growth – showed a healthy rise. Were it not for the



HARD LANDING: But operator Flybe has been in financial trouble and heavy debt for years

Picture: AFP



Ross Clark
Political commentator

disease we could have been looking at the strongest economy in several years.

Obviously, coronavirus presents a serious threat and must be managed properly. Everyone needs to be especially careful about hygiene – washing hands frequently and thoroughly, self-isolating if symptoms develop. Those confirmed to have the virus need to be isolated.

In many ways the Government is doing the right things. Wednesday's decision to allow employees sick pay from the first day of an illness was a very well thought-out measure to stop people struggling into work for fear of losing pay.

But it is also very important for the Government not to over-react. To do so risks spreading unnecessary panic, with dire economic consequences. It isn't just jobs that are at stake – a sharp contraction in the economy will inevitably lead to a collapse in tax revenues and a

knock-on effect on public services, the NHS included.

Why did ministers feel the need to say that it was working on a worst-case scenario where 80 per cent of the population catches the virus and schools might close for two months?

Previous Government plans for a possible flu pandemic have stressed the importance of keeping schools open where possible. Close them en masse – as Italy has done – and millions of children will suddenly require childcare. That will cause parents to skip work, including in vital public services such as the NHS.

There is every reason to hope that the threat of coronavirus will pass over just as did the other disease scares of recent years: SARS, bird flu, swine flu and MERS.

For an idea of how the Covid-19 epidemic might play out in Britain, look to the experience in China, where the disease

emerged. A month ago the situation in China was looking dire. On one of the worst days, February 4, nearly 4,000 new cases were confirmed.

BUT then the number of new infections started to fall just as quickly as it had risen. On Wednesday, just 120 new cases were identified in the whole of China. Overall, 80,000 people in China have been diagnosed with the virus – a drop in the ocean in a country of over a billion.

Inevitably there will be others who have caught the virus and haven't been recorded but the reason for that is that the disease in most cases is very mild.

A Chinese study last week said the death rate from the disease was 2.9 per cent in Hubei province, where it started, but only 0.4 per cent elsewhere. We are not looking at the bubonic plague, which killed half the people it infected.

It is certainly hard to see why, on that evidence, we should be looking at anything like an 80 per cent infection rate in Britain. If the Government manages the coronavirus risk firmly but proportionally, hopefully Flybe will remain the only casualty among UK businesses.

'Allow panic to spread and we'll end up with a financial contagion'

Frederick Forsyth



Let's not take a lesson from US on slavery

THE NEW YORK Metropolitan Museum of Art is mounting a multi-gallery exhibition to underline the "exploitative" nature of the long-departed British Empire, on the grounds it profited from slavery.

Of all people, the Yankees have no room to talk. They abolished slavery 50 years after us and it took a vicious civil war to do it.

Moreover, after we had done it, we sent the Royal Navy into the Middle Passage to intercept foreign slave ships, board them and free the slaves, thus risking war. That was how Sierra Leone was founded.

For the record, we did more than that. Here are five examples.

We exported democracy worldwide. Not a single people or territory we ever took over and exploited practised democracy but that was what we left behind. Much of it was abolished shortly after we were gone. America's black population had to whistle in the wind for it for a couple more centuries in the Deep South.

We preached Christianity worldwide. Unlike Islam we did not force conversion but we offered it. Many millions converted. Today Christians are being persecuted worldwide.

We built railways everywhere, where before there had been exhausting journeys on foot, donkey or camel. South America, India, Cape Town to Cairo – the list goes on and on. That interconnectivity brought eventual prosperity to millions, now billions.

We practised an incorrupt civil service and left behind that tradition. Today it is extremely rare to find a single surviving example.

We discovered the habit of drinking coffee and tea and of using cotton as a mass clothing fabric. Today entire economies flourish on coffee, tea and cotton.

In the American South the economy depended on cotton which we bought and turned into cloth, exported worldwide. And who harvested American cotton? Black slaves.

On balance, I shall resist the temptation to fly the Atlantic to see the MoMa's exhibition.

And I doubt the Victoria and Albert Museum will mount an exhibition on what the Yankees did to the American Indians. But the word genocide would fit.

AS OUR row with the EU leadership intensifies, after the Greek demand for the repatriation of the Elgin Marbles, France weighs in. Can they have back the body of the leader they rejected, Napoleon III. So far as I am concerned, by all means yes. With one proviso. Would they like to exhume and send back, at their expense, the close to 50,000 British Tommies and fliers who died setting them free in 1944?

Meddling officials to blame for floods

NO SECRET that this country has been experiencing rainfall of biblical proportions and that this has caused very widespread flooding of roads and towns, with consequent misery for everyone affected, many of whom are not even insured.

Historical statistics reveal we have had rains like this before. Yet I do not recall ever reading of such devastation. Letters reach me with a story that ought to become the subject of a rapid Government inquiry. It need not take for ever as most (under a civil servant or retired judge) do. An investigative reporter could wrap it up in six months, for possible action to be instigated by next year.

What the letter writers say, and there are several of them, is that it was not always so, until sweeping bureaucratic changes were made to our land management. Most of my correspondents were themselves workers for very local draining boards whose members knew their own local environment down to the last details. They were all adamant that if the flood plains, streams, sluices, rivers and overflows were drained and dredged during the summer months, they coped with the winter rains. Huge quantities of silt, sludge and weed were taken out and dumped so that the rainwater could run free to join the major estuaries and the sea.

Then Government handed much of the work over to the Environment Agency, another quango presided over at huge salary by (surprise me) a knight of the realm. New orders were issued. Drainage and dredging should stop – ostensibly to protect the wildlife – meaning the voles who burrow and nest in river banks. So the sludge, silt and weed built up.

When the truly torrential rains came the flood plains, streams, sluices and rivers could not cope. The voles have died – drowned in their nests. And for those living on the plains and near the riverbanks – utter misery. Two and two usually make four and it is never coincidental.

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The infected person notices nothing and neither does anyone else – for about a week. But all that time they are contagious. Hence the rapid spread. But is it fatal? At the first outset we were told it probably was. But the figures so far do not support that.

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A very Priti power grab

THE HOME OFFICE spat that has seen the ousting of Sir Philip Rutnam and his intemperate reply is the tip of an iceberg. There is more to come and not necessarily from that ministry alone.

Whenever we have one, let alone two, weak governments, a power vacuum develops. Into it, like hungry piranhas, move the civil service mandarins. The incumbencies of Cameron and May in succession did exactly that. Now comes a Government with a huge mandate, years of unchallengeable supremacy yet to run and it wants that power back. Think back to the TV comedies Yes Minister and Yes, Prime Minister. They were so accurate they might have been classed as documentaries.

This is what is happening and the mandarins hate it. That the Home Office should be the first to explode is not surprising.

Home Secretary Priti Patel, left, is of parentage that fled Idi Amin-ruled Uganda to save their lives. Their daughter is brainy, tough and ambitious – and an original Brexiteer to boot.

Anyone more likely to offend EU fanatic, prickly and not-very-bright (his record is studded with mistakes) Rutnam would be hard to find.

Putting them in the same room, let alone the same ministry, is like dropping a match into gunpowder. Boris Johnson will support Ms Patel because the return of real power from the mandarins to our elected Government is his avowed policy. Cabinet Secretary wily Sir Mark Sedwill, president of the Special Forces Club (which should tell you something), has not exactly gone overboard for the departed

Rutnam. Come back, Machiavelli, all is forgiven. Now Sir Philip says he intends to sue the Government. As they tell optimists trying to make pigs fly, good luck with that one.



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IT'S EASY TO MAKE A DRAMA OUT OF A VIRUS...BUT THE NUMBERS DON'T ADD UP

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Kate's getting married... to her husband!

TV's Kate Garraway with hubby Derek Draper and their children – Darcey, 13, and 10-year-old Bill – at Heathrow on the way back from the 2019 series of *I'm A Celebrity*...



IT seems Kate Garraway has plenty to smile about as she gears up to marry her husband – for a second time and launching a new show.

The Good Morning Britain host is all set for wedding No2 to Derek Draper, 52, her hubby since September 2005. And their teenage daughter Darcey will be making all the arrangements.

Kate, 52, says: "She's 13, so it could be interesting."

Tough

The hitch could come because Darcey may be intending for her mum to be the image of American model Kendall Jenner.

Kate, married to ITV boss Ian Rumsey for four years until 2002, adds: "Darcey will probably want me to look like Kendall, which is going to be tough – I would love to look like her as well."

Whoever she is expected to look like, Kate, who also has a 10-year-old son Bill,

By **Steph Spyro**

reveals that she feels as sexy as ever. She insists:

"Whatever age you are, if you feel good in an outfit, or if you feel good generally, then it always comes across as attractive."

"I think being comfortable is definitely the way to go – and that gives you confidence to just enjoy life."

"It's always sexier when people look like they are having fun, whatever age."

Viewers took to Kate when she appeared last November on *I'm A Celebrity* – but she reveals that her time on the reality show did give her life a "massive jolt".

She explains: "I've been reminded of the important things, such as friends and family. It made me realise that being a bit braver sometimes, and allowing myself to be a bit scared is not the end of the world."

On a professional level, Kate is reuniting with jungle

pal Myles Stephenson for a one-hour Saturday morning show, *Breakfast at Garraway's*, which will launch next month on ITV.

She says: "We will have everything you need for a great weekend. I will have the best guests dropping by to tell us what they do to make their weekends great and live their best life. I can't wait."

● *Kate's full interview is in the April issue of Prima, on sale now.*



Dubai ruler abducted daughters, court says

THE ruler of Dubai ordered the abduction of his two daughters after a "campaign of fear and intimidation" against his ex-wife, the High Court found yesterday.

Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum's sixth wife Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein fled the United Arab Emirates last April having become "terrified" of her husband, the court was told.

She asked the High Court to make a series of findings of fact about Sheikh Mohammed, 70, in relation to the kidnap



Sheikh and Princess Haya

and forcible detention of two of his adult daughters from another marriage.

Judge Andrew McFarlane found Sheikh Mohammed had "ordered and orchestrated" the abduction and forced return to Dubai of Sheikh Shamsa, then 19, in 2000, and of her sister Sheikh Latifa twice, in 2002 and 2018.

Sheikh Mohammed said: "As a head of Government, I was not able to participate in the fact-finding process. The judgment tells only one side of the story."

By **Chris Hughes**

BRITISH forces staged a top secret rescue mission deep inside Syria to save the life of an SAS man injured in a bomb blast.

Two RAF Chinook helicopters loaded with medics and Special Forces troops flew into Syrian air space from Cyprus.

The casualty was airlifted to a medical facility in Erbil, northern Iraq, this week for emergency treatment and is now thought to be stable.

The operation involved Israeli military air traffic controllers clearing the helicopters to fly through their air space.

Explosion

They flew through north Jordan and on to the remote US base Al-Tanf in the south of Syria.

Their HC6 Chinooks are high-tech versions of the RAF's super-fast troops carrier, fitted with huge extra fuel tanks for long journeys and are usually used in Special Forces missions.

They took off from RAF Akrotiri in Cyprus where two Chinooks are in permanent readiness to support missions in Syria

Copter swoop by SAS to save blast victim in Syria

and Iraq. The soldier is understood to have been injured in an explosion and was airlifted to Al-Tanf where the helicopters picked him up and flew him across the border to Iraq.

The quick reaction unit included soldiers from the Special Force Support Group ready to provide protection for the aircraft just in case either had to make a forced landing in Syria.

A source said yesterday: "This is a standard operating procedure. That is why we have two helicopters sat in Cyprus supporting our troops."

"Their priority is to get him to Erbil. In some situations the US can help out, but clearly someone deemed it appropriate we get in there and evacuate him. I expect

the US aircraft are deployed elsewhere which is why UK forces were more involved." The Ministry of Defence said: "We do not comment on special forces."

Special Forces troops have been operating in Syria for seven years with more than 45 soldiers decorated for their bravery.

They have launched heroic operations against Islamic State and trained the Syrian Democratic Forces, who have been led by Kurdish forces.

Much of British Special Forces' work has been alongside US and French teams. More than 30 SAS and Special Boat Service soldiers have been injured there – some seriously. In 2018 SAS man Sgt Matt Tonroe, 33, was killed in a joint US/UK operation in Syria.



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Special ops...a Chinook helicopter soars after dropping forces on a mission

Tech giants pledge to

Only global action can stop the evil predators who lurk online

EACH day, children around the world are being subjected to horrific abuse for the sick pleasure of twisted paedophiles who lurk online.

They are preyed upon by an estimated 750,000 predators who can access child abuse images on the internet in just three clicks.

Last year, the tech industry reported 69 million images and videos of child sexual abuse – up by more than 50 per cent in just 12 months.

This is an inhumane scandal that requires a zero-tolerance global response. I refuse to allow paedophiles to carry out their depraved acts in the darkest corners of the web, let alone some of the most popular social media platforms which are accessible to everyone.

One of my first acts as Home Secretary was to host the Five Country Ministerial meeting with allies from the US, New Zealand, Australia and Canada.

We heard horrifying stories of how victims had been sexually abused as youngsters and groomed online.

That was the beginning of my personal mission to persuade governments and technology firms across the world to take action.

Yesterday, our Five Eyes security partners announced a set of voluntary principles – endorsed by major tech

Picture: JONATHAN BUCKMASTER



COMMENT

PRITI PATEL

Home Secretary

companies – to keep children safe online.

International tech giants have adopted our blueprint but they will be judged by their actions not their words.

This government will also be introducing legislation to ensure they are acting at pace to keep ahead of the monsters destroying children's lives.

In addition, we are continuing to press for urgent talks with tech companies, such as

Facebook, to ensure their encryption plans do not create havens for dangerous predators. This week I visited the National Crime Agency to see the tireless work of its officers to end this abomination, using cutting-edge tactics to catch prolific offenders. What they have to witness to keep young people safe is truly horrendous.

The harm caused to these children is incomprehensible, so I'm stepping up action at every level with the recruitment of 20,000 additional police officers and an extra £30million to tackle child sexual abuse.

I will soon be unveiling a first-of-its-kind Child Sexual Abuse Strategy, which will set out an ambitious range of activities to hunt down offenders and safeguard victims. I also applaud the Daily Express for raising awareness with its Protect Children Online crusade. This government will not waiver in its determination to protect young people, relentlessly pursue their abusers, and stop the internet becoming a playground for paedophiles.

But to end this evil abuse the whole world needs to step up, and the tech firms simply must play their part.

These principles will be a very important step in achieving that.

ONLINE child sex abuse is an "inhumane scandal that requires a zero-tolerance global response", the Home Secretary has said.

Priti Patel spoke after some of the world's most popular social media giants signed a groundbreaking manifesto to root out paedophiles.

The mother of one was the architect of actions that tech firms will now adopt to ensure children are not sexually exploited on their platforms.

In a world first the Tech Coalition – made up of Facebook, Twitter, Google, TikTok, Microsoft, Snap and Roblox – have all adopted the voluntary code.

But Ms Patel said the companies would be "judged by their actions not their words".

She said: "To end this evil abuse the whole world needs to step up and the tech firms simply must play their part."

Every day 750,000 perverts across the world use the internet to prey on children, with experts saying they are just three clicks away from unearthing horrifying images.

Last year, the industry reported 69 million child sexual abuse images and videos, a rise of more than 50 per cent in 12 months.

Pornography is routinely available and shared via platforms like

EXCLUSIVE

By **Giles Sheldrick**
Chief Reporter

Google and Twitter, with paedophiles using them to interact with other abusers.

The new code is aimed at preventing perverts like Aron Mortlock, of Lewisham, south-east London.

The 37-year-old was yesterday jailed for three-and-a-half years for offences that included uploading an indecent video of child abuse in September last year, 18 months after he was convicted of similar offences.

The code, drafted by the Five Eyes countries of Britain, America, Australia, Canada and New Zealand, and titled Voluntary Principles To Counter Online Child Sexual

Exploitation and Abuse, was launched yesterday at the US Department of Justice in Washington. Its 11 principles include a promise to prevent child sexual abuse material appearing online; targeting online grooming and predatory behaviour; targeting livestreaming of abuse and preventing search results from showing child sexual exploitation.

The tech giants have also promised to regularly publish or share information on their efforts.

Security minister James Brokenshire said: "We cannot



Facebook, Google and Twitter have signed up

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tackle child sex abuse

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New code is welcome but let's bring in sanctions right now

THE harm that can come to young people through accessing online content that promotes anxiety, self-harm and suicide has been widely reported, often using Molly Russell's story as an example.

Her family have become used to seeing Molly, of Harrow, north London, in the papers after she died in 2017 aged 14.

The Molly Rose Foundation, the charity set up in Molly's name, has called for new laws and a regulator with strong and meaningful sanctions to protect the young and vulnerable online.

Ian Russell, Molly's dad, has spoken out about the need for technology and social media companies to take a big step forward and not drag their heels, waiting for regulation. The new code, Voluntary

COMMENT RICHARD EVENS

Trustee, Molly Rose Foundation

Principles to Counter Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, is a welcome step forward.

Since Molly's story first made headlines a year ago social media companies seem largely resistant to fundamental change and are slow to reform.

The platforms' owners seemed to prefer to

Seeking a response...
Molly's dad Ian

focus on huge profits over addressing problems resulting from their actions.

This must change and the Government must introduce regulation with proportionate sanctions without delay.

Although small steps have been taken by some social media firms, there seems little significant investment and a lack of commitment to a meaningful change.

While pressure has been building, yesterday's announcement is a statement of intent that gives hope that this is starting to change. Ian calls upon tech firms to respond effectively as well as quickly.



Tragedy...
Molly died
aged just 14

allow children to fall victim to predators who lurk in the shadows of the web.

"Through global collaboration and with enhanced action from the five countries, law enforcement agencies and tech companies, we will ensure that children are protected online."

The launch comes as criminals around the world use evolving tactics to target children online.

According to the National Crime Agency's (NCA) National Strategic Assessment more than 3.5 million

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child sex offenders and safeguard 700 children.

The Government is to launch a Child Sexual Abuse Strategy, which will set out new powers to bear down on offenders, safeguard children and support victims.

An extra £30million has been given to tackle online exploitation.

New legislation will also place a statutory duty of care on tech companies to keep users safe online.

In a joint statement the Tech Coalition said the principles of the code "provide a vital contribution

to focusing efforts on the most important areas of the threat".

It added: "We stand behind these principles and will be working with members to both spread awareness of them and redouble our efforts to bring industry together to promote transparency, share expertise and accelerate new technologies to combat online child sexual exploitation and abuse."

Rob Jones, of the NCA, said: "These voluntary principles are an important milestone. The NCA is seeing increases in the scale,

complexity and severity of online child sexual abuse. To stop the pathway of escalation into severe offending, there must be zero tolerance of the presence of child sexual abuse on industry platforms, with industry reinforcing this at every level to raise the bar to offending."

US Attorney General William Barr said: "We hope the voluntary principles will spur collective action on the part of industry to stop one of the most horrendous crimes impacting some of the most vulnerable members of society."

accounts are now registered on the dark web. Every month the NCA and UK police arrest around 500

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The highlight of the weekend's football comes on Sunday with the Manchester Derby. City will visit Old Trafford hoping for a repeat of their Carabao Cup semi-final win back in January, but United are a different side now they have Bruno Fernandes pulling the strings in midfield.

If football isn't your thing, there's also the Six Nations to look forward to. Wales take on England at Twickenham on Sunday, with the hosts looking for a victory to land the Triple Crown and keep up the pressure on leaders France. To claim your FREE £5 BET, just sign up at thepools.com/free5 today!

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FINALLY BACK: Amanda with the cast of The Good Karma Hospital

As The Good Karma Hospital returns to TV, Amanda Redman reveals how the burns she suffered inspired a dramatic story in the new series...

By Richard Barber

WHEN THE scripts were being written for the third series of *The Good Karma Hospital*, back on ITV later this month, Amanda Redman suggested a storyline in which a young woman has acid thrown at her by a jilted lover.

The horrifying tale echoes the actress's own childhood ordeal. Aged just 18 months, Amanda pulled a boiling saucepan of turkey and vegetable soup off the stove and on to her body. She subsequently spent 90 per cent of her life until the age of five undergoing treatment in a series of hospitals.

To this day, Amanda bears the scars on her left arm.

"But I simply don't see them," she insists. "They're an integral part of me. It wouldn't even cross my mind to wear a long-sleeved dress."

To help Dan Sefton, creator and writer of the hospital drama set in southern India, handle the story sensitively, Amanda, 62, took him to Queen Victoria Hospital in East Grinstead, world-famous for its pioneering work with burns and plastic surgery. It was also somewhere she herself spent many painful days and nights as a child.

"I can't remember the pain following the accident itself – I was too young – but the fictional story certainly brought back memories of operations I went through. And that was quite traumatic."

Immediately after the on-screen attack, we watch as Amanda and a senior nurse use a hand shower in an attempt to wash as much of the acid off the victim's skin as possible.

"It was incredibly realistic," reveals Amanda.

"So good were the special effects that pieces of fake scalp and hair were falling from the girl's body as I was hosing her down.

I must admit I found that quite upsetting." All of which begs the question as to whether this is a suitable scenario now that *Good Karma* has moved from its 9pm post-watershed slot to the more family-friendly 8pm berth.

Amanda says she can't deny she questions the thinking behind moving the show forward an hour.

"There had to be some editing of the acid storyline. And yes, I found that a bit disappointing."

Lucy Beresford, executive producer at Tiger Aspect who make the show for ITV, mounts a stout defence. "We've had to do a little light tweaking," she concedes.

"But it will work well at 8pm, much in the same way as Call The Midwife does on the BBC in the same time slot."

ITV also made the curious decision to "rest" *Good Karma* for a year so, although the third series was filmed 18 months ago, only now is it about to see the light of day.

In the meantime, in its infinite wisdom they then dreamed up a replacement show, *Beecham House*, also set on the Indian sub-continent.

Despite a memorable plot, large budget and starry cast, it was a thumping flop, delivering the channel's smallest 9pm Sunday drama premiere audience since 2015.

Amanda's turning a noticeably brighter shade of red. "I'm not saying anything," she says, and mimes drawing a zip across her mouth with thumb and forefinger.

What she will talk about is the "very good, very loyal fan base" over the past year, constantly asking when *Good Karma*, which also stars Neil Morrissey and Amrita Acharia, was returning. "I've just come back from a holiday in the Philippines.



LEGACY OF CHILDHOOD: Amanda's scars on her arm are 'just part of me'

AMANDA REDMAN ON CHILDHOOD TRAUMA

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SCARS THAT MADE ME WHO I AM TODAY



ALL HER DUCKS IN A ROW:
Amanda with hubby Damian

At Manila Airport, a woman spotted me and called across, 'Best series by far,' she laughs.

"It's already been shown all over the world – Australia, the US, Scandinavia – everywhere, in fact, except the UK."

AMANDA is a good-looking woman with strong opinions. Unsurprisingly, she's a vocal advocate of the #MeToo movement. "When I was young, you had to beat the men off with a stick.

"I was routinely groped but I always gave back as good as I got. I was only in my 20s, though, so it was quite scary. And, when they didn't get what they wanted, they would humiliate you in front of other people.

"We were all pretty resigned to the fact that this sort of behaviour came with the territory.

"But there are limits. One very

well-known director – I won't name him – tried it on with someone else and, when I stood up for her, he rang my agent and said, 'I'm afraid Amanda is too rich for our blood.'

"And I remember once being pressed up against the wall by a director who had insisted that the actresses shouldn't wear any underwear.

"I only had on a kimono. He reached inside it. So I kned him in the balls and pushed him away."

But she also sounds a note of caution. "We do now have to be careful that the pendulum doesn't swing too far in the opposite direction.

"I like it if a man holds a door open for me. I like mild flirting. But we all know the difference between that and wandering hands."

After her marriage to Soldier, Soldier actor Robert Glenister failed at the beginning of

the '90s, Amanda dated some younger men.

In time, these included brand designer Damian Schnabel, 14 years her junior. There was a blip along the way but the two married in 2010. Does he make her feel younger or older? "We've been together such a long time that the

age difference has become completely irrelevant. We don't see it anymore and nor do our friends and family," she says.

"Daniel is highly organised, highly competent and so much more grown up than me. He's the adult and I'm the child. I'm impulsive, he's sensible. He tells me off constantly.

"I'll sneak off into the kitchen, as quiet as can be, and then suddenly I'll hear from the other room, 'No, Mandy, not a piece of bread smothered in Dairylea because that'll spoil your supper.' And I take it from him!"

Apart from her acting work, she runs her own Artists Drama School founded in 1998 near her home in Ealing, west London.

Once a year, she directs a graduate show at the local Questers Theatre as a showcase for casting agents.

In July, there will be a production of Confessions by Alan

Ayckbourn. She gets all the help she needs from Damian. "He'll take the week off work and perform the unpaid role of stage manager. And he cooks for the cast. I love him for that," she says.

"I had lunch with Sheila Hancock the other day. Damien's parents went to see her in Sister Act and Sheila apparently told them that Damien was the best thing that ever happened to me.

"So I recounted this back to her and she said, 'Well, it's true. He's the making of you, darling.' And she's right. I have finally found the right guy."

Daughter Emily from her first marriage is now 32 and recently engaged. So would Amanda like to be a granny?

"Can't wait," she smiles, adding: "I don't want to tempt Fate but it does feel like I've got all my ducks in a row right now."

● *The Good Karma Hospital* returns to ITV at 8pm on Sunday March 22

NEW TRICKS STARS: Amanda as Det Supt Sandra Pullman and her daughter Emily Glenister as Stephanie Parr





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Don't crimp my style! Poodles parade for Crufts



Poodle is sprayed for big contest



Stylish white poodle with a bouffant hairstyle is prepared

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'Fake Lady' back in court for row over 'lost' £110k

By Paul Keogh

Picture: CHAMPION NEWS

A FRAUDSTER who gained notoriety after a £2.7million scam 30 years ago is under investigation after £110,000 allegedly went missing from her father's estate.

Rosemary Cubbin, 58, served a jail term in the 1990s after going on an extravagant spending spree with millions she took from a hospital charity where she was deputy director.

Mrs Cubbin used her ill-gotten gains to live out a fantasy life, claiming to be a rich heiress with the made-up title Lady Rosemary Aberdour.

She is now once more under police investigation and was in front of a judge last week after cash and assets worth about £110,000 went "missing" from her late father's estate, it was said.

Her brother, Robert Aberdour, took her to London's High Court. He asked Judge Stephen Lloyd to remove her as an executor of Dr Kenneth Aberdour's estate due to her failure to account for where around £90,000 cash, plus items from their



Quizzed...Rosemary Cubbin

father's house, had gone. The siblings are the only beneficiaries of their father's estate following his death in 2018.

Joshua Winfield, Robert's barrister, told the judge Mrs Cubbin "cannot account for a significant sum of money".

He added: "There is an ongoing police investigation as well."

However, no charges have been made and police were unable to comment.

Mrs Cubbin has since repaid about £47,000, it was said. The court heard Mrs Cubbin and her husband

Michael, together with her brother and his wife, Susan, had all been appointed executors of the estate.

But Mr Winfield said, given the missing money, they could not now work together in the interests of the estate.

After a day of argument in court, the two couples agreed that all four should step down as executors of the estate and that an independent solicitor should take over.

The police investigation is still ongoing.

Mrs Cubbin's criminal case in 1992 received press attention worldwide and featured in the 1995 BBC documentary Scam!

Accounts of the extravagant spending spree she went on with money intended for The National Hospital Development Foundation ensured her notoriety at the time.

She rented a London penthouse overlooking the Thames, sent a chauffeur to Harrods to buy steak for her Labrador, and hired drag queens from a West End show for a party.

"Lady Rosemary" even hired a car and driver to take her dog from London for a walk in Scotland. She also spent huge sums on jewels and holidays.

After being rumbled, she fled to Brazil, but was tracked down and sentenced to four years in jail.

DOGS of all shapes and sizes turned on the style yesterday for day one of Crufts.

Almost 20,000 pampered pooches are expected to compete at the world's largest dog show, all vying for the coveted Best In Show title.

Everything from poodles to bulldogs will be judged over the four-day competition at Birmingham's National Exhibition Centre.

The dogs were busy being coiffed and brushed as the action got under way yesterday.

Some of the prized poodles being prepared were given exotic hairstyles for the contest, including a bouffant. The dogs will be judged

By Steph Spyro

in categories including teeth, tail, coat texture and colouring.

Now in its 129th year, about 220 different dog breeds are set to compete at the show, which ends on Sunday.

Event organisers have reassured guests that they have put "enhanced measures" in place to protect visitors, as well as dogs, from the coronavirus outbreak sweeping the nation.

A statement said: "Dogs, of course, are the heart of Crufts and the Kennel Club, and we have enhanced measures and precautions at the show to protect them."



A precious pooch is put in curlers



Dog owners were seen in face masks



A bit of all white...a collection of Bichon Frises are ready for the spotlight

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How bugs in a humble truffle could give us a taste of life on Mars

THE picture above could be mistaken for a backdrop to the latest sci-fi blockbuster film but it is the sharpest picture yet taken of the spartan surface of Mars.

Nasa's Curiosity rover captured the astonishing image as scientists revealed it has potentially found something more earth-shattering.

It was announced that molecules had been detected which suggest the possibility of early life on the Red Planet.

Traces of organic "thiophenes" found on Earth in coal, crude oil and white truffles have been discovered in the harsh Martian soil, according to Washington State University astrobiologist Dirk Schulze-Makuch.

He said: "We identified several biological pathways for thiophenes that seem more likely than chemical ones, but we still need proof.

"If you find thiophenes on Earth,

By **Steph Spyro**

then you would think they are biological but on Mars, of course, the bar to prove that has to be quite a bit higher."

He and Jacob Heinz, at the Berlin Institute of Technology, believe meteor impacts could create the compound because of the huge pressures involved.

But they think the biological process is more likely, suggesting that bacteria could have existed when Mars was warmer and wetter more than three billion years ago.

The rover's findings have provided plenty of clues but it cannot study larger fragments of molecules which hold more information.

However, the European Space Agency's Martian rover, the Rosalind Franklin – expected to be on its way in July – will be better equipped to take a more detailed look.



Mars is giving up its secrets



Nasa's rover goes to work, below, as a link with truffles points to life on Mars



Policeman held over far-Right terror link

By **Michael Knowles**
Security Correspondent

A POLICE officer was arrested yesterday on suspicion of being a member of a Right-wing terror group.

The 21-year-old frontline constable was detained by counter-terrorism officers in north London.

Scotland Yard said: "The arrest related to suspected membership of a proscribed organisation linked to Right-wing terrorism."

Detectives added: "There is nothing to suggest there is any threat to wider public safety in relation to this matter."

The police watchdog, the Independent Office of Police Conduct, has been notified of the arrest.

Hateful

Neo-Nazi group Sonnenkrieg Division last month became the second Right-wing terror group to be banned in the UK, following National Action in 2016.

Assistant Commissioner Neil Basu, head of counter terrorism policing, said the move was a "positive step in the fight against this insidious and hateful ideology".

Mr Basu said nearly a third of the plots foiled since 2017 relate to Right-wing groups.

The far-Right's rise is being fuelled by "young and more extreme terrorists" integrating a "social media strategy" into atrocities, warned charity Hope not Hate.

Find scum who beat woman, 93

Picture: PA



Police released this picture of the woman's injuries

A POLICE chief has pleaded for help to find the "scum" who attacked a 93-year-old woman in her bed.

Chief Constable Andy Cooke – who released a picture of the victim's injuries – condemned the "no grass" culture, saying: "This is horrendous."

The unnamed pensioner was asleep when several burglars raided her home at 2.25am on Wednesday.

One masked man pinned her down in bed and pushed his hand over her mouth to stop her screaming before they ransacked her home in Vauxhall, Liverpool, and fled with cash.

By **Chris Riches**

Mr Cooke raged in a message on Twitter: "This is horrendous. Please help us catch the scum who did this."

"And don't give me any of that no grass culture nonsense."

"This is a 93-year-old woman in her own house who should be afforded respect and dignity. Someone knows who did this."

A Merseyside Police spokeswoman said: "The woman was taken to hospital suffering from shock and bruising to her face."

"An investigation is underway and house-to-house, forensic and CCTV enquiries

are being carried out in the local area."

The attack caused anger on social media.

Susan Smith posted on Facebook: "Poor lady, she has not got to this age to be terrified and hurt. I hope they throw the book at those who did this."

Marjorie Hines wrote: "Can't believe the people who do this to the vulnerable."

Jon Gibbons tweeted: "Find these vile people. What kind of low-life scum does this to an elderly lady? Makes me sick."

Detective Sergeant Richie Shillito said: "Everyone has

the right to feel safe and secure in their own home.

"This was a particularly cowardly and despicable incident involving an elderly lady who was left badly shaken and with visible injuries."

"I know members of the public will be shocked."

"I would appeal for their help in finding out who is responsible and bringing them to justice."

"We are committed to putting them behind bars."

● *Anyone with information is asked to call 101 or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.*

HICKEY

PATRIOTIC Tory gent Jacob Rees-Mogg is irked by political opponents daring to cast doubt on his knowledge of the national flag.

After the Leader of the Commons noted concerns the "Union Jack" has been flying upside down at Westminster's Portcullis House, Labour rivals heckled "flag!" Jacob, pictured, duly replied in the chamber: "Oh dear, oh dear, oh dear. It is the Union Jack and has been referred to as such for many centuries. There is this pedantic, but erroneous view that it should be called the Union Flag... and it is used by people who are more pedantic than they are wise."



CAST in his first major film role for almost 20 years, Sir Mick Jagger has been trying to shed his rock star persona.

About working with the Rolling Stones frontman in new movie *The Burnt Orange Heresy* – the singer plays art dealer Joseph Cassidy – director Giuseppe Capotondi says: "He was very clear that he didn't want to look like Mick Jagger [as much as] possible. So we changed his hairstyle, for example. The way he dresses is nothing like Mick Jagger."

Filmgoers will still recognise the old devil...

WITH former US vice president Joe Biden now bookies' favourite to land the Democratic nomination for the White House, showbiz veteran Cher currently proves his most enthusiastic celebrity backer.

Relations between Cher and Biden's old foe President Trump have long been hostile. When she once accused him of wig-wearing, the Donald fired back: "I don't wear a 'rug' – it's mine. And I promise not to talk about your massive plastic surgeries that didn't work."

CURRENTLY on tour with *The Cat And The Canary*, Bond girl Britt Eklund, pictured, lambasts backstage conditions at Barnstaple's Queen's Theatre.

Writing to *The Stage*, the 77-year-old, who plays Mrs Pleasant, now complains of "through draughts strong enough to fly kites on and buckets required in the dressing room to collect rain water." The actress adds she came down with a chest infection as a result.



A spokesman for Selladoor Worldwide, who run the venue, tells me: "We are very sorry that Ms Eklund did not enjoy her visit." Explaining external maintenance issues remain the job of the local council, now addressing a problem with the roof, the spokesman adds: "Ms Eklund's visit coincided with the extremely severe weather conditions."

RECALLING hit seventies period drama *Upstairs, Downstairs*, actor Simon Williams reveals how fans were put off the scent.

Noting the show was set at 165 Eaton Place in Belgravia, Williams, who played James Bellamy, says of the real inhabitants: "These people were plagued by tourists eager to glimpse the Bellamys' fictional home in real life."

"None of the poor suckers had any idea that the house we used was down the street at number 65. The set designers simply added a '1' in front of it."

THE KEY TO AN

By Kat Hopps

IT WAS one of the most extraordinary prison breaks ever. Three inmates walked out of a maximum security jail through the front door. Political prisoners Tim Jenkin and Stephen Lee, plus fellow inmate Alex Moumbaris, made the daring break-out from South Africa's notorious Pretoria Central Prison after being jailed for challenging the apartheid regime.

Their 1979 escape – navigating 10 prison doors with a carved wooden key – sparked a huge manhunt, yet they evaded detection and escaped to London.

Four decades later, the incredible story is the subject of a Hollywood blockbuster. *Escape From Pretoria* is released today featuring Harry Potter star Daniel Radcliffe as Jenkin and former *Home And Away* actor Daniel Webber as Lee.

Speaking to the Daily Express ahead of the release, Tim Jenkin, now 72, said: "We were just a few guys with simple tools who embarrassed an entire government. As soon as we walked into the building the first time, we were working out what the barriers were. There was not one moment where we thought, 'No, this is impossible'."

Tim, the mastermind, is the more serious of the pair, a perfectionist with a wiry frame.

"We were surprised they didn't have any concrete escape plans," he admits of the inmates they quizzed after their arrival.

"They pointed out all the security measures built into place. There was a prison yard but a guard walks there with a rifle, a massive 10-metre [30ft] fence on one side and dogs in the yard at night."

"One guy had attempted to make a key and he still had it, but all it did was open the inner door to the cell. He never thought beyond that."

AS TIM and Stephen realised, they had time on their side while serving sentences of 12 and eight years respectively. They had been branded terrorists after using homemade explosive devices to scatter anti-apartheid leaflets.

"I don't think we saw ourselves as radical, just anti-apartheid activists," says Stephen, of their role as liberation messengers for Nelson Mandela's then-banned African National Congress (ANC) organisation.

Their views aligned after meeting as university students who had become increasingly frustrated by segregation.

"Most of us grew up completely ignorant of what was happening in South Africa but that was the thing about apartheid, it was cruel and kept people separate so you had no reason ever to find out," Tim says.

"You just grew up in this white world, went to a white school with white friends."

"Blacks didn't even enter the same buildings you did and the only ones you met were the servants in the garden."

It was on a gap year to the UK that people began challenging Tim about the townships and riots back home.

"At first I didn't believe them," he says. "I thought it was propaganda and I defended apartheid saying I had lived there all my life and had never seen anything like that."

But after further research, he found to his horror the rumours were true. After meeting Stephen, the pair journeyed to ANC's London base where they were taught how to print leaflets and communicate in secret inks. "Our girlfriends, family, no one knew



JAILED: Daniel Radcliffe and Daniel Webber in the film

anything about what we were doing," says Stephen, who worked as a bus conductor back in South Africa. "I was living this double life with a lot of lies." Their families might have been fooled but the police eventually caught on, arresting them in March 1978.

Locked up separately and held in solitary confinement before their trial, they were kept almost "continuously awake" and forced to write endless pages of confessions.

Then came a pivotal moment – Stephen's father sent him Henry Charriere's novel *Papillon* about a prisoner's escape from a penal colony, famously made into a film starring Steve McQueen and Dustin Hoffman.

The book getting through "was the single biggest mistake the authorities made", says Stephen. "I'm sure we would have always thought of escape but the single-mindedness of *Papillon* was the attitude we needed."

Tim agrees: "If you are going to escape, it's not just a part-time thing, it's 100 per cent. Every breath must be devoted to escape."

When the judge handed down the brutal sentences, the two men were prepared. Confined to a small section of Pretoria Prison reserved for white political prisoners, and now reunited, Tim settled on the idea of using a key early on. He had a talent for unpicking locks and thought he could fashion something during carpentry classes.

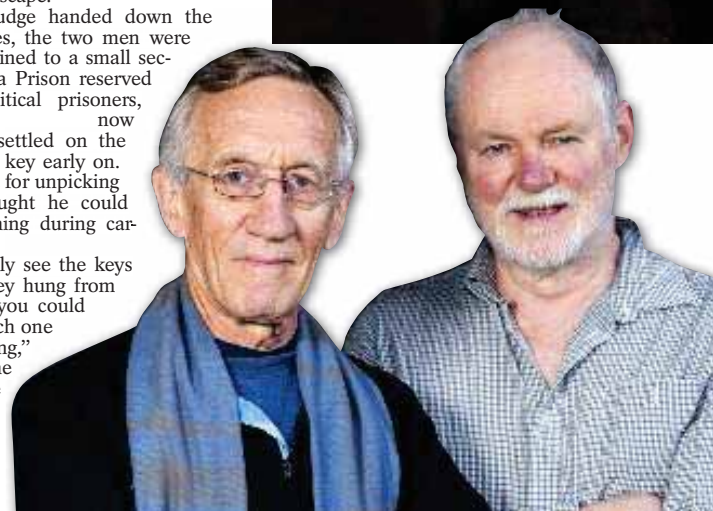
"I could easily see the keys were big as they hung from their belts so you could clearly see which one they were using," he says. "The question we

As Daniel Radcliffe stars in a new film about a prison break, the original fugitives reveal their nail-biting bid for freedom from apartheid-era South Africa



FREE: Alex, centre, with Tim and Stephen after 1979 escape

PALS: Tim (left) and Stephen today



AUDACIOUS ESCAPE



MOVIE ME: Daniel and Tim. Right, a wooden key prop

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'The prison guard was in a trance doing his job and walked right past us. It was sheer luck'

CRACKING TALE: Stars Mark Winter and Daniel Radcliffe

asked is how do you establish those measurements?" Tim wrapped a piece of paper around a dinner knife and pushed it into the lock leaving an impression to establish the depth needed for a key, while scrape marks from inside the lock determined the height.

The shape involved some guess work. "We could see the key was symmetrical with five cuts in it. We looked at it, estimated it's about 2mm [1/8in] and made it out of wood."

A team formed a production line in carpentry classes, making the different parts against alternate grains to ensure it was strong enough once glued together.

One night, Tim tried his wooden key. It didn't turn. Thankfully, the wood marks showed where it was catching so he kept filing away until it worked.

It took two weeks but any celebration was premature as the cell's solid metal

outer door had no inside lock and could not be reached by hand through the window. Weeks of sleepless nights followed until Tim sat bolt upright. "I've cracked it," he thought. "We were using the broom to measure the distance between the window and the keyhole. But why not just fix the key to the end of the broom?"

Next they spent two months perfecting a cranking mechanism as Stephen listened next door. "We all had physical symptoms," Tim says. "My muscles constantly seized up and I would clench my fists at night. You couldn't stop the stuff going through your mind the whole time." Then, eventually,

they heard the glorious sound of a key turning. "It had been tedious, going on and on," says Tim. Door three was almost identical to the first and opened up

the next part of the jail, the administration section.

That was when the men started to believe they might make their escape, even after engineered trips to the prison dentist revealed they would have to get through 10 locked doors in total.

By now fellow inmate Alex Moumbaris (fictionalised in the film as Leonard Fontaine and played by Mark Winter) was on board. During one recce, after making dummies with their clothes to look like they were still in their cots, Tim and Alex sneaked downstairs, hiding in a cupboard as the

night guard passed by on his rounds.

The cupboard had a tiny lock, which Alex could barely hold on to during that first attempt, his hands wet with sweat. "It slipped out of his hands and swung open just as the warden came by," recalls Tim. "We thought, 'That's the end of it' but he was in a trance doing his job and walked right past us. It was sheer luck."

The consequences of getting caught were never lost on them. They carried out longer dummy runs over several months as they cracked one lock after another. Door number 10, the external one, was deemed too risky so they left it until the night of the actual escape on December 11, 1979.

BY THAT point, some 18 months after arriving, they had more keys than the guards. "We had escaped several times up to the final door so we knew the routine," says Tim. Fellow prisoner Denis Goldberg helped them by distracting the guards. Ironically, none of the keys worked on the final door so they smashed the lock with a smuggled chisel and screwdriver.

"It made a huge scraping, crunching sort of noise," says Stephen.

Every passing second was agony. Finally the door opened and the men, dressed in civilian clothes, walked across the yard to freedom. They made their way to a nearby railway station and into a taxi.

The guards did not realise they were missing until the next morning. But by then they had reached neighbouring Mozambique before travelling to Europe. Officials were so confused the night guard was arrested.

The prison was later refurbished to improve security but its notoriety remains. Former Olympic hero turned killer Oscar Pistorius spent jail time there.

Tim, who went back to South Africa, got to know Nelson Mandela following the future president's own release. He is not optimistic about the country today. "The ANC today is not the organisation that I worked for. The name has been hijacked by gangsters and corruption has set in," he has said.

Stephen still lives in north London. But given their outrageous luck, do they ever think a higher force was watching over them?

"At the time you didn't really think like that but looking back I do, considering the risks we took," says Tim. "It's like we had a guardian angel protecting us."

As for being played by Daniel Radcliffe, he added: "He is a very good actor, and I think he's politically motivated himself which helped. Some modern actors aren't that way inclined, and you had to be politically moti-

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I will keep working to spread kindness, pledges Gladys, 97

By News Reporter

INSPIRATIONAL Gladys Taylor is the UK's oldest charity shop worker but has no plans to retire as she approaches her 98th birthday.

Gladys has spent each Tuesday afternoon at the St Rocco Hospice store where she has worked as a fashion consultant for the past 25 years – and has never missed a shift.

The 97-year-old starts her four-hour stint at 1pm and gets straight to work, dressing mannequins and rearranging window displays.

And nothing gets put on the shelves without her approval.

She said: "I've been doing this as long as I have because of the wonderful people working here at St Rocco's, and it's nice to be doing something useful. I love coming in every week, it's what I look most forward to and it's given me a purpose, which is lovely."

"I want to inspire young and old alike to help others. If I can do this at my age, anyone can. I don't want to retire. I feel young, and I want to keep spreading kindness to the world because that's what makes me happy."

Widow Gladys was first introduced to the St Rocco charity shop in Lymm, Cheshire, over 25 years ago by a friend. She moved to Lymm after the war and worked as a hairdresser for 50 years. The town was reeling from the post-war depression but Gladys was determined to bring the community back together.

The mother of two said: "I was so fed up with the war, everything was dull and drab but I don't do drab. I was in my heels, dressed up, always looking my best. When I first moved here it was dead. But sometimes all it



Pictures: SWNS



takes is being positive and doing something for your community."

Best friend Paula Jones, 58, said: "She's lovely company."

Billy Welsby, digital and creative editor at the Warrington hospice, said Gladys was renowned "for her impeccable style, fabulous customer service and determination".

Retail manager Paul, added: "She's never short of a smile and works like a Trojan. Everyone needs to be more like Gladys."



Passion for fashion... Gladys at the store and, inset, helping a customer. Left, Gladys at St Rocco's old shop in the Nineties

John Lewis warns of store cuts

JOHN Lewis Partnership has announced plans to close stores and cut staff bonuses to a 67-year low after profits plunged.

The retail giant said it was reducing the annual bonus to two per cent after seeing pre-tax profits tumble to £123million for the year to January 25.

Dame Sharon White, who took the helm at the group last month, outlined a plan to return to profit including "right sizing" its store estate and slimming down its head office.

She said: "We need to reverse our profit decline and return to growth so that we can invest more in our customers and in our partners."

It was revealed that three Waitrose sites will close later this year – at Four Oaks in the West Midlands, Helensburgh in Scotland and Waterlooville near Portsmouth.

But there was some cheer as Dame Sharon unveiled plans to invest in Waitrose online with proposals to hire 2,400 staff and build a new warehouse in Enfield, north London.

Cop career 'too violent for young'

YOUNG people are put off joining the police because of violence on the streets.

According to a study by the University of Law, which has launched a Professional Policing degree, 53 per cent of 18 to 24 year olds said a career in the police was too dangerous.

Others said they did not consider joining because of uncertainty over its job prospects.

Senior tutor Salome Verrell said: "Our research has highlighted that a significant proportion of young people do not see policing as an accessible career, which presents challenges for the police in recruiting young and talented individuals."

Data compiled by the Police Federation suggests an attack on frontline police officers happens on average every four minutes.

There have also been a series of high profile attacks on front-line officers. Ministers have pledged to recruit 20,000 extra bobbies.

Oldest poppy seller Wally dies aged 104



Proud... Wally sold poppies for 55 years and, inset, as a young WWII soldier

DEVOTED Walter "Wally" Randall – Britain's oldest poppy seller – has died at the age of 104.

The Royal British Legion (RBL) announced Wally's death, saying he was a "remarkable man" who would be "greatly missed" after raising money for 55 years.

Wally, a popular figure in his home town of Leighton Buzzard, Beds, had turned out for every poppy appeal since 1966.

Now the town council is considering a way to honour the local hero in the town centre.

The former soldier joined the Royal Army Service Corps in 1940, serving in Egypt, Libya and Italy during the Second World War. Shortly after his 103rd birthday in September 2018, Wally said: "I like to do my little bit to help the

By Sarah Lumley

heroes, like those on the Invictus Games. I'm going to keep on selling poppies while I've still got the energy to do it.

"My favourite thing about selling is people's generosity."

"When someone puts money in but says, 'I've already got a poppy', it's very gratifying."

The RBL said it believed Wally, who had been branch and club chairman for the legion in Leighton Buzzard, had been Britain's oldest poppy seller.

A spokeswoman said: "He was a remarkable man and his service to his country and support for the legion should be highly commended."

"He will be greatly missed, but certainly not forgotten."



30-SECOND CHALLENGE

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Today's answers can be found in the puzzles pullout

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'Lost' album shines light on Florence Nightingale

AN album featuring nursing pioneer Florence Nightingale has been uncovered after 100 years.

The family book, started by her aunt Ann Nicholson, was buried in papers until last year.

It goes on display – along with a watch worn by "The Lady with the Lamp" – at the Florence Nightingale Museum in London from Sunday.

Director David Green said: "These items bring us closer to aspects of her life and



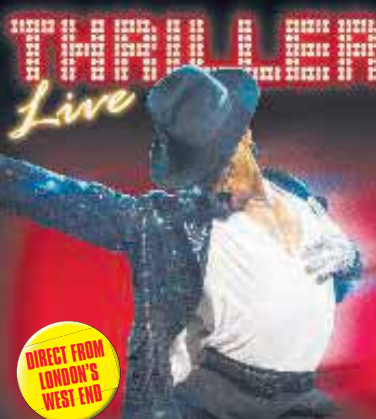
Lady with lamp...nursing patients in the Crimea

work." Other exhibits include "the lamp" she carried, top, and a recording of her voice when in her 70s.

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This striking image, called Dirty Storm, of the Calbuco volcano in Chile won The Perfect Moment photo

By **News Reporter**

competition. Snapper Francisco Negrón collected £1,600 plus camera equipment prize for his "truly spectacular" shot.

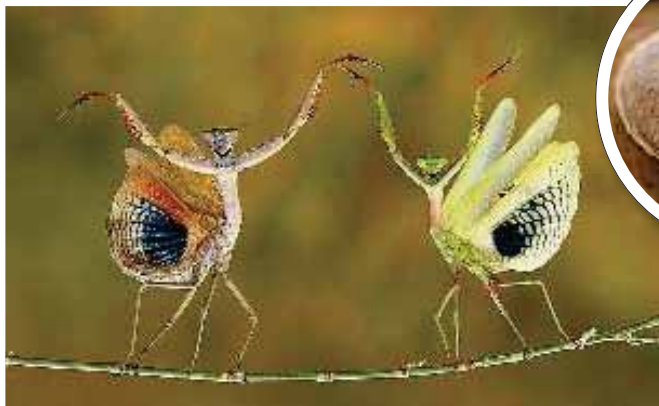
Judge Max Rive added: "It is the combination of the rarity of this natural phenomenon with technical quality of the image that makes it so powerful." Second place

and a £390 prize went to Bence Mate for his entry Eye To Eye, showing a hummingbird hovering in mid-air at a green pit viper dangling by its tail from a branch in Santa Rita, Costa Rica.

Other pictures in the inaugural competition, run by Our World In Focus contest specialists, presented stunning scenes and amazing wildlife from round the globe.



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Praying mantises dance on a twig, a lizard and a snail seem to kiss and a hummingbird keeps an eye on a green pit viper



Ringleader...Neil Elliott, 44

Tycoon vigilante jailed over murder of wrong target

A TYCOON who rounded up a vigilante gang to murder a man he wrongly believed had burgled his daughter has been jailed for 15 years.

Neil Elliott, 44, whose seven-bed home boasted stables and a pool, ran waste and energy companies after rising from humble beginnings.

But he became intent on revenge after his daughter Yasmin's house was

By **Paul Jeeves**

broken into. He posted on Facebook: "Whoever burgled my daughter's house and took her car, your life is about to change, trust me."

Teesside Crown Court was told millionaire Elliott was the "sergeant major" who marshalled his "foot soldiers" in hunting down and beating

to death drug addict Michael Phillips, 39, who had a blue coat similar to one seen in CCTV footage of the burglary.

He cowered in his Hartlepool home last June as seven men attacked him using a knuckle duster and a cosh.

Mr Phillips suffered 50 injuries including 15 rib fractures, skull and facial fractures, a punctured lung and spleen. Mr Justice Jacobs told

the killers: "The problem with street justice is that it is not justice at all."

Lee Darby, 32, was jailed for life with a minimum term of 23 years for murder while Anthony Small, 39, got 12 years for manslaughter. Four other men were cleared of murder.

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Weekend Films

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TONI MORRISON: THE PIECES I AM

★★★★★
(Cert 12A, 120mins)

DOCUMENTARIES about writers aren't very cinema-friendly but the late Toni Morrison fills the screen as she talks us through her life.

Director Timothy Greenfield-Sanders finds the Nobel and Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist in great form. His film is built around a candid interview conducted last August and the funny, passionate and delightfully spiky 88-year-old discusses influences, race, history and her work as an editor at Random House. Acolytes will love every second while the casual admirer will emerge with a priceless new reading list.

THE PHOTOGRAPH ★★★

(Cert 12A, 106mins)

THIS romantic drama is nicely shot but its characters are shockingly underdeveloped as writer-director Stella Meghie serves up two love stories.

In the present day, reporter Michael (LaKeith Stanfield) interviews Mae (Issa Rae), the estranged daughter of a recently deceased photographer.

As the couple begin to date, flashbacks take us to the 1980s as Mae's mother Christina (Chanté Adams) has to choose between her career and her boyfriend (Y'lan Noel). However the chemistry never sparks between the couples and the stakes remain low.

Fall in love

MILITARY WIVES ★★★★★

(Cert 12A, 113mins)

TWO decades after scoring a shock global hit with *The Full Monty*, director Peter Cattaneo is back with another rousing tale of British underdogs.

Fans of TV choirmaster Gareth Malone will know all about the *Military Wives*, a group of singing soldiers' spouses who scored an unlikely Christmas No. 1 in 2011. This funny, big-hearted tear-jerker takes us to an English military base to tell their highly fictionalised origins story.

When the servicemen and women leave for a six-month tour of Afghanistan, someone needs to organise morale-boosting activities for the women they left behind.

As the wife of the newly promoted Regimental Sergeant Major, this honour falls to a reluctant Lisa (Sharon Horgan) who is struggling to raise her mouthy teenage daughter Frankie (India Ria Amarteifio) while running the base's general store.

Her first idea is to form a knitting and drinking club but, when that

unravels, she unpacks her old synthesiser and dishes out song sheets. This piques the interest of tweedy Kate (Kristin Scott Thomas).

As the wife of the highest-ranking officer (Greg Wise's colonel), she's supposed to stand apart from the rest of the women.

But Kate, who is mourning her soldier son, needs a distraction too. "Can we hear the Ts, please? Enunciate!" she cries, as the women murder *Tears For Fears*' Shout.

As is often the case, the two leads are opposites who gradually discover they have some common ground.

The bickering choirmasters form a great double act but Cattaneo also gives them space to develop three-dimensional characters.

Lisa's prickly relationship with her daughter Frankie is touching and convincing. Scott Thomas is terrific, never allowing stuffy Kate to feel like a caricature. She's clearly a control freak but we can always see the vulnerability beneath that stiff upper lip.

The minor players have their moments in the spotlight too. Amy James-Kelly, who plays newlywed Sarah, has a beautifully written and

ONWARD ★★★★★

(Cert U, 107mins)

IT's 25 years since Pixar changed the world of animation with *Toy Story*, the first feature film entirely made on computers. *Onward* isn't quite as revolutionary. The plot is a standard quest, the animation is flawless but forgettable, the fantasy setting is familiar and the hero is



MAGIC: Pixar casts its spell once again

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ANOTHER week, another musical based on a hit movie. *Pretty Woman*, starring Julia Roberts as a Hollywood hooker and Richard Gere as a corporate raider, came out in 1990 and was an instant success.

A slick, metropolitan fairy tale, its gender politics were outmoded even then.

But that didn't stop squillions of fans buying into its fantasy of a sex worker who finds wealth and happiness with a white knight in

an Armani suit. The musical doesn't mess with Garry Marshall and JF Lawton's original movie formula but adds songs by Bryan Adams and Jim Vallance to pep up the action and divert attention away from potentially sleazy moments.

Consisting of amiable pop rock and a ballad or two, they are good enough without being hugely memorable.

The real attractions are the performances.

Aimie Atkinson is sex worker Vivian, all leatherette thigh boots and cantilevered bras, and Danny Mac plays Edward, the ruthless financial shark who learns the error of his

lifestyle with the help of true lurve. Both performers are dynamic and alluring.

Throw in power-voiced Rachael Wooding as veteran sex worker Kit and hardworking Bob Harms in a bewildering variety of roles and wigs and you have plenty of bang for your bucks.

Director Jerry Mitchell doesn't waste time questioning the morality of the piece and makes a slick job of his own choreography.

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performed scene with Scott Thomas; Gaby French makes us root for nervous Welsh songbird Jess; and Lara Rossi raises laughs as tone deaf hairdresser Ruby.

When Jason Flemyng's sergeant earns them a spot at a concert at the Royal Albert Hall, the film has its ticking clock. Will the ladies overcome those last-minute hitches and be on song for the big finale?

Military Wives may move to some very familiar beats but all resistance is futile. Succumb to its charms and you'll leave the film with a song in your heart and a spring in your step.



ON SONG: Sharon Horgan and Kristin Scott Thomas star in *Military Wives*



another boy wizard. But there's plenty of Pixar magic in this little charmer.

The film begins with an announcement: "Long ago, the world was full of wonder". We're shown a fantasy realm filled with elves, trolls and all manner of fantastical creatures.

But casting spells was hard work. Once they developed smartphones and fast food, magic faded into myth and

Middle Earth turned into a bog-standard American suburb.

It's here that we meet two pointy-eared brothers, shy 16-year-old Ian (Tom Holland) and Barley (Chris Pratt), a boisterous slacker obsessed with a Dungeons & Dragons-style board game.

The brothers are shaken when Ian receives a letter and a staff from the dead father he never met and who Barley can

barely remember. By waving it around, Ian (who has never explored his magical powers) will be able to summon up his father for just 24 hours. But the staff's magical gemstone shatters when his dad has only half materialised.

To replace it, the brothers and their father's bottom half (a nifty visual metaphor for the half-remembered dead) must embark on a quest. First stop is

The Manticore's Tavern, now a fantasy-themed restaurant where Octavia Spencer's griffin labours under a strict health and safety policy. From here, the film turns into a road movie filled with chases and sight gags.

Like Pixar's best movies, this touching adventure keeps kids and adults under its spell and the tear-jerking ending could turn grown ups into babies.



MODERN LOVE STORY: The 1990 hit movie *Pretty Woman* gets a new lease of life on stage

see through to a vista of Tinseltown. Very smart.

Saucy, sassy and sexy, dance numbers fizz and pop like firecrackers.

The producers had two options: to drag *Pretty Woman* kicking and screaming into the #MeToo era and turn it into a critique of the

shallow, cynical and wholly unrealistic gender clichés it purveys; or keep faith with the fans and deliver a modern Cinderella story from an era long, long ago. They opted for the latter.

After all, if it ain't broke, why fix it?

FAR AWAY ★★

Donmar Warehouse, until April 4
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PLAYWRIGHT Caryl Churchill is on a roll. Following her latest work *Glass Kill*. *Bluebeard Imp*, which premiered at the end of

2019, there are already two revivals under way this year.

This play from 2000 is a reminder of her gifts of prophecy.

Set in a vague future, it involves Young Joan (Sophia Ally/Abbiegail Mills), adult Joan (Aisling Loftus), a rural woman called Harper (Jessica Hynes), and hat maker Todd (Simon Manyonda).

Images of global unrest and environmental catastrophe leak through the language; conflict involves humans and animals ("The elephants have gone over to the Dutch").

Potentially funny scenes are undercut

with sudden horror. "If it was a party," asks Young Joan, "then why was there so much blood?"

Later she unwraps a piece of cloth to reveal a Kalashnikov which she checks with practised ease.

Scores of maltreated prisoners in grey coveralls line up to model the fantasy headgear created by Todd and Joan.

"It seems so sad," she muses on their elaborate creations, "To burn them with the bodies."

Elusive, prescient and soaked in menace, *Far Away* might be closer than even Churchill imagined.

ESCAPE FROM PRETORIA ★★

(Cert 12A, 104mins)

THERE have been starrier and slicker prison break movies but the tension bubbles away nicely in this fascinating true story.

Daniel Radcliffe and Daniel Webber play Tim Jenkin and Stephen Lee, two young anti-apartheid activists who were jailed in 1978.

With long sentences stretching ahead of them, the pair decide they will be the first inmates to escape from Pretoria Maximum Security Prison.



Old hand and fellow ANC activist Denis Goldberg (Ian Hart) warns them it won't be easy. No one has ever managed to tunnel under the walls and the armed guards are itching for a chance to shoot political prisoners.

But Tim comes up with a plan. He'll memorise the shapes of the guard's keys and using scraps of wood from the prison workshop, fashion a set of copies. Only

Stephen and a Frenchman (a fictional character played by Mark Winter) sign up to this madcap scheme.

The dialogue can be clunky but there are some nail-biting moments as they creep around the jail at night fiddling with brittle pieces of wood.

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MY SIX BEST BOOKS

CJ TUDOR

CJ, 47, is the bestselling author of *The Chalk Man* and *The Taking Of Annie Thorne*. Her new novel *The Other People* (Michael Joseph, £12.99) is out now.



ALTERED CARBON

Richard Morgan

(Gollancz, £8.99)

Part sci-fi, part noir, this blew me away. In the 23rd century, human minds can be downloaded into new bodies called "sleeves".

However, only those who are very wealthy can continually acquire new ones and live forever.

THE BEACH

Alex Garland

(Penguin, £8.99)

Lord Of The Flies for the backpacking generation. It's very much of its early 90s time, it captures the backpacking obsession to find one perfect spot no one else has heard about.

TRAINSPOTTING

Irvine Welsh

(Vintage, £8.99)

A revelation! Non-linear, told from different perspectives and in a Scottish dialect, the story of Renton, Sick Boy, Begbie, Spud and Tommy was like nothing I'd read before. It's still a stand-out.

JON COATES

THE SHINING

Stephen King

Hodder, £9.99

The Shining is a classic and a great lesson in the slow burn. Little happens in the first third but it's imbued with creeping dread, while the isolated Overlook Hotel is the most compelling character of all.

SPARES

Michael Marshall Smith

HarperCollins, £9.99

Spare is even better than his first book *Only Forward*. It's original, sad, darkly funny and a more interesting take on cloning than *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro, which was shortlisted for the Booker Prize.

WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT KEVIN

Lionel Shriver

Serpent's Tail, £8.99

A book that just builds and builds the tension and asks whether some women are meant to be mothers, and if monsters are created or born.

Killer plots fire

You'll find murder, malice and mayhem in our choice of the best new thrillers...

THE LANTERN MEN

★★★★

Elly Griffiths

(Quercus, £18.99)

NORTH Norfolk is about as sleepy a place as you will find on a map. At least it was until the arrival of Dr Ruth Galloway, a forensic archaeologist with an uncanny knack of digging up hidden bodies – and trouble for herself. In *The Lantern Men*, Dr Galloway returns to expose more dark deeds along the wild coastline.

Convicted serial killer Ivor March summons Dr Galloway to his prison confines with the promise of revealing more bodies buried on Norfolk's shores. So she is soon unearthing not only murder victims' bones but also the secrets of the Lantern Men, sinister gangs who shine their eerie lights across the dangerous marshes to lure unwary travellers to their deaths.

This is the 12th Dr Galloway mystery by the prolific Griffiths and the archaeologist is reunited with former colleagues in Norfolk's Serious Crimes Unit, led by the mulish DCI Harry Nelson – who also happens to be the father of Dr Galloway's nine-year-old daughter.

Then a fresh corpse turns up with identical features to the imprisoned March's preferred victims – leggy, good-looking, blonde. Yet how could March have struck while incarcerated? Have the deadly lights of the Lantern Men been rekindled?

Once again, Elly Griffiths delivers witty, insightful and brilliant storytelling as the redoubtable Dr Galloway burrows away to expose the Lantern Men's dark secrets. **SW**

THE GUEST LIST

★★★★★

Lucy Foley

HarperCollins,

£12.99

ONA remote island off the west coast of Ireland, 13 guests gather for the society wedding of the year as Will Slater, a Bear Grylls-style TV adventurer, marries Jules Keegan, journalist and daughter of a media mogul.

But as an Atlantic storm starts to unleash its fury on the uninhabited island and the guests find themselves cut off from the rest of the world, long-buried secrets and grudges are brought to the surface and tempers begin to fray.

The wedding is already teetering on the edge of ruin



after the cake is cut as power cuts plunge the island into darkness. But then one of the guests is found dead, leaving the rest trapped with a killer.

The Guest List is the hotly anticipated follow-up to Foley's 2019 bestselling crime debut *The Hunting Party* – and her fans will love this.

Masterfully plotted and paced to keep readers guessing until the grand reveal, her second modern take on the "closed-room" murder-mystery is clever, absorbing and great fun. **JC**

THE LAST DAY

★★★★★

Andrew Hunter

Murray

Hutchinson, £12.99

THE year is 2059 and the Earth has stopped turning, plunging half of the planet into an endless frozen night with most of the rest scorched by the relentless sun. Only in a slim twilight region, which includes Britain, Scandinavia and part of Russia, can life survive.

Ellen Hopper, a young scientist studying the new Atlantic tidal patterns from an oil rig, is summoned back to London by her Oxford University professor and mentor.

He is dying and, under intense scrutiny from the security services in a deeply isolationist Britain, he entrusts her with a clue to a dangerous secret that could change the fate of the human race.

Those in power will kill to conceal this secret, forcing Ellen to endanger everyone she turns to for help as she vows to bring the truth into the light.

The Last Day is a brilliant debut which blends apocalyptic drama with a tale of espionage, keeping readers on tenterhooks following Ellen's fraught journey through a Britain struggling to survive extreme climate change. Fans of Robert Harris will love it. **JC**

THE MEMORY WOOD

★★★★★

Sam Lloyd

Bantam Press,

£12.99

LONELY 12-year-old

Elijah has been living in *The Memory Wood* for as long as he can remember. Elissa, a 13-year-old chess prodigy, has only just arrived but will do anything she can to escape.

Elissa has been chained by her abductor in an underground bunker which Elijah calls "The



Gingerbread House" and, when he stumbles across her, he refuses to alert the police.

Elijah is desperate to have a friend so he doesn't want Elissa to leave. And since she's not the first girl he's found in the woods, he knows how escape attempts can end.

As her abductor's behaviour grows more erratic, Elissa realises that outwitting her strange friend Elijah is her only hope of survival.

Their game of cat-and-mouse, where nothing is as it seems, will determine whether they ever leave *The Memory Wood*.

This darkly chilling and original novel gets off to a slow start but a series of twists keeps readers captivated until a shocking climax. **JC**

WATCHING FROM THE DARK

★★★★★

Gytha Lodge

Michael Joseph, £12.99

AFTER Aidan Poole logs on to his laptop late at night to Skype his girlfriend Zoe, she discovers

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THE BURNING MEN ★★★★★

Will Shindler

Hodder & Stoughton, £16.99

A CLOSE-KNIT team of firefighters see a man in a third-floor window at a burning housing development in south London.

They go in to save him but emerge from the inferno empty-handed. The man was trapped and he died before they could reach him.

But all five members of the fire crew quit the service within months of the blaze. And they don't intend to speak to each other ever again.

Then five years later, one of them is set alight and dies in agony at his wedding. Soon afterwards, another crew member is found burnt to death in his car.

Detective Inspector Alex Finn, mourning his wife who died of cancer, and new partner Detective Constable Mattie Paulsen, who has her own personal issues to deal with, must race against time to uncover what really happened five years ago before the other three men burn.

The debut novel from BBC newsreader Shindler, previously a scriptwriter for TV dramas *The Bill* and *Doctors*, is a highly accomplished police procedural with intriguing characters and plenty of twists to keep readers guessing until its explosive finale. **JC**



an intruder in her flat. He listens helplessly to the sound of a violent struggle, before a chilling silence falls. While desperate to know whether she is OK, Aidan hesitates before calling the police, making an anonymous 999 call.

Detective Chief Inspector Jonah Sheens and his team find Zoe's body in her flat and her murder has been made to look like suicide. As his team try to work out why Aidan was so reluctant to come forward, they discover a number of people with an unhealthy reliance on Zoe's kindness. Yet lurking within this group is a cold-hearted killer determined to get away with murder.

The follow-up to last year's bestselling debut *She Lies In Wait* is a satisfyingly complex whodunnit that will keep readers gripped and baffled in equal measure. And Lodge always

keeps the victim at the centre of the story, making this a thriller that should not be missed. **JC**

THE NOSTRADAMUS CURIOSITY ★★★★★

Colin Edmonds

(Caffeine Nights, £9.99)

WHEN seemingly impossible crimes plague Victorian London, baffled Special Branch officers recruit two young music hall magicians to solve them. Who better to expose trickery and sleight of hand than stage conjurers?

Super-bright Michael Magister and fearless Phoebe Le Breton are tasked with explaining the puzzling locked-room deaths of two high-profile astronomers at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich.

Scotland Yard are stumped. Is it a serial killer on a gruesome spree

or is there a supernatural force at work? Seances, spirits who foresee the future and a kaleidoscope of Victorian celebrities all play their part in a pacy narrative peppered with trivia and laugh-out-loud gags (Edmonds was Bob Monkhouse's joke writer, after all).

This is the third novel in the *Steam, Smoke & Mirrors* murder mystery series: a foggy, gaslit world of period conspiracies which seamlessly blur fact with fiction. Smart plotting and a deft line in misdirection make *The Nostradamus Curiosity* a satisfying page-turner. **GB**



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GARRY BUSHELL, JON COATES AND STUART WINTER

MUSIC MY SIX BEST ALBUMS

DAVE SMITH

LIVERPOOL-born Dave, 67, sings with 1970s soul group *The Real Thing* whose smash hits include *You To Me Are Everything* and *Can't Get By Without You*. *Their Best Of* album is out now (BMG).



Kendricks on top form – a big influence on us.

STEVIE WONDER: *Innervisions*

(Tamla)

The album after *Talking Book* and again almost all Stevie's own work. He takes on social issues

and the songs are superb.

Higher Ground, Living For The City... sublime.

THE ISLEY BROTHERS: 3 + 3

(Epic)

The Isleys at their peak. They stepped away from old soul and became a rock-soul combo. The three brothers were joined by the younger three and the hits kept coming – Summer Breeze, That Lady... Ernie Isley's guitar is stunning.

RUFUS & CHAKA KHAN: *Rufus Featuring Chaka Khan*

(ABC)

The rest of Rufus realised Chaka was the main attraction and she got star billing. She was a force of nature. One of the strongest soul vocalists ever.

GARRY BUSHELL

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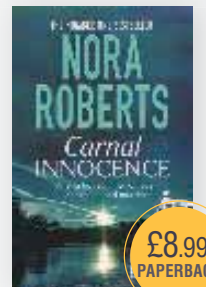
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Government could step in and launch a GB airline

SO it's goodbye to Flybe and, more alarmingly, 2,000 members of staff will lose their jobs, livelihoods and possibly homes if they cannot secure other employment.

The company says its final downfall came with coronavirus, after the failed attempt to get government funding.

But in reality it was inevitable after numerous concerns over boss bonuses and with the company itself only being valued at just over £2million last year.

The government should now buy up all assets belonging to Flybe and take over the running of the airline, calling the newly-nationalised company FlyGB.

Ashley Smith,
March, Cambs

Holiday firms face huge losses over outbreak

THERE is little doubt that airlines are going to suffer massive losses through the coronavirus outbreak, as will travel agents.

As the holiday season gets underway I cannot see matters getting any better, as people become aware of the dangers of close contact with others when flying to foreign parts.

The isolation of cruise ships also makes that alternative unattractive.

Peter Hyde,
Driffield, E Yorks

If anything will end this world it will be a virus

WELL done Nigel Moulden (Letters, March 5) for bringing attention to the Chinese wet markets where this virus has supposedly originated.

Those markets are barbaric and made of nightmares.

Everyone is worried about climate change but if anything will end this world it will be a virus, not this one but another more dangerous one.

And it will no doubt come from Asia. Perhaps this is a warning from nature.

Julia Waight,
Lowestoft, Suffolk

Foreign aid is now needed at home more than ever

HAS the time finally arrived when we need a foreign aid holiday?

Around £15billion would provide the finances needed to assist victims of floods, address the knife/drugs crime epidemic and provide much-needed additional support for the NHS.

John Allerton,
Thorpe Bay, Essex

I don't know whether to laugh or cry over reaction

THE photograph of a woman walking about with a container on her head had me not knowing whether to laugh or feel angry at the stupidity of thinking a plastic bucket on her head would prevent her catching the coronavirus ("Fear goes to panicking commuters' heads", March 5).

But the worst thing of all is that she is sending out the message that

Letter of the day

Picture: PA



CHANGES: Airline collapse is a sign of things to come

Flybe failure is a glimpse into future

THE collapse of Flybe has a great deal to do with the price war that has been going on for years, since the advent of low-cost airlines ("Flybe falls into administration", March 5).

We pay nowhere near what the real cost of air travel is, resulting in far tighter profit margins for operators, so they do not have financial reserves to weather downturns.

This latest airline failure might finally convince businesses and politicians that, with the increasingly advanced face-to-face conferencing facilities available via the internet, it really isn't necessary to waste time and money on travelling to meetings.

Not to mention the fact that we desperately need to reduce our carbon footprint.

Robert Readman,
Bournemouth

it is all right to put such a container on your head. If a child tries it then they could suffocate.

I am afraid to say the human race is going backwards in terms of intelligence while technology continues to advance.

Please, all relatives and parents, explain to your children never, ever to follow this woman's stupid actions.

Anthony Todd,
Barnsley, S Yorks

Smiling Kate looks every inch a queen in waiting

WHAT a pleasure it was to open the newspaper and see such charming pictures of the Duchess of Cambridge visiting Ireland ("William and Kate keep Irish eyes smiling...", March 5).

She looked every inch a future queen. It really made my day.

Kaye Chard,
Felsted, Essex

Duchess shows a beautiful attitude to life as a royal

HILARY Mantel says Meghan was a smiling face in a dull institution ("Meghan livened up dull royals and her critics are racist, says Hilary Mantel", March 4).

Has she not witnessed Kate, Duchess of Cambridge, handle her

transformation from a family in a small Berkshire village to the Royal Family with a beautiful smile?

Not just a smile, but genuine laughter as she takes part so often with those she is visiting.

Hilary Mantel should keep her fiction for her books.

Dick Sawdon Smith,
Reading, Berks

Young must get important message over pensions

THE good news is that millions more people are now investing in workplace pensions, making their future much sunnier when they reach old age ("Record numbers join workplace pensions", March 5).

We also owe it to our younger generation to make it abundantly clear to them the massive benefits if they make a point of contributing to a workplace or private pension from as soon as they start work.

I am 71 now and I was not aware until years after starting work how vital it was.

I am alright now only because I was able to contribute larger amounts from my wage each month when, many years after I first started work, I realised the good sense in contributing towards a pension scheme.

Howard Gardner,
Sale, Cheshire

Boycott companies who don't treat cash as king

I THINK that it's appalling what is happening, trying to force people to go cashless ("Strapped for cash", March 4).

Cash has always been king, and ATM charges are not right either.

When you're handling cash, you know where you are and using cards will cause people to overdraw and incur bank charges.

I think people should boycott the businesses trying to force this on vulnerable people.

Glenys Bateman,
Swansea

An insult to make me pay to watch a sport I hate

BBC1 has been dominated by football at peak times this week.

I detest football yet at the age of 77 I will soon have to buy a licence so that I can watch childish, overpaid millionaires trying to put a little ball into a huge net.

To watch the sport I follow means paying for a package on top of the BBC licence but MotoGP is seemingly a dirty word at the BBC.

Not being able to opt out is an invasion of my liberties.

David Jackson,
Norwich

SHOULD LOTTERY MILLIONAIRES EVER GO BACK TO WORK?

Yes

WHAT a lovely story about Lottery winner Sally Cloke, who has gone back to looking after Alzheimer's patients on the night shift ("Lotto winner returns to care job she dearly missed", March 5).

I often say that money can't buy you happiness

and if you love a job, why would you quit just because you don't need the money?

After the thrill of winning big bucks and spending some of it, what is there left to do?

I'd rather work than feel miserable in my big mansion.

Elizabeth Nixon,
Bristol

No

HONESTLY, money is wasted on some people.

You see these folk all the time who win big on the Lottery and do nothing apart from buy a new car or put a conservatory on the back of their house.

If I won £1million you wouldn't see me for

dust. I know it's not enough to let you buy mansions around the world but I certainly wouldn't be going back to work.

Invested properly, it is probably £50,000 a year for 25 years, more than enough to have some fun with.

Peter Henderson,
Maidenhead, Berks

**TODAY: Friday
March 6, 2020**

ON THIS DAY



67 years ago (1953)

Critics blasted the "crocodile tears" around the world for Soviet leader Joseph Stalin, who lay on his death bed.

PM Winston Churchill sent his "regret and sympathy". Stalin was branded a dictator who would not be missed.

He died as a result of a brain haemorrhage.

56 years ago (1964)

World heavyweight champion Cassius Clay provoked a storm by changing his name to Muhammad Ali, stating that the former was his "slave name".

The boxing legend joined the radical black Muslim group Nation of Islam and in 1972 made the Hajj pilgrimage to Mecca.

36 years ago (1984)

The National Coal Board announced the agreement reached after the 1974 miners' strike was null and void and 20 pits would close with the loss of 20,000 jobs.

Many communities in northern England, Scotland and Wales would lose their primary source of employment.

Miners at Cortonwood and Bullcliffe Wood collieries near Wakefield, West Yorkshire, were among the first to walk out, signalling the start of the miners' strike.

BIRTHDAYS



Pink Floyd's David Gilmour is 74. He is a patron of Crisis. Don't Go Breaking My Heart singer Kiki Dee is 73.



Her real name is Pauline Matthews. American Horror Story actress Connie Britton is 53.



She speaks Chinese. Soprano Dame Kiri Te Kanawa is 76. She was adopted.



TODAY'S GIGGLE

What do you call a gluttonous cat that's in love with its mum? Greedy puss.

On the prowl for exotics

AS YOU can imagine, being a TV critic involves an awful lot of travel. Indeed, only a couple of days ago I picked up my laptop and travelled all the way from my lounge to my kitchen. (The kitchen telly has a sharper picture.)

And yet some would still consider this unadventurous. Yes, really. I'm talking about people for whom travelling means getting on a plane and flying to another actual country.

But although that's obviously crazy on so many levels, I'll confess that there are times when I value such endeavour on their part.



Mike Ward
previews
tonight's TV

When people travel to far-off lands to make nature documentaries, for example, thus enabling me to savour our planet's biodiversity from the comfort of my own home, then I'm truly beyond grateful.

By "people", I mean the likes of wildlife filmmaker Colin Stafford-Johnson.

Should I wish to see, say, the

tiniest bird in the world – and why on earth wouldn't it? It's the tiniest bird in the world, for heaven's sake – then all I need do is watch Colin's new two-part **WILD CUBA: A CARIBBEAN JOURNEY** (BBC2, 8.30pm) and – hey, presto! – there it is.

It's Colin who's had to do all the legwork, endure all that miserable, wretched flying.

Did you realise it takes more than 10 hours to get to Cuba? It takes me only six to get to Cornwall, and that's including the half-hour stop at Exeter services.

Not that I'd recommend Wild Cuba for the world's tiniest bird

alone. (It's called the bee hummingbird, by the way, and it's found nowhere else on earth, not even in Padstow.)

No, I'd recommend it because it's crammed with such awe-inspiring natural wonders, a good half of which are unique to this Caribbean island.

Ever seen a Fernandina's Flicker? You haven't lived.

You also haven't lived, some might argue, if you've never seen Cilla Black and Marc Bolan, God rest their souls, duetting on Life's A Gas, the B-side to Marc's 1971 hit Jeepster.

But if you haven't – seen it, I mean – please don't despair. It's

easily fixed by watching BBC Four's archive compilation **CILLA AT THE BBC** (8pm), where it's among a heap of splendid old clips.

This collaboration came about when Mark guested on Cilla's Saturday night show on BBC1, which ran from 1968 to 1976.

And while it sounds a lot better than you might expect, I have to say that, as performers, they look as if they've beamed down from entirely different worlds.

As indeed do Maria and Gary from **CORONATION STREET** (ITV, 7.30pm).

Do this under-strain pair seriously have the makings of a happily married couple?

PICKS OF THE DAY



Travel: Celebrity Britain By Barge: Then & Now, Channel 5, 8.30pm

Will they ever run out of celebrities to put on boats of one description or another to film travelling around Britain? We do hope not. On the second part of the Scottish leg, Pete Waterman, Jennie Bond, Anne Diamond and Bill Oddie, (all left) join the Glasgow and Edinburgh Union Canal rising lock, stock and barge up the Falkirk wheel before heading east. Anne and Jennie encounter the ghost of William Burke – of Burke and Hare fame – as they travel through the Falkirk tunnel which he helped build as an Irish navy. Pete goes digging for industrial treasure at an old railway terminus and Bill gets to look down on the birds for once.



Comedy: The Last Leg, C4, 10pm

This could be interesting, very interesting. Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker (left) are used to having controversial figures from the world of politics joining them on The Last Leg but we think sparks could really fly tonight when they welcome former Speaker of the House of Commons, John Bercow, to the studio to paw over the last seven days' events and poke fun at the figures behind the news. Expect #isitokay to direct the quartet as the show progresses.



Soap: EastEnders, BBC1, 8.30pm

Shirley grows suspicious of Suki's behaviour and speaks to Jean, leading to an argument. As Gray (Toby Alexander-Smith, above right) and Kush set off for court, the solicitor subtly sows seeds of doubt in his client's mind about the plea. Then, as Whitney's bail hearing gets under way, Gray feels the pressure to deliver. But as tensions boil over, Whitney (Shona McGarty, above left) struggles to keep her cool.



Cookery: MasterChef, BBC1, 7.30pm

Of all the previous MasterChef contestants who return to pass judgment on the current batch we probably like Dhruv Baker the best. The 2010 winner is back tonight along with Alex Rushmer and Dr Tim Kinnaird. Six contestants battle through the Signature Dish round before four then take the ingredients challenge ahead of cooking for the high-profile trio. John Torode and Gregg Wallace (both above) host.

Film: Con Air, Channel 5, 9.45pm

Newly-released prisoner Cameron Poe catches a ride home on a maximum-security flight conveying some of America's deadliest criminals. When they hijack the plane in mid-flight, led by criminal mastermind Cyrus the Virus, Poe, a former Army Ranger sergeant, is forced to intervene. Meanwhile, US marshal Vince Larkin has an ongoing battle on the ground to prevent the plane from being blown to pieces. Action thriller with Nicolas Cage (right).



DID YOU KNOW? Birder and actor Bill Oddie was one of the first performers to parody a rock song, arranging "On Ilkka Moor Baht'at" in the style of Joe Cocker's hit of the Beatles' "With A Little Help From My Friends".

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BBC One	BBC Two	ITV	Channel 4	Channel 5
6.00 Breakfast National and international news headlines. 9.15 Britain's Housing Scandal Matt Allwright talks to a homeowner about their hoarding. Last in series. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer Property auctions in Dunkirk in Kent, Oton and London. (R) 11.00 Wanted Down Under Revisited Documentary. (R) 11.45 Saved on Camera An injured climber has to be rescued. 12.15 Bargain Hunt From Liverpool. 1.00 BBC News at One; Weather 1.30 BBC Local News; Weather 1.45 Doctors Daniel and Zara are thrown together, while Emma and Jasmine meet a woman willing to do anything for love. 2.15 Jimmy McGovern's Moving On A bereaved mother befriends a young homeless man, a ringer for her son Michael, who died nine months before. Last in series. 3.00 Escape to the Country Searching for a property in the Forest of Dean. (R) 3.45 Money for Nothing Upcycler Jacqui Joseph transforms a pair of chairs and a laundry basket. 4.30 Ready Steady Cook Sinead and her grandmother Jean compete in the culinary contest. 5.15 Pointless Quiz show. (R) 6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather 6.30 BBC Local News; Weather	6.30 Money for Nothing (R) 7.15 Escape to the Country (R) 8.00 Sign Zone: Winterwatch (R) 9.00 BBC News at 9 Headlines. 10.00 Victoria Derbyshire 11.00 BBC Newsroom Live 12.15 Politics Live Jo Coburn and guests discuss the big political issues of the day. Plus, reports from Westminster and beyond. 1.00 Hardball Quiz show, hosted by Ore Oduba. (R) 1.45 Best House in Town (R) 2.30 Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip From Kent. (R) 3.00 Red Rock Keith risks being caught out at Alice's place. (R) 3.45 The Great Interior Design Challenge The three remaining designers work on a smart Georgian terrace in Bath. (R) 4.45 Portillo's State Secrets Michael Portillo examines documents that show why Britain did not boycott the Berlin Olympics of 1936. (R) 5.15 Flog It! Antique experts evaluate items in Kent. 6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games With former winners Chizzy Akudolu, Miles Jupp, Anmol Rajan and Ellie Taylor. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys Michael Portillo falls into line with the University of Glasgow's Officer Training Corps. (R)	6.00 Good Morning Britain News, current affairs, lifestyle and entertainment features. 9.00 Lorraine Entertainment, current affairs and fashion news, as well as showbiz stories. 10.00 This Morning Celebrity chat, showbusiness news, lifestyle features, topical discussion, health and beauty advice. 12.30 Loose Women More topical debate from a female perspective. Plus, celebrity interviews. 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 North Yorkshire answer questions about top 10 lists, then try to score a perfect 10 in the final round. Quiz, 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 presents the general knowledge quiz, as Steve, Vicki, Sam and Lita pit their wits against the Chaser in the hope of winning a potential prize worth thousands of pounds. 6.00 Local News; Weather 6.30 ITV Evening News; Weather	6.30 Cheers Sitcom. (R) 6.55 Cheers Sitcom. (R) 7.20 The King of Queens (R) 7.45 The King of Queens (R) 8.10 Everybody Loves Raymond Debra and Ray reminisce. (R) 8.40 Everybody Loves Raymond Ray appears on a TV show. (R) 9.10 Frasier Sitcom. (R) 9.40 Frasier Sitcom. (R) 10.10 Undercover Boss Canada (R) 11.05 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary 12.05 Find It, Fix It, Flog It (R) 1.05 Posh Pawnbrokers (R) 2.10 Countdown Word game. 3.00 Crufts 2020 Coverage from the NEC in Birmingham on a day when the theme is health and wellbeing. Featured events include Flyball, Agility and Heelwork to Music. Further coverage on More4. 4.00 A New Life in the Sun: Where Are They Now? Cameras revisit a Manchester couple whose vegan cafe in Spain almost got washed away in flash floods a year after opening. Last in series. 5.00 Come Dine with Me Four hosts compete for the prize in Tyne and Wear. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons Lisa discovers Bart's demented twin. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks Toby is angry when he sees Romeo leaving his flat. (R)	6.00 Milkshake! Children's shows. 9.15 Jeremy Vine Talk show. 11.15 Nightmare Tenants, Sium Landlords Documentary. (R) 12.10 5 News at Lunchtime 12.15 Paddington Station 24/7 An unexploded bomb is found near the line in Teignmouth. (R) 1.10 Access Showbiz news. 1.15 Home and Away See 6.00pm. 1.45 Neighbours See 5.30pm. 2.20 FILM My Husband's Double Life (2018/PG) A woman finds it is not just her marriage on the line after discovering her husband has another wife. Drama, starring Amy Nuttall, Daniel Lapaine and Dragan Micanovic. ★★★ 4.00 Friends Double bill. Phoebe receives shocking news about her past; Rachel realises she wants to start dating Ross again. (R) 5.00 5 News at 5 Headlines. 5.30 Neighbours Everyone is reeling at Gary and Prue's news, Finn is disturbed by bad memories, and Mark asks Lucy on a date, but she remains concerned about his religious ties. (R) 6.00 Home and Away Mac breaks cover to get help for a rapidly deteriorating Bella, but the gunmen refuse to let Alex treat her. Mason creates a diversion to let some hostages escape. (R) 6.30 5 News Tonight Headlines.
 MASTERCHEF: Gregg Wallace selects those going through to the next quarter-final, 7.30pm	 RICHARD OSMAN'S HOUSE OF GAMES: The host presents another edition of the trivia-based quiz, 6pm	 EMMERDALE: Victoria makes a decision, 7pm	 CRUFTS: Clare Balding hosts the annual event, welcoming guests to discuss their canine friends, 7.30pm	 THE YORKSHIRE STEAM RAILWAY: ALL ABOARD: The annual steam gala is held, 7.30pm
7.00 The One Show Live chat, topical reports and interviews, presented by Alex Jones. 7.30 MasterChef Former participants Alex Rushmer, Dr Tim Kinnaird and Dhruv Baker help select those going through to the quarter-final.	7.00 Extreme Wales with Richard Parks Exploring Britain's deepest cave under the Brecon Beacons. (R) 7.30 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip Loose Women's Nadia Sawalha and Kaye Adams go antiquing in Scotland. (R)	7.00 Emmerdale Will is forced to go back to his old ways, and Victoria makes a huge decision for her and Luke. 7.30 Coronation Street Nina joins Roy on a bat-watching expedition, and Craig makes some changes to his lifestyle.	7.00 Channel 4 News 7.30 Crufts 2020 Live coverage from the NEC, where featured events include Flyball, Agility and Heelwork to Music. Host Clare Balding's guests include Love Island's Olivia Buckland and Alex Bowen, who talk about their French bulldog and the problems they have had concerning its health. There is also some advice on grooming and teeth brushing, legal responsibilities as a dog owner and whether working dogs at the Gundog Trials can also be seen as family pets.	7.00 Helicopter Pursuits: Caught on Camera A compilation of police helicopter chases. (R) 7.30 The Yorkshire Steam Railway: All Aboard The annual steam gala is held, with a record 15 locos coming from all over the country for a weekend steam spectacular. Piglet has high hopes for his beloved 9F engine.
8.30 EastEnders Shirley grows suspicious of Suki's behaviour and speaks to Jean. As Gray and Kush set off for court, the solicitor subtly seeds doubts in his client's mind about the plea, and Whitney struggles to keep her cool.	8.30 Wild Cuba: A Caribbean Journey Part one of two. Colin Stafford-Johnson explores parts of Cuba few outsiders have seen, observing the bee hummingbird – the world's tiniest bird – and thousands of crabs migrating.	8.30 Vera A murder at a remote cottage in Northumberland takes DCI Vera Stanhope back to a place full of childhood memories and reminds her of an unsolved case from earlier in her career. Delving into the local politics surrounding a controversial proposal to dig a quarry, she and her team find motives in the unlikely of places – until they realise that the truth could be hidden within the land itself. Guest starring Daniela Nardini (This Life), alongside Brenda Blethyn. (R)	9.00 Gogglebox The armchair critics share their opinions on what they have been watching during the week on television. The programme captures their instant reactions and lively discussions from the comfort of their own homes.	8.30 Celebrity Britain by Barge: Then & Now On the second part of the Scottish leg, Bill Oddie, Jennie Bond, Anne Diamond and Pete Waterman join the Glasgow and Edinburgh Union Canal, rising lock, stock and barge up the Falkirk wheel before heading east.
9.30 MasterChef The second quarter-final sees the six talented heat winners return to fight for a place in Knockout Week, tasked by columnist, broadcaster and author Grace Dent to produce a party-sharing plate.	9.30 QI Guests Nish Kumar, Holly Walsh and Ciarad Lloyd join regular panellist Alan Davies and host Sandi Toksvig for an unconventional look at multiple organisms. As usual, points are awarded for the most interesting answers. (R)	10.00 Mock the Week Angela Barnes, Kerry Godliman, Ed Byrne, Milton Jones and Chris Washington take a comic look at the news from 2019. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather Analysis of the day's headlines, presented by Kirsty Wark.	10.00 The Last Leg Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker are joined by guests John Bercow and Sara Pascoe for a comic review of the significant and most entertaining moments of the past seven days.	9.45 FILM Con Air (1997/18) Honorably discharged Army Ranger sergeant Cameron Poe hitches a ride home on a maximum-security flight conveying some of America's deadliest criminals. When they hijack the plane in mid-flight, led by criminal mastermind Cyrus the Virus, Poe is forced to intervene. Meanwhile, US marshal Vince Larkin has an ongoing battle on the ground to prevent the plane from being blown to pieces. Director Simon West's blockbuster action thriller, starring Nicolas Cage, John Cusack, John Malkovich, Steve Buscemi, Ving Rhames, Colm Meaney, Mykelti Williamson and Rachel Ticotin. ★★★
10.00 BBC News at Ten 10.25 BBC Local News; 10.35 Greg James' Sport Relief Heroes A defining feature of Sport Relief is the willingness of celebrities to undertake gruelling challenges in order to inspire the public to donate. Greg looks back with a host of celebs, all of whom have put themselves to the test and beyond for the charity. 11.35 Catchpoint for Sport Relief Paddy McGuinness hosts a celebrity special edition of the family-friendly game show combining physical fun and an exciting question mechanic, as netball star Eboni Usoro-Brown and stand-up Darren Harriott take on comedian Susan Calman and Strictly professional dancer Johannes Radebe. (R) 12.15am Weather for the Week Ahead 12.20-6.00am BBC News	11.05 FILM The Beguiled (2017/15) Premiere. The arrival of a wounded Civil War soldier brings jealousy and betrayal to a Southern girls' school. Period drama, starring Colin Farrell, Nicole Kidman, Kirsten Dunst and Elle Fanning. ★★★ 12.35am Sign Zone: Spying on the Scammers – Panorama A report on fraudsters operating call centre scams in India. (R) 1.05 Doctor Who. As the last remaining humans are ruthlessly hunted down, Graham, Ryan and Yaz face a terrifying fight to survive. (R) 2.10-6.30am This Is BBC Two	11.10 McDonald & Dodds Mystery drama about chalk-and-cheese police partners solving crime on the streets of Bath, beginning with the murder of a homeless man. With a guest appearance from Robert Lindsay. (R) 12.55am Home Shopping 3.00 Who's Doing the Dishes? Comedian Rowland Rivron puts on a dinner party at his home as he plays mystery host to four strangers. Presented by Brian McFadden. (R) 3.50-6.00am ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service.	11.05 The Big Narstie Show Musician Nile Rodgers, Fred Sirieix from First Dates, actor and rapper Riz Ahmed, singer Ray BLK and comedian Lolly Adefope join the grime legend and his co-host Mo Gilligan for music and chat 12.10am FILM 2 Guns (2013/15) Action adventure, starring Denzel Washington and Mark Wahlberg. ★★★ 2.05 The Simpsons (R) 2.55 Come Dine with Me. Dinner party challenge, from Chester (R) 3.50 Grand Designs (R) 4.45 Location, Location, Location (R) 5.45-6.00am Kirstie's Vintage Gems (R)	12.05am Building the Billion Pound Mega Bridge The engineering behind Montreal's Samuel de Champlain Bridge. (R) 1.00 Access 1.05 21.co.uk Live Casino Show 3.10 Paddington Station 24/7 (R) 4.45 House Doctor (R) 5.10 Nick's Quest (R) 5.35-6.00am Wildlife SOS (R)
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 7.10 **Cops UK: Bodycam Squad**
 8.00 **American Pickers**
 9.00 **Storage Hunters UK**
 10.00 **American Pickers**
 12.00 **Timber Kings Documentary**
 1.00 **Top Gear** With Usain Bolt.
 2.00 **Cops UK: Bodycam Squad**
 3.00 **Sin City Motors** Reality TV.
 4.00 **Top Gear** Double bill.
 6.00 **Taskmaster** Gameshow.
 7.00 **Room 101** Double bill.
 8.20 **Have I Got A Bit More News**
 For You Extended edition.
 9.20 **Would I Lie To You? At Christmas** With guest panellists Miranda Hart, Stephen Mangan, Barry Cryer and Miles Jupp.
 10.00 **Red Dwarf** Double bill.
 11.20 **Meet The Richardsons**
 12.00 **Taskmaster** 1.00 Have I Got A Bit More News For You 2.10 Jon Richardson: Ultimate Worrier 3.00 Zapped 3.35 The Indestructibles 4.00-6.00 Home Shopping

Drama

- 6.00 **Teleshopping**
 7.10 **Soldier, Soldier**
 8.00 **Soldier, Soldier**
 9.00 **The Bill** Police drama.
 10.00 **Classic Holly City**
 11.00 **Classic Casualty**
 12.00 **The Bill** Police drama.
 1.00 **Classic EastEnders**
 1.40 **Classic EastEnders**
 2.15 **London's Burning**
 3.20 **Monarch Of The Glen**
 4.20 **Bergerac** Detective drama.
 5.20 **Bread** Carla Lane's comedy.
 6.00 **Hi-de-Hi!** Gladys is demoted.
 6.40 **As Time Goes By** Sitcom.
 7.20 **Last Of The Summer Wine**
 8.00 **Murdoch Mysteries** The criminal who murdered Detective Watts' brother is released.
 9.00 **Death In Paradise**
 10.20 **New Tricks** Detective drama.
 11.45 **Waking The Dead** Thriller.
 2.10 **The Bill** 3.10 **London's Burning**. Fire-fighting drama.
 4.00-6.00 Home Shopping

Gold

- 6.00 **Teleshopping**
 7.10 **The Piglet Files** Double bill.
 8.00 **As Time Goes By** Sitcom.
 8.40 **The Good Life** Comedy.
 9.20 **Porridge** Prison comedy.
 10.00 **Hi-de-Hi!** Classic comedy.
 10.40 **Last Of The Summer Wine**
 12.40 **Keeping Up Appearances**
 1.20 **Porridge** Prison comedy.
 2.00 **Hi-de-Hi!** Classic comedy.
 2.40 **Keeping Up Appearances**
 3.20 **Dad's Army** Double bill.
 4.40 **Last Of The Summer Wine**
 6.40 **The Good Life** Sitcom.
 7.20 **Porridge** Prison comedy.
 8.00 **Dad's Army** Double bill.
 9.20 **Mrs Brown's Boys** Dermot gets cold feet in the run-up to his wedding, so he locks himself away.
 10.00 **Sandylands** Comedy drama.
 10.40 **Peep Show** Double bill.
 11.50 **All Round To Mrs Brown's**
 1.10 **Dad's Army** 1.50 **Peep Show**
 2.15 **Peep Show** 2.45 **The Rebel**
 4.00-6.00 Home Shopping

Yesterday

- 6.00 **Secrets Of The Bible**
 7.10 **Secrets Of The Railways**
 8.00 **Forbidden History**
 9.00 **Secret Nazi Bases**
 10.00 **Nazi Victory: Post-War Plan**
 11.00 **Underground Worlds**
 12.00 **Impossible Railways**
 1.00 **Secrets Of Britain**
 2.00 **Stonehenge: Walking Through History** From Wiltshire.
 3.00 **Underground Worlds**
 4.00 **Impossible Railways**
 5.00 **Secret Nazi Bases**
 6.00 **Nazi Victory: The Post-War Plan** A look at how Hitler used recreation to promote his ideology.
 7.00 **Underground Worlds**
 8.00 **Warbird Workshop**
 9.00 **Abandoned Engineering**
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 3.00-6.00 Home Shopping

RADIO 1

FM: 97.6-99.8 MHz

6.00 Best New Pop. 6.30 Weekend Breakfast.
 10.00 Radio 1 Anthems. 11.00 Maya Jama.
 12.45 Newsbeat. 1.00 Dev. 4.00 The Official Chart Show. 5.45 Newsbeat. 6.00 Party Anthems.
 7.00 Dance Party. 9.00 Pete Tong. 11.00 Danny Howard. 1.00 Essential Mix. 3.00 Drum & Bass.
 3.30 Annie Mac. 4.00-5.00 Radio 1's Wind Down.

RADIO 2

FM: 88-90.2 MHz

5.00 Vanessa Feltz. 6.30 The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show. 9.30 Ken Bruce. 12.00 Jeremy Vine. 2.00 OJ Borg. 5.00 Sara Cox. 7.00 Scott Mills' Golden Hour. 8.00 Friday Night Is Music Night. 10.00 Sounds Of The 80s. 12.00 The Pick Of Radio 2.
 2.00 The Country Playlist. 3.00 CMA Country Music Festival 2019. 4.00-6.00 Huey Morgan.

RADIO 3

FM: 90.2-92.4 MHz

6.30 Breakfast. 9.00 Essential Classics. 12.00 Composer Of The Week: Price. 1.00 Lunchtime Concert. 2.00 Afternoon Concert. 4.30 The Listening Service. 5.00 In Tune. 7.30 In Concert. 10.00 The Verb. 10.45 The Essay: Women Writers To Put Back On The Bookshelf. 11.00 Late Junction. 1.00-7.00 Through The Night.

RADIO 4

FM: 92.4-94.6 MHz LW: 198 kHz

5.30 News. 5.43 Prayer For The Day. 5.45 Farming Today. 5.58 Tweet Of The Day. 6.00 Today. 8.31 (LW) Yesterday In Parliament. 9.00 Desert Island Discs. 9.45 (LW) Daily Service. 9.45 (FM) Book of the Week: Guest House For Young Widows. 10.00 Woman's Hour. 11.00 Forum Interim. 11.30 Teatime. 12.00 News. 12.01 (LW) Shipping. 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: A Fair Shot. 3.00 Gardeners' Question Time. 3.45 Short Works. 4.00 Last Word. 4.30 Feedback. 4.55 The Listening Project. 5.00 PM. 5.54 (LW) Shipping. 6.00 News. 6.30 The Now Show. 7.00 The Archers. 7.15 Front Row. 7.45 The Book Of Strange New Things. 8.00 Any Questions? 8.50 A Point Of View. 9.00 The Californian Century. 10.00 The World Tonight. 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Apeirogon. 11.00 A Good Read. 11.30 Today In Parliament. 11.55 The Listening Project. 12.00 News. 12.30 Book of the Week. 12.48 Shipping. 1.00 As BBC World Service. 5.20-5.30 Shipping.

RADIO 5 LIVE

MW: 909, 693 kHz

5.00 Morning Reports. 5.15 Wake Up To Money. 6.00 5 Live Breakfast. 8.30 Robbie Savage's PL Breakfast. 9.00 Your Call. 10.00 Chiles On Friday. 1.00 Elis James And John Robins. 3.00 Kermode And Mayo's Film Review. 5.00 Drive. 7.00 Sport: Football Social. 9.30 That Peter Crouch Podcast. 10.00 Stephen Nolan. 1.00-5.00 Up All Night.

talkSPORT

MW: 1053, 1089, 1071, 1107 kHz

5.00 Early Breakfast. 6.00 The Alan Brazil Sports Breakfast show with Ally McCoist. 10.00 Jim White, Martin Keown And Bob Mills. 1.00 Hawksbee And Jacobs. 4.00 Adrian Durham And Darren Gough. 7.00 GameDay Countdown. 10.00 Sports Bar. 1.00-6.00 Extra Time.

BBC WORLD SERVICE

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5.00 News. 5.06 The Newsroom. 5.30 Science In

Variations

BBC One Variations WALES: 7.00-7.30 Six Nations Sin Bin: Adam Jones, Nick Knowles and Amy Dowden join hosts Gabby Logan and Gareth Thomas. 11.35 Young, Welsh And Pretty Minted: Gonth makes a new friend who shares his passion for fast cars. 12.05 Catchpoint For Sport Relief: Celebrity special edition of the gameshow, hosted by Paddy McGuinness. 12.45-6.00 BBC News
BBC Two Variations WALES: 7.00 The One Show: Live chat and topical reports, presented by Alex Jones. 7.30 Extreme Wales With Richard Parks: The endurance athlete explores Britain's deepest cave under the Brecon Beacons. 8.00-8.30 Saving Lives At Sea 11.05 New Voices From Wales: A film about members of a life model group. Last in series. 11.20 Film: The Beguiled: Premiere. Period drama, starring Colin Farrell. 12.50-1.05 Coast: Neil Oliver explores Worm's Head on the Gower Peninsula. 5.40 6.00 Cym 12.00 Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd 12.05 Arfordir Cymru: Sir Benfro 12.30 Heno 1.00 Y Fets 2.00 Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd 2.05 Prynhawn Da 3.00 Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd 3.05 Priodas Pum Mil 4.00 Awr Fawr: Olobobs 4.05 Awr Fawr: Jambori 4.15 Awr Fawr: Halliball 4.25 Awr Fawr: Boj 4.40 Awr Fawr: Amser Maith Maith Yn Ol 5.00 Stwnsh: Gwboi A Twm Twm 5.10 Stwnsh: Chwarter Call 5.25 Stwnsh: Y Barf 5.50 Stwnsh: Ffeil 6.00 Dan Do 6.30 Heno 7.30 Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd 7.55 Sgorio: The New Saints v Barry Town United (Kick-off 8.00pm). 10.00 Noson Lawen 11.00-12.05 Bang

Radio Choice

Friday Night Is Music Night Radio 2, 8pm

A special tribute to mark the 50th anniversary of Bridge Over Troubled Water, Simon & Garfunkel's most successful album. The concert, presented by the poet Lemn Sissay, features the best of the duo's extraordinary

song catalogue plus a reconstruction of the whole of the album, track by track, performed by contemporary artists who have been inspired by the duo, including Will Young, The Shires, Katie Melua, Wildwood Kin, Cassidy Janson, Nikhil D'Souza and Tony Momrelle.

Action. 6.00 Newsday. 8.30 Business Daily. 8.50 Witness History. 9.00 The Real Story. 10.00 World Update. 11.00 The Newsroom. 11.30 World Football. 12.00 News. 12.06 The 5th Floor. 1.00 The Newsroom. 1.30 Heart And Soul. 2.00 Newshour. 3.00 News. 3.06 Tech Tent. 3.30 World Business Report. 4.00 BBC OS. 6.00 News. 6.06 The 5th Floor. 7.00 News. 7.06 The Newsroom. 7.30 Sport Today. 8.00

News. 8.06 HARDtalk. 8.30 CrowdScience. 9.00 Newshour. 10.00 News. 10.06 The Newsroom. 10.20 Sports News. 10.30 World Business Report. 11.00 News. 11.06 Tech Tent. 11.30 World Football. 12.00 News. 12.06 The Real Story. 1.00 News. 1.06 Business Matters. 2.00 News. 2.06 The Newsroom. 2.30 Stumped. 3.00 News. 3.06 The 5th Floor. 4.00 News. 4.06-5.00 The Real Story.

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. 1.00 Katie Breathwick. 4.00-7.00 Jane Jones.

ABSOLUTE RADIO

MW: 1215, 1197, 1242 kHz

6.00 Bush And Richie. 10.00 Danielle Perry. 1.00 Sarah Champion. 4.00 Ben Burrell. 7.00 Absolute 80s. 10.00 Dan Noble. 4.00-8.00 Ross Buchanan.

RADIO WALES

MW: 882, 657 kHz FM: 93.9-95.9, 103.7-103.9 MHz

5.30 Listening Project. 6.00 Breakfast. 8.30 Six Nations Breakfast. 9.00 Dot Davies. 11.00 Wynne Evans. 2.00 Eleri Sion. 5.00 Gareth Lewis. 6.30 Review Show. 7.00 Sport. 10.00 Chris Needs. 1.00-5.00 As BBC World Service.

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FILMS

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

Sky 301

6.00am The 2020 Top Ten Show 6.15 The Counterfeiter (2018) (15) Action thriller, starring Chow Yun-fat. **8.30 Straight Up (2019) (15)** Romantic comedy, starring Katie Findlay. **10.15 The Candidate (2018) (15)** Spanish political thriller, starring Antonio de la Torre. **12.30pm Brightburn (2019) (15)** Premiere. Superhero horror, starring Elizabeth Banks. **2.15 Godzilla: King Of The Monsters (2019) (12)** Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Vera Farmiga. **4.30 UFO (2018) (12)** Sci-fi action thriller, starring Gillian Anderson. **6.15 Killers Anonymous (2019) (15)** Crime mystery thriller, starring Gary Oldman. **8.00 Brightburn (2019) (15)** Premiere. A couple struggling to conceive believe their prayers have been answered when an extra-terrestrial child crash-lands on Earth. Superhero horror, starring Elizabeth Banks. **9.45 Godzilla: King Of The Monsters (2019) (12)** Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Vera Farmiga. **Midnight The 2020 Top Ten Show 12.15 Hell Is Where The Home Is (2018) (18)** Horror, starring Angela Trimbur. **1.55 Mapplethorpe (2018) (18)** Biopic, starring Matt Smith. **3.45 Straight Up (2019) (15)** Romantic comedy, starring Katie Findlay. **5.30 Monster Family: Special**

SKY CINEMA COMEDY

Sky 308

6.45am Good Morning, Vietnam (1987) (15) Starring Robin Williams. **8.55 The Favourite (2018) (15)** Starring Olivia Colman. **11.05 Being Frank (2018) (15)** Starring Anna Gunn. **1.05pm Beethoven (1992) (U)** With Charles Grodin. **2.45 Shanghai Noon (2000) (12)** Starring Jackie Chan. **4.45 Shanghai Knights (2003) (12)** Starring Jackie Chan. **6.50 The Favourite (2018) (15)** With Olivia Colman. **9.00 Forgetting Sarah Marshall (2008) (15)** Starring Jason Segel. **11.00 Tropic Thunder (2008) (15)** With Ben Stiller. **1.00am Being Frank (2018) (15)** With Anna Gunn. **3.00 The Wedding Guest (2017) (15)** With Justin Long. **4.55 Fletch (1985) (PG)** With Chevy Chase.

SKY CINEMA ACTION

Sky 311

6.00am The Guns Of Navarone (1961) (PG) Starring Gregory Peck. **8.45 The Hurricane Heist (2018) (12)** With Toby Kebbell. **10.45 Flight Of The Phoenix (2004) (12)** With Dennis Quaid. **12.45pm Escape Plan 3 (2019) (15)** With Sylvester Stallone. **2.30 First Blood (1982) (15)** With Sylvester Stallone. **4.15 Rambo: First Blood Part II (1985) (15)** Starring Sylvester Stallone. **6.00 The Bounty**

TODAY'S CHOICE

BRIGHTBURN ★★★★★

Sky Cinema Premiere, 8pm

Like Superman, who was adopted by a childless couple after crash-landing on Earth, the main protagonist of this supernatural chiller was found in the spacecraft that brought him to the planet by a husband and wife desperate for a baby of their own.

But there the similarities end because young Brandon isn't a force for good. Instead, as he hits puberty, he begins to display worrying characteristics that could have a devastating impact on mankind.

Jackson A Dunn and Elizabeth Banks head the cast.

Sarah Morgan



Hunter (2010) (12) Starring Gerard Butler. **8.00 Escape Plan 3 (2019) (15)** Starring Sylvester Stallone. **9.45 First Blood (1982) (15)** With Sylvester Stallone. **11.30 Rambo: First Blood Part II (1985) (15)** With Sylvester Stallone. **1.15am Rambo III (1988) (18)** With Sylvester Stallone. **3.15 Guns Of Navarone (1961) (PG)** With Gregory Peck.

SKY CINEMA KIDS BOOKS

Sky 306

6.05am Sinbad: Legend Of The Seven Seas (2003) (U) Animated adventure, with the voice of Brad Pitt. **7.40 The Pirates! In An Adventure With Scientists! (2012) (U)** Animated comedy, with the voice of Hugh Grant. **9.20 The Jungle Book (1967) (U)** Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Phil Harris. **10.50 Harry Potter And The Order Of The Phoenix (2007) (12)** Fantasy adventure, starring Daniel Radcliffe. **1.10pm Sinbad: Legend Of The Seven Seas (2003) (U)** Animated adventure, with the voice of Brad Pitt. **2.45 The Chronicles Of Narnia: The Voyage Of The Dawn Treader (2010) (PG)** Fantasy adventure, with Georgie Henley. **4.45 The Pirates! In An Adventure With Scientists! (2012) (U)** Animated comedy, with the voice of Hugh Grant. **6.20 Charlotte's Web (2006) (U)** Family drama, with the voice of Julia Roberts. **8.00 Harry Potter And The Order Of The**

Phoenix (2007) (12) Fantasy adventure, starring Daniel Radcliffe. **10.30 Jumanji (1995) (PG)** Fantasy adventure, starring Robin Williams. **12.30am Zathura: A Space Adventure (2005) (PG)** Family sci-fi adventure, starring Josh Hutcherson and Jonah Bobo. **2.20 The Chronicles Of Narnia: The Voyage Of The Dawn Treader (2010) (PG)** Fantasy adventure, with Georgie Henley and Skandar Keynes. **4.20 Confessions Of A Teenage Drama Queen (2004) (PG)** Drama, starring Lindsay Lohan.

SKY CINEMA WOMEN IN FILM

Sky 310

6.00am Look Who's Talking (1989) (12) Starring Kirstie Alley. **7.50 Eternal Love (2018) (15)** With Jeremy Allen White. **9.40 Miss Bala (2019) (15)** With Gina Rodriguez. **11.35 All About Nina (2018) (15)** Starring Mary Elizabeth Winstead. **1.25pm Becks (2017) (15)** Starring Lena Hall. **3.15 The Matrix (1999) (15)** With Keanu Reeves. **5.45 Where Hands Touch (2018) (12)** Starring Abbie Cornish. **8.00 Bridget Jones's Diary (2001) (15)** Starring Renee Zellweger. **9.50 Bridget Jones: The Edge Of Reason (2004) (15)** Comedy sequel, Starring Renee Zellweger. **11.55 Eternal Love (2018) (15)** With Jeremy Allen White. **1.45am Blue My Mind (2017) (18)** With Luna Wedler. **3.40 Captain Marvel (2019) (12)** Starring Brie Larson.

Times quoted are GMT.

SKY CINEMA GREATS

Sky 304

7.05am The Last Samurai (2003) (15) Historical adventure, with Tom Cruise. **9.50 Grease 2 (1982) (PG)** Musical sequel, with Michelle Pfeiffer. **11.50 Stand By Me (1986) (15)** Coming-of-age drama, starring River Phoenix. **1.30pm 2001: A Space Odyssey (1968) (U)** Sci-fi epic, with Keir Dullea. **4.00 Minority Report (2002) (12)** Sci-fi thriller, with Tom Cruise. **6.30 Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace (1999) (U)** Sci-fi prequel, starring Liam Neeson. **9.00 Star Wars: Episode II - Attack Of The Clones (2002) (PG)** Sci-fi adventure prequel, with Ewan McGregor. **11.25 Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge Of The Sith (2005) (12)** Sci-fi adventure prequel. **1.50am Die Hard With A Vengeance (1995) (15)** Action thriller sequel. **4.05 Grease 2 (1982) (PG)** Musical sequel.

TCM MOVIES

Sky 315

6.20am Hollywood's Best Film Directors 6.50 Sahara (1943) (PG) Second World War melodrama, starring Humphrey Bogart. **8.50 The Lion In Winter (1968) (15)** Historical drama, with Peter O'Toole. **11.35 Carson City (1952) (U)** Western, with Randolph Scott. **1.30pm Return Of The Gunfighter (1967) (U)** Western, starring Robert Taylor. **3.30 The House Of Fear (1945) (PG)** Sherlock Holmes mystery, with Basil Rathbone. **4.55 Cool Hand Luke (1967) (15)** Drama, with Paul Newman. **7.25 Colt .45 (1950) (U)** Western, starring Randolph Scott. **9.00 A Perfect Murder (1998) (15)** Thriller remake, with Michael Douglas. **11.20 Out For Justice (1991) (18)** Action thriller, with Steven Seagal. **1.15am Frankenstein (1931) (PG)** Classic horror, starring Boris Karloff. **2.45 To Each His Own (1946) (U)** Drama, with Olivia de Havilland. **5.00 TCM Shorts: Ben Miller Off Set 5.15 How The West Was Won (1962) (PG)** Epic Western, with James Stewart.

FILM4

Freeview 14 - Sky 313

11.00am Malta Story (1953) (U) Second World War drama, starring Alec Guinness. **1.10pm The Gunfight At Dodge City (1959) (PG)** Western, starring Joel McCrea. **2.50 Waterloo Road (1944) (PG)** Second World War drama, starring John Mills. **4.25 Gallipoli (1981) (PG)** First World War drama, starring Mel Gibson. **6.35 The Host (2013) (12)** Sci-fi adventure, starring Saoirse Ronan. **9.00 The Green Mile (1999) (18)** Supernatural drama, starring Tom Hanks. **12.40am Brawl In Cell Block 99 (2017) (18)** Crime thriller, starring Vince Vaughn.

ENTERTAINMENT

ITV2

Freeview 6 - Sky 118

7.00am The Ellen DeGeneres Show **7.50** Emmerdale **8.50** You've Been Framed! Gold **9.20** Superstore **10.15** Dinner Date **11.15** Dress To Impress **12.15pm** Emmerdale **1.15** You've Been Framed! Gold **1.50** The Ellen DeGeneres Show **2.45** Dinner Date **3.50** Dress To Impress **4.50** Take Me Out **6.00** You've Been Framed! Gold: Unleashed! **7.00** You've Been Framed! Gold: Reloaded **8.00** Two And A Half Men **9.00** Film: Ride Along (2014) (12) Police comedy. **11.10** Family Guy **12.05am** American Dad! **1.05** The Cleveland Show **1.30** Two And A Half Men **2.30** Plebs **3.20** Nightscreen **3.30** Teleshopping

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 **10.35** A Touch Of Frost **12.40pm** Heartbeat **1.45** Classic Emmerdale **2.50** Classic Coronation Street **3.55** Midsomer Murders **5.55** Heartbeat **6.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** Doc Martin **10.05** Scott & Bailey **11.05** A Touch Of Frost **3.00am** That's My Boy **3.25** Nightscreen **3.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

Freeview 24 - Sky 120

6.00am The Protectors **6.30** Quincy ME **7.35** Kojak **8.35** The Saint **9.40** Minder **10.45** The Professionals **11.45** Live Darts: UK Open. **5.00pm** The Professionals **5.55** The Sweeney **7.00** Live Darts: UK Open. The evening session on day one. **11.00** All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite. **1.00am** Minder **2.15** The Protectors **2.40** Nightscreen

5STAR

Freeview 30 - Sky 128

8.00am 3rd Rock From The Sun **8.20** House 10.05 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door **11.05** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords **12.05pm** 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** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords **8.00** Florida's Mega Sinkholes **9.00** Film: Hercules (2014) (12) **11.05** Impact Wrestling **1.00am** Young, Dumb And Banged Up In The Sun **3.50** Access. Showbiz news.

SUSA

Freeview 21 - Sky 141

9.00am Criminals: Caught On Camera **9.25** CSI: NY **11.10** The Mysteries Of Laura **12.10pm** Law & Order **8.00** NCIS: New Orleans **10.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit **1.55am** Law & Order: Los Angeles **3.50** Access. Showbiz news. **4.00** Teleshopping

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: Frontline Crime UK **11.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **1.00pm** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** MacGyver **4.00** Modern Family **5.00** The Simpsons **5.30** Futurama **6.30** The Simpsons **6.30** Modern Family. **9.00** Intelligence **9.30** Intelligence **10.00** The Late Late Show With James Corden: Best Of The Week. Highlights of the talk show. **11.00** Avenue 5 **11.35** The Trip To Greece **12.45am** Caught On Dashcam **1.40** Flintoff: Lord Of The Fries **2.35** The Force: Manchester **3.30** Road Wars **4.00** Stop, Search, Seize **5.00** Futurama. Sci-fi capers.

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** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: The Inbetweeners Movie (2011) (15) Comedy, starring Joe Thomas and Simon Bird. **11.00** Rick And Morty **11.30** Mr Pickles **11.45** Robot Chicken **Midnight** Rick And Morty **12.30** The Big Bang Theory **1.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **2.25** The Sex Clinic **3.25** The Big Bang Theory **4.15** How I Met Your Mother

MORE4

Freeview 18 - Sky 136

8.55am A Place In The Sun: Winter Sun **9.45** A Place In The Sun: Summer Sun **11.50** Emergency Helicopter Medics **12.50pm** 999: On The Front Line **1.50** Escape To The Chateau: DIY **2.50** Four In A Bed **5.25** The Secret Life Of The Zoo **6.30** Crufts 2020. Further coverage. **7.30** Guy Martin: Last Flight Of The Vulcan Bomber **9.00** Just One Look **10.15** 24 Hours In A&E **12.20am** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **1.15** 24 Hours In A&E **3.25** 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 Super Rugby. **8.00** Rugby Greatest Games **8.10** Live Super Rugby. Waratahs v Chiefs (Kick-off 8.15am). **10.10** Rugby Greatest Games **10.30** Football Centre **11.00** Live European Tour Golf. The Commercial Bank Qatar Masters. **2.00pm** Live PGA Tour Golf. The Arnold Palmer Invitational. **7.00** Live EFL. Nottingham Forest v Millwall (Kick-off 7.45pm). **10.30** Sky Sports News At Ten **11.00** Live NBA: The Warm Up **Midnight** Sky Sports News **3.30** Live NBA: Milwaukee @ LA Lakers

SKY SPORTS PREMIER LEAGUE

Sky 402

6.00am PL Greatest Games **7.00** The Debate **8.00** Best PL Goals: Man Utd V Everton **8.30** Best PL Goals: Newcastle V Liverpool **9.00** Premier League 100 Club **10.00** Premier League Years **Noon** The Debate **1.00** Premier League Years **3.00** PL Best Goals 94/95 **4.00** PL Greatest Games **5.00** PL 100 Club: England's Finest **5.30** Premier League 100 Club **6.00** PL Legends: Sol Campbell **6.30** PL Legends: Robert Pires **7.00** Premier League Preview **7.30** Premier League Match Pack **8.00** Premier League World **8.30** The Tyler Archives **9.00** Premier League Preview **9.30** Premier League Match Pack **10.00** Premier League World **10.30** The Tyler Archives **11.00** Premier League Preview **11.30** Premier League Match Pack

4.00 Stop, Search, Seize **5.00** Border Security: Australia's Front Line **6.00** Chicago Med **9.00** Chicago Fire **10.00** Chicago PD **11.00** Law & Order: SVU **Midnight** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation **2.00** Blue Bloods **3.00** Shades Of Blue **4.00** Ghost Whisperer **5.00** Brit Cops: Rapid Response

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** Bonanza (The Lost Episodes) **4.50** Mission: Impossible

CBS REALITY

Freeview 36 - Sky 146

9.00am Judge Judy **7.00pm** Medical Detectives **8.00** 48 Hours: Mystery **9.00** Cold Blood **10.00** Killer Cops **11.00** Killer Doctors On Death Row **Midnight** Uncovering The Date Rape Killer **1.00** Cold Blood **2.00** Killer Cops **3.00** I Survived **3.45** Unsolved Mysteries **5.10** Bondi Rescue

BBC FOUR

Freeview 9 - Sky 116

7.00pm World News Today **7.30** Top Of The Pops: 1989 **8.00** Cilla At The BBC **9.00** Top Of The Pops: 1989 **9.30** Classic Albums: Carly Simon - No Secrets **10.30** On Bass - Tina Weymouth! **11.10** Michael Kiwanuka At The 6 Music Festival **12.45am** Girl In A Band: Tales From The Rock 'n' Roll Front Line **1.45** Cilla At The BBC **2.45** Classic Albums: Carly Simon - No Secrets

BT SPORT 1

Sky 413

6.00am Coppa Italia: Napoli V Inter Milan **7.30** Rugby Tonight **8.30** Hyundai A-League Highlights **9.30** Live Brisbane R V Western Sydney W **11.30** Derby County V Manchester United **1.00pm** Badminton Unlimited **1.30** The Emirates FA Cup Highlights **2.00** Bundesliga Weekly **2.30** Ligue 1 Show **3.30** WWE Raw **5.00** WWE NXT Highlights **6.00** Rugby Tonight **7.00** Live: Worcester V V Northampton S **10.00** WWE NXT UK **11.00** WWE NXT Highlights **Midnight** WWE SmackDown Highlights **1.00** Live: WWE Friday Night SmackDown **3.00** Premier League Preview **3.30** Premier League Match Pack **4.00** Man United V Sunderland **1974/75** **4.30** Derby V Manchester United **1970/71** **5.00** Fishing: On The Bank - 2019

SKY SPORTS ACTION

Sky 407

6.00am Live Super Rugby **8.00** Rugby Greatest Games **8.10** Live Super Rugby **10.10** Rugby Greatest Games **10.30** Sporting Records **11.00** Darts Gold **11.30** The Darts Show **Noon** Premier League Darts **3.30** The Darts Show **4.00** Darts Gold **4.30** NFL: America's Game **6.30** Rugby 7s **7.30** Live Under-20s Six Nations Rugby Union **9.45** Rugby Greatest Games **10.15** NBC's Pro-Football Talk **12.45am** Darts Gold **1.00** Super League Gold **2.00** NFL - Greatest Games **3.30** Darts Gold **3.45** Legends Of Darts **4.00** Sporting Records

COMEDY CENTRAL

Sky 112

8.00am Will & Grace **10.00** The Office (US) **11.00** Friends **3.00pm** Bad Robots **5.00** Friends **9.00** Impractical Jokers **10.00** The Ricky Gervais Show. Topics include teaching and population control. **10.30** Bob's Burgers. **11.00** Bob's Burgers **11.30** South Park **1.00am** The Daily Show **1.30** Bad Robots **2.35** 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 **10.00** War Of The Worlds. Sci-fi drama, with Gabriel Byrne. **Midnight** Family Guy **1.00** American Dad! **2.00** Family Guy **3.00** American Dad! **4.00** Republic Of Doyle **5.00** Teleshopping

DISCOVERY

Sky 125

6.00am Combat Dealers **7.00** Robson Green: Extreme Fisherman **8.00** Kindig Customs **9.00** Jeremy Wade's Dark Waters **10.00** Nasa's Unexplained Files **11.00** Wheeler Dealers **Noon** Gold Rush: Dave Turin's Lost Mine **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 Truckers **8.00** Gold Rush **9.00** Curse Of The Bermuda Triangle **10.00** My Father, The Serial Killer: People Magazine Investigates **11.00** Ted Bundy: Mind Of A Monster **1.00am** FBI Files **3.50** Kindig Customs **5.30** How It's Made

HISTORY

Sky 130

6.00am American Pickers **8.00** Pawn Stars **9.00** Lost Worlds **10.00** Storage Wars **11.00** Britain's Greatest Bridges **Noon** River Hunters **1.00** Forged In Fire **2.00** American Pickers **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** Britannia: Secrets Of The Royal Yacht **10.00** Lost Gold Of WWII **11.00** Pawn Stars **Midnight** Uncharted Mysteries **1.00** Britain's Greatest Bridges **2.00** Forged In Fire **3.00** River Hunters **4.00** Storage Wars

HGTV

Freeview 42 - Sky 158

7.00am Homes Under The Hammer. **8.00** Bargain Hunt **9.00** Flog It! **11.00** Escape To The Country **1.00pm** A Place In The Sun: Winter Sun **3.00** Flog It! **4.00** Homes Under The Hammer **6.00** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **7.00** A Place In The Sun: Winter Sun. **8.00** Escape To The Country **10.00** A Place In The Sun: Winter Sun **Midnight** Homes Under The Hammer **1.00** Flog It! **2.00** Hawaii Life **3.0**

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By Deborah Stone

WITH the average age of a first-time buyer in England now 33 – and 37 in London – there's a whole generation of young people struggling to understand how to get on the property ladder and where to turn to for advice.

Everything has changed since their parents' days, when mortgages were relatively straight forward and – crucially – deposits were in the hundreds of pounds rather than several thousands.

The Government's Help To Buy scheme has benefitted many by lowering deposit requirements and providing a 20 per cent loan (40 per cent in London) but this ends in March 2021 and will be replaced by a scheme with regional price caps that will only be available for first-time buyers.

It will no doubt be one of the many subjects discussed at tomorrow's First Time Buyer Home Show in Stratford's Old Town Hall in east London.

Although it will focus on London properties, visitors to the free show will be able to ask about mortgages, finance and the buying process as well as home-buying schemes such as shared ownership.

First time buyer Nick Willoughby, 38, used Help To Buy to get his first foot on the housing ladder when he bought a one-bedroom apartment at The White Building in Basingstoke, Hampshire.

"I felt stuck in the rental trap as it was hard to save while spending so much each month on rent," says Nick, who runs a media production company in Basingstoke.

"In the end, though, it was much easier than I was expecting as I only had to save



DEPOSIT BOOST: Nick used Help To Buy to purchase an apartment at The White Building in Basingstoke

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While Nick bought his apartment off-plan, before it was even built, Timothy and Katarzyna Gnidziejka – first-time buyers at 49 and 46 – bought their new semi-detached, three-bedroom home after signing up for alerts from developers.

The couple had always rented before moving to Millwood Designer Homes'

Heatherlands development in Heathfield, East Sussex. "I signed up to the newsletters from developers building in the area and one of those was Millwood," explains Katarzyna. "We saw that they were opening a new show home in Crowborough."

"We were really impressed with the show home and thought the woodland setting was beautiful but we were keen on staying local, so a member of the sales team suggested we visit Heatherlands. We took a trip over to that show home and we fell in love."

Heatherlands is within the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in a small village 10 minutes from Heathfield.

It has three, four-bedroom homes and three, five-bedroom houses still available, from £479,950 (01435 220435; millwooddesignerhomes.co.uk).

But if there's one thing the couple's experience has proved, it's just how much footwork is needed to buy a home, whether it's your first or not. So if it's your first time, take a trip to Stratford tomorrow. Visit fthhomeshow.com for more information.



SIGNED UP: Tim and Kat in their new Millwood home at Heatherlands in Heathfield



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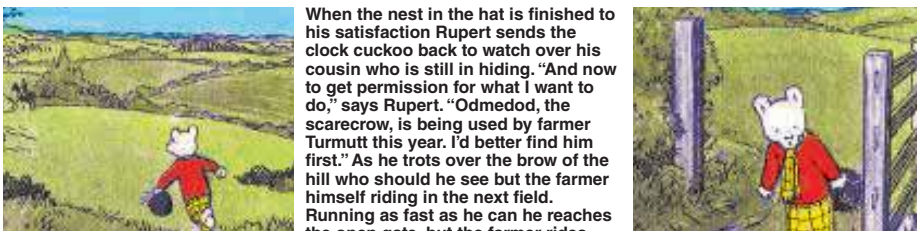
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"There's farmer Turmurt on his horse, I'll have to ask him first, of course."

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"He cantered off at such a rate," Puffs Rupert, pausing at the gate.

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Thai prawn coconut soup

A delicious Thai soup packed with flavours of coconut, ginger and lemongrass which is easy to make for a midweek supper, especially if you use peeled prawns. Serves 8.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons grated fresh root ginger
- 1 stick lemongrass, minced
- 2 teaspoons red curry paste
- 1L chicken stock
- 3 tablespoons fish sauce
- 1 tablespoon light brown soft sugar
- 3 (400ml) tins coconut milk
- 225g fresh shiitake mushrooms, sliced
- 450g prawns, peeled and deveined
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- Salt to taste
- 4 tablespoons chopped fresh coriander

METHOD

- 1) Heat the oil in a large saucepan over a medium heat. Cook and stir the ginger, lemongrass and curry paste in the oil for 1 minute.
- 2) Slowly pour the chicken stock over the mixture, stirring continually. Stir in the fish sauce and brown sugar; simmer for 15 minutes.
- 3) Stir in the coconut milk and mushrooms; cook and stir until the mushrooms are soft, about 5 minutes. Add the prawns; cook for 5 minutes or until pink and opaque.
- 4) Remove from the heat and stir in the lime juice and salt; garnish with fresh coriander.



ALAN'S TIP OF THE DAY: Sow seeds of sweet peas and other hardy annuals such as nasturtium and calendula marigold in small individual pots or half-sized seed trays in a cold frame or under cloches, or on the windowsill in the conservatory or cool spare room indoors.

Russell Grant



Britain's celebrity astrologer



Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

It feels like you are taking ten steps backwards today. Meetings are delayed. There may be a need to renegotiate financial arrangements and despite your irritation about this, a new deal could be of benefit in the future.

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Taurus Apr 21 - May 21

You're restless and irritable and you aren't enjoying duties at home and in the workplace. A strong desire for freedom prompts a need to escape boring chores. This is a sign that you need to pull back from mundane responsibilities.

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Gemini May 22 - June 21

Some days you can take a difficult colleague better than others. If you aren't in the mood for their awkward attitude, find your own spot where you can work alone. Breaking from your usual surroundings can help you think more clearly.

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Libra Sep 24 - Oct 23

A powerful memory from childhood is causing confusion. Talking to an older relative will make you realise you have been clinging on to a false memory for too long. It is easier now to make sense of misunderstandings of the past.

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Scorpio Oct 24 - Nov 22

Take responsibility for your unhealthy ways. You can't keep tricking yourself into believing that a bad habit is good for you. It will be difficult but overcome a bad habit and take back control of your life.

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Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 21

The more logical and precise you are, the more difficult it is to get to the root of a problem. Don't let the need for analysis stop you from tapping into your feelings. Spend some time reflecting on your values. A falling out will be short lived.

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Cancer June 22 - July 23

A relative's actions and words have upset you. You feel entitled to complain. Negative thoughts can attract negative things. You're only as good as you feel so strive to think positively and to stop dwelling on disappointments.

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Leo July 24 - Aug 23

Your love of the good life could be putting a lot of stress on your body. Start thinking about your health. Follow a sensible diet and exercise regime and avoid junk food. Going for a spa treatment or massage will help relieve stress.

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Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

An emotional situation will force you to reach out to your friends for support. You are starting to wonder if anyone really understands you but there is someone close by who will know what to say and do to make you feel less lonely.

0905 789 3706**



Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 20

It is time to stand up for yourself. If a situation isn't working out as someone had promised, you have a right to complain and even to withdraw your interest. It's important to make certain that no one takes advantage of you.

0905 789 3710**



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Your intuition is your best guide in your relationships. Use your uncanny instincts to see through someone's aloof behaviour. It may be that they are worried about the future or about taking on additional responsibilities.

0905 789 3711**



Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Conversations will be insightful as long as you remember to be discreet. Hold back from criticising someone for something they did not do. Monitor your thoughts before giving an opinion. A little bit of sugar goes a long way.

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BT Group	134¼	▼	-5¼
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GlaxoSmithKline	1639¾	▼	-24
HSBC Holdings	506½	▼	-5¼
Int Consolidated Airlines	423	▼	-24
Lloyds Banking Group	47	▼	-1¼
Marks & Spencer Group	157½	▼	-4¼
Rolls-Royce Holdings	587¼	▼	-20¼
Royal Bank of Scotland	160¼	▼	-7½
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Advertisers switch off ITV as virus spreads

By David Shand

ITV shares hit a seven-year low yesterday as the advertising outlook darkens because travel companies are deferring campaigns in response to the coronavirus outbreak.

More than £500million was wiped from the Love Island broadcaster's value after it warned that advertising revenue would fall by 10 per cent in April.

The 2 per cent forecast increase in first-quarter advertising revenue is also below what some analysts had expected. Shares plunged 14p to 102½p.

CEO Dame Carolyn McCall, pictured, said: "We have seen deferrals of travel advertising in March and April, but at this stage it's really difficult to assess the further implications of the coronavirus."

She said the softening was limited to the travel industry, where airlines and hotels have seen bookings plunge as the outbreak spreads. This would be partly offset by increased Government spending on a public health campaign.

The gloomy outlook overshadowed forecast-beating annual figures as ITV posted



HEARTBREAK: Love Island has failed to stop advertisers leaving ITV

a 10 per cent fall in adjusted pre-tax earnings to £729million on 3 per cent higher revenue of £3.3billion. Advertising revenue was down 1.5 per cent.

Its ITV Studios production business grew earnings by 5 per cent

to £267million as revenue climbed 9 per cent to £1.82billion.

Russ Mould, investment director at AJ Bell, said: "Many brands will suffer from lower footfall, and the brand owners will be the ones reassessing their advertising expenditure. What's the point in advertising to a TV audience if there is a lower propensity to spend?"

Women take Admiral helm

CAR insurer Admiral Group is set to become the second FTSE 100 firm, after Severn Trent, with a female chief executive and chair.

The Confused.com owner is promoting Milena Mondini de Focatiis to succeed Admiral co-founder David

Stevens as CEO when he retires in 12 months' time. Annette Court has been chairwoman since 2017.

The succession was announced as Admiral posted record annual pre-tax profit of £526.1million, up 10 per cent.

Oil production to be cut

SOME of the world's biggest oil producers have agreed to cut output by an extra 1.5 million barrels per day to boost prices hit by the coronavirus.

The price of Brent crude has fallen by about 15 per cent over the past fortnight

to under \$51 per barrel as the virus has spread.

Opec has agreed to an extra supply cut until June, conditional on Russia and other nations joining in.

It would bring the group's overall output reduction to 3.6 million barrels per day.

Cars need a tax break

MOTOR industry chiefs have called for a tax break to help more drivers go electric as the new car market fell by 2.9 per cent last month.

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders said the removal of VAT from new battery electric, plug-in hybrid and hydrogen fuel cell electric cars would cut the average purchase price by £5,600.

CEO Mike Hawes said: "Industry has invested in the technology and we need government to match this with a package of incentives to accelerate demand."

Sales of new hybrids jumped nearly 72 per cent to 4,154 last month.

Ladbrokes beats odds

LADBROKES owner GVC has more than halved to 450 the number of betting shops it expects to close after a Government crackdown on fixed odds betting terminals.

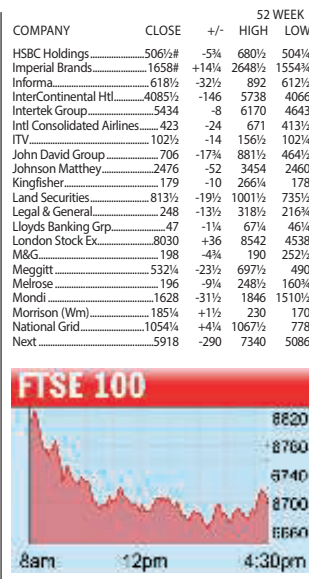
The group hailed a better than expected performance in its UK retail business as it gained market share.

Online and European retail also performed strongly as annual net gaming revenue increased by 2 per cent to £3.65billion.

Underlying pre-tax earnings fell 10 per cent to £678.3million, £50million ahead of consensus forecasts at the start of the year.

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A.B. Foods	2218	-50	2708	2106
Admiral Group	2238	+57	2330	2014
Anglo American	1841½	-76	2266	1666½
Antofagasta	777½	-13¼	1022½	752
Ashstead Group	2277	-48	2774	1805½
AstraZeneca	7502	▲	7878	5644
Aveva Group	4486	▲	4731	3602
Aviva	351½	▲	438½	343¼
BAE Systems	609¼	▼	669	444
Barclays	134¼	▼	192½	134
Barrat Development	753¼	-19½	878½	552¼
Berkeley Grp Hldgs	4782	-104	5474	3437
BHP Billiton	1406½	-93½	2049	1398¼
BP	416¼	▼	582½	390¼
British Amer Tob	3244½	+40½	3517	2648
British Land	486	-17½	638¼	468¼
BT Group	134¼	▼	230¼	134
Bunzl	1964	-22	2551	1870
Burberry Group	1664½	-39½	2345	1629½
Carnival	2133½	-167	4237	2121
Centrica	75½	▼	1010½	64½
Coca-Cola HBC	2555	-49	3074	2299
Compass Group	1620½	-36½	2138	1605
CRH	2755	-31	3100	2279
Croda International	4634	-72	5375	4554
DCC	5684	-66	7496	5532
Diageo	2806½	-26	3625½	2765½
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COMPANY	CLOSE	±	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
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Paddy Power Betfair	8584	-24	9456	5525
Pearson	569¼	+4½	927	550
Persimmon	2766½	-206	3298	1836
Phoenix Group	694½	-18½	803	634¼
Polymetal Intl	1296½	-2	1345	772½
Prudential	1262	-26½	1790	1246½
Reckitt Benckiser	6140	+40	6688	5721
Reed Elsevier	1905½	-27½	2099	1606
Rentokil Initial	518¼	-3½	527¼	345¼
Rightsmove	614¼	+½	701¼	495
Rio Tinto	3648½	-280½	4976½	3608
Rolls-Royce Group	587¼	-20¼	941¼	564¼
Royal Bank Of Scot	160¼	-7½	270½	160¼
RSA Insurance Grp	509½	-25½	597	501½
Ryd Dutch Shell 'A'	1690½	-47½	2612	1661½
Ryd Dutch Shell 'B'	1694¼	-43¼	2622	1663½
Sage Group	690¼	-13¼	820½	655
Sainsbury (J)	212¼	-½	240½	177
Schroders	2776	-108	3443	2541
Scottish Mortgage	599½	-10½	659	472
SECRG	877¾	-25½	1036	555
Severn Trent	2666	+10	2696	1905½
Smith & Nephew	1771	-7½	1990	1444½
Smiths Group	1530	-37½	1769½	1378
Spirax-Sarco	8655	-170	9415	6850
SSE	1635½	-8	1686½	1008
St James's Place	978¼	-17¼	1199½	913½
Standard Chartered	532¼	-26¼	738½	527¼
Standard Life	277	-8¼	337	338
Taylor Wimpey	206	-5¼	236¼	143
Tesco	241	-25	259	212½
TUI AG	540½	-42¼	1081½	537½
Unilever	4482½	+22½	5324	4046
United Utilities	1011½	-2	1061	759
Vodafone Group	140¼	+1¼	165¼	123¼
Whitbread	3629	+49	5152	3559
WPP Group	727½	-34¼	1077½	724

MARKET REPORT

AMIGO Holdings crashed 13¾p to 26¾p after founder James Benamor resigned from the board and claimed the guarantor loans business was "committing slow-motion suicide".

Outsourcer Capita plunged 48½p to 78p as it was forced to invest more to rebuild the business, hitting its cash forecast. It fell £62.6million into the red last year, compared with a profit of £272.6million the previous year.

Insurance giant Aviva firmed 1½p to 351½p as it grew annual operating profit 6 per cent to £3.18billion, but Domino's Pizza fell 15p to 290p as it served up 1.2 per cent lower annual pre-tax profit of £98.8million.

Over 50s insurance and holidays firm Saga fell 1½p to 23¼p as it admitted its travel business had been hit by recent cancellations.

Construction group Kier rose 28½p to 130p as it reduced its half-year operating loss by a quarter to £24.4million.

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SHARES AT A GLANCE

COMPANY	CLOSE	±	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Aerospace & Defence				
Avon Rubber	2715	+50	2810	1205
Babcock International	4271	+154	6416	1464
BAE Systems	6094	-41	669	444
Chemring Group	247	-41	266	1374
Moggit	5324	-231	6971	490
Onet Group	3374	-5	3674	267
Rolls-Royce Group	5874	-204	9414	5644
Senior	1451	-64	235	1411
Ultra Electronics	1958	-12	2292	1441

Alternative Energy				
Povair	646	-50	786	522
Banks				
Barclays	1343	-34	1921	134
Boo Santander	2704	-154	402	268
Close Brothers	1246	-35	1663	1227
CYBG	1377	-7	220	1041
HSBC Holdings	5061	-54	6801	5041
Lloyds Banking Group	47	-11	674	541
Metro Bank	141	-181	917	141
Royal Bank Of Scot.	1604	-71	2792	1604
Standard Chartered	5324	-261	7381	5271

Beverages				
Bar (AG)	555	+15	975	526
Britvic	911	+7	1068	850
Coca-Cola HBC	2555	-49	3074	2299
Diageo	2806	-26	3625	2765
Chemicals				
Carbo	94	+12	4574	8
Croda International	4634	-72	5375	4554
Elements	951	-31	1844	941
Johnson Matthey	2476	-52	3454	2460
Synthomer	268	-51	9921	259
Glesson (IHL)	9001	-28	990	631
Keller Group	812	-9	876	511
Kier Group	130	+281	6301	611
Kingspan Group	5012	-951	55351	34901
Marshall	716	-51	876	541
Morgan Sindall	1784	-36	1970	1062
Smart (J) & Co.	123	-124	111	112
Tyman	2501	+61	291	1951

Construction & Materials				
Balfour Beatty	2381	-71	295	1941
Boat (Henry)	328	-48	342	233
Clarke T	1101	-3	140	91
Costain Group	1734	-24	378	1441
CRH	2755	-31	3100	2271
Galliford Try	1484	-31	886	1311
Gleeson (IHL)	9001	-28	990	631
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Electricity				
Drax Group	2611	-61	3861	251
SSE	1635	-8	1686	1008
Electronic & Electrical Equipment				
Accl	502	-38	586	384
Dewhurst	1040	-1125	825	
Dialight	245	+14	570	2131
Halma	2085	+15	2244	1951
Morgan Crucible	2741	-71	3244	2321
Oxford Instruments	1406	-18	1654	961
Renishaw	3344	-72	4638	3232
Spectris	2672	-94	3005	2234
TT Electronics	214	+1	265	191
Xaar	36	-34	1404	34
XP Power	3180	-100	3820	2010

Equity Investment Instruments				
Aberdeen All Asia	570	-21	645	515
Aberdeen Asian Sml	1000	+8	1150	966
Aberforth Sml Co.	1230	-28	1546	1114
Accom Income	3521	-12	417	325
Advantage Devlop Fund	571	-7	634	540
Alban Tech & Gen. VCT	79	-81	71	73
Albion VCT	714	-79	71	73
Alliance Trust	768	-9	876	730
Artemis Alpha	290	-9	350	267
Aurora Inv. Tst.	203	-9	242	1771
AVI Global Tst.	706	-10	802	695
Baillie Gifford Japan	684	-14	848	675
Baillie Gifford Shin Np	1471	-21	1932	1421
Bankers Inv. Tst.	952	-9	1032	851
Baronswood VCT 2	701	-78	701	701
BH Global GBP	1520	-20	16671	14321
BH Global USD	1244	+31	1318	11091
BH Macro GBP	2740	-240	400	2254
Biotech Growth Trust	984	-46	1010	670
BlackRock Mining	3321	-10	365	3191
Blue Planet Intl Tst.	361	-431	331	
BlueCrest AllAsia	197	-1	218	180
BlueStone All VCT2	321	-341	311	
British Assets Tst.	1089	-16	1205	1041
Brunner Inv. Tst.	834	-8	926	741
Caledonia Inv.	2965	-10	3180	2875
City of London Res. Yld.	731	-1	931	72
City Natural	392	-41	481	382
Dunedin Enl. Tst.	321	-2	380	380
Dunedin Income	282	-4	307	249
Edin Wldw Inv.	196	-3	2181	1711
Edin Drgn. Tst.	400	-2	4371	369
Edin Inv. Tst.	536	-9	652	527
Edin US Tracker	2761	-21	3121	263
Elderstreet VCT	511	-11	551	49
Electra Private Eq.	342	+91	422	288
European Asst Tst.	97	-2	115	921
F&C CapInc.	3171	-5	358	2991
F&C Inv. Tst.	695	-5	768	672
F&C Smaller Cos.	1281	-21	150	126
F&C US Smaller Companies	992	-18	11971	925
Fidelity Asian	366	-2	4571	350
Fidelity European	2491	-5	272	218

COMPANY	CLOSE	±	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Fidelity Japanese	152	-1	1831	1341
Fidelity Special	2341	-41	2801	230
Finsbury Gwth&Bt.	818	-8	958	795
Forensic Tech.VCT.	681	-69	651	
Garmore Euro.	1235	+5	1370	1120
Genesis E.M.F.	827	-6	818	686
Graphite Ent.	832	-2	1015	824
Hansa Tst Plc.	1731	-2	204	173
Hansa Tst Plc.	174	+1	222	173
Henderson Euro.Tst.	1180	-221	1270	1040
Henderson Far Est.	327	+1	387	310
Henderson High Inc.	1671	-5	195	161
Henderson Opp Tst.	932	-1110	856	
Herald Inv.Tst.	1336	-20	1530	1205
HGCapital Tst.	2481	+4	2721	1971
HSBC Infrastructure	1724	-2	183	1554
Impax Env.Mkt.	340	-4	360	280
Int.BioTech.Tst.	604	-8	670	540
International Public.	1641	-14	1711	1461
Invesco Asia	274	-1	305	258
Invesco Inc Gth Tst.	272	-4	305	258
Invesco Lev.	761	-7	78	71
Invesco Perp Uk	536	-12	638	471
JPM American	464	-2	524	421
JPM Asian	373	-2	419	343
JPM Claverhouse	694	-8	796	662
JPM Elect Man Gwth	832	-10	922	785
JPM Emerg Mkt.	990	-1	1088	78
JPM Euro Sml Co.	352	-13	405	340
JPM Global Emerging	126	-11	1431	1201
JPM Indian	633	-13	790	628
JPM Japanese	395	-15	4771	383
JPM Mid Cap	1220	-171	1425	1010
JPM Overseas IT	328	-10	368	302
JPM Smaller Co.	273	-6	3211	1961
JPM US Sml Co.	313	-11	371	294
Jupiter Euro.	809	-12	926	708
Jupiter Primda	258	-5	305	254
JZ Capital Partners	256	-490	240	

Keystone Inv.Tst.	3011	-81	361	298
Law Debenture	584	-6	654	552
Lowland Invest Co.	1275	-20	1480	12121
Majestic Inv.	214	-8	2731	2021
Manchester&Lon.	570	+10	610	471
Marlin Currie Prio.Tst.	312	+21	329	2531
Matrix Inc & Gwth	651	-82	641	
Maven Income And Growth VCT	431	-451	421	
Mercantile Inv.Tst.	2381	-451	2781	188
Merchants Tst.	486	-101	567	4431
Mid Wynd Int.	586	-2	636	500
Midas Inc&Gwth Tst.	1601	-14	1814	159
Monks Inv.Tst.	930	-10	1026	809
Montanaro Euro Tst.	1040	-15	1200	870
Montanaro UK	1241	-1461	101	
Murray Inc.Tst.	852	-8	938	764
Murray Int.Tst.	1080	-12	1286	1056
New India	437	-4	519	431
New Star Inv.Tst.	1161	-12	121	105
North Atl.Sml.Tst.	3270	-95	3560	2890
Northem 2 VCT	601	-611	58	
Northem Venture	641	-67	631	
Oxford Tech 2 VCT	221	-40	221	
Oxford Tech VCT	33	-35	33	
Pacific Assets	261	-1	3111	240
Pacific Horizon	336	-6	364	302
Parthenon Inv.	2250	-5	2620	2020
Perpetual In.Gwth	2811	-8	342	2781
Polar Cap.Tech	1580	-10	1746	1220
RCM Technology Trust	1730	-30	1974	1440
RIT Capital Partners	2015	-15	2180	1886
Ruffer Investment	219	-2	230	206
Schroder Asia	439	-5	4851	4241
Schroder Inc.	274	-4	318	265
Schroder Japan	168	-2	203	168
Schroder UK	179	-8	206	169
Schroder UK M&S	544	-19	694	465
Scottish American	4064	-4	440	368
Scottish Inv. Tst.	740	-4	843	715
Scottish Mortgage	5991	-101	659	472
Shires Inc.	2621	-3	2981	251
Shires Sml.Co.	313	-31	349	2631
Small Comp Div.Tst.	1731	-10	2181	160
SPARK VCT	21	-22	21	
Standard Life Equity	358	-4	435	339
Standard Life UK Sml	554	-10	638	442
SVM Global	293	+3	308	2531
SVM UK Emerging	891	+1	1031	831
Temple Bar	1184	-2	1486	1150
Templeton Emrg.	785	-7	876	731
The European Inv.Tst.	844	-36	954	762
Thornmont Tst.	612	-18	724	496
TR Euro.Growth	853	-22	994	802
TR Prop. Tst.	461	-10	4971	377
Troy Inc & Growth Trust	791	-16	861	76
Value & Income	245	-2	288	2361
Witan Inv Trust	2011	-25	235	196
Witan Pacific	338	-2	356	3121
Wwilde Healthcare	3190	+10	3330	2495

Financial Services				
3i Group	9731	-53	11841	9421
3i Infrastructure	2971	-21	3171	2701
Ashmore Group	4571	-214	570	3971
Brewin Dolphin	2971	-71	3751	2871
Charles Stanley	282	-3	345	235
City Of London Group	1271	-14	125	
Guinness Peat Group	59	-43	861	58
Hargreaves Lansdown	1439	-43	2433	1422
IG Group	7241	-4	739	4741
Intermediate Cap.Grp	1681	-40	1877	999
International Pers Fin.	1611	-24	204	87
Investec	3791	-13	5181	3731
IP Group	641	-11	1001	551
Jupiter Fund Man.	2971	-81	432	294

Anglo-Eastern	528	-12	617	4271
Carr's Milling	148	-8	1661	130
Cranwick	3534	-3852	2488	
Devro	1681	+91	2211	1451
Glaxia	9451	+21	16411	8451
Greencore Group	204	-14	2181	1931
Kerry Grp 'A' Shs	104301	+5210831	8137	
Premier Foods	311	-43	291	
REA Holdings	1221	-210	95	
Tate & Lyle	7281	-21	8011	6631
Unilever	4482	+221	5324	4046

Forestry & Paper				
Mondi	1628	-311	1846	1501
Water & Multiutilities				
Centrica	751	-1	123	641
National Grid	10541	+44	10671	778
Pennon Group	11831	-42	12021	6971
Severn Trent	2665	-10	2696	19051
United Utilities	10111	-2	1061	759

Standard Life UK SmI	554	-10	638	442
SVM Global	293	+16	308	253%
SVM UK Emerging	89%	+1	103%	83%
Temple Bar	1184	-42	1486	1150
Templeton Emrg.	785	-7	876	731
The European Inv.Tst	844	-36	954	762
Thornmont Tst	6129	-18	724	466
TR Euro.Growth	853	-22	994	802
TR Prop. Inv.	461	-10	497%	377
Troy Inv & Growth Trust	79%	-1/2	86%	76
Value & Income	245	+2	288	236%
Wilton Inv Trust	2015%	-2%	235	196
Winds Pacific	338	+2	356	312%
Wipac Healthcare	319	+10	3330	2485



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TOMORROW'S meeting at Sandown will be subject to a noon inspection today because of false ground. Today's meeting at the course has been called off, as has the card at Leicester due to waterlogging following an inspection.

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Monday rain will decide Festival going

By Neil Randon

FORECAST heavy rain on Monday will dictate the ground for the start of the Cheltenham Festival on Tuesday.

Clerk of the course Simon Claisse reported on Wednesday that conditions were unchanged at soft on the chase and hurdle track, and softer on the cross-country course.

Claisse (right) said: "The outlook now is for a dry time through until

Saturday into Sunday, and we may end up with good to soft in places before the next rain goes through.

"Temperatures are slowly rising. It looks like we may hit double figures by Monday."

Meanwhile, the Bettfair market surrounding the possibility of the Festival's cancellation has attracted plenty of attention in recent days, with nearly £3m traded at around 5pm on Thursday, but the fixture remains odds-on to

go ahead at 2-7. However, the firm has also opened a market on the likelihood of next month's Grand National taking place, with the meeting an 8-11 chance to be called off.

Racegoers are being urged to stay away from Cheltenham if they experience coronavirus symptoms, have travelled through high-risk countries or have been in contact with anyone who has in the last 14 days.



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2.15 EBF MARES' NH' NOVICES' HURDLE
 £3,769 (Class 4) 2m 4f (5 declared)

1 7-11/2Z ● **MARTHA BRAE** (14) F W Greatrex 5 11-4... A P Heskin 131
 2 67-6P ● **APPLE BANK** (36) P Bowen 6 10-12... J Bowen 29
 3 35-12/4Z ● **LEGENDS RIDE** (15) J Snowden 5 10-12... G Sheehan *132
 4 62P ● **MISS JEANNE MOON** (15) N Mulholland 6 10-12... R Dunne 116
 5 8-33/52Z ● **PRECIOUS ELEANOR** (29) H Daly 5 10-12... R Johnson 127

TONGUE STRAP: No. 3 CHEEK PIECES: No. 1.
 SP FORECAST: Evens Martha Brae, 15-8 Legends Ride, 9-2 Precious Eleanor, 16 Miss Jeanne Moon, 50 Apple Bank.

2.50 MARES' NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE
 £4,289 (4) 2m 3f 83yds (7)

1 83-33U1 ● **MASSINI'S DREAM** (43) Christian Williams 9 12-7... Jack Tudor(5) 95
 2 215-633 ● **ARIAN** (27) J Flint 8 12-6... Robert Dunne 95
 3 145P11 ● **MISS ZIP** (15) E Williams 7 11-12... A Wedge 100
 4 7/53-619 ● **BEE CROSSING** (49) M Scudamore 9 11-9... T Scudamore 80
 5 51533P ● **MADDER MIST** (50) T Vaughan 6 11-8... A Johns *103
 6 51/41-75 ● **KAPPA DE LILY** (10) S Miss V Williams 7 11-7... C Deutsch 65
 7 8P7U06 ● **LEAVE MY ALONE** (23) Mrs R Ford 7 10-8... R McLernon 65

BLINKERS: No. 3 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 2, 7 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 2, 4.
 SP FORECAST: 7-4 Miss Zip, 5-2 Massini's Dream, 5 Arian, 13-2 Kappa De Lily, 10 Madder Mist, 12 Bee Crossing, 33 Leave My Alone.

TRACK FACTS: GOING: Heavy, Left Handled. **TOP TRACK JOCKEY (2015-):** Adam Wedge 199% Strike rate. **TOP TRACK TRAINER (2015-):** E Williams 14% Strike rate. **FIRST TIME:** 215 Martha Brae (cheek pieces), 325 Khamisani (tongue strap). Another Tuo (cheek pieces), 355 Cavo (cheek pieces). **BEATEN FAVOURITES:** 215 Legends Ride, 250 Kappa De Lily (hpl), 325 Big Chip And Pin (hpl), 430 Poucorh (hpl). **LONGEST TRAVELLER:** Sir Mangan (5.00) & Clondaw Westie (5.00) 191 miles. **STABLE SWITCH:** 5.00 More Buck's from P Bowen to M Bowen. Sir Mangan from D Skelton to A Hill.

CARLISLE: Hurdle: soft-heavy in places; chase: heavy

2.15-ECHO EXPRESS (Mr L Hodgins, 8-1) t; Barnay (11-4 1/2 fav) 2; The Pine Martin (11-4 1/2) 3; H'cap 8 ran. 7/4, 7/1 (N Richards). Tote: £1520; pl £310, £120, £140, exalta: £4370. tricast: £7171. triffecta: £21230. CSF: £289.00.

2.50-MANETTI (Lucy Alexander, 8-1) t; Upton Harry (6-4 fav) 2; Etilla De Sivola (7-2) 3; H'cap 4 ran. 2/4, 3/4 (N Alexander). Tote: £1480; exalta: £2030. triffecta: £7460. CSF: £20.45.

3.25-SKIDAW TARA (R Day, 12-1) t; Glittering Love (13-2) 2; First Account (4-6 fav) 3; 4 ran. 2/4, 6/1 (N Richards). Tote: £1240; exalta: £2340. triffecta: £6340. CSF: £62.38.

4.00-UP HELLY AA KING (G Cockburn, 7-2 2nd fav) 1; Real Armani (evens fav) 2; Divine Port (20-1) 3; H'cap 6 ran. 6/4, 2/1 (N Alexander). Tote: £1380; pl £160, £120, exalta: £950. triffecta: £510. CSF: £27.38.

4.35-CRACKING DESTINY (C Bewley, 6-5 jt fav) 1; Mint Condition (6-5 jt fav) 2; Shaws Bridge (4-1) 3; 8 ran. 1/4, 1/1 (A Whillans). Tote: £200; pl £110, £110, exalta: £270. triffecta: £610. CSF: £3.15.

5.10-RIPSTICK (C O'Farrell, 5-1) t; Skipping On (10-3 2nd fav) 2; Charlie Snow Angel (11-4) 3; H'cap 6 ran. 2/4, 1/4, 1/4 (W Walton); 2-1 fav Mah Mate Bob. Tote: £1260; pl £230, £220, exalta: £2160. triffecta: £1260. CSF: £20.81.

5.45-LANTY SLEA (R Day, 5-4 2nd fav) 1; Honda Fifty (4-5 fav) 2; The Gap (20-1) 3; 3 ran. 38/1, 38/1 (N Richards). Tote: £190; exalta: £240. triffecta: £240. CSF: £25.55. Non-runner: Grumpy McGrumplace.

Placepot: £322.00
 (Race 1) 2, 5, 6; (2) 3; (3) 4; (4) 1, 5; (5) 3, 6, 7; (6) 5, 6; (7) 3, 4.

Quaddot: £52.80

SOUTHWELL: Standard

2.00-RED JASPER (B Curtis, 10-1) t; Light Lily (8-11 fav) 2; Rulers Kingdom (7-1) 3; H'cap 6 ran. 1/4, 1/1 (M Appleby). Tote: £1540; pl £410, £110, exalta: £2400. triffecta: £9690. CSF: £17.70.

2.25-SHOOT TO WIN (D Fentiman, 7-1) t; Mesmeric (5-2 fav) 2; Dande (4-1) 3; 12 ran. 2/4, 4/4, 1/4 (T Easterby). Tote: £750; pl £210, £120, £190, exalta: £2260. triffecta: £9200. CSF: £22.86.

3.10-BADGER BERRY (W Carson, 16-1) t; Poppy May (10-1) 2; Tilsworth Rose (6-1) 3; 11 ran. 2/1, 2/4, 1/4 (C Wallis); 9-4 fav Laca. Tote: £1540; pl £550, £260, £220, exalta: £24270. triffecta: £124890. CSF: £163.37. Non-runner: Rebecca.

4.45-CHARLIE ARTHUR (P Marsh, 5-2 2nd fav) 1; Kentuckyconnection (10-1) 2; Mister Music (3-1) 3; H'cap 6 ran. 1/4, nk. (R Hughes); 2-1 fav The Eagle's Nest. Tote: £250; pl £150, £450, exalta: £2200. triffecta: £8650. CSF: £25.78.

4.20-ALEF (R Hornby, 11-1) t; Samovar (6-1) 2; Zylan (2-1 2nd fav) 3; H'cap 6 ran. 1/4, 1/4 (R Beckett); 15-8 fav Doc Sportello. Tote: £940; pl £420, £250, exalta: £7920. triffecta: £25920. CSF: £67.95. Non-runner: Broken Spear.

4.50-MUKHA MAGIC (George Rooke, 5-6 fav) 1; Lopes Dancer (7-1) 2; Contingency Fee (13-3) 3; 4 ran. 4/4, 4/4, 4/4 (Miss G Kellaway). Tote: £160; pl £110, £300, exalta: £2200. triffecta: £8650. CSF: £25.78.

3.25 NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE
 £2,859 (5) 1m 7f 182yds

1 F-11/95L ● **ANOTHER TUCCO** (28) B Greatrex 7 12-1... R Johnson 99
 2 29-6777 ● **FRAU GEORGIA** (33) N Mulholland 6 11-12... T Scudamore 100
 3 066 ● **KERB LINE** (45) J Scott 7 11-11... N Schofield 102
 4 217/110 ● **FREEDELIVERY** (50) (C&D) T Vaughan 6 11-9... A Johns 102
 5 767 ● **TWPSYN** (F9) P Evans 4 11-11... J M Davies 88
 6 44/442P ● **BIG CHIP AND PIN** (32) Christian Williams 8 11-7... Jack Tudor(5) 105

BLINKERS: No. 7 VISOR: No. 5 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 2, 8, 9, 11.
 SP FORECAST: 5-2 Vanderbilt, 5 Timassini, 11-2 Big Chip And Pin, 7 Twpsyn, 8 Kerb Line, Frau Georgia, Another Tuo, 14 Freedelivery, 20 Others.

3.55 HANDICAP CHASE
 £4,289 (4) 2m 7f 177yds (12)

1 3/3P4-1P ● **CAVOK** (35) (D) P Bauling 8 12-0... Luca Morgan(7) 113
 2 P1F-217 ● **LAC SACKRE** (49) (C&D) J Flint 11 11-3... B R Jones(3) 113
 3 21/432Z ● **HEDEGINATOR** (56) (D) Robert Stephens 10 11-12... T J O'Brien 113
 4 63-9922 ● **STILL BELIEVING** (3) (D) E Williams 12 11-12... A Wedge 113
 5 912822 ● **PRES** (7) (C) Gordon 6 11-9... T Cannon 121
 6 11/262Z ● **HEAVENLY PROMISE** (53) (C&D) F O'Brien 9 11-4... P Brennan 114
 7 63/1/4-4 ● **NICKNAME EXIT** (35) Henry Oliver 10 11-4... R Johnson 59
 8 50/60/2Z ● **STEEL NATIVE** (28) (C&D) D Rees 9 11-0... R Patrick(3) 103
 9 58/432Z ● **DEFINATELY VINNIE** (99) Miss J Mathias 10 10-7... I Williams(3) 113

BLINKERS: No. 2 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 1, 3, 7, 9, 10, 11.
 SP FORECAST: 11-4 Pres, 11-2 Definately Vinnie, 13-2 Still Believing, 15-2 Heavenly Promise, 8 Steel Native, 10 Lac Sackre, Cavo, 14 Hedgeinator, 16 Others.

RESULTS

£7.10. triffecta: £283.00. CSF: £7.00.

Placepot: £88.60
 (Race 1) 5, 6; (2) 10, 9, 6; (3) 1, 7, 9; (4) 1, 3; (5) 5, 7; (6) 4, 1.

Quaddot: £65.50

WINCANTON: Soft-heavy in places

1.50-BORN IN BORIS (H Cobden, 11-2) t; Hollywood Holly (5-6 fav) 2; Little River Bay (8-1) 3; 13 ran. 1/4, 7/1 (C Tizzard). Tote: £610; pl £220, £110, £270, exalta: £1910. triffecta: £3920. CSF: £10.07. Non-runners: Akardashian, Just Tara.

2.25-BUCKHORN GEORGE (Jonjo O'Neill Jr., 10-1) t; Mickey Buckman (11-2) 2; Cal Simon (16-1) 3; 12 ran. shd. 12/1 (C Tizzard); 10-1 fav Seeding Love. Tote: £1380; pl £170, £140, £350, exalta: £4060. triffecta: £34270. CSF: £64.85.

3.00-GOODGIRTERESA (Mr J Newman, 16-1) t; No No Tonic (7-1 2nd fav) 2; Streets Of Fire (16-1) 3; En Coueur (40-1) 4; H'cap 17 ran. 1/4, 1/4, 2/1 (Kayley Woolacott); 11-0 fav Dr Oakley. Tote: £2560; pl £340, £160, £330, £140, exalta: £16840. triffecta: £188341. triffecta: £143060. CSF: £25.32. Non-runner: Espresso.

3.35-PUTDASHONTHE DASH (T Bellamy, 9-4 fav) 1; Hit The Highway (15-2) 2; Mr Magill (9-1) 3; H'cap 11 ran. 5/1, 4/4 (K Burke). Tote: £270; pl £140, £230, £280, exalta: £2210. triffecta: £12944. triffecta: £28920. CSF: £19.76. Non-runner: Deewhy.

4.10-EARTH MOOR (R Johnson, 4-1 2nd fav) 1; Collooney (6-1) 2; Darsi In The Park (7-1) 3; H'cap 11 ran. 6/4, 3/4, 1/4 (P Hobbs); 7-2 fav Midnight Midge. Tote: £430; pl £190, £220, £250, exalta: £2880. tricast: £35318. triffecta: £43450. CSF: £44.78. Non-runner: Lungarno Palace.

4.45-LE BOIZELD (Mr Thomas O'Brien, 3-1 2nd fav) 1; Air Navigator (5-1) 2; Barbrook Star (11-2) 3; H'cap 7 ran. 1/1, 1/1, 1/1 (R Wallford); 5-2 fav Broadlyst. Tote: £390; pl £170, £220, exalta: £2350. triffecta: £7956. triffecta: £103.60. CSF: £19.40. Non-runner: Spider's Bite.

5.20-SMURPHY ENKI (T Cannon, 14-1) t; Light Em Up Nigel (40-1) 2; Oneupmanship (10-1) 3; 12 ran. 18/1, 2/4 (C Gordon); 11-0 fav Time To Tinker. Tote: £2410; pl £400, £680, £240, exalta: £19130. triffecta: £149650. CSF: £489.05. Non-runners: Bobhopeomphoe, Captain Biggles.

Jackpot: Not won, pool of £2,712.11 carried over.

Jackpot: £234.50
 (Race 1) 3, 7, 10; (2) 4, 4, 9, 5; (3) 7, 15, 2, 9; (4) 6, 5, 9; (5) 5, 3, 10; (6) 2, 6; (7) 4, 10.

Quaddot: £54.40

NEWCASTLE: Standard

4.55-ARD HEART (P J McDonald, 13-1 fav) 1; Agreed (9-4 2nd fav) 2; Chenille (6-6) 3; 4 ran. 4/1, 1/1 (M Johnston). Tote: £140; exalta: £150. triffecta: £170. CSF: £13.5.

5.30-STREET LIFE (Connor Murtagh, 10-11 fav) 1; Superiority (7-1) 2; Comeatouch (31-2nd fav) 3; H'cap 6 ran. 2/4, 1/4, 1/4 (R Fahay). Tote: £190; pl £130, £180, exalta: £800. triffecta: £1910. CSF: £8.36.

6.00-TATHEEN (C Hardie, 5-1 2nd fav) 1; Young Tiger (8-1) 2; Foxy Forever (9-1) 3; H'cap 8 ran. 2/4, 1/4 (A Brittain); 2-1 fav Jonboy. Tote: £660; pl £170, £300, £260, exalta: £4350. tricast: £35318. triffecta: £43450. CSF: £44.78. Non-runner: Aloysius Lilius.

6.30-EQUINO SPRINGS (P Sullivan, 6-1) t; Mia Mento (11-4 2nd fav) 2; Glenamoy Lad (7-2) 3; H'cap 7 ran. 1/4, 2/1 (T Tate); 5-2 fav I Know How. Tote: £650; pl £260, £220, exalta: £2210. triffecta: £2599. triffecta: £11140. CSF: £22.51. Non-runner: Insulphur.

7.00-HARRY GEORGE (B Robinson, 5-2 jt fav) 1; Mango Chutney (3-1) 2; Perfect Soldier (14-1) 3; H'cap 8 ran. 1/4, 1/4, 1/4 (Kevin Frost). Tote: £1380; pl £130, £110, £140, £390, exalta: £730. triffecta: £8604. triffecta: £10050. CSF: £10.51. Non-runners: Dancing Speed, Margaret J.

7.30-PERUVIAN SUMMER (J Mitchell, 9-1) t; Ayv Poet (20-1) 2; Don't Be Surprised (11-4 fav) 3; H'cap 9 ran. 1/4, 1/4 (Kevin Frost). Tote: £1100; pl £350, £520, £120, exalta: £2210. triffecta: £62581. triffecta: £139940. CSF: £166.52.

8.00-CLASS CLOWN (P Dennis, 6-1) t; Velma (7-1) 2; Gweedore (12-1) 3; H'cap 11 ran. 1/4, 1/4 (D Barron); 5-2 fav Got The T Shirt. Tote: £500; pl £240, £220, £340, exalta: £4240. triffecta: £50377. triffecta: £139940. CSF: £48.77.

8.30-LONGROOM (G Lee, 7-2 fav) 1; Marietta Robusti (20-1) 2; Van Gerwen (12-1) 3; H'cap 11 ran. 1/4, 1/4, 1/4 (P Midgley). Tote: £480; pl £200, £660, £480, exalta: £10170. triffecta: £78712. triffecta: £115520. CSF: £83.19.

Placepot: £83.80
 (Race 1) 2, (2) 3, 1; (3) 6, 9, 4; (4) 3, 4; (5) 1, 2, 9; (6) 1, 9, 5; (7) 4, 10.

Quaddot: £49.60

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Wounded Wolves

WARRINGTON V CASTLEFORD 7.45PM

JOSH CHARNLEY admits Warrington's players were left "embarrassed" by their performance at Leeds seven days ago, as they aim to bounce back against Castleford tonight.

They were thrashed 36-0 at Headingley - and Charnley conceded it was not good enough.

"We were embarrassed," he said. "When we watched it back we couldn't believe what we'd dished up."

"We need to stop the doubters writing us off. "This is a new game, a new week and we're focused on doing the job in the 80 minutes."

"Cas have some exciting players so it's going to be tough, but we'll go for it on Friday."

GARETH WALKER

LUKE GALE pulled all the right strings to make it a miserable Headingley return for former Leeds boss Brian McDermott.

Gale, half-back partner Rob Lui, full-back Richie Myler and hooker Brad Dwyer found gaps in the woeful Wolfpack defence at will.

All four were try-scorers, with Gale and Lui finishing with doubles as Leeds moved top of the Super League table. Toronto trailed 36-6 at the break. It started when Dwyer plunged over under the posts.

The next try earned gasps around Headingley when it was replayed on the big screen as Gale provided a sublime flick pass for Myler to finish.

The Wolfpack briefly responded through Josh McCrone but the visitors conceded four more tries

LEEDS 66 TORONTO 12

By Gareth Walker

before the break. Dwyer's inside ball allowed Gale to stride under the posts then Lui strolled through.

Lui had a double from Harry Newman's pass shortly after and the young centre made it a brace of assists when he sent Ash Handley over.

Jack Wells' try after the break hinted at resistance but forwards Cameron Smith, Mikolaj Oledzki and Adam Cuthbertson were too strong from close range and Gale and Konrad Hurrell also crossed. Rhyse Martin converted all 11 tries.

LEEDS - Tries: Dwyer, Myler, Gale (2), Lui (2), Handley, Smith, Oledzki, Cuthbertson, Hurrell. Goals: Martin (11).

TORONTO - Tries: McCrone, Wells. Goals: O'Brien (2).



EASY: Myler celebrates try with Dwyer

WORLD OF SPORT

Masterful McIlroy is doing it Woods' way

RORY McILROY produced a remarkable eagle via a fairway bunker as he followed the Tiger Woods blueprint to take the clubhouse lead at the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

Woods has won on eight occasions at Bay Hill by targeting the four long holes and McIlroy made an eagle and two birdies on the par fives to fire an opening 66. "This course has always been about the par fives," said McIlroy,

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who won here in 2018. "Tiger killed the par fives. I am trying to follow that plan as it worked pretty well."

The highlight was the eagle at the fourth as the world No1 crunched a three-iron 260 yards from the sand and then sank his putt for a three.

"My caddy Harry Diamond said that's the best shot I've hit all year," added McIlroy.

NEIL McLEMAN



McILROY

THE BIG PICTURE



ICE QUEEN: Marie Bouzkova cools down during a tennis match in Mexico

DILLIAN WHYTE says he has asked the WBC to block any superfight between Tyson Fury and Anthony Joshua.

Whyte has been the WBC's No1 challenger for three years and is sick of waiting for his world title shot.

He claims he should fight the winner of WBC champ Fury's third fight with Deontay Wilder in July instead of the victor facing Joshua for the

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undisputed title this December.

Whyte, 31, who defends his WBC interim crown against Alexander Povetkin on May 2, said: "There should be no undisputed fight ahead of me."

Billy Joe Saunders will put his WBO super-middleweight title on the line against Canelo Alvarez in Las Vegas on May 2.

DAVID ANDERSON

CHELMSFORD CITY RACING TV

THE SCOUT			
2.00	Telekinetic	3.40	AI Asef
2.35	Festive Love	4.15	Vexed
3.10	Krazy Paving	4.45	Havana Rocket

2.00 CLASSIFIED STAKES

£3,170 (Class 6)	1m 2f	(8 declared)
1 (4) 463629 CARVELAS (8) (C&D) J R Jenkins 11 9-0	D Probert	65
2 (2) 750-838 HARD TOPFEE (8) (C&D) L Allan 9 9-0	S W Kelly	67
3 (5) 034643 N OVER 1 (29) M Appleby 5 9-4	George Rooke(5)	61
4 (4) L900-32 OFFICER DRIVE (13) Suzi Best 9 9-0	D Costello	68
5 (6) 700-093 PAGEANT MASTER (11) M Appleby 4 9-0	R Da Silva	53
6 (8) 108881 ROCKSETTE (10) D Adam West 6 9-0	R Havin	66
7 (3) 8010-8 SEA SISTER (14) Oly Murphy 4 9-0	Grace McEntee(5)	50
8 (1) 271774 A TELEKINETIC (11) A Carroll 5 9-0	T Marquand	64

VISOR: Nos. 4, 5 TONGUE STRAP: No. 1, 6 HOOD: No. 4. **SP FORECAST:** 2 N Over J, 11-4 Officer Drive L, 5 Telekinetic, 6 Carvelas, 10 Pageant Master, 12 Hard Toffee, 20 Sea Sister, 25 Rocksette.

2.35 MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES

£4,140 (5)	1m 2f	(7)
1 (1) 2 FESTIVE LOVE (34) (F) M Bell 3 8-7	H Turner	86
2 (2) 7 LAKE LUCERNE (8) (C&D) J Gooden 3 8-7	M Dwyer	64
3 (4) MARGUERITEVALOIS J Gooden 3 8-7	G O'Neill	60
4 (5) 8 MAXIMISE (85) P Chapple-Hyam 3 8-7	N Currie	60
5 (7) MY GIRL MAGGIE (1) M Johnston 3 8-7	J Fanning	-
6 (6) 4 RUBY SHIELD (202) (T) R Fahey 3 8-7	S P Davis(3)	75
7 (3) 2 SCHERZO (20) (F) (T) R Fahey 3 8-7	C Shepherd	89

SP FORECAST: 2 Festive Love, 5-2 Scherzo, 3 Margueritevalois, 10 My Girl Maggie, 12 Ruby Shield, 14 Lake Lucerne, 25 Maximise.

TRACK FACTS: GOING: Standard. Left Handed. **TOP TRACK JOCKEY (2015-):** Robert Havlin 15% Strike rate. **TOP TRACK TRAINER (2015-):** M Johnston 16% Strike rate. **BEATEN FAVOURITES:** 3.40 True Belief(10). **DRAW:** No data available. **LONGEST TRAVELLER:** De Little Engine (3.40) & Cry Wolf (4.15) 231 miles. **STABLE SWITCH:** 3.10 Rebecca from L Carter to Mrs L Mongan.

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5.30 FILLIES' HANDICAP

£3,429 (Class 5)	7f 36yds	(6 declared)
1 (1) 424-513 DANCING RAVE (35) (D,F) D O'Meara 4 9-7	D Nolan	82
2 (1) 31-6L I LOVE YOU BABY (39) (C&D) M Appleby 4 9-3	L Morris	77
3 (2) 6387-77 RESPONSE EXACTE (18) J Mackie 4 9-2	B McHugh	85
4 (6) 66L-221 SONNET ROSE (9) (D,F) C Allen 6 9-2(5x)		
5 (4) 5200-4L JAVELIN (44) (C&D) W Muir 5 9-1	W Carver(5)	83
6 (5) 769-25L SHAMAMEYA (34) D M Simcock 4 8-13	B Curtis	84

BLINKERS: Nos. 4, 5 TONGUE STRAP: No. 4. **CHEEK PIECES:** No. 1 HOOD: No. 3.

SP FORECAST: 7-4 Sonnet Rose, 5-2 Dancing Rave, 5 Shamameya, 7 Javelin, 10 Response Exacte, 10 Love You Baby.

6.00 HANDICAP (DIV 1)

£2,782 (6)	7f 36yds	(12)
1 (1) 571-63 DERRY BOY (18) P Evans 4 9-7	Rossa Ryan	70
2 (1) 022-653 ZEBULON (20) Mrs R Carr 6 9-7	JP Sullivan	72
3 (7) 791-4-17 LATENT HEAT (9) A Carroll 4 9-6	B Curtis	70
4 (4) 6-02167 ROBSDELIGHT (15) (D) Miss G Kelleway 5 9-6	Toby Eley(5)	71
5 (8) 700-0LL STREET POET (29) (C&D) M Harrington 7 9-6	T Eaves	62
6 (6) 315L-27 KENTUCKY KINGDOM (78) H Evans 4 9-5	D Costello	70
7 (9) 42129-6 ALL RIGHT (14) (C&D) P Quinn 4 9-4	L Morris	70
8 (11) 5437-8 DECONSO (28) (C&D) L Carroll 4 9-4	F Norton	70
9 (2) 4144-77 ISHBEYVOREGY (21) (C&D) J Jarding 8 9-0		
10 (10) 5588L-2 AMELIA R (35) (F) R Craggs 4 8-12	Paula Muir(5)	70
11 (1) 0960-0-4 KING CITRIC (47) M Loughnane 5 8-10	Hollie Doyle	70
12 (12) 510-882 HANATI (42) (C&D) B Ellison 4 8-8	B Robinson	69

BLINKERS: Nos. 1, 2 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 5, 12. **CHEEK PIECES:** Nos. 5, 12 HOOD: No. 9.

SP FORECAST: 4 Hanati, 9-2 Zebulon, 5 Amelia R, 6 Derry Boy, 10 Ishbevyoregy, Latent Heat, 12 Kentucky Kingdom, Deconso, 14 Others.

TRACK FACTS: GOING: Standard. Left Handed. **TOP TRACK JOCKEY (2015-):** Luke Morris 12% Strike rate. **TOP TRACK TRAINER (2015-):** P Evans 12% Strike rate. **FIRST TIME:** 6.00 Kentucky Kingdom (wind surgery), 6.30 Scorched Breath, 6.30 Scorched Breath, 7.00 Silent Witness (tonque strap). **BEATEN FAVOURITES:** 6.30 Chloellie(10), 7.30 Thunderbolt(10), 8.30 Independence Day(hcp). **DRAW:** No advantage in the draw. **LONGEST TRAVELLER:** Iconic Code (7.30) 271 miles. **STABLE SWITCH:** 6.00 King Citric from Fergal Birrane in Ireland to M Loughnane. 6.30 False Id from M Watson to Ronald Thompson. Red Bravo from C Hills to M Loughnane. 7.00 Courtvea from R Price to S Drinkwater. 7.30 Guvener's Choice from Mrs M Fiteo to G Tuer. 8.30 Sepahi from M Spiller to S L Keightley.

3.10 PETER ANDRE LADIES' DAY HANDICAP

£3,170 (6) 6f

1 (10) 7L-7338 BROUGHTON EXCELS (2) (C&D) S C Williams 5 9-9	H Turner	66
2 (2) 5/33-65 TOMSHALFBROTHER (15) R Cowell 4 9-9	T Marquand	62
3 (6) 7000-11 KRAZY PAVING (24) (C&D) Oly Murphy 8 9-7	Grace McEntee(5)	65
4 (5) 4-46512 MAID MILLIE (8) (D,F) J Chapple-Hyam 4 9-6	S Cherchi(7)	66
5 (1) 746-626 VINCENTO COCCOTTI (14) (C,D) P Chamings 8 9-5	H Crouch	68
6 (11) 113033 DEEDS NOT WORDS (11) (C&D) R Brisland 9 9-4	George Rooke(5)	63
7 (7) 897-233 INDIAN AFFAIR (10) (D) C Wallis 10 8-13	W Carson	67
8 (9) L90-216 REBECKE (24) Mrs L Mongan 4 8-12	D Muscott	66
9 (8) 347-595 WILD FLOWER (24) (C,D) L McJannet 8 8-12	K O'Neill	59
10 (4) 184-465 ALASKAN BAY (36) (C&D) S 8-12	R Hornby	63
11 (3) 8208-96 ISLAY MIST (10) L Carter 4 8-12	G Ashton(7)	55

BLINKERS: Nos. 3, 9, 11 TONGUE STRAP: No. 7. **CHEEK PIECES:** Nos. 4, 5, 6. **SP FORECAST:** 3 Krazy Paving, 5 Maid Millie, 6 Vincenzo Coccotti, 13-2 Broughton Exceles, 7 Indian Affair, 8 Deeds Not Words, 10 Tomshalfbrother, 12 Alaskan Bay, 20 Others.

3.40 NEW TOTE HANDICAP

£3,817 (5) 7f

1 (6) 6271-12 ROYAL DASTERY (18) (F) Mohamed Moubarak 4 9-7	T Marquand	82
2 (1) 410-535 AL ASER (92) D M Simcock 5 9-7	D E Hogan(3)	77
3 (5) 1233-32 TRUE BELIEF (23) B Johnson 4 9-7	J Mitchell	81
4 (1) 1-2332 MOUNT WELLINGTON (9) (D) (S) S C Williams 5 9-5	N Currie	71
5 (3) 110-638 DE LITTLE ENGINE (37) (C&D) (T) Alexandra Dunn 6 9-3	D Muscott	79
6 (2) 9095-14 BALTIC PRINCE (14) (D) A Carroll 10 9-2	Elisha Whittington(5)	78
7 (7) 74-3124 SWISSAL (18) (C&D) David Dennis 5 9-0	D Probert	80
8 (8) 0339-35 MOCHALOV (18) (C&D) J Chapple-Hyam 5 8-12	George Rooke(5)	79

VISOR: No. 7 TONGUE STRAP: No. 4. **CHEEK PIECES:** No. 3, 4, 5. **SP FORECAST:** 3 True Belief, 7-2 Mount Wellington, 5 Royal Dastery, 6 Swissal, 7 Mochalov, 8 Baltic Prince, 10 Al Aser, 16 De Little Engine.

6.30 HANDICAP (DIV 2)

£2,782 (6) 7f 36yds

1 (9) 937-572 CHLOELLIE (23) (D) J R Jenkins 5 9-7	L Edmunds	70
2 (12) 4674-5L RED BRAVO (53) (D) M Loughnane 4 9-7	B McHugh	70
3 (1) L9-1640 KODLINE (9) (C&D) P Evans 6 9-6	Rossa Ryan	72
4 (7) 2983-14 SWINGING EDDIE (20) G Tuer 4 9-6	S James	70
5 (10) 0140-47 SCORCHED BREATH (20) R Menzies 4 9-5	S Donohoe	73
6 (8) 5840-28 CHETAN (42) (D) A Carroll 8 9-4	B Curtis	68
7 (2) 5028-13 BRIGAND (57) (D) J Butler 5 9-4	D Keenan(3)	71
8 (4) 706L-07 FALSE ID (43) (C&D) Ronald Thompson 7 9-1	D Costello	71
9 (3) 362125 WATHEER (7) (C&D,F) Roger Fell 8 8-13	C Rodriguez	76
10 (15) 06-454L AIR OF YORK (24) G Grace Harris 8 8-11	L Morris	71
11 (1) 064410-0 SYMPHONY (204) J Unet 4 8-9	Hollie Doyle	67
12 (6) 81-5L58 DODGY BOB (35) (D) M Mullineaux 7 8-8	P Dennis	61

BLINKERS: Nos. 4, 5 TONGUE STRAP: No. 5. **CHEEK PIECES:** Nos. 5, 9, 10.

SP FORECAST: 4 Swinging Eddie, 5 Chloellie, 6 Watheer, 8 Brigand, 7 Scorched Breath, 8 Red Bravo, Chetan, 14 Air Of York, Kodline, 20 Others.

7.00 NOVICE STAKES

£3,429 (5) 1m 142yds

1 (5) 1 FAIR STAR (32) (C&D,S) B Ellison 4 9-9	B Robinson	77
2 (6) EDWIN HILL Andri Brown 4 9-2	D Keenan(3)	-
3 (3) 34-3 HILL HOLLOW (41) (F) D M Simcock 4 9-2	C Shepherd	80
4 (2) 6/8-KHAZAF (333) Mrs R Carr 5 9-2	JP Sullivan	63
5 (1) 78- COURTEVA (90) S Drinkwater 5 8-11	Hollie Doyle	56
6 (4) 3 SILENT WITNESS (27) (F) Ed Walker 4 8-11	L Morris	70

TONGUE STRAP: No. 6. **SP FORECAST:** 6-4 Fair Star, 7-4 Hill Hollow, 5-2 Silent Witness, 25 Khazaf, 50 Edwin Hill, Courtvea.

7.30 BETWAY HANDICAP

£2,782 (6) 1m 1f 104yds

1 (9) 7419L-2 GUVENER'S CHOICE (125) (C&D) Tuer 5 9-9	S James	56
2 (8) 2931-46 KINGS ROYAL HUSSAR (J52) A King 4 9-8	M Harley	74
3 (3) 60-6153 AL OZZDI (14) (C&D) Roger Fell 5 9-7	B Curtis	76
4 (5) 1156-56 ROLLER (14) (C&D) M Loughnane 7 9-7	D Costello	71
5 (4) 2531-57 ICONIC CODE (11) (T) K Dalgleish 5 9-7	B Sanderson(3)	75
6 (10) 4797-19 BEATBYBEATBYBEAT (11) (C&D) A Brittain 7 9-6	H Russell(7)	74
7 (7) 0689-91 DAARF (14) (C&D) A Brittain 4 9-6	C Hardie	74
8 (11) 90-4537 L'OUVRET (29) P Evans 4 9-5	C Lee	70
9 (6) 3008-70 THE GALE OF LIFE (29) M Harrington 5 9-5	T Eaves	70
10 (12) 724-233 THUNDERADO (28) A Carroll 4 9-0	Hollie Doyle	77
11 (1) 2517-10 CORAL QUEEN (49) R Craggs 9 8-8	Paula Muir(5)	44

VISOR: No. 6. **CHEEK PIECES:** Nos. 4, 5, 11 HOOD: No. 8.

SP FORECAST: 7-2 Daarf, 4 Thunderado, 5 Al Ozzdi, 6 Roller, 8 Kings Royal Hussar, Iconic Code, 10 Guvener's Choice, 12 Beatbybeatbybeat, 14 Others.

4.15 TOTE IS BACK HANDICAP

£3,817 (5) 2m

1 (2) 70-4825 CRY WOLF (6) (C&D) (T) Alexandra Dunn 7 9-13	D Muscott	74
2 (4) 73323-2 COLWOOD (61) (D) R Eddery 6 9-12	Selma Grage(7)	74
3 (5) 3144-55 GRENADEIR GUARD (47) (T) M Johnston 4 9-8	J Fanning	75
4 (1) 3145-42 VEXED (34) (F) D M Simcock 4 9-7	H Turner	76
5 (3) 623-137 SOCIAL CITY (17) (C) A Carroll 4 9-2	T Marquand	73

CHEEK PIECES: No. 1. **SP FORECAST:** 11-8 Vexed, 10-3 Grenadier Guard, 4 Colwood, 6 Social City, 8 Cry Wolf.

4.45 TOTE HANDICAP

£6,081 (4) 1m

67	1 (2)	0601-44	CHAIRMANOFTHEBOARD (130)(S)	M Channon	4 9-7C	Bishop	94
66	2 (5)	38-1223	TOROCHICA (19)	J Best	4 9-6	K O'Neill	93
59	3 (3)	6962-16	PAPA STOUR (16) (C&D,F)	S C Williams	5 9-6	J Hart	92
63	4 (6)	743135	HAVANA ROCKET (323)	A Bolding	4 9-4	D Probert	93
55	5 (1)	164-316	SAMPHIRE COAST (48) (C&D)	D Shaw	7 9-2	T P Quayle	95
5, 6	6 (7)	1314-54	LONG CALL (27)	A Carroll	7 9-0	T Marquand	93
ghton Bay,	7 (4)	093-329	BULLINGTON BOY (9)	J Chapple-Hyam	4 8-2	George Rooke(5)	93

VISOR: No. 5 TONGUE STRAP: No. 3. **EYE COVERS:** No. 7 HOOD: No. 5.

SP FORECAST: 3 Papa Stour, 7-2 Chairmanoftheboard, 4 Havana Rocket, 5 Torochoica, 6 Long Call, 10 Samphire Coast, 12 Bullington Boy.

GOSSIP FROM THE GALLOPS

Lambourn: CHAIRMANOFTHEBOARD (4.45 Chelmsford)

Midlands: KAPPA DE LILY (2.50 Ffos Las)

Newmarket: MOUNT WELLINGTON (3.40 Chelmsford)

North: FAIR STAR (7.00 Wolverhampton)

VITAL STATISTICS

IN-FORM TRAINERS (last 10 days) C Gordon 75% (1 wins and 2 places from 4 runners), B Daly 67% (3/1

Archer's hoping to make return in IPL

JOFRA ARCHER is set to be at the centre of a tug-of-war after opening the possibility of a return from his elbow injury at the Indian Premier League.

The chances of the bowler taking the field with the Rajasthan Royals will depend on the results of his latest scan but, when asked if he could feature, he said: "You never know, fingers crossed."

That is a world away from the claim by England, who had said Archer, above, would be ruled out of the IPL when a stress fracture in his right elbow was confirmed last month.

Royals' head coach Andrew McDonald

CRICKET

By Dean Wilson

said: "We still hold out some hope that he may recover."

And it would seem that he was right to be hopeful, with Archer revealing that he is well on the road to full recovery.

"The elbow is fine," said Archer. "I haven't felt it for the last few weeks now so I think it's making good progress."

Archer made the comments after confirming a two-year contract extension with Sussex, however it is the ECB who primarily control his movements now he is centrally contracted.



A hard day's Knight

HEATHER KNIGHT claimed England were robbed of a chance to reach the T20 World Cup final after a Sydney washout.

England went out without a ball being bowled in the semi-final against India due to torrential rain.

Instead of the ICC factoring in autumnal storms and booking a reserve day, the 2009 winners were eliminated because of their second-place finish in

the group stage. Skipper Knight, below, felt the dream to play in front of 90,000 at the Melbourne Cricket Ground was stolen from her team.

"There was no chance of us getting out there," she said.

"We didn't have a chance to fight for a place in that final.

You put in a lot of hard work, you want to have the chance to showcase your skills, show you can perform on the biggest stage."



THOSE WERE THE DAYS

ON THIS DATE IN SPORTING HISTORY

1869: Ernest Michaux of France won the first international cycle race, held at Crystal Palace.

1962: Accrington Stanley were forced to withdraw from the Football League with 13 matches remaining in the season, due to financial problems.

1971: American-born driver Mario Andretti claimed the first of his 12 F1 grand prix wins, driving a Ferrari to victory in South Africa.

1976: Wilfredo Benitez of Puerto Rico became the youngest world boxing champion aged 17 years and 176 days when he beat Antonio Cervantes to win the WBA junior-welterweight title in San Juan.

2004: World champions England crashed to a shock 19-13 defeat to Ireland, which ended their 22-game unbeaten run at Twickenham.

2006: Sunderland sacked manager Mick McCarthy, with the club bottom of the Premier League.

SUPER MARIO: Andretti won his first GP in South Africa



Ford focused on bigger picture as Italy clash is called off

ENGLAND were looking at the bigger picture after their Six Nations clash with Italy in Rome fell victim to coronavirus.

England fly-half George Ford accepted the organisers had made

By Neil Squires

the right call after both teams chose delay ahead of playing behind closed doors.

"There's rugby and then there's other things going on in the world

that are more important," said Ford. "This needs to be dealt with and we'll do what is right."

The fixture, scheduled for March 14, will now be played at a later date and, with Italy's trip to

Ireland tomorrow off as well, the championship is likely to be completed next season.

England's clash against Italy in the women's Six Nations is also off, as is the Under-20s match.

Picture: ANDREW MATTHEWS

By Neil Squires

THE Six Nations might be crumbling to dust around them but England versus Wales is a fixture with such history that it stands alone regardless.

It is a long time since a game between the sides was obscured to such an extent by outside factors but, coronavirus or not, the two arch rivals are good to go at Twickenham tomorrow.

For Eddie Jones it is both a chance to settle a score after losing to Wales in Cardiff 12 months ago and an opportunity to deliver a little cheer for England supporters in unsettling times.

"I just said to the boys that we want to play rugby where 80,000 fans will come back regardless of what's going on. That's the level of intensity, energy and accuracy that we want to play with," said Jones. "Obviously Wales will want to stop us doing that. So it's going to be a grand battle."

"You've got to remember that they beat us last year so we owe them one. You never like to lose to

Wales and we lost last year. It's still a game that I'm sure

every player who played in it, it irks them. It certainly irks me.

"England-Wales games are a little bit different, aren't they? Since I've been coaching, the average points difference is six. They are tough affairs. It goes down to the wire."

"Wayne Pivac is obviously trying to add a more passing attack game. But they will still bring that physical quality."

Jones, below, has made two changes to the side that

overpowered Ireland 24-12 a fortnight ago at Twickenham.

Anthony Watson comes in for his first game of the Six Nations after recovering from a calf strain in place of Jonathan Joseph on the right wing in a move which reunites the World Cup final backline.

However, England will be without Sam Underhill – the hero of the victory

at Twickenham over Wales two years ago with his tackle on Scott Williams – after he suffered a head injury in training this week. Instead Jones has called up Mark Wilson, who returns to the back row having made just one start for Sale since having a knee operation after the World Cup final.

England, Jones revealed yesterday, have built their championship around peaking for this game.

"This was always going to be the crux game of the Six Nations for us so we deliberately had quite a slow build-up to it so we are at our best this week," he said.

"We have gone up another level in terms of accuracy and the levels we can play at."

"We've probably had our best training run of the Six Nations. We're not far underneath from where we were at the World Cup now in terms of physical condition and in terms of the intensity we can potentially play with."

It is an approach which could spell trouble for Wales but, after losing their opening game to France, it is also one that may end up costing England the trophy. If it is ever awarded.



ON THE PULL: May, left, and Watson in training

ENGLAND

Daly; Watson, Tuilagi, Farrell (capt), May; Ford, Youngs; Marler, George, Sinckler, Itoje, Kruis, Lawes, Wilson, Curry. **Replacements:** Cowan-Dickie, Genge, Stuart, Launchbury, Ewels, Earl, Heinz, Slade.

WALES

Halfpenny; North, Tompkins, Parkes, L Williams; Biggar, T Williams; R Evans, Owens, Lewis, Ball, AW Jones (capt), Moriarty, Navidi, Tipuric. **Replacements:** Elias, Carre, Brown, Shingler, Faletau, Webb, J Evans, McNicholl.

Juggernaut Jones gives Wales the will to Wyn

ALUN WYN JONES has led the charge in a series of brutal training sessions this week – leading coach Wayne Pivac to insist Wales are ready to shock England at Twickenham tomorrow.

Head coach Pivac said: "You've only got to listen to Alun Wyn. The intensity has been there in his voice

By Alex Bywater

and everything he's done in training. He's led from the front this week.

"The level of intensity has gone up and it has been no-holds barred. That tells me a big performance is coming."

Pivac has thrown Liam Williams and Josh Navidi straight back into his side,

despite neither playing in a Test match since last year's World Cup. He says Dan Biggar is fit to start after the fly-half suffered a knee injury in action for Northampton.

Wales are looking to avoid a third straight Six Nations defeat, which last happened in 2007. Pivac says Navidi, who replaces

Taulupe Faletau, is the key to stopping England's giants.

He said: "Josh is a fantastic player over the ball. He played a massive role in that win [in Cardiff] last year. He can do it again."

INTENSE: Wales' Alun Wyn Jones



By Neil Squires

JPR Williams, 20 years old and his heart beating so loudly he can almost hear it through his red Wales jersey, makes toe-ended contact with the ball.

Fifteen yards to the right of the posts, it is, in normal circumstances, not a difficult conversion. But these are not normal circumstances.

For a start, Williams is not the team's goalkicker – it should be Gareth Edwards but he has gone off injured. And this is minutes from the end, with Wales trailing England by a point at Twickenham.

Ray 'Chico' Hopkins, Edwards's replacement, has just crossed for Wales's fourth try and an unlikely comeback stands on the brink of completion. Everything could rest on this one kick.

The ball takes flight and Williams looks up but he has no need to do so. The noise from the travelling Welsh masses tells him. He clenches his fists, shouts for joy and races off back to the halfway line, long hair flowing behind him.

Having trailed 13-3 – a chasm in an era when a try was worth three points – Barry John's drop goal rounds off a momentous 17-13 win for Wales.

There were many great days for Williams against England in a Wales shirt. He scored four tries at Twickenham alone, but the 1970 raid was especially satisfying with his first touchdown for Wales and that priceless kick.

"I was always a reluctant goalkicker. I can't say I really enjoyed it but fortunately that one went over," he said.

"I had the old boots on made by a

JPR backing Wayne's way to thrill fans

firm called Laws in Wimbledon, who made them with a square toe so that you could kick it straight on.

"I was living in London at the time as a medical student so it was even more important to win to show all my English friends I wasn't frightened of the English.

"I played 11 times against England and was never on the losing side. That is a record which will be pretty hard to beat."

Williams was the mainstay of a backline wished into existence by the

gods, the rock at the back – a big tackler and big personality. And he remains one to this day. Still president of his beloved Bridgend, he has strong views on Welsh rugby.

The Welsh Rugby Union? Williams is not impressed.

"The WRU are like a lot of governing bodies. They don't really govern the game. They're only interested in themselves."

The regions? Not for him.

"I'm not a big fan. We have tried to copy Ireland, whose regions have

always been their strength but it's not working for us. We should have two teams in Europe – East and West Wales – and 10 clubs in a league below. That would be financially much more sound and also it would sift the players.

"At the moment there are lots of players playing regional rugby who simply aren't good enough to play for Wales."

Wayne Pivac? He's a fan.

"He's got a totally different outlook to Warren Gatland and it will take a bit of time for him to get into it but he could be very good in the long run," he said. "He's very keen on moving the ball, which is what a lot of Welsh supporters want to see."

"They were brought up on the team I played with in the 70s and we moved the ball all the time."

The odds are against Pivac's collective matching the feats of Wales's golden era side against England tomorrow and Williams understands why, given their backline injuries.

This is Twickenham though and something stirs inside every Welshman at the prospect of turning over England in their own neatly-appointed backyard.

"England will start as favourites but they blow a bit hot and cold," he said. "They were fantastic against New Zealand at the World Cup, hopeless against South Africa and their last opponents, Ireland, were pretty poor."

"I can't see Wales winning but you never know. The thing is that the Welsh do love beating England at Twickenham."

PIVAC WILL GET US PLAYING THE RUNNING GAME SAYS WALES LEGEND



TRYING TIMES

JPR Williams scoring for Wales and taking applause, below

SPORT IN BRIEF

FA Cup 5th Round

Derby (0) 0 Man Utd (2) 3

Shaw 33
Ighalo 41, 70
Att: 31,379

UEFA Women's Championship Qualifier

Rep of Ireland (1) 1 Greece (0) 1

BASKETBALL

NBA: Brooklyn 79 Memphis 118, Cleveland 106 Boston 112, Dallas 127 New Orleans 123 (OT), Detroit 107 Oklahoma City 114, Miami 116 Orlando 113, Milwaukee 119 Indiana 100, Minnesota 115 Chicago 108, New York 104 Utah 112, Portland 125 Washington 104.

CRICKET

ICC WOMENS T20 WORLD CUP SEMI-FINAL—India v England abandoned without a ball bowled, India progress to final by virtue of a better record in group stage.

Australia v South Africa (Sydney): Australia 134-5 (20.0 overs), South Africa 92-5 (13.0 overs), Australia beat South Africa by 5 runs (D/L Method).

DARTS

UNIBET PREMIER LEAGUE (Westpoint, Exeter)—R Cross (Eng) drew with D Gurney (Nir) 6-6, G Durrant (Eng) bt G Price (Wal) 7-3, P Wright (Sco) bt N Aspinall (Eng) 7-3, L Humphries (Eng) bt G Anderson (Sco) 7-5.

GOLF

ARNOLD PALMER INVITATIONAL (Orlando, Florida)—Early 1st rd scores: 66 R McIlroy (GB), 67 T Gooch (US), S Scheffler (US), 68 C Bezuidenhout (S Africa), S Burns; T Hatton (GB).

COMMERCIAL BANK QATAR

MASTERS, (Doha GC)—1st Rnd/Gbr & Irl unless stated, all times Local; 64 N Hojgaard (Den), 65 J Luiten (Ned), 66 A Sullivan, J Wintner (Den), J Campillo (Spa), C Pigem (Spa), L Gagli (Ita), T Pletiers (Bel), 67 M Armitage, D Drysdale, S.S.P Chawrasia (Ind), B Hebert (Fra), D Fichardt (RSA), S Jamieson, Kyong-jun Moon (Kor).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Betfred Super League

LEEDS..... 66 TORONTO W..... 12

Leeds—T: Dwyer, Myler, Gale (2), Lui (2), Handley, Smith, Oledzki, Cuthbertson, Hurrell, G. Martin (11).

Toronto Wolfpack—T: McCrone, Wells, G. O'Brien (2).

Att: 12,143

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leeds.....	5	4	0	1	180	60	8
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
Huddersfield.....	4	3	0	1	76	68	6
Catalans D.....	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 K.R.....	5	1	0	4	68	139	2
Toronto W.....	6	0	0	6	70	214	0

TODAY'S DIARY

(7.45pm unless stated)

Sky Bet Championship

Nottingham Forest v Millwall

CRICKET

Second T20 International: Sri Lanka v West Indies (Pallekele, 1.30pm).

DARTS

PDC UK Open (Butlin's Minehead Resort, Minehead).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Betfred Super League (7.45): St Helens v Huddersfield, Wakefield v Hull, Warrington v Castleford.

RUGBY UNION

Gallagher Premiership Rugby (7.45): Sale v London Irish (8pm), Worcester v Northampton.

Guinness PRO14 (7.35): Dragons v Benetton Treviso.

Guinness U20 Six Nations (8pm): England U20 v Wales U20 (7.45), Scotland U20 v France U20.

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FOOTBALL: PREMIER LEAGUE

Main picture: NICK POTTS



SOLDIERING ON: Grabban has a knee problem

Grabban focuses on the gain and forgets the pain

LEWIS GRABBAN says he will play through the pain to lift Nottingham Forest's promotion bid.

Top scorer Grabban, 32, is out to add to his 17-goal tally against Millwall tonight.

He has suffered knee pain for some time but with the Premier League dream in sight for fourth-placed Forest, Grabban will not be sitting it out.

The much-travelled striker said: "I feel OK, so I'll just keep going for these last 10 games and see what happens."

"It's slightly painful. Obviously I've got a little problem, but it's nothing to worry about."

"The majority of the squad are playing with niggles or pain – it's just part and parcel of it."

"At this stage of the season, you can't really lose much fitness unless

N FOREST V MILLWALL 7.45PM

you take long periods out.

"It's just about rest and recovery between games, especially for senior players like myself. We need to be fresh for the games."

Gary Rowett insists Millwall can play without fear with safety assured.

The Lions will be two points off the top six with a win tonight.

Boss Rowett, below, who took over five months ago, said: "I felt within two or three years we could challenge for the top six. The initial aim was to stabilise, the main objective to make sure we weren't battling down the bottom."

"To be in the mix with 10 games to go, credit goes to the players."

DAVE ARMITAGE



GOLDEN TOUCH
Nuno backs Traore, who idolised Ronaldinho at Barcelona academy, above right



NUNO IS MY HERO



MOLINEUX TALISMAN'S FACTS AND FIGURES

Adama Traore Premier League 2019-20

Games played	27
Games started	22
Minutes played	2,046
Goals	4
Assists	7
Total shots	34
Shots on target	9
Chances created (including assists)	37
Dribbles completed	139

Dribbles success rate

Touches	1,274
Touches in opposition box	95

Premier League 2019-20 DRIBBLES COMPLETED

Adama Traore (Wolves)	139
Wilfried Zaha (Crystal Palace)	130
Emiliano Buendia (Norwich)	89
Allan Saint-Maximin (Newcastle)	73
Mateo Kovacic (Chelsea)	69

By Rahman Osman

ADAMA TRAORE says Wolves manager Nuno Espirito Santo has unlocked the potential that is making him one of English football's most feared forwards.

Traore joined Barcelona's famed La Masia academy as an eight-year-old in 2004 and trained with the likes of Lionel Messi, Xavi and Andres Iniesta, before making a surprise switch to Aston Villa for £7million five years ago.

After one season at Villa Park, and with the club relegated, he moved to Middlesbrough, where he first worked with Aitor Karanka and later Tony Pulis.

He then joined Wolves for a club-record £18m in 2018 and has not looked back since.

"Nuno has been a massive figure for me," said Traore. "It's the confidence he gives me."

"From the first day I came to Wolves, he just made me feel he believes I can take on any player and make them struggle. That is massive for a player. A

TRAORE HAILS 'MASSIVE' IMPACT OF WOLVES BOSS

lot has changed for me but the football ability has always been there.

"It's just a little bit of adjusting, the coach, food, my team-mates helping me out a lot, and also the attitude to keep working because when you continue working hard everything eventually falls into place."

Most footballers have pictures of their wives and kids as the screensaver on their phone, but for Traore it is the picture of a player he grew up watching at Barcelona.

"My idol was Ronaldinho," said the 24-year-old Spaniard. "He was at a different level to anyone. There will always only be one Ronaldinho."

"Before him, Real Madrid used to win everything. They had the Galacticos where they

had all those top players but he came in and changed that and said, 'We can beat these people'."

"I was at Barcelona and I didn't get to train with him but I remember I used to go in just to watch him train."

"Ronaldinho was the definition of magic. Every moment he touched the ball you knew he was going to cause havoc."

This season, Traore's mother, Fatoumata, has been ever-present at Molineux.

A 100metres runner during her youth in Mali before moving to Spain, she has instilled confidence and hard work in her boy.

"One thing she taught me was belief and that I should never lose it," added Traore.

"She said opportunities will be limited but if I focused and

worked hard and if my mind was clear, then I would get everything I wanted."

"In life, you have to focus on your work and don't think about the end before you get there. Before you know it, everything will come."

With 10 games to go this season, Wolves are sixth in the table on the same points as Manchester United and still in the Europa League.

But Traore is adamant there is no need to set targets, the most important thing is to take every match as it comes.

"The mindset is not like we have to qualify for the Champions League, but I think it is that we have to take every game seriously and adapt to the changing phases of the game," he said.

"Every game is tough, so you can't just be thinking of qualification. We are in Europe and it's so hard to tell what might happen, so the mindset is to be ready to fight and get something from every game."

NEXT BIG THING

SPOTLIGHT ON EFL'S EMERGING STARS

NAME: JOE GELHARDT

CLUB: Wigan

AGE: 17

POSITION: Striker

WHAT THEY SAY: Manchester United dumping Wigan out of the FA Youth Cup last week could have done rivals Liverpool a huge favour. Reports suggest it could pave the way for Jurgen Klopp to move in for Gelhardt before he turns 18 in May. The striker was injured for the 2-1 quarter-final defeat but has already played 16 times for Wigan's first team in the Championship, mainly from the bench. Manager Paul Cook says: "He's a fantastic talent who makes things

happen. His time is coming, that's for sure."

WHAT HE SAYS: Everton are also in the hunt and Gelhardt revealed both of the local giants had their chances in the past when he extended his Latics deal in November until June 2021. "I've had eight years here but before I joined, I was rejected three or four times by local teams like Liverpool and Everton," Gelhardt said. "The experience I've had at Wigan has been good, but I've worked hard for it."

HE COULD BE THE NEXT: Wayne Rooney or Michael Owen. It depends which half of Merseyside Gelhardt believes deserves a second chance.



Bowyer hits out at wait for Casilla ban

LEE BOWYER has criticised the five months it took for Leeds goalkeeper Kiko Casilla to be punished for racially abusing Jonathan Leko.

Casilla was last week banned for eight games and fined £60,000 for calling Charlton's on-loan forward a "n*****" – but the Addicks boss said the wheels of justice turned too slowly.

Bowyer revealed Leko, whose loan spell at the Valley from West Brom was cut short by a serious knee injury,

By Mike Walters

went into his shell as he waited for his complaint to be vindicated by an independent regulatory panel.

He said: "It should have been dealt with quicker. I don't think it's been fair on either club or the players involved."

"In my opinion, 22 weeks is too long to have something like that hanging over you, especially for a young player of 19 or 20. You could see he wasn't

himself. He's a bubbly and confident lad and he was a bit quiet for a while after. But the group got him through."

Bowyer rang the Congolese-born player as soon as Casilla's ban was announced, adding: "Jonathan was glad it's all over and we can move on."

BOWYER: Charlton boss says Leko was impacted by delay





Neil SQUIRES

Our Chief Sports Reporter tackles the big issues head on

● **CRICKET**
does not help itself
sometimes. England
missed the chance to play
in Sunday's Women's T20
World Cup final because
their semi-final was
rained off. Why no
reserve day?

Roy's grey POWER



GOLDEN AGES

Hodgson is following in the path of Bill Struth, left, and Alec Stock, below, who managed well into their 70s



HODGSON DEFYING FATHER TIME

YOU HAVE to love Roy Hodgson. Well maybe not when England were crashing to defeat against Iceland at the Euros – and perhaps through gritted teeth if you watch Crystal Palace every week – but it is hard not to hold a flame for the old owl for what he continues to achieve at his time of life.

Keeping a club such as Palace in the Premier League, as it now looks all but certain he has done, on the resources Hodgson has, is no mean feat. Even more so at an age when most football managers have been pensioned off.

Talks started this week on extending Hodgson's contract for another season which, assuming they are successfully concluded, will take him into his 74th year.

"In youth we learn, in age we understand" pointed out the 19th century Austrian writer Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach. As a well-travelled, well-read, multilingual

individual, Hodgson probably consumed that in its original German. He may even have read it when she wrote it.

Septuagenarian status seems to suit Hodgson and why not?

Age should only be a barrier when it impacts performance. Too often in sport and in society, the accumulated wisdom of years in the job is jettisoned before its time, the value of experience underplayed.

At a moment when retired doctors and nurses are being coaxed back into service to

help out with the impending coronavirus onslaught, the point is well made.

The march of technology has hastened the speed of the sell-by date, defining as dinosaurs people with plenty left to give. Not knowing your app from your elbow does not mean someone does not know their subject.

Unashamedly old school in his shirt, tie and jacket, Hodgson hails from another era both tactically and sartorially in these Pep and Klopp times.

His rigid Palace side are like an old oblong Volvo compared to sleek models purring around the Premier League.

They have scored the fewest goals in the league this season – 25 in 28 games. But when a club are all about survival, the most precious commodity to deal in is clean sheets and Palace have become wonderfully miserly at just the right time.

The 1-0 wins against Newcastle and Brighton lifted them to 12th and all but got the job done. No wonder Palace chairman Steve Parish fancies another season of Hodgson.

Already older than Sir Alex Ferguson was when he retired, the most venerable manager of the Premier League era will pass Alec Stock if he goes the full term next season.

Stock, who managed in five different decades, was 73 and eight months when he left Bournemouth in 1980.

It may be pushing it to expect Hodgson to match legendary Rangers manager Bill Struth, whose 34-year tenure ended in 1954, when almost 79.

But maybe he can go on still further and outlast Giovanni Trapattoni, above, who was 74 and a half when the Republic of Ireland sacked him in 2013. Or five-times Mexico manager Ignacio Trelles, nearly 75 when time was called at Puebla in 1991. Still alive at 103, Trelles could be open to a comeback.

The Premier League is a testing environment and there are limits but Hodgson, supposedly finished after Euro 2016, continues to fly the flag for the Saga generation.

A grey power salute is overdue.

Long goodbye gets painful for Parisse

SERGIO PARISSE just cannot buy a farewell send-off.

The stately No8 was supposed to wave a grand goodbye to the Italian jersey at the Rugby World Cup, only for the Azzurri's game against New Zealand to be called off because of Typhoon Hagibis.

Instead, a plan was hatched for Parisse to return for one final appearance for the country he has served so well in adversity down the years, against England in the Six Nations. The idea was for Parisse to wave to

the fans at the Stadio Olimpico and be cheered to the rafters – except that thanks to the coronavirus there will be no game on March 14.

Maybe he could have a third attempt when the postponed match is belatedly staged. With his luck though, that would probably be tempting fate for an asteroid impact on Rome.

PARISSE: Virus means no Six Nations send-off



Eric in Dier need of some self-control

EVERY footballer probably feels like Eric Dier did on Wednesday night at some point in their career.

Personal abuse is tough to take and should not come as a right with a ticket or offer of hospitality.

You do not question the parentage of the prima ballerina and worse at the ballet, so why should you do so at a sports event?

There were extenuating circumstances with the brother of Dier, right, involved in an altercation

with the fan. But if every footballer went into the crowd to confront a tormentor there would be anarchy. In becoming the latest Eric to cross the line, Dier messed up.



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Arsenal 2-2 West Ham

West Ham are starting to show some form and their front three can cause problems, but Arsenal have to bounce back after their European exit.



Arsenal 2-1 West Ham

Having crashed out of the Europa League, Arsenal need a win as much as West Ham. Could be a decent game this, home win for me though.

Aberdeen 1-1 Hibs

Hibs are in a good run at the minute, beating teams around them. I fancy them to take a point from this.



Aberdeen 1-1 Hibs

The SPL table says these are two well-matched teams. Hibs played the Dons 3-0 though back in December. They should be better at home.

Burnley 1-2 Spurs

Spurs have a good record at Burnley. They're not playing well but feel like they'll dig out a result here.



Burnley 1-1 Spurs

Burnley look in form and Spurs look out of sorts. Who can forget the 5-0 drubbing by Spurs earlier in the season though? Tough one this.

Chelsea 2-2 Everton

Last time I backed the Toffees for a big away win they let me down so I'm going draw!



Chelsea 1-1 Everton

They say the league table doesn't lie but I am not convinced Chelsea are good value for 4th place. Everton will be very tough to beat.

Man Utd 1-2 Man City

United at home in this fixture just seem to struggle! So I'm going for City to take the victory.



Man Utd 1-3 Man City

Ole has had Man City's number twice this season and this game means more to United than City on paper - but I still feel a City win.

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TOTTERING HOTSPUR

Shattered club lurch from one crisis to another



DARK DAYS
Jose Mourinho is struggling to see any light at the end of a long tunnel

By Neil McLeman

TO LOSE one England star for off-field misconduct is unfortunate. To lose two would begin to look like carelessness for Tottenham Hotspur.

Bans for Dele Alli and Eric Dier may highlight how it has taken only nine months to go from the Champions League final to a club mired in crisis under Jose Mourinho.

And how their luck and high-energy momentum from the last campaign has run out.

The only upside to Dier's diversion into the West Stand on Wednesday night was that the headline-grabbing incident overshadowed a fourth consecutive defeat in all competitions for Spurs.

Losing at home in the FA Cup to the Premier League's bottom club surely ended their last chance of silverware in this troubled season.

Mourinho claimed after the defeat on penalties by Norwich that his long injury list will force him to prioritise between the Premier League and Champions League in his next two matches.

Trying to change the culture at a club of traditional underachievers, the had decline started before Pochettino was sacked in November after winning only five of

his first 17 games of the season. Mourinho was brought in to make the final step from challenging to winning. But instead it has all gone wrong again very quickly.

Serious injuries to talismen Harry Kane and Son Heung-Min have been massive blows.

Christian Eriksen was offloaded in January before his contract expired, while Dier could now join Alli - who is also facing an FA charge for his social media post, right, mocking coronavirus victims - in being banned for a lack of off-field discipline. Alli is planning to appeal the charge.

But there are also problems on the pitch. Mourinho sides are traditionally built on defensive solidity. In his first season at Chelsea in 2004-05, his Blues conceded only 15 Premier League goals.

But the Portuguese has seen his team keep only two clean sheets in 13 home games since he took over in November as he has tinkered with his defence.

Toby Alderweireld, who signed a new deal in January, was again left out against Norwich, with fellow centre-back Jan Vertonghen deployed at left-back.

"We had chances to kill the game but we didn't," said Vertonghen, who was captain against Norwich and scored the opener. "We don't keep enough clean sheets. It's not just now, it's

since the start of the season, even more than a year ago we started to concede too many goals."

Mourinho, who has criticised the displays of record summer signing Tanguy Ndombele, hit out at Spurs fans this week over calls to play 18-year-old Republic of Ireland striker Troy Parrott.

But the Parrott issue is symbolic for supporters raised on Spurs' glory days who want to see a proper centre-forward - and retain doubts about Mourinho's reputation for negative football.

Mourinho showed his experience in handling tricky situations by both admonishing and

supporting Dier. Now he must manage his squad with equal skill against Burnley on Saturday and Leipzig on Tuesday - and win over fans.

"I am sad for the players and fans, but I am thinking about what is next and I am worried about playing in two days," said Mourinho.

"I have to think about a Saturday match and a Tuesday match and decide which is the priority and which is the one where I can give some of my boys under huge fatigue the best possible chance."

Vertonghen added: "We have other things to play for, we still have the top four or five, and we still have everything to play for in the Champions League and we feel that we can turn it round."

Spurs face RB Leipzig in Germany on Tuesday, having lost the home leg 1-0.



Torreira holds out hope

MIKEL ARTETA believes Lucas Torreira could return for Arsenal this season despite suffering a small fracture to his right ankle.

The 24-year-old Uruguay midfielder is scheduled to see a specialist today after he was injured in Monday's 2-0 FA Cup fifth-round win at Portsmouth. "Hopefully

he can avoid any surgeries, which is always very traumatic," said Gunners boss Arteta.

"Hopefully we can have him before the end of the season. He was quite positive this morning. We don't really know exactly the extent of the injury."



REPRIEVE FOR CARLO

CARLO ANCELOTTI has escaped a touchline suspension, despite being found guilty of improper conduct by the FA.

The Everton boss accepted the misconduct charge after his red card at the end of the 1-1 draw with Manchester United on Sunday. Ancelotti, left, was involved in a bust-up

with referee Chris Kavanagh, who asked him to leave the field of play three times.

The Italian can now return to the dugout for Sunday's game at his former club Chelsea.

Ancelotti was given more good news with the revelation Dominic Calvert-Lewin is ready to commit to a new five-year contract.



RUN AGROUND:
Angry Dier clammers
over the seating
to confront a fan
in the stands on
Wednesday



**HEROES
TO ZERO** Spurs came so close to European
glory and have now lost their
strikers Kane, above, and Son



SORE POINT:
Pochettino
led Spurs to
Champions
League final

FROM BAD TO WORSE - A CATALOGUE OF SETBACKS

JUNE 1, 2019: Spurs lose 2-0 to Liverpool in their first-ever Champions League final.

JUNE 5, 2019: Christian Eriksen, below, confirms he wants to leave club.

AUG 2019: Spurs sign only two players in disappointing summer transfer window, Tanguy Ndombele and Ryan Sessegnon, leaving Mauricio Pochettino unhappy.

AUG 25, 2019: Spurs lose 1-0 at home to Newcastle, setting the tone for a poor start to the season.

SEPT 24, 2019: Knocked out of Carabao Cup by League Two Colchester on penalties.

OCT 1, 2019: Thrashed 7-2 at home by Bayern Munich in the Champions League in their worst-ever European result.

OCT 5, 2019: Thumped 3-0 at Brighton.

NOV 19, 2019: Pochettino is sacked after five years in charge, with chairman Daniel Levy citing "extremely disappointing" results and the team languishing in 14th place.

NOV 20, 2019: Jose Mourinho is appointed manager on four-year deal.

DEC 22, 2019: Beaten 2-0 at home by Chelsea.

JAN 1, 2020: Top scorer Harry Kane suffers hamstring injury and is ruled out until April.

JAN 28, 2020: Eriksen finally leaves Spurs in a £17 million move to Inter Milan and later claims he was treated like a "black sheep" for running down his contract.

FEB 16, 2020: Other key striker Son Heung-Min breaks arm at Aston Villa. May be back before end of season.

FEB 19, 2020: Beaten 1-0 by RB Leipzig in first leg of Champions League last-16 tie.

FEB 22, 2020: Beaten 2-1 by Chelsea in massive blow to Champions League qualification.

FEB 26, 2020: Midfielder Dele Alli is charged with misconduct for posting a video mocking the coronavirus outbreak.

MAR 4, 2020: Knocked out of FA Cup by Norwich after penalty shoot-out defeat.



Dyche: I've had clashes with supporters too

SEAN DYCHE says that on two occasions this season he has confronted fans at away matches when he felt their abuse crossed the line.

Burnley's boss claimed it is the first campaign in

ABUSE: Dyche says fans have twice gone too far

By Richard Tanner

more than 30 years as a player and a manager when he has been angered enough to confront a supporter. "I am pretty thick-skinned," he said ahead of tomorrow's home game against Tottenham. "I

have had a number of jokes about my hair colour, as you can imagine, and I have heard them all.

"People still shout things they think I haven't heard, which amuses me.

"But twice this season I have thought it was too much and I have said to

the person, not using any expletives, 'that is enough now, don't be carrying on like that' when it has gone too far. There are children in the stands as well.

"You can imagine the level I'm talking about. It wasn't a couple of things, it was enough where you go, 'No, that's too much'.

Dier prepared for ban after going to brother's aid

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altercation with the Tottenham fan.

Dier plunged into the crowd minutes after Spurs had been knocked out of the FA Cup, losing their fifth-round tie to Norwich on penalties after a 1-1 – but the supporter ran off.

The FA have launched a probe and have asked Spurs and Dier for their observations. The club have begun their own inquiry and believe they can identify the fan involved.

A source close to Dier said: "Eric accepts he will get a ban.

"He cannot understand why it is acceptable for fans to dish out such abuse."

The Spurs defender climbed over several rows of seats after

spotting that Patrick, 22, was involved in a row with a fan in the area where families sit.

The source said: "After the penalty shoot-out, this fan was screaming abuse at Eric. Patrick was right next to him and asked why he was doing it.

"There was a verbal row. Eric saw it and came up. The fan scarpered, so there was nothing physical, no punches thrown."

Dier can be heard shouting "that's my brother" as stewards gathered, below.

Tottenham manager Jose Mourinho said he hopes the club do not take any action against Dier. But it is understood some senior figures at Tottenham are in favour of punishing the player.



FIVE FAN CONFRONTATIONS

1) ERIC CANTONA

The Manchester United star kung-fu kicked Crystal Palace fan Matthew Simmons in 1995 as he trudged off after a red card. He received an eight-month ban from the FA and a criminal charge of assault.

2) EL HADJI DIOUF

At Liverpool, he spat at a Celtic fan in a 2003 UEFA Cup quarter-final, receiving a two-match ban and assault charge. In 2004, he was fined for spitting at an 11-year-old Middlesbrough fan while with Bolton.

3) PATRICE EVRA

At Marseille in 2017, having been 'ridiculed' by one of his own fans before a Europa League match, he was sent off for kicking the supporter, earning a seven-month UEFA ban and seeing his contract terminated.

4) NEYMAR

After losing the French Cup final last season, Paris Saint-Germain star Neymar was frustrated as he went to collect his runners-up medal. He shoved a fan after having a phone thrust in his direction.

5) CRAIG BELLAMY

The Welshman was nowhere near an incident in 2009 when a fan ran on to the pitch at Old Trafford during his time at Manchester City. Despite the culprit being quickly floored, Bellamy approached with some angry words, slapped him in the face and ushered him away.



IN FULL FLIGHT

Eric Cantona launches his kung-fu kick on Crystal Palace fan Matthew Simmons

ROONEY EXIT A

Picture: ANDREW YATES



MASKED: Leicester fan

Virus a threat to season's climax

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the moment that it will happen."

Liverpool, who lead the table by 22 points, need only four wins to lift the title, but the Premier League have written to all 20 clubs and warned that, if one player gets the virus, it could mean they would struggle to complete the season. That is why handshakes have been banned.

League officials are waiting on Government advice but they are still stressing it is sensible planning rather than imminent action.

The email from the League to the clubs read: "The first-team environment is especially crucial: an outbreak affecting the first team of just one club could make completing the season very difficult to achieve."

They have also told clubs that a contingency plan has been drawn up that includes copying Italy's example and playing games behind closed doors, as Serie A are doing for the next month.

The email said: "After discussion with the Government's crisis planners, the main focus for our contingency planning is consideration of a 'behind-closed-doors' policy."

Premier League bosses issued a statement on pre-match line-ups and handshakes before games.

It read: "Coronavirus is spread via droplets from the nose and mouth and can be transmitted on to the hands and passed on via a handshake."

"Clubs and match officials will still perform the rest of the walk-out protocol. Players will walk past their opposition without shaking hands."

England's friendly against Italy, the European country worst hit by the coronavirus, at Wembley on March 27 is in doubt - as is Euro 2020, to be played across Europe, and the Tokyo Olympics.

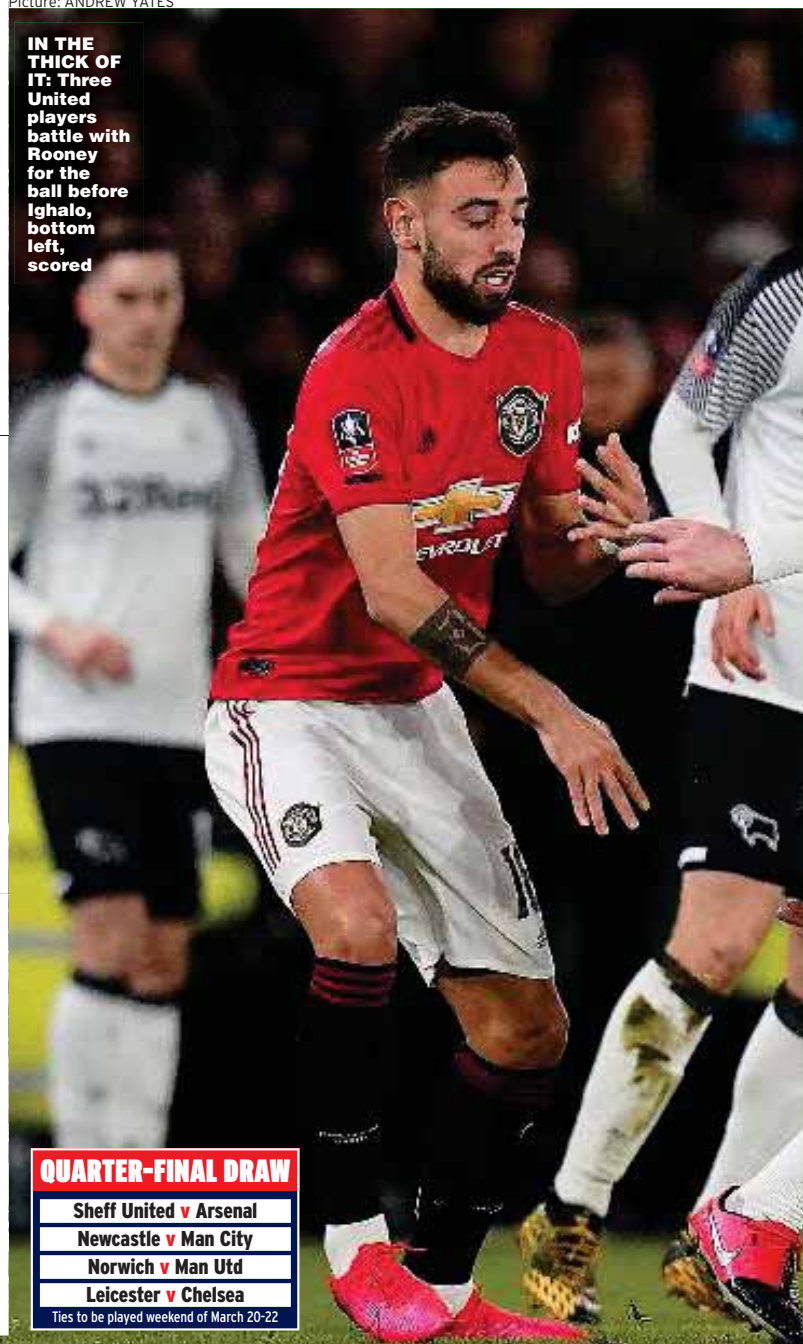


UNITED FRONT

Defender Luke Shaw celebrates scoring United's opening goal, above



IN THE THICK OF IT: Three United players battle with Rooney for the ball before Ighalo, bottom left, scored



QUARTER-FINAL DRAW

Sheff United v Arsenal

Newcastle v Man City

Norwich v Man Utd

Leicester v Chelsea

Ties to be played weekend of March 20-22

WAYNE ROONEY'S wish for a romantic victory over his old club came crashing down to earth last night.

Manchester United clinched an FA Cup quarter-final tie at Norwich in reasonably comfortable fashion.

Derby did not go down without a fight but once goals from Luke Shaw and Odion Ighalo had put some light between them, it was always going to be a stiff task.

Man-of-the-match Shaw also had an assist for Ighalo's first goal, and the Nigeria striker helped himself to another in the 70th minute to finish the job off.

Old Trafford legend and record goalscorer Rooney said this was the tie he had dreamed of, but that is

Man-of-the-match Luke sends Derby packing

DERBY	0
MANCHESTER UNITED	3

By Dave Armitage

where the romance ended. In the last minute even the visiting fans were chanting for him to score from a free-kick - but Sergio Romero made a brilliant fingertip save.

United fans sang his name throughout but the game went pretty much to plan for visiting manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer. He said Rooney would be out to prove there

was "still life in the old dog" and though the former England striker growled with a cracking free-kick early on, any chance of Solskjaer getting bitten by his former strike partner was soon put to bed.

There had been little to separate the sides in the first half-hour, though United always looked just that bit more likely in the final third.

Derby were looking good value to see the first half out on level terms when they were sent reeling by a double-whammy.

Shaw is not exactly renowned for his goal prowess but he rocked

Derby with only his second in five and a half years at United in the 33rd minute.

Jesse Lingard had a shot blocked and when the ball was only cleared as far as the edge of the box, Shaw was on hand to chance his arm.

There was a real element of good fortune about it, Shaw taking the ball high and thumping a volley into the turf with such power that it flew up off the turf and cruelly over stranded goalkeeper Kelle Roos and into the far corner of the net.

It was almost as if Derby were still dusting themselves off when they

SHAW THING

DERBY v MAN UTD		
38	POSSESSION %	62
5	SHOTS ON TARGET	8
3	SHOTS OFF TARGET	11
5	BLOCKED SHOTS	7
5	CORNERS	5
8	FOULS	7
1	YELLOW CARDS	3
0	RED CARDS	0
Source: Opta		

Bring on City clash

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spells as he anchored the Rams midfield.

But he could not stop his former side from scoring twice in the opening period and his frustration showed just before the break when he was cautioned for a foul on Fred.

Shaw was delighted that United did not concede as they head into this weekend's Manchester derby at Old Trafford.

He said: "I don't think we started as well as we could, but then we got the goal and from then, we were still under pressure at times, but came through and got the win.

"But the most important thing is the win and another clean sheet for the boys. We are in a very confident period. We are scoring and keeping it out at the back.

"It's a massive game on Sunday, we are looking forward to that one."

Ighalo said: "I used my strength and I am happy the ball went in. For the second, they blocked it then there is nothing I can do apart from shoot.

"The most important thing is that we won. We want to keep the momentum going and make sure we do great this season."

DERBY

PLAYER ANALYSIS

(4-2-3-1)

By Dave Armitage

ROOS **7** **ROONEY** **7**
Superb early block to keep Ighalo effort out but was then beaten three times. Went close early on from a free-kick but hopes of a romantic win were dashed.

BOGLE **6** **KNIGHT** **6**
Excellent going forward but had hands full dealing with Shaw's raids down his flank. Put in a good shift but United's extra class made it a busy night for teenager.

EVANS **7** **SIBLEY** **8**
Did well to block an early Shaw effort and generally equipped himself well. The 18-year-old was not overawed at all and was only inches away with early shot.

FORSYTH **6** **LAWRENCE** **6**
Had his hands full when United pushed forward but stuck to his task. A first-half knock saw the forward limp off a minute before the break.

LOWE **6** **WAGHORN** **7**
Made one or two dangerous raids but kept busy defensively for most part. Came agonisingly close with a glancing header early in second half.

BIRD **6** **SUBSTITUTES**
Hardly put a foot wrong and sparked against United's top class players. Whittaker 6 (Lawrence 44) Marriott 6 (Waghorn 67) Shinnie (Sibley 80)



DOUBLE UP: Ighalo slams in his second goal

MAN UTD

PLAYER ANALYSIS

(4-2-3-1)

By Andy Dunn

ROMERO **6** **FRED** **6**
Did not look particularly comfortable early on but did not have a great deal to do. Going through a settled spell of form but guilty of trying some over-ambitious passes.

DALOT **6** **MATA** **6**
Lacked a bit of finesse and composure in his offensive play but pretty secure. Captain for the night but occasionally frustrated at not being able to get on ball.

BAILLY **7** **FERNANDES** **7**
Called on when Harry Maguire declared himself unfit and let no-one down. Continues to look the part and fast establishing himself as king of the reverse pass.

LINDELOF **7** **LINGARD** **6**
Composed in everything he did and will certainly have sterner tests soon. Just looks a little short of confidence and too prone to picking the wrong option.

SHAW **8** **IGHALO** **9**
Shrugged aside early yellow card to make breakthrough with second goal of career. Outstanding. Put himself around to great effect, scoring twice.

McTOMINAY **6** **SUBSTITUTES**
Relished physical battle and was robust and committed in everything he did. Pereira 6 (Fernandes 67) Martial 6 (Fred 73) Williams (Shaw 80)

BOOKED - DERBY: Rooney.
MANCHESTER UNITED: Shaw, Bailly, Williams.
GOALS - MANCHESTER UNITED: Shaw 33, Ighalo 41, 70.
REFEREE - Craig Pawson.



fell further behind four minutes before the break when Ighalo seized on a pass from Shaw close in and whipped the ball home.

You could sense the enthusiasm draining from the home crowd as they saw pretty much any hope snatched away from them.

Rooney's frustration bubbled to the surface and he found himself booked for a clumsy challenge on Fred before the break.

It was such a shame because the Championship side had carved out the odd opportunity to get themselves in front.

Teenager Louie Sibley gave United a scare in the 10th minute when he drilled a left-foot shot just inches wide of Romero's right-hand post.

The 18-year-old's enthusiastic runs were causing problems for the visitors and Shaw got an early yellow card for stopping the youngster in his tracks.

From the resulting free-kick, Rooney lined himself up behind the ball before unleashing a curler over the wall which Romero had to push narrowly wide.

The Rams went close to getting one back in the 50th minute when Martyn Waghorn glanced a lovely header across goal, only to see it fly narrowly wide.

But it really was all over when Ighalo seized on the ball and powered a shot into the roof of the net from 10 yards to put the result beyond any doubt after 70 minutes.



MAKING HIS POINT: Ighalo celebrates his second

HANDS OFF: Premier League has banned handshakes

VIRUS 'TO CLOSE STADIUMS'

LIVERPOOL could be crowned Premier League champions in an empty stadium because of the spreading coronavirus.

The Premier League have announced there will be no handshakes in this weekend's matches because of the crisis. And one club executive said it is "quite likely" games will soon be played behind closed doors. Everton director Sasha

By John Cross

Ryazantsev told the FT Business of Football summit: "We feel it is quite likely."

"It would be a forced decision rather than one we would proactively engage in."

"But the situation goes far beyond the world of sport. I don't think it's inevitable at

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INDIER STRAITS

Spurs star expects to be banned and fined by FA after going to brother's aid in stands

ERIC DIER is ready to accept any FA punishment after confronting a fan because he feared for his younger brother's safety.

The Spurs midfielder expects a ban and fine after the incident at the Tottenham Hotspur

By Tony Banks

Stadium on Wednesday night. But according to sources close to the 26-year-old England star, he felt he had "no choice" but to step in after his brother Patrick's

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FAMILY AFFAIR: Eric Dier climbs into the stands and, far left, with brothers Edward and Patrick



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WAYNE WOES
Rooney is dejected as his former side cruise

IGHALO WRECKS ROONEY REUNION

By James Nursey

WAYNE ROONEY'S big night fell flat as Manchester United ruthlessly beat his Derby side to reach the FA Cup quarter-finals.

A double from Odion Ighalo and Luke Shaw's opener secured a 3-0 victory as Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's side booked a clash at Premier League basement boys Norwich.

United's record goalscorer Rooney had his name regularly chanted by the away fans for long

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Solution on Monday

Puzzles

ARROW-WORD

Enter your answers as indicated by the arrows, including items connected with our TV star, then read the letters in the shaded squares to spell the name of the actor who is her son's godfather (6,7).

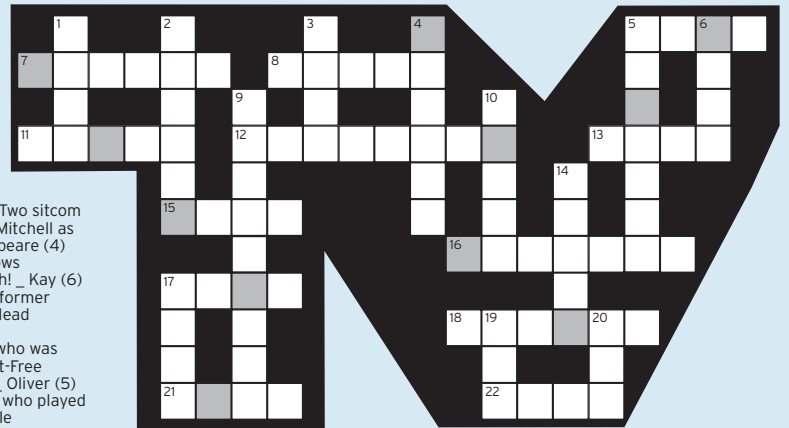
Solution in Monday's puzzle pull-out

The Horse, TV show with our star Expedition	Divine Comedy author	Belonging to me			
Insect	Educated guess	Sideways			
Louse egg	Ocean	Poem			
	Prodded with foot digit			Type of sailing vessel	Mate
Male sheep	Frozen		Body part US space agency (1,1,1)		
	Jean French actor			Upon	
Water heaters	Sicilian volcano	Goodbye, informally (2-2)	Absent (1,1,1) Jennifer, British/US actress		
				Our star's surname	Second person
Hot drink					
Type of chilli pepper	Hawaiian flower garland	Filipino coin	Murmur Word showing enjoyment of food		
				Genetic code (1,1,1)	
TV show with our star	Polish city	Close at hand	Strange		Maintenance
			Restaurant food list		
			Childminder		
Our star's first name	Very long time	Sweet potato		Circuit	
			Also known as (abbr.)		Eggs
Scottish actress, Gillian				Fish eggs	
			Innocent		
Item for arranging the hair	Expression of triumph			Old age pensioner (1,1,1)	



TV CROSSWORD

Solve our crossword, then rearrange the letters in the shaded squares to reveal the name of a TV show (4,7).



ACROSS

- 5 Upstart, BBC Two sitcom starring David Mitchell as William Shakespeare (4)
 7 The host of shows including Splash! Kay (6)
 8 Pierre White, former Hell's Kitchen Head Chef (5)
 11 Celebrity chef who was promoting Meat-Free Meals in 2019, Oliver (5)
 12 Jane, actress who played secretary Bubble in Absolutely Fabulous (8)
 13 Classic sci-fi show with Leonard Nimoy, Trek (4)
 15 That's! TV show with Esther Rantzen that aired from 1973 to 1994 (4)
 16 Comedian famed for TV characters including Kevin the Teenager, Harry (7)
 17 Breakfast magazine show that ran from 1993 to 2000 (1,1,1)
 18 Nigel, his TV credits include Don't Wait Up and Coronation Street (6)

- 21 Host of the Multi-Coloured Swap Shop, Edmonds (4)
 22 Pargeter, Chas Dingle in Emmerdale (4)
DOWN
 1 Cersei Lannister in Game of Thrones, Headey (4)
 2 Simon, music mogul who is a Britain's Got Talent judge (6)
 3 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown host, Jimmy (4)

- 4 William, Ken Barlow in Coronation Street (6)
 5 Channel 4 drama with Waleed Zuaiter as Iraqi detective Khafaji, Baghdad (7)
 6 They Think It's All sports quiz hosted by Nick Hancock (4)
 9 New Channel 4 show, Kevin McCloud's Rough Guide to (3,6)
 10 Sam, Chesney Brown in Coronation Street (5)
 14 Game show with hosts including Leslie Crowther, The Is Right (5)
 17 Monarch of the, drama which starred Alastair Mackenzie and Susan Hampshire (4)
 19 American soap opera which aired for 41 years, My Children (3)
 20 Meagher, Alf Stewart in Home and Away (3)
Solution in Monday's puzzle pull-out

QUIZ OF THE WEEK

- In the game of bingo, which number has the nickname 'two little ducks'?
- Which drama series features the actor Joe Absolom, right, as pub landlord Al Large?
- According to the nursery rhyme, what did Little Miss Muffet eat while sat on a tuffet?
- In which decade was the TV comedian Eddie Large born?
- What type of creature is the title character of the 1999 American film Stuart Little?



- What word follows 'Large Hadron' to form the name of the particle accelerator at the European Laboratory for Particle Physics?
- What is the surname of the four sisters in Louisa May Alcott's novel Little Women?
- What type of animal is a Large Munsterlander?
- Little Rock is the capital of which American state?

Solution in Monday's puzzle pull-out

MENTATHLON QUESTION Which two hormonal teenagers 'Go Large' in the 2000 comedy film of that title?

TRIVIA WORDSEARCH

- Which Australian actor played Mick 'Crocodile' Dundee in a series of comedy films? (4,5)
- Firth of Fifth is a track from the 1973 album Selling England by the Pound by which British prog rock group? (7)
- Who composed the light orchestral piece known as Coronation Scot, celebrating a popular express passenger service between London and Glasgow in the 1930s? (6,5)
- Which actor played Alexander Waverly in the 2015 action film The Man from U.N.C.L.E.? (4,5)
- What was the real surname of U.S.-born singer/songwriter Scott Walker? (5)
- In the bible, Saint Andrew was the brother of which other saint and apostle? (5)
- Who was the partner of U.S. criminal Clyde Barrow? (6,6)
- Which band had a UK hit in 1973 with the single Whisky in the Jar? (4,5)
- Who provides the voice of Mr Burns in the cartoon TV series The Simpsons? (5,7)
- Which British novelist started his most famous novel while living on the island of Jura in the 1940s? (6,6)

Flower o' Scotland. Solve the clues and find the answers in the grid. **Solution in Monday's puzzle pull-out**



DITLOIDS

If we asked you what "7 D of the W" stood for, you would soon guess we meant 7 Days of the Week, but what are the rather more tricky ones below? Today's theme is male British writers.

Solution in Monday's puzzle pull-out and the last one forms part of the Mentathlon solution.

- 1 U N by C D
 2 A N by L C
 4 S H N by A C D
 7 N N by C S L
 12 J B N by I F

MUDDLESOME

We've scrambled up the names of three Caribbean islands. Can you work out what they are?

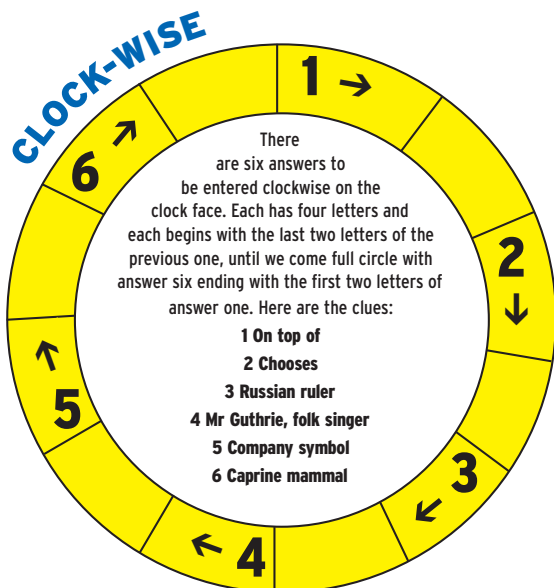
Solution in Monday's puzzle pull-out

- 1) ADD DOG TO BRITANNIA
 2) END DISENCHANTING ART EVENTS
 3) AIRMEN QUIT

WORDS

In the following passage, the numbers 12345 represent different letters: 521 and his 54522 123 first 1425521 on a Chopin 25412, 345 they 345521 heads later over 123's desire to 143 lyrics over it by German 143-step artist 452 34552. 521 325521 her the 3223 would ban the track and the 5432 ad campaign was declared a 141. Interest in their work 23321 soon after 142 to further artistic differences.

Solution in Monday's puzzle pull-out



SUMTHING

Fit the missing numbers into the grid below so that all the sums are correct - reading left to right or on single lines top to bottom. There are 11 squares to fill, with one digit in each, and the 11 digits you must use are listed beneath the grid. But where do they all go?

Solution in Monday's puzzle pull-out

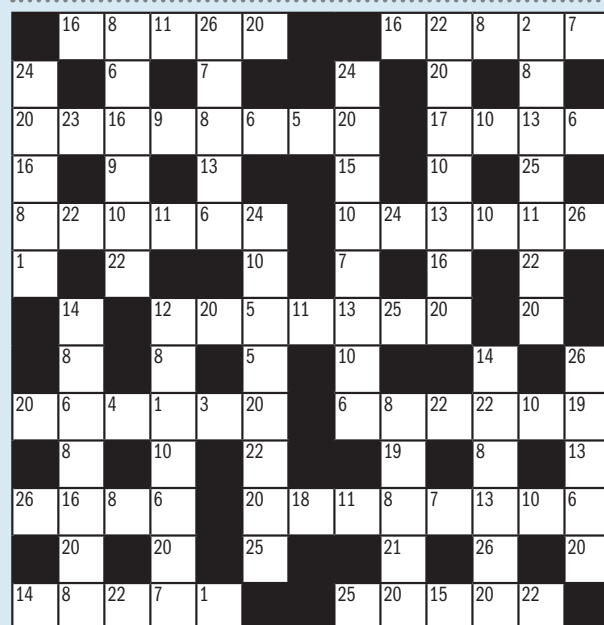
We've given you one digit - the 5 on the top row. Here are the missing digits to fit in:

2, 2, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 9

5	x	?	=	?	?
+		-		÷	
?	x	?	=	?	?
=		=		=	
?	x	?	=	?	?

The Daily Express Puzzled Mentathlon is in five parts, each consisting of a single part of one of our puzzles. Take the last letters of the answers to **DITLOIDS**, **WORDS**, **MUDDLESOME**, **QUIZ OF THE WEEK** and the last letter of the first answer in **CLOCK-WISE** - that's all five sections. Now rearrange those into a five letter name of a Middle Eastern country.

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Solution next Friday

Last Friday's solution

Across: Pheasant, Pew, Annoy, Lexicon, Pizza, Cloy, Logjam, Impact, From, Guard, Emotion, Power, Hay, Adherent.

Down: Vandal, Flesh, Hunk, Agronomy, Atypical, Ablaze, Quench, Improper, Peculiar, Swan, Windy, Tabard.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

SAMURAI SUDOKU

9	8	1	2	6	4	5	7	3
4	5	7	3	8	1	9	2	6
2	6	3	5	9	7	4	8	1
3	4	5	6	1	7	9	2	8
7	2	8	9	5	3	6	1	4
6	1	9	4	7	2	3	5	8
8	3	4	7	2	9	1	6	5
5	9	2	1	3	6	8	4	7
1	7	6	8	4	5	3	9	2
2	9	2	1	3	5	6	8	4
5	1	4	8	7	6	3	9	2
3	8	6	2	9	4	5	7	1
9	4	3	8	7	9	5	1	2
7	9	8	1	5	4	2	3	6
6	1	5	2	3	4	9	7	8
4	7	1	6	8	2	5	3	9
8	3	6	7	9	5	1	4	2
5	2	9	3	4	7	6	8	1
3	6	7	5	1	2	9	4	8
1	5	4	9	2	3	6	8	7
8	2	4	6	7	3	1	5	9

SMALL CROSSWORD

Across: 1 Just about, 7 Oboist, 9 One-time, 10 Pact, 12 Ark, 13 Shrieks, 14 Rug, 15 Rush, 17 Science, 19 Yankee, 20 Crossword.
Down: 1 Jeopardy, 2 Ulna, 3 See, 4 Abilities, 5 Bomber, 6 Users, 8 Take heed, 11 Tricks, 13 Sugar, 16 Scar, 18 NCO.

TARGET

MAJORETTE

ameer atom eater major MAJORETTE
mare mart mate mater matt matte
matter meat moat orate ramjet rate
ream roam rota rotate tame tamer
tare taro tarot tart team tear teat
tetra tram treat

WORDSEARCH

R	I	E	D	S	R	E	W	O	L	P	X	E	S	K
U	T	K	S	P	E	E	C	H	E	S	R	B	P	K
O	T	A	H	G	V	N	G	G	O	W	E	T	U	O
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I	P	Y	A	O	T	E	A	G	F	T	N	F	I	D
A	H	B	W	W	I	I	G	G	N	S	G	V	S	E
M	E	W	D	S	Q	I	D	R	E	S	X	H	F	D
Z	N	O	O	M	Y	E	N	O	H	B	E	Q	D	I
D	E	D	H	K	M	M	M	O	X	R	J	T	R	
S	S	E	R	D	Q	N	E	M	S	L	H	Y	S	B

THE ALPHABEATER

Black squares: 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 15, 19, 22, 25, 28, 32, 33, 36.

Across: Family, Values, Judge, Ski, Commonplace, Gizmo, Flesh, Traditional, Ash, Gravy, Bisque, Afters.

Down: Foist, Thumb, Medic, Zealous, Jumbo, Gnu, Ideological, Axe, Funky, Unaware, Lathe, Swipe, Chips.

CROSS DOUBT

Across: TRUCK
Down: LORRY

SUMMIT UP

89 and 92

ARROW-WORD

G	I	K	A	A	D
J	O	R	D	A	N
B	E	E	L	I	G
P	I	R	A	T	E
E	I	C	E	R	I
N	E	V	A	D	A
N	L	A	P	T	O
S	T	I	L	L	
R	C	A	G	E	
B	A	L	L	A	D
N	E	E	O	B	T
O	C	E	A	N	
E	R	R			
N	S	A	T	E	L
A	D	D	S		
E	E	E	J	E	C
C	A	N	N	O	N
R	C	H	I	L	L
A	S	C	E	N	D

THE ALPHAPUZZLE

Across: Hundred, Toss, Atlas, Roundly, Jerky, Tree, Wander, Muster, Corn, Giant, Exhaust, Amuse (clue), Pact, Polygon.

Down: Farrow, Cheap, Ugly, Anarchic, Dishevel, Eureka, Bistro, Quandary, Obdurate, Ouzo, Style, Rasher.

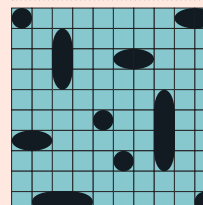
WORD BUILDER

Bar, Crab, Brace, Cabers, Bares, Base, Sea

SUDOKU EASY

2	1	7	6	9	3	5	8	4
3	9	4	8	1	5	2	7	6
5	8	6	4	7	2	1	9	3
6	4	3	1	5	8	9	2	7
1	5	2	7	3	9	6	4	8
8	7	9	2	6	4	3	1	5
9	3	8	5	4	1	7	6	2
7	2	5	9	8	6	4	3	1
4	6	1	3	2	7	8	5	9

BATTLESHIPS



QUICK CROSSWORD

Across: 1 Irrespective; 7 Sheaf; 8 Ensur; 9 Vie; 10 Desecrate; 11 Relish; 12 Fabric; 15 Somnolent; 17 Cos; 18 Elder; 19 Inter; 21 Imperfection.
Down: 1 Impoverished; 2 Sue; 3 Elfish; 4 Trenchant; 5 Vista; 6 Repercussion; 7 Smell; 10 Discourse; 13 Racer; 14 Belief; 16 Madam; 20 Tic.

SUDOKU MEDIUM

3	6	4	1	5	8	7	9	2
8	5	9	7	3	2	4	1	6
1	2	7	9	4	6	8	5	3
9	7	5	6	2	4	3	8	1
4	1	8	5	9	3	6	2	7
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7	8	3	4	1	9	2	6	5

KAKURO

SUDOKU DIFFICULT

6	5	4	9	1	7	8	3	2
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9	2	5	7	8	6	4	1	3

KEIJO

3	4	1	2
1	2	3	4
4	1	2	3
2	3	4	1

QUIZWORD

Across: 6 Sharpe's; 7 Carey; 9 Nevis; 10 Delibes; 12 Smoke Jumper; 14 Bruce Banner; 18 Garonne; 19 Scott; 21 Index; 22 Simpson.
Down: 1 Shrek; 2 Erbiun; 3 Ben; 4 Barium; 5 Jezebel; 8 Beijing; 11 Ikebana; 13 Ariadne; 15 Cooper; 16 Escape; 17 Athos; 20 Fig.

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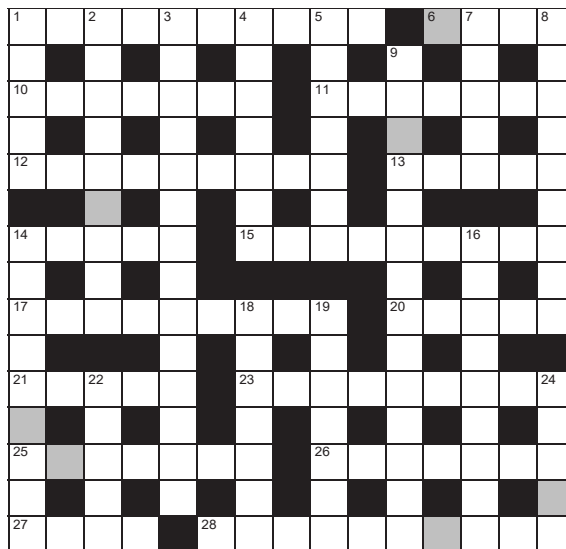
CRUSADER PRIZE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Not working is unacceptable (3,2,5)
 6 Medal used by a percussionist (4)
 10 Submissive person is too mad to work around Republican (7)
 11 Academic lie about outline (7)
 12 Begrudge having one left, one that's strong (9)
 13 Sudden wind surrounds European visitor (5)
 14 Youngster embracing trendy attractive person (3-2)
 15 Pet loped about, needing oxygen after trifle (3,6)
 17 Acted alongside actors turning socialist (2-7)
 20 More worried about wife getting garden appliance (5)
 21 Stop greeting rebellious transport leaders (5)
 23 Chap in a ship in the drink - a lot of water (6,3)
 25 Fruit transported to Capri (7)
 26 Ruin gin cocktail - get seasoning (7)
 27 One of the vital cosmetics (4)
 28 Test beagle out for an insect (4,6)

DOWN

- 1 Arrange to command (5)
 2 A great many had snouts damaged (9)
 3 Relatives exercise surgery (6,8)
 4 Forward the message 'You and I in tree - cracking time' (7)
 5 Twisting me and father with your old rapport (7)
 7 Sheepish round wine producer (5)
 8 Wonderful to tolerate some stars (5,4)
 9 In favour of generous helping as a bonus (3,4,7)
 14 Choose a role to deconstruct (4,5)
 16 Move feathers - first decrease (9)
 18 Traitor volunteers twice to return knocking (3-1-3)
 19 Debonair in a hurry (7)
 22 Force loner to sign up (5)
 24 Suspend head, missing viewpoint (5)



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WEDNESDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Digicam, 5 Beastly, 9 Misquoted, 10 Growl, 11 Acrylic, 12 Toronto, 13 Periodic table, 18 Paddle steamer, 20 Caravan, 23 Accuser, 25 Mayan, 26 Withering, 27 Nankeen, 28 Car seat. **DOWN:** 1 Demean, 2 Gastropod, 3 Cruel, 4 Motocross, 5 Bidet, 6 Algorithm, 7 Thorn, 8 Yellowed, 14 Relevance, 15 Inelastic, 16 Berkshire, 17 Spaceman, 19 Wright, 21 Rayon, 22 No-win, 24 Clear. **Prizeword:** Sequins

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 11; very good 17; excellent 24 (or more). **Solution on Monday**

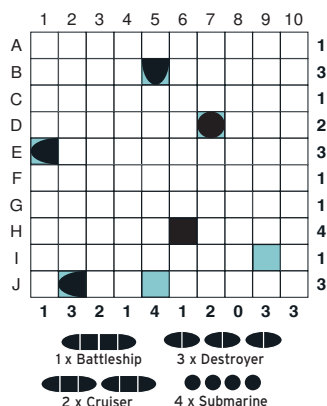
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BATTLESHIPS

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 on Monday



THE ALPHABEATER

TARGET TIME: 38 minutes

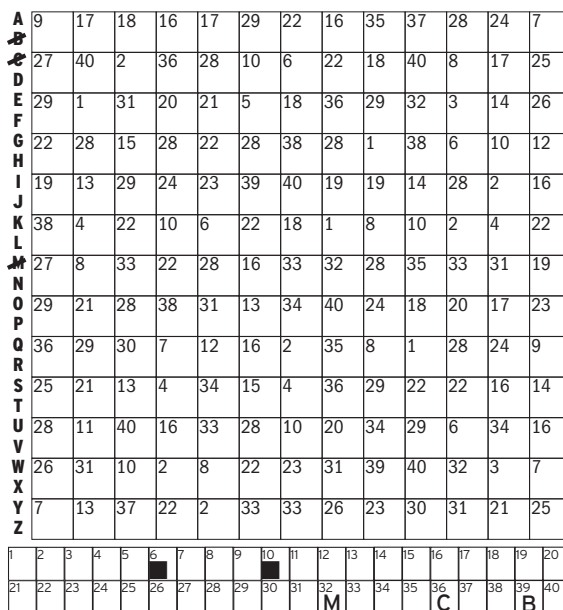
CAN you crack the Alphabeater? Each grid number represents a letter - or black square. As in Alphapuzzle, every letter of the alphabet is used. But you have to complete the grid too! Use the given letters and black squares below the grid to start. The grid is 'rotationally symmetrical' - in other words, it looks the same if you turn the page upside down.

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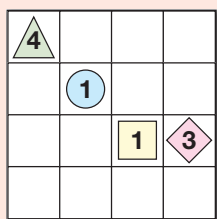
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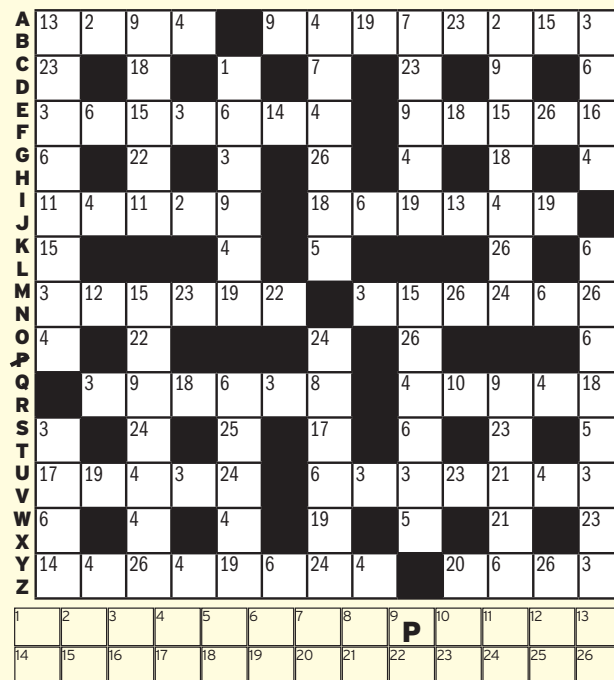
Place the tiles into the grid so that four different numbers and four different shapes appear in each row and column.

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DIFFICULTY: 6/10; **TARGET:** 20 mins; **CLUE:** Extreme bishop holds back order for jazz.



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