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**CORONAVIRUS
TOTAL HITS 87**

After UK's biggest daily spike in cases, chief medical officer warns...

'NOTHING CAN STOP' VIRUS SWEEPING BRITAIN

CORONAVIRUS will inevitably claim lives as it spreads across Britain.

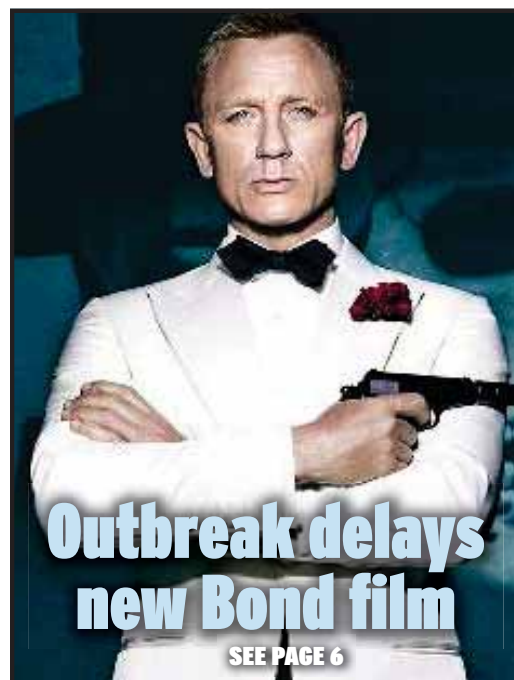
The grim forecast by the chief

By **Giles Sheldrick** and **Macer Hall**
medical officer came as cases of the disease jumped by 36 yesterday – the biggest daily increase

so far – taking the total number of infections to 87.

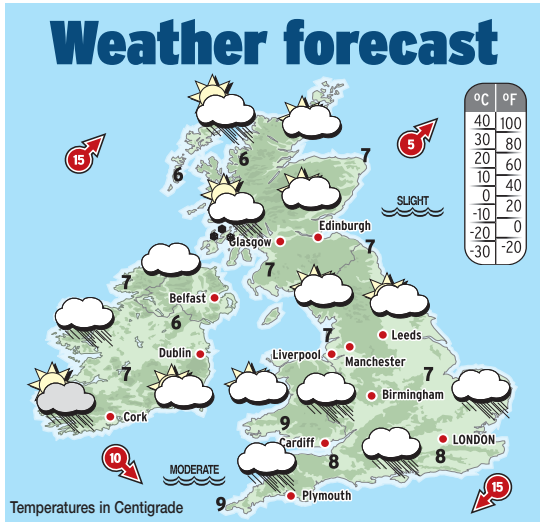
Professor Chris Whitty delivered the news to a nation alarmed by the rapid

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Outbreak delays new Bond film

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North West: Scattered showers are expected, especially later. Light winds. High 8C (46F).

Northern Ireland: Bright with spells of sunshine, but also light showers. Light winds. High 7C (45F).

Wales: Patchy cloud and a scattering of showers, these mostly light. Light winds. High 10C (50F).

Midlands: A largely dry morning but light rain is expected after midday. Light winds. High 7C (45F).

North East/Yorks: Scattered heavy showers, especially during the afternoon. Light winds. High 8C (46F).

Scotland: Cloudy with showers in the west, but drier and clearer further east with some sunshine. High 7C (45F).

East Anglia: Scattered heavy showers, especially during the afternoon. Light winds. High 8C (46F).

London/South East: Wet with rain and drizzle, mostly light and patchy though. Gentle southerly winds. High 8C (46F).

South: Cloudy with outbreaks of rain or drizzle, mostly quite light. Gentle easterly winds. High 7C (45F).

South West: Wet with drizzle or rain at times, mainly light in nature. Brisk westerly winds. High 12C (54F).

Channel Isles: Dull and grey with outbreaks of light rain and drizzle. Fresh south-easterly winds. High 11C (52F).

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

UK OUTLOOK TOMORROW: Plenty of sunny spells at first, but patchy cloud will build for a time during the day. Occasional scattered showers moving in from the west.

SIX-DAY FORECAST		Temperatures in Centigrade						
		FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	
		min max	min max	min max	min max	min max	min max	
London		3 8		8 12		5 11		6 13
Belfast		3 7		5 11		4 8		6 13
Birmingham		2 8		7 11		3 10		5 10
Cardiff		2 10		9 12		6 10		6 11
Glasgow		3 7		7 10		4 8		4 8
Manchester		2 7		7 11		4 9		4 9
Newcastle		0 8		6 10		3 9		2 8
Norwich		0 8		7 9		4 11		5 12
Plymouth		6 9		8 11		7 10		7 10

Britain yesterday		Moon, sun and tides	
Aberdeen	6.4 0.00 -2 7	Glasgow	5.7 0.01 0 9
Aberporth	1.1 0.15 3 7	Hull	4.0 0.00 -1 9
Alnwick	5.3 0.00 1 8	Isleworth	2.8 0.01 0 8
Belfast	9.3 0.00 -1 9	Leeds	4.9 0.00 0 8
Birmingham	2.1 0.08 1 6	Lincoln	3.5 0.00 1 8
B'outh	0.2 0.20 1 8	London	0.0 0.16 0 8
Bristol	1.2 0.11 4 7	Manchester	0.8 0.00 -1 8
Cardiff	0.0 0.29 5 6	Oxford	0.1 0.20 0 7
Durham	6.1 0.00 0 8	Sharnbrook	0.8 0.02 4 8
Edinburgh	5.3 0.01 -1 8	St Andrews	7.1 0.00 -3 8
Britain extremes:		Lighting-up times	
(24 hours to 2pm yesterday)			
Warmest: St Mary's 11C (52F)		Glasgow	6.00pm-6.54am
Coldest: Wigginton -10C (14F)		London	5.48pm-6.34am
Wettest: Plymouth 0.39in.		Manchester	5.55pm-6.44am
Sunniest: Thomastown 8.4hr.		Newcastle	5.50pm-6.42am

Europe forecast		Tomorrow	
Amsterdam	Rain 8C/46F	Amsterdam	8C/46F
Brussels	Rain 8C/46F	Brussels	7C/45F
Dublin	Fair 7C/45F	Dublin	7C/45F
Frankfurt	Rain 8C/46F	Frankfurt	8C/46F
Geneva	Showers 11C/52F	Geneva	8C/46F
Lisbon	Fair 17C/63F	Lisbon	15C/59F
Madrid	Cloudy 17C/63F	Madrid	13C/55F
Paris	Showers 12C/54F	Paris	13C/55F
Rome	Fair 14C/57F	Rome	15C/59F

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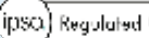
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Grenfell refurb 'made situation worse'



Concerns... Grenfell Tower

THE refurbishment plan for Grenfell Tower was described as "making a *** condition worse" by fire safety experts, an inquiry has heard.

Internal emails from Exova – a firm recruited to give fire safety advice – detailed concerns about the design for the block in Kensington, west London, by architects Studio E.

It explained the design was "adding additional levels which merges uses

By Caitlin Doherty

around a single stair", which was "not great".

Cate Cooney emailed a colleague after a chat with architect Bruce Soules in 2012. She also pointed out there was no plan to install sprinklers.

The email, read to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry yesterday, said: "They are making an existing *** condition worse, so it's a matter of working the

worse bits out and making the new stuff work." Mr Soules said the email "raises a level of concern I was not aware of" and he expected "the fire consultant to recommend or building control to advise any requirement".

On Tuesday, the inquiry into the 2017 fire, which killed 72, heard Mr Soules could not recall whether he knew of different fire safety rules for high-rises.

The hearings continue.

Record numbers join workplace pensions

A RECORD number of employees were members of a workplace pension scheme last year, official figures show.

However, while the number of those saving in pensions has grown, millions of workers are still saving at inadequate levels, experts have warned.

Figures from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) show that 77 per cent of employees are now enrolled in a workplace pension scheme.

This compares with 47 per cent in 2012, the year that automatic enrolment into workplace pensions started.

For the first time since records began in 1997, there are now more members of defined contribution (DC) schemes than defined benefit (DB) schemes such as final salary pensions.

Some 26.8 per cent of employees were members of occupational DB schemes in 2019, while for occupa-

By Sarah O'Grady
Social Affairs Correspondent

tional DC schemes the percentage was 27.7 per cent.

DC schemes are the type of pension that employers will often enrol workers into under automatic enrolment. Rather than promising workers a certain level of income in retirement, the people saving into them bear the risk of how much they will receive.

The ONS report also highlighted a pension membership gender gap within the private sector with more men (77 per cent) having a workplace pension than women (69 per cent).

Workplace pension membership for full-time employees was higher in the public sector than the private sector.

Tom Selby, a senior analyst at AJ Bell, said: "Automatic enrolment has

succeeded in dramatically boosting the number of people saving into a workplace pension.

"The fact there are now more defined contribution scheme members than defined benefit is testimony both to the success of auto-enrolment and the continuing demise of guaranteed pensions in the private sector."

Alistair McQueen, head of savings and retirement at Aviva, warned: "While a record number are saving in pensions, millions are still saving at inadequate levels, and many are missing out – either because they are too young, low-earners or self-employed."

"Recent Aviva research amongst UK workers aged 45-plus suggests 45 per cent are worried they will not have an adequate retirement income."

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Biden eyes White House after wins

Pictures: GETTY

By News Reporter

JOE Biden vowed to "send Donald Trump packing" after staging a remarkable comeback in his presidential campaign.

Mr Biden, 77, won nine of the 14 states that voted to pick a Democratic White House candidate on Super Tuesday.

The former US vice-president overturned predictions to narrowly take the key state of Texas from his main challenger, Bernie Sanders.

Only last month, Mr Biden's campaign was all but written off after he finished fourth in the Iowa caucuses and fifth in the New Hampshire primary.

But, on Tuesday, Mr Biden won Texas – the second biggest state with 228



Joe Biden celebrates victory and, below, Elizabeth Warren

delegates – along with Massachusetts, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Alabama,

Tennessee, North Carolina and Virginia. Rivals Mr Biden and Mr Sanders

now lead the race to face Republican President Donald Trump in the election in November.

Mr Biden, who was vice-president to Barack Obama, said: "We are very much alive. Make no mistake about it, this campaign will send Donald Trump packing."

Another of Biden's rivals, billionaire Michael Bloomberg, dropped out of the presidential race yesterday. The former New

York mayor spent more than £380million of his own money on the campaign, but did not win a single state.

Senator Elizabeth Warren, once the frontrunner in the race, suffered a humiliating defeat to Mr Biden in her home state of Massachusetts.

Super Tuesday awards more than 1,300 of the 1,991 delegates needed to clinch the Democratic White House nomination in July.



Melania and President Donald Trump in puppet form for the new series

Rubber souls! Spitting Image returns to TV

By Mark Jefferies

SPITTING Image is returning to our screens after 24 years, with Boris Johnson, Donald Trump and the Duke and Duchess of Sussex among those to be ridiculed.

A new version of the comedy puppet show will air this autumn on streaming service BritBox.

The original ran for 18 series between 1984 and 1996 and was watched by 15 million viewers in its heyday.

Rubber recreations of Margaret Thatcher, John Major, Ronald Reagan and Paul Gascoigne were among the characters as the show became a smash hit.

The new cast includes Boris Johnson, his chief adviser Dominic Cummings, President Trump and his wife Melania, Beyonce, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex and the Duke of York.

Also set for humiliation are Russian president Vladimir Putin, Adele, James Corden and Ant and Dec.

The programme is the first to be commissioned by BritBox UK, the streaming service launched by the BBC and ITV.

Spitting Image co-creator Roger



Law is back on board as the show's executive producer.

He quipped: "I've refused to resuscitate Spitting Image for years, but when my pension ran out and my palm was crossed with silver, what could an old man do?"

"The new Spitting Image will be global through a uniquely British eye. "It will be

Originals...Margaret Thatcher and footballer Paul Gascoigne



Duke and Duchess of Sussex, top, Vladimir Putin, left, and Ant and Dec in show. Above, Dominic Cummings sketch

more outrageous, audacious and salacious than the previous incarnation. With scandalous scripts and A-list characters, it will be the people's programme.

"We will take back control from BoJo, Trump, Harry and Meghan and Kim Kardashian.

"We will be dazzled and amazed by Jurgen Klopp and Beyonce, we will have regular weather updates from Greta Thunberg.

"The timing is right,

the puppets are ready, the people have spoken.

"And the message for the doomsayers and gloomsters is, this autumn we will get BritBox done."

A statement from the programme makers said: "With the world getting smaller and more turbulent, the time couldn't be more appropriate for an iconic British satirical take on global events."

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The Ritz has been a part of London life for 114 years

Puttin' on the Ritz...hotel yours for £1bn

By August Graham

GLITZ, glamour and style, The Ritz has it all. And now the iconic London hotel is the target of a £1billion bidding war.

The Grade II-listed landmark in Piccadilly, one of the world's most exclusive five-star locations, has been the subject of a number of offers.

And the Ritz, which opened in 1906, could be sold amid a family feud surrounding its

billionaire owners, the secretive 85-year-old Barclay twins, Sir Frederick and Sir David.

The news comes a week after the High Court heard allegations that Sir Frederick had been recorded secretly for months after a nephew bugged the conservatory of the hotel.

Yesterday Sir Frederick said: "I take great pride in the Ritz

Hotel and its success ever since I personally wrote a £7.5million cheque as down payment in 1995. There are 450 employees who do a fantastic job.

"There have been a number of competing offers in excess of £1billion. I have no doubt such offers will be considered so that the Ritz is sold at the right time and for a proper price.

"A sale below the proper value would give rise to further

litigation. I am deeply shocked and saddened about recent events involving unethical conduct and intrusion into my privacy. I hope we can get these family matters resolved."

The twins bought the hotel for £80million from Trafalgar House in October 1995 via their firm Ellerman Investments.

They spent eight years and some £40million restoring it to "its former grandeur".

'It's almost inevitable that

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spread of the potentially deadly respiratory infection.

Prof Whitty said: "It is almost certain there will be more cases in the UK, probably a lot more cases, and we would expect some deaths."

"It's much more likely than not that we're going to deal with a significant epidemic."

Last night the epidemic was thought to have brought the airline Flybe to the brink of collapse.

Planes were last night grounded at Glasgow and passengers were turned away amid fears the ailing airline will go bust with 2,000 jobs at risk.

The Exeter-based low-cost carrier was hit by a slump in bookings following the outbreak of



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coronavirus. It risks falling into administration as early as today as it struggles to secure a £100million loan.

It came as medical experts warned last night it is likely there will be dozens of undiagnosed coronavirus cases, which could spread the disease further.

Last night, a government source confirmed a UK-wide outbreak was inescapable. The source said: "In reality, that does look inevitable. Significantly more cases have been identified."

"Both the Prime Minister and the Health Secretary have said they do expect this to get worse. We are prepared for this."

Latest figures show there have been 95,178 cases of coronavirus globally and 3,254 deaths. Health officials refused to reveal exactly

Store chiefs tell shoppers 'don't panic' as shelves are cleared

SUPERMARKETS have urged shoppers not to panic buy and said popular goods will not run out because of coronavirus.

Anxious consumers continued to strip shelves of a range of items, including hand sanitisers and toilet rolls.

But the British Retail Consortium – representing Tesco, Sainsbury's, Asda, Morrisons, Waitrose, Aldi and Lidl – said

supply lines had already been protected. Andrew Opie, BRC director, said: "The availability of products remains good."

"Retailers are working closely with their suppliers to monitor consumer behaviour to anticipate changes in demand."

But there were still reports of rice, pasta and Pot Noodles all being bought in bulk. Face masks were also flying off the

shelves while some Boots imposed a two-bottle limit on antibacterial hand gel.

One opportunist online seller was offering a £3 250ml bottle of Mr Men Sherbet Lemon Handwash for £199.99 as tweets on sanitisers trended on Twitter.

Customers also bought paracetamol, ibuprofen and immune-system boosting tablets to counter coronavirus symptoms.

whereabouts in the UK the infected patients were diagnosed but said 80 have been in England, three in Scotland, three in Northern Ireland and one in Wales.

One of the cases is a female NHS worker in her 30s in Cumbria who caught the virus while on a family holiday in Italy.

Three other workers in the health service are known to be among the 87 infected. This follows cases in Bury, Wirral, Swansea, Brighton, Gloucestershire, Devon, Berkshire, West Sussex, Surrey,

Kent, London, Essex, Hertfordshire, Leeds, Bradford, York and Belfast.

Prof Whitty, England and Wales chief medical officer, said: "If we get established transmission in the UK, which I think at this time is more likely than not, then there will be a number of weeks until we start to see a significant amount of transmission."

"The key thing is we will need to do a variety of interventions. But we do not want to do them too early, because we'll then need to sustain them through the epi-

demic. So what we're trying to do is plan to do them at exactly the right point to minimise social disruption, but still manage to reduce the impact of this epidemic."

"With all epidemics, what happens is they start off very slowly and then they gradually gather momentum and then they suddenly go up relatively fast."

The main health advice to combat the spread is frequent handwashing with hot water and soap, avoiding close contact with people who are ill and not touching

your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

Public Health England said there could be an effective ban on handshakes as Britain braces itself for the mass arrival of the virus.

PHE medical director Prof Paul Cosford said: "We may get to a point where if we see more widespread infection, we ask people to limit the social contact they have with each other."

Boris Johnson last night spoke to French President Emmanuel Macron to discuss cross-Channel

Sick pay from first day of quarantine

EMPLOYEES forced into quarantine because of suspected coronavirus will be entitled to sick pay from the first day off work, Boris Johnson has announced.

In the Commons, the Prime Minister yesterday indicated that emergency changes to employment law are to be introduced to prevent workers from losing cash.

During Prime Minister's Questions Mr Johnson said those who self-isolate may lose out, "so I can today announce that the Health Secretary will bring

By **Macer Hall**

forward, as part of our emergency coronavirus legislation, measures to allow the payment of statutory sick pay from the very first day you are sick, instead of four days under the current rules."

He also said ministers were working to make sick pay available to workers without full-time jobs.

But Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn claimed the move was inadequate, not covering the low-paid and or self-employed

workers, and those on Universal Credit. He said: "No one should have to choose between health and hardship. This is a matter of public health concern for everybody."

Also, Mr Johnson indicated that emergency measures for Parliament could be announced in the next few days.

He said health chiefs "will be saying a little bit more in the next couple of days about what we are going to do to delay the advance of coronavirus in Parliament and in other large gatherings".

VIRUS HAS MUTATED INTO TWO STRAINS

THE coronavirus has mutated into at least two separate strains, one more aggressive than the other, which will make it harder to keep track off and treat, according to Chinese scientists.

The team of researchers from Beijing and Shanghai said 70 per cent of people have caught the most aggressive strain of the virus but that this causes such severe symptoms that it had not spread as widely because patients were quickly hospitalised.



A Tube traveller yesterday

there will be some deaths'

CORONAVIRUS: IN BRIEF

● **THE Queen ditched her gloves yesterday for audiences at Buckingham Palace – but she will be following government advice on washing hands amid the coronavirus outbreak.**

The 93-year-old monarch unusually wore large white gloves at a palace investiture on Tuesday.

But she was back to being bare-handed for one-to-one audiences with President of Malta George Vella in the Palace's 1844 room and Cuban Ambassador Barbara Montalvo Alvarez.

A source has said that the palace is following official guidelines, making it likely that the Queen will be using hand sanitiser regularly.

● **THE London Book Fair – one of the largest trade fairs in the world – has been cancelled by organisers. It was due to take place at Olympia London from March 10 to 12.**

Organiser Reed Exhibitions tweeted: "The effects, actual and projected, of coronavirus are becoming evident across all aspects of our lives here in the UK and across the world, with many of our participants facing travel restrictions."

"We have been following UK Government guidelines and so it is with reluctance that we have taken the decision not to go ahead with this year's event."

They pledged to be back next year "better than ever".

cooperation to tackle the virus. Under battle plans being drawn up for a worst case scenario, millions could be forced to work from home. Officials fear up to a fifth of Britain's 30 million workforce could be off sick during the impending peak of the epidemic.

The Department of Health said last night: "We want to ensure any steps taken to protect the public during the outbreak are proportionate and do not come at an unnecessary social or economic cost."

Fear goes to panicking commuters' heads



A woman travels by bus with a container on her head

By News Reporter

PANICKING commuters have resorted to wearing storage boxes and plastic bags over their heads as they come up with novel ways to avoid contracting coronavirus.

Photos, circulated on social media, show people coming up with creative ways of covering their noses and mouths in a bid to avoid contamination, as medical experts warn surgical face masks are ineffective at keeping the virus at bay.

One train passenger in a heavy duty gas mask was spotted on the platform at Milton Keynes station, while a Londoner adopted the same approach on the Tube.

Smuggle

Others adopted more rudimentary protection. A woman was seen on a bus with a plastic storage container over her head while a man was spotted wearing a shopping bag.

Dr Stephen Griffin, of the University of Leeds, said: "Standard face masks provide relatively little protection from respiratory aerosols – they can stop larger droplets and some studies have estimated a five-fold protection versus no barrier alone."

Two British men have reportedly been arrested in Morocco trying to smuggle face masks back to the UK.

A lorry driver was caught with 100,000 face masks with an estimated value of £2.6million.

In a separate incident, another Briton was arrested at Agadir Airport attempting to fly to Britain with 17,000 face masks.



A shopping bag gives some protection



A Tube passenger wears a gas mask



Testing time... drive-in centre at Antrim Hospital yesterday

'Not enough nurses to look after us all'

THE NHS has a shortfall of more than 43,000 nurses, a report will reveal today.

The stark warning from the National Audit Office also flags up a "significant time lag" of at least three to four years before policies to train new nurses have an impact.

Despite overall numbers in the NHS in England increasing by five per cent during the past decade, there were over 43,590 vacancies reported by NHS trusts in July to September 2019.

That is about 12 per cent of the

entire nursing workforce. Public Accounts Committee chairwoman Meg Hillier, said: "As the coronavirus spreads, the importance of the NHS and nurses who look after us becomes ever more apparent."

"Plans to increase the numbers of nurses starting degrees have failed to meet expectations."

She added that the NHS People Plan, expected in the spring, "must be fully funded and finally start to tackle the real reasons why there are not enough nurses".

Susan Masters, the Royal College

of Nursing's director of nursing, policy and practice, said: "There simply aren't enough nurses joining the profession in England to look after the health of the population."

"Next week's Budget is the perfect opportunity for the Government to respond to the workforce problems of NHS and social care."

A Department of Health and Social Care spokesperson said: "There are already record numbers of nurses in our NHS, up by over 8,000 compared to the same time last year."

By Mark Reynolds

ITALY is closing all schools and universities for at least 10 days after its coronavirus death toll shot up to more than 100.

As the virus continued its relentless spread around the world, worried Italian Prime Minister, Giuseppe Conte, announced a raft of new measures to combat the outbreak.

They included sending home millions of pupils and students until March 15 when the country hit worst by the virus in Europe reviews the situation.

Such an unprecedented move came as Italian authorities revealed there had been 2,706 cases and 107 deaths, including more than 49 in the past 24 hours alone.

The country's civil protection service chief Angelo Borrelli later stressed that 276 of those people infected had now recovered.

Meanwhile Iran saw 15 new deaths from the virus overnight, bringing the total there to 92.

Ayatollah Khamenei responded to criticism that his regime was burying its head in the sand.

He said: "Our officials have reported with sincerity and transparency since day one."

"However, some countries where the outbreak has been more serious have tried to hide it."

Iran's outbreak, which he downplayed as "temporary" was something that "will not last long in the country and will pack up".

But as nations continued to battle the spread of the virus, soldiers were seen spraying the streets of South Korea with disinfectant.

Italy closes all universities and schools as death toll soars to 107

Pictures: GETTY, EPA

NO TIME TO THRILL...BOSSSES SHAKEN AND STIRRED AS £200M BOND FILM IS DELAYED



A woman in a face mask walks past a poster for the film in Thailand's capital Bangkok

THE release of new James Bond film *No Time To Die* has been delayed from next month until the autumn amid Covid-19 fears.

Bond producers Michael G Wilson and Barbara Broccoli said the decision was made "after careful consideration and thorough evaluation of the global theatrical marketplace".

The movie, which cost £200million to make, will now be out in the UK on November 12 and in the US two weeks later. Its world premiere was set for March 31 at the Royal Albert Hall.

The 25th film in the franchise will mark Daniel Craig's fifth and final time as the spy.

It is directed by Cary Joji Fukunaga – and *Fleabag* creator Phoebe Waller-Bridge was called in to improve the script.

Bond is enjoying life in Jamaica when old CIA friend Felix Leiter, played by Jeffrey Wright, seeks help.

WORLDWIDE LATEST

CASES **95,178**

DEATHS **3,254**

There is no evidence such measures could stop the virus.

In China, authorities yesterday confirmed 119 new cases and 38 more deaths – the majority in the province of Hubei, where the virus first emerged in December.

In total, the country at the epicentre of the outbreak has now reported more than 80,000 infections and almost 3,000 deaths.

Although the vast majority of cases remain in China, the virus is now spreading faster outside the country than within its borders.

Authorities in Hong Kong yesterday sent two chartered flights to repatriate citizens from Wuhan.

Elsewhere, Argentina and Chile also reported their first cases of coronavirus.

A 43-year-old man who had travelled to Italy was the first case in Argentina, while a 33-year-old Chilean male had spent a month in South East Asia.

The Argentine patient has been in isolation since arriving at a clinic in Buenos Aires.

A masked kiss in Rome



Aires. The Chilean man's symptoms are said to be "quite light".

Meanwhile, India reported 17 new cases, bringing the total to 28.

But the government stressed that it had already screened 600,000 people for the virus at its air and sea ports and put

more than 27,000 people "under surveillance" across the country.

Health minister Harsh Vardhan said India was "the first country in the world to prepare for an outbreak" as it began screening on January 17, two weeks before the World Health Organisation declared an emergency.

He said: "India is thoroughly prepared to handle any situation that could emerge."

But experts warned that the world's second most populous country would face considerable challenges if it tried to place peo-

ple in mass quarantine as China has successfully done.

They also fear India's creaky public health system would find it difficult to accommodate potentially thousands of extra patients.

Saudi Arabia yesterday announced residents of the Gulf Kingdom were barred from taking pilgrimages to Mecca as a precaution against the spread of coronavirus, state media reported.

Last week, it took the unprecedented step of barring foreigners from visiting Mecca and Medina.

Elsewhere, dozens of people who

attended a football match last week in Tel Aviv have been ordered to self-quarantine, Israeli news website Ynet reports.

A teenager among a crowd of away fans at the game between Maccabi Tel Aviv and Hapoel Tel Aviv was infected with coronavirus, Israel's health ministry confirmed yesterday.

The teenager is believed to have contracted the virus from the manager of a toy store who had visited Italy and earlier tested positive.

"He is currently in isolation in his room and hasn't been in con-

GLOBAL CRISIS

Pictures: EPA, GETTY



St Peter's Square usually throngs with tens of thousands of visitors but yesterday only a handful of people were there as Italy is hit by the worst virus outbreak in all of Europe



The famous Spanish Steps in Rome, which are usually a tourist hotspot, inset, were deserted yesterday as the streets emptied. In Milan famous shopping areas were also left empty

tact with the rest of the household [since testing positive]," the boy's mother said, adding that her son had a stuffy nose and a cough, but no fever.

Closer to home, there were two new cases in Northern Ireland, bringing the total number there to three since testing began.

Both of those infected are adults, with one recently returning from northern Italy, officials say.

The second person was in contact with someone in the UK who had tested positive for Covid-19. The cases are not connected.



Armanda Bottini Campolunghi, 81

'Iron grandmother' defies disease

AN 81-year-old Italian woman who contracted coronavirus has recovered after spending a week in hospital, Italian media reported yesterday.

Armanda Bottini Campolunghi started showing the first symptoms of the virus on February 26.

Her family were worried as the grandmother suffers

from Type 2 diabetes and had recently fractured her thigh bone.

Ms Campolunghi was taken to hospital in the northern region of Lombardy.

Her body reacted well to the antiviral treatments and she remained determined throughout her stay in hospital.

By last Sunday, elderly Ms

Campolunghi had already tested negative for Covid-19.

Family member Mattia Cagnazzi, 23, said: "We thought it would be impossible for her to survive. My grandmother has proven that it is possible to recover from coronavirus."

Doctors described the woman as the "iron grandmother".

William pledges Brexit will

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From **Richard Palmer**
Royal Correspondent, in Dublin

THE Duke of Cambridge has promised that the Royal Family will play its part in "preserving and strengthening the bond" between Britain and Ireland.

The future King, on the second day of his historic visit to Dublin, was attempting to enhance the link between the two countries ahead of Brexit trade negotiations with the European Union.

William, 37, said: "The changing relationship between the UK and the EU will require us to work together, to ensure that the relationship between Ireland and the UK remains just as strong."

"Legal treaties are vital in underpinning the relationships between states. But relationships between people are equally, if not more, essential, especially between the people of our two countries, whose lives, histories and futures are so deeply intertwined."

Prosperous

"I am confident that friendship, understanding and a shared vision for a peaceful and prosperous future will ensure that the unique and precious bond between our people is not broken."

"My family is determined to continue playing our part in protecting, preserving and strengthening that bond."

He and Kate, 38, were dispatched to Ireland on a delicate diplomatic mission by the Foreign Office to follow in the footsteps of the Queen's historic state visit in 2011.

That trip nine years ago set the seal on the Northern Irish peace process and triggered five tours to the republic by Prince Charles and Camilla plus one by the Duke and Duchess of Sussex in 2018.

British officials believe the Royal Family's unique position, plus its sad history of Lord Mountbatten's 1979 assassination by the IRA, make the Queen and her relatives



KATE AND WILLIS COOKING UP A STORM

WILLIAM and Kate washed their hands and donned aprons before helping four teenagers prepare a meal for around 16 children and relatives.

Kate said: "Do you cook any vaguely healthy things?" as they peeled carrots at Savannah House, a family respite centre run by the social justice charity Extern, in Clane, County Kildare.

William asked the boys if they liked pancakes as Shrove Tuesday has just been and gone. He said "I tried to get my children to eat pancakes but they weren't so interested this year. Maybe next year."

While playing table tennis with the children, Kate said: "We try to do this at home but our dog keeps catching the ping pong balls."

Earlier, about 200 residents gathered at the Londis store in nearby town Prosperous when the royal couple made a supposedly secret visit to help the home's youngsters buy ingredients for soup.



invaluable ambassadors for maintaining ties between the nations.

William and Kate did face isolated protests yesterday from Irish republicans opposed to such visits during a trip to Howth Cliffs north of Dublin.

But, with security tight during their three days, crowds of well-wishers have also turned out.

The Duke's speech came at a reception hosted by Ireland's Tanaiste, the deputy head of the

Government, Simon Coveney, at the Museum of Literature.

William added: "Growing up, I remember seeing the Troubles that took place, which affected so many people across the UK and Ireland."

"This explains why one of the profound moments for Catherine and me took place yesterday at the Garden of Remembrance."

"It was a reminder of the complexity of our history and that, as my grandmother said during her

visit, 'Our islands have experienced more than their fair share of heartache'. But it was also a reminder about how far we have come."

"It is right that we continue to remember those who suffered as a consequence of our troubled past. And whilst many wrongs have been done, it is important that we are not bound by these."

"Today, our relationship goes far beyond two countries that are simply neighbours. 'We are firm

friends and equal partners', my grandmother put it. The links between our people, businesses and our culture are inextricable, and we should all be proud to see how strong those bonds are."

Michael Creed, the country's minister for agriculture, said: "It's our long-term mission to have a close relationship with the UK, including a trading relationship."

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not break bond with Ireland



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Kate tried her hand at table tennis during the visit to meet young people at the Extern charity yesterday



Charles and Camilla are joined by local school children on their journey

Charles and Camilla join London's double deckers

By Russell Myers

PRINCE Charles and Camilla ditched their Jaguar for a ride on an electric London double decker bus yesterday.

The royal couple, who are helping to mark 20 years of Transport for London (TfL), boarded the bus outside their home at Clarence House at a temporary bus stop.

They were joined on the 10-minute journey to the London Transport Museum by local schoolchildren, who are part of a scheme run by TfL promoting safe, active and sustainable travel.

At the museum Camilla stepped briefly into an old air raid shelter which was on display and quipped, in an apparent reference to coronavirus: "I'm self-isolating."



The royal couple, inset, joined the bus outside Clarence House

Picture: TIM MERRY



Kate Osborne and Christopher Head in Downing Street yesterday

Petition to get justice for postmasters over 'thefts' goes to No10

A PETITION demanding justice for hundreds of sub-postmasters wrongly accused of theft was handed in to Downing Street yesterday.

Victims and MPs want a public

By **David Pilditch**

inquiry over the Post Office scandal, which was caused by computer software defects.

Staff were pursued for 20 years after being suspected of stealing from their own tills, leading to jailings, bankruptcies, family breakdowns and suicides.

Former sub-postmaster Christopher Head, who lost more than £250,000 in his own battle with the Post Office, led a delegation to deliver his petition which received over 5,000 backers.

Mr Head, from West Boldon, Tyne and Wear, said: "We are calling on this Government to start a full public inquiry so those that have suffered enormously can get the answers, accountability and justice they deserve."

"Lives were destroyed, businesses lost, homes repossessed – all down to a total cover-up of the truth."

Glitches

"We need to ensure all those responsible are held to account and all those who suffered are compensated for losses they had no control over due to a failing IT system, draconian contracts and horrific actions by the Post Office."

Accounting discrepancies blamed on staff turned out to be the fault of glitches in the Post Office's Horizon computer system.

Mr Head, who became one of Britain's youngest sub-postmasters when he took over his local newsagents, had his home searched after he was accused of fraud over an alleged shortfall of £88,000.

He added: "It has had a devastating impact on my life."

Mr Head was joined by his MP Kate Osborne, who last week won an assurance from Boris Johnson that the issue would be investigated. She said: "There has been an awful lot of suffering. People need compensation."

The petition comes as MPs said they will launch their own investigation into the scandal.

COMMENT LORD ARBUTHNOT

Supporter of sub-postmasters

THE Post Office's treatment of sub-postmasters has been a shame on our country.

You and I own this organisation. We have a duty to make sure it acts properly and treats its representatives fairly. So far we have failed.

The Post Office introduced a new computerised accounting system. That alone should have rung alarm bells. What Government computer system has been without its flaws? And Horizon had flaws aplenty.

Shortly after this new system came in sub-postmasters began to find mistakes in their accounts.

The Post Office Help Desk – on those rare occasions the sub-postmasters could get through – was no help.

And money began to go missing, thousands, sometimes hundreds of thousands, of pounds.

At this stage the alarm bells should have been deafening. These sub-postmasters weren't criminals. They were pillars of their communities.

In many cases they were told that he or she was the only person who was going through this problem.

They were dragged through the courts, often being made bankrupt, losing their businesses and reputations. Some went to prison.

This is not British justice, and I am delighted that at last it seems the Government has woken up to the fact.

Tory MPs warn of 'disaster' if fuel duty soars in Budget

By **Sam Lister** Deputy Political Editor

green cars but not hit families and working people hard.

"It would be an absolute disaster if we went back on what we said at the election."

Conservative MP Jack Lopresti said: "If we renege on it this year or next, it will diminish our credibility."

The freeze has cost the Treasury about £8 billion a year but saved the average driver £1,000.

● A cleaner form of petrol, E10, is set to go on sale at filling stations from next year under Government plans to cut pollution.

AA president Edmund King said: "It will radically help to cut carbon and greenhouse gas emissions."

FURIOUS Tories have told the new Chancellor that raising fuel duty in next week's Budget would be an "absolute disaster".

Rishi Sunak is poised to state that prices at the pump will go up, possibly from next year.

But MPs warned any increase would undermine the party's credibility after Prime Minister Boris Johnson insisted he had "absolutely no intention" of putting up the levy during the election.

Mr Sunak could announce the end of a decade of fuel duty freezes as part of reforms to boost Britain's environmental credentials.

But Tory MP Robert Halfon said: "We can't balance environmentalism on the backs of working people. We should incentivise people to go to

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Spot the star...Dame Helen is a cosmetics poster girl aged 74

DAME Helen Mirren showed she could knock spots off many a younger actress in the fashion stakes yesterday.

The star, 74, appeared immaculately turned out in a black and white polka dot midi-dress and black pumps selected by Hollywood stylist Lee Harris.

She sported a sideswept white bob by hairstylist Richard Collins for the photoshoot.

Dame Helen, who has said she wants to replace the word "beauty" with "character" was promoting L'Oreal Paris' Age Perfect Cosmetics in Beverly Hills.

She has represented the brand for six years.

And the star gave a glimpse of her formidable acting technique when she said she likes to experiment and "spend many hours in the mirror finding the best ways to get into character".

The Prime Suspect star sees no problem representing a

By News Reporter

cosmetics giant but said last year: "I think we should start calling it 'character' instead of beauty, because that's really what it is."

The actress has enjoyed more than a half a century on stage and screen.

One of her first notable roles was in a stage production of Antony And Cleopatra when 20. After that Dame Helen joined the Royal Shakespeare Company, was in the controversial film Caligula and has starred in movie hits including The Madness Of King George and Gosford Park.



Dame Helen Mirren in the Beverly Hills photoshoot to promote L'Oreal cosmetics

Boris: I'm sticking by Priti



Sticking together...Ms Patel and Mr Johnson in the Commons

BORIS Johnson yesterday insisted he was "sticking by" Priti Patel despite a string of bullying allegations.

In the Commons, the Prime Minister defended his Home Secretary as Labour MPs demanded an independent probe into her conduct.

He said she was doing an "outstanding job" and refused to accept lectures from Jeremy Corbyn given Labour's record of harassment.

Ms Patel has been engulfed in accusations about her treatment of civil servants after Home Office permanent secretary Sir Philip Rutnam quit his job. In recent days, further allegations of bullying during her time at other Whitehall departments emerged.

Mr Johnson triggered a Cabinet Office inquiry into the claims earlier this week. But yesterday at Prime Minister's Questions, he said: "The

By Macer Hall Political Editor

Home Secretary is doing an outstanding job – delivering change, putting police out on the streets, cutting crime and delivering a new immigration system – and I am sticking by her."

Mr Johnson spoke out after the Labour leader urged him to "commit to an independent investigation into the Home Secretary's conduct, led by an external lawyer".

Mr Corbyn added: "A Government cannot be judge and jury over their own conduct. There has to be an independent element to that investigation."

"Overnight, further allegations have emerged that the Home Secretary repeatedly harassed and humiliated her private secretary while she ran the Department for International Development. If that is true, it

suggests a shocking and unacceptable pattern of behaviour across three government departments."

Mr Johnson said the claims "should be properly investigated by the Cabinet Office, and that is what is happening. But I take no lessons about bullying from the leader of a party where female MPs were bullied so badly in the matter of anti-Semitism that they actually left the party, and where the shadow chancellor has still not apologised for his call for a member of our party to be lynched."

In the latest claims, a civil servant at the Department for International Development was alleged to have been harassed and belittled by the Cabinet minister until they signed off sick with a stress-related illness.

Ms Patel has rejected all the bullying allegations against her.



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Politicians must match wisdom of a future king

THE Duke of Cambridge displayed strengths that promise to make him a great king on his visit to Ireland. Millions of people in the Republic and Northern Ireland have deep questions about how Brexit will change their lives.

And Sinn Féin's success in the recent elections has raised the prospect of a full-throttle push for unification that could destabilise the still-fragile peace process.

Prince William used his visit at this fraught time to assure a Dublin audience that the Royal Family will continue "protecting, preserving and strengthening" the bonds between the peoples of Britain and Ireland. His family fully understands the suffering and carnage that was experienced by so many people during the Troubles. Lord Mountbatten was murdered by the IRA in 1979 but the Prince of Wales and the Queen have worked with courage and dignity for reconciliation.

William argued that while "many wrongs have been done, it is important that we are not bound by these".

This was a wise, thoughtful and strategically important speech which made it abundantly clear that the prince and his family will do everything in their considerable power to ensure extraordinary progress in recent years is not reversed.

The challenge is for politicians on both islands to ensure that goodwill and trade between the islands is only strengthened.

Tackle pension poverty

MILLIONS of people can look forward to a brighter future now that a record-breaking 77 per cent of employees had a workplace pension scheme last year. Membership has soared 30 per cent since 2012 and demonstrates the success of automatic enrolment.

A remarkable eight out of 10 people aged 22 to 29 have a workplace pension.

However, more men (77 per cent) have such a pension than women (69 per cent). There is still much work to be done to combat pensioner poverty, and many of the younger generation will envy the more generous schemes enjoyed by their parents.

Nearly half (45 per cent) of workers fear they will not have an adequate retirement income. Hard-working people who do not want to be dependent on the state must have a safe and effective way to invest for their future.

Voters pull the strings

SPITTING Image returning to our TV screens after nearly a quarter of a century is a cause for celebration. Some of the real-life characters in the Commons may appear beyond caricature.

But the grotesque puppets will puncture egos. Satire has a vital role to play in a democracy. It reminds pomposity-inclined politicians that those laughing at them on sofas nationwide are the true masters.

What do PMs fear the most? Events, dear boy, events

ABOUT the only thing that can safely be said about politics is that it is unpredictable. Most pundits expected Margaret Thatcher's first term to be dominated by set-piece battles with the trade unions. In fact it is remembered for a little-known British territory in the South Atlantic being invaded by a Latin American despot. Struggles with the unions had to wait until the second term.

David Cameron anticipated being a jolly prime minister who could "let sunshine win the day" and sprinkle around public spending liberally in order to win for the Tories a new reputation as cuddly nice guys. In fact he found himself imposing years of austerity in a bid to rescue the public finances.

And we all knew that 2020 was going to be the year in which Boris Johnson's fortunes would be determined by the shape of the final Brexit terms he agreed with the EU in future relationship talks, didn't we?

Wrong, wrong and wrong again. As Harold Macmillan once put it, "events, dear boy, events" are the most likely source of the central challenges any prime minister will face.

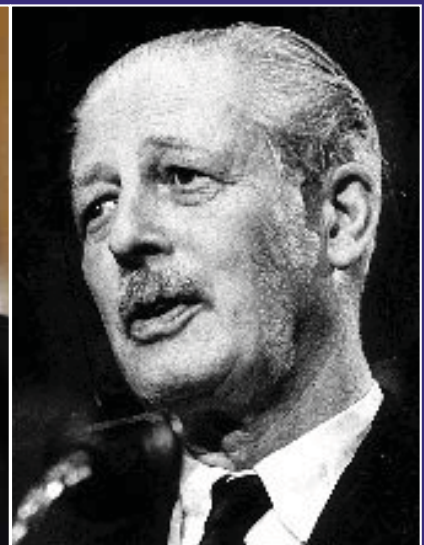
The invasion of the Falkland Islands, the aftermath of the financial crisis and now the coronavirus are things that come crashing uninvited into the corridors of power to test the mettle of prime ministers.

EACH one is an example of why being PM is such a difficult job. Rare is the prime minister who can just keep a steady hand on the wheel and let the ship of state sail serenely onwards. Stormy weather is seldom far away.

The key is that any occupant of 10 Downing Street must be able to rise to the challenges when they come. Necessary qualities include the ability to take good decisions in a fast-moving environment, communicate them effectively and rally the country behind them. Thatcher daringly assembled a



GOOD ADVICE: Boris Johnson is learning the truth of the words of Harold Macmillan, right



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Patrick O'Flynn
Political commentator

military task force to take back the Falklands. Her popularity soared as it set sail and soared further still when it accomplished its mission. Cameron sold enough of the idea that when it came to austerity we were "all in it together" to win a majority in 2015.

Boris Johnson may have thought that reaching a new Withdrawal Agreement with the EU – confounding the predictions of pundits – and then securing a hefty Commons majority in December's snap election would be followed by less choppy waters.

Yet now he finds himself chairing emergency meetings of the exciting-sounding COBRA, an acronym for the committee which gathers in the less exciting-sounding Cabinet Office Briefing Room A to work out a strategy for getting through this major public health crisis. These are the earliest of

early days, but it must be "so far, so good". On Tuesday, the PM handled a Downing Street press conference with aplomb. He and his unflappable Health Secretary Matt Hancock have calmly explained the complex coping strategy the Government has devised with clarity.

So far the number of confirmed cases in Britain is lower than in comparable countries, such as France and Germany. The plan to try to contain the outbreak, while preparing the public for more drastic responses to slow down its spread, seems sound.

Most of us have already discerned the fundamentals – we can do our bit by keeping calm and carrying on, but also washing our hands thoroughly with soap and hot water several times a day.

If we can ensure our pandemic – if that is what it becomes – happens gradually,

then the NHS will be far better able to cope with acute cases, the economy will suffer much less and warmer summer weather, or indeed a vaccine protecting against Covid-19, may arrive to save the day.

IT IS my hunch that Britain is going to come quite high up the league table of countries that best cope, seeing fewer deaths and a less drastic economic impact too.

As the Prime Minister said, our NHS really is a fantastic resource in that it can be directed to prioritise fighting the crisis much more readily than can the more fragmented and privately-run healthcare systems of many other countries. We also have an impressive depth of scientific expertise to call upon.

The national disposition is not to panic but to pull together in tough times. Having a good communicator with a can-do spirit at the helm will hopefully encourage us all to keep this thing in proportion.

It is, of course, easy for me to assert all this as I am not the one in the hot seat. By early summer, we will doubtless have learned much more about the qualities of the one who is.

'Britain is going to come high up the league table for coping best'



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No hugs, please, we're Brits

WITHOUT wishing to make light of it, the coronavirus is turning out to be a very British disease.

All that advice about not touching one another, keeping your distance and maintaining cautious social contact could practically have been written for the somewhat dour British national character.

All they need to do is declare that the germs can be killed by knocking back our own bodyweight in alcohol and we're there.



MEGHAN Markle has been reported as asking her agents to find her a film role as a superhero. Very wise. The payday for those comic strip films tends to be a big one and the Sussex's had better cash in while there's still any interest in them, which there won't be if Harry makes many more of those speeches sharing his pain about his late mother to a load of old bankers. The Queen has said the Royal door remains open to him. I predict he'll be pushing back through it in about three years.

WHEN Meghan was coming in for a little mild criticism last year, a group of Labour ladies wrote some nonsense in sympathy, claiming that she was the victim of racism. Do you think they'll be doing the same for Priti Patel?

There is nothing at all natural about naturism

TEXTILES: brace yourselves. We have a new hate crime on our books. Just when you thought we had reached absolute, total saturation point where the professional offence takers are concerned, up pops British Naturism to demand that nudists should be awarded protection under the hate crime laws.

As such, it wants the right to be naked in public to be classed as a "philosophical belief" in the eyes of the law, which is one interesting way of looking at getting your kit off. Oh, and "textiles" are what they call the rest of us. Those of us who, y'know, wear clothes. And I don't get the impression they mean it affectionately.

Let's get one thing straight: there is absolutely no excuse, ever, for verbal harassment of nudists if they are in nudist-related spaces, let alone physical attack, as British Naturism says is on the rise. But "hate crime"? What about the right of the rest of us to be protected against crimes against aesthetics? Because it's notable that those drawn to naturism do not on the whole tend to be the young, the beautiful and the lithe.

Hate crime? Is this going to apply to a jolly call of "Put 'em away love", which until now has seemed more closely aligned to the music hall than spittle-flecked racists enforcing their dire prejudices on everywhere else?

And there are indeed countries where people tend to wear very little clothing, but let's be frank about this. They don't share a climate with this one. When you've had your 89th grey, rainy day in a row, it's going to take a jolly determined nudist to take his 89th consecutive naked constitutional.

Things shrivel and shrink in the rain, although best not to go there.

British Naturism's president, Mark Bass, has adopted a tone more in sorrow than in anger. "You

would be upset if someone shouted abuse or threatened you because they did not like the colour of your shirt," he protests. But he's missing the point here. It's not actually against the law to go around in hideous clothing (though perhaps it should be), whereas there is a case against outraging public decency, which is what naturists would be doing if they went for a naked weekly shop.

One chap who knows this is Stephen Gough, aka the Naked Rambler, who seems to spend a lot of his time getting arrested for his resolute determination to stride the highways and byways of Britain entirely in the buff. And for why?

Nature contains many unpleasant things, including stinging nettles. Did I hear an "Ouch?"

As someone once put it, the trouble with dancing naked is that not everything stops when the music does. The same goes for just about everything else.

The Crown Prosecution Service says "a balance needs to be struck between the nudist's right to freedom of expression and the right of the wider public to be protected from harassment, alarm and distress", which sums up extremely accurately the way most of us feel about being confronted with great mountains' full of too, too solid human flesh.

There are many creatures out there in the wild, who scamper away at the first sign of human contact.

Couldn't the lesser spotted nudist adopt this one, too?

MY great pal Richard is in thoughtful mode, contemplating names for the Prime Minister's future offspring. "How about Brexit if it's a boy and Corona if it's a girl?" he asks. Sounds good to me!



CHEERS? But do us a favour and put it away...



Picture: GETTY

Everyone should try to dress to impress

KONNIE Huq says she hasn't bought any new clothes for 10 years. What a dreary way to live. She has been praised in some quarters for thrift and accused of boasting in others on the grounds she hasn't gained any weight.

And why is it taken as a given in this country that people must gain weight as they get older? I'm much slimmer than I was as a young woman. It's not that hard.

But both of these are missing the point, which is that new clothes are fun. We should all stop buying the cheap as chips variety, in which workers somewhere in the Far East are kept in near slave conditions and paid about 25p a day (literally), but nothing beats a really well cut dress coming into the wardrobe. It cheers you up.

Go for classic quality and it will last decades – I have a black velvet evening coat that my grandmother bought in the 1950s – but you need a little addition to stay up to date.

Or perhaps Konnie, left, doesn't actually need to buy clothes: she works in television, after all, which is where you get a lot of stuff for free.

Some movie star once commented that the more money you had, the less you actually needed to buy. But nothing new to brighten the soul for a decade? I take the other line. Anyone who says that money can't buy you happiness, doesn't know where to shop.

THERE is now the technology to allow the police to frisk you from 20 yards away. Any chance of implementing that at airports too? Getting groped going through security is ticklish, but Heaven help you if you started laughing. Handcuffs and in all probability five years of solitary confinement would await.

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I'M HEARING about more scams linked to the coronavirus. This week I learned of an "advanced shopping" ruse where fraudsters get in touch to convince people to place an order for groceries. Victims are told this is the only way they can guarantee continued access to key provisions such as bread, milk and other core goods if the virus spreads. Those that have fallen for the scam have parted with money to secure future shopping, but will not see it again and will certainly not receive any goods. Don't fall for this scam.

Tragic PTSD dad has left us with 'a world of pain'

By **David Pilditch**

THE widow of an ex-soldier whose post-traumatic stress disorder led to his suicide has revealed the impact of his death on their children.

Alicia Davis, 34, hopes the heart-breaking details of the repercussions of Jamie, 30, killing himself will stop other veterans from doing the same.

She has described, in an emotive video shared on social media, the devastating results of her giving the news six weeks ago to sons Brandon, 11, who is autistic, and Freddy, eight.

Alicia says the boys still struggle to be away from her, fearing they will lose her, too.

She had sent their children to a relative on January 10 when Jamie disappeared from the family home in Christchurch, Dorset.

They returned the next day after his body had been found 20 miles away near Southampton.

Alicia explained: "Knowing I was about to break their hearts was so hard. I sat them down and told them daddy was gone. They laughed, thinking it was a joke.

"I said, 'No, I'm so sorry, you won't see him again'. My youngest just pulled his hood over his head and completely shut down for two days.

"My eldest started screaming, throwing and punching things. It was screams that go straight through you.

"It was a dagger to the heart hearing him react like that and then saying, 'It's my fault, I should've saved daddy'.

"They are only now sleeping in their own beds again. They would ask in the middle of the night if I was going to leave them."

Alicia hopes her 16-minute message will encourage other PTSD sufferers to seek help.

She added: "Yes, Jamie is not in pain anymore but he has left behind a



Alicia with wedding photo. Jamie with his sons Brandon, left, and Freddy

world of pain. Family members are blaming ourselves, wishing we could have done something."

And she addressed veterans directly saying: "This is what happens if you go down that route. It breaks your loved ones, it tears them in half.

"I'm hoping somebody with PTSD sees this and it makes them think, 'I don't want to put my family through that'."

Jamie, who served in 4th Battalion The Rifles, was hit by

the condition following his tour of Afghanistan in 2010.

Over three months, he was shot, escaped IED explosions and felt "survivor's guilt" as his best friend was killed while he was on leave.

He left the military in 2015 and trained as a stonemason – but Alicia claims he had no help from the Army. Jamie suffered severe night terrors, with his PTSD being triggered by fire alarms and crowded spaces.

Alicia said of her own reaction to his death: "It completely broke me."

A GoFundMe page to support the family raised £8,560 in just four weeks while East Dorset rugby club, who Jamie played for, have also been a huge help.



Football fan Bob Barron

D-Day hero Bob dies at age of 98

A D-DAY veteran awarded France's highest military honour for his bravery during the Normandy landings has died following a short illness, it was revealed yesterday.

Bob Barron, 98, also fought at Arnhem, the Battle of the Bulge in the Ardennes and was among the first troops to cross the Rhine into Germany.

The former Pioneer Corps soldier was presented with the Legion d'honneur in 2016 at Fulwood Barracks in his home town of Preston as a mark of gratitude from the French people.

At the time he insisted he had only played "a small role in a very large team effort". He added: "I was lucky to survive the conflict without injury and I always remember, every day, my comrades and friends who weren't so lucky."

The Preston North End fan died in a care home where his bedroom overlooked his beloved Deepdale Stadium.

Nephew Michael Barron said: "He was someone who had a lot of fun and was a real character."

Bob died after getting flu in January. His funeral will be held at Preston Crematorium on March 20 at 1pm.

Lotto winner returns to care job she dearly missed

A LOTTERY millionaire has gone back to looking after Alzheimer's patients on the night shift.

Sally Cloke, 54, quit in 2015 after she and partner Richard Thursby, 57, landed their £1million win.

But the mother-of-three began missing her "fulfilling" role so much that she decided to go back to work.

Sally says she now does her shifts for the love of it rather than the pay, which is less than £10 an hour.

She said: "At first I thought that was it for me, I would be retired and never work again. But as they say 'life goes on' and I started to miss my job more and more.

"Caring for the residents was very fulfilling, that's what I enjoyed the most. Before I left my manager said 'there will always be a job for you

By **Louie Smith**

here' so she welcomed me back with open arms.

"It's not the best of pay but I do it out of my heart. I walk out of there after a shift and know I have done a good job."

Upsized

Sally and Richard, who met 24 years ago on a Valentine's Day blind date, used their Lotto winnings to trade in Sally's old Honda for a SSangYong, bought new tools for carpenter Richard and upsized from their cramped three-bed terrace.

The move to a five-bed in Virginia Water, Surrey, meant their three children – then aged 17, 16 and 15

– no longer had to share rooms. But in 2017 the specialist carer returned to the residential home where she had been since the late 1990s.

She now works part-time night shifts, while Richard has continued his full-time job as a carpenter.

He said he is really supportive of Sally going back to work. "I understand it 100 per cent. You need to work, it keeps you sane."

The couple now have two young grandchildren as well as their own children at home.

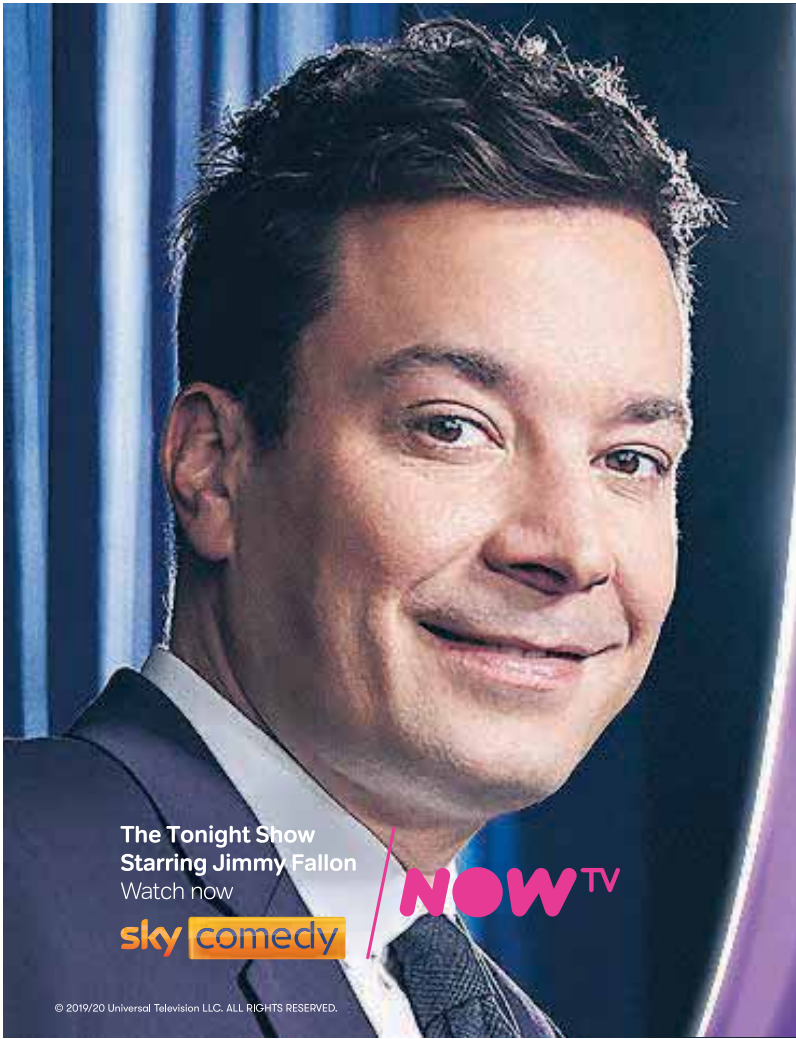
They want to help their son and two daughters buy their own homes but Richard insists: "They have got to stand on their own two feet."

Sally added that the best part "has been the security and opportunities it has given our children".

Grounded... Sally and Richard



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By Will Twigger

MICHAEL Barrymore has attacked the Channel 4 documentary about the death of Stuart Lubbock at his home in 2001 as "vile and vicious".

The 67-year-old entertainer told Good Morning Britain that Barrymore: The Body In The Pool, which aired last month, had left him in "pain and agony".

He insisted that no one who was at his £2million home in Roydon, Essex, when Stuart apparently drowned knew how he died.

He said: "I've never seen them since that day... I haven't got a number for them, nothing."

"I don't know any of them. The wall of silence is because they don't know [what happened]. I do believe that."

Mistakes

His comments come as police relaunch an appeal for information as they believe Mr Lubbock, a divorced father of two, was raped and murdered.

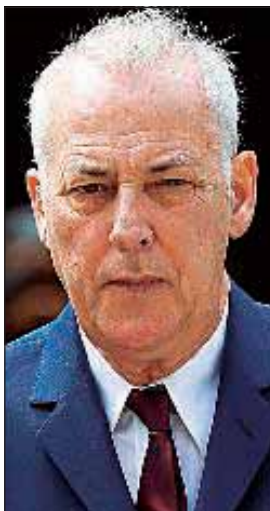
Barrymore said he would welcome a fresh investigation into Mr Lubbock's death, preferably not conducted by Essex Police which admitted they made mistakes during the original investigation.

Either way he said he had no new information that might help police unravel the mystery of the 31-year-old's death.

Barrymore said: "I haven't got another story. I honestly wish I did. I put myself through 20 years of hell. I don't know anything."

The former host of Strike It Lucky pulled out of ITV's Dancing On Ice earlier this year due to injury, adding: "I've got nothing to hide. I've

Barrymore hits out over 'vicious' TV death claims



The pool at the home of Michael Barrymore, left, where Stuart Lubbock, right, supposedly drowned in a tragic accident – a fact disputed by dad, Terry, below

Pictures: PA

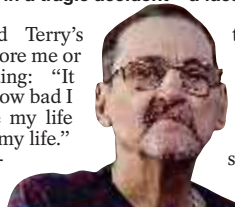


never had anything to hide. I've got every right to go out and be employed and work in the business I've worked in without... being kicked in the teeth just because I'm back on the telly."

One person who's not convinced by Barrymore's claims is Terry Lubbock – Stuart's father.

Barrymore said Terry's grief "comes before me or anybody", adding: "It doesn't matter how bad I feel. I can't live my life and get on with my life."

Terry, meanwhile, was surprised to see



the interview take place. He said: "The evidence is clear, there is no doubt my son was murdered."

"Barrymore doesn't seem to be accepting that fact. That surprised me. But I'm glad he's done the interview. I want my son's murder to stay

in the public eye. This interview will help to do that."

The 74-year-old also appealed to the eight people at the pool party to co-operate. He added: "Someone who was in that house knows what happened. I beg them. Come forward, talk to the police. Tell the truth. Get this off your conscience."

By Sherna Noah

TWO spies who went up against the Nazis are among women who will be honoured with a blue plaque as part of a drive to honour more female figures within the scheme.

Noor Inayat Khan, Britain's "first Muslim war heroine", and Christine Granville, "one of the most remarkable secret agents" of the period, are among the new names that were announced yesterday.

Only 14 per cent of about 950 blue plaques celebrate women but this year half of the dozen signs that will be unveiled across London will commemorate female figures.

Anna Eavis, of the English Heritage Blue Plaques Panel, said: "It is a long road but we are well on our way to receiving an equal number of public nominations for men and women."

Tortured

"There are now more women short-listed than men, and 2020 will see more plaques to women than we have unveiled in 20 years."

Ms Khan, who was descended from Indian royalty, was renowned for her service in the elite Special Operations Executive and was the first female radio operator sent to Nazi-occupied France.

After evading capture for three months, she was tortured and executed by the Gestapo in 1944 aged 30 at Dachau concentration camp. Her final word, uttered as the German firing squad raised their weapons, was simple –

Women are honoured for taking fight to the Nazis



Noor Khan was tortured and killed by the Germans



Christine Granville, left, and Dame Barbara

"Liberte", French for freedom. Her blue plaque will be erected at her wartime West End home.

Polish Ms Granville – real name Krystyna Skarbek – was Britain's longest-serving female agent in the war – undertaking several successful missions in occupied Europe. Her plaque will be unveiled at the west London hotel where she lived the last three years of her life. She died in 1952 aged 44.

A plaque remembering sculptor Dame Barbara Hepworth, who died in 1975 aged 72, will

be put in place outside the north London flat where she created one of her earliest Mother And Child sculptures.

Yesterday a blue sign was placed on the building in Bloomsbury where botanist Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan – also a leading figure in the first women's corps in the military – lived for nearly 50 years.

Plaques will also honour the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, which was formed in 1897, and the Women's Social And Political Union, formed in 1903.

Asbos for knife jobs aged 12

By John Twomey

CHILDREN as young as 12 could be handed Asbo-style court orders in a crackdown on escalating knife crime.

The measures will force suspected gang members to stay at home at night and curb their social media use.

They could also be ordered to go on anger management courses as well as playing team sports and signing up for vocational classes.

Fight

The Knife Crime Prevention Orders (KCPOs), which will be piloted in London from next month, could result in a two-year jail sentence for those breaching conditions.

Minister for Crime and Policing Kit Malthouse told MPs yesterday that the orders give officers the powers they need to fight violent crime.

In the year ending September 2019, the criminal justice system dealt with 22,286 knife and offensive weapon offences – a 10-year high for England and Wales.

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Ex-boxer who saved Princess Anne sells his George Medal

By **Claire Hayhurst**

THE former heavyweight boxer who helped to thwart an attempted kidnap of the Princess Royal can now pay for his funeral after the medal he was awarded sold for £50,000.

Ronnie Russell, now 72, punched Ian Ball twice in the head as he tried to kidnap Anne at gunpoint in central London in March 1974.

For his bravery, Ronnie was awarded the George Medal by the Queen, who told him: "The medal is from the Queen, but I want to thank you as Anne's mother."

Ronnie, who now lives in Bristol, got married in Las Vegas just two weeks ago. He decided to put the medal up for auction to pay for his funeral costs after suffering ill-health.

It was expected to fetch up to £20,000 when it went under the hammer at Dix Noonan Webb in London yesterday, but reached £50,000.

Ronnie said: "I am absolutely blown away."

"I never ever expected a penny, but this sum gives me an opportunity to do all the things I wanted to do."

"I'm not happy I've sold it, but I am very happy with the outcome."

"For something I thought that I



Ronnie Russell, above and far right, shows medal he received from Queen for saving Princess Anne, above, in 1974



Pictures: STEVE REIGATE, GETTY

would never sell, I never believed it would sell for this amount."

The medal was bought by a private collector in the UK.

It was sold with related items, including a letter from 10 Downing Street informing Ronnie of the award, a telegram from the Princess Royal and a letter from the Metropolitan Police Commissioner.

Ball had used his car to block the Princess's vehicle as it drove along

the Mall. He then fired a series of shots through the rear window.

Although Anne and her husband, Mark Phillips, were unhurt during the late-night ambush, her personal detective, chauffeur, a police constable and a journalist were all shot.

Ronnie, then 28, was heading home to Kent when he saw the incident unfold and rushed over to intercept Ball. The former boxer said: "I hit him as hard as I could. If he had been a

tree he would have fallen over and he was flat on the floor face down.

"PC Edmonds then dived on top of him and he was arrested."

Ball was sent to a psychiatric hospital by an Old Bailey judge.

Speaking after the sale, auctioneer Oliver Pepys said: "Ronnie Russell displayed an outstanding act of gallantry, and it is fitting that his George Medal achieved such a fantastic price at today's auction."

Cannabis cuts pain of Parkinson's

By **Giles Sheldrick**

CANNABIS could be the "silver bullet" that helps relieve the chronic pain experienced by more than half of Parkinson's disease sufferers.

The drug may have the power to ease the discomfort felt by those patients who are genetically predisposed to experiencing pain, a study by the Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust has found.

Neurologist Dr Monty Silverdale, who led the six-year research project, said: "We have taken a significant step towards developing better treatments for a symptom that devastates people with Parkinson's every day."

More than 145,000 people live with the condition in the UK.

A quarter of sufferers admit trying cannabis-based products to relieve symptoms although it is not available on prescription as pain relief on the NHS.

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By Paul Jeeves

A BOWLING club has been congratulated for "joining the 21st century" after voting to let women become full members for the first time in its history.

The 96-year-old club in Ilkley, West Yorks, has previously allowed only men to enjoy full membership rights, which included being able to drink in the bar whenever they like.

Women have been restricted to associate membership, meaning they could play bowls but only use the bar area under strict conditions and at certain times.

Now members have voted by 377 to 129 to change the rules and give female members equal status.

The decision overturned a vote taken seven years ago when the same proposal was turned down.

A total of 506 of the club's 1,700 members took part in the ballot in the spa town.

Delighted

Before Tuesday night's vote club secretary Richard Bell reminded players that as a private members' club they were not bound by equality legislation.

But chairman Alan Breese said it was "time to air the subject" at the club, which was founded in 1924 and has mixed-gender teams.

It is thought around one in six of the active players is female.

Mr Breese added: "The whole of the committee are delighted with the result and it helps us plan better for the future. But we are aware that some members were against it so we don't want to crow about it."

"We are still one club and even though people voted against it I don't want to alienate anyone."

Allowing women to apply for full membership will end a rule limiting their use of the bar. Until now they could only be in that area of the club if they were accompanied by a man – and even then only after 5pm at weekends.

Welcoming the change, member Peter Mate said the old rules were unacceptable, adding: "It is sad we had to go to these lengths and made a laughing stock out of the club. The club should be open to all and brought into the present day."

And Kathy Jackman added: "Well done for joining the 21st century."

No bowls barred! Club to allow first women members in 96 years

Pictures: SWNS, GETTY



The private bowling club forbade women from drinking in the bar unless accompanied by a man



TV host Caroline Flack

Police will not face Flack probe

POLICE will not face a watchdog probe over Caroline Flack's arrest over claims she told officers she would take her own life.

The Independent Office for Police Conduct found there was "no causal link" between officers' actions and her death on February 15.

She died two months after she was held over an alleged assault on her boyfriend Lewis Burton, 27.

The announcement came after the Crown Prosecution Service said it would review the decision to bring charges against the Love Island presenter, 40.

An IOPC spokesman said no investigation was needed "because there was no indication of a causal link – directly or indirectly – between the actions or omissions of the police and Caroline Flack's tragic death".

It said officers found a healthcare professional to see the star and followed procedure.

The Met Police said its Department for Professional Standards also decided a probe was not needed after a "comprehensive review" of the case.

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By Graeme Thomson

No drug rehab, no punch-ups, no sex scandals... squeaky clean prog rockers Genesis are back

PHIL Collins' typically breezy reasoning for the announcement yesterday that Genesis are reforming later this year to play their first shows in 13 years was, "Why not?" It's a good question but there are several reasons why one of Britain's biggest bands might have decided it was more sensible to remain in mothballs.

Not least among them are Collins' health problems, which in recent years have included alcoholism, depression, crippling back pain and nerve damage in his hands from drumming. In 2017 he gashed his head after a fall in a hotel room. Yesterday he arrived at Broadcasting House with a cane.

Happily, however, Collins' health has improved of late. His return to solo touring in 2017 opened the door for this reunion with his bandmates, guitarist Mike Rutherford and keyboard player Tony Banks.

The trio, all aged 69, will take in 10 shows in the UK and Ireland on their hugely anticipated Last Domino arena tour at the end of 2020. Collins is no longer able to drum, so his 18-year-old son Nic will take over, having played with his father on the solo shows.

Nic's mother is Collins' third wife, Orianne Cevey. They divorced in 2008 but have since got back together. "He plays like me and he kind of has the same attitude as me," said Collins of his son's drumming attributes.

While the timing of the reunion was unexpected, Genesis have never closed the door on a reconciliation. It helps that they never fell out. "We enjoy each other's company," Collins said yesterday. "We enjoy playing together."

From the mouths of any other veteran rock group rolling up for a highly lucrative pay-day, the sentiment would have sounded fanciful. However, Genesis are perhaps unique among their peers in that they have negotiated 50 years in the music industry without love ever turning to loathing.

Of all the big beasts of the prog-rock world, they are the most thoroughly civilised. Forget tales of tellies being thrown from hotel rooms and suites groaning with groupies. There have been no spells spent in drug rehab; no public vendettas, bankruptcies or sex scandals.

IT'S behaviour befitting the most well-bred band in rock history. Rutherford, Banks and original singer Peter Gabriel formed Genesis in 1967 while boarding at Charterhouse, one of Britain's leading public schools. Gabriel was raised in a manor house in Surrey; Banks cut his teeth on Rachmaninoff and Ravel rather than Chuck Berry; Rutherford's father was a high-ranking naval officer. "In my 20s I had long hair, a double-necked guitar and drugs," the guitarist told me in 2014. "At the same age my father was taking down the Bismarck."

Unlike contemporaries such as Led Zeppelin, the party scene around Genesis was relatively mild. US tours were fortified by Southern Comfort, Blue Nun and cannabis, rather than industrial quantities of cocaine.

Rutherford recalled being busted for possession of "a huge bag of grass" at Heathrow Airport on his return from America in 1974. He spent a night in the cells but escaped with a fine. Perhaps their closest brush with scandal comes courtesy of being named, and initially managed, by fellow Charterhouse pupil Jonathan King, the disgraced music mogul sentenced to seven years in

prison in 2001 for historic sex crimes.

If their story is largely devoid of rock histrionics, there have been significant bumps along the way.

When Peter Gabriel left in 1975, Genesis were on the cusp of breaking into the big league. "You know, then this b*****d goes and sabotages the whole thing just as it gets successful," says Gabriel in Mario Giammetti's book, *Genesis 1967 to 1975: The Peter Gabriel Years*, published in May by Kingmaker.

"That wasn't a popular thing to do from a career point of view."

The singer's focus on the more theatrical side of the band had started to cause friction. His stage persona included wearing dresses and donning a fox's head, an Old Man face

mask, and a bizarre "Colony of the Slippermen" costume which wouldn't have looked out of place on Doctor Who. In a prog rock mishap worthy of the classic rock spoof *This Is... Spinal Tap*, whenever Gabriel appeared as the Slippermen he couldn't get his head near enough to the microphone to sing properly.

AS THE visual displays became ever more elaborate, tensions grew within the band over the amount of attention he was receiving. According to Rutherford, Banks and Collins would take a "huff over the reviews". Gabriel, meanwhile, had ambitions of his own he wanted to explore. Although he decided to leave the group before Genesis toured their ambitious

double concept album, *The Lamb Lies Down On Broadway*, his departure was handled with business-like efficiency. Far from flouncing off, he agreed to stay on for six months to complete the tour, and agreed not to announce his decision until after it had finished – a vow of silence that caused him considerable strain.

The tour wasn't easy. Gabriel had conceived of a complex visual presentation involving more than 1,000 slides projected during each performance, but the concept was frequently afflicted by technical issues which sometimes overshadowed the performances.

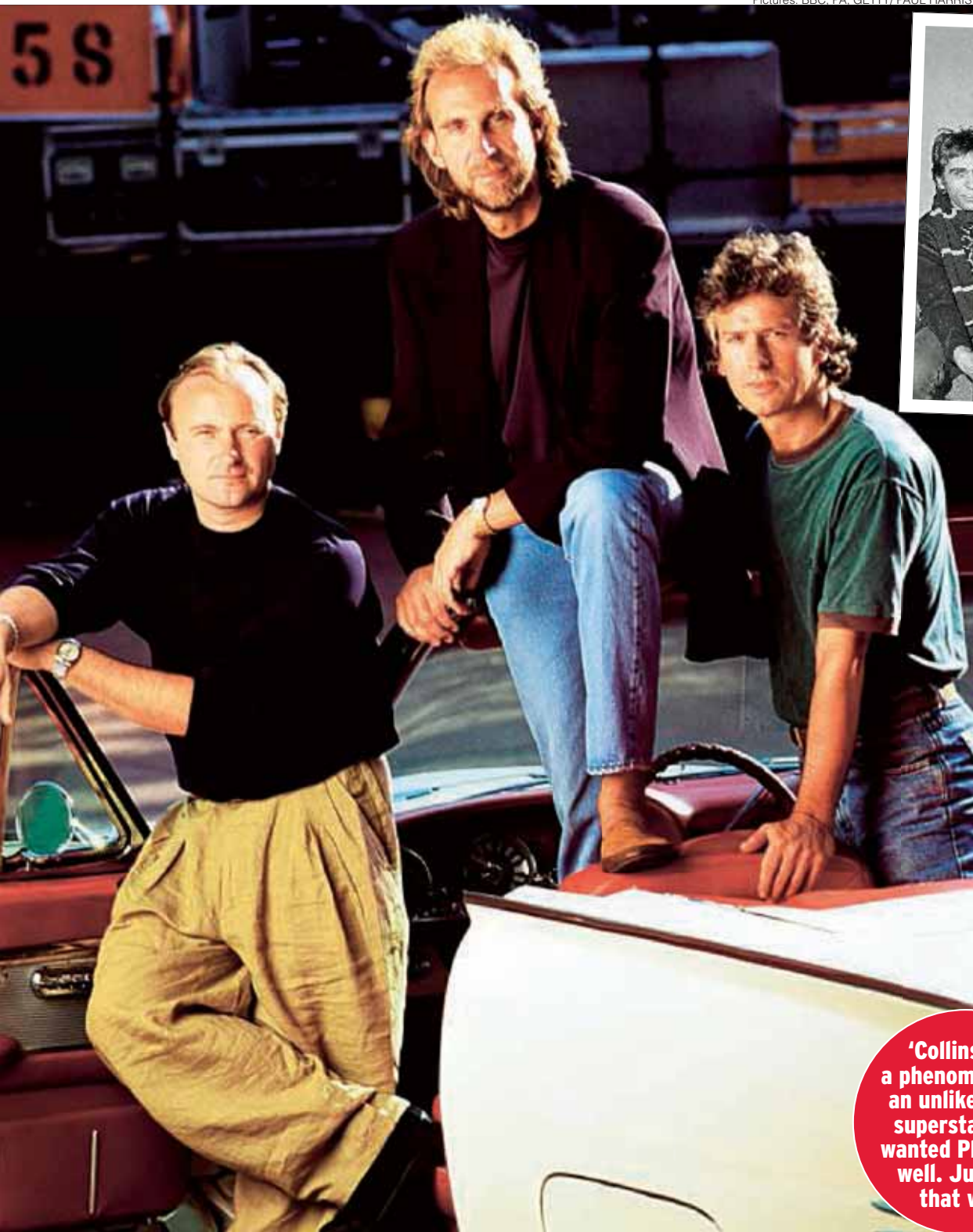
The last date of the tour was scheduled to be a show at Parc des Expositions in Toulouse on May 24, 1975. The gig was cancelled due to poor ticket sales, however, so Gabriel's final concert was on May 22 at the small town of Besançon near the Swiss border.



'It all fizzled out at a gig in France. There weren't many people in the audience and it was very sad'

Thirteen years since their last gig, the supergroup are reuniting for a major UK tour. Just don't expect any rock 'n' roll misbehaviour as they hit the road

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FANCY PANTS: Phil, Mike and Tony in the summer of 1992 and, above, with Peter, left, and Steve, right, in February 1975

five core members reunited in 2014 for a documentary. When Collins quietly sought help for alcoholism in 2012, his bandmates all rallied around.

Amid the excitement of the reunion, the one disappointment among diehard fans is that Gabriel and Hackett are not returning for a full Genesis reunion. When I spoke to Gabriel a few years ago, he seemed amenable to the idea. "I was looking at it seriously for a while, but it just seemed to be growing into a bigger project than I was ready to bite off," he said. "We do all get on. I would never say never. It's time and energy, and what you're letting go of to pursue that."

WHILE the trio of Collins, Banks and Rutherford yesterday expressed their love and admiration for Gabriel, they also made the point that Genesis's most successful material post-dates his departure. With Collins taking over as lead vocalist in 1975, they went from strength to strength, even after Hackett departed in 1977 for a solo career. Most of the 150 million records they have sold were shifted in the late '70 and '80s, when as a trio Genesis became a streamlined and hugely successful stadium rock act, releasing a run of hit singles that included Follow You, Follow Me, Mama, That's All and Invisible Touch. At the same time, Collins' parallel career as an unlikely solo superstar caused a degree of resentment among his bandmates. Genesis were huge, but Collins was a phenomenon. Beginning with his solo hit In The Air Tonight, in the '80s he had 10 number one singles in the UK and US, and sold almost 200 million records.

'Collins was a phenomenon as an unlikely solo superstar - we wanted Phil to do well. Just not that well'

"We wanted Phil to do well," said Tony Banks drily in 2014. "Just not that well."

In keeping with the band's officer class ethos, there was no shouting or screaming. Stiff upper lips were the order of the day. "Emotional candour was not something we displayed in front of each other," Collins wrote in his autobiography, *Not Dead Yet*. Rutherford enjoyed his own success with Mike + The Mechanics, and Genesis recorded and toured until 1997, when they released a final album, *Calling All Stations*.

A decade on, the Turn It On Again outing in 2007 looked certain to be their swansong until yesterday's news. "A lot of our contemporaries have been playing a lot," Rutherford told Zoe Ball. "We've done two shows in the UK in the last 28 years."

One of rock's most remarkable bands are returning to place the last domino on the table. And why not?



CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK: Phil in his prime and son Nic. Left, trio yesterday with Zoe Ball

"It all fizzled out at a gig in France, there weren't many people in the audience, and it was very sad," he told me. "I was more confident than the others were that they would be fine without me. The band was always a writers' cooperative."

"I was very sad when he left but we had to get on with it," Phil Collins says in Giammetti's book. "I didn't want to be the singer at all because I was the drummer and, by that point, I was a very good drummer. I ended up singing because we couldn't find anybody else." They remained on good terms thereafter. Gabriel went on to forge an innovative solo career, but he performed live with the band again in 1982. Alongside guitarist Steve Hackett, who served from 1971 to 1977, all

Journey of hope for Edie

Cancer-stricken girl, six, seeks lifeline

By Cyril Dixon

A GIRL of six who is battling the deadliest childhood cancer has flown to New York for pioneering treatment which offers her a precious lifeline.

Brave Edie Jackson will have tests to see if surgeons can use the experimental technique to combat her brain tumour.

The "warrior princess" was struck down with diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG) just before Christmas.

Her parents Craig and Lois were told DIPG tumours are virtually impossible to remove and are usually fatal.

Because the tumour spreads in fragments rather than in a solid mass, doctors are unable to operate without risking damage to healthy tissue.

But Convection Enhanced Delivery (CED) treatment targets the growth with drugs fed directly to the affected area.

Edie's family flew to the US because CED is only available privately here at a prohibitive cost. They funded the £245,000 treatment with a massive fundraising campaign in Waltham Abbey, Essex, which included a



Mercy flight...Edie with her dad Craig on the plane to New York

charity football match which saw Calum Best head a cast list of reality stars.

Mum Lois, 38, said her daughter's body changes daily. "Edie has lost a lot of strength in her right arm which means she can no longer write or

draw which was one of her favourite things. But she just carries on like nothing is wrong – our true warrior princess.

"She is our darling girl and we are so proud of her."

● For more details visit: gofundme.com/ediesfight



Edie, with her pet Coco, has stayed strong despite plight

Healthier lifestyles 'can slash new cases'

By Ella Pickover

UP TO 147,000 new cancer cases could be prevented every year if people led healthier lives, a charity says.

The World Cancer Research Fund said that 366,303 Britons were diagnosed in 2017, more than 1,000 every day.

But the charity said that around 40 per cent of cases could be avoided if people stopped smoking, ate better, were active and kept a healthy weight.

Other ways include cutting alcohol, eating just three portions of red meat a week, ditching processed meat, breastfeeding where possible and being safe in the sun, the charity said.

Caroline Cerny, of the Obesity Health Alliance, called on ministers to tackle "the tide of junk food marketing with a 9pm watershed on junk food adverts and restrictions on promotions".

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My Boris is no mucky pup...he's a prime pet

By **Giles Sheldrick** Chief Reporter

HE is six feet tall, described as "blond and nutty" and a natural showman who shines on the big stage.

Meet Boris (no, not that one), a giant hound aiming for glory at Crufts this weekend.

The Pyrenean mountain dog is named after the Prime Minister, whose office even sent him a letter praising his looks.

Owner Susan Reilly is now preparing her beloved pet for Britain's biggest dog show.

Standing more than 6ft on his hind legs and weighing 7st 8lb, Boris needs a shower, blow dry and comb after long walks to keep his shiny coat in tip-top condition.

He then settles down to a dinner of fillet steak and chicken.

Showman

Looking after Boris does not come cheap, costing £150 a week.

Susan, 59, from Bracknell, Berkshire, said: "The thing with Boris is that he is a natural showman."

"He loves the camera. He's blond and nutty, so I was always going to call him after Boris Johnson."

"To be honest, he is a bit spoilt. But, to look at him, he is amazing. His coat has never looked better."

Three-year-old Boris will be shown in the open class at the world's most famous dog show.

He has won awards abroad before but a triumph at Crufts would be his first domestic honour.

Susan even wrote to 10 Downing Street to tell Boris's namesake about his efforts. She received a reply stating her pet was more handsome.



Muddy mayhem...Boris and Susan on walkies

Boris enjoys a shower, comb and some rest with owner Susan Reilly before Crufts event

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CELEBRATIONS marking the recent 76th birthday of The Who's Roger Daltrey proved a messy affair.

The frontman was performing on a Rock Legends cruise when former Skid Row star Sebastian Bach attempted to lead a singalong of Happy Birthday while presenting Daltrey with a cake. Roger, pictured, duly responded by planting the said cake in Bach's face.



"I did try and warn him," he light-heartedly explained to the audience. "Anything to do with The Who and cakes, do not mix." Recalling his wild late bandmate, Daltrey added: "It's a good job Keith Moon isn't here as well, because we'd all be covered in cake."

Thankfully, Mr Bach saw the funny side.

PRINCE of Darkness Ozzy Osbourne, who recently revealed he's been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, believes his life would have been considerably shorter had he befriended Sir Elton John as a young man.

Insisting he's grateful the two now reformed hell-raisers – these days good pals – didn't party together during their drug-taking years, Ozzy, 71, remarks: "I don't think we'd have both made it to the 1990s if we had."

FOLLOWING on from my report earlier this week concerning the ongoing row between Alastair Campbell and Piers Morgan – a planned celebrity boxing bout for Sport Relief was abandoned – the former Number 10 enforcer continues to throw down the gauntlet.

Campbell now highlights the fact Sport Relief organisers have proposed numerous alternative – but currently under wraps – ways for the feuding pair to lock horns during next week's charity event.

"Excited Sport Relief have come up with a stack of ideas for me and Piers Morgan after he bottled out of the boxing match, having agreed to it," Alastair announces. "Fascinated to see what new excuses he will have to wimp out this time."

BARBRA Streisand writes an impassioned column in Variety calling for the downfall of President Trump, concluding: "We need a new America, without pollution, without obscenities, without insults, without revenge. We need to restore the nobility of truth... and only then will America be great again."



Critics point out the singer and actress, pictured, was among the many American celebrities who vowed to quit the US in the event of a Trump election victory in 2016... only to then unsurprisingly stay put.

NOTING the growing trend for elbow bumps over handshakes amid the coronavirus crisis, novelist and former model Sandra Howard, wife of ex-Tory leader Lord Howard, is already feeling the strain. The 79-year-old admits: "I'm a bit worried how my bony old elbows are going to stand up to all this friendly bumping."

AMONG those who will heartily approve of the current elbow bumping fashion is Sir Ringo Starr. A longtime germaphobe, the Beatle has rarely let anyone shake his hand for years...

By Matt Nixon

FAR INTO the future, historians wanting to know what life in the UK was like in the early 21st century have only to read our crime fiction. At least, according to literary juggernaut Lee Child. Folding his 6ft 3in frame back into a chair, the Jack Reacher author declares: "Everything else has fallen away and crime fiction is the last location for socially realistic fiction. A hundred years from now, if people want to know what it was like, the only way will be by reading crime books."

"We deal with real people in real situations. It's not just drugs or knife crime, around all that is a socially-realistic portrait of our society. Literary fiction used to be like that 50 or 60 years ago, it had meat on the bone, it was about something and they were really important books – now they aren't."

Today the "we" Lee is referring to includes his fellow crime writer Joseph Knox. The pair have known each other for nearly a decade after meeting at the Theakston Old Peculier Crime Writing Festival in Harrogate when Joe, 33, was working for Waterstones.

They are sitting down together to mark the paperback publication of The Sleepwalker, Joe's third bestselling novel featuring erratic Manchester Detective Aidan Waits.

"I remember meeting Joe," says Lee. "He was obviously an interesting guy and I thought I'd like to read his book, but he wasn't writing it! Year after year he wasn't doing it. At one point, I said, 'Just f***ing get it done' and, happily, he did."

Joe laughs: "Lee gave me an almighty kick

'Year after year he was not writing his book. I said, Just get it done, and happily he did'

up the a*** to get it done. I was writing Sirens in my mid-20s and my life was changing every single day. That's why it took from beginning to end eight years to write, to the point that my friends and family did not believe it existed."

While both their protagonists are loners, Waits is deliberately very different to Lee's former US Army policeman Jack Reacher who had a "briskly dutiful" upbringing in a US military family.

Lee describes his hero as a "monomaniac, he sees a problem he has to solve it", adding: "He is observant to the point of obsession about words and numbers and his lifestyle is completely dislocated from society."

"I wanted to keep Reacher completely normal, completely generic and very bog standard in terms of his tastes. It's about the character and it's important to make the character as accessible as possible, so everyone can see themselves in them."

If Lee was aiming for universality, it worked. The 24 Jack Reacher books have sold more than 100 million copies, reportedly one every 13 seconds.

Lee's most recent, Blue Moon, is out in paperback next month and it was announced earlier this year that he will team up with his brother, Andrew Grant, for the next Reacher book, The Sentinel, in October.



QUESTION OF SIZE: Tom Cruise as Reacher in Never Go Back

Crime writing is the only true reflection of society

Jack Reacher mega-author Lee Child sits down with newcomer Joseph Knox to reveal why thrillers have cornered the fiction market, how TV is the future and why it took 10 years to be an overnight success...

While Joe's Aidan Waits shares Reacher's dislike of authority, he is an orphan with addiction issues.

His creator explains: "At the time and to this day, there are a lot of people out there who want to be Lee Child. And none of them are as good at it as the man sitting next to me so I very consciously did something different. Aidan always does the right thing in the end but only after exhausting every possible eventuality before he gets there. I set myself the challenge to see if this guy's going to make it."

"The second book, The Smiling Man, is much more confident, Aidan is much more confident. It was me trying to prove to the world, this is something I can do, trust me, stick with me and we're going somewhere. In the new book, although there is extreme trauma along the way, I give him a moment where he does literally save the day."

In Joe's gripping new book, The

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WORDS OF ADVICE:
Lee Child
with
Joseph
Knox



the popularity of crime writing among readers, the world of high-brow literary fiction has been slow to acknowledge their better-selling cousins.

Even for Lee, 65 – recently announced as a judge for this year's prestigious Booker prize award for literary fiction – it's been a hard-fought battle for recognition.

"The weight of sales and profile I eventually got forced these people to grudgingly have a look and try one. I was the guilty pleasure people would mention during interviews in order to indicate how hip they were," he says.

"But why is there this assumption that it's easier to satisfy a huge audience than a tiny audience? In reality, it's exactly the reverse.

"It's easy to satisfy a tiny audience and very hard to satisfy a broad audience and I think people are finally recognising that. Henry James said easy reading is hard writing and that's the truth of it."

Lee – whose own protagonist was controversially played on the big screen in two movies by Tom Cruise, prompting a backlash from fans claiming the actor was too small for 6ft 5in Reacher – offers some advice to Joe: "Forget the movies, long-form, streamed television is the way to go. That's the natural home of a novel.

"Movies are totally dependent on star casting to provide the financing. As a friend Tom Cruise is great, as an actor he's super-talented, as a theorist of story he's incredibly accomplished, he was just not the right physical fit for Reacher."

Indeed, following the interview, it was announced this week that the TV rights to Sirens, Joe's 2017 debut had been snapped up by a production company.



LATEST BOOKS:
Child and Knox

SAD DECLINE IN CHILDREN READING BECAUSE THEY PREFER SCREENS TO BOOKS

FEWER children are enjoying reading as they prefer screens to the pages of a book, new research reveals. Just 25.8 per cent of youngsters read every day last year, according to figures published to mark World Book Day today.

This is the lowest level the National Literacy Trust has recorded since it first surveyed children in 2005. And only just over half (53 per cent) described reading as something they enjoy "very much" or "quite a lot" – the lowest level since 2013.

Now the NLT is calling on the nation to participate in an unprecedented mass action and Share a Million Stories in a bid to enthuse younger readers. Past research shows that

By **Sarah O'Grady**
Social Affairs Correspondent

shared reading, for just 10 minutes a day, can have long-lasting positive impacts on a child's future. In schools, stadiums and TV studios, in bedrooms, bookshops, libraries and prisons – the plan is for hundreds of thousands of stories to be read across the UK and Ireland today.

At the beginning of World Book Day week, more than 180,000 stories have been shared already. Cassie Chadderton, World Book Day CEO, said: "Year on year, the evidence grows that World Book Day is having a positive impact on the reading

behaviour of our children and young people. Putting more books into the hands of children and young people and, at the same time, encouraging everyone, everywhere to get into the habit of sharing stories regularly, World Book Day is helping create readers."

Funded by publishers and booksellers, and sponsored by National Book Tokens, World Book Day reaches more than 15 million children and young people in 45,000 schools every year.

For the first time, World Book Day is partnering with McDonald's, who are printing World Book Day tokens worth £1 on all Happy Meal boxes until March 17, giving millions of families free access to the exclusive World Book Day books from bookshops and supermarkets.

**WORLD
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Sleepwalker, a series of rolling blackouts are plunging Manchester into darkness, while Waits is sitting in an abandoned hospital ward watching a murderer slowly die – in case he makes a final confession. Featuring police corruption, gangsters and drugs, it makes for compelling reading.

While Joe's books are rooted in Manchester, Jack Reacher has an entire continent at his disposal, and has been known to travel to the UK too.

Of making Reacher an American, Birmingham-born Lee explains: "Obviously the market in the States is much bigger and,

to be honest, the willingness to experiment and try a new author is much better. But it was really about the character, the knight errant, the wanderer. In Britain, Reacher would run out of space!"

Taking up the thread on the appeal of crime fiction, Joe adds: "One thing I think appeals to everyone is that there is a sense of resolution and justice in crime fiction. It's interesting that as the world increasingly feels as though it lacks resolution and justice, crime fiction is becoming more popular."

Lee continues: "If you disappoint a reader, the kind of guy who buys his book at

Gatwick Airport once a year on his way on holiday, if you let that guy down, he might never read another book!"

Joe, who grew up in Stoke and Manchester, adds: "Someone will say, 'I picked up Sirens, I don't read, I never read,' and in some cases, I've never read a book before, but I absolutely loved it and it sent me off to all these other things."

Lee says: "It's truly a lovely compliment. Ironically the best compliment you can get is from people who barely read at all.

"I've had it said to me dozens of times, 'I loved your book, I finished it.' Yet despite

LEE, who was famously made redundant by Granada Television after two decades, adds: "I was 40 when I started, and I'd spent about 37 of those 40 years reading constantly and really that's the only training to be a writer.

"My Granada redundancy left me with seven months living money, seven mortgage payments, and so I had to get this book written and sold in seven months.

"So it was very hyper-focused but it's not true to say I sat down with a commercial focus, I sat down with no focus at all. The more you plan and analyse the worse it gets. I just had to write what I thought by instinct and even then, it was an absolute lottery.

"Are any other human beings going to respond to this? Of course, whatever you do, there's going to be a few thousand people who like it. The question was, is it going to be 10,000 people, is it going to be 100,000? Is it going to be a million people?

"My first book, Killing Floor, took me five months to write and get into a sales state and then it was sold. I had six weeks left, one mortgage payment left in the bank."

He adds: "It was a slow build, it was eight years until I got my first number one and that's universally true. It takes you 10 years to become an overnight success."

But, three years into his own stellar career, will it really take Joe that long?

● *The Sleepwalker* by Joseph Knox (Black Swan, £8.99) is out today. Call Express Bookshop on 01872 562310 or order via expressbookshop.co.uk UK delivery is £2.95

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Stellar... £100k for rare Star Wars toy

Prototype of the Boba Fett figure with missile

By Mark Reynolds

A STAR Wars toy that never made it to the shops due to safety fears is expected to sell for £100,000.

The plastic figure was a prototype of character Boba Fett – the bounty hunter in The Empire Strikes Back – and manufactured in 1979.

The preliminary version of the nearly 4in figure fired a small plastic missile but the idea was scrapped amid fears children might swallow it.

It was one of 80 made and is being sold by online auctioneers the Prop Store.

Brandon Alinger, of Prop Store, said: "This piece represents the most legendary story in the Star Wars toy collecting world."



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Singer Sheila Ferguson, left, has complained in court about the rubble and earth stacked by contractors against her garages at Bray in Berkshire

Soul diva's battle over mementoes stored in garage

SEVENTIES singer Sheila Ferguson is locked in a legal fight over a garage where she stores her collection of Three Degrees mementoes.

The American, 73, is concerned that building work next to the lock-ups could cause them to collapse.

Sheila, a one-time friend of Prince Charles, lived at Bray in Berkshire during her 24-year marriage to British businessman Christopher Robinson and continues to keep records and other memorabilia there.

The pair have been battling developer Gordon Naylor since he started to demolish a £1.4million house behind the garages and dug out land to build a multimillion pound four-bedroom riverside home.

Their barrister Nicholas Isaac QC told Central London County Court the work is "clearly threatening the structural integrity" of the garages.

In addition, he insisted a fence has been erected and materials piled up, stopping access to the property.

The former couple have applied for a court order which would see the work stopped until they have agreed exactly what it entails, with safeguards to protect the garages, on which they have long leases.

Mr Naylor has planning permission

By **Paul Keogh**

for a redevelopment of the site in the private road in which celebrity chef Heston Blumenthal has his famous Fat Duck gastropub.

Work started in November allegedly without the couple's consent or a valid Party Wall Award in place.

Fencing was put up, allegedly preventing access to the garages, and Mr Isaac claimed workmen had excavated behind the walls of the garages, digging below their foundations. He added: "Mr Naylor has cynically decided to ignore his obligations."

Judge Nicholas Parfitt ordered that Mr Naylor must allow access by a surveyor to evaluate the risks to the buildings. The case on the application for a full injunction was adjourned.

Mum-of-two Sheila was lead vocalist from 1966 to 1986 of all-girl group The Three Degrees, who had seven UK Top 40 hits, including the 1974 single When Will I See You Again.

She was one of Prince Charles' favourite singers and performed at his 30th birthday party in 1978.

Sheila, invited to his wedding with Lady Diana Spencer in 1981, has denied rumours she and the Prince were romantically involved.



Impression of the planned house in Bray next to Sheila Ferguson's garages

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Actress Shannen Doherty, 48, was petrified when diagnosed with secondary breast cancer. But while incurable, it does not mean giving up on life, as these women tell
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I couldn't sit around...I had stuff to do

PETRINA BREALY, 49, lives with husband Stuart, 60, in Zeal Monachorum, Devon. She has two stepdaughters, Serena, 26, and Victoria, 21

When my consultant broke the news I had secondary breast cancer, the first thing I asked was whether I'd be able to go on holiday in six months' time. I certainly didn't expect to be here five years later – but here I am.

I noticed a dent in one of my breasts just before my 43rd birthday. I went to my GP but wasn't worried as I'd had cysts in the past and had no history of breast cancer in my family.

But a couple of weeks later I was diagnosed with bilateral breast cancer, which meant I had one type of cancer in one breast and a different type in the other, and had surgery, chemotherapy and radiotherapy.

I went back to work as a pharmacist eight months later, but couldn't settle into it. People talk about getting back to normal, but normal had changed – it really is a new normal. I was always looking over my shoulder, wondering if the cancer had really gone.

That winter I got a cough that didn't clear up. Scans showed there was cancer in my lungs, sternum and spine. At first I felt that this was the end and I was dying. I thought: "I'm only 43 – is this it?"

But with time, a very supportive oncology team and help from Breast Cancer Now, I realised I couldn't sit around thinking "I've got secondary breast cancer". I had stuff to do.

I started simple – spending time with friends and going for nice walks. But my outlook changed. Instead of thinking, "I should do that", it became "I will do that".

Stuart proposed at the finish line of a Breast Cancer Now Pink Ribbon fundraising walk, and we married four months later. We bought a motorhome, I've modelled in a Breast Cancer Now fashion show and I recently played Prince Hal for a local theatre company production. I knew the director and phoned him for the role. There's no way I'd have done it a few years ago – my diagnosis has given me courage. I'm officially terminally ill, but if you saw me

We're living with cancer, not dying from it



AIN'T SNOW STOPPING US NOW: Emma, right, has fun on the slopes. Petrina, left, weds Stuart and, below, Shannen Doherty



in the street you wouldn't know. What I'm on is life-prolonging treatment – for a good quality of life. I'm responding quite well to it.

To me, a secondary diagnosis means your long-term horizon is shorter than the next person's.

But none of us know what's going to happen. What I try to do is live my life well.

I like to think that I'm thriving with it

EMMA FISHER, 39, works in digital marketing. She lives with her partner, Jim, 41, in Sheffield

It was my dog who found the pea-sized lump between my breasts. He was clambering over

me when I felt a sharp pain. I went to my GP, who sent me away saying at 35 I was too young to have breast cancer. Using private health care, I saw a second doctor a month later, who diagnosed me. It was a total shock as there was no history of cancer in my family.

I had surgery then chemotherapy and radiotherapy. When treatment finished, I was sure it was gone.

But when I went for a check-up a year later in November 2017, I mentioned to the doctor that I had pain when I breathed in. A scan revealed my sternum was full of cancer. For a few weeks I hoped it was a primary bone cancer rather than recurring breast cancer. The difference is a primary cancer is curable, but when it is secondary, there is treatment but no cure.

I was just 37 when I learned the

breast cancer had returned. I went straight back onto chemotherapy, as well as targeted hormone drugs, bone-strengthening and heart medication, as my cancer treatment was affecting my heart.

Doctors didn't give me a prognosis because everyone is different. Luckily for me the chemo worked really well and the tumours shrank. I was stable for a year, but last September found out the cancer was growing again and I would need to change treatment.

The average life expectancy for secondary breast cancer is three to

five years but there are women who live for 10 years or more. There's no way of knowing, so I just think, "I'm going to smash those three to five years". I went to Glastonbury last year – the first time I've been

back since I was diagnosed. We went to a beer festival in Copenhagen and spent weekends in Amsterdam and Berlin. We also spent a week in the South of France where I was bridesmaid at my friend's wedding.

I've been snowboarding and sailing as well as eating in lots of Michelin-star restaurants.

And I'm not done yet. I want to see penguins in the wild, explore Iceland and brew my own beer.

I'm also campaigning to make sure women like me can access the right drugs on the NHS.

Many people don't understand what having secondary breast cancer means. They either think I'll be cured or that I'm dying right now. In fact, my cancer is under control, but I will need treatment for the rest of my life.

I like to think I'm thriving with it – I've got this disease but right now I'm making the best of life.



SECONDARY BREAST CANCER: THE FACTS

CATHERINE PRIESTLEY, Clinical Nurse Specialist at Breast Cancer Now, says: "Recent estimates suggest 35,000 people are living with secondary breast cancer in the UK. Secondary breast cancer is when breast cancer cells spread from the breast to other parts of the body, most commonly the liver, lungs, bones or brain. While the disease can be treated and managed for some time, it cannot be cured."

"Treatment aims to control the cancer, relieve any symptoms and maintain a good quality of life for as

long as possible. Many people can live well for a number of years after their diagnosis. Accessing the right support and treatment can help people living with secondary breast cancer continue with normal life as much as possible."

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Spring's top 10 and how to wear



TANGERINE DREAM

Zingy shades of tangerine brightened up the spring/summer catwalks. Orange was the new black at Stella McCartney, Prada, Emilia Wickstead and Valentino to name just a few. This zesty hue was used in everything from daywear separates to evening gowns and coats. There's no doubt about it, the future's bright.

DESIGNER: ALBERTA FERRETTI



Trousers, £85, French Connection (frenchconnection.com); dress, £58, Abbey Clancy x Lipsy (next.co.uk)



THE POWER SHOULDER

The 1980s power shoulder is back – and it's bigger than ever. Keep an eye out for accentuated shoulders on longline blazers and vintage-style trench coats, as seen at Mugler, Balenciaga and Balmain. To be bang on trend, belt your trench at the waist to create an hourglass silhouette.

DESIGNER: GIORGIO ARMANI



HIGH STREET:

Peach blazer, £65, River Island (riverisland.com); blazer, £49, Topshop (topshop.com)



HIGH STREET: Top, £12.99, H&M (hm.com); dress, £99, Monsoon (monsoon.co.uk)



BACK TO THE 70S

Thanks to the success of the Tarantino film Once Upon A Time In Hollywood, the 1970s are set to enjoy yet another fashion resurgence. The trend was spotted at Missoni, Louis Vuitton and Fendi, while Rixo went all out to recreate Woodstock at their show. Suede separates and psychedelic prints sat alongside punchy florals and retro fine knits.

DESIGNER: FENDI



HIGH STREET: Dress, £19.50, Marks & Spencer (marksandspencer.com); Jacket, £23.99, Josephine at Zalando (zalando.com)



HIGH STREET: Belted trench (hm.com); coat, £79, Topshop

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DESIGNER: VERSACE



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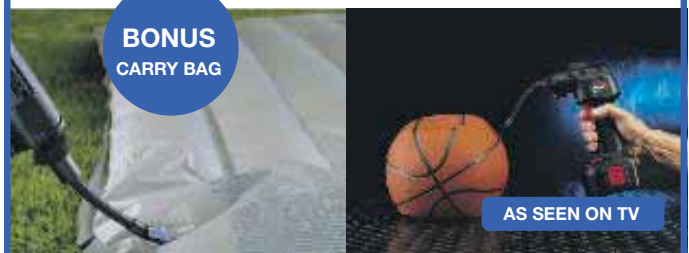
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FROM plumping injectables to wrinkle-erasing Botox, tweakments are seen as the perfect lunchtime quick fix. But reports of bad practice and procedures gone wrong have more than doubled since 2018 and guidelines are being flouted daily when it comes to performing cosmetic treatments.

In the UK you can call yourself an aesthetic practitioner and start injecting, whatever your level of training. This has led to a huge rise in the number of untrained people setting themselves up without any insurance, often buying cheap products over the internet with no idea of their safety or efficacy.

Often these treatments are regarded as little more than a manicure, rather than a medical procedure that can have serious complications when administered incorrectly.

Botox has a long and well-established safety record, but in the wrong hands, side effects range from problems swallowing and breathing, to looking lopsided or droopy around the eyes.

Complications from dermal fillers – which are still unregulated – can include blocked blood vessels, nerve damage and even permanent loss of vision.

The ability to immediately deal with any complications, allergic reactions or infections is also severely lacking in those who are not medically trained.

There are many things you need to know before



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undergoing tweakments. Here's your ultimate guide on how to stay safe.

BEFORE YOU BOOK

● *Do your research. Medical qualifications are vital and your practitioner should be a surgeon, doctor, dentist or nurse with a solid medical background and experience in administering the specific procedure you want. Never go to untrained staff in unregulated salons or anyone offering home visits.*

● *Ask where they trained and which organisations they're a part of. Follow up with those*

organisations to see if they're telling the truth. You can also see reviews of the clinics online and check credentials with the General Medical Council.

● *Book a consultation and never make a decision based on cost alone. During the consultation you should be told what to expect before and after the treatment and who will carry out the procedure. Give yourself time to decide.*

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GET TO THE POINT:
Find out about your practitioner before having a treatment

● *Keep a record of dates and what products were used. Ask to see the box the injectable came in. That will state if the filler is FDA approved or CE marked. These are big markers of quality. If your practitioner can't show you either of them, do not have the treatment.*

● *Follow aftercare advice. Sleep elevated for a couple of nights, avoid the gym, heavy exercise and saunas for a few days.*

● *Cosmetic surgery abroad is not a holiday, but a serious medical procedure. It is also harder to research a surgeon's record or qualifications and the safety of the clinic. Plus medical insurance may be difficult to get if the surgeon is not in the UK.*

DR WHO?

All companies that provide cosmetic surgery must be registered with the Healthcare Commission so ask to see a hospital or clinic's registration. Check whether your surgeon or doctor is registered with the General Medical Council. They may also be members of other organisations such as The British Association of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons (baaps.org.uk) and the British Association of Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons (bapras.org.uk). Talk to your GP, who will be able to give

you general advice and raise any health issues you should mention to a surgeon before having a procedure. The General Medical Council has a leaflet outlining what you need to know before undergoing any cosmetic procedures (gmc-uk.org).

WHEN THINGS GO WRONG

● *A bad Botox result is often due to an inexperienced or unqualified injector. The most common complications are drooping eyelids or raised brows but these will start wearing off after around six weeks. Most mistakes can be corrected at no charge with a few strategically placed injections of Botox.*

● *From May, all face and lip fillers will be classified as medical devices, meaning quality and safety will be more tightly regulated. Be sure to go*

to an experienced injector as doctors must know exactly where and precisely how much filler to use to keep the natural contour of the face.

● *If you've been injected with a hyaluronic acid-based formula and don't like the effect, an injection of hyaluronidase can speed up the absorption so results diminish within a few weeks. A reversal procedure can cost from £300 for a small lump or two, to £500 for an extensive problem like overfilled cheeks. Other complications from dermal fillers, such as redness, swelling or bruising are transient and resolve spontaneously within hours or days.*

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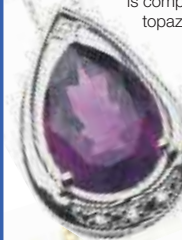
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Dogs go for the lead role

IS IT OK to enjoy Crufts again these days? It must be, mustn't it? It's more than a decade now since its bust-up with the BBC over allegations of controversial breeding practices. And Channel 4 have happily shown it every year since.

Not only that but the great Clare Balding wouldn't be on board if things weren't thoroughly tickety-boob now, would she? Course not.

So yes, all things considered, I'm happy to admit I like it. Honestly, you can't be too careful these days.

Sorry, where was I? Oh, yes, it's day one of this year's **CRUFTS** – hurrah – coming live once again



Mike Ward
previews
tonight's TV

from the NEC and enjoying absolutely oodles of airtime (C4, 3pm, 8pm; More4, 6.30pm).

As ever I wouldn't worry too much about the competitive element. Just settle back and enjoy the canine craziness.

Personally I'm a big fan of the doggy relay, but almost as entertaining are the agility bits and

the "heelwork to music" (meaning dancing).

Ultimately, though, it's just nice to admire the beauty and/or cuteness of these dogs.

That, and the dignity they maintain throughout, despite being saddled with names such as Nautilus Cha-Cha Typewriter The Ninth.

Also, it's a big chunk of prime-time telly where you don't have to keep up with a plot.

Having said that, there's one of those developing in BBC1's new drama **NOUGHTS + CROSSES** (9pm) which I'm hoping becomes more challenging.

Based on Malorie Blackman's

multi-award winning young-adult novels, Noughts + Crosses is set in an alternative contemporary Britain where black people (the Crosses) rule over a white underclass (the Noughts).

But while that's a great idea to explore and develop as a dramatic concept, turning prejudice on its head, the first part of this adaptation feels just a little too heavy-handed and obvious.

To transform a popular young-adult novel into a 9pm television drama requires building in, among other factors, several more layers of nuance, ambiguity and unpredictability.

So far there's little evidence of

these emerging. But that's not to say they won't.

In the long run it'll be up to teenagers Sephy (a Cross, played by Masali Baduza) and Callum (a Nought, played by Jack Rowan), who are pursuing a relationship across the divide, to propel this story beyond the constraints of its USP, ideally by steering it to a love-conquers-all conclusion.

And finally, the latest contestants on **MASTERCHEF** (BBC1, 8pm) include Bruce.

Bruce is Bruce Tasker. He's an Olympic bobsleigh bronze medallist.

So why isn't he on the celebrity version?

PICKS OF THE DAY



Sport: Tyson Fury: The Gypsy King, ITV, 9pm

You can imagine just how happy the makers of this programme were when Tyson Fury (left, with his wife Paris) defeated Deontay Wilder in their rematch in Las Vegas last month. It will surely result in a spike in viewers this evening as we go back in time for the final part of the documentary. Following a tougher than expected contest against Otto Wallin, Tyson's father John is critical of trainer Ben Davison, and Fury's team eventually part ways with the trainer as his rematch with Deontay Wilder is finally confirmed. Before the contract is signed for his fight with Wilder, the boxer also takes part in a lucrative WWE bout in Saudi Arabia.



Documentary: Hospital, BBC2, 9pm

This fly-on-the-wall show focuses on the work of staff such as consultant general paediatrician Tolu Awogbemi (left) at Alder Hey Children's Hospital. We meet eight-month-old Elsie, who was not expected to survive birth due to kidney abnormalities. She has spent all but two weeks of her life in hospital and has had 11 operations. Elsewhere, Holly has cerebral palsy and, as she is about to turn 18, is preparing to transition to adult services in Liverpool.



Documentary: Britain's Naughtiest Nursery, Channel 5, 8pm

All children aged between three and five can be a handful, that is a given. However, the little ones at the nursery featured here are challenging. Set up by psychologist Laverne Antrobus, she hopes to help tired and exhausted mums. Frankie's hyperactive behaviour has left his mum exhausted, while Daisy has driven her parents to despair.



Film: Bridesmaids, ITV2, 9pm

Led superbly by Kristen Wiig, Rose Byrne and Melissa McCarthy, this 2011 comedy never seems to get old, despite the fact we know exactly what is coming. A disorganised woman (Wiig) is asked to be maid of honour at her best friend's wedding. Taking charge of the prenuptial celebrations, she resolves to give her pal and accompanying bridesmaids the time of their lives, but her efforts slide into chaos.

Soap: Emmerdale, ITV, 7pm & 8pm

Marlon Dingle can take no more. He has been to hell and back recently and now his distrust has reached boiling point in the wake of the new revelation about Kim hiring someone to kill Graham. After demanding that Mandy move out, Marlon (Mark Charnock, right) tells anyone who will listen that he is done with the Dingle family once and for all. In a rather worrying development for Victoria, Wendy crosses a boundary by calling herself Harry's "Nana".



DID YOU KNOW? Australian-born actress Rose Byrne is of Scottish and Irish descent. She did her own singing in film *Get Him To The Greek*. She's a Kylie Minogue fan and her favourite actor is Jack Nicholson.

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BBC One	BBC Two	ITV	Channel 4	Channel 5
6.00 Breakfast With Charlie Stayt and Sally Nugent present. 9.15 Britain's Housing Scandal 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer 11.00 Wanted Down Under Revisited Life in Auckland. (R) 11.45 Saved on Camera A couple on a mission to save rhinos end up being saved themselves. 12.15 Bargain Hunt From Newark Antiques and Collectors Fair. (R) 1.00 BBC News at One; Weather 1.30 BBC Local News; Weather 1.45 Doctors Karen tracks down Abz to get her to tell her the truth, while Rob is in trouble with his bosses. 2.15 Jimmy McGovern's Moving On A middle-aged woman is forced to fight for her job and prove her role is vital. But in doing so, she reaches a surprising conclusion. 3.00 Escape to the Country A hunt for a home in Cumbria. (R) 3.45 Money for Nothing Jay Blades saves an old radio, a set of chairs and a chest of drawers. 4.30 Ready Steady Cook Mother and daughter Azra and Hannah do battle in the kitchen, with the help of chefs Ellis Barrie and Akis Petretzikis. Rylan Clark-Neal hosts. 5.15 Pointless Quiz show. (R) 6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather 6.30 BBC Local News; Weather 6.55 Party Political Broadcast By the Green Party. (R)	6.30 Money for Nothing (R) 7.15 Ready Steady Cook (R) 8.00 Sign Zone: Great British Railway Journeys (R) 8.30 Lose Weight and Get Fit with Tom Kerridge (R) 9.00 Crossing Divides Live BBC News Channel and BBC Radio 5 Live bring people together who might not normally speak to discuss the issues facing the UK. 10.00 Victoria Derbyshire 11.00 BBC Newsroom Live 12.15 Politics Live Political issues. 1.00 Hardball Quiz show. (R) 1.45 Best House in Town (R) 2.30 Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip Terry Wogan and Mason McQueen sample a pork pie wedding cake in Evesham. (R) 3.00 Red Rock Tom is pressured to makes time for Patricia. (R) 3.45 The Great Interior Design Challenge A thatched cottage. (R) 4.45 Portillo's State Secrets The secret UFO files kept by the Ministry of Defence. (R) 5.15 Flag It! Charles Hanson and Michael Baggott assess objects brought in Nottingham. (R) 6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games With Chizzy Akudolu, Miles Jupp, Amol Rajan and Ellie Taylor. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys Michael Portillo travels from Glasgow to Cumbria. (R)	6.00 Good Morning Britain News, current affairs and lifestyle features. 9.00 Lorraine Entertainment, current affairs and fashion news, as well as showbiz stories and gossip. 10.00 This Morning Magazine, featuring a mix of celebrity chat, lifestyle features, topical discussion, health and beauty advice and more. 12.30 Loose Women The women put the world to rights once more and invite a celebrity guest to chat about what they are up to. 1.30 ITV Lunchtime News 1.55 Local News; Weather 2.00 Judge Rinder Cameras follow criminal barrister Robert Rinder as he takes on real-life cases in a studio courtroom. 3.00 Tenable Warwick Davis quizzes five friends and family from Bromley about top 10 lists. (R) 4.00 Tipping Point Ben Shepherd 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 as contestants Martin, Lucy, Haroon and Karen work as a team to take on quiz genius the Chaser and secure a cash prize. 6.00 Local News; Weather 6.25 Party Political Broadcast By the Scottish National Party. 6.30 ITV Evening News; Weather	6.30 Cheers Double bill. (R) 7.20 The King of Queens (R) 8.10 Everybody Loves Raymond Double bill of the sitcom. (R) 9.10 Frasier Double bill. (R) 10.10 Undercover Boss Canada (R) 11.05 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary 12.05 Find It, Fix It, Flog It (R) 1.05 Posh Pawn Memorabilia expert Lawrence's knowledge of cars is put to the test. (R) 2.10 Countdown Word game with Rory Bremner in Dictionary corner. 3.00 NEW! Crufts 2020 Clare Balding presents highlights from the NEC in Birmingham, where today's featured events include the Flyball, Agility and Heelwork to Music. With Radzi Chinyanganya. Further coverage on More4 at 6.30. 4.00 A New Life in the Sun: Where Are They Now? Catching up with a fruit juice entrepreneur on the French Riviera. 5.00 Come Dine with Me Four contestants in Sheffield compete to host the best evening for £1,000. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons Homer is banned from driving, forcing Marge to take charge of the family car and run errands for everyone. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks Edward decides to turn his attentions to Marnie and make Diane jealous. (R)	6.00 Milkshake! Children's shows. 9.15 Jeremy Vine Discussion. 11.15 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords Margaret attempts to recover the £20,000 she is owed from a letting agent. (R) 12.10 5 News at Lunchtime 12.15 Paddington Station 24/7 All trains leaving the station are cancelled when reports come in of a trespasser on the relief lines. (R) 1.10 Access Showbiz news. 1.15 Home and Away See 6.00pm. 1.45 Neighbours See 5.30pm. 2.15 FILM A Wedding to Die For (2019) An engaged woman plans to marry her volatile fiancé, but then escape his clutches during the honeymoon. Thriller, with Christa B Allen and Danielle C Ryan. ★★★ 4.00 Friends Double bill. Ross discovers a strange growth on his buttocks; Monica's rich boyfriend embarks on a bid to become the Ultimate Fighting Champion. (R) 5.00 5 News at 5 Headlines. 5.30 Neighbours Toadie decides not to do anything special to mark the anniversary of Sonya's death. (R) 6.00 Home and Away Lives hang in the balance as the hospital siege escalates, and after Robbo's interview with Ouroboros leader Des yields nothing, he suspects there is a mole inside the Feds. (R) 6.30 5 News Tonight Headlines.
 EASTENDERS: Gray feels pressure from all angles, 7.30pm	 HOSPITAL: The work of staff Alder Hey Children's Hospital, 9pm	 TYSON FURY: THE GYPSY KING: Fury's rematch against Deontay Wilder is confirmed, 9pm	 FIRST DATES: Anthony wants to find the perfect person to settle down with, 10pm	 10 YEARS YOUNGER IN 10 DAYS: Cherry Healey helps a mum-of-two transform, 9pm
7.00 The One Show Live magazine show, presented by Alex Jones and Matt Baker. 7.30 EastEnders Gray's boss urges him to make Kush plead guilty, Keegan blames Jack for his treatment by the police, and Jean is bent on helping Suki.	7.00 MOTDx Jermaine Jenas is joined by Craig Mitch, Chelcee Grimes and Reece Parkinson to take an offbeat look at the Premier League. 7.30 Villages by the Sea Ben Robinson examines the history of Clovelly, Devon. (R)	7.00 Emmerdale Dawn receives news about Lucas, and Marlon makes a huge decision. 7.30 Diet: Trust Your Gut? Tonight Actress Catherine Tyldesley investigates what people need to know to look after their digestive system.	7.00 Channel 4 News The latest headlines, in-depth interviews and analysis of topical political developments and current affairs. Plus, a look at the day's leading sports stories as well as up-to-the-minute weather reports.	7.00 The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies The comedian returns, and assists vet Gwen as she takes on the case of Staffordshire bull terrier Annie, who has a suspected broken leg and a mystery lump. (R); 5 News Update.
8.00 MasterChef Judges John Torode and Gregg Wallace preside as six more hopefuls compete. They must serve up their signature dish, with the judges' favourite two winning a coveted MasterChef apron and a place in the next round.	8.00 Secrets of the Museum Victoria and Albert curator Keith brings the original Frankenstein's monster out of the archives, the curators discover photographs of the real Alice in Wonderland and repairs are made to Shakespeare's First Folio.	8.00 Emmerdale Al has to work hard to get Ellis back onside. 8.30 NEW! Griff's Great Australian Adventure New series. Griff Rhys Jones boards the trains of Australia to explore Down Under, beginning by heading from Perth to Kalgoorlie.	8.00 Crufts 2020 Clare Balding presents further coverage from the NEC in Birmingham, featuring the Flyball, Agility and Heelwork to Music. Plus, Scarlett Moffatt visits the show, and some WWE wrestlers pick their favourite dogs.	8.00 Britain's Naughtiest Nursery Day-to-day life at a nursery for challenging three-to-five year olds. The parents of Tegan, Frankie and Daisy are hoping that Laverne Antrobus can get everything back on track; 5 News Update.
9.00 NEW! Noughts + Crosses Drama set in a fictional world where black people rule over a white underclass, following two people who are divided by their race but united by love. Callum McGregor is angered when his friend is attacked by the police.	9.00 Hospital The documentary's focus moves to the work of Alder Hey Children's Hospital, following a baby about to have surgery and a 17-year-old with cerebral palsy as she reaches adulthood and leaves the hospital's care.	9.00 Tyson Fury: The Gypsy King Following a tough contest against Otto Wallin, Fury takes part in a lucrative WWE bout in Saudi Arabia, finally has a rematch with Deontay Wilder confirmed and parts ways with his trainer. Last in series.	9.00 Hunted One of the fugitives is captured by the hunters, who subject her to psychological pressures. Meanwhile, Hayley misses her dog and risks returning to Wigan to see the pup - unaware her every move is being tracked.	9.00 10 Years Younger in 10 Days Cherry Healey meets mum-of-two Julie, who has decided it is time to focus on herself, and ex-police officer Amanda, who wants to go back to the fun-loving party girl she once was.
10.00 BBC News at Ten A fresh perspective on the day's news and topical stories of interest. 10.25 BBC Local News; Weather Headlines. 10.35 Question Time Fiona Bruce presents the topical debate from Tunbridge Wells, inviting the studio audience to question a panel of politicians and other guests on subjects that have made the headlines over the past week.	10.00 Vic & Bob's Big Night Out Comedy series with Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer, featuring a welcome return for Novelty Island, and a special rendition of That's Magic. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather Presented by Kirsty Wark.	10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather The day's stories. 10.30 Local News; Weather 10.45 Liar Andrew's body is found on the Kent marshes, but Laura once again finds herself drawn into his destructive path. Thriller, with Joanne Froggatt. (R)	10.00 First Dates Singletons hoping to pair up over dinner include healthcare assistant Anthony, who wants to put his wild past behind him, and receptionist Bev sits down with former bank manager Howard, who is strangely familiar.	10.00 Me & My Beautiful Face Individuals speak straight to the camera, here talking about the challenges of having facial structures different from the norm. Including model-turned-presenter Gail Porter, who lost her hair through alopecia.
11.35 Newscast; Weather Laura Kuenssberg, Chris Mason, Katya Adler and Adam Fleming present their weekly round-up of inside political chat from Westminster, delivering their usual mix of serious analysis and light-hearted gossip about the biggest stories in politics. 12.05am Weather for the Week Ahead 12.10-6.00am BBC News	11.15 Match of the Day: The FA Cup Derby County v Manchester United. 11.40 LIVE! SheBelieves Cup USA v England. (Kick-off 12.00am). Eilidh Barbour presents coverage of the opening match for both nations.	11.45 Dancing on Ice Phillip Schofield and Holly Willoughby host the semi-final of the contest, in which the celebrities must each perform two routines for judges Jayne Torvill, Christopher Dean, Ashley Banjo and John Barrowman. (R)	11.00 24 Hours in A&E A teenager is rushed to hospital with a lacerated wrist after putting his hand through a pane of glass, while another patient discusses being diagnosed with a chronic condition that causes constant stomach pain. (R)	11.05 Billionaire Kids: Diamond Lives Documentary about the luxurious lives of children from wealthy families. Also looking at the companies making a profit by catering to the youngsters' every whim, from party planners to miniature supercar makers. (R)
12.05am Weather for the Week Ahead 12.10-6.00am BBC News	2.15am Sign Zone: Confronting Holocaust Denial with David Baddiel (R) 3.15 Dom Does America. Dominic Littlewood joins the US Army's First Armoured Division. (R) 4.00 Trust Me, I'm a Doctor. Testing whether yoga can lower a person's blood pressure. (R) 4.30-6.30am This Is BBC Two	1.20am Home Shopping 3.00 Diet: Trust Your Gut? Tonight. Actress Catherine Tyldesley investigates what people need to know to look after their digestive system, which is being linked to everything from obesity levels to mental health. (R) 3.25 ITV Nightscreen 5.05-6.00am Judge Rinder. Real-life cases. (R)	12.00m't 100 Kilo Kids: Obesity SOS (R) 1.00 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (R) 1.50 Home (R) 2.15 Baghdad Central (R) 3.10 Starbuck's & Nespresso (R) 3.35 Come Dine with Me (R) 4.30 Location, Location, Location (R) 5.25 Cooking Up a Fortune (R) 5.50-6.30am Countdown (R)	12.05am Eamonn and Ruth: Blowing a Fortune (R) 1.00 The 21.co.uk Live Casino Show 3.00 Access 3.10 Paddington Station 24/7 (R) 4.00 Tattoo Disasters UK. Featuring a granny whose tribute tattoo turns deadly. (R) 4.45 House Doctor (R) 5.10 Nick's Quest (R) 5.35-6.00am Wildlife SOS (R)

Dave

6.00 **Teleshopping** Buying goods.
7.10 **Cops UK: Bodycam Squad**
8.00 **American Pickers**
9.00 **Storage Hunters UK**
10.00 **American Pickers** In Texas.
12.00 **Timber Kings** Documentary.
1.00 **Top Gear** Stephen Fry guests.
2.00 **Cops UK: Bodycam Squad**
3.00 **Sin City Motors** Reality show.
4.00 **Top Gear** Double bill.
6.00 **Taskmaster** Panel game.
7.00 **Room 101** Double bill.
8.20 **Have I Got A Bit More Old News** For You Martin Clunes hosts.
9.20 **QI** Jo Brand, Jack Dee and Jimmy Carr are quizzed on humans.
10.00 **Meet The Richardsons**
10.35 **QI** Stephen Fry hosts.
11.20 **Mock The Week** Panel show.
12.00 **Taskmaster** Greg Davies presents. **1.00** Have I Got A Bit More Old News For You **2.00** Jon Richardson: Ultimate Worrier **2.50** Zapped **3.35** The Indestructibles **4.00-6.00** Teleshopping

Drama

6.00 **Teleshopping** Buying goods.
7.10 **Soldier, Soldier** Double bill.
9.00 **The Bill** Leela's life is in danger.
10.00 **Classic Holby City** Drama.
11.00 **Classic Casualty** Drama.
12.00 **The Bill** Gina gets bad news.
1.00 **Classic EastEnders** Soap.
2.20 **London's Burning** Drama.
3.20 **Monarch Of The Glen**
4.20 **Bergerac** A detective dies.
5.25 **Bread** Lilo Lil faces the family.
6.00 **Hi-de-Hi!** The Yellowcoat competition gets under way.
6.40 **As Time Goes By** Lionel and Jean sneak away to the country.
7.20 **Last Of The Summer Wine** Alvin and Entwistle try matchmaking.
8.00 **The Inspector Lynley** Mysteries Havers goes undercover.
10.00 **New Tricks** Two people confess to murder when a body is found.
11.20 **Waking The Dead** The team hears a deathbed confession.
1.55 **The Bill** **2.50** London's Burning **4.00-6.00** Teleshopping

Gold

7.10 **The Piglet Files** Double bill.
8.00 **As Time Goes By** Comedy.
8.40 **The Good Life** Comedy.
9.20 **Porridge** A cuppa causes a stir.
10.00 **Hi-de-Hi!** Holiday camp sitcom.
10.40 **Last Of The Summer Wine**
12.40 **Keeping Up Appearances**
1.20 **Porridge** A cuppa causes a stir.
2.00 **Hi-de-Hi!** Holiday camp sitcom.
2.40 **The Good Life** Comedy.
3.20 **Keeping Up Appearances**
4.00 **Dad's Army** Classic comedy.
4.40 **Last Of The Summer Wine**
6.40 **The Good Life** Comedy.
7.20 **Porridge** A cuppa causes a stir.
8.00 **Dad's Army** Double bill.
9.20 **Mrs Brown's Boys** Comedy.
10.00 **Sandylands** Comedy drama.
10.40 **Mrs Brown's Boys** Sitcom.
11.20 **Peep Show** Double bill.
12.25 **Lenny Henry's Race Through Comedy** **1.30** Mrs Brown's Boys **2.05** Peep Show **2.30** Marley's Ghosts **3.00** The Rebel **3.35-4.00am** TV Burp

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: The Post-War Plan** Hitler's plans to invade the US.
11.00 **Underground Worlds**
12.00 **Impossible Railways**
1.00 **Secrets Of Britain**
2.00 **Walking Through History**
3.00 **Underground Worlds**
4.00 **Impossible Railways**
5.00 **Secret Nazi Bases**
6.00 **Nazi Victory: The Post-War Plan** Hitler's Third Reich vision.
7.00 **Underground Worlds**
8.00 **Bangers And Cash**
9.00 **Warbird Workshop**
10.00 **Narrow Escapes Of World War Two** Hitler's Third Reich vision.
11.00 **Impossible Railways**
12.00 **Underground Worlds**
1.00 **Nazi Victory: The Post-War Plan** **2.00** Secrets Of The Bible **3.00-6.00** Teleshopping

RADIO 1

FM: 97.8-99.8 MHz

6.30 The Radio 1 Breakfast Show. **10.00** Clara Amfo. **12.45** Newsbeat. **1.00** Scott Mills. **4.00** Nick Grimshaw. **5.45** Newsbeat. **6.00** Nick Grimshaw. **7.00** Radio 1's Future Sounds. **9.00** Dev. **11.00** Radio 1's Indie Show. **1.00** Radio 1's Soundsystem With Toddlà T. **3.00** Radio 1's Rap Anthems. **4.00-6.00** Weekend Early Breakfast.

RADIO 2

FM: 88-90.2 MHz

5.00 Vanessa Feltz. **6.30** Zoe Ball. **9.30** Ken Bruce. **12.00** Jeremy Vine. **2.00** Steve Wright. **5.00** Sara Cox. **7.00** Jo Whiley. **9.00** The Country Show With Bob Harris. **10.00** Trevor Nelson's Rhythm Nation. **12.00** OJ Borg. **3.00** Tracks Of My Years. **4.00** The Craig Charles House Party Mixtape. **4.30-5.00** Huey Morgan's Loungin' Mix.

RADIO 3

FM: 90.2-92.4 MHz

6.30 Breakfast. **9.00** Essential Classics. **12.00** Composer Of The Week: Price. **1.02** Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. **2.00** Afternoon Concert. **5.00** In Tune. **7.00** In Tune Mixtape. **7.30** Radio 3 In Concert. **10.00** Free Thinking. **10.45** The Essay: Women Writers To Put Back On The Bookshelf. **11.00** Night Tracks: The Archive Remix. **11.30** Unclassified. **12.30-6.30** Through The Night.

RADIO 4

FM: 92.4-94.6 MHz LW: 198 kHz

5.30 News Briefing. **5.43** Prayer For The Day. **5.45** Farming Today. **5.58** Tweet Of The Day. **6.00** Today. **8.31** (LW) Parliament. **9.00** In Our Time. **9.45** (LW) Daily Service. **9.45** (FM) Book: Guest House For Young Widows. **10.00** Woman's Hour. **11.00** From Our Own Correspondent. **11.30** Only Artists. **12.00** News. **12.01** (LW) Shipping. **12.04** Apeirogon. **12.18** You And Yours. **12.57** Weather. **1.00** World At One. **1.45** The Californian Century. **2.00** The Archers. **2.15** Drama: Game Over. **3.00** Ramblings. **3.27** R4 Appeal. **3.30** Bookclub. **4.00** Film Programme. **4.30** BBC Inside Science. **5.00** PM. **5.54** (LW) Shipping. **5.57** Weather. **6.00** News. **6.30** The Break. **7.00** The Archers. **7.15** Front Row. **7.45** The Book Of Strange New Things. **8.00** Law In Action. **8.30** The Bottom Line. **9.00** BBC Inside Science. **9.30** In Our Time. **10.00** World Tonight. **10.45** Book: Apeirogon. **11.00** The Allotment - Talking To The Bees. **11.30** Parliament. **12.00** News: Weather. **12.30** Book: Guest House For Young Widows. **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. **9.00** Your Call. **10.00** Emma Barnett. **1.00** Nihal Arthanayake. **4.00** 5 Live Drive. **7.00** 5 Live Sport. **10.00** Question Time Extra Time. **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** White And Sawyer. **1.00** Hawksbee And Jacobs. **4.00** Adrian Durham And Darren Gough. **7.00** Kick-off. **9.00** Kick-off Added Time. **10.00** Sports Bar. **1.00-5.00** Extra Time With Paul Ross.

BBC WORLD SERVICE

on digital only

5.00 News. **5.06** The Newsroom. **5.30** Healthcheck. **6.00** Newday. **8.30** Business Daily.

Variations

BBC One Variations WALES: 6.55-7.00 Party Political Broadcast: By Plaid Cymru.
ITV Variations ITV MERIDIAN: 6.00-6.30 ITV Meridian Weather ITV WALES: **6.25-6.30** Party Political Broadcast: By Plaid Cymru. **7.30-8.00** Hook's Line On England: A Six Nations Special **8.30-9.00** Coast & Country **10.45** Diet: Trust Your Gut? Tonight **11.15-11.45** Griff's Great Australian Adventure: New series. Australia by train.
S4C 6.00 Cyw **12.00** Newyddion **S4C A'r Tywydd 12.05** Pobol Y Rhondda **12.30** Heno **1.30** Dan Do **2.00** Newyddion **S4C A'r Tywydd 2.05** Prynhawn Da **3.00** Newyddion **S4C A'r Tywydd 3.05** Cynefin **4.00** Awr Fawr: Peppa **4.05** Awr Fawr: Blero Yn Mynd I Ocido **4.15** Awr Fawr: Rapsgalw'n **4.30** Awr Fawr: Sion Y Chef **4.45** Awr Fawr: Sigldigwt **5.00** Stwnsh: Sbargo **5.05** Stwnsh: Y Lllys **5.15** Stwnsh: Arthur A Chriw Y Ford Gron **5.25** Stwnsh: Lollipop **5.50** Stwnsh: Ffeil **6.00** Nyrsys **6.25** Darllediad Gwleidyddol Gan Plaid Cymru **6.30** Rownd A Rownd **7.00** Heno **7.30** Newyddion **S4C A'r Tywydd 8.00** Pobol Y Cwm: Jaclyn is angry with Gerwyn for doing Dylan's dirty work. **8.25** Rownd A Rownd: Lowri supports Dani after learning about Jac's affair. **8.55** Newyddion **S4C A'r Tywydd 9.00** Jonathan: Rugby magazine, with guests Geraint Rhys Edwards and Dyddgu Hywel. **10.00** 3 Lie: Eleri Sion: Eleri Sion visits three important places in her life. **10.30** Hanzh: Tunes and comedy. **11.00** Y Stiwdio Gelfn **11.30-12.05** Mwy O Sgorio

Radio Choice

Radio 3 in Concert
Radio 3, 7.30pm

Pianist Lauren Zhang brings youthful verve to a performance of Rachmaninov's Third Piano Concerto at City Halls, Glasgow. Bruckner's majestic, long, death-haunted 8th Symphony is performed with the particular

drama that an opera conductor like Donald Runnicles can bring to its epic span.

The BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra open the concert with Correspondances, a colourful, sensuous cycle of songs and interludes by 20th-century French composer Henri Dutilleul.

8.50 Witness History. **9.00** News. **9.06** The Forum. **9.50** Sporting Witness. **10.00** World Update. **11.00** The Newsroom. **11.30** The Food Chain. **12.00** News. **12.06** Outlook. **1.00** The Newsroom. **1.30** Assignment. **2.00** Newshour. **3.00** News. **3.06** The Inquiry. **3.30** World Business Report. **4.00** BBC OS. **6.00** News. **6.06** Outlook. **7.00** News. **7.06** The Newsroom. **7.30** Sport Today. **8.00** News. **8.06** The Inquiry.

8.30 Science In Action. **9.00** Newshour. **10.00** News. **10.06** The Newsroom. **10.20** Sports News. **10.30** World Business Report. **11.00** News. **11.06** Assignment. **11.30** The Food Chain. **12.06** The Forum. **12.50** Sporting Witness. **1.00** News. **1.06** Business Matters. **2.00** News. **2.06** The Newsroom. **2.30** Assignment. **3.00** News. **3.06** Outlook. **4.00** News. **4.06** HARDtalk. **4.30-5.00** World Football.

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. **1.00-6.00** Jane Jones.

ABSOLUTE RADIO

MW: 1215, 1197, 1242 kHz

6.00 Bush And Richie. **10.00** Leona Graham. **1.00** Sarah Champion. **4.00** Ben Burrell. **7.00** Danielle Perry. **10.00** Jay Lawrence. **1.00-6.00** Chris Martin.

RADIO WALES

MW: 882, 657 kHz FM: 93.9-95.9, 103.7-103.9 MHz

5.30 Eye On Wales. **6.00** Radio Wales Breakfast. **8.30** Dot Davies. **11.00** Wynne Evans. **2.00** Eleri Sion. **5.00** Gareth Lewis. **6.30** Listening Project. **7.00** Janice Long. **10.00** Chris Needs. **1.00-5.30** As BBC World Service.

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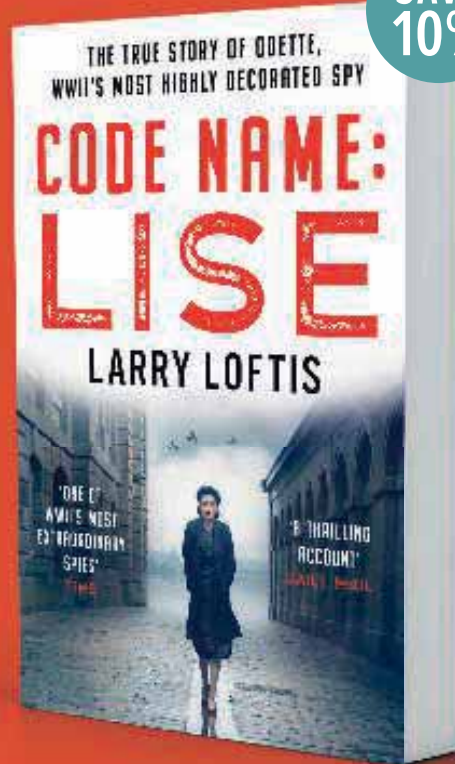
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FILMS

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

Sky 301

6.00am **The Candidate** (2018) (15) Spanish political thriller, starring Antonio de la Torre. **8.15** **The 2020 Top Ten Show 8.30 I Still See You** (2019) (15) Supernatural thriller, starring Bella Thorne. **10.15** **The Counterfeiter** (2018) (15) Action thriller, starring Chow Yun-fat. **12.30pm** **Godzilla: King Of The Monsters** (2019) (12) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Vera Farmiga. **2.45** **Killers Anonymous** (2019) (15) Crime mystery thriller, starring Gary Oldman. **4.30** **Straight Up** (2019) (15) Romantic comedy, starring Katie Findlay. **6.15** **UFO** (2018) (12) Sci-fi action thriller, starring Gillian Anderson. **8.00** **Godzilla: King Of The Monsters** (2019) (12) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Vera Farmiga. **10.15** **Hell Is Where The Home Is** (2018) (18) Premiere. Two troubled couples rent a house in the desert, hoping to forget their struggles, but chaos ensues when an unexpected visitor shows up. Horror, starring Angela Trimbur. **Midnight Killers Anonymous** (2019) (15) Crime mystery thriller, starring Gary Oldman. **1.45** **Mapplethorpe** (2018) (18) Biopic, starring Matt Smith. **3.45** **I Still See You** (2019) (15) Supernatural thriller, starring Bella Thorne. **5.30** **The Hurricane Heist: The Eye Of The Storm**

SKY CINEMA COMEDY

Sky 308

6.55am **The Flip Side** (2018) (15) With Eddie Izzard. **8.40** **Better Start Running** (2018) (15) With Analogue Tipton. **10.30** **Dusty And Me** (2016) (12) With Luke Newberry. **12.20pm** **The Back-up Plan** (2010) (12) With Jennifer Lopez. **2.15** **Date Night** (2010) (15) With Tina Fey. **3.55** **Crazy, Stupid, Love** (2011) (12) With Steve Carell. **5.55** **Think Like A Man** (2012) (12) With Michael Ealy. **8.00** **Think Like A Man Too** (2014) (12) With Kevin Hart. **10.00** **What Men Want** (2019) (15) With Taraji P Henson. **Midnight Better Start Running** (2018) (15) With Analogue Tipton. **1.40** **Dusty And Me** (2016) (12) With Luke Newberry. **3.20** **Date Night** (2010) (15) With Tina Fey. **4.55** **The Family Stone** (2005) (PG) With Sarah Jessica Parker.

SKY CINEMA ACTION

Sky 307

6.00am **The Last Castle** (2001) (15) With Robert Redford. **8.15** **Broken Arrow** (1996) (15) With John Travolta. **10.15** **Hudson Hawk** (1991) (15) With Bruce Willis. **Noon** **Skyscraper** (2018) (12) With Dwayne Johnson. **2.00** **Cliffhanger** (1993) (15) With Sylvester Stallone. **4.00** **Robin Hood** (1990) (PG) With Patrick Bergin. **6.00** **Broken**

TODAY'S CHOICE

UFO ★★★★★

Sky Cinema Premiere, 6.15pm

Fans of the 1970s TV series of the same name may be disappointed to find that this is not a big-screen version of it. However, director Ryan Eslinger's thought-provoking sci-fi thriller is an intriguing offering in its own right.

Alex Sharp heads the cast as Derek, a brilliant college student haunted by a childhood UFO sighting. He becomes obsessed with the idea that bizarre events at various airports are also caused by visitors from outer space, and enlists his professor (Gillian Anderson) and girlfriend (Ella Purnell) to help him investigate.

Sarah Morgan



Arrow (1996) (15) With John Travolta. **8.00** **Skyscraper** (2018) (12) With Dwayne Johnson. **10.00** **Cliffhanger** (1993) (15) With Sylvester Stallone. **Midnight Backtrace** (2018) (15) With Sylvester Stallone. **1.45** **The Last Castle** (2001) (15) With Robert Redford. **4.00** **Robin Hood** (1990) (PG) With Patrick Bergin.

SKY CINEMA KIDS BOOKS

Sky 306

6.25am **The Many Adventures Of Winnie The Pooh** (1977) (U) Animated adventure, with the voice of Sterling Holloway. **7.50** **The Cat In The Hat** (2003) (PG) Comedy fantasy, starring Mike Myers. **9.20** **Matilda** (1996) (PG) Children's fantasy comedy, starring Mara Wilson. **1.05** **Harry Potter And The Goblet Of Fire** (2005) (12) Fantasy adventure, starring Daniel Radcliffe. **1.45pm** **Goosebumps 2** (2018) (PG) Comedy sequel, starring Madison Iseman. **3.20** **The Many Adventures Of Winnie The Pooh** (1977) (U) Animated adventure, with the voice of Sterling Holloway. **4.45** **The Cat In The Hat** (2003) (PG) Comedy fantasy, starring Mike Myers. **6.15** **Matilda** (1996) (PG) Children's fantasy comedy, starring Mara Wilson. **8.00** **Harry Potter And The Goblet Of Fire** (2005) (12) Fantasy adventure, starring Daniel Radcliffe. **10.40** **Mary Poppins** (1964) (U) Disney musical fantasy,

with Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke. **1.05am** **Goosebumps 2** (2018) (PG) Comedy sequel, starring Madison Iseman and Wendy McLendon-Covey. **2.45** **Matilda** (1996) (PG) Children's fantasy comedy, starring Mara Wilson. **4.35** **The Jungle Book** (1967) (U) Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Phil Harris.

SKY CINEMA WOMEN IN FILM

Sky 310

6.00am **Breakfast At Tiffany's** (1961) (PG) With Audrey Hepburn. **8.00** **Can You Ever Forgive Me?** (2018) (15) With Melissa McCarthy. **9.50** **The Blind Side** (2009) (12) With Sandra Bullock. **Noon** **Erin Brockovich** (2000) (15) With Julia Roberts. **2.10** **What They Had** (2018) (15) With Hilary Swank. **3.55** **Mary Queen Of Scots** (2018) (15) With Saoirse Ronan. **6.05** **Can You Ever Forgive Me?** (2018) (15) With Melissa McCarthy. **8.00** **A Star Is Born** (2018) (15) With Bradley Cooper. **10.30** **Almost Famous** (2000) (15) With Patrick Fugit. **1.20am** **The Blind Side** (2009) (12) With Sandra Bullock. **3.45** **Breakfast At Tiffany's** (1961) (PG) With Audrey Hepburn.

SKY CINEMA GREATS

Sky 304

8.50am **Deep Impact** (1998) (12) Sci-fi drama, starring Robert Duvall. **10.55** **The Goonies** (1985) (12) Children's adventure, starring Sean Astin. **12.55pm** **The Hand That**

Rocks The Cradle (1992) (15) Thriller, starring Rebecca De Mornay. **2.55** **The Social Network** (2010) (12) Fact-based drama, with Jesse Eisenberg. **5.00** **Sister Act 2: Back In The Habit** (1993) (PG) Comedy sequel, starring Whoopi Goldberg. **7.00** **The Goonies** (1985) (12) Children's adventure, starring Sean Astin. **9.00** **The Hand That Rocks The Cradle** (1992) (15) Thriller, starring Rebecca De Mornay and Annabella Sciorra. **11.00** **The Royal Tenenbaums** (2001) (15) Comedy, starring Gene Hackman and Anjelica Huston. **1.00am** **Face/Off** (1997) (18) Action thriller, starring John Travolta and Nicolas Cage. **3.25** **Barbarella** (1968) (15) Sci-fi adventure, starring Jane Fonda. **5.10** **Kramer Vs Kramer** (1979) (PG) Drama, starring Dustin Hoffman and Meryl Streep.

TCM MOVIES

Sky 315

6.25am **TCM Shorts: Ben Miller Off Set** **6.45** **Heaven With A Gun** (1969) (PG) Western, with Glenn Ford. **8.45** **Guns For San Sebastian** (1968) (PG) Western, starring Anthony Quinn. **11.00** **Rio Lobo** (1970) (PG) Howard Hawks' Western, with John Wayne and Jorge Rivero. **1.30pm** **Escape From Fort Bravo** (1953) (PG) Western, starring William Holden. **3.35** **The Lone Ranger** (1956) (U) Western, starring Clayton Moore and Jay Silverheels. **5.30** **Coroner Creek** (1948) (U) Western, starring Randolph Scott. **7.25** **Fort Osage** (1952) (U) Western, starring Rod Cameron. **9.00** **Payback** (1999) (18) Thriller, starring Mel Gibson. **11.10** **Exit Wounds** (2001) (18) Thriller, starring Steven Seagal. **1.20am** **Dracula** (1931) (PG) Horror, starring Bela Lugosi. **2.50** **Return Of The Gunfighter** (1967) (U) Western, starring Robert Taylor. **4.30** **Hollywood's Best Film Directors 5.00** **Off Set 5.20** **Hollywood's Best Film Directors**

FILM4

Freeview 14 - Sky 313

11.00am **The Way To The Stars** (1945) (U) Second World War drama, starring John Mills. **1.15pm** **A Night To Remember** (1958) (PG) Fact-based drama, starring Kenneth More. **4.05** **The Dam Busters** (1955) (U) Fact-based Second World War drama, starring Michael Redgrave. **6.45** **Now You See Me** (2013) (12) Crime thriller, starring Jesse Eisenberg. **9.00** **My Friend Dahmer** (2017) (15) Premiere. Drama charting the early years of Ohio serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer, starring Ross Lynch, Anne Heche and Alex Wolff. **11.10** **The Hard 2** (1990) (18) Action thriller sequel, starring Bruce Willis. **1.35am** **Kill Your Friends** (2015) (18) Drama, starring Nicholas Hoult.

ENTERTAINMENT

ITV2

Freeview 6 - Sky 118

7.00am **The Ellen DeGeneres Show** **7.50** **Emmerdale** **8.20** **Coronation Street** **9.20** **Superstore** **10.15** **Dinner Date** **11.15** **Dress To Impress** **12.15pm** **Emmerdale** **12.45** **Coronation Street** **1.50** **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** **7.00** **You've Been Framed!** **Gold: Yearbook** All the major events in the calendar. **8.00** **Two And A Half Men** **9.00** **Film: Bridesmaids** (2011) (15) **11.35** **Family Guy** **12.30am** **American Dad!** **1.25** **The Stand Up Sketch Show** **1.55** **Two And A Half Men** **2.25** **CelebAbility** **3.05** **Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records** **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** **10.30** **Inspector Morse** **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** **Lewis**. A botanist accidentally unearths a body. **10.00** **Scott & Bailey** **11.00** **Inspector Morse** **1.15am** **A Touch Of Frost** **3.00** **That's My Boy** **3.25** **Nightscreen** **3.30** **Teleshopping**

ITV4

Freeview 24 - Sky 120

6.00am **Quincy Me** **7.00** **Kojak** **8.10** **The Saint** **9.15** **Minder** **10.15** **The Professionals** **11.20** **The Sweeney** **12.25pm** **Quincy Me** **1.30** **Kojak** **2.35** **The Saint** **3.40** **Minder** **4.50** **The Professionals** **5.50** **The Sweeney** **7.00** **The Chase** **7.15pm** **Special** **8.00** **Heathrow: Britain's Busiest Airport: double bill** **9.00** **Film: Goldfinger** (1964) (PG) **11.15** **Film: Wanted** (2008) (18) **1.25am** **The Sweeney** **2.30** **The Protectors** **3.00** **Teleshopping**

5STAR

Freeview 30 - Sky 128

8.00am **3rd Rock From The Sun** **8.20** **House** **10.05** **The Nighttime Neighbour Next Door** **12.05pm** **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away!** **2.00** **Can't Pay? My Nighttime Ex Wife** **3.00** **Neighbours** **3.30** **Home And Away** **4.00** **House** **6.00** **Neighbours** **6.30** **Home And Away** **7.00** **Spray Tan Mums: Single And Proud**. Documentary. **8.00** **Film: The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1** (2011) (12) **10.15** **Film: Bad Teacher** (2011) (15) **12.05am** **Film: Not Another Teen Movie** (2001) (15) **1.55** **Film: Alvin And The Chipmunks: The Road Chip** (2015) (U) **3.40** **Two And A Half Men** **4.00** **Teleshopping**

SUSA

Freeview 21 - Sky 141

9.00am **Access** **9.10** **Criminals: Caught On Camera** **9.35** **CSI: NY** **11.15** **The Mysteries Of Laura** **12.10pm** **Law & Order** **8.00** **NCIS: New Orleans** **9.00** **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** **10.00** **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** **1.55am** **Law & Order: Los Angeles** **3.50** **Access** **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: Law & Disorder** **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** **8.00** **A League Of Their**

Own. Sports-based comedy quiz show. 9.00 **The Heist** **10.00** **The Force: North East** **11.00** **An Idiot Abroad 2** **Midnight Intelligence** **1.00** **Caught On Dashcam** **2.00** **The Late Late Show With James Corden: Best Of The Week** **3.00** **The Force: Manchester** **4.00** **Stop, Search, Seize** **5.00** **Futurama**

E4

Freeview 13 - Sky 135

6.00am **Hollyoaks** **7.00** **How I Met Your Mother** **8.00** **Baby Daddy** **9.00** **Mike & Molly** **10.00** **The Big Bang Theory** **11.00** **The Goldbergs** **Noon** **Brooklyn Nine-Nine** **1.00** **The Big Bang Theory** **2.00** **Baby Daddy** **3.00** **Mike & Molly** **4.00** **The Goldbergs** **5.00** **Brooklyn Nine-Nine** **6.00** **The Big Bang Theory** **7.00** **Hollyoaks** **7.30** **Man With A Plan** **8.00** **Young Sheldon**. double bill **9.00** **Celebs Go Dating**. Famous faces find love. **10.00** **Celebrity Gogglebox** **11.05** **The Big Bang Theory** **12.05am** **Brooklyn Nine-Nine** **1.05** **Celebs Go Dating** **2.10** **First Dates** **Hotel** **3.05** **Celebrity Gogglebox** **4.00** **The Big Bang Theory** **4.50** **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** **8.00** **Grand Designs** **9.00** **Phil Spencer's Statly Homes** **10.00** **24 Hours In A&E** **11.05** **999: What's Your Emergency?** **12.05am** **Phil Spencer's Statly Homes** **1.10** **24 Hours In A&E** **2.15** **999: What's Your Emergency?** **3.20** **Food Unwrapped**

SPORT

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

Sky 401

6.00am **Live Women's ICC World T20 Cricket** **7.30** **Live Women's ICC World T20 Cricket** **11.30** **Live European Tour Golf** **2.00pm** **Live PGA Tour Golf** **7.00** **Live Bettfred Super League** **10.00** **The Debate** **11.00** **Live NBA: The Warm Up** **Midnight** **Sky Sports News** **1.00** **Live NBA: LA Clippers @ Houston** **3.30** **Sky Sports News**

SKY SPORTS PREMIER LEAGUE

Sky 402

6.00am **PL Greatest Games** **7.00** **The Debate** **8.00** **Best PL Goals: Man City V Liverpool** **8.30** **Best PL Goals: Chelsea V Arsenal** **9.00** **Premier League** **100 Club** **10.00** **Premier League Years** **Noon** **The Debate** **1.00** **Premier League Years** **3.00** **PL Best Goals** **92/93** **4.00** **PL Greatest Games** **5.00** **PL 100 Club: England's Finest** **5.30** **Premier League** **100 Club** **6.00** **PL Legends: Robbie Fowler** **6.30** **PL Legends: Ian Wright** **7.00** **Premier League Match Pack** **7.30** **Premier League World** **8.00** **Gary Neville's Soccerbox** **9.00** **Premier League Match Pack** **9.30** **Premier League World** **10.00** **The Debate** **11.00** **Premier League Match Pack** **11.30** **Premier League World** **Midnight** **The Debate** **1.00** **Premier League Years** **3.00** **PL Greatest Games** **4.00** **PL Best Goals** **03/04** **5.00** **Best PL Goals** **16/17** **5.30** **Premier League** **100 Club**

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** **4.00** **Stop, Search, Seize** **5.00** **Border Security: Australia's Front Line** **8.00** **Ghost Whisperer** **9.00** **The Rookie** **10.00** **CSI: Crime Scene Investigation** **11.00** **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** **Midnight** **CSI: Crime Scene Investigation** **1.00** **Chicago Med** **2.00** **Chicago Fire** **3.00** **Chicago PD** **4.00** **Shades Of Blue**

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** **Guns** **3.05** **The High Chaparral** **4.50** **Mission: Impossible**

CBS REALITY

Freeview 66 - Sky 146

9.00am **Judge Judy** **7.00pm** **Medical Detectives** **8.00** **48 Hours: Mystery** **9.00** **Cold Blood** **10.00** **Snapped: Killer Couples** **11.00** **Killer Doctors On Death Row** **Midnight** **Wives With Knives** **1.00** **Cold Blood** **2.00** **Snapped: Killer Couples** **3.00** **I Survived** **3.45** **Unsolved Mysteries** **5.10** **Bondi Rescue**

BBC FOUR

Freeview 9 - Sky 116

7.00pm **Beyond** **100 Days** **7.30** **The Yorkshire Dales** **8.00** **The Real T-Rex** With Chris Packham **9.00** **The Day The Dinosaurs**

SKY SPORTS CRICKET

Sky 404

6.00am **Live Women's ICC World T20 Cricket** **7.30** **Live Women's ICC World T20 Cricket** **11.30** **My Icon: Charlotte Edwards** **11.45** **My Icon: Ebony Rainford-Brent** **Noon** **Women's ICC World T20 Cricket** **4.00am** **Cricket's Greatest Games** **5.00** **My Icon: Nasser Hussain** **5.15** **My Icon: Ebony Rainford-Brent** **5.30** **My Icon: Moeen Ali** **5.45** **My Icon: Charlotte Edwards**

SKY SPORTS ACTION

Sky 407



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PM and media a little out of touch with listeners

I WATCHED our Prime Minister giving his national speech earlier this week about Covid-19 and what action to take.

I thought for a while that something was wrong and the penny dropped.

He did not have an interpreter standing alongside with him for those who are hard of hearing.

I will not be surprised if this community is in uproar over this.

I recall that in the news about the Australian fires, New Zealand and Japan earthquakes, other countries' media outlets have been using them for their major news, giving equal rights to deaf viewers, so why not for the UK people who are hard of hearing?

Terry Waters,
Swindon, Wilts

Put former coppers back on the beat to stop crime

IF we are considering bringing back retired doctors and nurses to deal with the emerging coronavirus threat, surely we should extend this idea to retired police and prison officers to blunt the current spike in crime ("Cities will shut down in virus battle plan", March 2)?

Why not extend it to retired Armed Forces personnel to bolster the prison services and not automatically halve persistent offenders' sentences?

Perhaps even their lordships in the Upper House could be prevailed upon to join them so that they experience what it is really like to actually earn a real living.

Dennis Harding,
Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancs

Boris right to step in to help workers with virus

WELL done Boris for guaranteeing statutory sick pay from the first day off work and not the fourth to combat the spread of coronavirus ("Boris 'shuts the Labour front bench up' with coronavirus sick pay bombshell", March 4).

Not all people can work from home. Statutory sick pay is a joke at around £90 per week.

If a person is told to self-isolate due to a coronavirus concern, the employer should be instructed to guarantee an employee's job.

After all, the expression "if you find a good employer lock them up before they turn bad" in situations such as this is very true. There should be no wriggle room.

Patrick Higgins,
Rainham, Kent

Queen leads the way in response to this outbreak

HAVING observed Her Majesty sensibly, graciously and respectfully wearing gloves at a Buckingham Palace investiture, I was unsure of Prime Minister Boris Johnson's actions, when he was boasting that he was happy to shake the hands of patients in a hospital where, in his words, there were cases of coronavirus ("Take care Ma'am... Queen in gloves to hand out honours", March 4).

Phillip Mindenhall,
Scarborough, N Yorks

Letter of the day

Picture: GETTY



OUTBREAK: Police officer outside a Wuhan seafood market

Cruel animal trade should be banned

MUCH is written and broadcast about coronavirus and its ongoing effects on the health of people across the world.

But little is said about the source, allegedly the Chinese wet markets where live wild animals such as civets, dogs, rats, bats, monkeys, snakes and the rare pangolin reptiles are sold for slaughter alongside meat ("Britain ready for the worst", March 4).

This is a disgustingly cruel process. The virus is thought to have spread from bats to the pangolin.

It is to the shame of China that this trade is tolerated and should be banned immediately.

Where is the animal welfare? The world is paying the price for this folly.

Nigel Moulden,
Ilkley, W Yorks

Harry deserves accolade not nasty fat cat bosses

ITHOROUGHLY applaud gentleman Harry Billinge after being awarded the MBE for raising £25,000 towards a memorial to honour his fallen comrades ("D-Day hero, 94, dedicates his MBE to fallen friends", March 4).

Definitely deserved. But why has it taken so long for his efforts to be recognised when fat cat bosses can receive a knighthood for total failure? The mind boggles.

Mick Horsman,
York

Shambolic civil service are a Priti vacant rabble

PRITI Patel really is rocking the mandarins isn't she ("Priti's 'regret' at bitter departure of her top official", March 4).

If they don't like the heat of needing to be efficient then they can quit.

The whole shambolic thing called the Civil Service, Whitehall etc, needs a complete overhaul and be made to be cost effective.

The rest of us mortals are sick to death of funding the lifestyles of these faceless employees.

Brian Clark,
Newark, Notts

Nice compliment to name baby after a late relative

IT THINK Sheridan Smith should definitely name her baby boy Colin after her dad ("I might name my baby son Colin after late dad, says star Sheridan", March 4).

It may be an old-fashioned name but so what?

A lot of names from long ago are becoming popular.

My own grandson is called Stanley and that name dates back decades.

Simon Cowell called his little boy Eric after his own father, and what greater compliment can you pay a relative you loved and miss so much, than to give a new baby their name?

Lynne English,
Wickford, Essex

Let's take writer's silly remarks with pinch of salt

HILARY Mantel has said she feels that many people's attitude to Meghan Markle was racist ("Meghan lived up to dull royals and her critics are racist, says Hilary Mantel", March 4).

A controversial comment made shortly before the final volume of her trilogy hits the shelves in the shops. There can be no connection,

of course, or any thought of boosting sales, can there?

Geoff Manning,
Kingswood, Surrey

Dredging may have helped desperate flood victims

READING the Daily Express and watching the news on TV in respect of the many people with homes ruined and lives turned upside down, I have not heard any mention of why rivers and canals do not get dredged.

Dredging would have given some relief to the volume of rainwater that affected areas have seen. My heart goes out to the families that have been affected and cannot imagine what this would feel like.

Ralph Lowery,
Doncaster, S Yorks

Showing our emotions is just not British, Fiona

FIONA Bruce's statement that we should show more emotion like the Americans on the Antiques Roadshow is ridiculous ("Show emotion like Americans, Fiona urges Roadshow crowds", March 3).

We are British and don't want to be like Americans. She could leave the show and wouldn't be missed.

Jeff Kelter,
St Albans, Herts

IS PRESCRIPTION CHARGE INCREASE AN ABSOLUTE DISGRACE?

Yes

SO yet more price increases for the poor, elderly and people on fixed incomes to cope with as prescription charges go up again ("Long-term sick 'to suffer' after prescription charges hit £9.15", March 4).

Why are these charges allowed to go up on a

regular basis? People with long-term conditions will yet again be punished.

And don't get me started on the fact that people in England subsidise those in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, who get free prescriptions. Dreadful.

John Hill,
Norwich

No

WHILE I understand people's fears about prescription charges going up, this is just inflation. It's the going rate and can't be avoided.

If you need medicine, you need it. Simple as that. A few extra pence is hardly going to make any difference and you

are getting the medication you need to relieve a problem.

At least they're not going up like gas and electricity prices which hardly ever seem to be cut back by regulators who are slaves to private firms who can charge as much as they like.

Stephen Wilson,
Brighton

TODAY: Thursday
March 5, 2020

ON THIS DAY



51 years ago (1969)

We revealed the Kray twins and eight henchmen were found guilty of murdering rival gangster Jack "The Hat" McVitie. Ronnie Kray was also convicted of the fatal shooting of George Cornell at the Blind Beggar pub in Whitechapel. The Krays were sentenced to life behind bars.

Ronnie Kray died in prison in 1995 and Reggie in 2000.

74 years ago (1946)

On a lecture tour of America, former PM Winston Churchill delivered a speech in which he declared an "iron curtain" had divided Europe.

Joined on stage by President Truman, the wartime leader also coined the phrase the "special relationship" to describe historic ties between Britain and the US.

His speech came to be regarded as the start of the Cold War.

57 years ago (1963)

American country music singers Patsy Cline, Hawkshaw Hawkins, Cowboy Copas and pilot Randy Hughes were killed in an aeroplane crash.

The stars were returning home to Nashville after performing a show in Kansas City when the pilot lost control in bad weather.

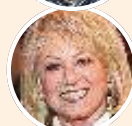
BIRTHDAYS



Training Day actress **Eva Mendes** is 46. She's married to Ryan Gosling.



Comedian **Matt Lucas** is 46. He's an Arsenal supporter. I Know Him So Well.



Well singer **Elaine Paige** is 72. She's passionate about tennis.



Red Hot Chili Peppers' guitarist **John Frusciante** is 50. He joined the group at 18.

TODAY'S GIGGLE

What do elves do after school? Their gnome work.

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"Look, this shall be a nest for your cousin, the real cuckoo. You and I will make it." He finds odd straws under the hedgerows while the tiny bird flutters around collecting bits and giving advice on building it. "This is a kind idea of yours," says the wooden cuckoo. "But I'm afraid the other birds are still so angry that they will chase him out of it." "Not where I shall put it," Rupert laughs. "If he's brave he shall go where all the others dare not follow!"



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Falafel burgers

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INGREDIENTS

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

2 spring onions, chopped

75g mushrooms, diced

1 (400g) tin chickpeas, undrained

3 cloves garlic, chopped

Small handful chopped fresh coriander

Small handful chopped fresh parsley

1½ tablespoons curry powder

½ teaspoon ground cumin

50g dried breadcrumbs

2 egg whites

2 tablespoons olive oil for frying

METHOD

1) Heat the oil in a large frying pan over a medium heat. Add the spring onions and mushrooms, and cook for 1 or 2 minutes, stirring frequently.

2) Mix the chickpeas and garlic in a blender or food processor until smooth. Stir in the mushrooms and onions.

3) Add coriander, parsley, curry powder and cumin, then the breadcrumbs and egg whites, and stir until completely blended.

4) Heat enough oil to cover the bottom of a large frying pan over a medium heat.

5) Divide the chickpea mixture into 4 balls, then flatten into burgers.

6) Place in the hot frying pan, and fry for about 5 minutes on each side, until nicely browned.

**Russell Grant**

Britain's celebrity astrologer



Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Giving in to a loved one's request will benefit you in many ways. You both share similar dreams and their hopes are interwoven in your plans. Working on a group project will be fulfilling when everyone has something to contribute.

0905 789 3701**



Taurus Apr 21 - May 21

Colleagues enjoy working alongside you because they appreciate your "can do" attitude. You may not realise how much you keep everyone enthused and inspired. If you are single, you will be surrounded by admirers.

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Gemini May 22 - June 21

A partner's good fortune could mean more money for you. Although you weren't expecting a gift or help towards buying something, they want to do this for you. Accept their generous and supportive offer with good grace.

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Libra Sep 24 - Oct 23

A senior colleague is putting pressure on a newcomer who is trying to learn the ropes. Lending a helping hand will ease their tension. The two of you will get along like a house on fire and you could become firm friends.

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Scorpio Oct 24 - Nov 22

Self-indulgence can be good for you. Don't feel guilty about allowing yourself a treat as a lack of enjoyment would only lead to you feeling miserable. You're generous towards others. Being good to yourself will make life easier.

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Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 21

You have no control over other people's actions or reactions. If you and a friend disagree, don't waste time trying to convert the other. Be realistic about a partner's strengths and weaknesses and stop dwelling on what you can't change.

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Cancer June 22 - July 23

A friend has some great news that will have exciting implications for you. This is your chance to form a partnership with a talented artist. Operating as part of a team will be profitable and rewarding. You're long overdue a positive change.

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Leo July 24 - Aug 23

You may have to make time to listen to a friend or neighbour's woes. After hearing their concerns you will offer to take some of their responsibilities. The sacrifice you are making along with other good deeds today will be rewarded.

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Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

If a partner has been in charge of joint finances you might want to take more interest in their strategies now. Get involved more with understanding how finances work. Make it your intention to save more than you spend.

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Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 20

A new source of income will suddenly become available. Take this chance to tap into an additional income stream. If you have been relying on a partner for financial support, it will feel empowering to have independence.

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Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Be sure to make the most of what promises to be a good day for relationships. Cultivate friendships with people who share similar interests. Social activities will be expensive, an idea for selling your handiwork is worth pursuing.

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Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Understanding other people takes time. Getting to know someone also requires listening to what they are saying. Even in a close relationship, instead of making up stories in your mind about how your partner is feeling, ask them.

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ALAN'S TIP OF THE DAY: Use up any remaining winter vegetables, then clear the ground and work compost in to prepare it for replanting. If you've grown green manure crops on vacant ground, dig them in so they have time to break down and improve the soil before sowing.

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Fri 16 **Kirkwall, Orkney Islands** (depart early pm)
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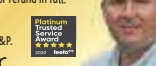
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Coronavirus pushes Flybe close to edge

FLYBE is seeking urgent financial support from the Government as fresh doubt emerged over its future amid the impact of the coronavirus outbreak on its bookings.

The regional airline, which was taken over last year by a consortium comprising Virgin Atlantic, Stobart Group and hedge fund Cyrus Capital, risks falling into administration within days as it struggles to secure a £100million loan.

It was saved from collapse earlier this year following a tax holiday of up to £10million which drew criticism from rivals such as Ryanair and British Airways owner IAG.

The airline declined to comment on reports it only has enough resources to survive

By David Shand

until the end of this month. The Department for Transport said it would not comment on "speculation".

Ministers have agreed to hold a review into Air Passenger Duty (APD), the structure of which adds £26 to the price of most return domestic flights such as those operated by Flybe. It could be altered in next week's Budget.

But Sky News reported that the chances of Flybe surviving until then looked "more remote". A source said: "The Budget now looks a long way off. An already difficult situation has been made a lot worse."

Flybe serves around 170 destinations and has a major pres-

ence at UK airports such as Aberdeen, Belfast City, Manchester and Southampton.

Its finances have been squeezed by rising fuel costs, falling demand and competition.

Garry Graham, of the Prospect union, said: "Flybe provides important transport connections to and from parts of the UK where other viable options often don't exist."

"A number of regional airports are highly reliant on Flybe for most or all of their scheduled services."

"It is very worrying if the Government fails to provide the loan that is required as part of a package of rescue measures. It risks turning its back on these areas of the country and the workers at those airports."



Service industry leads economy

BRITAIN'S dominant service industries continued to thrive in February, but the coronavirus outbreak curbed demand from overseas customers.

The IHS Markit/CIPS purchasing managers' index for services fell to 53.2 from 53.9 the previous month, still above the 50-point neutral mark.

The survey reported cancellations of bookings and delays to new projects among clients in Asia. But business optimism across the sector hit its highest level since March 2015.

Economists said the data points to quarterly economic growth of just over 0.2 per cent compared with stagnation in the last three months of 2019.

Intu struggles to sell retail plans

SHARES in shopping centres group Intu Properties plunged 4 1/2p to 6 1/4p as it failed to secure new funding to reduce its near-£5billion debt pile.

The owner of malls including Manchester's Trafford Centre had been hoping to raise between £1-1.5billion.

It admitted "current uncertainty in equity markets and retail property investment markets precluded a number of potential investors from committing capital into the business". It has, however, received expressions of interest to explore alternatives such as asset disposals.

Net rental income was down 9.1 per cent in 2019, but is set to decline at a lower rate this year.

Drugs companies given fine of £3.4m

FOUR drugs companies have been fined over £3.4million and will make a £1million payment to the NHS for conspiring to push up prices of an anti-depressant.

The Competition and Markets Authority said King Pharmaceuticals and Auden McKenzie shared out the supply of nortriptyline to a wholesaler, colluding to fix quantities and prices.

The watchdog also fined King, Lexon (UK) and Alissa Healthcare Research for illegally sharing commercially sensitive information, to try to inflate prices.

The CMA's Andrea Coscelli said: "The NHS – and ultimately the taxpayer – could have been paying over the odds for this vital drug."

LEGO BUILDING FOR FUTURE



LEGO is planning further store expansion after outperforming a shrinking global toy market in 2019.

The Danish group is targeting China, where it aims to open 80 of an expected 150 roll-out to add to 570 outlets around the world.

Net annual profit grew 3 per cent to 8.3billion Danish kroner (£960million) on 6 per cent higher revenue of 38.5billion kroner.

CEO Niels Christensen said: "We are stepping up investment in our retail channels and working with our partners to connect with people wherever and however they shop."

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COMPANY	CLOSE	±	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
3i Group	1026 1/2	+6 1/2	1184 1/2	942 1/2
A.B. Foods	2268	-11	2708	2106
Admiral Group	2181	-5	2330	2014
Anglo American	1917 1/2	+14 1/2	2266	1666 1/2
Antofagasta	790 1/2	+12	1022 1/2	752
Ashted Group	2325	-83	2774	1805 1/2
AstraZeneca	7455 1/2	+283	7878	5644
Aveva Group	4492	-42	5315	2962
Aviva	350	+4	438 1/4	343 1/4
BAE Systems	613 1/4	+1 1/4	669	444
Barclays	138 1/2	-1	192 1/2	136 1/4
Barrat Development	773 1/2	+15 1/2	878 1/2	552 1/2
Berkley Grip Hldgs	4886	+71	5474	3437
BHP Billiton	1499 1/2	+36 1/2	2049	1418 1/2
BP	422 1/2	+7 1/2	582 1/2	396 1/4
British Amer.Tob	3204	+104 1/2	3507	2648
British Land	503 1/4	-1/4	638 1/4	468 1/4
BT Group	140	+4	230 1/4	138
Bunzl	1986	+25 1/2	2551	1870
Burberry Group	1704	+13 1/2	2345	1649
Carnival	2300 1/2	-29	4246	2268
Centrica	76 1/4	+2 1/2	123 1/4	64 1/4
Coca-Cola HBC	2604	+22	3074	2299
Compass Group	1657	-56	2138	1642
CRH	2786	+29	3100	2279
Croda International	4706	-38	5375	4554
DCG	5750	+106	7496	5532
Diageo	2832 1/2	+12	3625 1/2	2765 1/2
DS Smith	326	+3 1/2	394 1/4	308
EasyJet	1057 1/2	-12 1/2	1552	854 1/4
Evraz	328 1/2	-2 1/4	709 1/2	317 1/2
Experian Group	2831	+19	2898	2003
Ferguson	7130	+128	7602	4800
GlaxoSmithKline	1663 1/4	+55 1/4	1746	1501 1/2
Glencore	193 1/2	+2 1/4	3404	191 1/4
Halma	2070	+16	2244	1595
Hargreaves Lansdown	1482 1/2	-37 1/2	1466 1/2	
Hikma	1928 1/2	+49	2200	1556 1/2

COMPANY	CLOSE	±	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
HSBC Holdings	512 1/2	+2 1/2	680 1/2	507 1/2
Imperial Brands	1643 1/4	+60	2648 1/2	1554 1/4
Informa	651	-4 1/4	892	643 1/2
InterContinental Htl	4231 1/2	-42 1/2	5738	4186
Intertek Group	5442	+30	6170	4643
Int'l Consolidated Airlines	447	-17 1/2	671	413 1/2
ITV	116 1/2	-1/4	156 1/2	103 1/2
John David Group	723 1/2	-15 1/2	881 1/2	464 1/2
Johnson Matthey	2528	+27	3454	2475
Kingfisher	188 1/4	+4	266 1/4	185
Land Securities	833	+2 1/4	1001 1/2	735 1/2
Legal & General	261 1/2	-3 1/2	318 1/2	216 1/4
Lloyds Banking Grp	48 1/4	-1/4	67 1/4	47 1/4
London Stock Ex.	7994	+130	8542	4538
M&G	202 1/2	-190	252 1/2	
Meggitt	553 1/2	+5 1/2	697 1/2	490
Melrose	205	-1 1/2	248 1/2	160 1/4
Mondi	1659 1/2	+48 1/2	1846	1510 1/2
Morrison (Wm)	183 1/4	+7 1/4	230	170
National Grid	1050	+36 1/2	1067 1/2	778
Next	6208	+46	7340	5086



COMPANY	CLOSE	±	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Ocado	1153	+27	1435	1046
Paddy Power Betfair	8608	-32	9456	5525
Pearson	565 1/4	+11 1/4	927	550
Persimmon	2972	+30	3298	1836
Phoenix Group	713	+5	803	634 1/4
Polymetal Intl.	1298 1/2	+32	1445	772 1/2
Prudential	1288 1/2	+25 1/2	1790	1255 1/2
Reckitt Benckiser	6100	+314	6688	5721
Reel Elsevier	1933	+12 1/2	2099	1606
Rentokil Initial	522 1/2	-3	530 1/4	345 1/4
Rightmove	613 1/2	-12	701 1/4	495
Rio Tinto	3929	+107 1/2	4976 1/2	3608
Rolls-Royce Group	607 1/2	-28 1/2	941 1/4	600 1/2
Royal Bank of Scot.	168 1/4	-2 1/4	270 1/2	167
RSA Insurance Grp	535	+13	597	501 1/2
Ryl Dutch Shell 'A'	1737 1/2	+13 1/2	2612	1661 1/2
Sage Group	704	+2 1/2	822 1/2	655
Sainsbury (J)	212 1/2	+6 1/2	240 1/2	177
Schroders	2884	-42	3443	2541
Scottish Mortgage	610	+4 1/2	659	472
SEI	1643 1/2	+65	1680 1/2	1008
SEI Group	879	+17 1/2	935	655
Severn Trent	2656	+62	2696	1905 1/2
Smith & Nephew	1778 1/2	-15 1/2	1990	1444 1/2
Smiths Group	1567 1/2	+10	1769 1/2	1378
Spirax-Sarco	8825	+70	9415	6850
SSE	1643 1/2	+65	1680 1/2	1008
St James's Place	995 1/2	-20 1/2	1199 1/2	913 1/2
Standard Chartered	558 1/2	+20 1/2	738 1/2	538 1/4
Standard Life	285 1/4	+5 1/4	337	238
Taylor Wimpey	211	+3 1/4	236 1/4	143
Tesco	240 1/4	+5 1/4	259	212 1/2
TUI AG	582 1/2	-26 1/2	108 1/2	577 1/2
Unilever	4459 1/2	+77	5324	4046
United Utilities	1013 1/2	+34	1061	759
Vodafone Group	139 1/2	+6	165 1/4	123 1/4
Whitbread	3620	-148	5152	3607
WPP Group	761 1/2	+6 1/2	1077 1/2	740 1/2

MARKET REPORT

PENSIONS giant Legal & General fell 3 1/2p to 261 1/2p despite growing annual operating profit by 12 per cent to £2.13billion.

Investors checked out of Hostelworld, down 8 3/4p to 96 1/4p, as the accommodation provider admitted it had suffered a "material reduction" in bookings due to coronavirus.

Low cost airline Wizz Air took off 102p to 3487p as it revealed plans to freeze recruitment and cut costs in the wake of the outbreak.

Fertiliser miner Sirius Minerals added 3 1/2p to 5 1/2p after shareholders backed a £405million takeover by Anglo American.

Immunodiagnosics group Oncimmune Holdings weakened 5 1/2p to 76p despite the commercial launch of its lung cancer test in the US.

Speciality chemicals group Elementis firmed 3 1/2p to 99p as it grew annual revenue from continuing operations by 6 per cent to \$874million.

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SHARES AT A GLANCE

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/−	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Aerospace & Defence	2695#	+20	2790	1205
Avon Rubber	646	416#		
Babcock International	443#	+1	664	416#
BAE Systems	613#	+13	669	444
Chemring Group	251#	+1	286	137
Meggitt	555#	+51	697#	490
QinetiQ Group	342#	+1	387#	267
Rolls-Royce Group	607#	+281	941#	600#
Senior	152	+6#	235	141#
Ultra Electronics	1970	+7	2292	1284
Alternative Energy				
Povair	696	+18	786	517
Banks				
Barclays	1381#	-1	1921	1361
Boo Santander	286	+1#	402	228
Close Brothers	1281	+2	1663	1277
CYBG	144#	-3	220	104#
HSBC Holdings	512#	+21	680	517#
Lloyds Banking Grp	48#	-1	67	47#
Metro Bank	159#	-5	920	154
Royal Bank Of Scot.	168#	-2#	270#	167
Standard Chartered	558#	+20#	738#	538#
Beverages				
Barr (AG)	540	-6	975	526
Britvic	904	+22	1068	850
Coca-Cola HBC	2604	+22	3074	2299
Diageo	2832#	+12	3625#	276#
Chemicals				
Cardo	9#	-1#	45#	8
Croda International	4706	-38	5375	4554
Elementis	99	+1#	184#	97
Johnson Matthey	2528	+27	3454	2475
Synthoner	273#	-3#	392#	270
Trealt	469#	-6	546	388
Victrex	2122	-6	2540	1845
Construction & Materials				
Balfour Beatty	245#	+2#	295	194
Boat (Henny)	320	+2	342	233
Clarke T	113#	-1	140	91
Costain Group	176#	+1#	397#	144#
CRH	2786	+29	3100	2279
Galliford Try	152	+1	886	131
Glencore (M)	928	+18	990	698
Keller Group	803	+28	876	511
Kier Group	101#	-6#	530#	61#
Kingspan Grp	5115#	+13	5544#	3496#
Marshall	721#	-4#	876	543
Morgan Sindal	1820	+12	1970	1096
Smart (J) & Co.	123	+12#	124#	112
Tyman	244	-5	291	195#
Electricity				
Drax Group	268	+1#	386#	251
SSE	1649#	+65	1686#	1008
Electronic & Electrical Equipment				
Acad	540	-4	586	384
Dewhurst	1040	+112	1285	825
Diageo	231	+570	254	193#
Halma	2070	+16	2244	1535
Morgan Crucible	281#	-4#	324#	232#
Oxford Instruments	142#	+14	165#	93#
Renishaw	3416	+8	4638	3232
Spectris	2766	-20	3005	2234
TT Electronics	213	+22	265	190#
Xaar	39#	-4#	141#	35
XP Power	3280	+30	3820	2010
Equity Investment Instruments				
Aberdeen All Asia	572#	-1	645	515
Aberdeen Asian Sml	992	-6	1150	966
Aberforth Sml Co	1258#	+18	1546	1114
Acom Income	353	+5#	417	325
Advance Devlop Fund	578#	+7	634	540
Albion Tech & Gen VCT	79	81	73	
Alton VCT	71	71	73	
Alliance Trust	777	876	730	
Aurora Alpha	299	+3	350	267
Antares Inv Tst	212	+1	242	177#
AVI Global Tst	716	+1	802	695
Baillie Gifford Japan	698	+8	848	675
Baillie Gifford Shin Nip	150	+2#	193#	142
Bankers Inv Tst	961	+15	1032	851
Baronswood VCT 2	70#	78#	68	
BH Global GBP	1540	+45	1667#	1432#
BH Global USD	1249#	+23#	1327#	1117#
BH Macro GBP	2700	+115	2830	2250
Biotech Growth Trust	978	+18	1010	670
BlackRock Mining	342#	+7#	395	319#
Blue Planet Intl Tst	36#	-4#	33#	
Bluecrest AllBlue	198	+3#	218	180
Bluebeam AIM VCT2	32#	-3#	34#	32#
British Assets Tst	108#	-1#	120#	104
Brunner Inv Tst	842#	-8	926	741
Caledonia Inv	2975	3180	2875	
City Natural Res Yld	74#	+1	93#	72
City Of London	396#	+3#	448#	382
Dunedin Ent LIT	323	380	308	
Dunedin Income	286	+1#	307	249
Edin World Asia	199	+5#	218#	171#
Edin Drgn Tst	402	437#	369	
Edin Inv Tst	545	+5	652	528
Edin US Tracker	279	+7	312#	263
EdinStreet VCT	52#	55#	50	
Electric Private Eq	332#	+7#	427	288
Europa Asset Tst	99	+13#	115	92#
F&C CapInc	322	+5	358	299#
F&C Inv Tst	700	+5	786	672
F&C Smaller Cos	130#	+1#	150	126
F&C US Smaller Companies 1010	277	1197#	95	
Fidelity Asian	364	-1	457#	350
Fidelity European	254#	+1#	272	218

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/−	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Liontrust Asset Man	1160	+50	1350	597
London Stock Ex	7994	+130	8542	4538
Lonfin	40	41#	36#	
Man Group	144#	-5#	175#	130#
Melrose	205	-1#	248#	160#
Paragon Group	461#	+3#	553#	388
Provident Financial	420#	+5#	599#	350
Rathbone Brokers	1698	+16	2540	1660
S & U	2220#	+40	2500	1767#
Schroders	2884	-42	3443	2541
Schroders NV	2245	-35	2635	1962
Standard Life	285#	+5#	337	238
Tullett Prebon	383#	+3#	417#	270
Walker Crisp Group	25#	21#	24	

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/−	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Fixed Line Telecommunications				
BT Group	140	+1#	230#	138
TalkTalk	110#	+1#	126#	99
Telecom Plus	1400	+62	1552	1130
Food & Drug Retailers				
Greys	2198	+32	2476	1730
Paragon (Wm)	183#	+7#	230	170
Ocado	1153	+27	1435	1046
Sainsbury (J)	212#	+6#	240#	177
Tesco	240#	+5#	259	212#
Food Producers				
A.B. Foods	2268	-11	2708	2106

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COMPANY	CLOSE	+/−	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Anglo-Eastern	540	+20	617	427#
Carr's Milling	140	+4	168	130
Cranwick	353#	+4#	3852	248#
Devo	159	+12	221#	145#
Glanbia	944#	-39	1644#	847#
Greencore Group	218#	+4#	281#	193#
Kerry Grp 'A' Shs	1039#	+60#	1081	805#
Premier Foods	311#	-1#	43	29#
REA Holdings	122#	+5#	210	95
Tate & Lyle	731	+4	807#	663#
Unilever	4459#	+77	5324	440#
Forestry & Paper				
Mondi	1659#	+48#	1846	1510#
Gas, Water & Mult utilities				
Centrica	76#	+2#	123#	64#
National Grid	1050	+36#	1067#	778
Pennon Group	1181#	+41	1202#	697#
Severn Trent	2656	+62	2696	1905#
United Utilities	1013#	+34	1061	759
General Industrials				
DS Smith	326	+3#	394#	308
Loft & Bonar	11	17#	6	
Smiths Group	1567#	+10	1769#	1378
Vesuvius	415	-15#	642	341
General Retailers				
Ashley (Laurel)	1#	3#	1#	
Brown (N) Group	54#	-2#	162#	53#
Cathays	400	425	375	
Dignity	590	-5	759#	469#
Dixons Carphone	116#	+1#	152#	105
Dunelm	1094	-9	1440	730#
Future	1094	+1	1260	154
French Connection	20	47#	19#	
Halfords Group	136#	258#	133#	
Inchcape	592	-1#	720	545#
John David Group	723#	-15#	881#	464#
Kingfisher	188#	+4	266#	185
Lookers	42#	-1	105	40
Marks & Spencer	161#	-2	277#	157#
Moss Bros	15#	+1	26	14#
Mothcare	12#	+1	24	8#
Next	620#	+46	7340	5086
Pendragon	12	26#	9	
Pets At Home	257#	-6#	314#	140
Sports Direct	24#	-3#	125#	214
Saga	365	-4#	518	214
Ted Baker	260#	+5#	1928	223#
Toppe Toys	56	-3	84#	53#
WH Smith	1931	-21	2654	1893
Health Care Equipment & Services				
Consent Medical	1005	1075	710	
Flying Brands	3#	-1#	13#	1
Mediclinic Intl	364#	+11#	415#	293#

52 WEEK					52 WEEK				
COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	HIGH	LOW	COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	HIGH	LOW
Fresnillo	659	+9%	921%	539%	De La Rue	129%	-3	457%	102%
Gem Diamonds	55		100%	49%	Diploma	1930	-19	2134	134%
Glencore	193%	+2%	340%	191%	Electrocomponents	619%	+1%	729%	540%
Hochschild Mining	173%	-1	227	152	Essentra	342%	-%	449	337%
Kazakhmys	425%	+2%	738%	380%	Experian Group	2831	+19	2898	200
Kennametal Res	228	+3	286	177	Ferguson	7130	+128	7602	480
Petra Diamonds	4		26%	4	G4S	157%	+%	234%	155%
Petropavlovsk	20%	+%	21	7%	Hays	131%	-2	183%	131%
Polymetal Intl	129#	+32	134#	772#	Homerserve	1228	+1	1340	96%
Rio Tinto	3929	+107%/4976#		3608	Howden Joinery	647%	+5	732%	478
Sinus Minerals	5#	+%	24%	2%	iEnergizer	183	+2	310	121
Mobile Telecommunications					Intertek Group	5442	-30	6170	464%
Vodafone Group	139#	+6	165%	123%	John Menzies	276	-12	554	270
Nonequity Investment Instruments					London Security	2350	+130	2540	192%
Oryx Int.Gwth	845		982%	752%	Madarlane Group	94	-4%	113%	91%
Rights & Iss.Llc	1985	+45	2350	1855	Mangrmt Consulting	1		2	
Nonlife Insurance					Mears Group	287	-3	320	22
Admiral Group	2181	-5	2330	2014	Michael Page	369%	-6%	539	36
Beazley Group	539#	+9	628	504%	Millie Group	141	-1%	168%	14
Direct Line Insurance	325	+1	366%	270%	Norish	84		87	57%
Hiscox	1235	+29	1777	1204	Paypoint	843#	-2	1118	83
Lancashire	726	-2	807	640%	Renitol Initial	522%	-3	530%	345%
RSA Insurance Grp	535	+13	597	501%	Ricardo Group	690	+10	820	60
Oil & Gas Producers					Robert Walters	600		666	44
BP	422#	+7#	582%	396%	RPS Group	132	+10%/194%	145%	107%
Cairn Energy	141	+4	211%	136	Sarco Group	153%	+1	167%	120%
Enquest	21#	+%	30	15#	Shanks Group	36%	-%	45	5
Exxon	147#	-1#	269%	145	SIS	58%	-2%	153	2
Gulf Keystone Pet.	147#	-1#	269%	145	Speedy Hire	74	-1%	88	4
JXO Oil & Gas	21#	+1#	64%	20	Stives	95	-1	112	7
Premier Oil	79	+%	118%	65	Strive	318%	-5	388	25
Ryd Dutch Shell 'A'	1737#	+13%	2612	1661%	Thames Perkins	1413%	-59	1720	116%
Ryd Dutch Shell 'B'	1738#	+17%	2622	1663%	Technology Hardware & Equipment				
Soco International	30	76	29#		BATM Advanced	45	-%	54	36%
Tullow Oil	31#	-1%	250	31%	CML Microsystems	321	-13	370	27
Oil Equipment, Services & Distribution					Spirent	212%	-3%	256	140%
Hunting	302#	+3#	657	290%	Tobacco				
John Wood Group	370	+10%	598%	319%	British Amer.Tob.	3204	+104%	3507	264%
Lamprell	30#	+3#	69%	20%	Imperial Brands	1643#	+60	2648%	1554%
Petrolac	299#	-1%	527%	294	Travel & Leisure				
Personal Goods					888 Holdings	108	+2	180	102%
Burberry Group	1704	+1#	2345	1649	Air Partner	72%		97%	68%
PZ Cussons	188#	-2#	227	178#	Carnival	2300#	-29	4246	226%
Supergroup	291#	-7%	559%	290	Cellic	137%		167%	123%
Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology					Compass Group	1657	-56	2138	261
AstraZeneca	745#	+283	7878	5644	Dominos's Pizza	305	-3%	326%	221%
Genus	3612	+196	3612	2178	EasyJet	1057#	-12%	1552	854%
GlaxoSmithKline	1663#	+55%	1846	1501%	FirstGroup	115%	-1%	137%	89%
Hikma	1928#	+49	2200	1556%	Fuller Smith & Turner	856	+14	1230	84%
Oxford Biomedica	610	+10	771	496%	Go-Ahead Group	1881	-25	2278	178%
Real Estate Investment & Services					GVC Holdings	807%	+5	939	50%
Capital & Counties	207	-2	270%	184%	Heavities	420	-45	445	427
Capital & Regional	199	+4	319	136	InterContinental Htl.	4231%	-42%	5738	418%
Cardiff Property	1725	1750	1700		Intl Consolidated Airlines	447	-17%	671	413%
CLS Holdings	259#	+7#	312%	212	Irish Continental Uts.	354	-45%	460	310%
Daejan Holdings	799#	8020	4715		Marston's	86	-1%	131%	84%
Development Sec	116#	-20	129%	95#	Millennium & Cpl.	687		690	43
Foxtons	78	+9	95	48#	Mitchells & Butlers	323	-11%	470%	23%
Frangar	303#	-1#	338	217%	National Express	412%	-3%	474	387%
Harworth Group	138#	+8#	156	118	Paddy Power Betfair	860#	-32	9456	552%
Helical Bar	480	+8	526	330%	Rank Group	257#	-2	326	14
London & Ass.Prod	20	+%	26	18	Restaurant Gr.	93	-5%	166%	9
Mountview Est.	11300#	-200	12750	9275	Ryanair Holdings	1028%	-%	1394%	736%
Parthenon Secs	330	385	320		Sportech	25%	+%	394	261%
Raven Russia	46	+1#	51#	36#	Stagecoach Group	120#	-1	167	115%
Savills	1117	+22	1258	822	TUI AG	582%-26%	1081%	577%	
St. Modwen Prop.	474	530	373		Wetherspoon (JD)	1327	-1	1734	128%
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I don't want Georgia on my mind says Rory

By Neil McLeman

RORY McILROY will play four tournaments before the Masters in order to keep his mind off the first Major of the season.

The world No1 will again bid to complete a career Grand Slam in Georgia next month.

But, before that, McIlroy is to tee it up at the Arnold Palmer Invitational in Florida today, The Players Championship, the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play and the Texas Open.

Only five players have won all four Majors, with the Northern Irishman recording five top-10 finishes in the last six years without winning the Green Jacket.

Tiger Woods, who won the Masters last year, says he starts preparing for the event six months before.

McIlroy, however, said: "I think it's different for everyone. What I've realised is I can't make things too big in my head.

"So, if I started to gear up for Augusta in January, by the time Augusta came around in April



AUGUSTA JOY: Woods wins last year

WORLD No1 TO STAY BUSY AHEAD OF SLAM ATTEMPT

my head would be absolutely fried. I've got four tournaments to play between now and then and my top priority are those four tournaments.

"I don't think anything trumps execution in this game, so it's just about getting in good form.

"Playing enough competitive rounds, shooting good scores, seeing shots.

"It's not as if I'm out on the course thinking, 'OK, this is the fifth hole at Augusta, this is the tee shot I need'.

"Some guys might do that, I'm not sure, but for me if I'm playing good golf, that's the most important thing."

Arnold Palmer Invitational favourite McIlroy, who ended an 18-month title drought at Bay Hill in 2018, is the first big-name player to come out against the proposed new Premier Golf

League. But he still wants smaller fields and fewer events on the PGA and European Tours.

"Being a golf fan these days it can get quite exhausting following so many different tournaments, different tours," he said.

"There are so many tournaments and there might be an over-saturation of golf in a way."

Fellow Northern Irishman Graeme McDowell is up to world No50 after his win at the Saudi International last month and is targeting a Ryder Cup return in September.

"I missed the last two but I've certainly put myself back on the radar this year," he said.

"I've got a lot of work to do, a lot of golf to play, four Major championships ahead, but I would love to be at Whistling Straits."



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GRAND MASTER
McIlroy is hoping to become only the sixth player to win all four Majors

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I remember thinking: Don't fall asleep because you might not wake up

JACK LEACH was so ill he thought he was going to die on tour in New Zealand.

And for good reason, too, as the England spinner fought sepsis in a Kiwi hospital before cutting short his tour and flying home last November.

Leach suffers from Crohn's disease, which affects his immune system, so when a bout of gastroenteritis in the first Test gave way to sepsis, a type of blood poisoning, his life was in danger.

"I didn't know too much about it at the time, how serious it could be," said Leach, 28. "But I remember feeling very, very ill."

"I remember thinking, 'Don't fall asleep because you might not wake up'. It was that serious in terms of how I was feeling. I was out of it really."

"That's when they called an ambulance and got me to hospital. Once I got there, got the antibiotics in my arm and on to a drip, I

LEACH'S LIFE WAS IN PERIL AS HE FOUGHT OFF SEPSIS

By Dean Wilson

started to feel better quite quickly but it still took a couple of nights in hospital and I was probably still recovering when I flew back from New Zealand. It took longer to get over than I thought.

"You can start to feel fine in general but playing high-level sport is a completely different thing and that's probably something I didn't think about enough."

Leach's winter of discontent continued into South Africa where he was one of the hardest hit by a couple of different

viruses that swept through the squad.

And that is why he feels almost relieved to be in Sri Lanka now, where coronavirus cases are significantly lower than in the UK.

"I picked up a couple of things in South Africa and my body couldn't cope with it," he added.

"Other people got ill but I struggled to fight it off as well as a healthy person."

"The medication I'm on for Crohn's weakens my immune system, so it is just a bit more of a struggle, and I guess I am a little bit more concerned than others. I've now come to a safer place. I've been nervous

in England but I feel fine here, I just have to do the right things and keep my fingers crossed."

A calf niggle looks like keeping Leach off the field until the second warm-up match next Thursday, but he is expected to play a full part in both Tests after his 18-wicket haul in three matches out here in 2018.

And as the most senior spinner in the squad this time with both Moeen Ali and Adil Rashid unavailable, England will hope he can set the standards for Dom Bess and Matt Parkinson to follow this time.

"I look back with fond memories on the last tour," recalled Leach. "It was nice to be part of that with Mo and Adil. I learnt a lot from them."

"It's a different spin group this time but I've got some ideas that helped me that I will be passing on to the boys. It's going to be good fun."



BACK IN THE SPIN: Leach is relieved after health issues

“It was that serious how I felt, I was out of it really”

Quick-step Konrad calls the tune for Rhinos

LEEDS star Konrad Hurrell vows to keep dancing and high-fiving his way through Super League.

The Tongan centre is a favourite with Rhinos fans and performed an impromptu boogie live on Sky Sports after his side's impressive win over Warrington last week.

Moments later he was pretending to play a trumpet as the South Stand band played the city's 'Marching on Together' anthem, before doing a high-five lap of

LEEDS RHINOS V TORONTO 7.45PM
By Gareth Walker

honour. Moments like those have made Hurrell a Headingley hero – along with displays such as Friday's when he made 194 metres, two clean breaks and did not miss a tackle.

He plans to continue having fun as Leeds aim for a fourth straight win under coach Richard Agar against Toronto tonight. Hurrell

said: "There's a lot of young kids that want to be in my profession so I want to make the most of it."

"I love the energy the Leeds fans bring – they support us no matter what the weather and I just want to give something back to them."

"They kept turning up last year when it must have been tough to watch. You want to give a bit extra for that. The dancing on Sky put me on the spot but I thought I'd got to do it. It was pretty good I reckon!"



HIGH NOTE: Hurrell enjoys win

Jo back with salute to Kim

TENNIS

By Neil McLeman

JO KONTA lavished praise on Kim Clijsters after the Briton claimed her first victory since the US Open against the Belgian comeback queen.

The British No1 stopped playing last season after New York because of a knee injury and had lost her first three matches of 2020.

But the world No16 returned to form to beat the four-time Grand Slam champion 6-3, 7-5 at the Monterrey Open in Mexico.

Clijsters, now 36, is making a second comeback after retiring in 2007 and again in 2012.

Konta, below, said: "As a young player, I never thought I'd get to play Kim Clijsters. I feel privileged to share the court with such a champion."

"It's nice to have her back. It was tough. She's an incredible ball-striker. Her ability to do things with the ball is what made her a multiple Grand Slam champion. It's why she was able to come back and play, in her second match back after seven years, at a level like this."

Former world No1 Clijsters said: "I felt some things were better. It's good to play matches."



Ferrari rivals slam secrecy

FORMULA ONE

By Matt Maltby

SEVEN of the 10 Formula One teams have expressed "surprise and shock" at the FIA's private settlement with Ferrari after an investigation into the Italian outfit's 2019 engine.

Rival teams raised concerns about Ferrari's power unit last season due to their car's straight-line speed.

Last week, the FIA, F1's governing body, announced they had "reached a settlement" with the Italian giants after long-running technical investigations into the engine.

Details of the settlement were kept private and now Ferrari's rivals have demanded "proper disclosure".

Mercedes, Red Bull, McLaren, Renault, Racing Point, Alpha Tauri and Williams – the seven teams not powered by Ferrari engines – all released identical statements.

It said: "We were surprised and shocked by the FIA's statement."

"We strongly object to the FIA reaching a confidential settlement agreement with Ferrari."

"We hereby state publicly our shared commitment to pursue full and proper disclosure in this matter."

"In addition, we reserve our rights to seek legal redress."

Main picture: ANDREW MATTHEWS

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

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1965: Ernie Terrell beat Eddie Machen to win the WBA heavyweight crown. Cassius Clay, later Muhammad Ali, had won the undisputed title the previous year but, because he agreed a rematch with Sonny Liston, was stripped of the WBA belt.

2000: Stan Collymore scored a hat-trick on his Leicester home debut in a 5-2 rout of Sunderland.

2007: Heavyweight spinner Dwayne Leverock stunned England's middle-order with two wickets for minnows Bermuda in a World Cup warm-up match.

2008: Fernando Torres became the first Liverpool player since Jack Balmer in 1946 to score hat-tricks in consecutive home games as the Reds beat West Ham 4-0.

2009: England prop Matt Stevens revealed that he would "do the honourable thing" and quit Bath after being handed a two-year ban following a positive test for cocaine.

2012: Roberto Di Matteo began life as Chelsea's caretaker manager after Andre Villas-Boas was sacked.

2018: Sir Bradley Wiggins claimed he was the victim of a "malicious" bid to "smear" his reputation after denying he had ever cheated following a report by the Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) committee.

HOT SHOT: Collymore hails first home Leicester goal

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RARING TO GO
Marler, left, Wilson, Launchbury, Kruis and Ewels train regardless of the virus

ENGLAND ALL SHOOK UP

Neil SQUIRES
REPORTS

MARO ITOJE has a habit of shaking everyone's hand when he walks into a room to meet his inquisitors. Steve Borthwick likewise. Not yesterday.

There was clear distance between them and us, and regular use of the hand sanitiser which has arrived in the England team room at their Pennyhill Park base.

The coronavirus outbreak is changing behaviour within every workforce and the England rugby squad are no exception.

Unusual times bring unusual measures, none more so than the decision to bar Mako Vunipola from joining up with the squad after he and injured brother Billy chose to fly back to England from Tonga via the hot spot of Hong Kong at the weekend.

Saracens, though, have prop Mako in their plans for Saturday's game against Leicester and are involving him fully in training. Scrum practice is hardly self-isolation and the club's stance had England on the back foot yesterday over whether they had acted too hastily.

The party line, from assistant coach Borthwick, was that

SIX NATIONS									
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France	3	3	0	0	86	62	1	13	
England	3	2	0	1	54	42	1	9	
Ireland	3	2	0	1	55	50	1	9	
Wales	3	1	0	2	79	51	2	6	
Scotland	3	1	0	2	35	32	2	6	
Italy	3	0	0	3	22	94	0	0	



ON HIS OWN: Itoje in training

ITOJE KEEPING HIS DISTANCE TO LESSEN CORONAVIRUS THREAT

England had acted on the joint advice of their team doctor and the RFU doctor.

He said: "Mako is not ill, he is not in self-isolation but we've been given this advice. We think it's right and proper that if we've been given this advice we follow it. Other advice that other teams follow, that's their decision."

But a Saracens spokesman said: "Travellers returning from Hong Kong are not currently subject to mandatory quarantine or self-isolation unless they become symptomatic."

"Saracens will continue to follow the Public Health England and World Health Organisation regulations surrounding coronavirus and the medical staff will be closely monitoring Billy and Mako on a regular basis."

For Itoje, a club and country team-mate, the divergence in opinion was a reflection of the difficulties of dealing with an unknown enemy.

He said: "No-one really knows what the coronavirus is. You can get two PhD holders and they will give you slightly different takes on what it is and what the threats are."

"At England, they are making the decision on what they think is in the best interests of England rugby, and Saracens are making

what they think is the best decision for Saracens rugby club. There are two different work environments and they have come to different conclusions.

"I have spoken to Mako and he seems all right. He is the ultimate pro so he's going to get on with whatever decision that has been made."

Fortunately for England, they are well stocked at loosehead prop and can call on Joe Marler against Wales on Saturday, with Ellis Genge as his back-up.

Marler said: "I can't do what Mako can. I can do what I can do. We are in a good spot in terms of coping without Mako."



FARCICAL: How Express Sport covered the story yesterday



You carry the hurt as fuel... it's what gets you up in the morning

NORTH ON HOW WORLD CUP HEARTACHE DRIVES HIM ON

GEORGE North has lifted the lid on the World Cup pain he is carrying with him through the Six Nations.

The Wales winger is preparing to face England for a 14th time in a fixture which holds more sweet career memories for him than any other.

But it is not those that have North fired up ahead of his return to Twickenham, where he won with Wales in 2012 and 2015 to set up a Grand Slam and England's World Cup exit respectively.

North, 27, has drawn instead on the wounding memory of Yokohama four months ago, where a 76th-minute penalty by eventual winners South Africa ended his own World Cup dream.

"We missed out on one step," said North, "and it will forever kick me in the shin every time I think about it."

"We put heart and soul into it, gave everything physically and emotionally. It takes a while to get over that. Actually, I don't

By **Alex Spink**

think you ever really do. You always carry that hurt as fuel. It's what gets you up in the morning... to put things right.

"And while I may not get an opportunity to play in another World Cup, what puts fire in my belly is the hope that I will."

Of his three World Cups this was the one, the big chance. That's how North sees it.

Wales were No 1 in the rankings a month before the event. They held the Grand Slam and the national record of 12 straight wins.

"Just ask any professional sports person what they feel like when they've had a good prep," added North. "They'll say it feels like it's 'our time'."

"We were massively proud of what we achieved, and with our form and the playing staff and coaches and momentum that we had I do think it was one of our best chances to win it, if not the best. It wasn't to be and

there's a danger, if you focus too hard on that sort of stuff, that you miss what you're going through now."

But he admitted: "You can't let it all go. You need that fire. You've always got to keep pushing forward."

North has been passed fit for Saturday's clash following his sixth concussion, suffered 11 minutes into the loss to France last time out.

He now has the chance to take his combined cap tally for Wales and the British Lions to 99 with this game and next week's home closer against the Scots. After that his life changes forever – with wife Becky due to give birth to their first child.

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Actually I don't think you ever get over it



SO NEAR BUT YET SO FAR

A dejected North, left, and Wales team-mates after losing so narrowly in the World Cup semi-finals to South Africa but, right, putting a brave face on it all



Biggar a moving target

DAN BIGGAR has been warned that if he makes it to the start line at Twickenham on Saturday he will be ruthlessly targeted by England.

The Wales playmaker is trying to shake off a knee injury that forced him off for Northampton last weekend and has been limited this week in how much training he has been able to do.

But he was told yesterday by Maro Itoje he will be fair game if Wales

decide to risk him in the Six Nations clash. Itoje said: "Dan is a very good player and a big player for Wales and he is their 10 so every 10 is an influential player in their respective team."

"We know that we are going to have to go after him and try to stop him playing his best game."

"If he passed the necessary test to play you assume that he is good

to go." Biggar was Wales's hero at Twickenham five years ago when he helped to knock England out of the World Cup with an immaculate goalkicking display.

But after an aggressive defensive performance against Ireland which knocked Andy Farrell's side out of their stride, England are planning to produce more of the same for Wales.

NEIL SQUIRES

Italy shocker leaves thousands in limbo

FROM BACK PAGE

instead before last night's news.

If the Six Nations delay the match, it would be the second game held over.

Saturday's game between Ireland and Italy in Dublin had already been called off.

For the 20,000 England fans and players' families who were going to

Rome, either outcome will be devastating after they were told the match was going ahead as planned on Monday.

England assistant coach Steve Borthwick, left, said: "We have a great logistics team here and they will ensure that the entire coaching staff and all the players are kept fully in the picture."



■ **FORMER** England wing Chris Ashton has signed for Harlequins after quitting Sale and believes the move will make him a Premiership record-breaker.

The 32-year-old's shock departure came after a row with Sale coach Steve Diamond.

He said: "I'm confident being at Quins will help me reach 100 Premiership tries, beating the record."

He currently has 86 tries, six behind Tom Varndell.

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'In my head, I will make it to Euros'

FROM BACK PAGE of schedule last week after a hamstring tear, with Tottenham boss Jose Mourinho, below, hinting he could be fit for his side's last five games. And Kane claimed it would take "something drastic" for him to miss it. Kane said: "In my head, I am definitely at the Euros. Unless something pretty drastic happens between now and then, I'll be there. I'm still



not back training with the first team, but I'm working hard in the gym, I'm getting stronger all the time. We're talking a few more weeks, and I'll be playing again. "I don't want to make a prediction for which game I might be back, but I am hoping somewhere between the start and the middle of April." The tournament kicks off on June 12 with England's first game against Croatia at Wembley two days later.

WINNER WAYNE
Rooney is determined to get one over on his old club with Derby tonight

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The Emirates FA Cup 5th Round

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Ricardo Pereira 82 Att: 27,181

SHEFF WED (0).....0 MAN CITY (0).....1
Agüero 53 Att: 20,995

TOTTENHAM (1).....1 NORWICH (0).....1
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AET: Norwich win 3-2 on penalties

Scottish Premiership

KILMARNOCK (2).....2 ABERDEEN (1).....2
Brophy 17 (pen) McGinn 38

Kiltie 23 McLennan 50 Att: 4,217

LIVINGSTON (1).....2 CELTIC (1).....2
Guthrie 24 McGregor 16

Robinson 46 Rogie 30 Att: 8,640

MOTHERWELL (2).....4 ROSS CNTY (1).....1
O'Hara 17 Fontaine 3 Att: 3,191

Campbell 25, 75 Watt 90

RANGERS (0).....0 HAMILTON (0).....1
Moy 56 Att: 18,167

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Celtic.....29 25 2 2 84 19 77

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Livingston.....29 10 9 10 41 38 39

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Ayr.....25 12 3 10 38 33 39

Dundee.....25 10 7 8 30 31 37

Dunfermline.....26 10 5 11 39 34 35

Arbroath.....25 10 5 10 23 25 35

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Albion.....27 6 10 11 31 43 28

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BASKETBALL

NBA: Boston 120 Brooklyn 129(OT), Charlotte 103 San Antonio 104, Denver 100 Golden State 116, LA Lakers 120 Philadelphia 107, New Orleans 134 Minnesota 139, Oklahoma City 94 LA Clippers 109, Phoenix 114 Toronto 123, Sacramento 133 Washington 126.

CRICKET

FIRST T20 INT'L—West Indies v Sri Lanka (Kandy): West Indies 196-4 (20.0 overs); L M P Simmons 67(no), Sri Lanka 171 (19.1 overs; M D K J Perera 66).

West Indies won by 25 runs.

SECOND ODI—Australia v South Africa (Bloemfontein): Australia 271 (50.0 overs; D J M Short 69; L Ngidi 6-58), South Africa 274-4 (48.3 overs; J N Malan 123no).

South Africa won by 6 wickets.

ICE HOCKEY

NHL: Chicago 6 Anaheim 2, Dallas 1 Edmonton 2(OT), Minnesota 3 Nashville 1, New York Islanders 2 Montreal 6, New York Rangers 1 St Louis 3, Pittsburgh 7 Ottawa 3, San Jose 5 Toronto 2, Tampa Bay 1 Boston 2, Vegas Golden 3 New Jersey 0, Winnipeg 3 Buffalo 1.

TENNIS

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TODAY'S DIARY

The Emirates FA Cup 5th Round

Derby v Man Utd.....(7.45)

CRICKET

ICC Womens World T20 - Semi-Finals: India v England (Sydney, 4am), S Africa v Australia (8am).

DARTS

Unibet Premier League Darts 5 (Westpoint, Exeter).

GOLF

Qatar Masters (Doha).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Betfred Super League (7.45): Leeds v Toronto Wolfpack.

GLAD MAX PARTNERS HIS IDOL

GROWING up as a Manchester United season ticket holder, Max Bird dreamt of playing alongside idol Wayne Rooney.

Now he is not only in the same side as the former England captain, but they are also central midfield partners, left.

Rooney has dropped deeper in the twilight of

By James Nursey

his career, but the respect for England's record goalscorer remains the same as ever.

Bird, 19, said he had been "a bit overwhelmed" by Rooney's arrival in January.

He said: "I didn't think it could get much better with Frank Lampard and Ashley Cole coming at the club. When

Wayne signed I thought this is my opportunity, one of my heroes coming to the club, I have to impress him and hopefully I have.

"He was one of my favourites, I had his name on the back of my shirt.

"I dreamt of playing with him but didn't think it would actually happen."

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TROUBLE

By **Matthew Dunn**

MICHAEL CARRICK says **Wayne Rooney** could thrive in his own defensive midfield role for years to come.

More importantly, he warns his former club Manchester United that the Derby talisman has the tools to hurt them tonight, even from there.

Rooney lines up against the team he used to captain, looking to improve on his record of having lost every game he has played against the club which he served for 15 years.

"It will be strange, I'm sure for him, playing once more against us," said United first-team coach Carrick. "But I'm sure he is relishing it at the same time."

"He is playing a bit deeper, though. We played together in the FA Cup final in that position, when we won it last in 2016."

"He was going down that route, then went back up front again. He can adapt. He has the quality to adapt, whether as a striker or midfielder."

"I am not surprised he has gone to that stage now and is doing well. It is intelligence and what comes naturally to him really. He is quality. Pure quality."

"It is nice just to see him back playing well. He has had a spell away in America. In some ways you wouldn't expect him to come back and

Carrick fears old pal will hurt United even from a defensive midfield role

DERBY V MANCHESTER UNITED 7.45PM

play in England again. That was his retirement plan, going over there, but it is nice to see him back and playing well again."

Those qualities also mean Carrick expects there is plenty more to come from what has already been

a long life in high-level football.

"From the time

when he scored against Arsenal for Everton (in 2002 when he was 16) – I mean he was a name before that – but that was an explosion on the scene," Carrick recalled.

"We're talking about young lads dealing with pressures and press and media. He almost didn't care about that and every time something was asked of him he stepped up and embraced it and grew even bigger."

"Just an incredible talent, almost freakish in the way he could

deal with things, and his mentality was incredible. Now I'd say he is likely to go into coaching."

"He knows the game so well, he's intelligent on the pitch, and he's gone on to lead like he did in his final years at United, as one of the older ones with me in the dressing-room."

"So he definitely took that role on. Therefore it wouldn't surprise me if he stayed in the game for a long time."

Rooney is still only 34 and has several years on Carrick, who realised his own playing days were over at 37.

"I can see why some lads want to play on, regardless of where it is, but it just wasn't for me," Carrick said.

"I'd had enough of playing by the end. My career was done and I was happy with it."

"My final season I played against Huddersfield in the FA Cup and I had not played for a little bit and realised I was half a yard off here and there."

DERBY (4-2-3-1): Roos; Bogle, Clarke, Davies, Forsyth; Rooney, Bird; Lawrence, Martin, Knight; Waghorn.

MAN UTD (4-2-3-1): Romero; Dalot, Bailly, Maguire, Williams; McTominay, Fred; Fernandes, Mata, Pereira; Ighalo.



CUP OF JOY: Carrick and Rooney, 2016

Ole needs time says Rooney

WAYNE ROONEY has urged Manchester United fans to be patient, claiming it could be "two or three years" before they contend for honours again.

United's record scorer, who turns out for Derby against his old team in the FA Cup tonight, believes boss Ole Gunnar Solskjaer,

below, needs time to turn the club around.

"The fans need to be patient and let these players try and prove themselves," said Rooney.

"They need to bring some players in, they need to get rid of

some players and within two or three years they have to be challenging again."

"If you look at Liverpool and Manchester City, you're not going to buy a team to go and challenge with them. The

important thing is to try to get into the Champions League this year."

PAUL POGBA, who has not started a game since September 30, is expected to return from ankle surgery and begin full training with United next week.

GIDEON BROOKS



Southgate's regret at Smalling decision

GARETH Southgate says he regrets the way he has handled Chris Smalling and hinted at an England recall.

Southgate has watched Smalling at Roma, where he is on loan, and it would be a major U-turn after the England boss questioned the centre-back's ability on the ball when axing him from the squad in November 2017. Southgate said:

By **John Cross**

"I've never ruled anybody out. I probably regretted the way the message of... by praising others for certain attributes, there was criticism for Chris."

"It was my fault and it was unfair on him."

□ ALL games in Serie A will be played behind closed doors until April 3 in a bid to fight coronavirus.



SMALLING

CRYSTAL PALACE'S **Cenk Tosun** is heartbroken after being ruled out of Euro 2020 with a knee injury.

The Turkish striker, right, is out for seven months after suffering the injury in training and said: "I'm too upset to sleep right now."



Valentino loves Joe

VALENTINO Lazaro has backed goal-shy Joelinton to win over the doubters.

Joelinton, a £40m Newcastle club-record buy, has not scored a league goal in six months.

But Lazaro, who knows Joelinton well from their time in the Bundesliga, said: "OK, a striker is judged by his goals, but he's helping in a lot of ways. We

By **Dave Armitage**

need Joe up front. I've known him for years and when you play the long balls, he's always there, he goes deep, he's very quick."

Lazaro, on target in Newcastle's 3-2 win at West Brom on Tuesday, added:

"He was running into positions so I had the space to score against West Brom."



LAZARO

BOSS **Chris Wilder** believes eighth-placed Sheffield United are capable of qualifying for the Champions League.

"We're in a fabulous position," said Wilder, left. "We've got it all to play for. I honestly don't know where the team can take us."



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BILLY'S GRIPPING YARNS

BILLY GILMOUR says he helped to ruin Liverpool's FA Cup hopes after the short, sharp lesson Harry Maguire gave the 18-year-old midfielder in the school of hard knocks.

The Scotland Under-21 international was man of the match as Chelsea beat the Merseysiders 2-0 at Stamford Bridge on Tuesday.

And with Jorginho now suspended and Mateo Kovacic injured, the 5ft 6in Gilmour could be given an extended run in the team.

The former Rangers academy player said that he was first brought up to speed in the Carabao Cup defeat

Maguire taught Gilmour harsh lesson

By Matthew Dunn

by Manchester United in October.

After one early challenge, Maguire picked Gilmour up off the ground and shook him by the neck.

"Basically he was saying I'm a wee guy," said the teenager, right.

"Obviously he is going to try and bully young ones."

"He was pushing me off, gripping me by the throat, and that's something

I have to deal with. I won't let that happen again, that's for sure. That was a lesson. I've been working on that and I can only get stronger."

Gilmour produced a spectacular show against Premier League

champions-elect Liverpool with his fancy footwork.

"I wasn't really nervous," he said. "I was more looking forward to it, to go and show what I can do."

It was a great win and we are in the quarter-finals. And we

beat Liverpool as well – what's not to love?"

From the first time he set foot inside the club after leaving Rangers at 16, Gilmour has been told not to be intimidated by the biggest names.

Academy coaches gave him an Individual Action Plan (IAP) and the youngster discovered his task was to study how to become the next Cesc Fabregas.

"When I first came to Chelsea we were given IAPs and you had to focus yourself on that player," Gilmour

said. "Mine was Cesc. I loved how he played."

Gilmour's final step will be to graduate to the full Scotland squad. Liverpool left-back and fellow countryman Andy Robertson told the teenager he was on the right lines with national boss Steve Clarke watching.

"I was not aware Steve was in the stands," Gilmour said.

"I was speaking to Andy and he told me after the game, 'Just keep doing what you're doing, you're doing really well'."

A RED DEVIL
'Wee guy' Gilmour struggles as Maguire throws his weight around



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Ending 30 years of pain 'just' ticket says Virgil

VAN DIJK RAPS REDS DOOM-MONGERS

By Matthew Dunn

Cup of teams, so...look, in life there are people that are not always satisfied. They are always looking for negative things in life. That's just the reality.

"Either you're going to think about these things and go on with that negative spirit, or you just focus on the good things and I'm definitely focusing on the good things."

"We are in a very good situation. Close to what we all hope to achieve. Let's just go for it, enjoy it. Chelsea was a big blow but we were playing against

a very good side. Let's focus on 'just' the Premier League, because it's very small, huh?"

The need to steady the ship sits more firmly on Van Dijk's shoulders as acting captain with Jordan Henderson, left, still a couple of weeks away from full fitness.

"He's been very good for us this season," said Van Dijk. "And he is our captain. We appreciate everything he does for us."

"But we have quality players all over the pitch. Everyone who's coming in has to contribute with being a leader."

"With being ready to come on, in training or when you're on the

bench to challenge the players who's playing in your position."

"Obviously we can't deny that he's been outstanding this year, that he's been very important. But the reality is everyone else has to step up."

Van Dijk also dismissed suggestions that Liverpool did not want to win the FA Cup anyway.

"I think that's stupid to say, in my opinion," he said. "Every competition we participate in, we want to win."

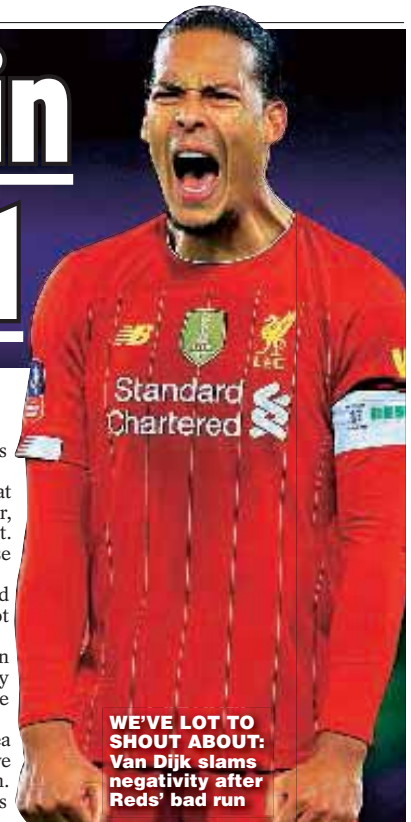
"We showed it against Chelsea with the line-up and the way we kept going, the energy we put in. We tried to do as much as possible to win the game."

VIRGIL VAN DIJK has hit out at the negativity swirling around Liverpool and says the players themselves would be happy "just" to win the Premier League.

After all, it is still 30 years since anybody at the club has done so.

Jürgen Klopp's side have lost three of their last four games, including their Invincibles league tag, been knocked out of the FA Cup and have a tough task to overturn a 1-0 first-leg deficit against Atletico Madrid in the last 16 of the Champions League.

"We might 'just' end up with the Premier League?" said Van Dijk. "Yeah? 'Just?' It's just a small thing is it? We also won the Super Cup and the World



WE'VE LOT TO SHOUT ABOUT: Van Dijk slams negativity after Reds' bad run

TIM IS SPOT ON
Norwich keeper Krul saved this spot-kick from Parrott to knock out Spurs



Picture: GLYN KIRK

JOSE SUFFERS A KRUL NIGHT

TOTTENHAM

1

NORWICH

1

AET; NORWICH WIN 3-2 ON PENS

By Tony Banks

TIM KRUL was Norwich's hero last night as he saved two penalties in the shoot-out to KO Tottenham.

The Canaries goalkeeper saved from Troy Parrott and Gedson Fernandes as they reached the quarter-finals.

This is a Spurs team finding it hard to score goals – another defender in Jan Vertonghen put them ahead last night with his 13th minute header. And because of that the pressure is always on a nervy back line.

Stand-in keeper Michel Vorm was playing his first game in 18 months. In the first half he fumbled a drive from Lukas Rupp but got away with it.

But 12 minutes from time there was no escape for the 36-year-old. Canaries substitute Kenny McLean let fly from 25 yards – and Vorm spilled the ball straight at the feet of Josip Drmic – who bundled in the equaliser.

It was Giovanni Lo Celso who once again showed Spurs the way early on, and going

Norwich keeper is penalty hero to knock Spurs out

forward, Jose Mourinho's team did look dangerous. Too often though there was no one there to finish the chances. First he raced onto Lucas Moura's pass after the Brazilian had cut through the middle, but saw Tim Krul excellently beat away his shot. But two minutes later the Argentine swung in a pinpoint free-kick from the left and Vertonghen, recalled by

Mourinho, climbed at the far post to power home his header.

The 32-year-old is almost certainly leaving Tottenham in the summer when his contract ends, but his second goal of the campaign and 12th in his eight years gave his team hope.

But Norwich have shown this season, despite a difficult campaign, that they can never be counted out.

And Daniel Farke's side came back hard. First Emi Buendia dribbled through to fire in a drive that Vorm parried. But when Rupp cracked in another effort from 30 yards, the Spurs goalkeeper spilled the ball and had to dive back to grab it and save his embarrassment.

It was nervy stuff. Not helped by the fact that Krul was his usual excellent self in the Canaries goal, superbly pushing over Moura's shot.

Drmic then and forced Vorm into another stop – before Mario Vrancic curled his free-kick just over.

But then there was one too many fumbles from Vorm. Once again Spurs had surrendered a lead – as they had done twice against Wolves on Sunday.

Frantically, Tottenham threw everything at Norwich to try to regain their lead, and Serge Aurier saw his shot booted off the line by Ben Godfrey.

Then Mourinho was on his feet claiming a penalty as Dele Alli, who had yet another disappointing night, tumbled in the area. But referee Paul Tierney was having none of it.

Norwich were pinned back for long spells, but they held on for extra time and have Krul to thank.

CHIRPY CANARY:
Drmic follows up on Vorm's error to equalise



TOTTENHAM

PLAYER ANALYSIS

(4-2-3-1)

By Neil McLeman

VORM

5

After 533 days since his last start, he looked shaky and at fault for equaliser.

SKIPP

5

First start of the season in centre of midfield. Booked for professional foul.

AURIER

5

Able to get forward down the right flank in the space left by Moura.

MOURA

6

Deployed on the right but Brazilian moved inside in search of the ball.

SANCHEZ

6

His pace and power ensured a comfortable night for Colombian midfielder.

LO CELSO

8

Excellent in No10 role behind Alli. His deadball delivery set up Vertonghen goal.

DIER

6

In preferred centre-back role, the England star made brave block of Vrancic shot.

BERGWIJN

5

Failed to impress in his more usual wide role and subbed after 54 minutes.

VERTONGHEN

7

The recalled Spurs captain got his second goal of season from a set-piece.

ALLI

5

Talents wasted as emergency false nine. Better playing off a centre-forward.

WINKS

5

England midfielder bypassed in system with two wingers and Lo Celso as playmaker

SUBSTITUTES

Fernandes (Bergwijn 54), Lamela (Moura 70), Ndombele (Winks 81), Parrott (Alli 96).



MAKING A GOOD FIST OF IT:
Spurs' Jan Vertonghen celebrates

NORWICH

PLAYER ANALYSIS

(4-2-3-1)

KRUL

7

Stuck in no man's land for Spurs goal but made amends with spot-kick heroics.

VRANCIC

7

Booked for late challenge on Lo Celso. Second-half free-kick just over the bar.

AARONS

6

Man-of-the-match in the win against Leicester, harder night up against Bergwijn.

BUENDIA

7

Produced bit of magic with run and first Norwich shot on goal after 34 minutes.

HANLEY

6

Norwich captain smothered out the threat of Alli down the middle.

RUPP

6

Soft long-range strike dropped by Vorm but better second-half effort saved.

GODFREY

7

Often the spare man at the back. Sometimes stepped in to pick up Lo Celso.

CANTWELL

6

Several surging runs from midfielder. Less proficient in his defensive duties.

LEWIS

5

Scorer of winner against Leicester, left-back was rarely able to get forward.

DRMIC

6

Made just his second start. Often isolated but showed awareness to grab equaliser.

TRYBULL

5

Dispossessed by Moura in his own box but saved by Krul. Tough job marking Lo Celso.

SUBSTITUTES

McLean (Vrancic 67), Idah (Rupp 72), Tettey (Trybull 89), Stiepermann (Buendia 97).

BOOKED - TOTTENHAM: Skipp. **NORWICH:** Vrancic, Hanley.
GOALS - TOTTENHAM: Vertonghen 13. **NORWICH:** Drmic 78.

OWLS ARE NO

Main picture: ANTHONY DEVLIN

SHEFF WED 0
MAN CITY 1

By David Anderson

MANCHESTER City's rule as Premier League champions may soon be over, but their reign as cup kings shows no signs of ending.

Just three days after lifting a third successive League Cup, City won their 20th successive domestic tie to earn a place in the FA Cup quarter-finals.

Sergio Aguero was the difference yet again for City as the striker bagged his 23rd goal of the season against Garry Monk's awkward and stubborn Sheffield Wednesday.

The strike moved Aguero clear of Wayne Rooney as the top scorer for a Manchester club with 254 goals.

The Blues remain the ultimate cup specialists and they are determined to amass as much silverware as they can, even if Liverpool are about to deprive them of the Premier League trophy.

They should have won by more against an organised Owls side who showed little ambition in front of a far-from-full Hillsborough.

Nicolas Otamendi and Benjamin Mendy hit the woodwork and Joe Wildsmith frustrated City, although the Owls' third-choice keeper was at fault for Aguero's winner.

Phil Foden was brought back down to earth with a bump after his man-of-the-match heroics in Sunday's League Cup final as he was dropped to the bench.

Kevin De Bruyne did not even make it that far, such are the riches available to Pep Guardiola.

Monk made six changes, even though it was Wednesday's moment in the national spotlight, leaving out Tom Lees, Steven Fletcher and Cameron Dawson as he handed Wildsmith his first start since August 2018.

Monk's policy seemed one of damage limitation because of their wretched form – they had won just one of their past nine Championship games.

Wednesday's blue-and-white ranks lined up midway inside their own half in an attempt to suffocate City.

They made no attempt to press City, leaving the visitors to dominate possession while trying to break them down.

The Owls rarely threatened playing so deep, although Jacob Murphy, just about their only attacking outlet, did cut inside Benjamin Mendy to curl a left-footed shot just wide of the far post.

City were wasteful and Gabriel Jesus headed wide from inside the six-yard box from John Stones' dinked cross to the back post and Riyad

Rearguard action keeps City at bay until that man Aguero finally breaks the deadlock

THAT WILL DO NICELY: Sergio Aguero watches his shot loop into the net for the winner



Mahrez blazed over from Liam Palmer's poor clearance.

Jesus was guilty of another miss when Aguero picked him out on the right with a floated cross, only for the Brazilian to fail to connect.

City adjusted their sights and were just centimetres away from opening the scoring when Otamendi beat Julian Borner to head against the face of the bar.

City continued to attack in waves and Wildsmith saved from Aguero, touched Mendy's drive against the bar and denied Bernardo Silva in quick succession.

But the Owls keeper went from hero to zero as he was badly at fault when City made

the breakthrough on 53 minutes. Mendy fed Aguero, who turned Dominic Iorfa and hit a shot which Wildsmith could only parry into his own net with his left hand.

VAR might have disallowed the goal for a hairline offside decision against Aguero, but the technology was not available last night.

Monk threw on his top scorer Fletcher, but City retained their grip on the game and Wildsmith made a fine double save from Stones and Rodri.

The Owls belatedly went for it in the final 10 minutes and Fletcher just failed to get on the end of fellow-substitute Alex Hunt's cross.



TRICKY RICKY: Pereira nods Leicester's winner

Pereira uses his head to end Foxes' woeful run of form

LEICESTER CITY 1 BIRMINGHAM CITY 0

RICARDO PEREIRA stepped up late on to finally see off dogged Birmingham and steer Leicester into the quarter-finals.

The Foxes were in danger of enduring fresh cup frustration after being dumped out in the Carabao Cup semi-finals by a last-gasp goal from Aston Villa.

Leicester were unconvincing for most of the first period last night, but a dominant second-half display was rewarded eight minutes from time when Pereira nodded his fourth goal of the season from Marc Albrighton's cross.

It was the club's first win in six games in all competitions and ended a worrying loss of form.

Despite remaining third in the Premier League, manager Brendan Rodgers, above, admitted before the game that his side were "suffering" and low on confidence.

He made just three changes from the loss at bottom-of-the-table Norwich as Albrighton, Wilfred Ndidi and Demarai Gray came in.

Leicester came flying out of the traps with James Maddison firing over and Ben Chilwell having an effort deflected just wide.

But Birmingham, who were unbeaten in 13 matches in all competitions, weathered the storm and looked dangerous on the break.

Kerim Mrabti had a shot deflected wide before Lukas Jutkiewicz shot straight at Kasper

Schmeichel. Jutkiewicz also flashed a low effort wide.

Pep Clotet's underdogs carried a threat going forward while retaining a disciplined shape which made them hard to break down.

The half illustrated why Leicester, without Jamie Vardy, had not scored in three league games.

They started to turn the screw after the break, though, as Kelechi Iheanacho shot straight at Lee Camp.

Maddison then curled a free-kick into the side-netting.

He went even closer in the 68th minute with a rising left-foot shot which hit the bar.

Iheanacho then had the ball in the net but his effort was chalked off for offside.

The second half was all

Leicester and when right-back Pereira fizzed over a cross, left-back Chilwell blasted the ball over the bar.

But they finally broke the deadlock in the 82nd minute after Albrighton did superbly on the right to beat Kristian Pedersen and chipped over a centre.

And there was Pereira on the edge of the six-yard box to glance the ball into the far corner of the net.

LEICESTER (4-1-4-1): Schmeichel 6; Pereira 8, Evans 6, Soyuncu 6, Chilwell 6; Ndidi 6 (Tielemans 61, 6); Albrighton 7, Praet 6, Maddison 8 (Choudhury 84, 6), Gray 5 (Barnes 66, 6); Iheanacho 6. **Goal:** Pereira 82.

BIRMINGHAM (4-4-2): Camp 6; Colin 7, Dean 7, Clarke-Salter 7, Pedersen 7, Harding 6 (Gardner 71, 6), Sunjic 6, Kieftenbeld 6 (Montero 84, 6), Mrabti 6 (Crowley 84, 6); Jutkiewicz 6, Hogan 6.

JAMES NURSEY



PUSSYCATS

SHEFF WED v MAN CITY		
20	POSSESSION %	80
0	SHOTS ON TARGET	9
1	SHOTS OFF TARGET	9
0	BLOCKED SHOTS	2
2	CORNERS	6
11	FOULS	6
1	YELLOW CARDS	1
0	RED CARDS	0
Source: Opta		



FINALLY BEATEN
Wildsmith did a great job last night but was at fault for the goal that won it



SHEFF WEDNESDAY

PLAYER ANALYSIS

(5-3-2)

By David Anderson

WILDSMITH 6

Saved well from Mendy and Bernardo Silva but was at fault for Agüero's goal.

BANNAN 6

Typically committed display, throwing himself into every tackle.

PALMER 6

One poor clearance led to a City chance before he nearly put Da Cruz through.

LEE 5

Struggled to impose himself in the midfield battle and stem City's attacks.

IORFA 6

Came into the side and was solid, making a fine early challenge to halt Agüero.

PELUPESSY 5

Could not get to grips with City's slick passing and made little impression.

BORNER 6

Made a good defensive block but beaten when Otamendi headed against the bar.

DA CRUZ 5

Played in by Palmer but failed to get off a shot as he was robbed by Stones.

FOX 6

Worked hard at left-back to try and contain the threat of Bernardo Silva.

FORESTIERI 6

Grafted down the channels to make himself an outlet when his side had the ball.

MURPHY 7

Wednesday's one attacking outlet and he beat Mendy to curl an early shot wide.

SUBSTITUTES

Lees 6 (for Borer 45); Fletcher 6 (for Forestieri 56); Hunt 5 (for Lee 63).



HIGH JINX: John Stones beats Borer in the air

MAN CITY

PLAYER ANALYSIS

(4-3-3)

By David Anderson

BRAVO 6

City's cups keeper was virtual spectator with very little to do.

RODRI 6

Quietly effective at the heart of City's midfield and kept them ticking over.

CANCELO 6

Returned to the side and was relatively untroubled on the right side of City's defence.

D SILVA 6

Was quiet in a midfield three and his brilliance is finally dimming.

STONES 7

Missed a header but created a chance for Jesus and made a fine tackle on Da Cruz.

MAHREZ 6

Blazed a chance over and delivered crosses for Stones and Otamendi to go close.

OTAMENDI 7

Threw himself at everything and was denied when he headed against the bar.

AGÜERO 8

Created Jesus' chance before scoring thanks to Wildsmith's error.

MENDY 7

Lost out to Murphy in an early duel but recovered to set up Agüero for his goal.

JESUS 6

Headed a good chance wide and failed to connect with another effort.

B SILVA 8

Some silky play from the Portuguese and he had a shot saved by Wildsmith.

SUBSTITUTES

Sterling (for Agüero 86).

BOOKED - SHEFF WED: Palmer.

MANCHESTER CITY: Mahrez.

GOAL - MANCHESTER CITY: Agüero 53.

RUGGED RIVALS

Wednesday were tough to break down but Pep was smiling in the end

OFF COLOUR: Otamendi cries out after a tackle



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FRIENDS REUNITED

Rooney has the ex-factor

See pages 54-55



I'LL BE THERE

By Paul Brown

HARRY KANE says he will be fit for England's bid for Euro glory this summer.

The injured Three Lions captain, left, gave boss Gareth Southgate a boost yesterday by confirming he could be playing again next month. Kane started outdoor training ahead

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0 SHEFF WED



MAN CITY 1

1 TOTTENHAM



NORWICH 1 Norwich win 3-2 on pens



QUARTER FINAL DRAW

Sheff United v Arsenal

Newcastle v Man City

Norwich v Derby/Man Utd

Chelsea v Leicester

Ties to be played weekend of March 20-22

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CITY SERG THROUGH

See pages 58-59

KRUL END

See page 57

LOCKED OUT OR SHUT DOWN

Italy clash will be behind closed doors or called off



By Neil Squires

ENGLAND'S final Six Nations Championship match against Italy will be played behind closed doors in Rome - unless it is postponed because of the worsening coronavirus outbreak.

The Six Nations will decide which of the draconian options to take today after talks with the Rugby Football Union and the Italian Federation following emergency measures announced by the Italian government last night.

All major sports events in the country - including Serie A and European football matches - are to be staged in empty stadia if they are held before April 3 in an attempt to control the spread of the virus.

The coronavirus death toll in Italy passed 100 yesterday.

ITV had already told their commentary team not to travel to Rome for the Italy-England game on March 14 and to cover it from their London studio

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Solution tomorrow

ARROW-WORD

Arrow-words are like crosswords, but the clues are printed inside squares on the grid. Write your answers in the blank squares in the direction indicated by the arrows.

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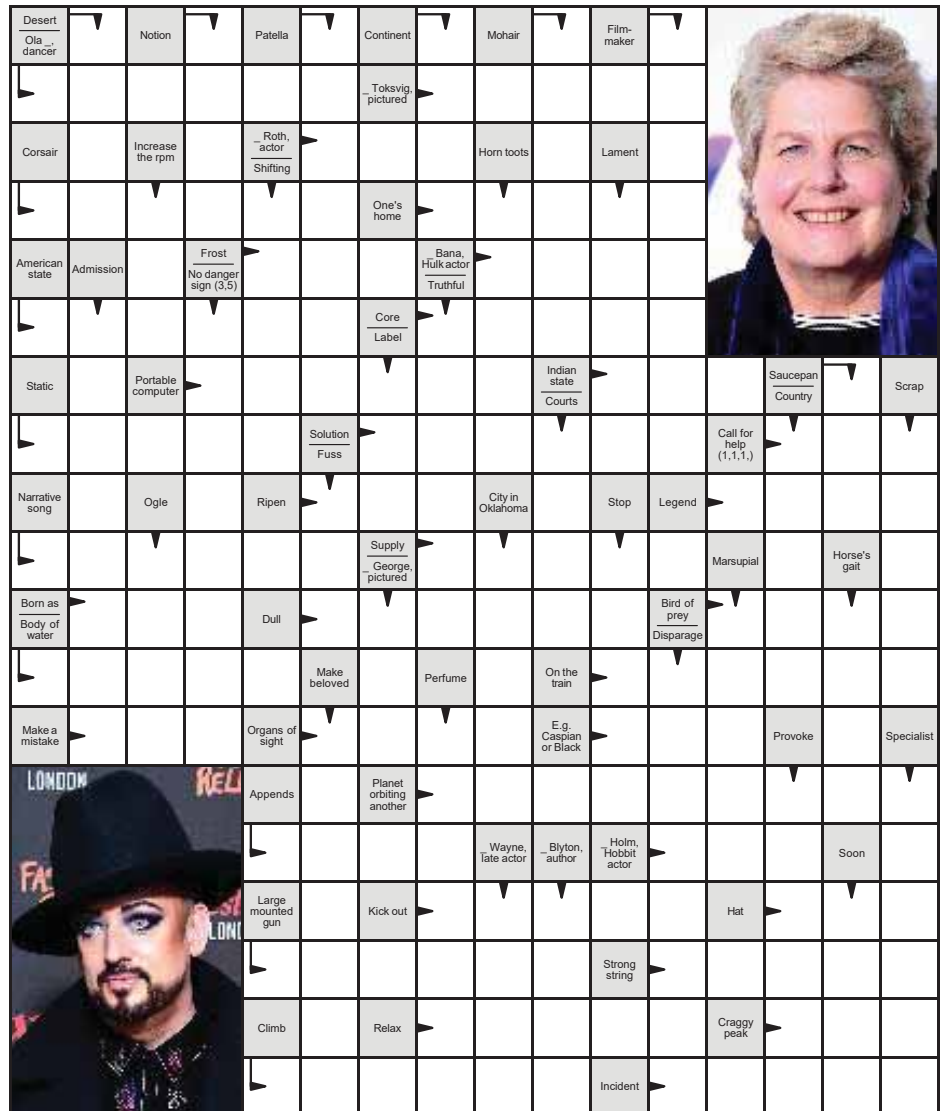
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Find all the wedding-themed words listed below in the grid.

Solution tomorrow

**BEST MAN • BRIDE • CAKE • CEREMONY
CHAMPAGNE • CONFETTI • DRESS
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MAID OF HONOUR • PAGE BOY
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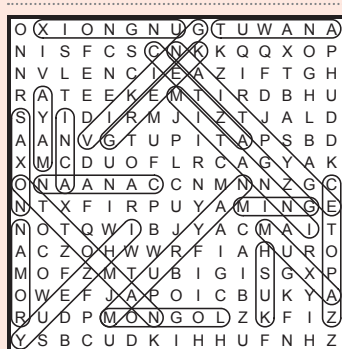


YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

QUICK CROSSWORD

Across: 4 Wistful; 8 Touchy; 9 Scarlet; 10 Entire; 11 Danger; 12 Perceive; 18 Ultimate; 20 Regain; 21 Impact; 22 Funeral; 23 Unfair; 24 Weather.
Down: 1 Attempt; 2 Rupture; 3 Charge; 5 Incident; 6 Tyrant; 7 Uneven; 13 Inundate; 14 Faraway; 15 Lecture; 16 Rebuke; 17 Patent; 19 Immune.

WORDSEARCH



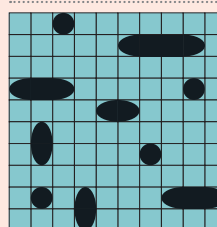
ARROW-WORD



SUDOKU EASY

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1	4	9	7	6	3	2	5	8
8	6	7	5	1	2	4	9	3

BATTLESHIPS



CROSS DOUBT

Across: BREAK
Down: BRICK

SUDOKU MEDIUM

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KAKURO

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SUMMIT UP

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SUDOKU DIFFICULT

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KEIJO

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WORD BUILDER

But, Tube, Debut, Busted, Duets, Suet, Sue

TARGET

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ARCHANGEL canal carnal clan
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glance glare glean glen gnarl
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lance lancer lane larch large
leach lean learn lech raglan rale
real regal regnal renal

THE ALPHAPUZZLE

Across: Saviour, Blow, Thin, Funereal, Happen, Sequel, Oblong, Steady, Bedazzle, Jade, Gene, Laconic.
Down: Asthma, Brewer, Oven, Profane, Coffin, Guzzle, Drones, Sketch, Baroque, Jinx, Homage (clue), Deduce.

THE ALPHABEATER

Black squares: 1, 6, 7, 9, 11, 14, 17, 19, 24, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38.
Across: Turning, Points, Aground, Abroad, Adjudge, Weft, Calyx, Mesh, Bequest, Faking, Tremolo, Waiver, Hitched.
Down: Wombat, Zombie, Frequent, Stray, Absolve, Ungodly, Pagan, Inundate, Sunken, Drench.

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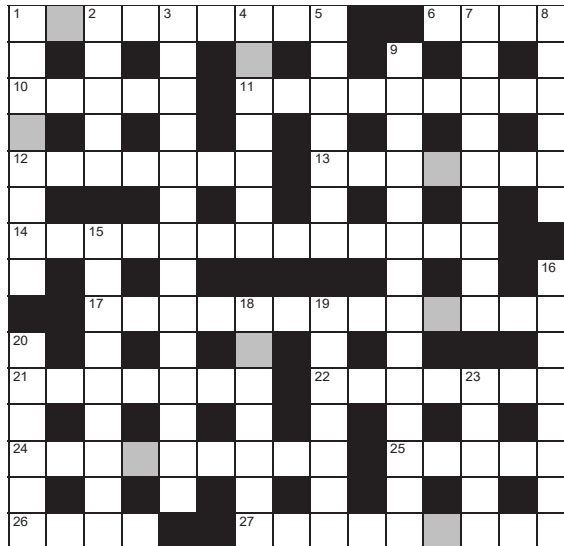
CRUSADER PRIZE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Rave about record gun order being disgusting (9)
 6 Most operations have to cease (4)
 10 Glum, working around old tycoon (5)
 11 Some tea and mocha transported a distance (9)
 12 Most anxious, sense improvement during race (7)
 13 The acre gets moved to another area (7)
 14 Mad hairstyle for eccentric minority (7,6)
 17 Pebbles and choppers - prepare for the worst (4,4,5)
 21 Role-playing can be included for vitamin (7)
 22 Managed to get one to show respect for weather phenomenon (7)
 24 Gastropod newsletter, sent the old-fashioned way (5,4)
 25 Time for music (5)
 26 New university students amounting to nothing (4)
 27 Make attractive outer garment, darling, first (5-4)

DOWN

- 1 Meet Lory, kind of distantly (8)
 2 Heathen deity accepts silver (5)
 3 Asian tourist trail is in brilliant shape (6,8)
 4 Hermit has vinegar and salt initially added (7)
 5 Drink with singer and instructor (7)
 7 Asian volunteers mix sea and wine (9)
 8 Quietly mention favour (6)
 9 Narcotics robot reprogrammed as a strangler (3,11)
 15 Drop thing, broken before dusk (9)
 16 Reveal conveyance to be an exhibitionist (8)
 18 Ran sole organisation somewhere in France (7)
 19 Wearing pearl, unattractive half, as protection (7)
 20 Rip-off boy in jail (6)
 23 I am sending Bob round - an airhead (5)



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TUESDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Peel, 3 Addle-pated, 9 Cite, 10 Stem ginger, 11 Office hours, 15 Lecturing, 17 Aside, 18 Exact, 19 Garnished, 20 Running mate, 24 In an uproar, 25 Stag, 26 Fruit flies, 27 Unit. **DOWN:** 1 Pack of lies, 2 Artificial, 4 Ditch, 5 Limburger, 6 Painstaking, 7 Toga, 8 Dare, 12 Countersuit, 13 Dishearten, 14 Dead weight, 16 In general, 21 Image, 22 Riff, 23 Baku. **Prizeword:** Dossier

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".

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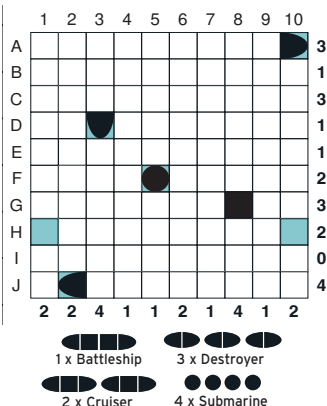
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FIND where the fleet of ships shown is hidden in the grid. The numbers to the right of and below the grid indicate how many of the squares in that row are filled in with ships or parts of ships. The ships do not touch each other, even diagonally. Some squares have been filled in to start you off.

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THE ALPHABEATER

TARGET TIME:
34 minutes

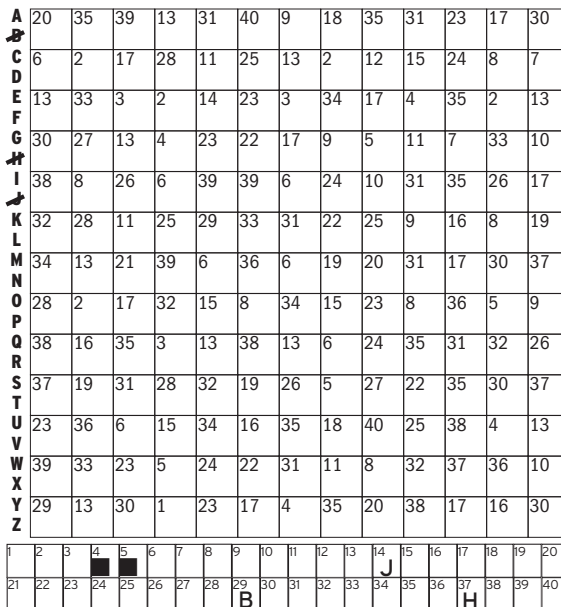
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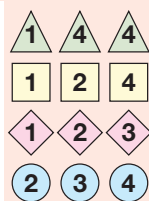
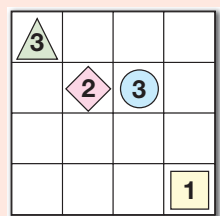
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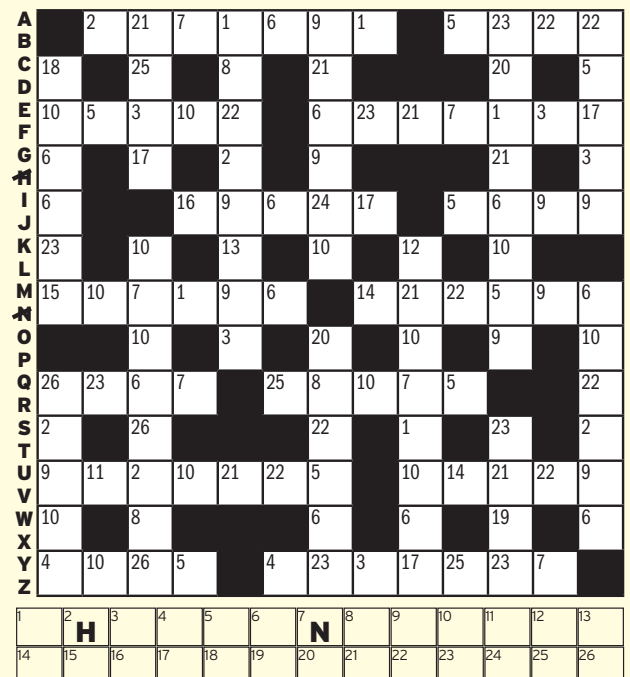
Place the tiles into the grid so that four different numbers and four different shapes appear in each row and column.

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