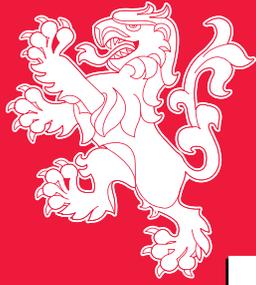


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I'LL CUT SCOTS' FUEL BILLS



BY ANDREW QUINN

KEIR Starmer has vowed to cut fuel bills as new figures showed prices have soared by £400 a year under the Tories.

Ahead of visiting Scotland today, the Labour leader promised to "bring down energy bills for good".

Labour plans to reduce costs to households by setting up GB Energy and investing in clean power.

He said: "After 14 years of Tory

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UK Labour leader Keir Starmer

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ELECTION 2024 SUNAK HAS HIS

KING CLEARS ROYAL DIARY

THE royal family has postponed engagements "which may appear to divert attention or distract from the election campaign" after Rishi Sunak called a surprise summer general election.

Buckingham Palace said the King and Queen sent their "sincere apologies" to those affected, after Charles agreed to the

BY **LAURA ELSTON**

Prime Minister's request to dissolve Parliament.

The King and Queen's D-Day 80th anniversary appearances in Portsmouth and Normandy in June are expected to go ahead as scheduled, but the announcement of a July 4 vote disrupted other events in the carefully

planned forthcoming royal diaries.

A Palace spokeswoman said: "Following the Prime Minister's statement, the royal family will, in accordance with normal procedure, postpone engagements that may appear to divert attention or distract from the election campaign.

"Their Majesties send

their sincere apologies to any of those who may be affected as a result."

Sunak spoke with King on Wednesday to inform him of his decision and the King had agreed to the request for the dissolution of Parliament.

They spent about 15 minutes together in the King's private audience room.



HOPE FOR FUTURE Starmer promises change across UK

Scottish base for new green energy firm

FROM PAGE ONE

chaos, people across Scotland are desperate for change. Families are picking up the tab of 14 years of Tory energy failure and are expected to remain a staggering £400 a year worse off under the new price cap."

Starmer's pledge came as new figures showed the yearly energy bill for the average household has soared to £1574.

A study by Cornwall Insight says that is £400 more than the average household paid in 2021 before the energy crisis – when yearly bills were £1138.

Starmer said GB energy will be headquartered in Scotland.

He added: "With Labour, Scotland will lead the clean energy revolution.

"We will set up Great British energy to give Scotland the future it deserves. It'll be headquartered here in Scotland."

Labour has said that GB Energy will invest in clean power to help cut bills and boost energy security.

The party said it will be paid for by a windfall tax on oil and gas giants – a policy opposed by the Tories.

Labour have also said the company will invest in wind and solar projects up and down the country and aim to make Britain a world-leader in cutting edge technologies such as floating offshore wind.

Starmer will join Scottish leader Anas Sarwar in the west of Scotland to launch Scottish Labour's general election campaign today.

He claims Scotland is key to booting out the Tories.

Before arriving here last night, he said "there is no Labour without Scotland",

adding there "is no changed Britain without Scotland".

He said: "We can't just send a message in this election, we must send a government – but we can only do that if we rebuild trust and chart a new course for the country.

"A Labour government will take Scotland in a different direction and give people hope for the future.

"Labour will stop families paying over the odds for energy. Great British Energy, our new publicly owned energy company, will invest in homegrown clean energy to boost energy independence and cut bills for good.

"When I say let's get Britain's future back, we say it with one voice. Scotland is at the beating heart of that mission. It's time to stop the chaos, turn the page and start to rebuild with Labour."

Labour is widely expected to win the election, with the party 20 points ahead of the Tories. The party is also 10 points ahead of the SNP.

At the last general election, Labour only won a single Scottish seat, while the SNP took 48.

Anas Sarwar said: "Scotland is crying out for change, and it falls to Labour to deliver the change we need.

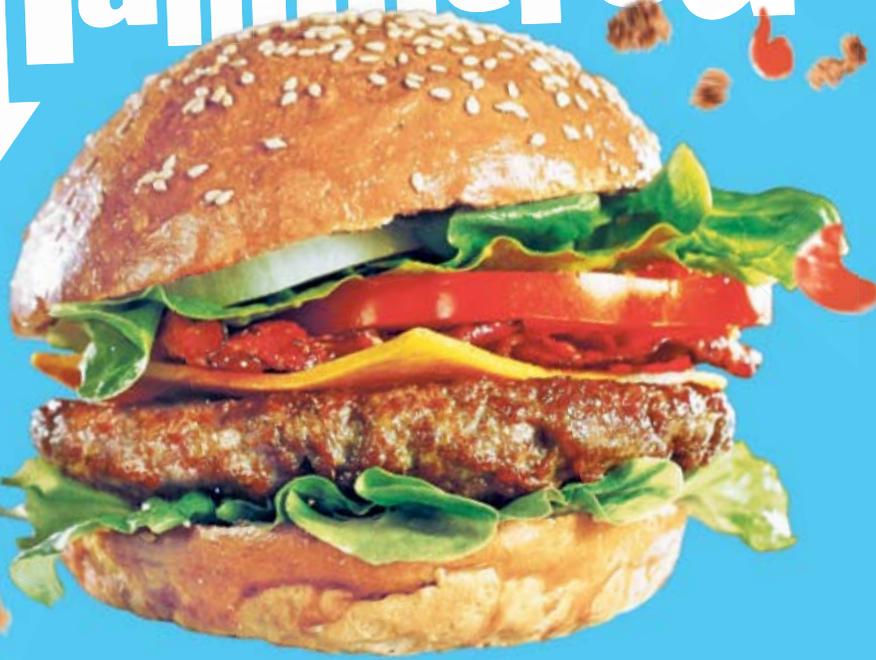
"After 17 years of SNP failure and 14 years of Tory chaos, Scotland has a chance to deliver a government that is on the side of the working people of Scotland – with Scottish MPs at its heart.

"A UK Labour government with Scottish Labour MPs will boot the Tories out of office, maximise Scotland's influence, bring down bills, make work pay and deliver the change that Scotland needs."



MIND THE GAP
Rishi Sunak arrives in Inverness airport as the Tories lag 27 points behind Labour in the polls

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STOP THE PLANES

» Rwanda policy in tatters with no flights before polling day
 » PM defends snap election decision after economy boost



RISHI Sunak has refused to apologise for disrupting Scots' school holidays with his panicked decision to call an election.

The gaffe-prone Prime Minister said it is the "right" time for an election – even though schoolchildren and families north of the border will be on their summer breaks.

The Tory leader, who has been forced to admit he will not be able to get any Rwanda flights off the ground before the July 4 vote, also denied he is running scared of Scottish voters.

He limited his trip here to a security-heavy free port north of Inverness.

It came as a new poll showed Labour holding a massive 27 point lead over the Conservatives.

Sunak has been accused of calling the election on July 4 to stem internal Tory sniping.

But he has annoyed football fans across the UK by ensuring the Euros will be overshadowed by a political campaign.

He also angered Scots who have booked holidays for early July to coincide with the school holidays – which begin earlier in Scotland.

During a visit to the Nigg Port, the Record asked if he would apologise to Scots for the disruption.

He said: "No, I think this is the right moment to have this election because we have restored economic stability after a difficult few years.

"Inflation is back to normal and wages have now been rising faster than prices for 10 months.

"The economy this year has grown at a healthy rate and energy bills are falling, so this is the moment to think about the future."

He then tried to change the subject by

BY PAUL HUTCHEON

claiming that the "main" issue is the SNP's poor record on education.

The timing of the election also leaves Sunak's flagship "stop the boats" Rwanda deterrent policy in tatters.

But there will be no stopping his planes as he insisted he'll continue to pester voters across the UK.

Asked if he is scared of normal Scots, he said: "I think I've been here multiple times in the last few months alone.

"We were just remarking actually that I've been back and forth quite a lot over the last few weeks.

"And I've been out and about across the UK today, I started in the East Midlands, then I was in Wales, now I'm in Scotland.

"I'll be elsewhere tomorrow and I'll be doing that every day for the next six weeks."

Sunak, who is staring defeat in the face, said he would welcome TV debates with Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer.

He said: "This election is about the future of our country.

"I'm very clear that we live in uncertain times and, given that, I want to make sure I can offer the country, not just bold actions, but a clear plan that will deliver a secure future for everybody.

"That's what I want to talk about over the next few weeks and I am happy to debate Keir Starmer head to head as many times as possible over the next few weeks."

Asked if he had "no legacy"

to take into the election, Sunak replied: "Look the country's undeniably been through a difficult few years.

"But what the last few weeks shows is the economy has turned a corner and I have delivered the economic stability that I said I would.

"Now is the moment to consider the future and we live in an uncertain time, and that's why we need leadership that has not just a clear plan but is prepared to take bold action to deliver a secure future for everyone across the country.

"And that's what I'll be talking about over the next few weeks."

Launching an attack on the SNP, he said: "On the Union, I've always worked collaboratively and constructively with the SNP government where there are areas where we can deliver jointly for the people of Scotland.

"I believe in being a prime minister for every part of the United Kingdom, and that's what we've done.

"This freeport is an example of that, attracting jobs and investment to this area."

Sunak's day started poorly when he made an embarrassing gaffe chatting about football in a brewery in Wales.

The Southampton supporter tried to make small talk with workers and asked them if they were looking forward to "all the football" later this summer.

But one worker pointed out that Wales had not qualified for the Euro 2024 tournament.

“ I am happy to debate Keir Starmer head to head as many times as possible

RISHI SUNAK DURING HIS VISIT TO SCOTLAND



GRIN AND BEAR IT PM puts on brave face

ELECTION 2024 FM REFUSES TO

Lord leads the Lib Dems

FORMER deputy first minister Lord Wallace is to act as campaign chairman for the Scottish Lib Dems in the General Election, the party has said.

Party leader Alex Cole-Hamilton said he has asked Lord Wallace - who twice served as acting first minister - to take charge because "he is a proven

BY **KATRINE BUSSEY**

election winner". Cole-Hamilton said: "As deputy first minister and acting first minister, he delivered pioneering freedom of information legislation and free personal care, passed the smoking ban and introduced the free bus pass.

"Every Scottish Government since has been

a pale shadow. Unlike the SNP, he knows how to deliver good government and get the basics right.

"I am delighted he has agreed to take on this role."

Lord Wallace said he is "delighted to be stepping into this role as the election campaign gets under way".



DELIGHT Lord Wallace

PAD

» Swinney ridiculed for branding committee 'prejudiced' over Matheson

» Scottish Tory leader accuses First Minister of 'backing his pals'

BY **CHRIS McCALL**

JOHN Swinney was slammed last night after he refused to accept a disgrace handed down to disgraced former health secretary Michael Matheson.

The SNP leader was accused by Labour of "demeaning the office of First Minister" after he claimed Holyrood's Standards Committee was "prejudiced" against the veteran MSP. The cross-party panel had recommended Matheson was barred from the Scottish Parliament for 27 days - the longest such sanction in the history of devolution - and stripped of his salary for 54 days.

The investigation was launched earlier this year after the parliament's corporate body ruled the Nationalist had broken the rules over an £11,000 expenses scandal.

Matheson had initially tried to claim for a huge data roaming bill racked up on his official iPad while on a family holiday in Morocco - before being forced to admit the cost was caused by his sons streaming football.

But Swinney attacked the Standards Committee's call to suspend his party colleague for 27 days.

He told MSPs: "As I consider the findings from the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, I have significant concern. I believe this process has been prejudiced."

The First Minister read a comment from Tory MSP Annie Wells in which she had described Matheson's explanation as "riddled with lies".

Swinney went on to claim that if a constituent had come to him facing disciplinary action at work when their employer had made similar comments about them, he would "come down on that employer like a ton of bricks".

He added: "That is why I will not be supporting the sanction."

Swinney insisted Matheson had "suffered significant reputational damage and impact on his family as a consequence of losing office and the difficulties that have been created here", and added he has paid back the roaming costs. But Swinney's stance



DEFIANT Michael Matheson won't resign was branded "utterly unbelievable and embarrassing" by Anas Sarwar.

The Scottish Labour leader said: "Michael Matheson misled the media, the public and this parliament.

"John Swinney has demeaned himself and the office of First Minister by attempting to defend the indefensible.

"Two weeks in and the pretence of a new kind of government has been shattered - it is still party first and country second with the SNP.

"Even now that what Michael Matheson has done is clear, the SNP is standing behind him.

"He should do the right thing, stand down and allow a by-election to take place on the same day as the General Election, and John Swinney should have made that clear today.

"The SNP are quick to demand action at Westminster but they always seem to hold themselves to a lower standard here in Scotland."

Scottish Tory leader Douglas Ross said: "That is incredible and indefensible by the First Minister.

"He told us when asking for our support to make him First Minister, he would be First Minister for all of Scotland.

"What Scotland is seeing is he's a First Minister that backs his pals."

Matheson last night refused to resign and said: "I think it's pretty clear that the process has become highly politicised, which has compromised the process and the fairness of the process.

"I also think the sanctions they've imposed are excessive and unfair."

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JOHN SWINNEY SAYS HE
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F'M: I'm the most popular leader in Scotland

JOHN Swinney claims he is the most popular party leader in Scotland and he will lead the SNP to victory.

The First Minister boldly declared yesterday he would be “making sure the public see enough of me and hear enough of me” during the six-week campaign before polls open on July 4.

He said: “I'm the most popular political party leader in Scotland. That's a huge advantage to the SNP and we're going to use it, we're going to work hard in every constituency around the country, to make sure I'm visible and leading the campaign from

BY CHRIS McCALL

the front. I'm the most popular leader in Scotland, dwarfing the people who ask me questions in parliament on a weekly basis.

“I'll be making sure the public see enough of me and hear enough of me.”

Speaking at an SNP campaign event in Edinburgh, the party leader pointed to a recent YouGov survey which found he had a net favourability score of minus three with the public - meaning 35 per cent of voters have a favourable opinion of him, compared

with 38 per cent who have an unfavourable opinion.

SNP strategists claim that is a better “score” than Labour leader Anas Sarwar and Tory Douglas Ross.

The same YouGov poll also found the Nationalists had dropped 10 points behind Labour when it came to Westminster voting intentions among Scots.

Asked how he would win back voters during the campaign, Swinney said: “Of course we have challenges in the opinion polls.

“But there are other details in

opinion polls. People often make choices in elections because of their confidence in the people who are setting out arguments, and their political leadership.”

The First Minister has only been in the top job a matter of days after he replaced Humza Yousaf earlier this month.

But Swinney insisted he had now unified the SNP behind him ahead of what is expected to be a gruelling election campaign.

He added: “I promised my party, if they supported me, I would bring our

party together - and I've done that. I'm very happy with the state of the SNP today.

“It's a united, cohesive team. And united, cohesive teams go out and win elections, and that's what we're going to do.

“I'm here to get us back on the road again and get us moving. I'm optimistic we can do that.”

Asked if the SNP had enough money to fight the campaign following a sharp drop in membership numbers, he said: “Our campaigns are well-funded at local and national level.”

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Edinburgh, Fife & Borders
Rather dull and cloudy with scattered light showers. Max 16C (61F). Winds NW at 4-6mph. UV index: 4.

Dundee & Aberdeen
Grey with outbreaks of patchy drizzle at first. Max 16C (61F). Winds SE at 6-8mph. UV index: 4.

Forth Valley
Scattered showers with a lot of cloud cover around. Max 17C (63F). Winds S at 1-3mph. UV index: 4.

Inverness & Moray
Outbreaks of morning rain. Max 16C (61F). Winds E at 4-6mph. UV index: 4.

Highlands & Islands
Overcast and cloudy, with drizzle during the afternoon. Max 17C (63F). Winds NE at 4-6mph. UV index: 4.

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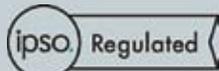
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Care home residents died in 'droves'



LOCKED AWAY PPE

A CARE worker has told the Scottish Covid-19 Inquiry residents died in "droves" when untested patients were transferred from hospital to her care home in the pandemic. The witness, giving evidence anonymously, said the death rate rose from one person every couple of months to as many as three people per

BY NICK FORBES

week once untested patients started to arrive. She said of the period around March and April 2020, when patients first started to be transferred: "We would have residents in the home who would pass away maybe every couple of months but when these patients

started coming in from the hospital, they were passing away in droves. "It was like every week one, two or three people a week, if that." On the shortage of PPE, she told the inquiry: "At first when we tried to access any PPE we were told we were using too much too quickly, so it started to get locked into

the cupboard downstairs, so you would have to go to the administrator to ask for more PPE if you needed any more." She said this was often refused on the basis there wasn't enough and added that staff working on the day shift would have to hide PPE for staff on the night shift to use. The inquiry continues.

BRANCHFORM FINDINGS EXAMINED

MURRELL POLICE REPORT IS SENT TO PROSECUTORS



CHARGED Peter Murrell could face court

Next step 'won't be politically influenced'

BY CHRIS MCCALL

POLICE Scotland has handed a report to prosecutors after Peter Murrell was charged with embezzlement.

The former SNP chief executive, and husband of Nicola Sturgeon, was taken into custody on April 18 and subsequently charged by officers investigating party finances as part of Operation Branchform.

It will now be up to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) to decide whether Murrell's case should be brought to court.

The Crown Office has also confirmed that connected investigations into Sturgeon and Colin Beattie, the former SNP treasurer, "remain ongoing".

Last night Police Scotland said it had submitted a "standard



SEARCH At family home

prosecution report" to the COPFS in relation to a 59-year-old man who was charged "in connection with the embezzlement of funds from the SNP".

A COPFS spokesperson said: "A standard prosecution report has been received from Police Scotland in relation to a 59-year-old man and incidents said to have occurred between 2016 and 2023.

"Connected investigations of two other individuals, a man aged 72 and a 53-year-old woman, remain ongoing." The spokesperson

added: "Decisions on how to proceed are taken by prosecutors acting independently, and are based upon available evidence, legal principles, and the merits of each case. They are not influenced by political events."

Beattie, an MSP and former long-serving party treasurer, was arrested and questioned on April 18 last year in connection with Operation Branchform. He was released without charge that same day, pending further investigations.

Sturgeon was arrested on June 11 last year and questioned for several hours before being released without charge. The former SNP leader has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing.

Detectives launched Operation Branchform in July 2021 following complaints over how the party had spent £600,000 of donations supposedly ring-fenced for independence campaigning.

“Decisions based on evidence and legal merits”

COPFS SPOKESMAN EXPLAINS PROCESS

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GAZA SCHOOL SHELLED BY ISRAELIS

PALESTINIANS were injured as Israeli troops shelled a school where people were sheltering in northern Gaza.

The attack in Beit Hanoun took place yesterday amid fears Hamas fighters have regrouped in some of the most embattled Gaza areas.

The number of injuries to refugees in al-Shawa School is unknown. It came as an internal military probe

BY CHRIS HUGHES

into the death of an Indian United Nations worker, killed on May 13 in a UN marked car, revealed the worker was killed by Israeli troops.

It followed the deaths of seven World Central Kitchen aid workers, including three Brits, in a strike in Gaza in early April, an attack that sparked a supposed crackdown on

Israeli troops taking greater care with humanitarian vehicles.

Meanwhile, Alice Jill Edwards, the UN's special reporter on torture, called on Israel to probe allegations of degrading treatment of Palestinians following the October 7 Hamas attack.

She said she had received claims of beatings and people being blindfolded and handcuffed for long periods.



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TSB STARS HAIL WINNING DUO

Gladiator Sabre and Love Island's Anton in awe of schoolgirls who spoke out after sickening, violent attacks

BY HEATHER GREENAWAY

SCOTS gladiator Sabre and Love Island star Anton Danyluk have hailed a pair of Pride of Scotland winners as "two of the bravest young women they have ever met".

Schoolgirls Abbie Jarvis and Kaylynn Donald were victims of sickening attacks by other children and bravely waived their anonymity to back a Daily Record campaign to support victims of youth violence.

Both Sabre, aka Sheli McCoy, 35, and Anton, 29, say the stories struck a heart-wrenching chord with them.

Kaylynn, 13, was brutally attacked on a school bus in Ladybank, Fife. Abbie, 14, was lured to a park in Glasgow and beaten unconscious as other kids filmed the vicious assault.

Sheli, who runs a gym in Dundee, said: "I welled up when I heard Kaylynn's story. I went to the same school and would have got the same bus."

"I was bullied for being athletic and having a deep voice, which came after a bout of glandular fever as a teenager."

"The bullying was not to the same degree as Kaylynn and Abbie but I know how hard that time in my life was, it must be a million times worse for them."

"Yet here they are having the courage to stand up and speak out about their ordeals to help others. They are inspiring and educating a whole generation and motivating others to stand up to the bullies. They are both real-life gladiators."

Both girls suffered severe injuries in the attacks. Abbie, who is autistic, had PTSD and has been unable to return to school, while Kaylynn was covered in scratches and bruises.

Both assaults were filmed and shared widely on social media.

Anton, who returned to the villa this year for Love Island All Stars, admitted the stories brought back memories of being bullied.

The fitness fanatic, who attended the bash with his mum Cheryl, said: "When I was younger, I was relentlessly bullied because of my weight. I was a chubby kid. These guys have it

BULLIED Sheli, aka Gladiator Sabre



FULL OF PRIDE Anton, Kaylynn, Sheli and Abbie on awards night

The bravest girls we've ever met



much harder than me due to social media. When I got home, I felt safe but now there is no escape from your tormentors.

"These two brave girls have shown they are stronger than the vile young people who attacked them. Their award is a massive f*** you to the bullies."

There wasn't a dry eye in the room when Sabre, Anton and Ashley Storrie - star of BBC comedy Dinosaur - presented their Pride of Scotland trophies. Ashley said:

"They are just incredible. As an autistic lady who has been at the bad end of bullying, the fact they're giving other children a voice is very courageous."

Kaylynn and Abbie were blown away by all the support.

Abbie said: "It has given me even more confidence to speak out and demand an end to youth violence in Scotland."

Kaylynn added: "Hearing what Sabre, Ashley and Anton had to say was very encouraging. We don't want other teenagers to go through what we have."



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RECORD VIEW

Swinney's own goal in iPad row

JOHN Swinney has made a bright start as Scotland's First Minister but defending his pal Michael Matheson seems a rare mis-step.

Matheson has tried to avoid scrutiny throughout the whole scandal of his £11,000 data roaming charges.

Most voters think that he broke the rules and tried to wriggle his way out of paying for it.

He was more than happy for taxpayers to foot the bill until it caused a row.

He even tried to pretend that the iPad had only been used for parliamentary business. But eventually the truth was dragged out of him and it emerged that the bill had been racked up by family members streaming football in Morocco.

He then took an age to stand down as a minister, only doing so when it became clear the investigation was going to put him in a bad light.

Matheson should count himself very lucky to get a month's ban and two months' wages docked. If he was a Westminster MP, he would be facing the sack.

The whole debacle has dragged out long enough. Matheson should do the decent thing and resign.

Swinney needs to understand why the public are angry and stop defending the indefensible.

He may have a point on the process as Tory MSP Annie Wells publicly criticised Matheson – while also being in charge of his punishment.

That may well be unfair. But politics is all about how things look to the voters – and this is not a great look for the new First Minister.

And it will become far worse if his apparent support for Matheson becomes a general election issue.

If Matheson does not stand down, it could dog the SNP until polling day.

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Starmer's no fuel

KEIR Starmer is absolutely right to put the cost-of-living crisis and crippling fuel bills at the front and centre of his campaign.

He is correct that the Tories have presided over an "absolutely unforgivable" drop in living standards.

We have had to suffer through successive disastrous Tory leaders since 2010. We've had austerity under David Cameron and Theresa May. Brexit chaos under Boris Johnson and outright trashing of the economy under Liz Truss.

Rishi Sunak said this would change on his watch – but has presided over soaring inflation and wages that don't keep up with the cost of living.

Too many people have had to give up the basics of everyday life as rents and mortgages have skyrocketed.

Others have had to choose between heating and eating with energy prices through the roof.

All of this is the fault of the Tories – which is why they need to be booted out of office on July 4.

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POST OFFICE SCANDAL

KEEP IT OFF THE FRONT PAGE...

Fury in gallery as Vennells 'can't remember' taking PR advice not to review prosecutions

BY **LUCY THORNTON**

GROANS, jeers and laughter erupted at the public inquiry into the Post Office IT scandal as Paula Vennells gave her second day of evidence.

The disgraced chief executive denied failing to review suspect prosecutions of sub-postmasters because it would be bad for PR and end up in the papers.

Those in the public gallery at the Horizon Inquiry, which included many wrongly accused victims, scoffed "Oh, come on!" as Vennells said she hadn't put brand image ahead of miscarriages of justice.

But the former Post Office boss

did admit that 10 years of travesties could have been avoided if a review had been carried out of all false accounting prosecutions.

Vennells, 65, was confronted about a "grossly improper" email sent to her in 2013 by her director of communications, Mark Davies.

It warned: "If we say publicly that we will look at past cases we will open this up very significantly into front-page news."

The writer feared such an admission would have a "ballistic impact" and "could lead to a very

public narrative about the very nature of the business".

The London inquiry heard that Vennells replied: "Thanks for this and I don't think we are too far apart. I will take your steer."

Inquiry lawyer Jason Beer KC challenged her: "You did take the advice of the PR guy, didn't you?"

Her reply: "I really don't remember it relating to the decision," prompted the gallery to erupt in disbelief.

Chairman Sir Wyn Williams had to intervene, calling for quiet.

Vennells went on: "I absolutely don't accept that I took a decision to not review past criminal cases based on media outcome.

"It's simply not the way I worked, to have taken a decision based on one colleague. My way of working was to take as many views as I could."

Around 900 sub-postmasters were prosecuted between 1999 and

“ You wanted everyone to get the bare minimum, forget all this and move on, didn't you? ”

JASON BEER KC QUIZZING VENNELLS OVER COMPENSATION



BOSS GRILLED FOR SECOND DAY



Inquiry will not shelter Paula & bosses for ever

SANJEETA BAINS in the public gallery

DISGRACED Post Office boss Paula Vennells is being urged by subpostmasters and mistresses whose lives were shattered by the Horizon scandal to "come clean" about her role in what went on.

Mum-of-two Seema Misra, 48, was eight months pregnant in 2010 when she was jailed for 15 months for false accounting and theft. She gave birth wearing a tag.

She said of Vennells' tears: "I wish I could cry. I don't have any more tears left. I've been to prison without evidence. Yet Vennells and the others have so much evidence and so many facts against them. I don't know what the police are waiting for."

"I know Paula and the other bosses are all hiding behind the inquiry. That is wrong. They won't be able to do that forever."

The public inquiry heard in 2023 that desperate Asian subpostmasters who called the helpline had been referred to as "another Patel scamming". Seema said: "It has been extremely painful. I've heard lots of terrible things during this inquiry. To call every Asian subpostmaster 'another Patel' - is so disgusting. They are racist and corrupt."

Christopher Head, 36, faced accusations over an £88,000 shortfall. The criminal case against him was dropped after six months but he was pursued for five years in the civil courts, which cost him his house and everything he had.

He said Vennells was far more prepared during her second day on the

stand but "her recollection of events is completely contradicted by what the documentation shows."

"There was a moment when she said: 'Unsafe witness is not a term I would use.' But it's there in an email she sent."

Chirag Sidhpur, 40, lost his business and home as he handed over more than £57,000 of his own

money to avoid prosecution. After Vennells' first day of evidence, he said: "I'll be pushing for a prosecution. She presided over the people who came for me. The investigators who used bullying tactics against me - threatening me - to either pay up or go to prison."

Ex-postmaster Harjinder Butoy, 48, of Chesterfield, Derbyshire, falsely convicted of stealing £208,000 in 2007 and jailed for 18 months. He has spent 15 years clearing his name. He wrote to Vennells - an ordained minister -

through his MP and was astonished by her "nasty" reply. "She insisted 'the Horizon System is 100 per cent robust. If Harjinder has a problem, tell him to find a solicitor and try to take us to court.' It was like she was in the mafia."

"Back then we knew we had no recourse - there was nothing we could do. No solicitors would touch the case."

Echoing other victims' calls for criminal charges to be brought against her, he said: "I still can't get my head around all the lies."

He wants to see Vennells "behind bars". He said she has had five months' training from her lawyers but she is still struggling.

"I wonder how she'd cope if she'd been through the last 18 years of hell I've been through. The time I spent jailed. It took 15 years just to clear my name. I didn't care about the money, they took my good name."

Ex-postmistress and mum-of-three Jess Kaur had a mental breakdown

after being wrongly accused of stealing £11,000 from her West Midlands branch. Charges were dropped in 2009 but she had attempted suicide and was sectioned under the Mental Health Act. She said: "After the first day of her testimony, I said I couldn't come back - it was so painful, but I knew I had to. I have to keep strong."



DISGUSTED Seema Misra was falsely jailed



SOBBING Vennells cries under questioning



NO HELP Harjinder Butoy fought to clear name



ON THE SPOT Vennells at the inquiry yesterday

QUESTION TIME Paula Vennells arrives for hearing in London yesterday

2015. They took the blame for a faulty system which made it appear money was missing from branches.

Some were jailed and many suffered financial ruin. Some have since died. Vennells was in charge from 2012 to 2019, when bosses continued to deny the Horizon software was to blame despite mounting evidence.

She denied her executives shielded the board from "dirty laundry".

"I never once withheld information from the board. I was very aware I was not a legal expert or an IT expert."

"I relied on the board. I took feedback and challenge and valued it."

Vennells was challenged several times about wanting only two or three cases looked at to see if there were

system failures.

She denied this but admitted it was a

possible hope of the Post Office that a mediation scheme would "minimise compensation".

Mr Beer: "You never intended to pay out any substantial figures, did you?" Vennells: "No, that's right."

"Not in terms of the mediation scheme because that was not what I had understood it would do."

Mr Beer: "You wanted everyone to

get the bare minimum, forget all of this and move on, didn't you?"

Vennells: "No."

On Wednesday Vennells wept as she apologised for her part in the scandal. Near the end of yesterday's grilling she began crying again after telling how she had to step back in 2019 because of a "family situation" which involved hospital visits. She will continue her evidence today.

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TRAGEDY Geoff Kitchen
Spine ops for worst injured in flight 'drop'

BY MARTIN FRICKER

THE most seriously hurt passengers on turbulence-hit Flight SQ321 need spine operations, hospital chiefs said yesterday.

Brit Geoff Kitchen, 73, died and more than 100 people were injured on the Singapore Airlines aircraft.

Six Britons are among 20 people in intensive care at the Samitivej Srinakarin Hospital in Bangkok.

The plane was forced to make an emergency landing in the city after plummeting 6000ft in three minutes when it hit turbulence at 36,000ft.

Passengers said people were catapulted into the ceiling of the plane.

Geoff and his wife, Linda, of Gloucestershire, planned to go to Indonesia and Australia. There were 47 UK passengers on board and four Irish nationals.



DISCOVERY Earth & planet
New 'Earth' which could support life

BY ED CHATTERTON

SCIENTISTS have discovered a new Earth-sized planet 40 light years away that could potentially support human life.

Gliese 12 b has an estimated surface temperature of 42C and orbits its sun every 12.8 days.

It was found by University of Warwick experts using NASA satellites.

Warwick's Prof Thomas Wilson said: "Thrillingly, this planet is the closest Earth-sized and temperate planet we know.

"The light we are seeing now is from 1984, that's how long it has taken to reach us here on Earth.

"Planets like Gliese 12 b are very few and far between, so for us to be able to examine one this closely and learn about its atmosphere and temperature is very rare."

JACKIE'S WRONG ASHES TORMENT

Lovely Lulu's Bang-a-Bangs

LULU rolled back the years with a chic casual look and a trendy fringe as she attended the Ivor Novello awards in London.

The Bang-a-Bang and Shout hitmaker, 75, saw her fellow Scot KT Tunstall pick up a gong for outstanding song collection.

Bruce Springsteen was also honoured as the first international songwriter to be awarded an Ivors Academy fellowship.



DISTRAUGHT Jackie Barnes kept urn in her home for three years

Daughter blasts undertaker after receiving random urn

EXCLUSIVE
 BY VIVIENNE AITKEN
 Health Editor

A GRIEVING daughter was left in shock after scattering her dead mum's ashes - only to be told she had been given the wrong remains.

Jackie Barnes, 57, was told her mum Margaret's ashes had been found at A. Milne Undertakers' Glasgow office when police raided the premises.

Jackie had displayed an urn at home for three years containing what she thought were her mum's remains. Then she scattered them with the ashes of dad Thomas after he died in January.

But Jackie was stunned to receive a bombshell letter this week telling her the ashes she thought were her mum's were actually those of a stranger.

Jackie said: "My mum and dad did everything together and he always said, 'When I go make sure we are together.'"

On Wednesday, Jackie got a harrowing letter from Argyll and Bute Council revealing the truth.

Jackie, from Dumbarton, said: "I read it about 100 times. I kept thinking I was reading it wrong. I phoned my friend crying, she was crying. It was like grieving my mum all over again.

"I've no idea whose ashes I scattered. Some other poor family won't get their loved one's ashes back as I have laid them to rest with my dad. I feel terrible."

Hitting out at the undertakers, she said: "I hope they rot in hell



DEVOTED Jackie's dad Thomas



MISSED Beloved mum Margaret

for what they've done to people." The undertaker is currently subject to a police investigation into financial irregularities and their handling of remains.

At First Minister's Questions yesterday, Labour's health spokeswoman Jackie Baillie raised the issue with First Minister John Swinney.

She said the undertakers, run by Steven and Ashleigh Milne, had been giving out the wrong ashes to local families regularly.

She called on First Minister John Swinney to "act urgently" to protect people from "rogue funeral directors".

Swinney said the conduct of A. Milne was "reprehensible."

A. Milne has been contacted for comment.

Angry J-Lo tells reporter divorce question's a no-no



PROMOTION Singer J-Lo

JENNIFER Lopez hit back at a reporter who asked if her marriage to Ben Affleck is on the rocks.

Rumours are circulating the 54-year-old US singer and the Hollywood star are going through a difficult patch.

At a press conference in Mexico City to promote her new Netflix film Atlas, J-Lo was asked: "Is your divorce with Ben Affleck real?"

BY CHRIS BUCKTIN

These rumours? For the Mexican press, what is the truth of the situation?"

J-Lo leaned forward, looked directly at the reporter and said: "You know better than that."

Her Canadian co-star Simu Liu, 35, also got involved, telling the journalist: "OK, we're not doing that."

J-Lo is preparing for her

film tour of This Is Me... Now, which kicks off at the end of next month, and has been sharing rehearsal footage on social media.

Affleck was absent from the Met Gala in New York earlier this month despite J-Lo being co-chair for this year's fashion event.

The couple married in July 2022. They had been engaged and had a high-profile split in 2004.



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TWO SIDES Rab Florence and Iain Connell



SCOTLAND THE RAVE Almost Angelic's Tom Urie and Karen Dunbar



FORD FIESTA Ford Kiernan will get in on the fun with a new TV character

Only An Excuse legend leads team of all talents off the pitch including Greg and Ford, Grado, Karen Dunbar and Martin Compston to entertain us for Euros

BY HEATHER GREENAWAY

IT'S been four years since Only An Excuse? last graced our screens but fans of the sketch show are in for a treat as Jonathan Watson is back with his buddies for a one-off Euros comedy special.

The All Star Euros Sketch show will see Watson transforming into football favourites including Sir Alex Ferguson, Stevie Clarke, Frank McAvennie, Jim White and Kenny Dalglish.

The starting line-up will also include new signing Graeme "Grado" Stevely debuting as Ally McCoist among others.

Watson, whose cult show Only An Excuse? was a Hogmanay highlight before its run finished in 2020, said: "It was a privilege to be asked to contribute to the programme.

"Especially when I get to join forces with my old mucker from Two Doors Down... Grado. Hope the viewers enjoy our contribution. Come on Scotland!"

The one-off sketch show also sees The Chief - Jack



MAD HATTER Greg Hemphill will perform new sketch material

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Jack Docherty is planning an ambassadorial trip to Germany

Docherty – planning his ambassadorial trip to Deutschland and extra Euros action featuring key Scot Squad regulars including Officer Karen, aka actress Karen Bartke.

There's also a Euros-inspired scene from The Scotts starring Rab Florence, Iain Connell, Shauna McDonald, Sharon Young, Louise McCarthy, Lee Greig and Jamie MacDonald.

Other highlights include Still Game's Greg Hemphill who writes and performs brand new sketch material; while his sidekick Ford Kiernan showcases a character new to TV.

Greg, back on TV in new BBC comedy Dinosaur, said: "You should look forward to this Euros comedy star special the same way you're looking forward to the Euro. Expect the unexpected and get ready to belly laugh."

To top it all, Almost Angelic step back up to the mic and keyboard after a 20-year hiatus, with Karen Dunbar

and Tom Urie reprising their singing partnership as they belt out a hilarious selection of soccer-inspired songs.

Karen, who shot to fame on Chewin' The Fat, said: "Words cannae describe how happy I am that Almost Angelic are part of the Euro Show. To be part of the support for oor country's team is a huge honour. I wish them all the luck in the world in the competition!"

The All Star Euros Sketch Show is just one part of BBC Scotland's special entertainment schedule before and across the tournament in Germany.

Line of Duty's Martin Compston and his pal Gordon Smart will be hosting Late Night at The Euros which will feature fans, football and famous faces.

Bringing the party atmosphere, the nine-part series will be filmed before a live audience in Germany during the Euros, offering a rollercoaster ride

through our football adventure. During each show Gordon will also check in with roving reporter and award-winning comedian Susie McCabe as she travels around the fanzones in Germany, lapping up the latest banter and news from the fans.

Martin said: "The last time Scotland qualified for a Euros in one country I was 12. Having just turned 40, I've been dreaming of this trip my entire adult life and the fact I get to do it with one of my best mates and bring the Tartan Army along for the ride is gonna make it two of the best weeks of my puff. Possibly longer..."

Comic Des Clarke will also get in on the act with Breaking the Euros – bringing together the worlds of comedy and sport to talk all things Germany. Breaking the News regulars Jay Lafferty, Ray Bradshaw and Athena

Kugblenu will be joined by Off The Ball stars Stuart Cosgrove and Record columnist Tam Cowan, and host of football podcast Sacked in The Morning, Amy Irons.

Des will look at Scotland's opponents, the lengths fans go to to get to Germany and if we get an extra bank holiday when we win the trophy.

He said: "I am buzzing to be part of the BBC squad for the Euros. It promises to be a legendary summer of Scottish sport and the award-winning team behind Breaking The News are ready to score with massive laughs."

"As a lifelong fan, hosting Breaking

I've dreamt of this my entire life. It'll be two of the best weeks of my puff. Possibly longer

MARTIN COMPSTON ON SHOW WITH GORDON SMART

The Euros is a dream come true – the closest I'll get to play for Scotland at a major tournament.

"We've called up a galaxy of comedy and sports talent to take part in the ultimate panel show where

there can only be one winner. This (un)sporting contest is definitely going to kick off!"

● All Star Euros Sketch Show will be on BBC iPlayer and BBC Scotland – date and time TBC.

● Late Night at the Euros will be on the BBC Scotland channel at 10.30pm from June 13.

● Breaking the Euros will be on the BBC Scotland channel – date and time TBC.

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GANGLAND ENFORCER CAGED



VICTIM Margaret Parker
Son, 36, on Margaret murder rap

BY **GEMMA RYDER**

A MAN has appeared in court charged with killing his mum.

Margaret Parker, 78, died during a disturbance on Fernieside Crescent, Edinburgh, on May 21.

Daniel Parker, 36, appeared at Edinburgh Sheriff Court yesterday charged with her murder.

He also faces charges of the attempted murder of a two other women, aged 55 and 42. He made no plea and was remanded in custody. He was expected to appear again in court within eight days.

Devastated locals paid tribute to Margaret, affectionately known as Mags.

One said: "Mags was a lovely, friendly woman."

A shopkeeper said: "I am shocked. Margaret was a quiet, lovely woman. She made time for everyone."



HORRIFIC Sheridan was filmed lying in hospital bed following life-changing assault

AGONY Miss Cook's fingers were severed in the attack

TAUNTS Our story on the aftermath of crime gang attack on Sheridan

SEVEN WEEKS OF MAYHEM

Sadistic thug maimed two victims with machete and baseball bat over drug debts and battered stranger in her house

SADIST Enforcer Al-Gailani used baseball bat and machete on his victims

A GANGLAND enforcer has been jailed for 16 years.

Ross Al-Gailani doled out horrific violence as hired muscle for a crime mob, including a murder bid on a former clan member who ended up having his leg amputated.

Another victim was filmed being stripped, tortured and hit with a baseball bat and machete.

Al-Gailani's own lawyer described the sickening violence as "seven weeks of mayhem".

The 36-year-old was yesterday sentenced at the High Court in Glasgow. Prosecutor John McElroy KC said: "Al-Gailani is assessed to be a criminal enforcer used by persons to carry out attacks in relation to

BY **RECORD REPORTER**

drugs, money and personal vengeance."

First target James Sheridan was once a member of a crime gang who was jailed after being caught with cannabis and £104,000 of dirty cash.

Mr McElroy said the gang boss blamed him for the drugs and cash being "lost". He said: "An instruction was issued he should be assaulted."

Upon release from jail on May 16, 2023, clan members tailed him to a property in Coatbridge. Al-Gailani found him in a bedroom with Samantha Cook.

Mr McElroy said: "They proceeded to assault both using what has been described as machetes and swords."

The gang fled as Miss Cook dialled 999. Sheridan had horrific injuries to his head, arms and legs. His right leg was amputated and he lost two fingers. Miss Cook had two fingers severed which were later amputated.

A video later emerged of Sheridan lying in hospital taunting his attackers: "Take the fingers, take the leg, but you will not take my life, you f***ing bunch of dafties."

Al-Gailani's next target, Scott McCran, owed the crime mob £19,000. On June 14, he drove McCran to a house in Wishaw, where he had to strip and was held for two days. He was hit with a baseball bat, forced to put his hand on a cooker and hit on his hand with a machete.

Footage of the attack was played in court. A week later, Al-Gailani drove McCran back to Wishaw where he was shot about 20 times, hit with a bat and punched. McCran needed surgery both times.

Al-Gailani turned up at a house in Helensburgh on July 4 and attacked a woman with what appeared to be a police baton. She suffered "significant" tendon damage to her hand.

Al-Gailani admitted all charges. Brian McConnachie KC, defending, said: "It was a period of seven weeks which can be described as mayhem"

Lady Stacey said: "Your actions were cruel, cowardly and sadistic."

Al-Gailani will be supervised for a further three years on his release.



MOCKED Donald Trump

Trump court silence 'fault of the judge'

BY **CHRISTOPHER BUCKTIN**

DONALD Trump has blamed the judge in his hush money trial for him not taking the stand.

The former president had boasted he would give evidence in court.

He denies trying to cover up a £102,000 payment to porn star Stormy Daniels to keep quiet about their alleged affair.

But after his defence refused to put him on the stand in New York, Trump said trial judge Justice Juan Merchan was the reason.

He added: "He made rulings that make it very difficult to testify."

"Anything I did in the past, they can bring up."

Trump was widely mocked online.

One poster said: "Trump couldn't trust himself not to lie".

Museum to host Degas exhibition

AN exhibition from revered artist Edgar Degas is to open at a Scottish museum.

Discovering Degas: Collecting in the Time of Sir William Burrell opens today at The Burrell Collection, Glasgow.

The exhibition features 23 works from the French impressionist.

It is the first major exhibition to be held at The Burrell Collection since it reopened in 2022 after a £68million refurbishment.

The darkest days of my life were being in prison



ROCK BOTTOM
McAvennie said he hit the bottle after he retired

Former Celtic star McAvennie tells of his experience after spell in jail

BY **GEORGE MAIR**

FRANK McAvennie has opened up on his darkest days when he spent time in prison, and how advice from actor Ray Winstone helped him after he went bankrupt.

The former Celtic, West Ham and Scotland star, 64, said he became lost after he retired in 1995 and felt he lacked purpose.

In 2000, he spent some weeks on remand at Durham Prison ahead of a trial for conspiracy to supply class A and B drugs, for which he was later cleared.

But speaking on the first episode of BBC Scotland documentary series Icons of Football, to be screened on Sunday, he called his time in jail "the darkest days of my life". The film charts McAvennie's rise to fame and how he gained a reputation on the pitch and off it.

McAvennie tells the programme: "It was after football that I got lost a bit because, for 16 or 17 years, every morning I woke up and had a purpose.

"Then all of a sudden, nothing. The phone calls stopped and I wasn't prepared for it. I wasn't prepared for



LEGEND Frank in Celtic days

'nothing' and I hit the bottle. I didn't know what was ahead of me.

"They say you don't change until you hit rock bottom. Well I was there.

"I got into trouble and I got held in prison for a wee bit. It was an awakener."

He added: "Even when I was down to the darkest days of my life, when I was in prison, I was nice to people because it's just the way I am."

After suffering financial difficulties, West Ham fan Winstone phoned with support. He said: "Ray Winstone phoned and he said, 'It's not how you go in, it's how you come out the other side.'"

“It was after football that I got lost a bit”
McAVENNIE ON LIFE AFTER THE GAME

DRINKS COME UP SHORT

MORE than two-thirds of beer and wine served in UK pubs and bars is short measured, a Trading Standards survey suggests.

Officers who visited 77 pubs and bars were served 96 short measures out of 137 orders, meaning about

BY **JOSIE CLARKE**
70 per cent were less than the prescribed quantity required by The Weights and Measures Order for pints and half pints and 175ml glasses of wine.

Some 86 per cent of all beer ordered was short

measured, as was 43 per cent of wine. The findings come as the price of booze is at an all-time high.

The average price of a bottle of red wine has risen by eight per cent in the last year, according to the Office for National Statistics.



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TEN YEARS Alan Leishman Killed after flirting with pal's mother BY CONNOR GORDON

A THUG who stabbed and killed his friend after he flirted with his mum has been jailed for 10 years.

Alan Leishman, 31, turned on Ross Adams, 36, at a property in Denny, Falkirk, on September 5.

Leishman was enraged after Ross was "jokey and flirtatious" with his mum Helena Wotherspoon, 57.

Ross refused to leave after he fell asleep on the couch and wrongly claimed Ms Wotherspoon wanted him to stay.

Leishman lashed out and stabbed him on the thigh with a knife. When police got there, Leishman told them he cut up the dad of one "like a fish."

Leishman pled guilty yesterday at the High Court in Glasgow to culpable homicide.

Ross was taken to hospital but died from his injuries six days later.

19m unpaid days worked

UK WORKERS are doing the equivalent of 19million extra days of unpaid overtime each month.

A survey of 2000 employees by ProTime found 87 per cent work an average of five-and-a-half hours each month more than their contracted agreement.

'Maddie would still be here if I could have named my attacker'

Rape accuser on McCann suspect Brueckner

BY MARTIN FRICKER

THE holiday rep allegedly raped by Christian Brueckner told police she believes Madeleine McCann would still be alive if she had been able to identify him sooner.

Hazel Behan told a court earlier this month that she was attacked by the convicted sex offender in her flat in the Algarve in 2004.

German prosecutors believe Brueckner snatched Madeleine from her parents' holiday apartment in nearby Praia da Luz, Portugal, three years later.

Hazel, 40, came forward to police in 2020 saying that she recognised Brueckner's eyes while reading about the case.

She had previously spoken to Portuguese police in 2004 but was unable to identify her masked attacker.

Rainer Grimm, the man leading the Madeleine case, revealed Hazel's regret while testifying in court yesterday.

The German FBI's lead investigator was drafted in to probe Brueckner, 47, after Scotland Yard received a tip-off in 2017.

He has spent seven years on the case and is said to have evidence that Brueckner is the guilty party. Grimm was also involved in last year's search at an Algarve reservoir,

looking for evidence linking Brueckner to Madeleine's disappearance.

And he has investigated other allegations against Brueckner in Portugal, for which the German is now standing trial.

They include the rape of Hazel, from Mullingar, Ireland, who was working as a tour rep in Praia da Rocha when she was attacked.

Brueckner's lawyer Friedrich Fuelscher asked Grimm whether he remembered Hazel "expressing her regret" during an interview she had with him.

Grimm initially said he could not remember.

But after a passage of the interview was read out in the court in Braunschweig, Germany, he replied: "Yes, it was like that." He added: "She said she had never imagined that there was a connection to the [Madeleine] case. She regretted she was unable to put two and two together."

Brueckner, who is serving a seven-year jail term for rape, denies any involvement in Madeleine's disappearance.

He also denies the three rapes and two indecent assaults he is now on trial for, alleged to have happened in Portugal from 2000 to 2017. The trial continues.



MYSTERY Madeleine McCann vanished



DENIALS Brueckner in court in Germany

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Two in court facing charge of murdering 'nicest guy'

TWO men appeared in court yesterday charged with the murder of Brian Gough.

Brian, 27, was found lying outside a bookmakers on Saracen Street, in Possil, Glasgow, with serious injuries on May 18 after reports of an alleged stabbing.

He was taken to the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital but died a short time later. Detectives

BY RUTH SUTER

investigating Brian's death launched a murder probe.

Yesterday, Kevin Shanley, 36, and Kyle Shanley, 26, appeared before Glasgow Sheriff Court facing a murder charge.

Both men, of Glasgow, made no plea.

They were remanded in custody while the case was submitted for further examination. They are due

to reappear in court within the next eight days.

Heartbroken friends paid tribute to Brian. Alana Donachie said: "Absolutely gutted. So thankful to have so many many memories young and old. I can't believe this at all. Rest in peace, Brian."

Arren Molloy said: "Rest in peace, Brian. One of the nicest guys you could ever meet."



TRIBUTES Brian Gough

EASTENDERS'

BY EMMA PRYER

THE breakdown of a long relationship can often lead to domestic drama to rival any soap opera.

But not for EastEnders legend Lucy Benjamin. Her 17-year marriage to Richard Taggart ended last year – but the 53-year-old says the split was completely amicable.

While her character, Lisa Fowler, famously gunned down lover Phil Mitchell in one of the BBC soap's most-watched storylines, Lucy and Richard are still close pals.

The star, who has two daughters – Bessie, 17, and Rosie, 13 – with Richard, said: "I'm still great friends with Rich and we go out together. It's brilliant.

"We'll be a team for ever. We've got kids together, so that will always be. But it's on to the next chapter, really, and we'll see what that brings."

And Lucy says she is still learning about life and acting.

She added: "I can be a pain in the ass but I'm comfortable with being that sometimes! I don't have a problem being told I've done something wrong – something my kids often do!"

Lucy plays pushy mum Elaine Reynolds in a new film, Look To The Light, opposite screen husband Martin, played by former Holby City and Corrie star Mark Moraghan.

The storyline centres on their son Eddie (Charlie Goddard) and his relationship with his girlfriend Lauren (Lily Blunsom-Washbrook).

Eddie's obsession with becoming a reality TV star ends in tragedy when he finds overnight fame on a fictitious reality show called Love on the Rocks.



SPLIT Lucy and husband Richard Taggart in 2006



MANY HAPPY RETURNS On the set of EastEnders in 2017

But Lucy says her own experience of being a mum couldn't be more different to that of wealthy Elaine, who showers her son with gifts but never asks him about his well-being.

She has always been careful not to spoil her daughters, saying: "I make them appreciate the value of money because I think it's important that things aren't handed to kids on a plate."

Lucy won The X Factor: Battle of the Stars in 2006 and, three years later, was the first to be eliminated from I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!

But unlike Eddie, she had already earned her stripes as an actor and never saw reality TV as a way of finding fame.

She said: "I was treated very well [on reality shows]. I had to have psych interviews, so there was a duty of care, but I feel this is an important story to tell, as a mother with two teenage daughters.

"It does seem to be a bit of a thing, where kids want to be famous for the sake of it, without any sort of back-up.

"As an actor, I think it's important not to put all your eggs in one basket like that.

"Fortunately, my kids have seen me work over the years but they've also seen me unemployed.

"They've seen the struggles with it but they've also seen me work damn hard. The film is saying, 'Just be mindful

of this route." Lucy went to school in Sandhurst, Berkshire, where her drama teacher first spotted her potential.

Following her advice, her parents enrolled her in Redroofs Theatre School, in nearby Maidenhead.

They split up at about the time Lucy, aged 12, landed her first acting gig playing a younger version of the character Nyssa in Doctor Who in 1983.

Determined to follow her acting dream, Lucy made the tough decision to live near her acting school with a family friend, while her mum and dad moved to separate cities.

She said: "You get personal knocks that make you strong but my career was always a real safety net for me. There



BIG DAY Lisa marries Mark (Todd Carty) in March 2002

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LUCY ON AMICABLE BREAK-UP

My husband and I split up after 17 years but we are still pals and go out together

FAMILY FIRST
Star Lucy Benjamin shares two daughters with her ex



“It does seem to be a bit of a thing, where kids want to be famous for the sake of it”

LUCY BENJAMIN ON THE THEME OF HER NEW FILM, LOOK TO THE LIGHT



LATEST
With Look To The Light stars Charlie Goddard, Mark Moraghan and Sharon Duce

was a determination within me to make that work. My mum was heartbroken, as she wanted me to come with her, but I wanted to stay at the school. “Money was tight. I got a scholarship but I had to keep working to pay for my uniform and books.”

Lucy admits she felt like jacking it all in at 17. She left drama school, moved to Birmingham to finally be with her mum, enrolled in a local comprehensive and got a job as a McDonald’s party host. But her agent kept calling and it wasn’t long before she was acting again.

“I never made my first day at that other school,” she said.

In 1998, she joined EastEnders, winning legions of fans thanks to Lisa’s toxic relationship with Phil,

played by Steve McFadden, whom she dated for four years in real life.

The “who shot Phil” storyline in 2001 was one of the biggest in the soap’s 39-year history.

More than 22 million tuned in, and a UEFA Cup semi-final between Barcelona and Liverpool was delayed to allow viewers to see Lisa unmasked as the shooter.

Lisa then went on to marry Mark Fowler but ended up walking out and briefly returning to Phil.

Since leaving the show in 2003, Lucy has returned to Albert Square several times.

Last year, Lisa embarked on



JUNGLE FUN
On I’m A Celeb, in 2009

a blackmail plot in order to fund a gambling addiction. She also took part in a Christmas storyline dubbed The Six, in which she and five EastEnders women were under suspicion for the murder of a man.

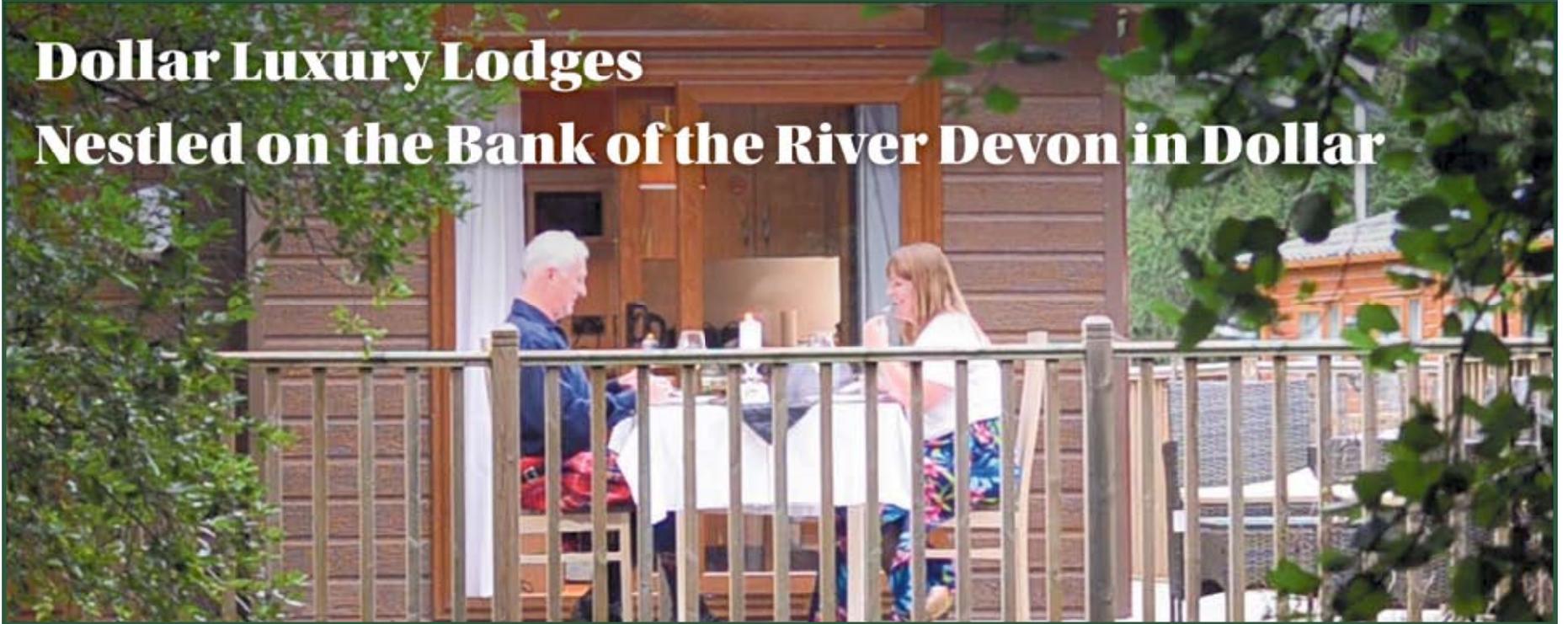
Lucy said: “If you get stuff written like that, you take it.”

On the ups and downs of soap fame, she added: “There were times when I thought, ‘I wish I hadn’t worn that outfit.’ “But I’d never let it diminish the love I had for what I did.”

■ Look To The Light is released digitally on streaming services on Monday, May 27.

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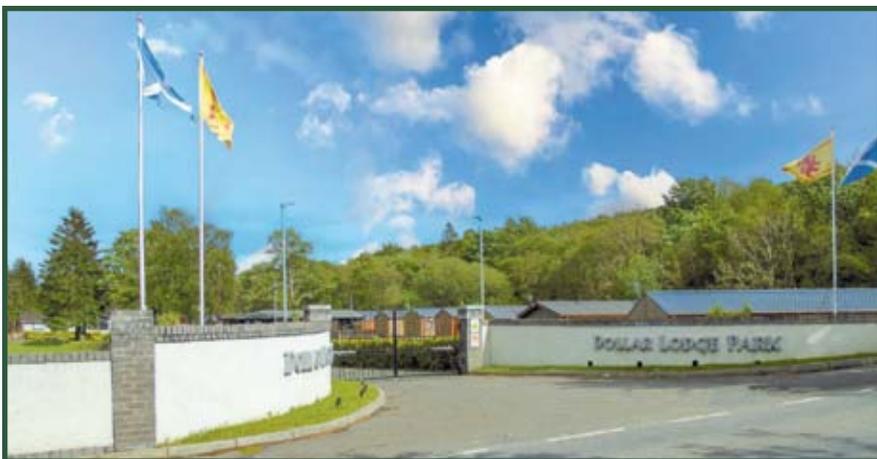
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Let's save Blue Peter! After all, we've got the badges...

BY ASHLEIGH RAINBIRD

ANTHEA Turner and Janet Ellis have put up their hands to "save" Blue Peter as the BBC has put its production out to tender.

A new setup could include re-recording the show, which has always been live, and rotating presenters.

Former hosts Anthea, 63, who was on the show from 1992 to 1994, and Janet, 68, who was at the helm from 1983 until 1987, are offering to bring the kids' TV classic back to its former glory.

Anthea declared: "We're here! We've got all the credentials, we've got our badges – of course we'd go back."

The pair teamed up this week at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, where Andrea laughed to Janet: "We could save Blue Peter."

Anthea added: "It will be a shame if it's not live. Blue Peter needs presenters who can work live. It needs that edge – live will always give you that edge."

On making a return, Janet added: "Of course I would."

She revealed some of her five grandchildren refuse to accept she could have fronted children's TV.

"My grandsons don't believe I was on it," laughs Janet. "They can't believe I ever did it, because they think, 'Why would they let old people on?'"

ICONIC Badge

Blue Peter is currently produced by BBC Studios, and is shown live every Friday at 5pm on CBBC.

But the invitation to tender states: "There is no requirement to retain this model."

It would mean an end to classic bloopers such as Lulu the elephant having a toilet break during a 1969 broadcast, fronted by Valerie Singleton, John Noakes and Peter Purves.

The format launched in 1958, and it was estimated to draw 7.9million viewers during its three weekly slots on BBC1.

However, a recent episode attracted just 37,300 viewers.

In 2017, a repeat of an episode received zero viewers.

The show has long been famous for its award badges, which offer children free entry to events and attractions.

And it is also known for its "makes", including Anthea's famous recreation of

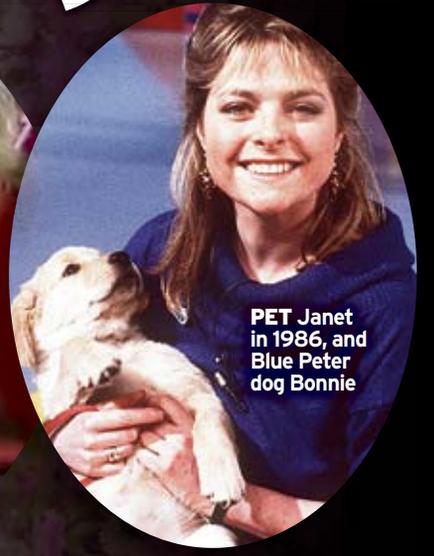
“I'd do it, my grandsons don't believe I was on it

JANET ELLIS ON BEING OFFERED THE JOB AGAIN

UP FOR IT
Anthea and Janet at flower show



'MAKES'
Anthea and her Tracy Island, 1993



PET Janet in 1986, and Blue Peter dog Bonnie

Ex-presenters would love to return as BBC puts legendary children's show out to tender



TV TREASURE
Matt Baker, Abby Cook, Lindsey Russell, Henry the dog, Radzi Chinyanganya and Joel Mawhinney celebrate show's 65th birthday last October



WHOOPIE!
Lulu has accident, 1969

the Thunderbirds toy Tracy Island. The BBC even cite the "famous Tracy Island model" in its invitation, adding that these sticky-backed plastic DIY creations "register very highly with the audience".

The CBBC programme is fronted by Shini Muthukrishnan, 22, Joel Mawhinney, 25, and Abby Cook, 21, who are accompanied by the resident dog, Henry.

However, the BBC's invitation to tender

states: "We are open to suggestions for refreshing presenters on a regular basis."

And the invitation also reminds

potential tenderers: "Blue Peter presenters are particularly iconic and we all have our own favourites."

Submissions are being pitched now, and the producers will be revealed later this year.

■ Anthea and Janet were launching the new Peter Beales With Courage rose, and marking Blue Peter's long history with the RNLI's Lifeboat Appeal at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show.

MAVIS, 86, IN 600-MILE BID TO RECLAIM TITLE



CLOSE TO HER HEART
Mavis is fund-raising in memory of her son



BACKING Fiona Hyslop

Six in 10 say yes to city LEZs

BY DAN VEVERS

LOW emission zones in Scotland's biggest cities are now supported by six in 10 residents, a poll has found.

Some 60 per cent of Scots back the LEZ policy – which aims to ban the most polluting vehicles from city centres – up from 53 per cent a year ago.

Support is highest in Glasgow, at 62 per cent, where Scotland's first LEZ was introduced last year, the Opinion Matters survey of 1000 Scots found.

Dundee, Edinburgh and Aberdeen are to see similar rollouts this summer.

The poll, carried out in March for the health charity Asthma + Lung UK Scotland, found just 21 per cent of Scots oppose LEZs.

SNP Transport Secretary Fiona Hyslop said: "It's encouraging to see growing support for Low Emission Zones, which are designed to protect public health by improving air quality."



CRASH Kevin Bodle

Victim named

A MAN who died after his van hit a stationary vehicle has been named by police.

Kevin Bodle, 49, was driving a white Peugeot Partner van on the A75 near Glenluce, Dumfries and Galloway when it hit a Volvo paver machine on Tuesday.

He died in hospital.

Broody flamingo

A 70-year-old flamingo, Gertrude, has laid her first ever egg with her 'boyfriend', Gil, who is 33 years her junior, in Pentshorpe Reserve, Norfolk.

Gran back on bike for record trip

OAP was beaten by woman a year older

BY VIVIANNE AITKEN
Health Editor

AN 86-year-old granny will cycle from Land's End to John O'Groats in a bid to reclaim her crown as the oldest woman to complete the challenge.

Mavis Paterson, known as Granny Mave, will set off on the 600-mile route on August 17. She won the Guinness World Record in 2019, aged 81, but was beaten three years later by a woman a year older.

She will raise funds for the British Heart Foundation in memory of her son Sandy along the way.

Mavis, of Auchenmalg, Wigtownshire, said: "I never worry about age. People ask, 'Are you not too old?' But I say, 'It's got nothing to do with my age'. I think about the



DETERMINED Granny Mave

healthy body I am lucky enough to have and my two new hips and two new knees, so I just keep going."

Mavis hopes to do the trip in under four weeks.

She admitted losing her record was a blow. She said: "I was disappointed."

The former nurse, who began distance cycling in her 50s, has a strenuous training regime. Every day she cycles 32 miles, takes

long walks and does daily squats.

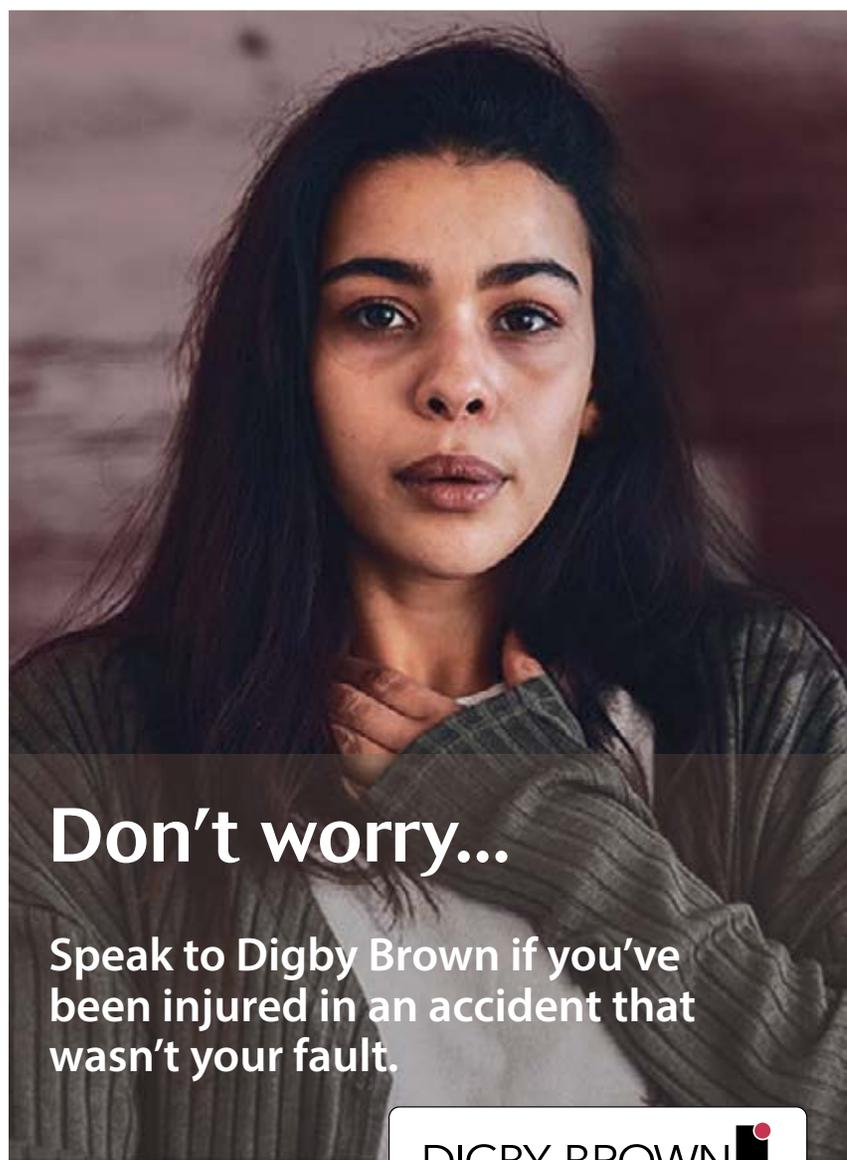
The granny of three has raised more than £500,000 for charity in memory of her three children, who all died in their 40s, and her mum and sister.

Youngest son Sandy died of a heart attack in 2012, daughter Katie died of viral pneumonia in 2013, and son Bob died in an accident in 2016. Cycling helped her cope.

She said: "Sandy was 43 when he died. I want to raise funds so the British Heart Foundation can continue research."

She has set up a Granny Mave Just Giving page for donations.

David McColgan, of BHF Scotland, said: "If anyone can complete this challenge, it is Mavis. We'll cheer her on every mile."



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GOLF SHOTS

£370m resort gets special permission to serve rich players early morning drinks on its course

BY KATHRYN ANDERSON

A £370million playground for the mega-rich has been given the green light to serve early-morning booze to golfers from a cart.

Taymouth Castle, in Perth and Kinross, is being turned into an exclusive resort by US-based Discovery Land Company – involving billionaire philanthropist John Paul De Joria.

There will be space for 145 homes, costing at least £4million each, an on-site 18-hole golf course and an equestrian centre.

Plans include renovation of the castle to create 23 suites, two restaurants, multiple bars, a gym and a spa.

But backers believe international super-rich visitors will want booze served in the morning on the golf course.

Now a bid to get a 9am drinks licence has been backed by councillors.

Licensing lawyer Stephen McGowan told Perth and Kinross Council alcohol would be “supplied from a staffed golf cart”.

McGowan described the cart as a “modest facility” which



SHORT GAME How golfers at Taymouth Castle could be served a dram

would “offer a modest tittle to a member on the golf course”.

He said the early licence was needed “because members are coming from other time zones”, so it could be “halfway through their day when they arrive”.

Concerns over drunk buggy driving were also tackled, as McGowan insisted: “Golf buggies will all be driven by members of staff.”

When asked about the potential for antisocial behaviour from those who started drinking early,

he said: “It’s down to staff to monitor. They will do so responsibly.”

General manager David O’Donaghue said “all staff” will be trained on alcohol consumption and monitoring guests.

Over 25 years, the Taymouth Castle resort is estimated to contribute £390million to the local economy, including £210million in wages. It is projected to create 2620 construction jobs and an additional 200 permanent jobs once operational.



CARE Michael Schumacher

Schumacher family's fake news victory

BY PIERS EADY

MICHAEL Schumacher’s family has won its legal action against a magazine over a fake AI interview with the Formula 1 legend.

Women’s tabloid Die Aktuelle promoted the article on its April 2023 cover, describing it as “Michael Schumacher, the first interview!”

Its German publisher, Funke Mediengruppe, apologised to the ex-racing driver’s family last year, sacking the chief editor, Anne Hoffmann.

It has reportedly paid the Schumacher family £170,000 in damages over the article that used AI-generated quotes.

The seven-time F1 world champion suffered a near-fatal brain injury skiing in the French Alps in 2013 and is being cared for at his home in Switzerland.



COMPOSER Harry Barry

Barry tune backtracked by subway

BY HEATHER GREENAWAY

A SONG from more than 40 years ago is making a comeback as Glasgow welcomes its new £288million Subway trains.

On the Underground, written by the late Scottish jingle composer Harry Barry, celebrated the launch of the city’s ultra-modern Clockwork Orange on TV and radio in 1980.

Now the cheery ditty is back in a social media campaign as Strathclyde Partnership for Transport bids farewell to the old train fleet and welcomes the new.

Richard Robinson, SPT’s director of transport operations, said: “We are delighted to be able to use Harry Barry’s song celebrating our legacy fleet as we prepare to say goodbye to these much-loved trains from the system.”

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Innes Laing, Partner with Digby Brown Solicitors sets the record straight on contributory negligence

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What the law says about contributory negligence

Consider the case of William Ronald. The 46-year-old cyclist rounded a bend in Fife when he was fatally struck by a bin lorry that crossed onto his side of the tarmac. The council insurance company accusing William of being 100% to blame for his own death.

The accusation encouraged William’s family to raise a fatal accident claim. They couldn’t accept he was 100% to blame and wanted to clear his name. In the end, a jury ruled William was only 58% responsible – this meant his family was entitled to 42% of the £1.3million compensation (around £550,000). If the original council position went unchallenged, they would have received nothing.

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HITCHED AFTER HITCH..

A WOMAN who almost died from a heart attack on holiday flew home in time to watch her daughter walk down the aisle.

Charmaine Kennedy, 49, was in Lanzarote, Spain, with her partner, Michael Young, 62, for a week last month. But a day before

the pair were due to fly home she fell ill with intense pains in her back, shoulder and jaw.

At the Jose Molina Orosa Hospital she had emergency surgery to repair her blocked arteries.

Charmaine was discharged six days later

and the couple headed back home to Glasgow – arriving the day before daughter Nicola, 29, tied the knot with David, 30.

Charmaine said: “We were able to walk her down the aisle. It was an amazing day but I didn’t last all day as I am still recovering.”



HEART OP Charmaine

They're still Outnumbered but children are grown up



RETURN The Brockmans

SITCOM *Outnumbered* will return to the BBC for the first time in eight years for a Christmas special.

The hit series about the Brockman family ran from 2007-2014 on BBC One with the most recent show a 2016 Christmas special.

The special, starring Hugh Dennis and Claire Skinner, alongside all the show's former child actors, will see parents Sue and

BY **LOTTE BRUNDLE**

Peter gather their family together to try to celebrate a traditional Christmas.

Jon Petrie, director of BBC Comedy, described the show as "one of the crown jewels of British sitcoms".

He added: "We're so grateful to Guy, Andy, Hat Trick, and the cast for dusting it off and putting it back on display."

Dennis said: "I can't wait

for the Brockmans to be back together again".

The 62-year-old *Mock the Week* panellist added: "Pete and Sue have downsized, the children are no longer children, but I'm sure that family life will prove to be just as chaotic as ever."

The episode of the award-winning comedy will air on BBC One and BBC iPlayer.

ACTOR SAYS



IDOL Clint and Kiefer meet in 2004, now he stars in his film

BY **ASHLEIGH RAINBIRD**

HOLLYWOOD A-lister and musician Kiefer Sutherland swears by a Greggs sausage roll and not just for the pastry's taste...

The 24 star, who was introduced to the high street chain's staple by his bandmate, reckons the grease helps protect his vocal cords.

"Grease is not a good word, but there's enough around a Greggs sausage roll to lubricate your voice quite well, and quite nicely," he said.

"I've found it helpful on more than one occasion. We go there so much."

But as the 57-year-old actor also prepares for two action films, *Stone Cold Fox* and *Sierra Madre*, he admits that it is harder to stay in shape now he is older.

And no, that's not from all those sausage rolls he's eating...

According to Kiefer, he burns all those calories off on stage during his energetic sets "pretty quick".

"As you get older, you know, every 10 years it gets a little harder for the body to define muscle," he said.

"It gets harder for the body to process... your metabolism changes. You have to make adjustments.

"I hate the feeling of the beginning of a workout.

"And I love the feeling when it's done.

"I run a lot, and that's kind of the foundation of everything. I've got my version of a light weight workout there that hopefully keeps you trimmer - light weights, heavy rotation, things like that."

Born into an acting dynasty in London in 1966, before moving to **MUCH-LOVED Sausage roll** Canada, he has been acting for 40 years.

Dad Donald Sutherland, 88, starred in films *Klute* and *Ordinary People*, while his mum Shirley Douglas was an activist and theatre actress, who died in 2020.

His grandad, Tommy Douglas, introduced national healthcare to Canada.

As a teenager, Kiefer appeared in *Stand By Me* and *The Lost Boys* as he turned 20, catapulting him to stardom,

followed by other hit films like *Young Guns*.

For a while, he and Robert Downey Jr. were roommates, and his daughter Sarah is reportedly named after close friend Sarah Jessica Parker.

But Kiefer is quick to reject suggestions of him - or Sarah, who stars in sitcom *Veep* - being "Nepo babies".

The term is thrown at celebrities who are deemed to have opportunities thanks to parents.

"I just don't understand the argument," he said. "When it says Joseph and Sons and they're carpenters, nobody is getting up in arms that the father passed on the trade of carpentry.

"I grew up in the theatre with my

It's a
big deal.

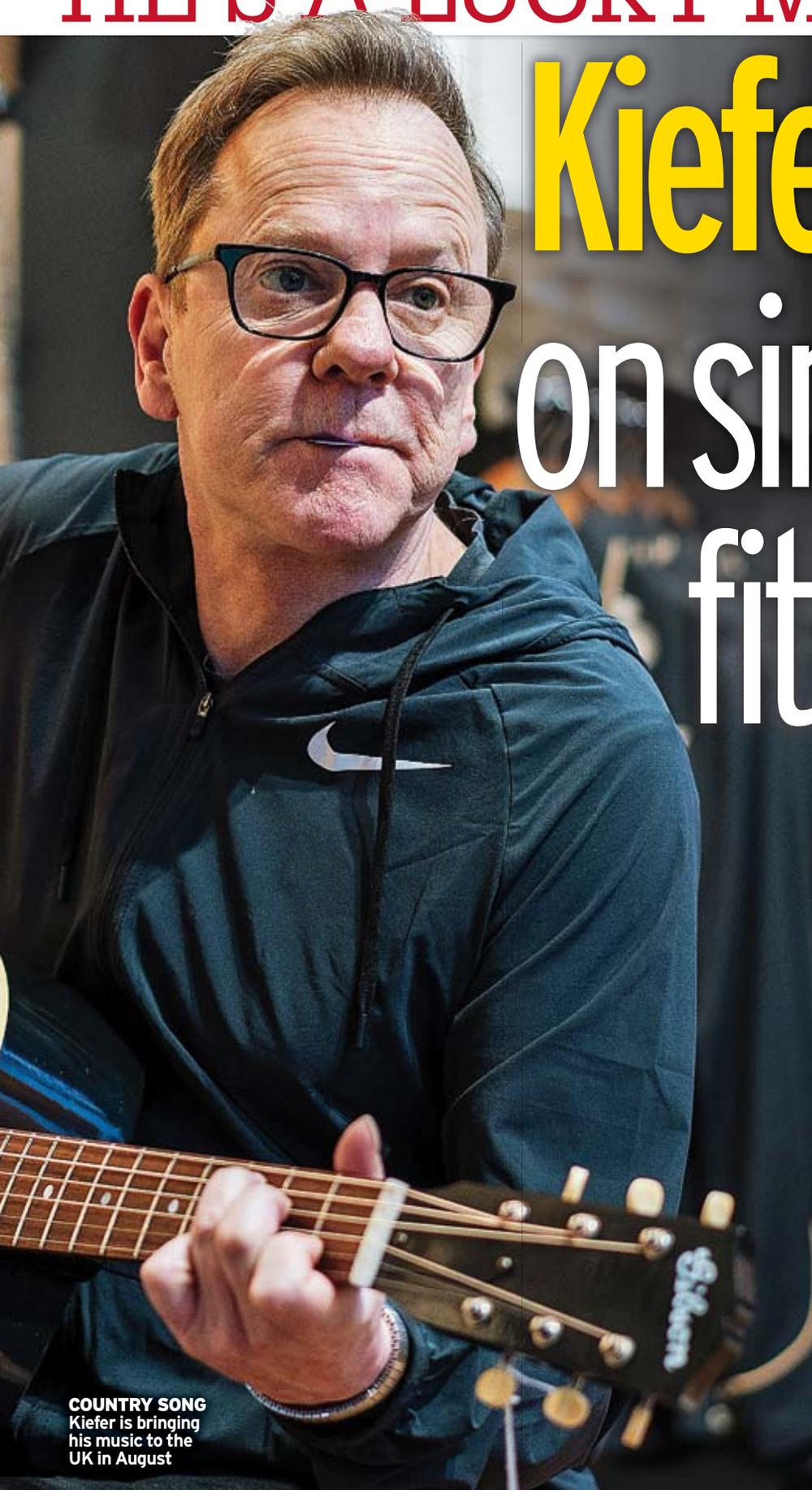
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HE'S A LUCKY MAN, HERE'S WHY



Kiefer Sutherland on singing, keeping fit... and Greggs' sausage rolls

24 star hits road with acoustic tour fuelled by secret weapons for stage

COUNTRY SONG
Kiefer is bringing
his music to the
UK in August



CAREER BITES
Lost Boys, 1987



EARLY FAME Young
Guns in 1988, with
Charlie Sheen, Dermot
Mulroney, Emilio Estevez

mum – that’s what I knew. Am I going to have an insight into how to perform in a play better than the average 15 year old?

“Of course I am. You have to judge each person on their work.

“You still have to fight incredibly hard to get that job.”

Kiefer smiles at the memory of a director leaving him sitting outside an audition room for six hours, without offering him a role.

following a spat with his dad. By his 30s, work had dried up.

It came after his wedding to Julia Roberts was abruptly cancelled in 1991, and for a period in the 90s, he was a rodeo champion, which has inspired his country music career.

He credits the role of Jack Bauer in 24, which he was cast as in 2001, with saving

his acting career, and says he considers himself to be “one of the luckiest people I know”. Although his career has not been plain sailing since then.

In 2007, he was put in county jail for 48 days for drink driving. He has explored his sometimes frustrating relationship with alcohol in his music.

Twice married Kiefer has also written love song Two Stepping in Time about his partner Cindy Vela, 45 – though he insists there are no plans to marry.

“We’re not engaged,” he said. “We’re together, we’ve lived together for over a decade, and if it’s not broke, don’t fix it.”

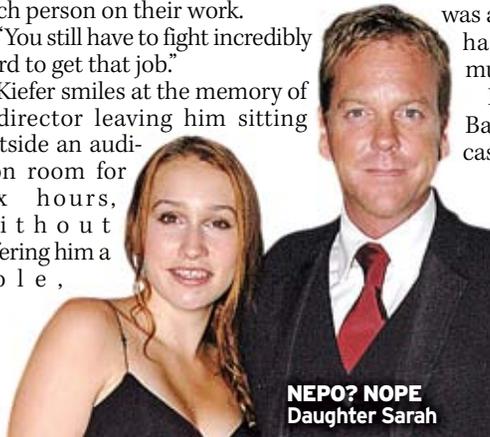
While he might admit to being lucky, it was more than luck that secured him a role in Clint Eastwood’s yet-to-be released final film Juror No. 2. Kiefer wrote him a letter begging to work with the legendary director.

“I don’t think I could have just phoned him up, I wouldn’t have been that presumptuous,” he added. “But I

was impressed he got the letter. He was really sweet, and generous.” Kiefer is about to set off on the road for an acoustic tour, including dates around the UK in August where, along with a sausage roll, he will raise a glass of his new Red Bank whisky range.

“I’ve always liked to raise a glass and say thank you for having me,” he said. “The act of a toast brings people together. The UK audiences want me to do more than one.”

■ Kiefer has unveiled his new whisky to the UK – Red Bank – a premium Canadian whisky, paying tribute to his Canadian roots and love of the spirit. On sale at Master of Malt (RRP £49).



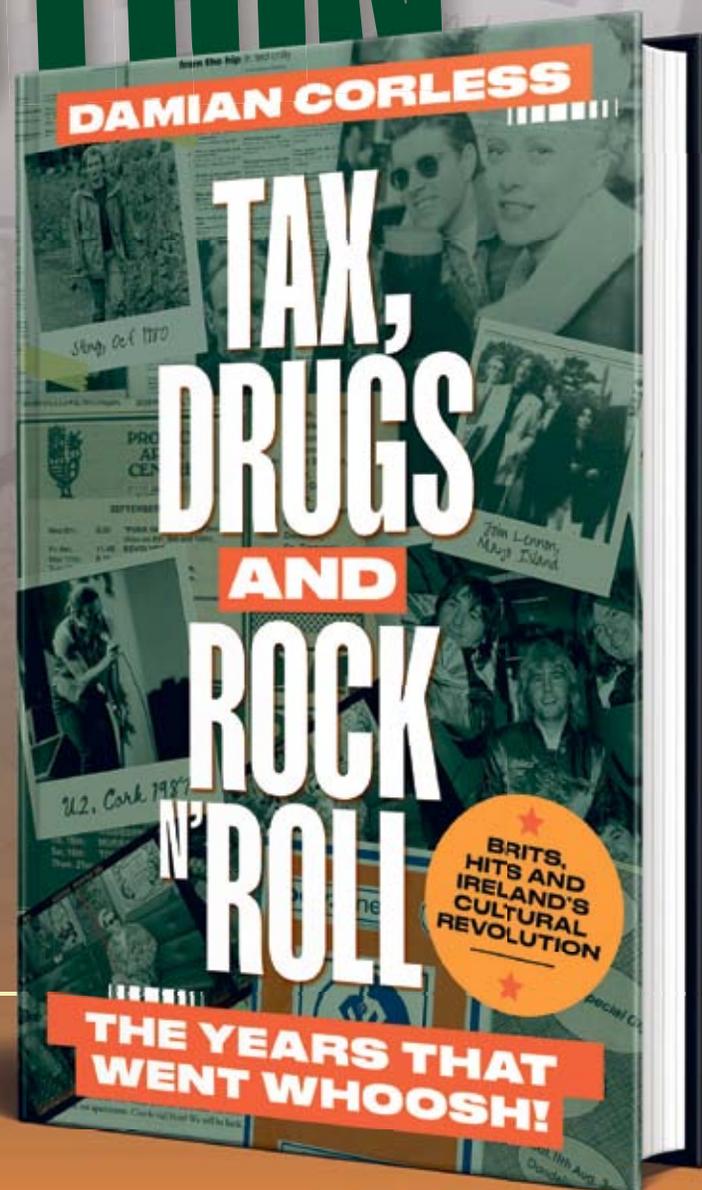
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Biker tragedy leaves 1 dead and one hurt

A MOTORCYCLIST has died and another has been seriously injured in a crash.

Two bikes collided on the A837 near Loch Assynt in the Highlands at 11.05am on Wednesday.

A 61-year-old man died and another, aged 60, was rushed to hospital.

Police Scotland Sergeant Calum MacAulay said: "Inquiries are ongoing to establish the full circumstances and we are keen to speak to anyone with information."

FAI hears thief refused medical help before jail collapse

A JEWELLERY heist gangster who collapsed in a prison shower died after he refused to accept medical help.

Paul Hogwood was part of a seven-man group that targeted the Mappin & Webb shop at St Andrews Old Course Hotel in 2015.

We previously told how the con died behind bars at HMP Perth in January 2021 due to serious diabetes complications.

During a fatal accident inquiry, the 60-year-old's widow argued he had always been good at managing his diabetes and believed there were problems in getting medical appointments due to Covid restrictions. But the FAI

BY GEMMA RYDER

found Hogwood had refused medical help on numerous occasions before his death, citing witness testimonies from prison officers, fellow inmates and medical staff.

Hogwood was identified as the key member of the

gang that tried to target the golf resort. He was described as a career criminal and travelled from London to Fife to carry out the robbery.

He had been serving a 10-year sentence and was due to be released this September. A post-

mortem revealed Hogwood's cause of death was pneumonia and diabetic ketoacidosis, as well as chronic bronchitis.

Sheriff Christopher Sheard ruled: "In the days leading up to his death, the deceased had declined medical assistance."



CONVICTED Paul Hogwood took part in St Andrews raid

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All you have to do is go online to dailyrecord.co.uk/maycashcomp and enter each day's unique codeword, along with your details and you will be entered into our cash competition.

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DEAL Bag on Wowcher

Bargain is Totes the best bag

BY LAURA MCKENNA

SUMMER fashion fans are going wild for an £8.99 handbag that can instantly upgrade your travel 'fit with a touch of French designer glamour.

As practical as it is stylish, the Women's Longchamp Inspired Mini Tote Bag from Wowcher is the perfect compact accessory for summer holidays.

Available to buy from the online deal site for just £8.99, holidaymakers can up their airport fashion game for less.

With an adjustable shoulder strap and carry handle in leather effect fabric, this bargain buy looks similar to the iconic Longchamp La Pliage Original Pouch Bag that costs £70 without a shoulder strap.

Available in classic black, navy or khaki, this bargain is a versatile addition to your travel wardrobe.

The bag, measuring 19 x 10cm, is just the right size for your passport, card and mobile phone.

The original La Pliage bags from Longchamp have been a firm favourite with fashionistas for more than 30 years now, and are named after the French word for "folding".

The trapezium-shaped bags crafted from washable nylon canvas come with leather handles, a snap-closing flap and the ability to fold up nice and neatly when not in use.

To snap up the £8.99 Longchamp Inspired Mini Tote Bag from Wowcher, select your colour, add it to your basket and then complete the transaction at checkout.

You will receive a code via email and you can redeem the voucher online to receive the bag. Delivery costs £2.99 per bag, and customers can buy as many as they want to.

For travellers looking for something a little bigger, Amazon does a range of Nylon Tote Bags or you can find the original Longchamp La Pliage bags available to buy at John Lewis.

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TOP DOZEN TOILETRIES

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L'Oreal Men Expert Barber Club Beard Face Wash (200ml), Boots, was £9.99, now £4.99
SAVE: £5

Sure 72hr Sport Cool Anti-Perspirant (250ml), Sainsbury's, £3.60, £2.70 with Nectar
SAVE: 90p

Gillette Fusion 5 Ultra Sensitive Shaving Gel (200ml), Tesco, £3.30, £2.20 with Clubcard
SAVE: £1.10

Braun Beard Trimmer Series 3, Boots, was £52.49, now £34.99
SAVE: £17.50

B Men Anti-Ageing Moisturiser SPF 30 (75ml), Superdrug, £7, Member Price (for free) £5
SAVE: £2

Sanex Men Active Fresh Shower Gel (400ml), Morrisons, was £3, now £2.25
SAVE: 75p

HER

Simple Kind to Skin Hydrating Light Moisturiser (125ml), Boots, was £4.50, now £2.25
SAVE: £2.25

Hismile Everyday Teeth Whitening Bundle, Superdrug, was £24.99, now £15.99
SAVE: £9

Baylis & Harding Jojoba, Vanilla and Almond Hand Wash (500ml), Morrisons, was £2.25, now £1.65
SAVE: 60p

Nivea Anti-Perspirant Deodorant Roll-On (25ml), Sainsbury's, £1.80, buy 3 get 1 free
SAVE: £1.80

Bumb & Bumble Hairdresser's Invisible Oil Mask (60ml), Marks & Spencer, was £15, now £10.50
SAVE: £4.50

Original Source Lavender & Rosemary Body Wash (335ml), Tesco, £3.20, £2.50 with Clubcard
SAVE: 70p

Take 5 checks

1 Green Gingham Twist Padded Headband, £5.99, New Look
BEST FOR...hair

2 Lilac Check Outdoor Rug (120cmx180cm), £18, Matalan
BEST FOR...patios

3 Super Soft Large Check Multicoloured Blanket, £36, Dunelm
BEST FOR...snuggling

4 Highbury Check Cushion, £7.99, The Range
BEST FOR...chairs

5 Natural Bloom Check Mug, £3, B&M
BEST FOR...cuppa



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Your picnic quick picks



THE long weekend marks the start of half term for most schools, so it's time to get outdoors and make the most of the freedom. And you can save money by packing a picnic for your day's exploring. We've found what you need for the perfect meal on the go, with 20 deals to keep you fuelled and saving the pennies.

**All prices correct at time of going to press*

SAVOURY



20 Pork Cocktail Sausages (200g), Sainsbury's, £2, £1.30 with Nectar
SAVE: 70p

New York Deli Inspired Bites (190g), Co-op, £3, 3 for 2
SAVE: £3



18 Pork Sausage Rolls (180g), Asda, £2.15, 2 for £3.50
SAVE: 80p

Higgidy 8 Mini Sunblush Tomato and Cheddar Mini Muffins (160g), Tesco, £3.85, 3 for 2 with Clubcard
SAVE: £3.85



2 Mature Cheddar & Ham Quiches (240g), Iceland, £2.50, 3 for £5
SAVE: £2.50

SWEET



Ripe and Sweet Strawberries (400g), Asda, was £2.50, now £2
SAVE: 50p

Mr Kipling Angel Cakes 6 Pack, Sainsbury's, £2.75, £1.50 with Nectar
SAVE: £1.25



Strawberry Trifle (3 x 135g), Morrisons, £2, 2 for £3
SAVE: £1



Hoppers Farmhouse Bakeries 6 Assorted Jam Tarts (160g), Iceland, £1.25, 5 for £5
SAVE: £1.25



Plantastic Millionaire Flapjack Chocolate and Caramel 5 Pack, Tesco, £2.40, £1.25 with Clubcard
SAVE: £1.15

SNACKS

Garlic Flatbread (230g), Co-op, £2.50, 3 for 2
SAVE: £2.50



Pop-Tastic Potato Crisps Sour Cream and Onion (160g), Iceland, was £1.50, now £1.45
SAVE: 5p

Trio of Spanish Olives (280g), Sainsbury's, £4.25, £3.50 with Nectar
SAVE: 75p



Pom Bear Original Multipack Crisps (6x13g), Asda, was £1.50, now £1.35
SAVE: 15p

Cheestrings Twisted Cheese Snacks 4 Pack (80g), Tesco, £1.75, £1.25 with Clubcard
SAVE: 50p



SIPS



Ribena Blackcurrant Squash No Added Sugar (850ml), Morrisons, £2.80, 2 for £3
SAVE: £2.60



Tango Mango Sugar Free Drink (2L), Tesco, £2, 3 for £3 with Clubcard
SAVE: £3



Robinsons Juicy Peach and Raspberry Fruit Creations (1L), Iceland, £2.50, 3 for £5
SAVE: £2.50



Fruit Shoot Orange Kids Juice Drink (8 x 200ml), Asda, was £3.60, now £2.50
SAVE: £1.10

Schweppes Original Lemonade (12x150ml), Sainsbury's, £5.55, £4 with Nectar
SAVE: £1.55



What's new

Brighten up your bathroom for just £1 with Cidal's new pink grapefruit range. Suitable for all skin types the liquid hand wash (250ml, £1) and soap bars (2 x 100g, £1) have an uplifting fragrance that will leave your hands smelling clean and fresh. Both are available from Amazon, Home Bargains and Savers.



Budget or Bust... Men's Shorts



SAVVY
Straight Fit Chino Shorts, £14, Matalan

SPEND
Stretch Chino Shorts, £19, Next

SPLURGE
Stretch Chino Shorts, £39, John Lewis

Grab it

Sun-loving shoppers are prepping wardrobes for warmer weather and blokes might feel the need for a pair of on-trend Birkenstocks. But rather than splash the cash, Lidl is here to save the day and purse strings with their Liveryg Men's Sandals for just £6.99 - saving a whopping £73.



Stock up

The much-loved Tesco Baby & Toddler Event is back, with great deals on a range of essentials to help parents and carers keep little ones happy while managing the family budget. Offers include the new Tommee Tippee Infra-Red Thermometer for £29.99 (was £50); Pampers Baby Dry nappies for £5.50 (were £10) and Aveeno Baby Daily Care Hair & Body Wash for Sensitive Skin for £4.30 (was £6.50).





♈ Aries March 21-April 20
 THE first person who responds to an item that is advertised for sale will make a tempting offer. Don't be too quick to accept. Whether it is a vehicle or piece of furniture you are selling, buyers will flock to your door later and you will get a far better price than you ever hoped for.

For more call **0905 789 4171** (80p/min + network access charge)

♉ Taurus April 21 - May 21
 A SENIOR colleague will be ditching a commitment to put more money into upgrading your workspace. They want to focus on outcomes and not what they spend and may need to be reminded that a drab working environment can also have a negative impact on performance.

For more call **0905 789 4172** (80p/min + network access charge)

♊ Gemini May 22 - June 20
 REFRAIN from getting into an argument. You're tempted to retaliate when someone makes a remark that upsets you. This is the chance they have been waiting for to throw something you did in the past in your face. You always felt they held a grudge against you and now you know why.

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♋ Cancer June 21 - July 22
 YOU have a big challenge ahead. In moments like this you will have to show a lot of strength and self-belief. A partner is supportive. You are on this journey together. They have seen you at your best and at your worst and they are always here to comfort and support you.

For more call **0905 789 4174** (80p/min + network access charge)

♌ Leo July 23 - August 22
 WORRYING over a strained relationship is starting to take a toll on your health. The more you dwell on feelings of guilt and remorse, the more stressed you are starting to feel. It isn't easy to come to terms with the past. Forgiving yourself for the part you played is a start.

For more call **0905 789 4175** (80p/min + network access charge)

♍ Virgo Aug 23 - Sept 22
 A CHALLENGE will start to test your resilience. What you are up against will feel physically and mentally draining. The fundamental question at the heart of this is how do you even begin to solve the problem? Are the measures suggested going to be enough?

For more call **0905 789 4176** (80p/min + network access charge)

♎ Libra Sept 23-Oct 23
 YOU could be on the way to spend the night with a relative or friend in another part of the country. This is your chance to meet new people and make new business contacts. You will soon be introduced to someone who will have a profound effect on your work.

For more call **0905 789 4177** (80p/min + network access charge)

♏ Scorpio Oct 24 - Nov 22
 YOU will be happy to give your support to a friend or relative working on behalf of a local charity. Whether it is an over generous donation or volunteering to help organise a fundraiser, you will feel better for it. Are you single? A strong attraction to another volunteer will be hard to ignore.

For more call **0905 789 4178** (80p/min + network access charge)

♐ Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 21
 TAKE advantage of a quiet spell that allows you to work in peace. This is just a temporary respite before things start to get busy. Before you know it, your schedule will be packed and if you neglect tasks today, they will pile up and threaten to overwhelm you.

For more call **0905 789 4179** (80p/min + network access charge)

♑ Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 20
 IT DOESN'T matter what others might think, you have a right to privacy. An ex-partner seems to think they can still intrude in your life. If they don't get the message that it is over, change the locks on your door. Be sure all online passwords have been updated.

For more call **0905 789 4180** (80p/min + network access charge)

♒ Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19
 A COMMUNITY project will be looking for more support from people in and around your neighbourhood. If you are interested, let others know about it immediately. Joining forces with like-minded people could be the start of resolving an issue that is close to your heart.

For more call **0905 789 4181** (80p/min + network access charge)

♓ Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20
 THERE is no reason why you should be constantly busy. When things go quiet, take this opportunity to recharge your batteries. Someone will suggest you give them a helping hand but you have done plenty for them recently. It's about time they managed on their own.

For more call **0905 789 4182** (80p/min + network access charge)



DEAR COLEEN

Problems?
 Tell Coleen Nolan about them and she'll give you an honest answer... every weekday in the Daily Record



Brother's wife is keeping me away from him

Dear Coleen

I HAVE a problem with my brother's wife and I don't know what to do about it. I think my sister-in-law has always resented me, although I have no idea why she'd feel that way because I've been nothing but polite and friendly towards her. She married my brother two years ago and they've since moved to Ireland for his work, so I don't get to see them much any more. However, he and I are close, so we call, text and email a lot, which I think really annoys her. If I'm talking to him on the phone, he often cuts me off when she walks into the room or he'll put me on speaker, so I have to talk to her, too.

It's like he needs her permission to speak to me or has to include her in everything. She's quite young and immature, so that may be part of the problem, but she's doing a good job of driving a wedge

between us. I've spoken to my mum and she just says I must be imagining it and to make an effort for my brother's sake.

The latest thing is, I bought my brother a concert ticket for his birthday, so he and I could go together and he's now saying he's trying to get a ticket for his wife, too.

Why can't we just spend some (rare) time together without her being around to spoil the fun? Please advise.

Coleen says

OOH, I hear two jealous women vying for your brother's attention! Look, she probably is jealous of your relationship and because she's young, she's perhaps not handling those feelings in the right way.

However, I'm kind of in her camp as far as the concert

ticket goes. For me, that's sending out the message: "You're not invited."

Even if you'd asked her, hoping she'd say no, maybe that would have set a different tone.

There's an element of competition around all this but, the fact is, she's now his wife and you can't compete with that.

Yes, it's great that you're close to your brother but you can't be as close as you were before he met his wife. You say she doesn't like you but I also get the impression that you don't like her, so I think she's probably picked up on that and maybe feels a bit pushed out.

So, I think your mum is right (not that you're imagining things), but if you want to keep a good relationship with your brother, then you have to fully accept that this woman is who he's chosen to be with.

“ She's doing a good job of driving wedge between us **”**

EMAIL: dearcoleen@dailyrecord.co.uk – sorry, but Coleen can't reply personally
WRITE TO: Coleen Nolan, The Daily Record, 55 Douglas Street, Glasgow, G2 7NP

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DAILY PRAYER

"THEY shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters covered the sea."
 Isaiah 11:9

IT WILL be a good day when we stop hurting one another. In all consciousness, there is enough suffering in the world already without any one of us adding to it.

CROSS OFF

Hidden in the grid is a well-known phrase. To reveal the phrase, cross off the letters in the grid that correspond to today's numbers. Today is the final day of this puzzle. Fill in the form and post it to the address below for your chance to win. A new game of Cross Off starts inside tomorrow's paper.

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System addicts get a fix

System Shock (PS5, Xbox Series S/X £29.99) ★★★★★

HERE'S a full-on remake of the 1994 classic first-person game that, for many, redefined the action shooter.

Highly praised, and featuring in many a gaming "hall of fame", System Shock delivered a non-linear, puzzles and fighting title set on a sinister space station, the likes of which had never been seen before.

Flash forward some 30 years and US developer Nightdive Studios has lovingly re-crafted the original title into a more modern-looking version.

Old-school gamers will love stepping back into this world.

Modern players may find it interesting but not vital.

VIRGIN is dishing out free TVs in time for the summer of sport. It's offering 43in LG 4K screens to new customers signing up for certain broadband and TV packages. Offer ends this weekend.

Snap up a Sony!

SONY is hoping to tempt you away from Samsung's Galaxy and Apple's iPhone with its feature-packed new smartphone.

The Xperia 1 VI packs an impressive pro-style triple-lens camera into its shell, offering plenty of manual modes for the perfect snap.

It's powered by the speedy Snapdragon 8 Gen 3 processor and gets a 6.5-inch BRAVIA screen plus booming stereo speakers.

Pre-orders, at £1299, come with a pair of WH-1000XM5 headphones.



Done with a-plumb

NINTENDO has been doubling down on some old-school gaming remakes for the Switch.

Ahead of the upcoming Switch 2, the Mario firm seems content in pumping out new-look versions of classic titles from decades past.

And Paper Mario: The Thousand-Year Door is the latest in a long line of lovingly re-crafted games of yesteryear that have been given a modern makeover for today's audience.

It looks colourful and absolutely stands out on the Switch OLED screen, with wonderful

Paper Mario: The Thousand-Year Door (Switch) ★★★★★ £49.99

vibrancy and plenty of cute personality packed into the RPG.

This revamped version goes a step further than the original in having a fight tutor handy to give you hints and help you learn the ropes.

Overall, a beautiful-looking game that feels fresh.



Microsoft Copilot is about to take control from rival Apple

Windows users all set to welcome latest tech that will take on posh competitor



IMPRESSIVE BOOST The Microsoft Surface range

APPLE'S laptops might be some of the most powerful on the planet but the posh machines are getting major competition.

Microsoft has revealed a breed of portable Copilot+ devices and is boasting that they will be 58 per cent faster than the mighty MacBook M3.

That's a big claim but it will certainly be welcomed by millions of Windows users feeling left behind.

The boost is down to impressive technology tucked under the shell of these laptops, including a new ARM processor by Qualcomm.

With the Snapdragon X Elite chip inside, users will see 40trillion operations per second – that should

make daily digital tasks feel silky smooth and stutter-free. Despite all that power, things are super efficient – treat the machines kindly and you could see 22 hours of life before they need to go near a plug.

Although power is important, the next breed of Windows 11 devices will also be way smarter. Full integration with Microsoft's clever AI Copilot will speed up tasks. There's even a dedicated button included on the keyboard which launches Copilot.

Devices from the likes of Samsung, Dell and Lenovo are all coming soon, along with big updates to Microsoft's Surface range. These laptops are available to pre-order now.

SAMSUNG has slashed the price of its popular Galaxy S24 range of smartphones, with prices for the handsets starting from just £499.



SONOS is back with a refreshed speaker that lets you take your tunes on the move.

The new Roam 2 gets an upgraded design, easier set-up and booming sound.

There's also a 10-hour battery life, plus it should survive the usual British downpours thanks to a case that's fully waterproof.

It's out this week in five colours and costs £179.

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MUSIC

with GARRY BUSHELL



Lenny finds his spark again

Lenny Kravitz Blue Electric Light

HIS single TK421 whetted the appetite. Hot, strutting funk-rap with rock guitar and a dance-floor beat, it found Lenny sounding like a more butch Prince - right down to the suggestive lyrics. "Come on, baby, get on the one," he sings, "Can you feel it, oh, my TK421?"

That might be a reference to the Star Wars stormtrooper TK-421 but I suspect not.

This is Kravitz's 12th full-length album and his first release in five years. The New York-born star recorded it at his home studio, 100 yards from the beach on Eleuthera Island in the Bahamas.

The smooth groove of opener It's Just Another Fine Day (In This



Universe of Love) must make more sense there than it would do in Manhattan's Lower East Side.

We get 12 tracks ranging from the sunny old-school soul of Honey to Let It Ride's lusty techno-pop via the stomping rock of Paralyzed.

It's deep soul rock'n'roll infused with ecstatic chemistry.

Lenny sounds re-energised, not

least on the easy soft rock sweep of Human, which rolls along with a chorus as catchy as cactus spines.

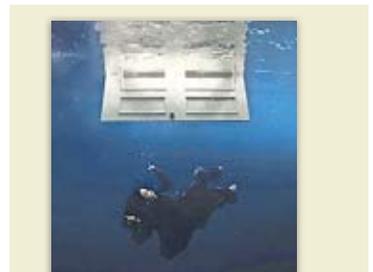
There are spiritual references throughout. TK421 suggests we can "dance our way to the divine", and a trio of other numbers expand on that.

We get the call-and-response rock of Love Is My Religion, the insistent funk of Heaven, and the Stevie Wonder-reminiscent Spirit In My Heart, with its moody minor chords.

Kravitz closes with the hymn-like title track, which builds to a frenzy as he tells us, "I just, I just wanna make love".

He's notched up hits since the early 90s - Fly Away, Are You Gonna Go My Way, It Ain't Over 'Til It's Over etc.

And it ain't over yet.



Billie Eilish Hit Me Hard And Soft

JUST 22, Billie ducks current pop trends with a largely acoustic album that flits between moods, finding space for ballads, chilled dance and well-crafted electronica. She sings about sadness - a doomed affair, bad break-ups - and lesbian lust (she's bisexual), honing heartbreak into songs that are smart, touching and unique.



Paul Weller 66

WELLER'S 17th solo album is a thing of reflective beauty, enhanced by Hannah Peel's string arrangements, synths and the odd flute. Gems include the soulful mid-paced pop of Flying Fish, Soul Wandering with its driving groove and lyrics by Bobby Gillespie, and the rockier Jumble Queen. Stylish echoes of mid-60s soul abound.



The Mavericks Moon & Stars

THE years will not be kind, sings Raul Mayo, but there's no decay here. The Nashville-based country combo, best known for 1998 smash Dance the Night Away, serve up 11 slices of Latin-kissed roots music buoyed by warmth and timeless richness. Guests include Nicole Atkins on the bluesy Live Close By, and Sierra Ferrell.

MOVIES

STAR RATINGS
 ★★★★★ Excellent
 ★★★★☆ Good
 ★★★☆☆ Worth a look
 ★★☆☆☆ Poor
 ★☆☆☆☆ Don't bother



GLOWERING
Rampaging Taylor-Joy as warrior Furiosa

Trial & retribution

FURIOSA: A MAD MAX SAGA

Cert 15 ★★★★★
In cinemas now

SPLIT into five chapters with enigmatic titles such as *The Pole of Inaccessibility* and *Lessons From the Wasteland*, director George Miller's turbo-charged prequel to *Mad Max: Fury Road* bolts together an origin story spanning 15 years for the imperious warrior Imperator Furiosa originally embodied by Charlize Theron.

Portrayed here by Anya Taylor-Joy in womanhood and Alyla Browne as a snarling youngster, *Furiosa* is anointed "the darkest of angels" as she rampages between the co-dependent strongholds of *The Citadel*, *Bullet Farm* and *Gas Town* to take revenge against self-aggrandising warlord

Dementus (Chris Hemsworth). The title character's "purposeful savagery" is an apt summation of *Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga* – a brutal tale of self-preservation and retribution punctuated by spectacular stunt-filled action sequences that deliver injections of adrenaline.

Almost 30 minutes longer than the Oscar-winning *Fury Road*, Miller's prequel trundles on narrative exhaust fumes in a plodding middle act, relying on breathlessly staged, large-scale set pieces of automotive carnage for momentum. The film's timeline guarantees safe passage for half the cast whose characters manifest in *Mad Max: Fury Road*, and spotlights the most likely casualties in a brutal tug of war for dwindling natural resources. Taylor-Joy is

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glowering and wordless for extended periods and copes magnificently with the rugged physicality of her role.

Co-star Browne as adolescent *Furiosa* is even more impressive in her chapters and deftly tugs at the heart. Embellished with a distracting prosthetic nose and prominent rock 'n' roll codpiece, Hemsworth embraces camp

psychosis as an antagonist who tastes young *Furiosa*'s tears and professes them piquant and zesty.

From a storyline perspective, the prequel is less compelling, particularly once the title character is in her mid-20s. Production design and costumes are jaw-dropping, immersing us in a world where bombastic men reign with cruelty.

They reap what they sow.

THE GARFIELD MOVIE

Cert U ★★
In cinemas now

IN AN amusing opening sequence, the eponymous tabby (voiced by Chris Pratt) tells us the story of how he "adopted" his long-suffering human owner Jon Arbuckle (Nicholas Hoult).

"You will not be disappointed," grins Garfield as lovable beagle Odie scurries around him.

Alas, Garfield may be the cat who always gets the cream – or rather an endless supply of lasagne conveniently ordered via app – but director Mark Dindal serves us a disappointing computer-animated adventure made from the cold leftovers of better films including *Chicken Run* and *The Secret*

Life of Pets. Based on characters created by Jim Davis for a 1970s comic strip, *The Garfield Movie* is a victim of an uninspired script that opts for the most obvious punchlines or bypasses them entirely.

Thus, rapper Snoop Dogg's onscreen furball is named Snoop Catt, and when Pratt's gluttonous puss becomes embroiled in a hare-brained *Mission: Impossible*-style heist, he once again addresses us to camera: "I do my own stunts. Me and Tom Cruise."

Dindal's picture does not self-destruct after five seconds thanks to a spirited vocal performance from Hannah Waddingham as a feline criminal mastermind, who is one swish of a tail shy of caterwauling madness. Meowch.



UNINSPIRED
Hoult voices Jon and Pratt is Garfield

HIT MAN

Cert 15 ★★★
In cinemas now and streaming on Netflix from June 7

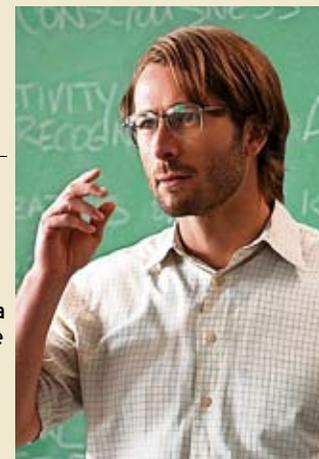
TEASINGLY billed as "a somewhat true story", *Hit Man* is a delightfully entertaining black comedy. It centres on a mild-mannered college professor who poses as a hired killer during undercover police stings to extract incriminating evidence from targets to secure an arrest before real bullets fly and blood is spilled.

Top Gun: Maverick's Glen Powell, who flaunted an impressive set of chiselled abs in yesteryear's rom-com *Anyone But You*, propels his star further into the ascendancy with an irresistibly charming central performance as the self-doubting, bookish academic.

He's reborn when personality traits from his sharp-shooting alter egos follow him home to the lonely apartment he shares with two cats named Ego and Id.

"He's like a Caucasian Idris!" gushes one of his gob-smacked police handlers, who can barely believe the shy, unassuming philosophy lecturer responsible for managing the technology in their surveillance operations can metamorphose into a swaggering, cocksure alpha male at the drop of a baseball cap.

Hit Man shoots to kill with snappy dialogue, playful direction and sizzling screen rapport between the romantic leads. A script co-written by director Richard Linklater and Powell gradually cranks up tension as Gary's two lives unspool with toe-curlingly hilarious consequences.



DOUBLE LIFE Glen Powell

GOOEY

Fisher plays Jen and Kinnear is husband Eric



THE PRESENT

Cert PG ★★★
In cinemas now

A **MAGICAL** grandfather clock allows three enterprising children to travel back in time and plaster the fissures in their parents' faltering marriage before they formally separate in a family-oriented comedy directed by Christian Ditter.

Adopting the same fantastical conceit as *Groundhog Day*, *The Present* replays events from the perspectives of five members of the Diehl family: spin class instructor mother Jen (Isla Fisher), who is flirting with a new student (Ryan Guzman); father Eric (Greg Kinnear), who has already engaged a real estate agent to find him a bachelor pad; teenage daughter Emma (Shay Rudolph), whose crush on a classmate might be better focused on a caring co-star in the school play; and younger brothers Taylor (Easton Rocket Sweda) and Max (Mason Shea Joyce), whose fraternal bonds are visibly frayed.

Screenwriter Jay Martel's unabashedly sentimental masterplan hinges on an heirloom inscribed with enigmatic words ("The clock can help you now and then, but only you can change events") to romp through subtly different outcomes to the same topsy-turvy day.

Fisher and Kinnear lack fizzing screen chemistry – we wholeheartedly believe their marriage has stagnated – but younger co-stars are instantly likeable and sustain interest until a predictably gooey resolution.

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FINANCE

IDS late posting crucial results

KPMG NEEDS 'MORE TIME' FOR REVIEW

THE owner of Royal Mail was forced to delay the release of its annual results yesterday as it gears up for a £3.5billion takeover.



Accounts for International Distribution Services were due to be issued to the stock market at 7am.

But almost seven hours later, IDS released a statement in which it revealed that its auditors, KPMG, needed more time to complete its work.

It said KPMG's "internal reviews were late in the audit timetable, thereby delaying their final audit process" - suggesting the accounting giant was to blame - and wiping £120million off the postal giant's stock market value.

Delaying the release of annual accounts at such a late stage is unusual for a company of IDS's size. IDS insisted its

profits to the end of March would be "broadly in line with previously published guidance".

The company, which also owns overseas parcels arm GLS, couldn't say when the results would be published, only that it would be "as soon as reasonably practicable".

There was heightened attention on IDS last week after its board announced it would be an idea to accept a sweetened offer from tycoon Daniel Kretinsky, dubbed the "Czech Sphinx", who already owns 27.5 per cent of the group.

The Communication Workers Union has threatened strike action if Kretinsky doesn't meet its demands to protect members' employment conditions and a postal pledge on deliveries.

The takeover could become a political issue amid the general election campaign.



DISCOUNT grocer
Aldi has launched a TV ad featuring a "can't match this" song - a play on the MC Hammer hit - in a light-hearted pop at rival supermarkets that claim to offer shoppers the same prices as Aldi on a host of products.



HARRY Potter publisher
Bloomsbury revealed record annual sales yesterday on the back of soaring demand for fantasy books by Sarah J Maas. Sales jumped 30 per cent to £343million, the highest in its 37-year history, with profits up 63 per cent to £41.5million.

FTSE 100

down 31.1 at 8339.2

Oil = \$81.77

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Anglo American.....	2645.5	-53.0	International Airlines	172.0	-2.9	Smith & Nephew.....	982.6	-32.4
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Admiral Group.....	2705.0	-51.0	International Distribution	75.7	-1.4	Standard Chartered.....	775.4	+2.8
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Aviva PLC.....	482.9	-13.3	ITV.....	258.7	-1.6	Tesco.....	312.3	+0.3
BAE Systems.....	1397.0	+23.5	Kingfisher.....	645.5	-15.0	Unilever.....	4312.0	+37.0
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Capita Group.....	14.9	+0.2	Pearson.....	945.4	+5.0			
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Centrica.....	143.9	-3.4	Prudential.....	768.8	-13.8			
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Currys Plc.....	70.2	-1.1	RELX.....	3490.0	+8.0			
Diageo.....	2709.5	-36.0	Rentokil Initial.....	408.3	-4.9			
Direct Line.....	200.6	-1.0	Rio Tinto.....	5680.0	-10.0			
Easyjet.....	456.6	-9.0	Rolls-Royce.....	440.4	+12.4			
Ferguson.....	16425.0	-125.0	J Sainsbury.....	277.4	-6.0			
Frasers Group.....	828.0	+7.0	SSE.....	1769.5	-47.0			
GlaxoSmithKline.....	1778.0	-10.5	Serven Trent.....	2503.0	-136.0			
Halfords.....	152.0	-0.2	Serco.....	181.0	-0.6			
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Holiday £

Euro.....	1.151
Australian Dollar.....	1.863
Bulgarian Lev.....	2.174
Canadian Dollar.....	1.683
Egyptian Pound.....	59.93
New Zealand Dollar.....	2.012
Polish Zloty.....	4.742
South African Rand.....	22.365
Swiss Franc.....	1.125
Thai Baht.....	44.588
Turkish Lira.....	37.637
UAE Dirham.....	4.523
US Dollar.....	1.246

RECORD TV



with SARA WALLIS



SECRET?
Ella is behaving rather odd

EMMERDALE
STV, 7.30pm

ELLA has been behaving strangely for days. She doesn't want her photo taken and she has made a visit to a care home without anyone knowing. She holds a secret but what is it?
Meanwhile, after Ethan's brutal attack, Ruby has been feeling on edge. She is left rattled when she receives a mysterious text message. Does someone know more than they're letting on?
Elsewhere, Caleb is delighted to see Chas is back from Scotland.
And the fallout from Tom and Belle's public row continues.



ACCUSATION
Abi confronts Dean over the sex tape

CORONATION STREET
STV, 8pm

ABI'S horrified to see that the sex video has been uploaded to other websites. She meets Dean and, brandishing a wrench, accuses him of making the recording. Dean insists he has no idea what she's talking about.
Elsewhere, Evelyn suggests to Roy they start a book club while he's in prison.
Carla admits to Sarah that she misses Peter but when Simon shows her some pictures, Carla's thrown to see one showing Peter with his arm around another woman.



ONLINE ROMANCE
Will it work in the flesh for Jay and Veena?

PICK of the DAY

THE NEVER METS
Channel 4, 10pm

DAWN French narrates this surprisingly sweet and emotional show about couples who have formed strong relationships online - but have never met.

More and more people are meeting their partners through dating apps, gaming platforms, forums and social media, but what happens when geography gets in the way?

This series meets people who have fallen madly in love with someone who lives on the other side of the globe.

Now, after months - and even years - of video calls and messaging, they have decided to take the plunge and cross international borders to meet their partner for the first time. But will the virtual romance work out in the real world?

Among them are catering assistant Sarah, 38, who has been dating her boyfriend, 27-year-old Jgoy, from the Philippines, for nearly two years. But with growing voices of concern among her family and friends, will she get on her flight?

Sarah laughs: "I thought I'd be married by now but I think I still have a chance.

"I need to meet him now. Maybe some people think I'm crazy. I'm worried - what if we don't get on?"

College student Jay, 17, met 26-year-old social media manager Veena on a Game of Thrones roleplay server 18 months ago.

But Jay didn't tell Veena the whole truth, only revealing six months in that he was just 15.

Jay is now making the 4500-mile journey to Kerala in India to meet Veena for the first time to see if they could have a romantic future.

TAKING A CHANCE ON LOVE



TEMPLE TASK
Stourhead head gardener Tim

HIDDEN TREASURES OF THE NATIONAL TRUST
BBC2, 9pm

THE experts are caring for two grand estates whose grounds have been transformed into living works of art.
In Wiltshire, surrounded by nearly 2500 acres of spectacular 18th century landscaped grounds and gardens, is the grand Palladian-style villa Stourhead House.
It was owned by Henry Hoare II, known as Henry the Magnificent. He was an enthusiastic art collector but many of his masterpieces are missing, sold to pay off debts in 1883.
Now an original - Penelope and Euriclea, by female artist Angelica

Kauffman - is making a triumphant return but the well-travelled artwork will need a health check.
Out in the grounds, head gardener Tim Parker is faced with a replica Roman temple dedicated to the goddess of plants that is under attack from, er, plants.
One hundred miles away near Lamberhurst in Kent lies another medieval fortress - Scotney Old Castle, imaginatively transformed into a ruin by Edward Hussey III to act as the focus of his new landscape garden.
But today, it's a treasured table from Hussey's new Scotney Castle that's in need of careful conservation, as well as some precious historical records.

SUE PERKINS: LOST IN THAILAND
Channel 5, 9pm

HAVING sung lullabies to elephants, come to grips with a surfboard in the ocean and clung terrified at the top of a cliff, Sue has been throwing herself into her Asian adventure.
In this final leg, there's no let up. At the top of a tower over 1000ft high, she shrieks on a terrifying, vertigo-inducing glass platform.
"My rational mind knows that it's safe," she says, "but my whole body is screaming don't do it!" Hopefully she feels the view is worth the trauma.

Later, she's thrown into the boxing ring with a Muay Thai champion fighter, Jade Sirisompan, who talks about leading the way for Thai women in a male-dominated sport.
There's also a lesson on tiger exploitation in the lush Phetchaburi province, where she prepares a meaty feast for a rescue tiger.
Back in the capital city of Bangkok, she is let loose behind the wheel of an electric tuktuk during a tropical storm.
There's a visit to an ethical coconut farmer and she rounds everything off with a Molam folk music jamming session and some banging disco tracks.



JAM SESSION Sue with the Paradise Molam International Band

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film ratings
 ★★★★★ Brilliant
 ★★★★ Very Good
 ★★★ Good
 ★★ Average
 ★ Bad

(R) Repeat

BBC ONE

6.00am Breakfast News headlines.
9.30 Rip Off Britain Investigating issues around the UK.
10.15 The Moment of Proof (R)
10.45 Defenders: Busting the Bad Guys The investigators take on a shameless travel agent. (R)
11.15 Homes Under the Hammer Auction buys in south London, Kent and Stoke-on-Trent. (R)
12.15pm Bargain Hunt Roo Irvine celebrates quirky antiques and collectibles in Glasgow.
1.00 BBC News at One; Weather
1.30 Reporting Scotland
1.45 Hope Street Marlene has to work on her wedding day.
2.30 Money for Nothing An old tallboy gets a new lease of life.
3.00 Escape to the Country (R)
3.45 RHS Chelsea Flower Show Rachel De Thame revels in the beauty of wildflowers.
4.30 The Finish Line Quiz show.
5.15 Pointless Quiz, hosted by Alexander Armstrong, with co-host Josh Widdicombe.
6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather
6.30 Reporting Scotland

BBC TWO

6.30am Homes Under the Hammer In Eastbourne, Chesterton and Solihull. (R)
7.30 Marcus Wareing Simply Provence Marcus cooks for a VIP guest. (R)
8.00 Sign Zone: Antiques Roadshow At Ebrington Square in Derry/Londonderry.
9.00 BBC News Headlines.
1.00pm Impossible Quiz show. (R)
1.45 Mastermind (R)
2.15 Great Coastal Railway Journeys Michael Portillo visits the Farne Islands. (R)
2.45 The Farmers' Country Showdown Cider-makers Liz and Mike visits the South of England Agricultural Show. (R)
3.15 Yellowstone Summer returns to the national park. (R)
4.15 Who Do You Think You Are? With actor Ralf Little. (R)
5.15 Flog It! From Sandon Hall in Staffordshire. (R)
6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games Gameshow. (R)
6.30 Marcus Wareing Simply Provence Marcus learns how to make a local artichoke dish.

STV

6.00am Good Morning Britain A lively mix of news, current affairs and lifestyle features.
9.00 Lorraine Entertainment and the latest fashion news.
10.00 This Morning Topical daily magazine, featuring a mix of celebrity chat, showbusiness news, advice and discussion.
12.30pm Loose Women Celebrity interviews and topical debate.
1.30 ITV News; Weather
1.55 STV News; Weather
1.59 STV Pollen Count
2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal From Weston-super-Mare. (R)
3.00 Lingo Liverpool sisters Brodie and Terrilea, Derbyshire couple Ian and Jacqui, and mother and daughter Alex and Nicola from Leeds take part. (R)
3.59 STV Weather Central
4.00 Tipping Point Quiz, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R)
5.00 The Chase Harry, Stuart, Sarah and Erica work as a team to take on a Chaser. (R)
6.00 STV News at Six; Weather
6.29 STV Pollen Count
6.30 ITV Evening News

CHANNEL 4

6.30am 3rd Rock from the Sun (R)
7.45 Everybody Loves Raymond Four episodes. (R)
9.40 Frasier Triple bill. (R)
11.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA Luigi's in Orange County, California. (R)
12.05pm Channel 4 News
12.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA Chef Gordon Ramsay heads to Park's Edge restaurant in Atlanta, Georgia. (R)
1.05 Find It, Fix It, Flog It Simon O'Brien and Henry Cole head to Surrey and Hampshire. (R)
2.10 Countdown With Pat Nevin.
3.00 A Place in the Sun A holiday home in Mar Menor. (R)
4.00 Narrow Escapes Jack and Gabby make a surprise announcement. Last in series.
5.00 Come Dine with Me: The Professionals Chefs in Northern Ireland battle it out in the kitchen.
6.00 Four in a Bed Payment Day promises to be a fiery affair.
6.30 The Simpsons Homer becomes a food critic. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00am Milkshake! Children's TV.
9.15 Jeremy Vine Discussion.
11.15 Storm Huntley Storm carries on the discussion and takes your calls on the big stories.
12.45pm Friends Double bill. Monica celebrates her engagement; Monica starts making wedding plans. (R)
1.40 5 News at Lunchtime
1.45 Home and Away Justin is in disbelief when Kirby tells him the truth about Theo. (R)
2.15 FILM Lies Between Friends (2022, PG) A wealthy family's life is upended when the 18-year-old daughter of a family friend comes to live with them for a few months. Thriller, starring Zibby Allen. ★★★
4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun Cameras follow Beckii and Simon on a big day, as the newest member of their family is coming home. (R)
5.00 5 News at 5 Headlines.
6.00 Police Interceptors Officers track down a 17-year-old suspected of a serious robbery (R); 5 News Update



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7.00 The One Show Hosted by Alex Jones and Roman Kemp.
7.30 RHS Chelsea Flower Show Sophie Raworth and Joe Swift reveal the winner of this year's BBC RHS People's Choice Award. Mary Berry learns how to create a stunning garden.

7.00 Beechgrove Garden Kirsty Wilson and Lizzie Schofield plant pumpkins and squash in the polytunnel.
7.30 Grand Tours of Scotland's Rivers Paul Murton explores the Oykel in Sutherland. Last in series.

7.00 What's on Scotland Movie news and chat about favourite TV programmes.
7.30 Emmerdale Soap drama from the Dales. Ella holds a secret, Ruby is left rattled, and Caleb is delighted to see Chas back from Scotland.

7.00 Channel 4 News Headline analysis, plus sport and weather updates.
7.30 Unreported World Krishnan Guru-Murthy explores South Korea's K-pop dance schools, investigating the hidden cost of becoming the next big idol.

7.00 Jane McDonald: Lost in Japan In Osaka, the singer takes a food tour that includes the best katsu that the region has to offer. She also visits the downtown Dotonbori district. Last in series (R); 5 News Update

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8.00 Would I Lie to You? With Claudia Winkleman, the Rev Kate Bottley, Sara Barron and Ed Gamble. (R)
8.30 Outnumbered Sue worries when Karen has trouble fitting in at her new school and Jake has a confession to make. (R)

8.00 RHS Chelsea Flower Show It's the end of the week at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2024. Monty Don and Joe Swift provide their expert analysis of the winning garden in the BBC RHS People's Choice Award.

8.00 Coronation Street More soap drama from the famous cobbles. Abi accuses Dean of distributing videos of her, Evelyn and Roy start a book club, and Simon shows Carla a photo of Peter with his arms around a woman.

8.00 Double the Money The remaining eight teams are given two weeks to double their £2,000 stake. Half of the teams decide to host events and most of the rest attempt food-based ideas. Hosted by Sue Perkins.

8.00 The Big Steam Adventure: Here We Go Again! John Sergeant, Peter Davison and Paul 'Piglet' Middleton explore the Scottish Highlands, visiting the Cairngorms Mountain range, Aviemore and Loch Ness. Last in series.

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9.00 Have I Got News for You Phil Wang hosts, with Richard Osman and Ruth Davidson.
9.30 The Young Offenders Healy shares with everyone that he's going on a fishing trip to where he grew up, so Mairead insists he takes Conor with him.

9.00 Hidden Treasures of the National Trust A missing masterpiece returns to its stately home in Wiltshire after two centuries, and a treasured table from Scotney Old Castle in Kent undergoes careful renovation.

9.00 Beat the Chasers Bradley Walsh hosts the quiz in which contestants from across the UK take on a team consisting of Chasers Issa Schultz, Mark Labbett, Shaun Wallace, Jenny Ryan and Darragh Ennis, hoping to win big money. (R)

9.00 Gogglebox The critics share their opinions on what they have been watching during the week, with cameras capturing their instant reactions and the lively discussions that are prompted by the week's biggest and best shows.

9.00 Sue Perkins: Lost in Thailand Sue visits the country's heady capital, Bangkok, looking at one of the ways its pollution problem is being addressed. She also examines tiger exploitation. Last in series.

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10.00 BBC News at Ten
10.30 Reporting Scotland
10.40 FILM Spider-Man: Far from Home (2019, 12) In the aftermath of the Avengers' climactic battle for the fate of the universe, the teenage webslinger just wants life to get back to normal. A school trip across Europe seems just the thing – but he ends up recruited by spy agency SHIELD to battle an invasion by elemental monsters from another dimension. Superhero adventure sequel, starring Tom Holland, Jake Gyllenhaal and Samuel L Jackson. ★★★★★

10.00 QI Tom Allen, Ciarad Lloyd and Jamie MacDonald join regular Alan Davies on the comedy panel quiz, with Sandi Toksvig asking questions on the theme of trundling. (R)
10.30 Newsnight Headline analysis presented by Faisal Islam.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather
10.30 STV News; Weather
10.45 ITV Studio Sessions Clara Amfo is joined by Sekou from Leicester, one of the UK's biggest new talents. He performs some of his music and covers of songs by two artists who have inspired him.

10.00 NEW The Nevermets Meeting Brits who have fallen in love online as they make the life-changing decision to cross international waters to meet their long-distance lovers. In the first episode, Veena is waiting for Jay to arrive.

10.00 The Cancellation of Jim Davidson The comedian and presenter offers an in-depth exploration of his life, unique career, and the controversies that have surrounded him. Featuring interviews with his friends and critics.

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11.05 Rob and Rylan's Grand Tour Rob Rinder and Rylan Clark head to Florence. Their journey begins with a climb up to the spectacular dome of the city's cathedral, before they visit the Uffizi gallery, home of the Venus de Milo sculpture. (R)

11.15 Mr Bates vs the Post Office: The Real Story Documentary exploring one of the greatest miscarriages of justice in British legal history, which inspired the drama starring Toby Jones. (R)

11.05 Joe & Katherine's Bargain Holidays Joe Wilkinson and Katherine Ryan enjoy a budget break in Montenegro. They indulge their cultural sides in the city of Kotor, where Joe has planned a special visit for Katherine to the Cat Museum.

11.30 When 80s TV Goes Horribly Wrong Anita Dobson narrates a look back at some disastrous 1980s TV moments, including a stunt that went wrong for Paul Daniels and Des O'Connor's bite on the nose from a pooch. (R)

12.10am Micky Flanagan: Back in the Game. The comedian performs to his home crowd at London's Hackney Empire. (R) **1.35 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** (R) **2.20 Come Dine with Me** (R) **4.30 Location, Location, Location** (R) **5.20 Sunday Brunch** Best Bits (R) **5.40-6.05am Beat the Chef** (R)

12 midnight

12.40am Rebus. Crime drama based on the novels by Ian Rankin, reimagining the character John Rebus as a younger detective sergeant drawn into a violent criminal conflict. (R) **1.30 Weather for the Week Ahead** **1.35-6.00am** BBC News

12.05am Secrets and Spies: A Nuclear Game. Mikhail Gorbachev is instated as the leader of the Soviet Union. (R) **1.05 Sign Zone: Andi Oliver's Fabulous Feasts** (R) **2.05 Sign Zone: Great British Railway Journeys** (R) **2.35 Sign Zone: David & Jay's Touring Toolshed** (R) **3.05-6.15am** This Is BBC Two

12.10am Shop on TV **3.00** The Larkins. The family hosts a barbecue and everyone is welcome, including the dubious Jerebohms, but a trap is set to bring Pop down. Drama, starring Bradley Walsh and Joanna Scanlan. (R) **3.50 Night Vision** **5.05-6.00am** Katie Piper's Breakfast Show (R)

12.10am Micky Flanagan: Back in the Game. The comedian performs to his home crowd at London's Hackney Empire. (R) **1.35 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** (R) **2.20 Come Dine with Me** (R) **4.30 Location, Location, Location** (R) **5.20 Sunday Brunch** Best Bits (R) **5.40-6.05am Beat the Chef** (R)

1.25am PlayOJO Live Casino Show **3.25 10 Years Younger in 10 Days** (R) **4.10 Tesco: Panic in the Aisles.** Documentary. (R) **5.00 House Doctor** (R) **5.25 Entertainment News on 5** **5.30 Peppa Pig** (R) **5.35 Thomas & Friends: Big World! Big Adventures!** (R) **5.45-6.00am Paw Patrol** (R)

ITV2 Freeview 6

6.00am CITV **9.00** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **9.10** Catchphrase Celebrity Special **10.00** Veronica Mars **11.00** Dawson's Creek **12.00noon** Secret Crush **1.00** Dress to Impress **2.00** Family Fortunes **3.00** Veronica Mars **4.00** Dawson's Creek **5.00** Dress to Impress. Dating show.

6.00 **Celebrity Catchphrase** A celebrity special of the show, with Toyah Willcox, Nicola Coughlan and Stephen Mangan.

7.00 **Family Fortunes** The Ecclestons go up against the Burns family.

8.00 **Bob's Burgers** Double bill.

9.00 **FILM** **Horrible Bosses 2** (2014, 15) Three men trying to start their own business are swindled by an investor, so respond by kidnapping his son. Comedy, with Jason Bateman. **★★★**

11.15 **Family Guy** Animated double bill.

12.15am American Dad! **1.15** Bob's Burgers **2.10** Don't Hate the Playaz **2.50** Unwind **3.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

DAVE Freeview 19

6.00am Teleshopping **7.10** Secrets of the Supercars **8.00** World's Most Dangerous Roads **9.20** Top Gear Vietnam Special **11.00** Top Gear: Polar Challenge **12.00noon** Storage Hunters UK: four episodes **2.00** Gadget Man **3.00** Top Gear **5.00** Hairy Bikers' Best of British

6.00 **Rick Stein's French Odyssey**

7.00 **QI XL** Jimmy Carr, Aisling Bea and Danny Bhoy compete alongside resident panellist Alan Davies.

7.40 **Richard Osman's House of Games**

9.00 **QI XL** Jenny Eclair, Johnny Vegas and Bill Bailey join regular panellist Alan Davies for an extended edition of the quiz show.

9.40 **Would I Lie to You?** Double bill.

11.00 **Taskmaster** Bob Mortimer champions sausage meat.

12.00m't Mock the Week **12.40** Would I Lie to You? **1.20** **QI XL** **2.00** Whose Line Is It Anyway? USA **2.25** Secrets of the Supercars **3.25** Gadget Man **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

E4 Freeview 13

6.00am Hollyoaks **7.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **9.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **10.00** Young Sheldon **11.00** Modern Family **12.00noon** The Big Bang Theory: four episodes **2.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.00** Modern Family **4.00** Young Sheldon **5.00** The Big Bang Theory: double bill

6.00 **The Big Bang Theory** Double bill.

7.00 **Hollyoaks** Ste pleads for a day off to spend time with his family.

7.30 **Modern Family** Jay switches sides.

8.00 **Teen First Dates** A 16-year-old dance student dates a Derbyshire lad.

9.00 **FILM** **Meet the Parents** (2000, 12) Comedy, starring Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller, and Owen Wilson. **★★★★**

11.10 **Naked Attraction** Singletons Cathy and Adam each choose a date.

12.15am The Big Bang Theory **1.15** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **2.15** Modern Family **3.05** Naked Attraction **4.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **4.50-6.00am** Brooklyn Nine-Nine

VARIATIONS

BBC SCOTLAND **7.00pm** The Seven **7.45** Icons of Football. The life of Steve Archibald. **8.15** The Lost Final. Scotland's triumph at the UEFA Under-18s European Championship in 1982. **9.00** Josh Taylor: Portrait of a Fighter. An insight into the life of the Prestonpans boxer. **10.00** Rebus. John and Siobhan track down a witness to the assault on Jimmy McJagger. **10.45** Still Game **11.15** Two Doors Down **11.45pm-12.00m't** Growing Up Scottish

BBC ALBA **6.00am** Alba Today **5.00pm** Treubh an Tuathanais (Big Barn Farm) **5.15** Na Clangairean **5.25** Sionnach agus Maigheach (Fox & Hare) **5.40** AH-AH/No-No **5.45** Peicein/Petit **5.55** Stoiridh **6.00** Aithne air Airmhidhean (All About Animals) **6.25** Belle agus Sebastian **6.40** A' Chuil **6.45** Donnie Murdo (Danger Mouse) **7.00** An La (News) **7.25** Dan **7.30** **LIVE** Rugby Union. Ayrshire Bulls v Glasgow Warriors A (kick-off 7.35pm). From Millbrae. **9.25** Fraochy Bay **9.30** Third Lanark. The story of Glasgow's Third Lanark Athletic Club. **10.30** Dubhlaín DIY (Instructions Not Included) **11.00** Eadar na Dha: 1918-1935/Clash of Futures: 1918-1935 **11.50** Celtic Connections Shorts **12.00m't-6.00am** Alba Today

ITVBe Freeview 28

7.00am The Real Housewives of Cheshire **8.00** Masters of Flip **9.00** LittleBe **12.00noon** Sugar Showdown **12.25** The Real Housewives of New Jersey **1.25** The Only Way Is Essex **2.05** Dinner Date **3.05** Million Dollar Listing: LA **4.00** The Real Housewives of Atlanta **5.00** The Real Housewives of New York City

6.00 **Masters of Flip** Kortney and Dave Wilson plan a large addition for a house.

7.00 **Million Dollar Listing: LA** Josh has a heated exchange with a seller.

8.00 **Dinner Date** Rebecca chooses three blind dates from five potential partners.

9.00 **Botched** Double bill. A fitness enthusiast needs help; Dr Paul Nassif helps a man who wants his ears back.

11.00 **Million Dollar Matchmaker** Patti's help is enlisted by two women from the Real Housewives franchise.

11.55 **Be Beautiful** Recreating the look Lady Gaga wore to the 2015 Grammys.

12.05-12.55am Unwind with ITV

DRAMA Freeview 20

6.00am Teleshopping **7.10** All Creatures Great and Small **8.00** Doctors **9.20** Classic Holby City **10.40** Casualty **11.40** The Bill **12.45pm** Classic EastEnders **2.00** Pie in the Sky **3.00** Lovejoy **4.15** All Creatures Great and Small **5.20** Birds of a Feather

6.00 **Keeping Up Appearances** Hyacinth attends an exclusive auction.

6.40 **Last of the Summer Wine** Double bill.

8.00 **Father Brown** The priest investigates a murder at the Kembleford treasure hunt.

9.00 **Sister Boniface Mysteries** Sam's career is in jeopardy when serial killer 'The Good Samaritan' resurfaces in Great Slaughter. Drama, starring Lorna Watson.

10.00 **New Tricks** The murder of a fashion designer is reinvestigated.

11.20 **Soldier, Soldier** Paddy has to adjust to life on his own when Nancy refuses to join him in Germany.

12.30am Lovejoy **1.40** When the Boat Comes In **2.50** Classic Holby City **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

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8.55am A Place in the Sun **10.25** A New Life in the Sun **11.25** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **12.30pm** Come Dine with Me: five episodes **3.10** Four in a Bed: five episodes **5.50** Chateau DIY

6.55 **PopMaster TV** Double bill. The players in the first heat compete over six rounds; more music enthusiasts from across the country are put to the test.

9.00 **The Twelve: Cinderella Murder** Dennis Pycke's recollection of events is filled with pain, and it seems that his relationship with both Marianne and Anton was fraught with complications.

10.05 **24 Hours in A&E** Double bill. Twenty-year-old Antonio is rushed to A&E after a motorcycle accident; an 80-year-old patient is admitted suffering from pain in her chest, arm and jaw.

12.10am 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. With Jonathan Ross and Lee Mack. **1.15** 24 Hours in A&E **3.25-3.55am** A Place in the Sun

BBC3 Freeview 23

7.00pm **My Mate's a Bad Date** Oloni helps a 24-year-old find a date.

7.25 **FILM** **The Witches** (2020, PG) A young orphan goes to live with his grandmother, only to find himself the prey of witches disguised as glamorous women. Fantasy, starring Anne Hathaway. **★★**

9.00 **Paranormal: The Girl, the Ghost and the Gravestone** Double bill. Multiple witnesses claim to see a hooded figure; Sian Eleri interviews the daughters of the couple that owned the house.

10.00 **FILM** **Late Night** (2019, 15) Drama, starring Emma Thompson and John Lithgow. **★★★★**

11.35 **Dinosaur** Evie's family try to impress Ranesh's father Sachin.

12.05am Dinosaur **12.30** Paranormal: The Girl, the Ghost and the Gravestone **1.30** I Kissed a Girl **3.00-4.00am** Dinosaur

BBC4 Freeview 24

7.00pm **TOTP: 1996** Featuring Ocean Colour Scene, Luniz and Diana Ross.

7.30 **TOTP: 1996** Lisa l'Anson presents the pop chart programme.

8.00 **TOTP: 1988** Featuring Debbie Gibson, Ofra Haza and Aswad.

8.30 **TOTP: 1978** Featuring music from Blondie, Thin Lizzy and Tavares.

9.00 **TOTP: 1984** With performances by Shakatah, Tina Turner and more.

9.30 **TOTP: 1984** Featuring Nik Kershaw, Eurythmics and Slade.

10.10 **Tina Turner at the BBC** Archive footage of the singer's performances on BBC programmes.

11.10 **When Tina Turner Came to Britain** The story of the singer's 50-year relationship with the UK.

12.10am Tina Turner: Simply the Best **12.55** The 80s - Music's Greatest Decade? With Dylan Jones **1.55** TOTP: 1988 **2.25** TOTP: 1984 **2.55-3.35am** TOTP: 1984

5 USA Freeview 21

6.00am Home Shopping **9.00** NCIS **10.55** Entertainment News on 5 **11.00** NCIS **12.00noon** Law & Order

6.00 **NCIS** Four episodes. An operation to apprehend a corporate terrorist goes awry; Gibbs tries to infiltrate an infamous anti-government militia; Palmer places his life in danger to save a seemingly suicidal man; the death of a petty officer brings the team back into contact with The Sherlocks.

10.00 **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** Double bill. A teenage runaway is sought in connection with the murder of her neurotic, overbearing mother; a woman is found raped and murdered with \$500 stuffed in her mouth.

12.00m't Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: double bill **1.55** The Blacklist **2.50** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit **3.35** 999: Criminals Caught on Camera **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

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Sport

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

6.00am Sky Sports News **7.00** Good Morning Sports Fans **10.00** Sky Sports News
12.00noon **LIVE** **Formula 1** Monaco Grand Prix first practice session. At the Circuit de Monaco.
2.00 **LIVE** **Formula 2 Championship** The Monaco Grand Prix qualifying session (start time 2.10pm).
3.00 Sports Desk. Live analysis and comment.
3.45 **LIVE** **Formula 1** Monaco Grand Prix second practice session. At the Circuit de Monaco.
5.15 **LIVE** **Women's Super League** St Helens v Leeds Rhinos (kick-off 5.30pm). Coverage of the match taking place at Totally Wicked Stadium.
7.30 **LIVE** **Betfred Super League** St Helens v Leeds Rhinos (kick-off 8.00pm). From the 12th round of fixtures at Totally Wicked Stadium.
10.00 **LIVE** **Fight Night** Lukasz Rozanski v Lawrence Okolie. The bout for the WBC World Bridgerweight title from Rzeszow, Poland.
11.30 Fight Night International **12.30-6.00am** Sky Sports News. A round-up of the headlines.

SKY SPORTS CRICKET

6.00am IPL **10.35** Best of England v India **10.55** Best of ICC WT20 **11.10** Best of England v Pakistan **11.35** Best of England v Pakistan
12.00noon Women's International One-Day Cricket. England v Pakistan. **1.00** IPL
2.50 **LIVE** **Indian Premier League** Sunrisers Hyderabad v Rajasthan Royals. Coverage of the second qualifier match from Chennai.
7.00 ICC Men's T20 World Cup - The Experts View **8.00** Best of ICC WT20 **9.00** IPL
10.00 Women's International One-Day Cricket **11.00** IPL **4.10am** Best of ICC WT20 **4.30** Secrets of Success **5.00-6.00am** IPL

SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

6.00am EFL **7.00** EFL Rivalries **8.30** EFL **9.00** SPFL Highlights **9.15** EFL Greatest Games **10.00** Championship Retro
12.00noon EFL Highlights **1.00** EFL **2.00** EFL Highlights **3.00** EFL Greatest Games **3.45** SPFL Highlights **4.00** EFL Cup Retro
6.00 WSL **7.00** Scottish Premiership Title Race **8.00** EFL **8.30** EFL **9.00** EFL **9.30** EFL Highlights **10.00** EFL Highlights **10.30** Scottish Premiership Title Race **11.30** EFL Greatest Games **1.00am** EFL Cup Highlights **2.00** EFL **5.00-6.00am** Championship Season Review

TNT SPORTS 1

6.00am UEFA Europa League. This year's final.
7.30 Premier League Reload **7.45** Around the Block **8.00** Fishing: On the Bank **9.00** Ultimate Pool **10.30** TNT Sports Reload
10.45 **LIVE** **AFL** Fremantle Dockers v Collingwood Magpies (bounce-up 11.10am). Coverage of the match taking place at Optus Stadium in Perth.
2.00pm European Rugby Challenge Cup
7.00 **LIVE** **European Rugby Challenge Cup** Gloucester v Sharks (kick-off 8.00pm). This year's final from Tottenham Hotspur Stadium.
10.30 No Filter Boxing **11.00** Premier League Review **12.00m't** Inside Serie A **12.30** NBA Tip-Off. A look ahead to tonight's matches.
1.30 **LIVE** **NBA** Minnesota Timberwolves v Dallas Mavericks (tip-off 1.30am). Game two of the Western Conference Finals from Target Centre.
4.00 Inside the NBA. Post-game analysis.
5.00-7.30am **LIVE** **AFL** North Melbourne Kangaroos v Port Adelaide Power (bounce-up 4.45am). From Blundstone Arena in Hobart.

TNT SPORTS 2

6.00am MotoGP Highlights. Grand Prix action.
8.00 **LIVE** **MotoGP** The Grand Prix of Catalunya free practice session. Preparations for the sixth round from Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya.
10.45 MotoGP Rewind. Grand Prix action.
12.15pm **LIVE** **MotoGP** The Grand Prix of Catalunya second practice session.
3.15 **LIVE** **MotoE** Coverage of the qualifying session at the Grand Prix of Catalunya.
4.00 Inside Serie A **4.30** Premier League Netbusters **5.00** WWE SmackDown Highlights
6.00 **LIVE** **WWE Friday Night SmackDown** Wrestling action, featuring Roman Reigns, Cody Rhodes, Bayley, Randy Orton and Bianca Belair.
8.00 Fight Night Live **10.00** No Filter Boxing **10.30** UEFA Champions League Magazine **11.00** UEFA Europa League & Conference League Magazine **11.30** MLB: Off the Bat **12.00m't** **LIVE** **MLB** Cincinnati Reds v Los Angeles Dodgers (start time 12.10am).
3.15 MLB Plays of the Week **3.45** MLB: Off the Bat **4.15** Around the Block. With Jack Grealish.
4.30-7.30am **LIVE** **AFL** Carlton Blues v Gold Coast Suns (bounce-up 4.45am).

EUROSPORT 1

6.00am Cycling: Giro d'Italia **7.00** Giro d'Italia: The Breakaway **7.30** Roland-Garros **9.00** Mountain Biking **10.00** Cycling: Giro d'Italia
11.30 **LIVE** **Cycling: Giro d'Italia** Stage 19, a route of 157km from Montegialano to Sappada.
4.45pm Ride London **5.45** Cycling: Strade Bianche **6.00** Rafael Nadal - King of Paris **7.00** Roland-Garros **7.35** Le Marathon des Sables - 2024 **8.05** Giro d'Italia **9.00** Giro d'Italia: The Breakaway **9.30** Climbing World Cup **11.00** Discovery Golf **11.30** Cycling: Giro d'Italia
12.30am Giro d'Italia: The Breakaway **1.00** Ride London **2.00** Giro d'Italia **3.30** Climbing World Cup **4.50** The Olympians **5.00** The Power of the Olympics **5.30-6.00am** Mountain Biking

Entertainment & Factual

ITV3 Freeview 10

6.00am Classic Emmerdale **7.00** Classic Coronation Street **8.05** Endeavour **10.15** The Royal **11.20** Heartbeat **1.30pm** Classic Emmerdale **2.35** Classic Coronation Street **3.45** Agatha Christie's Marple **5.55** Heartbeat **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Shetland **11.35** Lewis **1.15am** Upstairs, Downstairs **2.10-2.30am** Unwind with ITV

ITV4 Freeview 26

6.00am The Derby Through the Years **6.15** Minder **7.15** The Sweeney **8.15** The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes **9.25** Magnum, PI **10.25** Kojak **11.30** BattleBots **12.30pm** Magnum, PI **2.40** Kojak **3.45** Minder **4.50** The Sweeney **6.00** BattleBots **7.00** The Grand Fishing Adventure **8.00** The Motorbike Show **9.00** **FILM** Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome (1985/15) **★★★** **11.15** All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite **1.25am** The Chase Celebrity Christmas Special **2.20** The Protectors **2.45-3.00am** Unwind with ITV



Chicago Fire Sky Witness, 9pm
 A hazmat call at a dialysis centre leads to a shocking discovery. Plus, Boden (Eamonn Walker, left) clashes with Paramedic Chief Robinson, and Carver notices a concerning change in Gibson's behaviour.

6.00 Australian Ballet: Cinderella **7.35** Eric Clapton: Concert by the Lake - Band du Lac **10.00** Grand Ole Opry **11.00** Guy Garvey: From the Vaults **12.00m't** Billy Joel Live at Yankee Stadium **1.45** Live from the Artists Den **3.00-4.00am** Classic Albums

GOLD

7.15am Desmond's **8.15** Keeping Up Appearances **9.30** Ever Decreasing Circles **10.10** Are You Being Served? **10.50** Porridge **11.25** Last of the Summer Wine **12.40pm** Keeping Up Appearances **1.20** Ever Decreasing Circles **2.00** Porridge **2.40** Dad's Army **3.20** Are You Being Served? **4.00** Last of the Summer Wine **5.20** Porridge **6.00** Keeping Up Appearances **6.40** Dad's Army **8.00** Only Fools and Horses **8.40** Blackadder II **9.20** dinnerladies **10.00** The Fast Show **10.40** Mrs Brown's Boys **12.00m't** Blackadder II **12.40** dinnerladies **1.15** Only Fools and Horses **1.55** The Fast Show **2.40** Billy Connolly Does **3.25-4.00am** The Rebel

YESTERDAY Freeview 27

6.10am The Architecture the Railways Built **7.10** Hornby: A Model World **8.00** Abandoned Engineering **10.00** Narrow Escapes of World War II **11.00** War Factories **12.00noon** Great British Railway Journeys **1.00** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash **4.00** Narrow Escapes of World War II **5.00** War Factories **6.00** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** Canal Boat Diaries **8.00** Secrets of the London Underground **9.00** Abandoned Engineering **10.00** Bangers & Cash **11.00** Abandoned Engineering **12.00m't** Great British Railway Journeys **1.00** Railway Murders **2.00-3.00am** Scouting for Toys

ALIBI

7.10am Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Miss Scarlet and the Duke **10.00** Elementary **11.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **12.00noon** Father Brown **1.00** Death in Paradise **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** Elementary **5.00** Father Brown **6.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **7.00** Elementary **8.00** Death in Paradise **9.00** Father Brown **10.00** The Red King **11.00** Elementary **12.00m't** Deception **1.00** Unforgettable **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **3.00-4.00am** CSI: Vegas

SKY MAX

6.00am NCIS: Los Angeles **7.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow **8.00** The Flash **9.00** Stargate SG-1 **11.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **12.00noon** The Flash **1.00** MacGyver

Radio

BBC RADIO 1

97.6-99.8MHz **6.33am** Radio 1's Best New Pop **6.57** Newsbeat **7.00** Radio 1 Breakfast with Greg James **10.00** Radio 1 Anthems with Greg James **10.30** Newsbeat **10.32** Radio 1 Anthems **11.02** Radio 1's Big Weekend **12.45pm** Newsbeat **1.00** Radio 1's Big Weekend **5.45** Newsbeat **6.00** Radio 1's Big Weekend **11.00** Pete Tong **1.00am** Radio 1's Essential Mix **3.00** Radio 1 Dance Presents **4.00** Radio 1's Chillout Anthems **5.00-6.00am** Radio 1 Relax

BBC RADIO 2

88-91MHz **6.30am** The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show **9.30** Vernon Kay. Author Marian Keyes chooses her Tracks of My Years. **12.00noon** Jeremy Vine **2.00** Scott Mills **3.30** Scott Mills' Wonder Years. The host plays back-to-back wedding disco tunes. **4.00** Sara Cox **7.00** Michelle Visage **8.30** Michelle Visage's Handbag Hits **9.00** The Good Groove with DJ Spooky **11.00** The Rock Show with Johnnie Walker **12.00m't** Romesh Ranganathan: For the Love of Hip-Hop **1.00** Mica Meets Gladys Knight **2.00** Mica Meets Gladys Knight **3.00** Eagles at the BBC **4.00** Sophie Ellis-Bextor's Kitchen Disco **5.00-6.00am** Radio 2 in Concert: Bruce Hornsby and the Range

BBC RADIO 3

90.2-92.4MHz **6.30am** Breakfast. Petroc Trelawny presents. **9.30** Essential Classics **1.00pm** News **1.02** Classical Live. The Quatuor Van Kuijk play Haydn's 'Rider'

CHOICE

Add To Playlist Radio 4, 7.15pm
 With Cerys Matthews taking time off and returning in November, Jeffrey Boakye is joined by a new co-host, violinist and composer Anna Phoebe. To kick off the new six-part series, they are joined in studio by composer and silent film specialist Neil Brand and jazz singer and composer Natalie Duncan.

Quartet alongside Mozart's 'Hunt' Quartet at LSO St Luke's. **4.00** Composer of the Week: Rimsky-Korsakov **5.00** In Tune. Live music and interviews. **7.00** Classical Mixtape **7.30** Friday Night Is Music Night **9.45** The Essay: Art and Uncertainty **10.00** Late Junction **11.30** 'Round Midnight **12.30-6.30am** Through the Night

BBC RADIO 4

FM 92.4-94.6MHz **6.00am** Today **9.00** Desert Island Discs **10.00** Woman's Hour **11.00** The Food Programme **11.45** Book of the Week: A Body Made of Glass **12.00noon** News **12.04** AntiSocial **12.57** Weather **1.00** The World at One **1.45** Shadow War: China and the West **2.00** The Archers **2.15** Drama: Money Gone **2.45** Child **3.00** Gardeners' Question Time **3.45** Short Works **4.00** Last Word **4.30** More or Less **5.00** PM **5.57** Weather **6.00** News **6.30** Dead Ringers **7.00** The Archers **7.15** Add to Playlist **8.00** Any Questions? **8.50**

3.00 Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** S.W.A.T **5.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow **6.00** Stargate SG-1 **8.00** Rob & Romesh vs Cricket: South Africa **9.00** A League of Their Own: Mexican Road Trip **10.00** The Walking Dead **11.00** Never Mind the Buzzcocks **11.50** Hold the Front Page **12.55am** Resident Alien **2.00** Peacemaker **3.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** S.W.A.T **5.00-6.00am** Highway Patrol

SKY ATLANTIC

6.00am Fish Town **7.00** The Guest Wing **7.55** True Blood **10.05** Billions **12.15pm** Game of Thrones **1.20** Ray Donovan **3.30** True Blood **5.40** Billions **7.55** Game of Thrones **9.00** The Pacific **10.00** The Tattooist of Auschwitz **11.05** The White Lotus **12.35am** House of the Dragon **1.45** Euphoria **2.50** Game of Thrones **4.00-6.00am** The Guest Wing

SKY WITNESS

6.00am Stop, Search, Seize **7.00** Border Patrol **8.00** Caught on Dashcam **9.00** Send in the Dogs **10.00** The Force: Manchester **11.00** Bull **12.00noon** New Amsterdam **1.00** 9-1-1 **2.00** FBI: Most Wanted **3.00** Caught on Dashcam **4.00** Nothing to Declare **7.00** Caught on Dashcam **8.00** Chicago Med **9.00** Chicago Fire **10.00** Chicago PD **11.00** The Equalizer **12.00m't** The Cleaning Lady **1.00** Blue Bloods **2.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit **3.00** FBI: Most Wanted **5.00-6.00am** UK Border Force

SKY COMEDY

8.00am Will & Grace **9.00** The Conners **10.00** Mr Mayor **10.30** Veep **11.40** Entourage **12.50pm** How to Make It in America **2.10** Veep **3.20** Entourage **4.30** Mr Mayor **5.00** Will & Grace **6.00** The Office (US) **7.00** The Conners **8.00** Will & Grace **9.00** Young Rock **10.00** Jerrod Carmichael Reality Show **11.15** Jerrod Carmichael: Love At The Store **12.20am** The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon **1.20** Sam Jay: Salute Me or Shoot Me **2.25** Insecure **3.25** Hello Ladies **4.00-5.00am** How to Make It in America

DISCOVERY

6.00am How It's Made **7.00** Gold Divers **8.00** Building Off the Grid **9.00** Combat Dealers **10.00** Demolition Down Under **11.00** Wheeler Dealers **1.00pm** Building Off the Grid **3.00** Gold Rush **5.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue **6.00** Demolition Down Under **7.00** Wheeler Dealers: Dream Car **8.00** Gold Rush: White Water **9.00** Moonshiners **10.00** Blowing Up History **11.00** Combat Dealers **12.00m't** Gold Divers **1.00** Moonshiners **2.00** Blowing Up History **3.00** Gold Rush: Parker's Trail **4.00-5.00am** Moonshiners

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

8.00am Food Factory **9.00** Air Crash Investigation **10.00** Nazi Megastructures **11.00** History: The Interesting Bits **12.00noon** Car S.O.S **1.00** To Catch a Smuggler **2.00** Air Crash Investigation **3.00** Nazi Megastructures **4.00** Drain the Oceans **5.00** Car S.O.S.: Ultimate Countdown **6.00** Lost Treasures of Egypt **7.00** Air Crash Investigation **10.00** Drug Lords: The Takedown **11.00** Air Crash Investigation **12.00m't** Trafficked: Underworlds with Mariana Van Zeller **1.00** Drugs Inc **2.00** Made in a Day **2.30-2.55am** Food Factory

Movies

FILM4

11.00am **Two Way Stretch** (1960/U) Comedy, starring Peter Sellers. **★★★**
12.45pm **Payroll** (1961/PG) Crime drama, with Michael Craig and Billie Whitelaw. **★★★**
3.00 **The Nevedan** (1950/U) Western, starring Randolph Scott and Dorothy Malone. **★★★★★**
4.35 **The Golden Voyage of Sinbad** (1974/U) Fantasy adventure, with John Phillip Law, Tom Baker and Douglas Wilmer. **★★★**
6.50 **The Italian Job** (2003/12) Crime thriller remake, starring Mark Wahlberg. **★★★**
9.00 **Three Thousand Years of Longing** (2022/15) Premiere. A scholar on a trip to Istanbul discovers a djinn who offers her three wishes in exchange for his freedom. Fantasy, starring Tilda Swinton and Idris Elba. **★★★★★**
11.10 **A Banquet** (2021/15) Premiere. A widowed mother is tested when her teenage daughter insists her body is now serving a higher power. Mystery thriller, starring Sienna Guillory and Jessica Alexander. **★★★**
1.05-4.00am **The Handmaiden** (2016/18) Psychological thriller, with Kim Min-hee and Kim Tae-ri. In Korean and English. **★★★★★**

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

7.10am **The Inseparables** (2023/U) See 1.05pm for details. **★★★**
8.55 **The Starling Girl** (2023/15) Drama, with Eliza Scanlen and Lewis Pullman. **★★★**
10.55 **Blue Beetle** (2023/12) See 8.00pm for details. **★★★**
1.05pm **The Inseparables** (2023/U) Animated adventure, featuring the voices of Monica Young and Danny Fehsenfeld. **★★★**
2.40 **My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3** (2023/12) Romantic comedy, with Nia Vardalos. **★★★**
4.25 **Cult Killer** (2023/15) Thriller, starring Alice Eve and Antonio Banderas. **★★★**
6.20 **The Blackening** (2023/15) Comedy horror, starring Grace Byers. **★★★**
8.00 **Blue Beetle** (2023/12) Fantasy adventure, with Xolo Maridueña. **★★★**
10.10 **The Equalizer 3** (2023/15) Thriller sequel, with Denzel Washington. **★★★★★**
12.00m't **Monolith** (2023/15) Thriller, starring Lily Sullivan and Ling Cooper Tang. **★★★★★**
1.40am **Cult Killer** (2023/15) See 4.25pm for details. **★★★**
3.35 **The Lesson** (2023/15) Thriller, with Daryl McCormack and Richard E Grant. **★★★★★**
5.25-7.00am **10 Lives** (2024/U) Animated comedy, with the voice of Mo'Nique. **★★★**

SKY CINEMA DRAMA

5.15pm **Out of Africa** (1985/PG) Drama, with Meryl Streep and Robert Redford. **★★★★★**
8.00 **Emma** (1996/U) Jane Austen period drama, with Gwyneth Paltrow. **★★★★★**
10.05 **May December** (2023/15) Drama, with Natalie Portman and Chris Teras. **★★★★★**
12.05am **When Tomorrow Comes** (1939) Drama, starring Charles Boyer. **★★★★★**
1.45 **The Colour Room** (2021/PG) Drama, with Phoebe Dynevor and Matthew Goode. **★★★**
3.45 **A Good Person** (2023/15) Drama, with Florence Pugh and Morgan Freeman. **★★★★★**
5.55-8.30am **Ray** (2004/15) Biopic drama, with Jamie Foxx and Regina King. **★★★★★**

SKY CINEMA FAMILY

4.00pm **The Karate Kid** (1984/12) Martial arts drama, starring Ralph Macchio. **★★★★★**
6.15 **Goosebumps** (2015/PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Jack Black. **★★★**
8.05 **Save the Cinema** (2022/12) Drama, with Samantha Morton and Tom Felton. **★★★**
10.05 **Step Dogs** (2013/U) Family comedy, starring Joris Jarsky and Ryan Belleville. **★★**
11.40 **Miss Potter** (2006/PG) Biographical period drama, with Renee Zellweger. **★★★**
1.20am **The Karate Kid** (1984/12) See 4.00pm for details. **★★★★★**
3.35 **Robo-Dog** (2015/PG) Family sci-fi adventure, with Michael Campion. **★★★**
5.15-7.00am **Mee-Shee: the Water Giant** (2005/PG) Children's fantasy, with Daniel Magder and Bruce Greenwood. **★★**

TALKING PICTURES TV

7.20pm **Waterfront** (1950/PG) Melodrama, starring Kathleen Harrison. **★★★**
9.05 **The Fly** (1958/PG) Horror, starring David Hedison and Vincent Price. **★★**
11.00pm **Deadly Instincts** (1997/18) Sci-fi horror, starring Samantha Womack. **★★★**
12.55am **Timeslip** (1955/12) Sci-fi thriller, with Gene Nelson and Faith Domergue. **★★★**
2.45-4.50am **Blonde Fist** (1991/15) Boxing drama, starring Margi Clarke. **★★**

GREAT! MOVIES

5.00pm **Obsession** (2011/U) Thriller, starring Charisma Carpenter and Dylan Neal. **★★**
6.55 **Street Fighter** (1994/12) Action, starring Jean-Claude Van Damme and Raul Julia. **★★**
9.00 **Rambo: Last Blood** (2019/18) Action sequel, starring Sylvester Stallone. **★★★★**
10.50 **Escape Plan 2: Hades** (2018/15) Action sequel, starring Sylvester Stallone. **★★**
12.55am **Bunraku** (2010/15) Action adventure, with Josh Hartnett and Ron Perlman. **★★★**
4.00-5.40am **Accidental Switch** (2016/12) Drama, starring Jamie Luner. **★★★**

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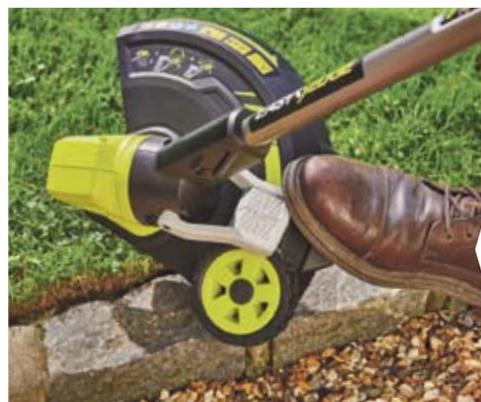
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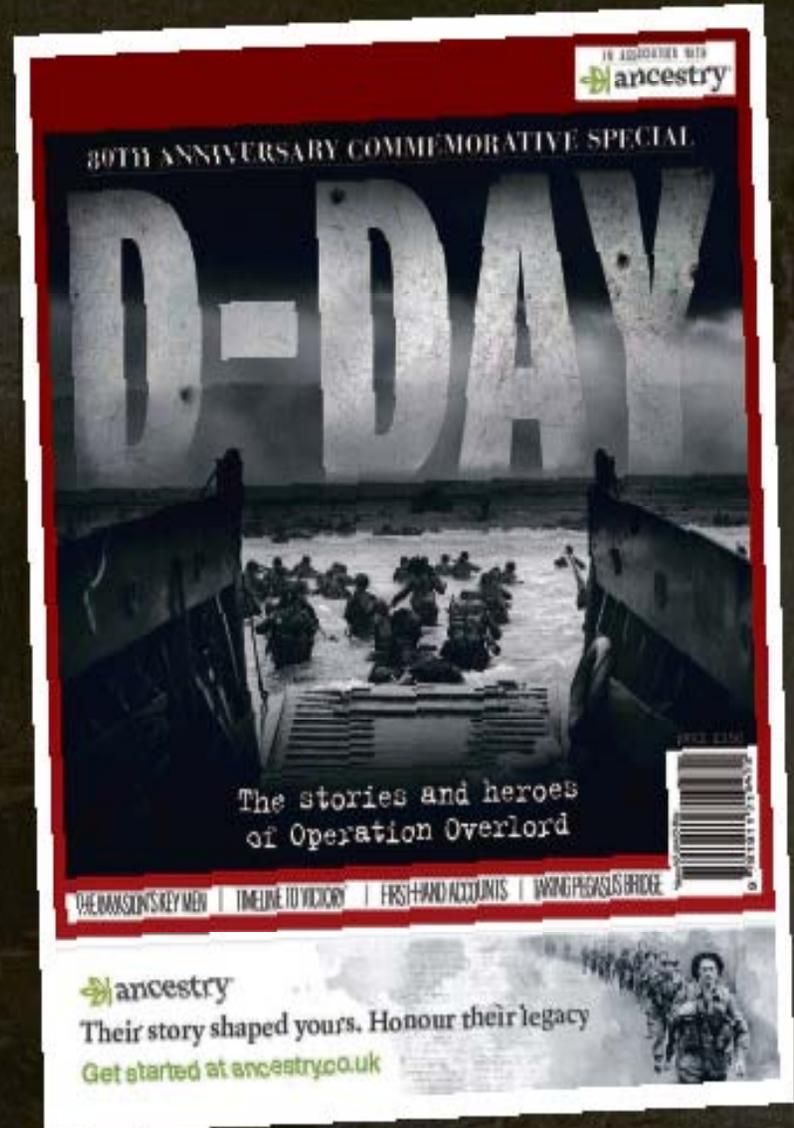


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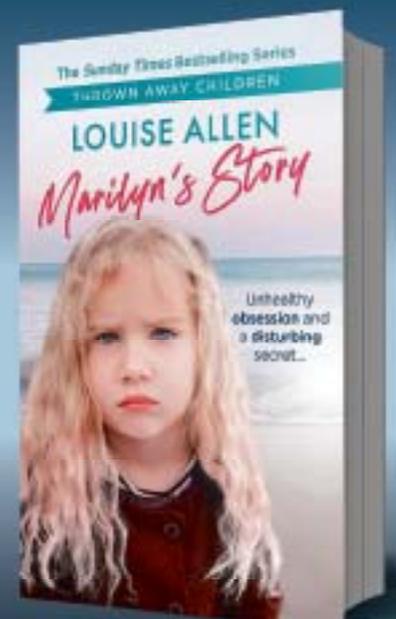
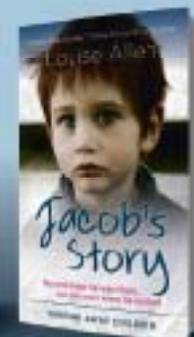
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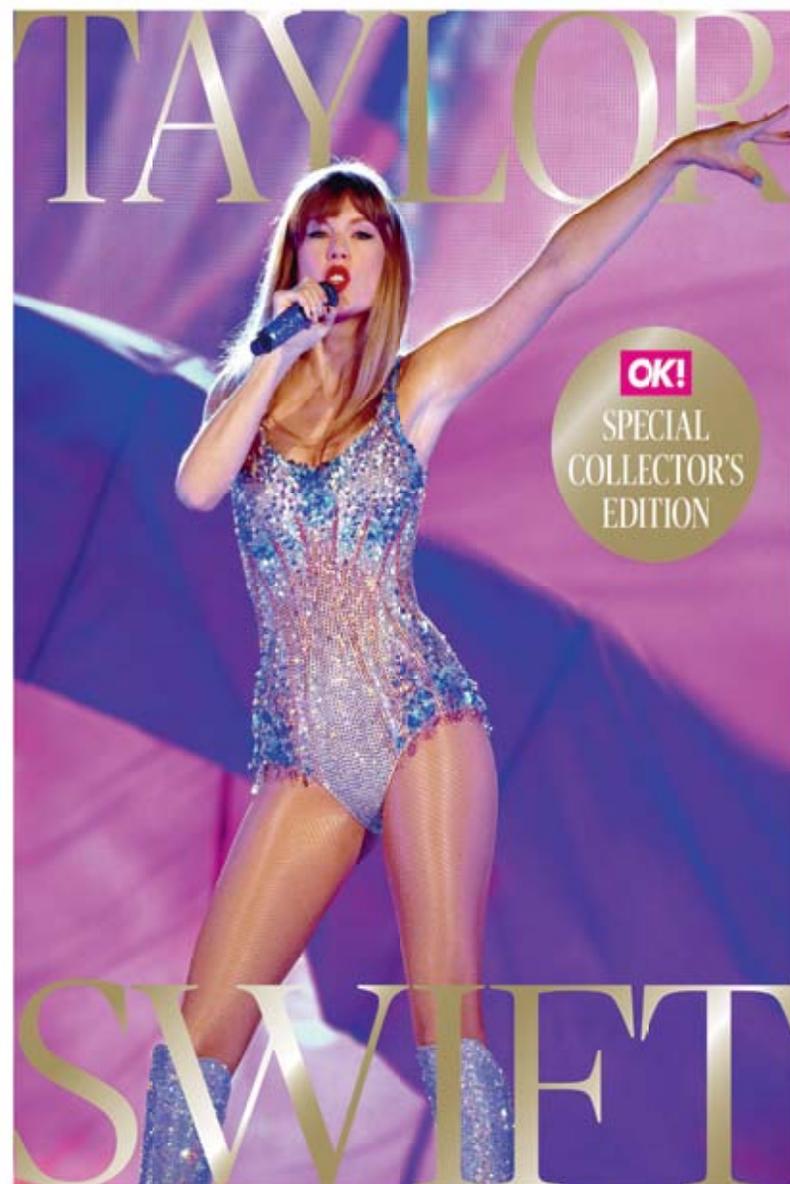


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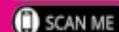
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Secret casting call

BY LOUIS FEROX

I GOT an invite to some special spots last week visiting an "unnamed Highland river" as these things tend to be written online these days.

We parked up at a different layby and hiked in making sure to leave no trace on the way.

A secret spot is worth keeping quiet but I did tease them about how odd it was to be sneaking in like commandos who'd signed non-disclosure agreements considering it's definitely a river that runs alongside main roads and I'd bought a ticket from a local shop.

The fishing looked excellent though, lots of hatching flies and intermittent feeding fish.

None of them were big enough for my fishing partners who were biding their time for the big boys coming out so I was able to get a shot at a couple of fish.

Sneaking into a pool waiting for a fish to get comfortable and make perfect casts while someone watches from up the bank is more pressure than a clumsy wader needs.

I missed a few but managed to avoid the blank, small trout are still trout to me so I settled into the waiting game as the sun went down. Upstream dry



STEALTH WARNING Small trout could be caught with a bit of finesse fly is all about finesse, stealth and picking your shot.

Drag-free natural presentation is key so it's all finely tuned leaders, thoroughly degreased with carefully chosen patterns.

Spooky fish can be put down for all sorts of reasons and if you've spent a lot of time watching the river, it's gutting to mess up straight away.

As the evening wore on, though none of the big fish put in an appearance so the covert operations were put to one side and out came the big guns as streamer rods were set up.

These couldn't be more chalk and cheese - heavier rods, sink tip lines, sculpin patterns that look like wee pike flies tied on to fluoro leaders at the maximum breaking strain for the river rules.

Instead of waiting for an indication we were hunting out a response in the deeper cooler water.

There are lots of juvenile fish

in the river and big brownies love to hunt them.

It's much like fishing spinners or Flying Cs - cast your fly upstream of a likely deep water lie, hold the rod high to allow the fly to sink, use a downstream mend in the line if you need, lower the rod and strip the fly back through the pool.

They might take them as imitations, instinct or just out of aggression so the takes can be explosive.

It's a really active way of fishing, if there's been a sudden rise in river levels and fish are hard to catch on nymphs or dries then streamers are often the perfect solution.

Remember to hold on tight though, I only managed to catch rocks and branches this time.

However, I did see a massive river brownie get hooked and lost as it smashed my friends fly and nearly took his rod back into the water.

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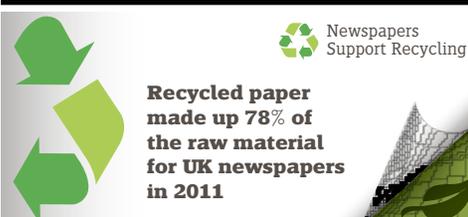
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- 1 F8/50- DUC DU RENE (156) (T) R L Lewellyn 6 11-4 Charlie Price (3) —
- 2 943-2 GLOBAL ESTEEM (12) (T) F O'Brien 7 11-4 (BF).....L Harrison 103
- 3 /F7P3- TAMPICO ROCCO (135) Dave Roberts 7 11-4 L Edwards 7
- 4 49- TIME INTERVAL (162) (T) David Dennis 6 11-4 T Bellamy —
- 5 CONSTITUTION (313) S J Davies 4 10-12..... J Best (7) —
- 6 DARTMAN S J Davies 4 10-12 J Turner (7) —
- 7 406- DON RAFAEL (30) M Keighley 4 10-12 S Bowen —
- 8 P4- JUMEIRAH KING (33) (T) A Honeyball 4 10-12. S Twiston-Davies —
- 9 85- KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS (33) (H) N Hawke 4 10-12 L Murtagh —
- 10 KINTARO D Pipe 4 10-12 J Tudor —
- 11 38/P- CLOVER PASS (373) A Ralph 7 10-11 D Bass —
- 12 635-9 MORNING FORTUNE (8) R Potter 5 10-11..... N Schollfield —
- 13456PP- WHITEHALL FLYER (179) (H) M Young 6 10-11 Lily Pinchin —
- 14 JO'S RAINBOW D Skelton 4 10-5 H Skelton —

BETTING: 11-8 Global Esteem, 9-4 Jo's Rainbow, 11-2 Jumeirah King, 10 Time Interval, 12 Kintaro, 14 Don Rafael, 25 Morning Fortune, Kentucky Bluegrass, 33 Others.

2023: No corresponding meeting.
DUC DU RENE 80-1 (11-0, K Brogan) Held up in midfield, ridden and outpaced before 3 out where jumped left, 10th of 15, well behind Go To War (11-0) at Ludlow 2m NH nov hdl 4-6yo (4) st in Dec 4m 01.02s.

GLOBAL ESTEEM 13-8lav (11-4, Liam Harrison) Led, ridden and headed 2 out, plugged on in 2nd, 2nd of 8, 5l behind illegal Dainay (11-4) at Plumpton 2m mdn hdl (4) gd 3m 45.05s.
TAMPICO ROCCO 200-1 (11-3, Jay Tiddall) Took keen hold, prominent on outside, lost place after 3rd, closed before 5th, struggling 3 out, soon weakened, 3rd of 6, 35l behind Parkamora (10-11) at Leicester 1m 7f clm hdl (4) hvy in Jan 4m 14.60s.

TIME INTERVAL 11-1 (11-0, Jack Tudor) Prominent, raced keenly, lost ground on front pair 4 out, soon weakened tamely, 9th of 13, well behind Ballew (11-7) at Taunton 2m nh hdl (4) gs in Dec 4m 03.62s.
CONSTITUTION, did not finish, 200-1 (10-9, Cillín Leonard) Always behind, mistake 1st, pulled up after 5th, in a race won by Vitari (10-7) at Stratford 2m 3yo hdl (4) gd in Jul, 11 ran 3m 50.47s.

DARTMAN 66-1 (8-13, Ethan Jones) Towards rear, took 3f out, 10th of 11, 28l behind Enochudh (9-8) at Bath 1m 4f hcap (5) st in Apr (flat) 2m 36.00s.
DON RAFAEL 16-1 (10-2, Harry Atkins) Took keen hold, held up in rear, ridden over 2f out, soon stayed on, kept on inside final furlong, nearest finish, 6th of 16, 6l behind Hell Hound (11-3) at Ludlow 2m NH flat (4) gd in Apr 3m 41.52s.
JUMEIRAH KING 16-1 (10-10, Sam Twiston-Davies) Held up in midfield, ridden and headway to chase leaders before 2 out where not fluent, soon weakened, 4th of 9, 20l behind Mirabud (11-4) at Wincanton 1m 7f mdn hdl (4) gd in Apr 3m 33.19s.

KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS 66-1 (10-10, Lorcan Murtagh) Held up in rear, ridden and no impression before 2 out, soon outpaced, 5th of 8, 28l behind Manuelleto (10-10) at Wincanton 1m 7f mdn hdl (4) gd in Apr 3m 35.28s.
KINTARO 20-1 (9-10, O J O'Connell) In touch, pushed along over 3f out, soon weakened, last of 10, 21l behind Mischy Mischy (9-9) at Southwell 1m 5f hcp 0-60 (6) in Apr (flat) 2m 22.59s.
CLOVER PASS, did not finish, 28-1 (10-11, Alex Edwards) Raced keenly, soon behind, struggling before 3 out, tailed off and pulled up before 2 out, in a race won by Baikal (10-12) at Worcester 2m mdn hdl (4) gd in May 23, 9 ran 3m 57.80s.

MORNING FORTUNE 25-1 (11-0, Nick Skelton) Never better than mid-division, 9th of 13, 33l behind Break My Soul (11-7) at Fontwell 2m 2f mns nov hdl (4) gs 4m 21.05s.
WHITEHALL FLYER, did not finish, 250-1 (10-11, David Noonan) In rear, struggling and pulled up before 3 out, in a race won by Imperial Saint (11-4) at Ludlow 2m mdn hdl (4) gs in Nov, 16 ran 3m 54.58s.
JO'S RAINBOW 16-1 (9-5, C Lee) Front mid-division, pushed along 3f out and dropped away, 11th of 13, 11l behind Anjo Bonita (9-3) at York 1m 2f hcp 0-80 (4) gd in Sep (flat) 2m 12.66s.

5.55 BEST ODDS GUARANTEED AT PLANETSPORTBET HANDICAP HURDLE (4) Winner £4,066 (6 run) 3m 1f 19yds

- 1 5546-1 HALIFAX (18) (P/T) G Harris 7 12-2..... C Ring 112
- 2 211P7- BASFORD (31) (V) J Candlish 7 12-2..... Jonjo O'Neill Jr 112
- 3 25149- CHARLES ST (30) (P) F O'Brien 5 12-2..... Mr T Broughton (5) 112
- 4 P1P5-2 BEHIND THE CURTAIN (11) D Pipe 10 11-12..... J Tudor 108
- 5 56P4-4 LEPASHE (18) S Allwood 7 11-1..... C J Todd 97
- 6 1132-2 MACTAVISH (12) M Sheppard 7 10-13 (C)..... S Sheppard 95

BETTING: 74 Halifax, 5-2 Behind The Curtain, 5 Mactavish, 13-2 Bastord, 8 Charles St, 12 Lepashe.
HALIFAX 11-2 (11-3, Conor Ring) Prominent, went third 3 out, went second 2 out, led before last, asserted when ridden run-in, kept on, comfortable near finish, won at Kempton 3m hcp hdl 0-120 (4) gd beating Island Run (11-5) by 4l, 10 ran 5m 15.35s.

BASFORD 9-1 (11-9, Sean Quinlan) In touch on outside, closed 2nd, ridden and lost place final bend, 7th of 10, 14l behind Nordic Tiger (11-3) at Southwell 2m 4f hcp hdl (4) gd in Apr 5m 09.20s.
CHARLES ST 40-1 (11-8, C Brace) Held up off the pace in rear, pushed along after 8th, ridden and headway after 4 out, weakened quickly after 3 out, 9th of 11, 21l behind Porter In The Park (10-6) at Ludlow 3m hcp hdl 0-120 (4) gd in Apr 5m 45.61s.
BEHIND THE CURTAIN 16-1 (11-7, Jack Tudor) Pressed leader, led narrowly after 5th, joined last, headed and no extra towards final, 2nd of 6, 1l behind Face D'music (11-4) at Hereford 3m 1f nov hcp 0-115 (4) gd 6m 23.55s.

LEPASHE 20-1 (12-0, R T Dunne) Held up towards rear, bit closer than not fluent 7th, headway chasing leaders before 4 out, ridden before 2 out, went modest 4th between last two, 4th of 11, 11l behind Newtonian (10-7) at Warwick 3m 1f hcp hdl 0-100 (5) gd 6m 14.20s.
MACTAVISH 5-1 (11-9, Stan Sheppard) Prominent, pressing leader when not fluent 3 out, led 2 out, headed last, ridden run-in, kept on same pace, 2nd of 9, 1/34l behind Bethpage (11-10) at Ludlow 2m 5f hcp hdl 0-100 (5) gd 5m 03.12s.

- CHELMSFORD CITY**
Going: Standard
- 5.10: 1, WANNABE BRAVE (Wesley Joyce) 3-1 Fav; 2, Further Measure 7-2; 3, Pfingstberg 7-2. 8 ran, 11, 1/4l, (J Fanshawe). Tote: Win £4.00; Pl £1.30, £1.60, £1.70. Exacta: £14.20. Tricast: £37.46. Trifecta: £50.50. CSF: £13.83. NR: Lilla Cross.
- 5.42: 1, SUNNY STREET (Jason Watson) 11-2; 2, Star Runner 13-2; 3, Detroit Lion 25-1; 4, Shamran 9-2. Also: 2-1 Fav Historic City, 16 ran, 2l, 1l, 2/4l, (J Tate). Tote: Win £6.80; Pl £2.00, £2.40, £7.10. Exacta: £41.80. Trifecta: £729.10. CSF: £40.08.
- 6.17: 1, FIDELIUS (M Ghiani) 4-6 Fav; 2, Match Anthem 6-1; 3, Dusk Dame 22-1. 7 ran, 2/4l, 1/2l, (R Cowell). Tote: Win £1.67; Pl £1.10, £3.10. Exacta: £5.60. Trifecta: £44.20. CSF: £5.12.
- 6.47: 1, DARK SIDE PRINCE (H Shaw) 5-1; 2, Aces Wild 4-1 Fav; 3, Mick's Spirit 12-1. 9 ran, 1/2l, 2/4l, (Jessica Macey). Tote: Win £6.00; Pl £1.50, £1.90, £3.00. Exacta: £27.40. Tricast: £227.55. Trifecta: £237.70. CSF: £25.32.
- 7.17: 1, EL HIBRI (S Osborne) 5-1; 2, Daytona Lady 7-2; 3, Profit And Loss 5-1. Also: 11-4 Fav Jungle Run, 8 ran, 1/4l, 1/2l, (J Williams). Tote: Win £6.00; Pl £1.80, £1.60, £1.80. Exacta: £21.80. Tricast: £90.58. Trifecta: £96.50. CSF: £22.30. NR: Tomshallobrother.
- 7.47: 1, AMAYSONT (A Pinna) 4-1; 2, Tonal 2-1 Fav; 3, Sea The Buckthorn 20-1. 10 ran, 1/4l, 1l, (K Frost). Tote: Win £5.00; Pl £1.70, £1.30, £4.80. Exacta: £16.10. Tricast: £41.99. Trifecta: £169.10. CSF: £11.89.
- 8.22: 1, MAGIC GEM (Dylan Hogan) 3-1 JfFav; 2, Heerathetrack 3-1 Jt-Fav; 3, Bluebells Boy 5-1. 10 ran, 1/4l, 1/2l, (M Herrington). Tote: Win £4.00; Pl £1.50, £1.60, £2.00. Exacta: £11.70. Tricast: £42.84. Trifecta: £50.10. CSF: £11.31.
- 8.52: 1, ROYAL DREAM (S Osborne) 15-2; 2, Ludo's Landing 5-2 Fav; 3, Boasty 6-1. 9 ran, ns, shd, (E Dunlop). Tote: Win £8.50; Pl £2.30, £1.20, £1.80. Exacta: £28.50. Tricast: £119.21. Trifecta: £103.40. CSF: £25.72.
- Placepot: £25.20. Quadpot: £5.40.

- CATTERICK**
Going: Soft-heavy in places
- 2.10: 1, BRAZILIAN BELLE (C Beasley) 13-8; 2, Stat Goddess 25-1; 3, Harswell Dandy 11-8 Fav. 4 ran, 3/4l, 1/2l, (M Dods). Tote: Win £2.63; Exacta: £28.10. Tricast: £52.80. CSF: £22.53. NR: Isla Bella, J Street.

GOING: Good-Good to Soft in places.

COURSE: A right-handed almost square shaped track about a mile and a half in extent. There are nine stiff fences per circuit and a run-in of 300 yards. Despite its conformation the track represents a fair test.

1ST TIME BLINKERS: 700 Chinook.
CHECKPIECES: 5.55 Charles St, Halifax, 6.30 Ballymagee, Ben Buie, Whyzzat, 7.00 Triple Nickle, 7.30 Quoi De Neuf, 8.00 Crews Pitch*.
1ST RUN SINCE WIND OP: 5.20 Time Interval, 6.30 Big Jim Beam, 8.00 No More Bolero.
1ST TIME HOODS: 6.30 Man Of Light.
LONGEST TRAVELLER: Tampico Rocco (5.20) trained at Kenley. Round trip of 324 miles.

6.30 HORSERACING ON ANOTHER PLANET PODCAST HANDICAP CHASE (5) Winner £3,248 (10 run) 2m 8yds

- 1 4114P- BEN BOUIE (156) (P) M Keighley 10 12-0 (CD)*..... B Roberts (5) 100
- 2 4235-2 FAMOSO (17) M Sheppard 8 11-11 (BF,CD)..... S Sheppard 97
- 3 2230-0 PITTSBURG (T) R Potter 8 11-8 (D)..... S Bowen 94
- 4 1184P- BIG JIM BEAM (448) W Greatrex 8 11-8 J Bowen 94
- 5 /1P31- TONTO FOLEY (74) (T) Christian Williams 6 10-10 (D)*..... J Tudor 82
- 6 5866-6 UNCLE ARTHUR (17) (H,T) James Owen 6 10-9 (D)*..... Lily Pinchin 81
- 7 /6F6-5 MAN OF LIGHT (17) (H) P Hobbs & J White 7 10-9 Sean Houlihan 81
- 8 /747-5 WHYZZAT (17) (P/T) S J Davies 6 10-9 J Turner (7) 81
- 9 3355P- BALLYMAGEE (58) (P/T) R L Lewellyn 8 10-4 L Harrison 76
- 10 05P5P- BEANNAIGH DO (93) Sheila Lewis 7 10-2..... B J Powell 70

BETTING: 9-4 Tonto Foley, 5-2 Famoso, 8 Pittsburg, 10 Man Of Light, Uncle Arthur, Big Jim Beam, Ballymagee, 12 Ben Buie, 25 Others.

7.00 DOWNLOAD THE PLANETSPORTBET APP MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) Winner £3,248 (8 run) 2m 3f 147yds

- 1 5125-6 ONLY FOOLS (16) (H,T) D Pipe 5 12-0..... J Tudor 89
- 2 2275-3 RYDER'S ROCK (35) (T) J Tizzard 6 11-13 B J Powell 88
- 3 709-5 CHUR TARA (18) D Skelton 5 11-12 H Skelton 87
- 4 /FP6-F CHINOOK (12) (B) Sheila Lewis 6 11-10 Sean Houlihan 85
- 5 6574-4 SEASMOKE (30) Billy Arahamian 6 11-9 J Bowen 84
- 6 954-1 AL SAYAH (16) N Mulholland 4 11-5 B Carver 88
- 7 03P2-2 TRIPLE NICKLE (17) (P) B J Lewellyn 8 11-3..... R Williams (3) 78
- 8 74P4P- INCHQUIN SPIRIT (30) (T) A Ralph 7 11-1 Ciaran Gettings 76

BETTING: 11-4 Al Sayah, 10-3 Cher Tara, 4 Triple Nickle, 6 Ryder's Rock, 8 Only Fools, Seasmoke, 12 Inchiquin Spirit, 25 Chinook.

7.30 GET FREE BETS AT PLANETSPORTBET REWARDS HANDICAP CHASE (4) Winner £4,700 (5 run) 2m 4f 194yds

- 1 R31P-5 MULBERRY HILL (18) (T) F O'Brien 8 11-12 (D) J Hogan (3) 121
- 2 0926P- QUOI DE NEUF (108) (P/T) E Williams 10 11-11 (D)*..... A Wedge 120
- 3 /R35-5 RISKINTHGROUND (162) (T) D Skelton 7 11-3..... H Skelton 112
- 4 4322-3 HARDY BOY (141) B Paulling 7 11-3 (BF,D)..... B R Jones 112
- 5 3415F- KAUTO THE KING (225) (T) J Tizzard 10 11-2 (D)*..... B J Powell 111

BETTING: 5-2 Hardy Boy, 11-4 Kauto The King, 10-3 Riskinthground, 4 Mulberry Hill, 7 Quoi De Neuf.
MULBERRY HILL 8-1 (11-8, Jack Hogan) Towards rear, dropped to last 5th, chased leaders from 3 out, outpaced well before 2 out, weakened after last, 5th of 9, well behind Inouit Machin (11-9) at Kempton 2m 5f hcp hdl 0-120 (4) gd 5m 12.42s.

QUOI DE NEUF, did not finish, 7-1 (11-11, H Cobden) Raced in third, dropped to midfield before halfway, struggling and tailed off from 4 out, pulled up before 3 out, in a race won by Sure Touch (11-7) at Taunton 2m 7f hcp chs 0-125 (3) gd in Feb, 7 ran 5m 50.03s.
RISKINTHGROUND 17-2 (11-8, Harry Skelton) Pressed leader, led 5th, mistake 12th, ridden and headed home turn, not fluent 3 out, kept on one pace, 5th of 9, 7l behind Morfee (10-10) at Taunton 2m 7f nov hcp chs 0-120 (4) gs in Dec 5m 56.39s.
HARDY BOY 5-2fav (12-2, Ben Jones) Tracked leaders, went 2nd at 13th, pushed along after 2 out, no extra approaching last, 3rd of 8, 10l behind Shot Boi (11-4) at Hereford 3m 1f hcp ch 0-110 (4) gs in Jan 6m 44.21s.

KAUTO THE KING, did not finish, 9-2 (11-3, Brendan Powell) Raced bit wide, tracked winner, hit 2nd, lost 2nd 9th, 2nd again next, pushed along and lost 2nd approaching 4 out, ridden and beaten when on the action and fell, in a race won by Opening Bid (11-10) at Exeter 2m 3f hcp chs 0-130 (3) gf in Oct, 4 ran 4m 52.00s.

8.00 BOOST YOUR FOOTBALL ACCA AT PLANETSPORTBET HANDICAP HURDLE (5) Winner £3,248 (12 run) 2m 53yds

- 1 P5-4 HOME AND DRY (17) D Faulkner 6 12-0..... D Bass 100
- 2 /365-1 CAPTAIN ATTRIDGE (17) Henry Oliver 6 12-0 (CD), L Edwards 100
- 3 108P0- EAGLE OF THE GLEN (30) C J Gray 5 11-10 (D)*..... M G Nolan 96
- 4 5355-5 CREWS PITCH (74) (P/T) S Drinkwater 8 11-5 (D)*..... D Johnston (5) 91
- 5 3126-4 GOOD IMPRESSION (17) B J Lewellyn 9 11-4 (D)*..... B R Jones 90
- 6 V843P- SYMBOLIC SPIRIT (53) D Skelton 7 11-4 (BF)..... H Skelton 90
- 7 904-13 JAXONNE (2) Jonjo & A O'Neill 5 11-2..... Jonjo O'Neill Jr 86
- 8 556-0 NO MORE BOLERO (64) D Bridgwater 5 11-1..... B J Powell 87
- 9 9443- MAMBO BEAT (45) B J Lewellyn 5 10-13..... Sean Houlihan 85
- 10 128P0- OUTBACK FRONTIERS (43) J G O'Shea 8 10-13 (D)..... N Fox (5) 85
- 11 11/4-2 COLONEL LESLEY (12) A Jones 8 10-8 (D)*..... B Harris (3) 80
- 12 5776-6 LINDWALL (284) (T) T Lacey 6 10-4..... S Sheppard 76

BETTING: 10-11 Jaxonne, 13-2 Captain Attridge, 8 Symbolic Spirit, 12 Colonel Lesley, 14 No More Bolero, Lindwall, Good Impression, Mambo Beat, 10 Others.
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Placepot: £179.60. Quadpot: £33.70.

- LINGFIELD**
Going: Awt: standard; turf: good
- 2.50: 1, LADY NAGIN (T Whelan) 18-1; 2, Colors Of Freedom 16-1; 3, Wakai Umi 11-2. Also: 6-5 Fav So Sleepy, 7 ran, 1l, hd, (A West). Tote: Win £21.40; Pl £7.30, £6.20. Exacta: £229.60. Trifecta: £1189.60. CSF: £242.30.
- 3.20: 1, STATE FLAG (D Muscutt) 7-4 Fav; 2, Cervaro Dela Sala 7-2; 3,

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GARRY OWEN	PA
6.15 RUNNING STAR	HARSWELL DUKE
6.45 LOVE WARS	ENCHANTED LIFE
7.15 GORDON GREY	GORDON GREY
7.45 EIGHTEEN FOURTEEN	EIGHTEEN FOURTEEN
8.15 YIPPEE	MINSTREL KNIGHT
8.45 DICKIEBURD	PRINCESS KARINE

GOING: Good.

COURSE: Left-handed oval, undulating track of 2m, stiff 3f uphill climb to the finish.
DRAW: Low numbers best.

TRAINER TARGETS (won today's race at least twice in last 10 years): M & D Easterby won the 6.15 in '19 and '22.
CHECKPIECES: 6.15 Hostelry, 7.15 Swinging London.
TONGUE STRAPS: 6.15 Million Thanks, Shimmering Sands, 7.15 Gordon Grey, Swinging London, 7.45 Luggie*, 8.15 Loddon. (*=1st time).
1ST RUN SINCE WIND OP: 6.15 Shimmering Sands.

6.15 MR LEIGH SUTTON NIFTY 50TH BIRTHDAY HANDICAP (5) Winner £3,664 (12 run) 1m 6yds

- 1 (9) 18470- SHIMMERING SANDS (257) (T) M & D Easterby 5 9-9..... S Gray 75
- 2 (4) 322- RUNNING STAR (193) H Palmer 4 9-9 J Hart 75
- 3 (12) 60322- HARSWELL DUKE (26) R Fell & S Murray 6 9-9 (BF,D)*..... H Russell 75
- 4 (3) 00897- MILLION THANKS (168) (T) R Menzies 5 9-5 (D)..... Olisn Orr 71
- 5 (6) 97-137 HOSTELRY (16) (P) R Carr 7 9-2 (BF,D)*..... H Doyle 68
- 6 (11) 42113 DO I DREAM (18) B Haslam 5 8-13 (CD)*..... S Feilden (7) 65
- 7 (8) 1490-6 MY HONEY B (32) M & D Easterby 4 8-12 (D)*..... B Garrity 64
- 8 (7) 390-5 KING SHARJA (20) R Carr 4 8-11 T Eaves 63
- 9 (2) 48580 GLOBAL SPIRIT (45) R Fell & S Murray 9 8-9 (CD)*..... W Pyle (5) 61
- 10 (1) 0450 PENNY GHENT (585) S Whitaker 4 8-7 C Hardie 59
- 11 (5) 0090-9 MAHAJIM (14) (H) C Barnham 5 8-4 J Haynes 56
- 12 (10) 19742 DISTINCTION (18) (V) J Mackie 6 8-4 A Breslin (3) 55

BETTING: 5-2 Running Star, 4 Harswell Duke, 5 Do I Dream, 7 Hostelry, Distinction, 12 Shimmering Sands, 14 Million Thanks, Global Spirit, 20 Others.
2023: WESTERNESSE 4-10, Jason Watson 5-1 (D O'Meara), drawn (2), 11 ran. SHIMMERING SANDS 15-2 (9-13, Joanna Mason) Towards rear, never showed, 12th of 13, 12l behind Anjo Bonita (9-3) at York 1m 2f hcp 0-80 (4) gd in Sep 2m 12.68s.
RUNNING STAR 13-8 (9-4, David Probert) Always prominent, ridden over 2f out, went 2nd and kept on inside final furlong, no impression on winner, 2nd of 11, 1/4l behind Light Speed (9-6) at Wolverhampton 1m 1f nov stk (5) in Nov 1m 51.24s.

HARSWELL DUKE 6-4fav (9-6, Jonny Peate) In touch with leaders, went second 4f out, chased leader from 3f out, every chance entering final furlong, kept on but always held by winner near finish, 2nd of 11, 1/2l behind Astral Spirit (9-7) at Wetherby 1m hcap (5) st in Apr 1m 48.84s.
MILLION THANKS 9-1 (9-2, Morgan Cole) Held up last early, still a lot to 3f out, ridden 2f out, ridden inside final furlong, kept on, never runner, 7th of 12, 4l behind Star Shield (9-8) at Newcastle 1m hcp (4) in Dec 1m 41.70s.
HOSTELRY 5-2fav (9-9, Joanna Mason) Mid-division, pushed along and could not go pace of leaders over 1f out, plugged on, 7th of 13, 7l behind Powdering (9-0) at Beverley 7f hcp 0-70 (5) gs 1m 33.70s.
DO I DREAM 3-1 (8-12, Sam Feilden) Rear of mid-division, pushed along over 2f out, headway final furlong, lost 2nd close home, 3rd of 13, 5l behind Powdering (9-0) at Beverley 7f hcp 0-70 (5) gs 1m 33.70s.
MY HONEY B 28-1 (8-13, Billy Garrity) Awkward start, held up in rear, ridden over 2f out, soon outpaced, weakened entering final furlong, 6th of 9, 19l behind Do I Dream (8-10) at Pontefract 1m hcp 0-75 (5) st in Apr 1m 53.43s.

KING SHARJA 4-1 (9-4, J P Sullivan) Towards rear, headway over 1f out, no impression, weakened inside final furlong, 8th of 14, 12l behind Vocal Studies (9-8) at Thirsk 1m hcp 0-70 (5) gs 1m 44.92s.
GLOBAL SPIRIT 9-1 (9-10, Jason Hart) Raced wide tracked leaders, ridden over 3f out, weakened over 2f out, 11th of 12, 35l behind Hostelry (9-10) at Thirsk 1m hcp (6) hvy in Apr 1m 54.62s.
PENNY GHENT 80-1 (8-13, Phil Dennis) Slowly away, always in rear, 14th of 15, 35l behind Orchestra (9-5) at Pontefract 1m 2yo hcp 0-75 (5) gs in Oct 2m 18.40s.
MAHAJIM 4-1 (9-3, Joey Haynes) Slowly away, always towards rear, ridden 1f out, soon weakened, 9th of 11, 9l behind Sao Dao (9-5) at Nottingham 1m hcp 0-65 (6) gd 1m 43.69s.

DISTINCTION 17-2 (9-3, Connor Beasley) Mid-division on inside, headway under pressure to go 2nd over 1f out, stayed on well, not reach winner, 2nd of 11, 1/2l behind She Go Bottle (10-0) at Beverley 1m hcp 0-60 (6) gs 1m 47.20s.

6.45 FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (5) Winner £3,780 (6 run) 5f 3yds

- 1 (1) 7/2 PENDLEBURY LANE (22) (H) J Camacho 4 9-10..... Ryan Sexton —
- 2 (3) 1- ENCHANTED LIFE (221) C Appleby 3 9-9..... H Doyle —
- 3 (5) 1- LOVE WARS (370) J & S Quinn 3 9-9 (D)..... J Hart —
- 4 (2) 3- BARE ELEGANCE (82) B Haslam 3 9-2..... A Breslin (3) —
- 5 (4) 4- ESPRIT QUEEN R Varian 3 9-2..... C Noble —
- 6 (6) 9- MILITARY QUEEN (352) (H) S Woods 3 9-2..... Dylan Hogan —

BETTING: 11-10 Enchanted Life, 3 Esprit Queen, 4 Love Wars, 11-2 Pend

RECORD RACING

Big winners tipped this week at www.dailyrecord.co.uk/racing

SIMON SAYS PICK ME

MANXMAN (2.25) can cane his foes for Simon and Ed Crisford in the staying handicap at Goodwood.

The four-year-old was only denied a five-timer by Rathgar on his return over 1m 6f here three weeks ago.

The gelding remains fairly treated so should put that to good use back up in trip.

RED SAND (1.50) ought to keep Ed Walker's bandwagon rolling in the novices' event.

The colt was a stellar second

BY GARRY OWEN

to the promising **Star Anthem** on debut at Bath this month.

The juvenile learned plenty so can open his account in another fascinating contest.

Jane Chapple-Hyam is flying so **MALLAVELLY (3.0)** is worth backing in the EBF Handicap.

The filly improved again three weeks ago when third behind the exciting **Sea Just In Time** at Newmarket.

The three-year-old stayed

1m 2f well so stands to cash in on an attractive opening mark. **PASSION AND GLORY (3.35)** looks set to get back on track for Saeed bin Suroor.

STREET KID (4.10) should show his mettle for shrewd Kevin Philippart de Foy.

The gelding ran a stormer when second to **Liamarty Dreams** at Musselburgh last month and still sits on an inviting mark in a tricky event.

ARAGON CASTLE (4.40) looks solid in the Racingclub.

com Handicap. The three-year-old returned to form with a second to **Nellie Leylax** at Haydock a month ago. That is strong form so the gelding can extend Andrew Balding's super run under Oisín Murphy.

FAIR WIND (5.10) should breeze to victory for Owen Burrows in the sprint.

The grey was unlucky to meet **Isle Of Lismore** on his return at Ascot this month.

The four-year-old should be fighting fit so ought to claim

a trappy event for his in-form yard. **AL SAYAH (7.0)** can maintain Neil Mulholland's flying start at Hereford tonight.

The hurdler relished tackling almost 2m 4f when hammering **Trickalight** at Fontwell this month and faces a 5lb penalty.

CAPTAIN ATTRIDGE (8.0) should take control for Henry Oliver in the handicap hurdle.

The gelding hacked up from **Sanitiser** over track and trip this month so stands to make light of a fair 5lb hike.



GLORY LOOMS Simon Crisford

GOODWOOD RACING TV.

GOING: Good-Good to Soft in places.

COURSE: A tricky right-handed undulating switchback track with two bends. There is a straight 5f track.

DRAW: In big fields over 7f and 1m a low draw is an advantage.

TRAINER TARGETS (won today's race at least twice in last 10 years): G & J Moore won the 2.25 in '19 and '22.

1ST TIME BLINKERS: 3.35 Mujtaba.

LONGEST TRAVELLER: No Niki No (3.00) France; Royal Rhyme (3.35) trained at Leyburn. Round trip of 596 miles.

1.50 BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF NOVICE STAKES (4) (2-Y-O) Winner £7,851 (10 run) 6f

- 1 (10) **ARABIAN SUN** C Cox 9-7.....C Lee
- 2 (5) **ASHEN M** Trengrove 9-7.....H Turner
- 3 (3) **BERKSHIRE KAMEO** A Balding 9-7.....O Murphy
- 4 (7) **BOWNDER** (39) J Portman 9-7.....David Egan
- 5 (1) **HUCKLESBROOK** R Teal 9-7.....J Leavy
- 6 (8) **INCA TRAIL** M Trengrove 9-7.....T Whelan
- 7 (9) **ORIGINAL OUTLAW** R Beckett 9-7.....H Crouch
- 8 (4) **RED SAND** (18) E Walker 9-7.....S Osborne
- 9 (2) **5 SIEGEN** (18) R Hannon 9-7.....P Dobbs
- 10 (6) **3 THE FLYING SEAGULL** (15) H Palmer 9-7.....W Buick

BETTING: 7-2 **ORIGINAL OUTLAW**, 9-2 **The Flying Seagull**, 5 **Red Sand**, Berkshire Kameo, 6 **Arabian Sun**, Siegen, 14 **Hucklesbrook**, 16 **Inca Trail**, 25 Others.

2023: **BARNWELL BOY** 9-7, Oisín Murphy 5-1 (C Johnston), drawn (5), 11 ran.

ARABIAN SUN Saxon Warrior colt out of Gheeda.

ASHEN PHOENIX Of Spain colt out of Fly On The Night.

BERKSHIRE KAMEO Kameo colt out of Terry.

BOWNDER 3-1 (9-7, Rob Hornby) Went right start, close up, pushed along and weakened halfway, 9th of 10, 10l behind Golden Paradise (9-2) at Windsor 5f 2yo nov stks (5) gd in Apr 09.06s.

HUCKLESBROOK Aclaim colt out of Tumblewind.

INCA TRAIL Mohaather colt out of Raymi Col.

ORIGINAL OUTLAW Wootton Bassett colt out of Dreams With You.

RED SAND 15-2 (9-7, Billy Loughnane) Handy, pushed along over 2f out, went 2nd under 110 yards out, no chance with winner, 2nd of 9, 4l behind Star Anthem (9-7) at Bath 5f 2yo mdn (4) gs 1m 05.40s.

SIEGEN 3-1 (9-7, P J Dobbs) Mid-division, pushed along well over 1f out, ran on, never in contention, 5th of 9, 5l behind Star Anthem (9-7) at Bath 5f 2yo mdn (4) gs 1m 05.40s.

THE FLYING SEAGULL 6-1 (9-7, Oisín Murphy) Raced wide in touch, ridden over 1f out, stayed on inside final furlong, nearest finish, 3rd of 9, 2 1/2l behind Teaj A (9-2) at Chester 6f 2yo mdn (2) gd 1m 15.45s.

2.25 WILLIAM HILL EXTRA PLACE RACES HANDICAP (3) Winner £10,308 (10 run) 2m

- 1 (10) 82103- **TEMPORIZ** (212) S Hosie 5-9-12 (C).....K Stott 88
- 2 (9) 04053- **VINO VICTRIX** (170) M Morrison 6-9-11 (CD).....O Murphy 87
- 3 (4) 10313- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** (26) P Sir M Prescott 4-9-8 (D).....L Morris 85

4 (7) 120-32 **ROBERT JOHNSON** (35) P Kirby 6-9-8 (D³).....C Beasley 84

5 (6) 314-4 **YORKINDNESS** (14) C Johnston 5-9-7 (D²).....J Fanning 83

6 (5) 347-23 **MAXIDENT** (20) D F Davis 4-9-4 (BF).....David Egan 81

7 (8) 111-2 **MANXMAN** (21) V S & E Crisford 4-9-3 (D).....R Havlin 80

8 (1) 44-60 **HURTLE WALLOP** (8) J Boyle 4-9-1.....P Cosgrave 78

9 (3) 811-34 **PLUS POINT** (20) Harry Eustace 4-9-0.....G Wood 77

10 (2) 264-2 **HAVAILA** (20) G & J Moore 5-8-13.....W Buick 75

BETTING: 9-2 Havaila, 5 Manxman, 11-2 Maxident, Robert Johnson, 6 Pledge of Allegiance, 8 Vino Victrix, Plus Point, 10 Yorkindness, 12 Others.

2023: **FIRST EMPEROR** 4-9-5, Robert Havlin 6-1 (J Ryan), drawn (7), 11 ran.

TEMPORIZ 14-1 (10-1, L Morris) Tracked leader, led over 2f out, headed over 1f out, kept on same pace inside final furlong, 3rd of 7, 2 3/4l behind C'mon Kenny (8-11) at Kempton 2m hcp 0-95 (3) pol in Oct 3m 35.16s.

VINO VICTRIX 12-1 (8-10, Billy Loughnane) Prominent 2f, tracked leaders, effort over 2f out, every chance over 1f out, lost 2nd inside final furlong kept on, 3rd of 14, 2 1/4l behind Duke Of Oxford (7-13) at Kempton 2m hcp (2) pol in Dec 3m 29.86s.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 14-1 (8-4, Cam Hardie) Pushed along from start to lead after 1f, went clear after 3f, reduced lead 10f out, pushed along 3f out, ridden and headed over 1f out, no chance with winner and lost 2nd towards finish, 3rd of 9, 1 3/4l behind Prydwen (9-12) at Southwell 2m hcp 0-105 (2) in Apr 3m 37.97s.

ROBERT JOHNSON 13-2 (8-4, Connor Beasley) In touch, headway over 2f out, ridden to chase winner when edged left inside final furlong, kept on, 2nd of 9, 1 1/4l behind Prince Alex (8-5) at Newbury 2m hcp 0-105 (2) gs in Apr 3m 42.22s.

YORKINDNESS 11-1 (9-6, J Fanning) Close up, pushed along and headway over 1f out, kept on same pace final furlong, 4th of 16, 7l behind Alphonse Le Grande (8-10) at Chester 2m 3f hcp (2) gd 4m 00.29s.

MAXIDENT 15-8lav (9-6, S De Sousa) Led, pressed for lead and ridden 3f out, soon headed, chased leader 2f out, kept on same pace entering final furlong, kept on inside final furlong, chased leaders close home, held near finish, 3rd of 7, 1/2l behind Punctuation (9-12) at Goodwood 2m hcp 0-85 (4) sit 3m 38.83s.

MANXMAN 5-2 (9-7, R Havlin) Tracked leader, pushed along to join leader and every chance from 2f out, ridden inside final furlong, led briefly close home, 2nd of 5, hd behind Rathgar (9-10) at Goodwood 1m 6f hcp 0-80 (4) hvy 3m 24.34s.

HURTLE WALLOP, did not finish, 33-1 (8-13, Daniel Muscutt) Whipped round start and unseated rider, in a race won by Kyle Of Lochalsh (9-6) at Salisbury 1m 6f hcp (3) sit, 12 ran 3m 12.40s.

PLUS POINT 5-1 (9-4, George Wood) Midfield, ridden over 4f out, kept on same pace 3f out, outpaced by leading group over 1f out, kept on one pace inside final furlong, 4th of 7, 6l behind Punctuation (9-12) at Goodwood 2m hcp 0-85 (4) sit 3m 38.83s.

HAVAILA 17-2 (9-0, T Qualey) Midfield, travelling okay 3f out, soon ridden, stayed on entering final furlong, chased leader close home, kept on near finish, not reach winner, 2nd of 7, nk behind Punctuation (9-12) at Goodwood 2m hcp 0-85 (4) sit 3m 38.83s.

3.00 BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF FILLIES' HANDICAP (3) Winner £25,770 (11 run) 1m 3f 218yds

- 1 (10) 78112- **DIVINA GRACE** (230) R Guest 4-10-2 (D²).....D Keenan 89
- 2 (5) 117-62 **SWEET FANTASY** (27) James Owen 5-10-4 (D³).....C Shepherd 87
- 3 (4) 317-23 **AYYAB** (48) S Woods 4-9-11.....R Havlin 84
- 4 (7) 513- **JUANA INES** (231) (H) Harry Charlton 4-9-11.....W Buick 84
- 5 (2) 6480-4 **NO NIKI NO** (19) (B) E O'Neill (FR) 8-9-10.....K Stott 83
- 6 (9) 2072-7 **ENTRANCEMENT** (34) D Mennisier 4-9-8 (C).....O Murphy 81
- 7 (8) -42113 **AVON LIGHT** (13) (T) W Muir & C Grassick 4-9-7.....S Osborne 80
- 8 (1) 41-2 **YA HAFHD** (28) R Varian 4-9-4 (BF).....R Dawson 77
- 9 (3) 014-2 **TRUE WISDOM** (44) C Johnston 3-8-8.....J Fanning 84
- 10 (11) 621-4 **STRUTTING** (19) J & T Gosden 3-8-6.....T Heard (3) 82
- 11 (6) 96-23 **MALLAVELLY** (21) J Chapple-Hyam 3-8-4.....H Turner 80

BETTING: 9-2 Ya Hafhd, 5 Juana Ines, 13-2 Mallavelly, 8 True Wisdom, Sweet Fantasy, Divina Grace, Strutting, 10 Ayyab, 12 Others.

2023: **GOOD MORALS** 3-8-11, Joe Fanning 13-8 Fav (C Johnston), drawn (4), 9 ran.

DIVINA GRACE 13-2 (9-1, Callum Shepherd) Prominent, ridden over 2f out, stayed on inside final furlong but always just held by winner, 2nd of 9, 3/4l behind Vera Verto (9-10) at Newmarket 1m 4f hcp 0-105 (2) gf in Oct 2m 28.82s.

SWEET FANTASY 13-2 (10-1, Callum Shepherd) Tracked leader, led 3f out, ridden and headed approaching final furlong, kept on one pace, 2nd of 7, 2 3/4l behind Flash Bardot (9-13) at Doncaster 1m 4f hcp 0-100 (3) sit in Apr 2m 39.09s.

AYYAB 3-1 (9-9, R Havlin) Led, driven over 1f out, headed towards finish, lost 2nd last stride, 3rd of 6, 3/4l behind Avon Light (9-3) at Chelmsford City 1m 2f hcp (4) pol in Apr 2m 21.87s.

JUANA INES 7-2 (9-5, K Shoemark) Off the pace in last pair, headway out wide over 1f out, went modest 3rd towards finish, 3rd of 8, 6l behind Hampden Park (9-4) at Ascot 1m 4f nov mdn stks (3) gd in Oct 2m 36.66s.

NO NIKI NO 25-1 (9-9, B M Coen) Led and soon clear, 15 lengths advantage halfway, pushed along over 2f out, ridden over 1f out, kept on and headed inside final furlong, 4th of 11, 1 3/4l behind Belhaven (10-0) at Sligo 1m 2f hcp 1m 27.90s.

ENTRANCEMENT 11-1 (9-5, Kyle Strydom) In touch, ridden and headway approaching final furlong, kept on same pace, 7th of 18, 6l behind Qaasid (9-2) at Newbury 1m 2f hcp 0-85 (4) gs in Apr 2m 06.93s.

AVON LIGHT 11-1 (10-1, Lewis Edmunds) In touch, pushed along and headway 2f out, kept on one pace, 3rd of 10, 4 1/2l behind Warda Jamila (9-4) at Ascot 1m 2f hcp (4) pol in Oct 2m 07.15s.

YA HAFHD 4-5lav (9-7, J Mitchell) Tracked winner, pushed along over 2f out, ridden over 1f out, headway approaching final furlong, stayed on towards finish, 2nd of 7, 1l behind Turner Girl (9-4) at Doncaster 1m 2f hcp (0-75) (5) sit in Apr 2m 20.34s.

TRUE WISDOM 11-1 (9-6, J Mitchell) Tracked leaders in 4th, pushed along over 2f out, ridden and went 2nd entering final furlong, stayed on same pace, no chance with winner, 2nd of 6, 1 3/4l behind Going The Distance (9-11) at Kempton 1m 3f hcp 0-85 (4) pol in Apr 2m 21.62s.

STRUTTING 14-1 (9-2, R Havlin) Raced keenly tracking leaders near side of group, out-paced and struggling in 4th 3f out, ridden and weakened over 2f out, 4th of 8, 16l behind Friendly Soul (9-2) at Newmarket 1m 2f 3yo lst fl (1) gd 2m 03.22s.

MALLAVELLY 14-2 (9-2, Hollie Doyle) Raced keenly in 3rd, went 2nd inside final 3f, soon edged right, led inside final 2f, headed over 1f out, hung right and lost 2nd inside final furlong, no extra in 3rd, 3rd of 6, 8l behind Sea Just In Time (9-2) at Newmarket 1m 2f 3yo fl mdn (2) gd 2m 07.14s.

3.35 WILLIAM HILL FESTIVAL STAKES (LISTED) (1) Winner £34,026 (8 run) 1m 1f 197yds

- 1 (8) 12-111 **ISLE OF JURU** (27) G Scott 4-9-6 (D²).....C Shepherd 112
- 2 (5) 10115- **ROYAL RHYME** (216) (T) K R Burke 4-9-6 (CD).....C Lee 113
- 3 (7) 2-6476 **CLAYMORE** (37) J Chapple-Hyam 5-9-3 (D).....David Egan 103
- 4 (6) 1-12-68 **MUJTABA** (34) (B) T W Haggas 6-9-3 (D³).....W Buick 112
- 5 (2) -66070 **PASSION AND GLORY** (55) S bin Suroor 8-9-3 (C,D³).....K Stott 106
- 6 (3) 21106- **ELEGANCIA** (195) (H) Harry Charlton 4-8-12 (D²).....T Whelan 91
- 7 (4) 72364- **EMPRESS WU** (199) D M Simcock 4-8-12 (D).....L Morris 95
- 8 (1) 250-43 **SEA OF ROSES** (20) A Balding 4-8-12.....O Murphy 97

4.10 WILLIAM HILL EPIC BOOST HANDICAP (3) Winner £10,468 (12 run) 7f

- 1 (3) 1/241 **WILD TIGER** (20) (P) S bin Suroor 5-9-11 (D).....O Murphy 92
- 2 (2) 146-12 **STREET KID** (33) (P) K P De Foy 6-9-10 (D²).....H Crouch 91
- 3 (11) 009-38 **TOIMY SUN** (33) D Mennisier 5-9-9 (D).....Kyle Strydom 90
- 4 (8) 1-2227 **SMOKY MOUNTAIN** (76) C Fellowes 4-9-4 (D²).....C Shepherd 85
- 5 (1) 341030 **HIERONYMUS** (34) (P) G Baker 8-9-4 (D³).....C Bishop 85
- 6 (12) 06700 **RACINGBREAKS RYDER** (20) C Hills 4-9-4 (D).....W Buick 85
- 7 (4) 187-40 **CARAGIO** (13) (P) R Teal 4-9-4 (D²).....C Lee 85
- 8 (10) 1/174 **BE FRANK** (21) H Candy 4-9-3.....T Whelan 84
- 9 (6) 038-74 **ABLE KANE** (18) (T) B Millman 7-9-1 (D²).....R Coakley 82
- 10 (5) 3121-5 **AURORA DAWN** (39) E Walker 4-9-1 (D²).....S Osborne 82
- 11 (7) 500-00 **BOOK OF LIFE** (33) I Williams 4-9-1 (D).....David Egan 82
- 12 (9) 3931-7 **TAHITIAN PRINCE** (23) (P) G Baker 7-8-13 (D).....P Cosgrave 80

BETTING: 15-8 Wild Tiger, 4 Be Frank, 10 Street Kid, Smoky Mountain, Racingbreaks Ryder, Aurora Dawn, 12 Able Kane, Caragio, 14 Others.

2023: **ROPEY GUEST** 6-9-6, Tom Queally 4-1 (G Margaron), drawn (4), 9 ran.

WILD TIGER 4-7lav (9-9, K O'Neill) Keen early in close 3rd, jumped path over 6f out, pushed along over 2f out, led over 1f out, soon ridden and ran on well, won at Yarmouth 7f hcp 0-85 (4) gd beating King Of Fury (8-8) by 2 3/4l, 5 ran 1m 27.44s.

STREET KID 13-2 (9-7, Benoit D L Sayette) Prominent, racing awkwardly inside 3f out, led over 1f out, headed entering final furlong, no impression towards finish, 2nd of 11, 1 3/4l behind Liamarty Dreams (9-4) at Musselburgh 7f hcp 0-95 (3) gs in Apr 1m 28.02s.

TOIMY SUN 7-1 (9-7, Kyle Strydom) Mid-division, ridden when not much room over 2f out, never involved, 8th of 11, 5l behind Liamarty Dreams (9-4) at Musselburgh 7f hcp 0-95 (3) gs in Apr 1m 28.02s.

SMOKY MOUNTAIN 7-1 (8-6, Harry Davies) Chased leaders, pushed along over 2f out, ridden to challenge over 1f out, faded inside final furlong, 7th of 11, 3 1/2l behind Kingdom Come (9-8) at Wolverhampton 1m 1f hcp 0-105 (2) in Mar 1m 47.93s.

HIERONYMUS 66-1 (8-9, Callum Shepherd) Always in rear, 18th of 21, 19l behind Metal Merchant (8-10) at Newbury 1m hcp (2) gs in Apr 1m 37.76s.

RACINGBREAKS RYDER 17-2 (8-13, William Cox) Prominent, driven over 2f out, weakened over 1f out, 13th of 14, 13l behind Titan Rock (8-7) at Thirk 1m hcp 0-105 (2) gs 1m 43.74s.

CARAGIO 22-1 (8-4, J F Egan) In touch, headway over 3f out, ridden and every chance over 2f out, weakened final furlong, 12th of 21, 6l behind The Wizard Of Eye (9-2) at Ascot 7f hcp (4yo+) (2) gd 1m 26.55s.

BE FRANK 11-1 (8-5, Nicola Currie) Raced keenly, held up towards rear, headway far side of group over 1f out, stayed on inside final furlong, not pace to challenge, 4th of 10, 2 1/2l behind Noble Dynasty (9-12) at Newmarket 7f hcp 0-105 (2) gd 1m 24.65s.

ABLE KANE 11-1 (9-9, R Coakley) Prominent, pushed along and every chance over 1f out, ridden and no extra towards finish, 4th of 9, 4 1/2l behind Tiarac (8-11) at Windsor 6f hcp 0-85 (4) hvy 1m 15.71s.

AURORA DAWN 11-2 (9-7, Tom Marquand) Last to break, held up in last pair, shaken up to close and hung right over 2f out, no impression over 1f out, weakened inside final furlong, 5th of 6, 7l behind Oliver Show (9-9) at Kempton 7f hcp 0-85 (4) pol in Apr 1m 26.54s.

BOOK OF LIFE 50-1 (9-2, P Mathers) Ridden away from start, prominent, ridden over 2f out, soon lost place, last of 11, 18l behind Liamarty Dreams (9-4) at Musselburgh 7f hcp 0-95 (3) gs in Apr 1m 28.02s.

TAHITIAN PRINCE 16-1 (9-8, N Callan) In touch in mid-division, headway and switched right 2f out, no extra inside final 100 yards, 7th of 14, 6l behind Whitcombe Rockstar (9-2) at Kempton 1m hcp (4) pol 1m 37.82s.

4.40 RACEHORSE SHARES FROM 45 AT RACINGCLUB.COM HANDICAP (4) (3-Y-O) Winner £6,621 (11 run) 1m

- 1 (7) 284-52 **ARAGON CASTLE** (27) (T) A Balding 9-9.....O Murphy 85
- 2 (5) 317-4 **QUEEN'S REIGN** (24) E Walker 9-7.....S Osborne 83
- 3 (9) 13-141 **MR BALOO** (23) R Hannon 9-7 (D).....J Leavy (5) 83
- 4 (1) 6441-7 **BOYFRIEND** (14) R Hannon 9-7.....P Dobbs 83
- 5 (3) 59-360 **BETTIES BAY** (20) G Nicholls 9-6.....J Bryan 82
- 6 (11) 416- **MR MONACO** (224) R Beckett 9-6.....H Crouch 82
- 7 (8) 224-32 **ZAIN BLUE** (14) J Butler 9-5.....L Morris 81
- 8 (2) 13130- **SPANISH BLAZE** (224) M Trengrove 9-4.....T Whelan 80
- 9 (6) 891-61 **RUKAANA** (13) C Hills 9-3 (D).....W Buick 79
- 10 (4) 104-27 **MIGUEL** (53) J Channon 9-2 (D).....G Bass (3) 78
- 11 (10) 952-49 **THE SMILING WOLF** (14) J Channon 8-13.....C Bishop 75

BETTING: 4 Rukaana, 11-2 Zain Blue, 6 Mr Monaco, Mr Baloo, Aragon Castle, 13-2 Spanish Blaze, 10 Miguel, Queens Reign, 14 Others.

2023: **SUDDEN AMBUSH** 9-5, Oisín Murphy 15-2 (A Balding), drawn (7), 11 ran.

5.10 GOODWOOD HEALTH RETREATS HANDICAP (3) Winner £10,468 (10 run) 5f

- 1 (9) 4-5038 **DREAM COMPOSER** (14) (P) H Evans 6-9-9 (CD).....J Leavy (5) 87
- 2 (8) 321-12 **BISHOP'S CROWN** (21) E J-Houghton 4-9-7.....C Bishop 85
- 3 (6) 67000- **ACKLAM EXPRESS** (230) C Cox 6-9-6 (CD).....K Stott 84
- 4 (3) 4201-2 **FAIR WIND** (23) Owen Burrows 4-9-6 (D²).....P Dobbs 84
- 5 (1) 242215 **NIGHT ON EARTH** (15) (T) I Williams 6-9-4 (D²).....S Osborne 82
- 6 (2) 3286-6 **SPRING BLOOM** (38) R Eddery 7-9-3 (D²).....D Keenan 81
- 7 (4) 50-060 **WATCHYA** (4) G Baker 5-9-3.....P Cosgrave 81
- 8 (5) 7-8033 **SAFARI DREAM** (19) (P) B Millman 4-8-9 (BF D³).....O Murphy 73
- 9 (10) 443-86 **ANGLE LAND** (25) (V) R Cowell 5-8-8 (CD).....H Turner 72
- 10 (7) 563854 **LIHOU** (19) P Evans 8-8-7 (CD).....David Egan 71

BETTING: 7-2 Bishop's Crown, 4 Fair Wind, 5 Dream Composer, 13-2 Night On Earth, 8 Safari Dream, 10 Lihou, Angle Land, 12 Spring Bloom, 14 Others.

2023: **ANGLE LAND** 4-8-8, Hayley Turner 9-2 (R Cowell), drawn (1), 6 ran.

DREAM COMPOSER 15-2 (9-2, D C Costello) Steadied start, held up off the pace in rear, never involved, 8th of 9, 4 1/2l behind Glenfinnan (9-5) at Ascot 6f hcp 0-85 (3) gd 1m 14.46s.

BISHOP'S CROWN 7-2 (9-3, Charles Bishop) Tracked leaders, came near side over 2f out, ridden and every chance over 1f out, pressed winner inside final furlong, ran on, 2nd of 8, 1/2l behind Baldomero (9-4) at Goodwood 6f hcp 0-90 (3) hvy 1m 16.00s.

ACKLAM EXPRESS 6-1 (9-0, Rossa Ryan) Sweating, never closer in mid-division rear side rail, hung right and behind inside final 2f, 12th of 13, 9l behind Badri (9-9) at Ascot 5f hcp 105 (2) gd in Oct 59.42s.

FAIR WIND 5-1 (9-6, R Kingscote) Held up off the pace in last trio, good headway far side of group under pressure over 1f out, went 2nd inside final furlong, ran on towards finish, always held, 2nd of 8, 1/2l behind Isle Of Lismore (9-9) at Ascot 5f hcp 0-85 (4) gs 1m 02.57s.

NIGHT ON EARTH 11-1 (8-11, R Kingscote) Led, ridden over 1f out, headed entering final furlong, no extra, 5th of 11, 1 3/4l behind Democracy Dilemma (9-12) at Chester 5f hcp 0-100 (2) gd 1m 00.13s.

SPRING BLOOM 16-1 (8-11, Darragh Keenan) Raced towards rear side, held up towards rear, headway near side of group 2f out, never going pace to reach leaders and weakened inside final furlong, 6th of 14, 3 1/2l behind Tees Spirit (9-0) at Newmarket 5f hcp 0-95 (3) gd in Apr 57.51s.

WATCHYA 9-1 (9-10, N Callan) Pulled hard chasing leaders, ridden and weakened over 1f out, 10th of 11, 9l behind Rocking Ends (9-10) at Windsor 5f hcp 0-80 (4) gf 58.42s.

SAFARI DREAM 11-4lav (10-2, R Coakley) Tracked leaders, ridden over 1f out, kept on inside final furlong, fading when squeezed up towards finish, 3rd of 5, 2 1/4l behind Sub Thirteen (8-10) at Salisbury 5f hcp 0-75 (5) hvy 1m 03.99s.

ANGLE LAND 7-2 (10-0, Marco Ghiani) Hampered by rival start, held up in last, pushed along 2f out, never involved, 6th of 7 8l behind Pro Bono Alexander (9-9) at Wolverhampton 5f hcp (0-75) (3yo+) (5) in Apr 1m 00.62s.

LIHOU 10-3 (10-1, R Kingscote) Tracked leader, driven over 1f out, faded inside final furlong, 4

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GOING: Soft. COURSE: Left-handed oval track of 1m 5f with a 4f straight. The 5f & 6f races are run on the straight. DRAW: A high draw is a big advantage, especially on soft.

2.05 BETFRED SUPPORTING MACMILLAN HANDICAP (5) (3-Y-O) Winner £4,187 (10 run) 7f 212yds. 1 (9) 8-354 MYSTERYOFTHESANDS (18) T Easterby 9-10... D Allan 69

4.20 EBF BRITISH STALLION STUDS CECIL FRAIL (FILLIES' AND MARES' LISTED) (1) Winner £28,355 (10 run) 6f. 1 (5) /116-7 AZURE BLUE (9) M Dods 5 9-7 (D)... S De Sousa 94

2.40 FILLIES' RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (4) (3-Y-O) Winner £5,400 (7 run) 7f 212yds. 1 (4) 1-3 SHEMOZZLE (27) R Beckett 9-9 (BF) ... Rossa Ryan 81

4.55 BETFRED MACMILLAN RACE DAY HANDICAP (4) Winner £6,281 (9 run) 1m 2f 42yds. 1 (8) 544-14 PEARL EYE (15) (P) Darryll Holland 4 9-11 (CD)... Jason Watson 87

3.15 BETFRED SUPPORTING MACMILLAN NOVICE STAKES (3) (2-Y-O) Winner £5,400 (8 run) 6f 212yds. 1 (7) CAVALLO BAY C Appleby 9-7 ... Doubtful

5.25 BETFRED NIFTY 50 HANDICAP (5) (3-Y-O) Winner £4,187 (10 run) 1m 2f 42yds. 1 (3) 573-65 OVERLOOKED (27) (V) T Dascombe 9-11... P-L Jamin 72

3.50 EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (3) (2-Y-O) Winner £5,400 (13 run) 6f. 1 (2) BINIORELLA BAY Tom Clover 9-2 ... Doubtful

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3.25 OCTAGON CONSULTANCY HANDICAP (DIV 1) (6) Winner £2,983 (11 run) 5f 160yds. 1 (10) 570-74 SYMBOL OF HOPE (18) (P) J R Flint 6 9-11 (CD)...

4.00 OCTAGON CONSULTANCY HANDICAP (DIV 2) (6) Winner £2,983 (10 run) 5f 160yds. 1 (8) 4471-4 LIOSA (25) W Kittow 4 9-10 (BFD) ... G Rooke 56

4.30 ALIDE HIRE FILLIES' HANDICAP (5) Winner £3,716 (10 run) 5f 160yds. 1 (8) 114611 CINQUE VERDE (8) A Carroll 4 9-10 (D)... Jack Doughty (7) 69

6.10 M J CHURCH WASTE MANAGEMENT HANDICAP (6) Winner £2,983 (13 run) 1m. 1 (1) 947212 LUNARIO (14) (B,T) Alice Haynes 4 9-11 (D) ... K O'Neill 67

Table with columns GARRY OWEN and PA. Races 2.15 to 6.10 including Heartfortheboys, Boloneighs, Midnight Flame, Malham Tarn Cove, Cinque Verde, Love You Darling, Flame of Kodiak, Racing Demon.

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BOXING



CONTROVERSY
Taylor wins in the first bout

REMATCH
Taylor and Catterall clash

HOOK LINE & STINKER

JOSH TAYLOR insists his rematch with Jack Catterall will provide the thrills after claiming their first scrap was a "stinker".

Tomorrow's fight has sold out Leeds Arena, neutral territory for two warring rivals, with the tagline of "Hate Runs Deep".

This isn't quite Chris Eubank against Nigel Benn or near the scale of Carl Froch and George Groves, that packed Wembley.

But British boxing rivalries have something about them and generate interest – even more than two years on from the first bout.

The Prestonpan puncher got a controversial decision in their first outing back in February 2022, which led to British official Ian John-Lewis being downgraded for scoring the fight in Taylor's favour.

That was for the undisputed titles at the time but this outing won't have any belts on the line.

Yet, after a tense face-off at yesterday's press conference,

Bout billed 'Hate Runs Deep' but Taylor vows punters will love second helping

BY CHRIS MCKENNA

Taylor is insisting this rivalry is bubbling over.

He said: "I was below my best for the first fight and so was Jack. The last fight was a stinker but I don't think this one will be. This one will bring the best out of me, I'm not so sure about Jack."

Taylor has lost his titles since

“ This one will bring the best out of me

JOSH TAYLOR ON SETTLING SCORES WITH CATTERALL

their first meeting due to mandatories not happening and a loss to Teofimo Lopez last year costing him the WBO strap.

While he has been plagued with injuries, which have forced this rematch to be delayed, Taylor added: "I'm in great shape and ready to prove that the last

fight was just an off night. I'm just treating this as another fight but it is a chance to put all this to bed once and for all."

Chorley southpaw Catterall travelled to Glasgow in 2022 to take on the then undisputed light-welterweight champion with few giving him any hope of ending the Scot's unbeaten run.

But a controversial decision left bitterness, between the fighters.

Catterall said: "Hate is a strong word but I certainly really, really dislike him. He doesn't

like me so what better way to settle this than with a fight?"

"What is it that I don't like? It's the way he carries himself, it's his little sniggering face. Right now he is public enemy No 1."

Yet he knows this rivalry is pushing his own career.

He said: "I understand that

rivalries sell. The first fight was a massive night for me, nobody had given me the opportunities before. British boxing needs these rivalries, there are a lot of good fights going elsewhere in the world to like Saudi, which is fine, but we need big nights too.

"I know I'm just one half of the dance show but there's not many fighters selling out arenas here at the moment."

It's taken a while to get here. Deals done which fell through, injuries causing the bout to collapse. Even this version of the bout had a four-week delay after Taylor picked up a knock.

Catterall, whose only loss in 29 fights is that controversial defeat by Taylor, said: "The demand from fans made sure this is still what people want to see. That's put pressure on people involved to get the fight on."



INTER-CITY Thompson

Ross makes move along M8 like Ali

RUGBY

ROSS THOMPSON is to follow in Ali Price's footsteps by swapping Glasgow for rivals Edinburgh.

Scotland scrum-half Price made the move along the M8 in mid-season and now Thompson will do likewise this summer after penning a one-year deal.

The fly-half, capped by Scotland, said: "I'm delighted to be joining Edinburgh. It's clear to see the potential the squad has and I'm excited about contributing towards that."

Gunners head coach Sean Everitt said: "Ross is a really smart player with a great understanding of the game."



IMPRESSED Verstappen

So nice that Lando takes it to the Max

UPDATE

MAX VERSTAPPEN is glad McLaren's Lando Norris is striving to challenge his dominance of Formula One.

Red Bull's world champion said: "It's good for the sport that more teams are fighting for the win. For sure, things have closed up."

Norris is 60 points behind the Dutchman heading into Monaco this weekend and Verstappen added: "Norris is really in the mix."

CRICKET: Scotland will head to the T20 World Cup on the back of a disappointing five-wicket defeat to Ireland in Voorburg yesterday. The Saltires posted 157-8 which the Irish passed with three balls to spare.

Collins has life-saving bowel op

SCOTTISH boxing star Nathaniel Collins has thanked the doctor who saved his life after being rushed into hospital this week.

The British, Commonwealth and European silver featherweight champion – who has been tipped to reach world level – took suddenly unwell on Monday, with his body shaking uncontrollably.

The Bearsden fighter was rushed to hospital where medics declared he had a twisted bowel, a situation deemed life-threatening.

The 27-year-old underwent over eight hours of emergency surgery to untwist the bowel and repair the damage.

Thankfully the procedure went well and Collins – who is undefeated after 15 fights and won the European title just two weeks ago – is now recovering with the support of his family and friends.

Collins said: "I feel very grateful to the surgeon who helped save my life."

"Also, a huge thank you to all the staff helping look after me here."



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DARTS PREMIER LEAGUE FINALE

Murray faces Stan in final French fling

CREME DE LA PREM Littler laps up glory in battle of the Lukes

Luke, listen and earn



ANDY MURRAY has been handed a tough draw for what could be the Scot's final French Open.

The 37-year-old returns to the tournament for the first time in four years ahead of his expected retirement this summer.

And there's no chance of being eased back in as he faces Stan Wawrinka – the Swiss ace who beat Murray in 2020 and in 2017 semis.

The winner faces British No.1 Cameron Norrie or

TENNIS

Pavel Kotov while Team GB pal Dan Evans, who partners Murray in the doubles, faces Holger Rune.

Novak Djokovic begins his defence against home favourite Pierre-Hugues Herbert at Roland-Garros.

Rafael Nadal, unseeded for the first time, faces world No.4 Alexander Zverev in the first round.

British women's No.1 Katie Boulter takes on Paula Badosa.

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Littler silences 'doubters' with best pocket money a teenager can win

LUKE LITTLER dissolved into tears after decorating the Greenwich peninsula with a nine-dart leg and a slice of history.

BY MIKE WALTERS

On the meridian where east meets west, Littler straddled the world and absconded into the Docklands sunset with £315,000, the best pocket money a 17-year-old phenomenon can win.

In front of a British record 14,000 audience in the PDC era, Luke the Nuke became the youngest winner of a TV major.

Just 141 days after their momentous World Championship Final at Ally Pally, Littler and Luke Humphries served up another classic for the ages at London's O2.

And Littler garnished his 11-7 triumph in the Premier League play-off with a perfect leg.

Lifting the trophy, he turned to the crowd and said: "I just want to say to all the doubters, 'I won, I just picked up this and you're not doubting me any more.'"

Before the boy wonder stole his thunder, only Phil Taylor had reached the showpiece of both the PDC World Championship and Premier League play-offs at the first shot.

But as Littler unfurled the first

nine-darter in a Premier League final since the Power's show-stoppers against James Wade in 2010, a new star rose over London's night sky.

When Littler meets Humphries, something has to give... and since he fell just short at Ally Pally, the kid with the Midas touch has now won seven of their last eight encounters.

Littler nearly blew the roof off when he nailed double 12 to clinch the 11th leg in nine darts and double top to seal his £275,000 winner's pay cheque plus £40,000 in bonuses for winning four nights of the regular season.

He said: "It's so good to win but to do it in front of my family, my girlfriend and manager, is so special."

Humphries said: "We finished first and second in the league and tonight proved we're the two best players in the world."

Littler crushed ex-world champion Michael Smith

10-5 in the opening semi-final before Humphries

halted Michael van Gerwen, also by a 10-5

margin, to set up an all-Luke final that did not disappoint.

LUKE NOW Littler lifts trophy in London





EURO2024

Doak exited 21s with Budapest pen miss but Scot says attitude is spot on for promotion

THIS KID'S HUNGARY FOR MORE

BY MARK WALKER

SCOT GEMMILL has backed shock Scotland Euro 2024 call-up Ben Doak to prove he belongs at that level.

The 18-year-old uncapped Liverpool starlet was a surprise inclusion in Steve Clarke's squad despite having only played 13 minutes of football in the Premier League this season.

He's recovered from injury and won promotion from Gemmill's Under-21s squad – who go to play Turkey in Istanbul and Austria in Wiener Neustadt next month.

Doak's final act for the Under-21s could well be missing a penalty with the last kick of the ball in Budapest against Hungary in November with Scotland having to settle for a goalless draw in the Euro 2025 qualifiers.

But Gemmill's worked with the kid since handing him his first start almost two years ago where he burst onto the scene as the youngest-ever goalscorer for the Under-21s in a friendly win over Northern Ireland.

And he doesn't expect



AGONY
Doak after penalty miss

ex-Celtic winger Doak to enter the Scotland camp timidly. He said: "There's no doubt when you work with Ben you

can see how ambitious he is, how demanding he is of himself and his teammates. He knows he needs to channel that. He knows he needs to continue to improve and you can see a young player who is determined to do that.

"The way he is gives you an insight to his character and his upbringing. There are different ways to play at the top level. Some players are quiet, some more reserved.

"But it's good to have a mix in the dressing room and he's a good example of it. It's really exciting, it's a brilliant opportunity."

Gemmill has included the likes of Cannon Barron, Max Johnston and Tommy Conway

who were all tipped to sneak into Clark's squad for Germany.

But the Under-21s boss doesn't expect any sulking.

He stated: "These players have a lot of self-confidence and they're very ambitious. There'll be players in our squad who are disappointed they're not in Steve's squad, and that's good, that's healthy.

"We want to be working with players with that mentality. They need to keep pushing and they know that."

"The players are growing off the pitch, getting stronger, faster, more mature, technically and tactically better, physically better. Even in younger ones like Ben you notice a difference.

"It's all about them. Of course, it's great we've helped in a small way, but Steve pays close attention to the 21s and it's down to the player, what they're

doing at their clubs, putting themselves in position where he's confident to select them."

Gemmill's given first call-ups to Kilmarnock and Motherwell pair David Watson and Lennon Miller as well as Blackpool's Robert Apter who was on loan at Tranmere.

He said: "David and Lennon both played for the Under 19s in the Elite Round in March and we have been paying close attention to their international experiences and that's been reinforced by what they have done at club level too.

"David's shown he has the trust of his manager to play in big games with the energy and determination he has got. He has real maturity.

"Lennon is really highly regarded and he's shown he can really influence games. He is another that has the trust of his manager.

"He's a couple of years younger. It's really exciting we can give them the opportunity and to introduce them to the 21s."



ARRIVALS
Gemmill has new faces

SCOTLAND UNDER-21 SQUAD

Adam Devine (Rangers), Dire Mebude (Westerlo), Azeem Abdulai (Swansea City), Cieran Slicker (Ipswich), Connor Barron (Aberdeen), Connor McAvoy (Fulham), David Watson (Kilmarnock), Jack Newman (Dundee Utd), Josh Doig (Sassuolo), Josh Mulligan (Dundee), Kai Fotheringham (Dundee Utd), Lennon Miller (Motherwell), Leon King (Rangers),

Lewis Fiorini (Manchester City), Liam Morrison (Bayern Munich), Lyall Cameron (Dundee), Matthew Anderson (Celtic), Max Johnston (Sturm Graz), Michael Mellon (Burnley), Robert Apter (Blackpool), Tommy Conway (Bristol City), Vincent Angelini (Brentford).

ERIK: IT'S STILL MY JOB

ERIK TEN HAG refused to be drawn on his future ahead of tomorrow's FA Cup Final.

The Dutchman has been given no assurances over his future, with the Wembley showdown against Manchester City potentially his last game in charge.

Gareth Southgate, Mauricio Pochettino and Thomas Tuchel

have been linked as potential successors to Ten Hag.

But the United boss said: "I'm just focusing on the job and that is, firstly, to win the game and then keep going with the project. Of course, after every season you review and we'll see where we are.

"I came here to win trophies and this is the next opportunity."



FINAL FOCUS Ten Hag

FA charge Lucas for booking bets

LUCAS PAQUETA faces a lifetime ban after being charged with serious breaches of FA betting rules.

The West Ham star has denied claims that he deliberately picked up yellow cards in four Premier League games across 2022 and '23.

But should the Brazilian, 26, be found guilty of spot-fixing by an

independent panel he faces a suspension that could range from six months to a lifetime.

Paqueta said: "I deny the charges in their entirety and will fight with every breath to clear my name."

West Ham have pledged to stand by a player they signed for £51m from Lyon in 2022.

Lions finally get to Prior agreement

LIVINGSTON have signed French keeper Jerome Prior on a pre-contract.

The 28-year-old will join on a one-year deal from French Second Division side Pau and fight it out with Shamal George for the gloves.

Prior has had spells at Bordeaux, Miedz Legnica, Valenciennes, Cartagena and PAS Giannina.

The keeper previously played for the Lions in a January friendly in Turkey, after injuries to George and Jack Hamilton.

Livi considered signing Prior on-loan in January but decided on taking Michael McGovern on loan from Hearts.

Imrie joy as Ton extend stay for trio

MORTON have agreed extensions with skipper Grant Gillespie, veteran stopper Kirk Broadfoot and midfielder Cameron Blues.

The trio were all big players for the Cappielow side last season as Ton battled to fifth in the Championship table.

It is a major boost for Dougie Imrie's men who have lost first-team players Robbie Muirhead, Robbie Crawford and George Oakley on freedom of contract.

Muirhead has gone to Livingston, Oakley is heading to Ayr United and Crawford is heading back to Partick Thistle.

Defender Lewis Strapp is also out of contract and has still to extend his deal.

Sprangler's staying on with Saints

ST JOHNSTONE are to hand Sven Sprangler a new one-year deal.

The Austrian midfielder's existing contract is up at the end of this month.

It had been claimed that Sprangler had penned a two-year deal when he signed but it was a year with a year's option.

The 29-year-old didn't start enough games to trigger that extension after arriving as a free agent from SK Vorwärts Steyr last year.

But Saints boss Craig Levein extended his deal.

Saints are also looking at handing Josh McPake a deal. The midfielder's been training with Saints while playing for Stirling Albion.



ABERDEEN GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS

No need to kiss his goals goodbye

Jamie in talks over new deal

ABERDEEN have opened talks with Jamie McGrath over a new contract.

Director of football Steven Gunn is in negotiations with the midfielder, who netted an impressive 11 goals in his first season at Pittodrie.

The Republic of Ireland cap is still under contract until next summer but Dons chiefs want to extend that to ensure he is a long-term part of Jimmy Thelin's regime.

McGrath said: "I have a year left but there have been talks.

"It's still at an early stage so we'll see what happens. The club are amazing and the fans have been brilliant. People have always said you don't realise how big a club

BY SCOTT BURNS

Aberdeen is until you're here and that's right. I'm proud to play for it. It's a massive club."

Aberdeen gave the 27-year-old a new lease of life when he was released by Wigan last summer.

Bojan Miovski swept the board for their player of the year awards but interim boss Peter Leven said McGrath was Dons' unsung hero.

Despite the highs of European group stage football, a League Cup final and a Scottish Cup semi-final, the club finished in the Premiership's bottom six.

McGrath said: "Although we have been poor domestically, it's been an enjoyable year personally."



NEW LEASE OF LIFE Irish midfielder man McGrath, right

DONS KEEN ON RANGER ROBBY

FROM BACK PAGE

Dons' recruitment team have already put a list of potential replacements together and director of football Steven Gunn is working on them with new boss Jimmy Thelin, whose arrival is imminent.

Ex-Dundee United No.1 Benji Siegrist had also been on their radar but it has become clear if the Swiss shot-stopper leaves Celtic, his preference is to move away from Scottish football. Rangers are already

aware of Aberdeen's interest in McCrorie.

The keeper is going into the final year of his contract at Ibrox and has made it clear he is looking for regular first-team football to force his way back into the Scotland squad.

McCrorie, 26, is unlikely to get that as long as Jack Butland is Rangers' No.1.

His brother Ross, who is in Scotland's preliminary Euros squad, moved from Gers to Dons in 2021 and was sold on to Bristol City.

Thelin, who will check in from Elfsborg next month, has Icelandic keeper Valdimarsson on his wanted list. He had him at Elfsborg before selling him to Brentford for big money in January.

The 22-year-old is yet to play for the Premier League club and Thelin would be keen to take him on loan if the Bees can be sold on such a switch.

Elfsborg honour Thelin

INCOMING Aberdeen boss Jimmy Thelin will be given an emotional send-off by Elfsborg in his last home game tonight against Halmstads. Thelin starts his new job in just over a week. The Swedish club told fans: "Before kick-off we pay tribute to him in the best possible way for the fantastic time he had in yellow and black. Don't miss out."

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MONTY: LAST-GASP WELL GOAL COST ME THE JOB

NICK MONTGOMERY admits feeling pride and pain over his eight-month spell in charge at Hibs.

The sacked Easter Road boss has broken his silence on the club's decision to pull the trigger.

The Englishman joined from Central Coast Mariners last September to replace Lee Johnson but

BY FRASER WILSON

he only managed to win nine of his 32 league games, missing out on a top six spot by two points after a last-gasp leveller by Motherwell in final game before the split.

Montgomery said: "It was an honour to be appointed manager of Hibs and to be part of a

club with so much history. I am disappointed that we narrowly missed out of the top six in the last minute of the final game.

"I depart having met some wonderful people and having witnessed the passionate fan base who showed support throughout all of the challenges the club faced."



SACKED Montgomery

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£2m Elie bid tempts Hibs

HIBS are weighing up a bid worth over £2million for Elie Youan from an unnamed French club. It's understood the offer could reach as much as £2.5m after add-ons for a player who cost just £600,000 when his loan deal from St Gallen was made permanent last summer. Youan netted nine goals for Hibs this season.

HOTSEAT VERDICT

MATTER

DAVID GRAY'S picture is plastered on walls all round Easter Road and Hibs Training Centre.

And it's beginning to sound like his name might soon be adorning the manager's office.

Everything I'm hearing makes me think the man dubbed Sir David by punters for his 2016 Scottish Cup Final heroics is the clear frontrunner to replace Nick Montgomery.

And do you know what? He might just be the perfect fit for what the club needs. With the wisdom and experience of sporting director Malky Mackay sitting above him it ticks so many boxes.

Firstly, David would get more leeway with fans because he's a bona fide legend. There has been a disconnect with supporters for too long now but if anyone can repair that it's SDG.

He knows the club inside out, he knows what the support is looking for in a team, he knows the squad of players and workings of the dressing room.

Some might say he lacks experience but Gray has sat in that hotseat four times now after managers have been bulletted and he's been directly involved in coaching the first team for three years and even taken charge of a European game.

He has played for the club, scored the most important goal in its history and would command instant respect from the players. From what I hear he is a

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TAM McMANUS

Next Hibs boss already has his face all over Easter Road

motivator as well. Having Malky to lean on every day would be crucial. He will be a great sounding board for a young boss in terms of recruitment, dealing with agents, contracts, dealing with criticism.

Malky could take a lot of the workload off and allow the new man to concentrate on coaching the team.

Honestly, this might be the easiest decision the club have had to make in three years.

I was critical of chief executive Ben Kensell weeks ago and said he'd have to follow Montgomery out the door if another of his appointments was sacked.

Well, it looks like Kensell is sticking around - but thankfully Malky has been brought in to oversee the next appointment.

Derek McInnes was always my first choice but I don't blame him for staying at Kilmarnock where the board and chairman give him carte blanche over the football side of things.

Derek is a hands-on manager and I don't think he'd have worked under the system at Hibs - but there are other names still being touted for the job, like:

RONNY DEILA

I would 100 per cent take Deila. I've played in the

MLS and it's a very high standard. He won the league with New York City which was a fabulous achievement and also means he has experience as part of a multi-club network.

At Club Brugge last season an iffy run in the league coincided with a really good run in the Europa Conference League where they got to the semi-finals. He is out of work and available.

Deila seems a good motivator, he has a grasp of the Premiership from his two years at Celtic and Hibs fans I know have been mentioning his name in fairly positive tones.

ALEX NEIL

Another good one. Got Norwich promoted to the Premier League via the play offs and then did the same with Sunderland into the Championship. It never quite worked out for him at Preston and Stoke but what a wealth of experience he has amassed and he knows our game.

Would Alex would want to come back to Scotland? His last job at Stoke didn't go too well so maybe this would be tempting. He's used to working under a director of football too.

IAN MURRAY

I know Ian very well through

playing together at Hibs many moons ago and he looks the real deal in management. He's done a wonderful job to take Raith Rovers to the Premiership play-off final and played good football along the way.

If he can see that through his stock will be really, really high and I think a lot of fans would fancy him at Easter Road.

I'm sure Ian would relish the opportunity at Hibs too - he is a big Hibs fan.

MICHAEL BEALE

Not for me - and more importantly not for many supporters either. His recent association with Rangers shouldn't be an issue but it would be for so many Hibeers.

More importantly his record at Ibrox and then Sunderland means his CV isn't up to scratch. Two sackings in one season is pretty bad going and it would be a foolish move to go after someone who's stock is so low.

TOMMY ELPHICK

If Bill Foley really does have a big say at Hibs then the Bournemouth assistant gaffer must stand a chance.

I would see the thinking behind it in terms of knowing the potential loans coming up from the Cherries and being close to the partnership.

But it'd leave the question of whether Bournemouth were calling the shots for Hibs now and there's no way supporters would stand for that.



CAUTIOUS Naismith says club not willing to risk its future

NAISY WON'T BE GUNG-HO WITH EUROS

STEVEN NAISMITH knows Hearts are set for a cash windfall after qualifying for continental competition.

But the Jambos boss insists the incoming Euro millions won't be burning a hole in his pocket.

The Tynecastle side could have more than £5million on the way after securing third in the Premiership and a crack at the Europa League group stage - with a Conference League safety net.

Naismith will be backed to strengthen his team this summer.

But he insisted he won't be going gung ho with the dosh as the club are looking to build on and off the pitch.

When asked if he'd be asking for a £5m war chest, Naismith said: "That's not the case. The club isn't going to risk its long-term future just for the sake of that."

"We are ambitious and want to keep improving. We're investing a lot into the training pitches this summer. The infrastructure needs to grow as we bring players in."

"The quality and level of player that comes in, the expectation of what we get every day and what they get every day rises."

"We need to carry that trend on. There are loads of things we will be

BY MICHAEL GANNON

improving on but we aren't going to splash cash for the sake of it.

"I'm not sure the budget is that much different. I haven't had the conversations yet but it isn't going to be much different. The club pushes as much as it can all the time."

"If there's a player to be signed that will make us better and be an asset then we will look to do that. If that's beyond what we expected to play, they are willing to push to do as much as they can."

"On the flip side, we are not just going to sign players because we're in Europe. That's just not going to happen. I want to rely on the academy at points."

"There isn't a big: 'Oh, we've got this budget over that budget.' I don't want to work like that and the club have been comfortable saying that's not how we're going to work."

"If we think there are players in areas we need to really strengthen, we will strengthen. If not, we'll not."

"Having the fallback of the Conference League is a good one to have. The biggest thing is we've got European football for the first half of the season. We will look forward to the challenges."

Jambos strategy based on making group stage

HEARTS' chief executive Andrew McKinlay insists there are no plans to loosen the purse strings - because they pushed the boat out to land European group stage football.

He said: "The finances [from Europe] definitely will help. We actually spent the same on the squad this season as we did last season when we were in the group stages, which

stretched our finances. But we did that on purpose as we thought, 'well we've had one season of it, are we going to downsize again and then maybe not get that again?'

"We as a board have a strategy that we want to get into European group stage football. So it's unlikely that we have a squad cost that is a lot bigger, if at all, than we've got."

WORK TO DO Kensell and Mackay, right, will find new boss but Gray, left, could be perfect fit





PREMIERSHIP PLAY-OFF



NATIONAL AMBITION Dee's Portales

Toni aiming to Mex the grade soon

BY SCOTT BURNS

ANTONIO PORTALES hopes another successful season in the Premiership can help him force his way into the Mexican national team.

The 28-year-old admitted it is a burning ambition to play for his country and he believes coming to Dundee has raised his profile.

If he kicks on, he reckons it can open the international door.

He admitted: "I want to be in the national team.

"I want to win things and maybe one of the two cups. In the league, for me, we focus on finishing top six and then go to Europe.

"I am not close to the Mexico national team right now, but hopefully soon. It will help playing in Scotland.

"The results and the games help me and hopefully soon they can call me up.

"I will go home and rest with the family over the summer – some warm weather. Today it is nice here but tomorrow it could be cold!

"I enjoy it here. The weather in Mexico is 'part of the show'. But yeah, I will rest with the family and then I will start preparing by doing some training before I come back."

Dee appeal SPFL fine over pitch

DUNDEE have appealed their fine over their Dens Park pitch problems.

The Dark Blues are unhappy with the SPFL's £150,000 punishment.

Although £120,000 is suspended, they'll have to pay up if there are any more call-offs due to a waterlogged pitch before the end of next season.

Five games were postponed at Dens last season. Club officials are adamant they did all they could to get games on and much of it was due to things outside of their control.

The club has started work on the pitch to bring Dens up to scratch.

United set to nick in for Richards

DUNDEE UNITED look set to beat competition from St Johnstone to land keeper Dave Richards, 30.

The Welshman spent this term on-loan at McDiarmid from Crewe.

United and Saints both offered two-year deals but Richards is expected to agree to Tannadice in the coming days – opening the door for Jack Newman, 22, to go out on loan.



Dhanda serves up parting gift to put Staggies in driving seat

YAN FOR THE ROAD

YAN DHANDA promised to leave Ross County in the Premiership before heading to Hearts in the next few weeks.

And last night the Staggies star did more than anyone to ensure the relegation escape artists took a giant step towards back-to-back play-off survival.

A year after netting the penalty that sparked their miraculous final comeback against Partick, Dhanda held his nerve from 12 yards to despatch the opener at sodden Stark's Park.

And his inch-perfect delivery from a corner then teed up Jack Baldwin to double the lead on 72 minutes.

Raith hauled themselves back into the tie with Sam Stanton's late goal.

But Rovers were left cursing VAR after pulling out the stops to get the technology installed for their shot at a return to the top flight.

In its first ever action in Kirkcaldy the video assistants penalised Euan Murray for handball – and handed Dhanda his opener from 12 yards.

» RAITH ROVERS.....1 ROSS COUNTY.....2
FRASER WILSON AT STARK'S PARK

Over the course few could complain at the result as the Premiership side showed their class. But Stanton's late goal at least gives Raith hope that their Premiership dream could yet be saved.

Indeed to pinch a catchphrase former hero Marvellous Marvin Andrews – who got a rapturous reception during a half-time appearance – Ian Murray's men can still believe.

It's been 27 years since Raith last grabbed the top flight.

But their fans packed Stark's Park and were bursting with belief Murray's men were set to end that long wait.

Staggies fans could have been forgiven for expecting the worst having won just one away game in the entire Premiership campaign – that coming way back in September.

Had they held out in injury time against St Johnstone last midweek

that would have been two – and they wouldn't have been here last night.

But that's history and Don Cowie knew it was going to take an almighty effort to save their top-flight status against a Raith side that pushed Dundee United in the Championship.

He stuck by the starting XI that drew with Aberdeen on Sunday while Raith made just one change from their semi-final penalty shoot-out win over Partick as Kyle Turner dropped out against his parent club and was replaced by Jack Hamilton.

The contest took off at a ferocious pace, aided by the slick plastic surface, with County in particular looking keen to get their noses in front.

Dylan Corr's panicked clearance from a cutback almost cannoned into his own goal off the back of Simon Murray. The Staggies certainly weren't

looking like a side feeling sorry for themselves after slipping into the play-off spot so late in the day.

Cowie's men were zipping the ball about for fun and showing their Premiership class while Raith defended for their lives just to stay level. And it took a well-timed last-ditch challenge from Ross Matthews to deny Murray a tap-in after a neat run and pass from Dhanda.

County defender Ryan Leak went into the book for hauling down Rovers flying machine Aidan Connolly as he raced down the right flank and Murray was off target with his header from the resultant corner.

Raith's top scorer Lewis Vaughan got his first sight of goal in the 40th minute and Stark's Park held its breath as he lined up a 20-yard free-kick only to blast straight into the wall.

Down the other end Will Nightingale had a drive from distance deflected for a corner.

And from Dhanda's delivery Baldwin

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JACK IN THE BOX
Baldwin nods in No.2 after Dhanda's spot-kick opener, far left, but Raith were given hope by the late Stanton effort, left

THE STATS

TEAMS

RAITH: Dabrowski 7, Matthews 7, Corr 6, Murray 6, Dick 6, S Brown 7, Byrne 7, Connolly 7 (Mullin 77, 2), Vaughan 6 (Easton 77, 2), Stanton 7, Hamilton 5 (Smith 68, 3).
ROSS CO: Laidlaw 6, Nightingale 7, Baldwin 7, Leak 6, Brown 6 (Efete 81, 2), Randall 7, King 7, Harmon 6, Dhanda 8 (Loturi 87, 1), White 6, Murray 6 (Sims 90, 1).
REFEREE: John Beaton.

ANALYSIS

46	POSSESSION %	54
1	SHOTS ON	6
6	SHOTS OFF	6
5	CORNERS	4
11	FOULS	11
0	YELLOW CARDS	1
0	RED CARDS	0

MAN OF THE MATCH



YAN DHANDA

Another huge display from County's most influential player as he brilliantly despatched his spot-kick and provided the assist for Jack Baldwin's second.



TRIBUTE County's Cowie

WE'LL GO ON ATTACK

FROM BACK PAGE

53rd-minute spot-kick – awarded after a VAR check – broke the deadlock before Jack Baldwin's header looked to have killed the tie.

But Stanton's late goal gives Raith hope heading to Dingwall on Sunday.

Asked if he believed the tie was still alive, Raith boss Murray said: "We do now after the late goal gives us a chance. We know it will be difficult but we know what we have to do which is good.

"We are back in the tie, the subs gave us energy, and we have nothing to lose now. It comes down to one game on Sunday afternoon.

"I'm really pleased with the character we showed. To go 2-0 down was a blow. Two really poor goals from our point of view. But the guys deserve credit for hanging in."

Raith's first taste of VAR was a bitter one as the video assistants penalised Euan Murray for handball after he deflected Eli King's shot wide.

But Murray, who will have Keith Watson back from injury to face his old side on Sunday, admitted: "The Ross County boys were appealing and they know what's a penalty with VAR.

"We probably don't. To the letter of the law it's probably a penalty."

County boss Don Cowie paid tribute to outgoing ace Dhanda who scored the first and set up the second.

He said: "We know the quality Yan has got. That's why he has got his move to Hearts, but right now it's about him making sure he leaves this club in the same place he came to it in.

"He's doing everything he can for that. I thought the performance deserved a lead.

"I'm disappointed we didn't get the clean sheet, because once we went 2-0 up we started to look really comfortable.

"That's the only real frustration. Apart from that, I'm really proud of the group."

showed he can play a bit too as he danced past two challenges before drawing the first save of the game from Kevin Dabrowski.

Raith came out of the traps for the second half with renewed vigour and Connolly saw a left-footed effort just evade the far post with Ross Laidlaw beaten.

But that brief ray of hope was soon extinguished when Eli King's drive was deflected wide – and VAR decided to get involved for the first time ever at Stark's Park.

Safe to say the home fans weren't impressed with the new gizmo at their ground.

Their anger deepened when John Beaton was sent to the monitor by video assistant Alan Muir. And, when that happens, 99 per cent of the time there's a decision to be made.

This time it was penalty after checks showed it had come off the underside of Murray's arm.

And Dhanda showed nerves of steel

to slam the spot-kick high off the inside of Dabrowski's post.

Raith needed a response and almost got it seven minutes later when Laidlaw was caught out his goal and Connolly's low drive was hacked off the line by Leak.

The game was opening up and Dabrowski pulled off a super save low to his left to deny King.

It was just delaying matters though and from Dhanda's corner Baldwin rose high to power home a header from six yards and double County's lead.

It looked very much like game over. But Raith weren't for lying down.

And Stanton gave them hope heading to Dingwall on Sunday when he applied the finishing touch to Matthews' cross after a sensational pass in behind from Shaun Byrne.

Corr then was inches away from a dramatic injury-time leveller when he got on the end of Josh Mullin's free-kick but headed wide.



LATE HOPE Stanton hails his goal as, above, Dhanda and Randall conspire for County

WITH the Scottish Cup Final at Hampden tomorrow, the fighting talk between fans of Glasgow's big two has hit fever pitch.

But before we get into the bickering, a bit of Scotland squad chat?

Gerrard Milligan, Renfrewshire, said: "It's 99 per cent predictable, too many fillers. McLean, Armstrong, Dykes, Hanley, Jack? Blair Spittal has done enough to get at least a place. Uninspiring – we won't progress again."

James McLean, Isle of Bute, said: "Why is Steve Clarke including Ryan Jack? He's hardly played a game this season and is out of favour at Rangers. Is this him trying to appease the Rangers supporters?"

And **Gary Stevenson, Newtonhill,** said: "I bet the Germans are nervous now the Scotland squad has been announced, especially as Celtic's colossus Callum McGregor is included. Or 'Callum Who' as the Germans call him. Bang average doesn't cut it in Europe."

Celtic face Rangers at the national stadium tomorrow and **Stephen Johnstone, Ardentiny,** reckons one side have already crowned themselves winners.

He said: "Celtic players and fans are boasting they've won the Scottish Cup and Double before the game's played. It's disrespectful to all connected with Rangers but I wouldn't expect anything else from Parkhead.

"If their heads get any bigger they won't get in the dressing-room door, never mind the fans at the turnstiles at Hampden on Saturday."

Could it be Philippe Clement's last game if he loses?

Willie Mercer, Dumfries, said: "Even if he does lose the final, Clement is going nowhere, as prophesied by some hopeful Celtic fans.

"The man has been hamstrung this season through the poor quality signings of his predecessor and a

QUOTE OF THE DAY

'Even if he loses the Cup Final, Clement is going nowhere. He's been hamstrung through poor signings of his predecessor'

horrendous run of injuries to many key players and has done a remarkable job pushing Celtic given these circumstances. He deserves and will get the opportunity to put his own team on the park next season."

Kenny Wilson, Moffat, said: "With Rangers fans dreading Saturday, how things have changed in the space of a month! Already some fans want the magician away if he loses the final! And bingo, it didn't last long until we had the regular end-of-term quote (well done to caller Andrew Lamb) – 'I'm already excited about the new look for next season!'"

And **Bud Hay, Dumfries,** said: "Clement might not be there next season. He won't be running away down a tunnel, he will be running out of Ibrox with his P45 if he doesn't win the Scottish Cup."

Jack Butland was left out of the England squad and after a week that saw Rangers' interest in Motherwell's Liam Kelly emerge, some put two and two together.

Stephen Mulhern said: "It won't have gone unnoticed down south Rangers are close to bringing in Scotland international Kelly. That would indicate they already have a ready-made replacement lined up when an expected bid comes in. And with Butland left out of England's squad, he must feel heading back down south will be the only chance of regaining a place."

Tam Williamson, Lanarkshire, said: "Kelly has already passed through the Ibrox revolving exit door, now they're trying to re-sign him because they can get him for free? But you can bet there's more to this story than meets the eye. Butland will be sold when some English Championship outfit come calling."

A word for Rangers kid Ross McCausland. Some of the praise from **John Davidson, Kirkintilloch,** might be premature but he said: "Here's hoping McCausland can keep progressing and be the difference on Saturday. I can see this young man being the new George Best."

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SCOTTISH CUP FINAL

WE RESPECT IBROX RIVALS

FROM BACK PAGE

goldfish bowl. Rodgers has already recorded three derby wins and a draw over the course of a successful league title defence – and has only tasted defeat at the hands of his city rivals once over his two stints in charge.

But he is adamant that his sensational record in this fixture will play no part in Celtic's thinking as they look to end another campaign in style – and insists they're on fire heading into the big finale.

Asked yesterday if Celtic believe they have a mental edge over their neighbours Rodgers said firmly: "No you can never have that arrogance. It's not how we work. We have a humility in how we work, we respect every opponent we play whether that's Rangers or Raith or whoever, we have to prepare for the game.

"But we come into the game in ideal condition. I don't think there's any doubt about that. We've been on fire the last few months, playing really well.

"There were lots of challenges for us at the beginning of the season – playing every three or four days, when we had really important players missing. That was a challenge.

"But over the course, as the season has built up into the pressure months, the players have been absolutely superb in how they've dealt with that.

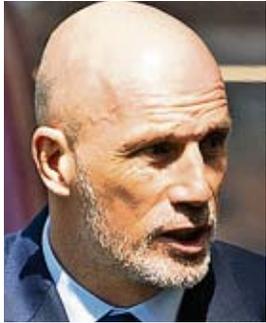
"We arrive having won the league in a really, really good way and playing well. We come into this one in a really good condition."

Celtic's record in Scottish Cup Finals is also verging on extraordinary.

They've won their last 10 since losing to Rangers in injury time back in 2002. Rodgers has also won all of his 16 ties in charge.

But he insists this winning mentality in his dressing room won't allow him to relax ahead of the clash with Philippe Clement's side.

He said: "I wouldn't say 'relax'. You still have to be super focused, there is no guarantee. But what you understand as a manager



HAMPDEN TEST Clement

is that you know what you're going to get. In pressure situations that is invaluable.

"Callum McGregor is a top operator, James Forrest has been over many years as well and his trophy haul is absolutely incredible for this club, as is Callum's.

"I would definitely say I have an assurance on what I'll get from them. I can put my faith in them."

"But it's all about focus. There was a really good feeling when we celebrated winning the league but, as I said to the players at the beginning of the week, 'You've had that relaxation, now it's time to get focused'.

"We have to do the work and the focus and the work and the intensity has been at the highest level. So focus is the word. You still have to be super focused. There is no guarantee."

Asked what it would mean on a personal level to end the season with another trophy, Rodgers said: "The satisfaction would suffice but it's more about what you give other people. For the supporters it's everything – they live their life for Celtic – and especially a Celtic-Rangers game. To deliver that for them would be great.

"For the players, it would be a reward for how their discipline has been this season. Discipline is one of the key elements of football, not just on the pitch but off the pitch.

"We stay very focused, stay true to our game and how we want to work. The players have got their rewards for that as the season's gone on. It would add another trophy, but it's always been more about the satisfaction other people get from it."

HUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE



SERIAL WINNERS
Rodgers will place his faith in Forrest, right, and skipper McGregor, below

» THE PREMIERSHIP PLAY-OFF ACTION

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1 DAY TO GO



BOOTROOM

DAILY POLL

WHO should be Scotland's right-back at the Euros?

QUICK QUIZ ?

- 1 Which Italian club did retiring Celtic keeper Joe Hart play for?
- 2 Who will captain Scotland at the T20 World Cup finals?
- 3 In which city did the late David Wilkie win Olympic gold in the 200metres breaststroke?
- 4 Scotland call-up Ross McCrorie plays his football for which club?
- 5 Who was the last Brit to win the women's singles at the French Open?
- 6 Who were the last NFC champions to go on to win the Super Bowl?
- 7 In which sport did Viktor Barna win five world singles titles in the 1930s?
- 8 Who scored the late goal which won Celtic their first SWPL title?
- 9 Who was the highest European finisher at golf's US PGA on Sunday?
- 10 In which Australian city is AFL club Collingwood based?

ON THIS DAY



2014: Real Madrid beat Atletico Madrid 4-1 after extra time in Lisbon for a 10th European Cup.

TV SPORT



- FOOTBALL:** Serie A - Genoa v Bologna (TNT Sports 3, 7.30pm).
- CRICKET:** IPL Second Qualifier - Sunrisers Hyderabad v Rajasthan Royals (Sky Sports Cricket, 2.50pm).
- RUGBY UNION:** Challenge Cup Final - Gloucester v Sharks (TNT Sports 1, 7pm).
- F1:** Monaco Grand Prix - First Practice (Sky Sports F1/Main Event, noon), Second Practice (Sky Sports F1/Main Event, 3.45pm).
- TENNIS:** ATP Geneva & Lyon and WTA Strasbourg & Rabat (Sky Sports Tennis, 10am).
- GOLF:** Charles Schwab Challenge (Sky Sports Golf, 5pm); Sky Sports Main Event, 9pm; Soudal Open (Sky Sports Golf, noon).
- BOXING:** Lukasz Rozanski v Lawrence Okolie (Sky Sports Main Event/Action, 10pm).

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BRENDAN RODGERS has talked a great deal about writing stories over these past few weeks of a sometimes tumultuous campaign.

So it's kind of fitting he will place his faith in two men with a proven record of delivering silver linings in tomorrow's final chapter.

Callum McGregor and James Forrest have been over this course so many times before it's hard to keep count.

Between them they have lifted 44 trophies during a combined 24 years spent in the frontline as serial Celtic winners.

And they'll be asked to go again one more time tomorrow when Rodgers sends his men out into battle for the last trophy of the season and a mouthwatering Scottish Cup Final showdown with city rivals Rangers.

McGregor's involvement as captain, of course, was never really in any doubt so long as stayed clear of the treatment table. Forrest, though, has fought his way off the fringes in recent weeks to claim centre stage

after kicking his heels on the bench for

Rodgers: I can't say I knew on return he'd do this but I knew talent... James worked hard, waiting for this moment

BY KEITH JACKSON

most of the last three seasons. And he's done so with such energy and enthusiasm he's managed to play his way into Scotland's squad for the Euros.

However, it does beg a rather obvious question. Why has it taken Rodgers quite so long to reach the conclusion that, even at the age of 32, Forrest was so routinely underutilised, for so long?

And as the Parkhead boss returned to Hampden yesterday to get the countdown started, he was probably asking himself the same question.

"It's an interesting one," Rodgers mused when asked about the veteran winger's crucial contribution over the critical, closing stretch of the campaign.

"I looked back over the last few years and James was an important member of the squad but maybe wasn't the starter he once was.

"If you look at Liel Ababa, Daizen Maeda and Jota, there were players that were in front of him. He still had a very important part to play, even though the game time might not be so much.

And then we start this season again where he's been on the periphery at the beginning because of those players.

"Then Liel moved on and Daizen was injured and I always felt James was a top-class player.

"As the season went on and as I watched him more in training, I then had to make a decision - and the decision for the team and for the club was that he had to play.

"I know what I'm going to get from James. I get that high-level quality, he can look after the ball and create and score a goal. And any deficiencies he has in his game now, because he is older, we have to try to deal with.

"I can't sit here and say that at the beginning of the season I knew he would do what he's

doing now. But I knew his talent and I'm so happy he's been able to demonstrate that at the perfect time.

"He's also a big-game player and that was one of the key elements of bringing him back into the team. I knew what I was going to get.

"He has played in big games, makes the big contributions and, come big games, scores big goals.

"So I'm absolutely delighted for him because he's such a humble guy. He has worked hard every single day waiting for the moments and waiting for the opportunities. And when they came he elevated the team."

It's safe to say Forrest may have taken himself by surprise too, to such an extent he had already booked up a summer holiday in the full expectation

he wouldn't be spending the first few weeks of June in Germany. That had to be scrapped on Wednesday morning when Steve Clarke named him in Scotland's 28-man provisional squad.

Rodgers said: "I'm really pleased for him. I spoke to him this morning and he's had to get his money back on the holiday that he'd booked.

"What I love about the Scottish boys up here - James and Callum and all the other guys - in all my time up here in Scotland working with these players, I've been in other dressing rooms with other nationalities and you get one or two who want to pull themselves out of international squads.

"Every one of these guys is so proud to play for Scotland. They all want to go. I can see the smile on James' face and it's absolutely brilliant.

"It's great for Scotland as well. You have someone of that talent and quality who has hit form at the right time for Celtic and Scotland. I'm delighted for him and Steve knows what he'll get from him.

"He's not featured in the past number of years as much as he would have liked but what he's always shown is he has that quality required certainly at the international level and I'm sure he'll be able to help Scotland. I'm delighted for him and the other Celtic boys."

McGregor, of course, would have been one of the first names on Clarke's list of boarding cards. And he'll be key again tomorrow on derby day, having made a habit of controlling this fixture from the centre of the pitch for so long.

Rodgers believes his return from the treatment room was the moment Celtic's season clicked back into top gear.

He said: "It was critical. We have other players that can play in that position and do a really good job. But we don't have anyone in the squad who has the view of the game Callum has.

"He's up there with the very highest level players I've worked with. In terms of professionalism, preparation, he is constantly thinking about the game, the club, the performance.

"I've been so impressed by him as a leader. When I was here first time he was one of the quiet leaders around the team. Brownny was a big influence and an absolutely immense captain.

"But coming back here and seeing how Callum leads has been so refreshing because he doesn't need to scream, he doesn't need to shout. He inspires by what he does every single day, how he trains, how he prepares.

"And him coming back was absolutely critical for this team because we don't have many who see the game like he does.

"When he plays to the level he gets up through the pitch much quicker and is really inspirational."

CUP FINAL HISTORY

CELTIC and Rangers will meet for the 20th time in a Scottish Cup Final tomorrow with the stage set for the first Old Firm final for 22 years.

Remarkably, it's seven wins apiece for both sides and five draws.

Here's their Scottish Cup Final story so far, stretching back 130 years.

1894: RANGERS 3-1 Celtic (Cathkin Park, 17,000).

1899: CELTIC 2-0 Rangers (Cathkin Park, 25,000).

1904: CELTIC 3-2 Rangers (Hampden Park, 64,472).

1909: CELTIC 2-2 RANGERS (Hampden Park, 70,000).

Replay: CELTIC 1-1 RANGERS (Hampden Park, 60,000). *Cup withheld due to rioting.

1928: RANGERS 4-0 Celtic (Hampden Park, 118,115).

1963: RANGERS 1-1 CELTIC (Hampden Park, 129,643).

Replay: RANGERS 3-0 Celtic (Hampden Park, 120,243).

1966: RANGERS 0-0 CELTIC (Hampden Park, 126,552).

Replay: RANGERS 1-0 Celtic (Hampden Park, 98,202).

1969: CELTIC 4-0 Rangers (Hampden Park, 132,896).

1971: CELTIC 1-1 RANGERS (Hampden Park, 120,092).

Replay: CELTIC 2-1 Rangers (Hampden Park, 103,332).

1973: RANGERS 3-2 Celtic (Hampden Park, 122,714).

1977: CELTIC 1-0 Rangers (Hampden Park, 54,252).

1980: CELTIC 1-0 Rangers (Hampden Park, 70,303).

1989: CELTIC 1-0 Rangers (Hampden Park, 72,069).

1999: RANGERS 1-0 Celtic (Hampden Park, 52,670).

2002: RANGERS 3-2 Celtic (Hampden Park, 51,138).

HOLD FIRM
Celt's boss Rodgers



James is also a big-game player - that was one of the key elements of bringing him back
BRENDAN RODGERS



SCOTTISH CUP FINAL



NOW FEELING THE LOVE Dessers

Dessers: At times I was a scapegoat

BY ALAN GALINDO

CYRIEL DESSERS has revealed he felt like a scapegoat at Rangers on occasions during his first season in Glasgow.

Michael Beale brought him to the club last summer but not long into the season the former Ibrox boss was given the boot after a poor start domestically and a Champions League exit at the qualifying stage.

The microscope was on the recruitment drive with Jack Butland the only one receiving pass marks at that stage.

Dessers admits it was hard when he'd hardly got his digs together before people had already written him off at Ibrox.

But his fortunes have enjoyed an upturn under Philippe Clement and he now has 22 goals to his name.

As the Nigeria international prepares for the huge Scottish Cup Final with Celtic tomorrow, he said: "In some moments I was the scapegoat.

"These are hard things because I was just moving to a country, trying to adapt to a new club, a new league.

"I was still putting up my furniture or working out the settings on my TV and people were already trying to write me out of the club, saying 'you're the worst player who ever played for Rangers'.

"You're not even fully settled down and people want to get rid of you or are actively hating on you - especially when it's your own fans, it's really hard.

"If it's the press, it doesn't bother me too much. But if it's your own fans, it hurts you.

"Strikers, they're like a special kind of personality. They're at their best with love. Not one player in the world is better when you whistle him off the pitch.

"Once you're getting these little bits of love, you start to grow as a player and become better and better.

"There were months that were really tough for me."

LONG AND SHORT OF IT Clement and Rodgers both want to lay hands on Scottish Cup

“ This is an opportunity for us to break the cycle that has gone on for far too long
PHILIPPE CLEMENT ON NEED TO BEAT CELTIC



» **HUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE**
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1 DAY TO GO

GRAB THE MOMENT

PHILIPPE CLEMENT knew how to pick his moments as a player.

And the Rangers boss could really do with his team finally figuring out how to grasp theirs when opportunity knocks against Celtic tomorrow.

The Ibrox gaffer was the no-nonsense type during his days as hard-nosed centre-half back in Belgium. And when it came to national cup finals, it was mostly a hassle free affair too.

Played five, won four was the former Genk and Club Brugge defender's not-so-shabby record in Belgian showpieces.

It's the kind of success rate his current club could only wish for in their jousts with their city neighbours.

Rangers will head to Hampden for tomorrow's Scottish Cup Final looking to end a woeful run that has seen them win just one of the last 11 derbies.

And Clement admitted: "It's my first chance to win this in Scotland. I know the feeling of winning a cup. It's always special games. As an assistant manager I also managed to win a cup with Michel Preud'homme.

"That was the first trophy for Brugge after 12 or 13 years.

"It's a special day because it's one moment. That's the nice thing about it – it's the last game of the season. So it's all or nothing in that moment.

"You go on your holiday with the feeling of that climax and a

Rangers have missed the chance three times v Celtic.. it's time we took it says fired-up Phil

BY ANDY NEWPORT

really great moment. That creates a special atmosphere I think.

"Some things happened this season that were not good enough and it's my ambition to make the club better and team better next season.

"First we need to focus on this moment and grab it because if I look back at the last three Old Firms, we didn't grab the moments in these games.

"And I know the record of the Old Firms so it is an opportunity now to break that cycle that has been going on for too long.

"And it's an opportunity to take and to take that moment and grab those moments in the game. That is what I have missed in the last Old Firm games, we didn't grab our moments.

"And of course we got two red cards – and they were deserved, there is no discussion about that – and that was an important part of the story.

"So we need to be better in

grabbing the moments and for sure we need to be better in starting the game better."

That's a point Clement has made sure to hammer home to his team.

Each of his three derby experiences so far have seen Gers surrender a two-goal lead as they left themselves a mountain to climb.

Warning against a repeat on the slopes of Mount Florida, he said: "For sure our beginning of the game needs to be better.

"We worked on that the last times and it was not good enough. We are going to try that again in a different way but for sure that was important but also sometimes circumstances go against you in a really unlucky way if I think about the Ibrox game after 22 seconds.

"The ball can land anywhere but lands nicely in the corner. That's the worst start you can have, let's go full now to have the best start we can."

John Lundstram is available once again after his moment

of madness at Parkhead earlier this month saw him suspended for the final two games of the Premiership campaigns.

There's a sizeable portion of the Ibrox faithful who reckon the Scouser's wild lunge on Alistair Johnston should be the final act of his Gers career before his contract expires this month.

But Clement refused to rule out the possibility of the former Sheffield United midfielder getting one last dance at Hampden.

He said: "I will never make decisions about what fans are thinking because that's emotion and they don't see training, they don't know how the players are.

"I don't need to answer that question about John starting or not.

"It's about the decision with my staff about what I see in training and have seen in the last couple of months in the games."

With injuries mounting, Clement may not have much choice when it comes to throwing Lundstram back into the fray.

And he is taking heart from the fact all three of his games with Celtic have been tight affairs.

"We've always been close, it has been one-goal difference in the two games we lost," he said. "It's not as if we lost with a big difference. We were in the game until the last seconds, it is now about taking these moments also and to be better than we were in those games.

"I want to see more quality from the team, whoever is on the pitch."

GAFFER PAIN OVER YILMAZ INJURY KO

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injury lay-off. However, the 23-year-old is now a major doubt after suffering a relapse in last week's draw with Hearts.

It's a further blow to Clement, who has also revealed John Souttar will definitely sit out the showpiece derby clash alongside crooked stalwart Connor Goldson.

With question marks over Leon Balogun and Borna Barisic's fitness, Gers may have to thrust kids Leon King and Robbie Fraser into the biggest game of their young lives tomorrow.

Reflecting on his never-ending injury woes, Clement said: "In a way that killed the momentum we had.

"We had really good momentum building up until six weeks ago. We were getting more and more players fit and understanding the story of what to do together.

"And then we got more and more injuries and people not ready, so others had to step in who hadn't played as much or were younger or less experienced and they made more mistakes.

"The Hearts game was also like that. We controlled the first half and we should have scored more, clearly.

"We lost a goal because our structure was not good and that is also about experience together and missing what you have from the normal team.

"At the end of the game you get two goals against with a player [Yilmaz] who came in but hurt himself again during that moment.

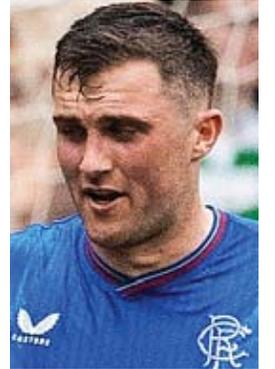
"I didn't know at that moment. He came in my office the next day with tears in his eyes that he felt something again.

"So we are going to see if we can get him fit for this Cup Final."

Clement admits he has no choice but to roll the dice and hope some of his crocks are fit enough to get through the duel.

But they only have today's training session to prove they're ready.

Clement – who does



OUT OF FINAL Souttar

have John Lundstram back from suspension – said: "John Souttar for sure will not be available. Leon there is a possibility.

"This is the final and decisive game so maybe we need to take some risks with players that we normally don't.

"A few guys want to come on the pitch with crutches! I cannot allow that of course but we are going to go hard with all the energy available.

"I'm not a doctor so we can't speak about injections but all the players want to play this game.

"Some want to go on the edge to be there, to play that game. We are going to need to make smart decisions without taking too much risk.

"I need to see training tomorrow, that is the final moment to show you're fit enough to play some minutes. Otherwise if you didn't train all week it's impossible to play some minutes in the game."

It's a year since Rangers last tasted Old Firm delight – and you have to go back two since a meaningful derby victory with their 2022 Scottish Cup semi-final win over Ange Postecoglou's team.

Celtic have won eight of the 11 since – a run of woe Clement knows must end if he's to retain the faith of the Ibrox legions.

He added: "Every cup final is very important. It is winning a trophy, winning a prize.

"And I know the record of the Old Firms so it is an opportunity now to break that cycle that has been going on too long.

"So we need to be better in grabbing the moments and for sure we need to be better in starting the game better."

ALBION LIKELY TO LEAVE RAPID

RANGERS target Albion Rrahmani has an "80 per cent" chance of leaving Rapid Bucharest according to their co-owner... despite new manager Neil Lennon being determined to keep him.

The Ibrox side have been linked with a big-money move

for the 23-year-old striker, after he scored 13 goals in 15 league matches this season.

Lennon said: "I don't want Rrahmani to go anywhere. He is a very good player."

But Rapid's co-owner Victor Angelescu has admitted their star striker looks almost

certain to depart and has already lined up Romanian international Louis Munteanu for next term.

Angelescu said: "There is an 80 per cent chance that Albion Rrahmani will leave Rapid. We must prepare for this scenario. We want Munteanu."



AVAILABLE Lundstram



THE LAST DANCE



Phil gutted as heartbroken Yilmaz breaks down in tears over Hampden injury agony

BY ANDY NEWPORT
PHILIPPE CLEMENT has revealed devastated defender **Ridvan Yilmaz** broke down in tears after becoming the latest name added to his nightmare Hampden injury list.
 But the Rangers gaffer has vowed he will do all he can to ensure the Turkish full-back has a chance of featuring in tomorrow's Scottish Cup Final shoot-out with Celtic.
 Clement is facing yet another huge selection headache as he seeks to salvage the Light Blues' dreams of a cup double.
 Yilmaz was hoping to feature against Brendan Rodgers' Premiership champions after stepping up his comeback from a six-week thigh injury.
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RELAPSE
 But Clement will not give up on Yilmaz



SIGHTS ON DINGWALL Ian Murray: We are back in with a shot

RAITH.....1
ROSS CO2

BY FRASER WILSON
 IAN MURRAY insists Raith have nothing to lose in Sunday's play-off final second leg after Sam Stanton's late goal kept their Premiership dream alive.
 Rovers looked down and out after falling two behind at Stark's Park to rampant Ross County. Yan Dhand's
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EXCLUSIVE



PITTDORIE TARGET Robby Gers goalie McCrorie on Dons' radar

BY SCOTT BURNS
 RANGERS' Robby McCrorie and Iceland international Hakon Valdimarsson are among Aberdeen's summer goalkeeping targets.
 Pittodrie No.1 Kelle Roos is out of contract and it is likely he will move on.
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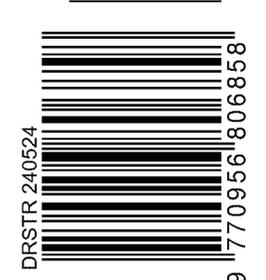
WORD TO THE WISE
 Clement, left, and Rodgers face to face at Hampden yesterday

Rodgers: My champions are never arrogant... we respect every opponent

BRENDAN RODGERS insists Celtic are not arrogant enough to regard Rangers as a soft touch in tomorrow's Scottish Cup Final.
 The Parkhead boss was speaking at Hampden as the clock ticks down to the

BY KEITH JACKSON
 last Old Firm showdown of the season, a chance to secure a league and cup double in his first season back in the Glasgow
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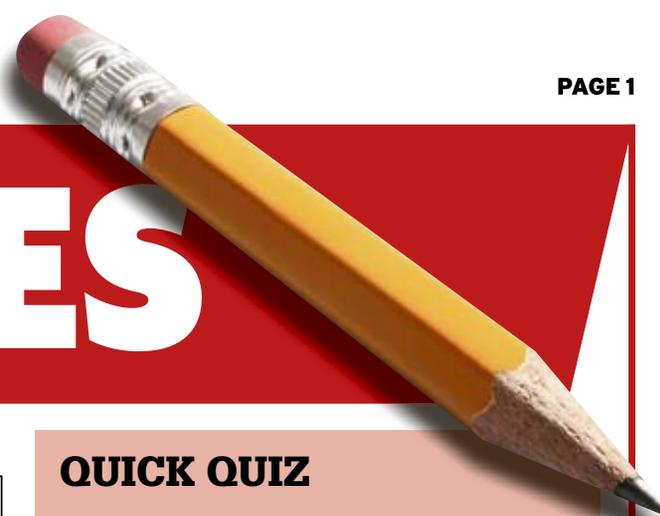
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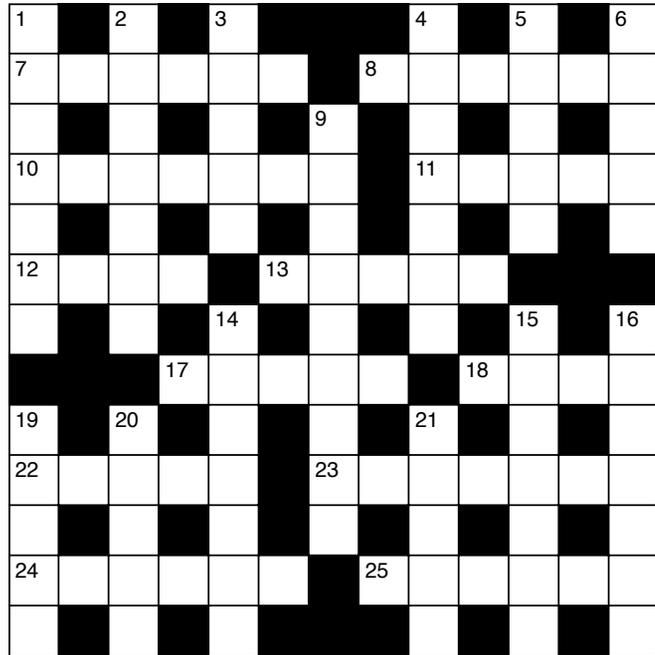
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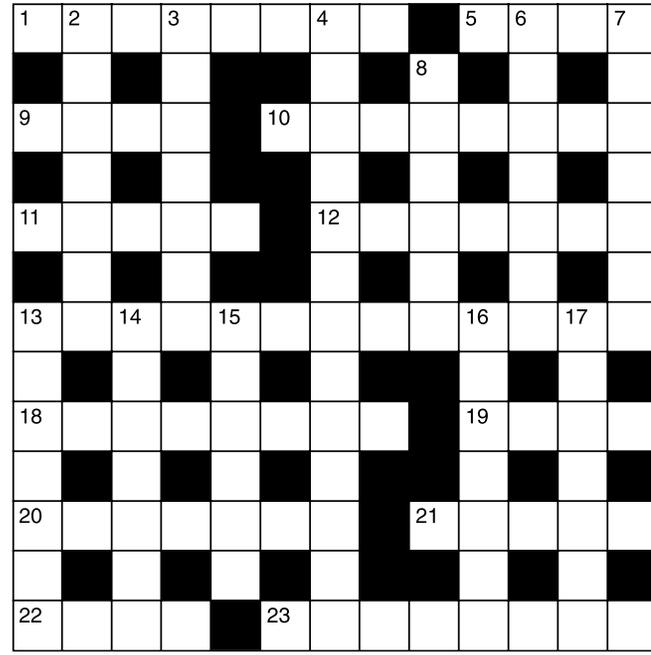
GK CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Sean, author of *The Plough and the Stars* (6)
 - German city, capital of Bavaria (6)
 - Any of several breeds of dog such as the water —, springer —, or cocker — (7)
 - King of Thebes in Greek mythology killed by his son Oedipus (5)
 - Old Testament garden in which Adam and Eve were placed at the Creation (4)
 - Roman goddess of the hunt and the moon (5)
 - 1974 play by Edward Bond (5)
 - Humphry, English chemist and inventor of a miners' safety lamp (4)
 - Red or white wine produced in central N. Spain (5)
 - Shakespeare tragedy featuring Desdemona (7)
 - Home city of Bush presidents, named after a Ukrainian port (6)
 - Phil and Don, U.S. pop singers noted for their close harmonies (6)

- DOWN**
- E.M., author of *A Room with a View* (7)
 - Mammal resembling a whale and having a broad flattened tail (7)
 - Menachem, Israeli prime minister 1977-83 (5)
 - Peninsula of N. Europe which includes the northern part of Schleswig-Holstein (7)
 - Songbird of the genus *Anthus* having brownish speckled plumage (5)
 - See 21.
 - Steve, 1995 U.S. PGA golf champion (9)
 - Pablo, Spanish painter and founder, with Braque, of cubism (7)
 - J.G., author of 1975 novel *High Rise* (7)
 - Word that means the same or nearly the same as another (7)
 - Yellow-flowered European shrub such as *Sarothamnus scoparius* (5)
 - Louison, winner of the Tour de France 1953-55 (5)
 - 21 and 6. Comedian who starred as Fletch in a 1985 film (5,5)

QUICKSTART

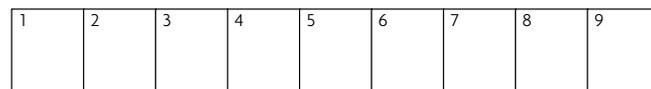


- ACROSS**
- Surly (8)
 - Stupefy (4)
 - Pare (4)
 - Will (8)
 - Ethnic (5)
 - Drip (7)
 - Autonomously (13)
 - Site (8)
 - Rational (4)
 - Odd (7)
 - Inlet (5)
 - Domesticated (4)
 - Explosive (8)
- DOWN**
- Spear (7)
 - Ransack (7)
 - On impulse (13)
 - Covert (7)
 - Convent (7)
 - Sacred (6)
 - Unlawful (7)
 - Decency (7)
 - Fuel (6)
 - Cure-all (7)
 - Lax (7)

NINER

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

- 7289 gives head lice
 52869 gives ticks
 13649 gives external parasites



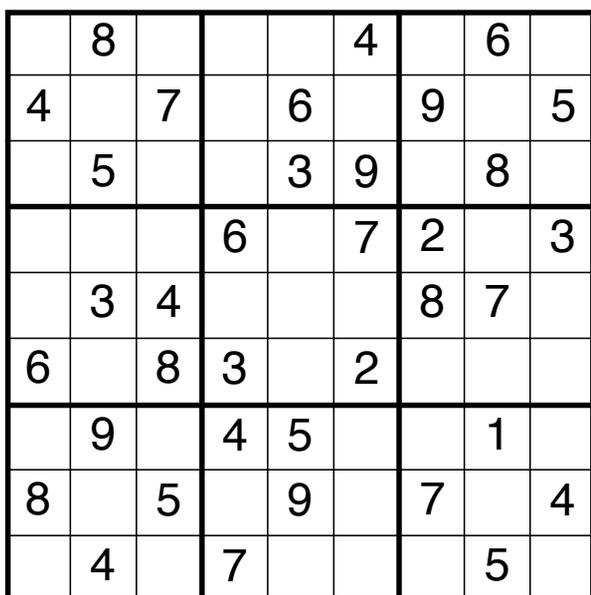
QUICK QUIZ

- How many pairs of limbs does a crab have?
- What sort of creature is a burbot?
- Which Parisian Gothic cathedral is famous for its flying buttresses, great rose windows and gargoyles?
- What name is given to a force of mounted soldiers?
- Which actor was born Marion Robert Morrison?
- Which Archbishop of Canterbury was tried as a heretic under Queen Mary and burned at the stake after initially recanting?
- How many furlongs are there in a mile?
- Narcissus pseudonarcissus is the Latin name for which popular yellow flower?
- Which American author wrote *The Naked Lunch*?
- Which large American frog can jump up to two metres?
- Which area of lakes in Norfolk and Suffolk was created by medieval peat digging?
- Who won the women's singles at Wimbledon in 1977?
- Which British actor was the first director of the National Theatre?
- Which fortified wine comes from Porto in Portugal?
- What name is given collectively to the counties that surround London?
- Which Chancellor of the Exchequer (later prime minister) introduced old age pensions in 1908?
- Who is the patron saint of travellers?
- Which unpaid World War II British defence force was formerly known as the Local Defence Volunteers?
- In which city is Holyroodhouse?
- Which famous London art gallery had only 38 pictures when it opened in 1824?

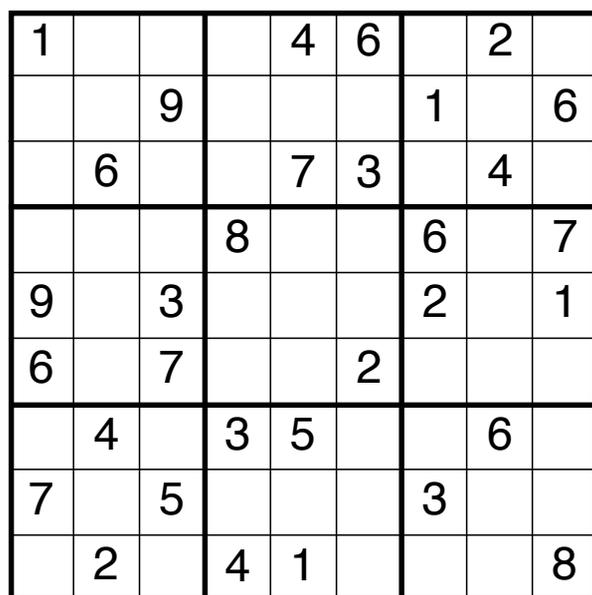
SUDOKU

There is one simple rule in Sudoku. Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

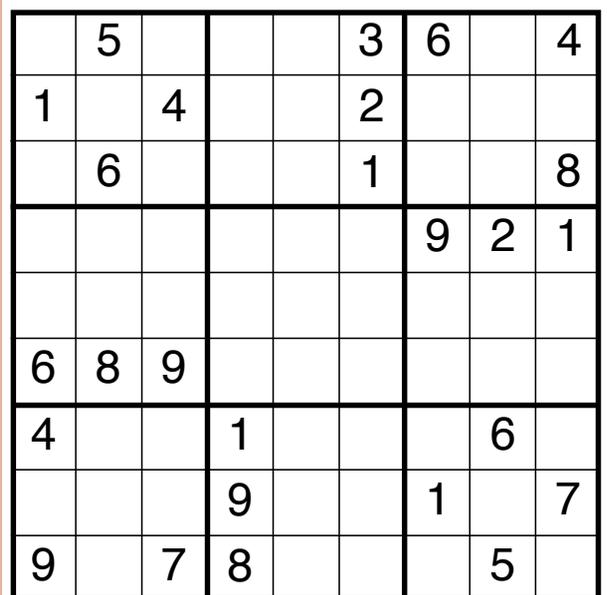
Easy



Medium



Hard



COFFEE BREAK CORNER

NINER

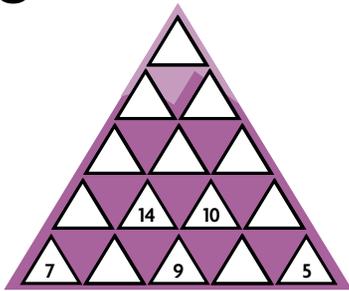
Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

- 927356 gives an instrument
- 9189 gives an instrument
- 545971 gives a musical composition

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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SUMMIT UP

If the number in each triangle is the sum of the two below, what is the top number?



WORD SQUARE

I	T	A
R	U	G
L	Y	F

Using the central letter and at least three others, how many words can you find? Plurals, proper nouns and hyphenated words are not allowed, and there is at least one nine-letter word.

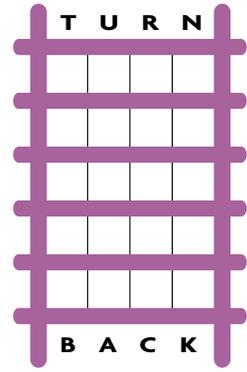
- Target:**
 12 – good;
 16 – very good;
 20 or more – excellent

EVENS

Insert any digit from 1 to 9 in the squares so that the numbers in each row and column add up to the given totals. No digits may be repeated within a row or column. Only even numbers may be placed in grey squares.

WORD LADDER

Change one letter at a time (but not the position of any letter) to make a new word – and move from the word at the top of the box to the word at the bottom using the exact number of rungs.



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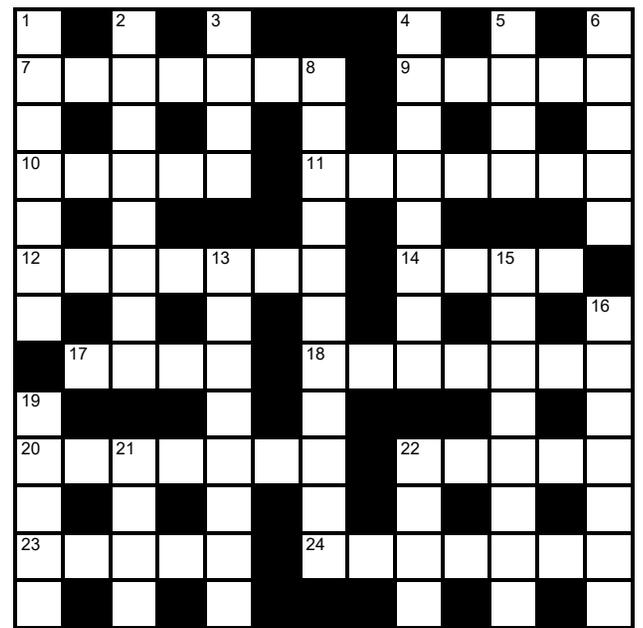
WEE THINKER

Across

- 7 Deal in vehicles (7)
- 9 About musical furniture (5)
- 10 Reportedly plunders for instruments (5)
- 11 She ruins outside bogs (7)
- 12 Trooped out a weapon (7)
- 14 Loud performance, it's true (4)
- 17 Implement in strange daze (4)
- 18 Old coins as gifts (7)
- 20 Get angry at hair (7)
- 22 Leave a coat (5)
- 23 A riot out of proportion (5)
- 24 Not exactly elastic, but pliable (7)

Down

- 1 Runner adapting the tale (7)
- 2 Became an expert in red steam perhaps? (8)
- 3 Set off with fellow amphibians (4)
- 4 Contemptuous of corns setting off flu variety (8)
- 5 Point to tree that's clean (4)
- 6 British gamble is vigorous (5)



- 8 Organic waste shop came top, oddly (7.4)
- 13 Cite lone sort of choice (8)
- 15 Sorry prisoner gets dull (8)
- 16 How one may look if you question the condition of a cane? (7)
- 19 Stop Bart worrying about nothing (5)
- 21 I return to a little bit (4)
- 22 Appeased with food (4)

ANSWERS

NINER OUTDARING SUMMIT UP 90 WORD SQUARE FRUGALITY EVENS 9875, 6321, 5132, 8963
 WORD LADDER One possible solution is: TURN, TORN, BORN, BARE, BARK, BACK.

SUDOKU

EASY

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MEDIUM

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ANSWERS

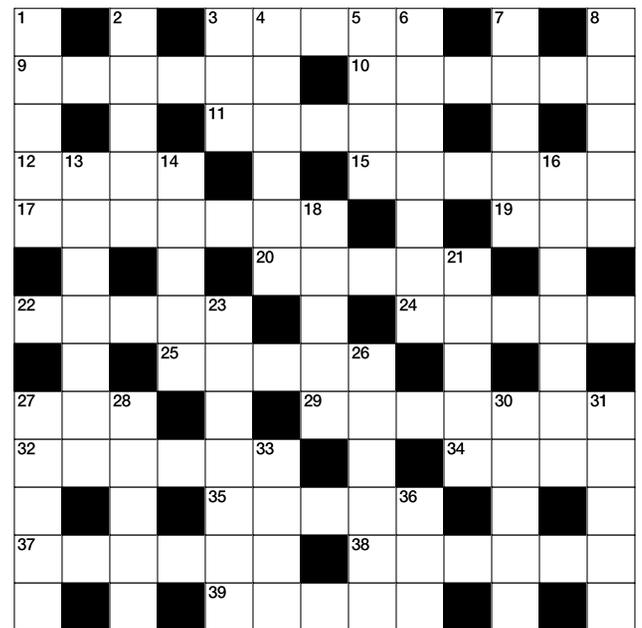
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EASY

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MEDIUM

QUICKIE



CARTOONS

THE PERISHERS



SHUGGIE AND DUGGIE



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

WEE THINKER ACROSS: 1 Super, 4 Angered, 8 Treacle, 9 Expel, 10 Pro, 11 Tracksuit, 13 Leeway, 14 Loaded, 17 Gratitude, 19 Cur, 21 Alpha, 23 Stand in, 24 Dawdled, 25 Endow.

DOWN: 1 Set-up, 2 Phenomena, 3 Ricotta, 4 Apeman, 5 Greek, 6 Rip, 7 Dilated, 12 Undecided, 13 Laggard, 15 Operate, 16 Fussed, 18 In all, 20 Renew, 22 Paw.

QUICKIE ACROSS: 5 Ebbs; 7 Sprinkling; 8 Glen; 10 Mean; 12 Era; 13 Ceases; 16 Libra; 18 Box; 20 Avid; 21 Find; 22 Cot; 24 Vocal; 25 Deluge; 26 Eel; 27 Hiss; 29 Sari; 33 Martial art; 34 Seep.

DOWN: 1 Ape; 2 Hive; 3 Skin; 4 Die; 5 Egg; 6 Bless; 9 Kebab; 10 Malice; 11 Lab; 13 Carve; 14 Sofa; 15 Exiles; 17 Idol; 19 Oddly; 23 Tug; 25 Drake; 27 Hair; 28 Solo; 30 Imp; 31 Cry; 32 Try.



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PRIDE OF SCOTLAND

Stars shine on night of inspiration

Celebrities gather in Glasgow to pay tribute to the heroes of The Pride of Scotland awards

"I AM in awe of just how huge an impact she has had."

Highlander and Game of Thrones star James Cosmo was talking about Lifetime Achievement winner Elaine Wyllie, but his words could have applied to any of the winners at Pride of Scotland 2024.

And he was far from alone in being awe-struck, as a host of famous faces lined up to pay tribute to the nation's unsung heroes on an inspirational and uplifting night.

Hosted by Elaine C Smith and Sanjeev Kohli, the Daily Record Pride of Scotland Awards with TSB, which you can watch now on YouTube, is full of

laughs as well as poignant and emotional moments.

Pride of Scotland celebrates courage, selflessness and compassion, qualities shared by all the winners.

And as they took to the stage at the Glasgow Hilton, to wave after wave of standing ovations from the star-studded audience, it was clear just how much those qualities matter.

From the first winner, little Caleb Stirrat, who has kept smiling through treatment for a brain tumour and helped his family launch a charity to help other seriously ill children, to the last, the lifesaving volunteer heroes of the RNLI, there was a



The Lifetime Achievement award presented by Dawn Steele and James Cosmo to Elaine Wyllie



Elaine and John Sangster brought along a friend as they took home the Special Recognition award

common thread of hope and inspiration that lit up the stage.

Kaylynn Donald and Abbie Jarvis were victims of violent bullying attacks that shocked Scotland, but their bravery in making a stand on behalf of other young people sent a

powerful message to the bullies. Asif Iqbal, who pulled a man from a burning car, showed a different kind of courage, along with PC Andrew McLaughlin and Ali Malik, who arrested a machete-wielding criminal after a car chase described by a colleague as "like something from Starsky and Hutch".

Elaine and John Sangster were thinking of others when they decided to use their tiny Shetland ponies to offer therapy visits to care home residents and disabled and vulnerable children. When they led one of the ponies, Wilson, resplendent in his own kilt, on stage, it brought the house down.

Teenager Lochlan Murdoch was motivated by his own challenges with diabetes and depression to help other young people and Sarah Garvin realised how sharing her experience of growing up with

ADHD would inspire young girls in the same situation.

Firefighter John Aitchison could have taken a step back after serving as part of the UK's disaster response team following the Nepal earthquake in 2015. Instead he kept returning to the country to train locals to be lifesavers as well as supporting emergency services colleagues back home with their mental health.

And Molly Cuddihy and Sara Millar, who forged a deep friendship while they were both being treated for cancer as teenagers, were motivated by helping other young people in hospital, raising more than £300,000 to help.

You can see all their incredible stories in full on YouTube now, along with all the amazing stage moments from the emotional show by scanning the QR code on this page.

“There was a common thread of hope and inspiration that lit up the stage”

THE STELLAR GUEST LIST



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STV News presenter Kelly-Ann Woodland

Celtic star Greg Taylor

Hosts Sanjeev and Elaine were joined by First Minister John Swinney and some huge stars from Scotland and beyond to salute the winners.

Famous faces on the red carpet and on stage included singer Susan Boyle, actors Blythe Duff, James Cosmo, Dawn Steele, Doon Mackichan and Denis Lawson, Still Game's Gavin Mitchell and Greg Hemphill, Gladiator Shelli McCoy, AKA Sabre, Scot Squad stars including Grado and Manjot Sumal, stars from River City, Celtic star Greg Taylor, sports presenter Eilidh Barbour, newsreader Kelly-Ann Woodland, boxing greats Jim Watt and Barry McGuigan and many more.

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All the award winners took a bow on stage at the end of the show



The TSB Community Hero award went to fundraising friends Sara Millar and Molly Cuddihy, who met in hospital while receiving cancer treatment



Teenager of Courage award winners Abbie Jarvis and Kaylynn Donald showed bravery after violent bullying



Left: The world's strongest brothers Luke & Tom Stoltman present Child of Courage winner Caleb Stirrat, also above, with his trophy, as his sisters Poppy and Alyssia looked on



Outstanding Bravery award winner Asif Iqbal with boxers Barry McGuigan MBE and Jim Watt MBE



Firefighter John Aitchison received his Special Recognition award for his work in Nepal from Denis Lawson and Kelly-Ann Woodland



Teenager of Courage award winner Lochlan Murdoch launched his own football charity when injury meant he couldn't play himself

ON SONG

It wouldn't be a celebration without some music, and Pride of Scotland did not disappoint.

Chart-topper Nathan Evans teamed up with Scots rock duo St PHNX for a foot-stomping performance of Home that had the audience dancing in the aisles, and nearly took the roof off the Hilton ballroom.

It was a rousing end to the most uplifting night of the year.



Nathan Evans and St PHNX



Singer Paige Turley and Love Island's Laura Anderson arrive on the red carpet. Left is TV presenter Danni Menzies



The Prince's Trust Young Achiever award winner was Sarah Garvin, an inspiration to young girls across Scotland



Ali Malik and PC Andrew McLaughlin bravely chased down a violent criminal to earn The Emergency Services award



There was a Special Recognition award for the RNLi on its 200th anniversary, with First Minister John Swinney presenting the trophy

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VOLUNTEER: Ben Thomson

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

THE RNLI AT 200

In its 200th anniversary year, the RNLI is still saving lives at sea, and is needed more than ever off the shores of Scotland

This year the RNLI celebrated 200 years, and more than 145,000 lives saved at sea. In two centuries of service, two things remain at the core of this vital organisation - its reliance on selfless volunteers, and public donations to fund their work.

Crews across Scotland alone have launched 45,853 times during that time, saving 11,838 lives. On November 25th 2012, Ben Thomson was one of the lives saved.

Jet-skiing with friends, the weather turned and Ben and his friend Gavin ended up in the water, their jet skis sinking. Battling freezing temperatures and brutal waves, they eventually contemplated giving up the fight. Ben said: "We're thinking maybe it's our time, how do we make it easy? But we just kept thinking about the kids and our wives at home."

A helicopter flew overhead and missed them then, after five hours in the water, as they waited to die, they saw the lights of rescue boats, and were pulled to safety by the RNLI.

Ben said: "The light started heading towards us and the feeling was amazing to know someone had found us. Then the big RNLI boat pulled upside of us."

Within months Ben started volunteering at Broughty Ferry, Scotland's busiest RNLI station, alongside six crew members who had spent five hours searching for him that day. Ben has launched on almost 100 rescues and been instrumental in saving five lives himself.

Friendship that raised £300k...

And the pals who met at the Royal Hospital for Children in Glasgow are not done yet

TSB COMMUNITY HEROES

MOLLY CUDDIHY AND SARA MILLAR

Pair who forged a powerful friendship as girls while being treated for cancer, have together gone on to raise £300,000 to support child patients

MOLLY and Sara use their own experiences to raise money and lobby for better services for younger patients.

They met while they were both undergoing life-saving cancer treatment in 2017. Molly, now 21,

and Sara, 20, started chatting in a special teenage common room at the Royal Hospital for Children in Glasgow.

Molly had spent a year at the hospital being treated for metastatic Ewing sarcoma, a rare form of bone cancer, and Sara was suffering from Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

When they saw a 12-year-old boy being asked to leave the space because he wasn't a teenager they



realised that patients in his age group needed somewhere to call their own.

They launched the Every Thank You Counts campaign and raised £300,000 to create a new recovery and social room, furnished with comfy chairs, a pool table, TVs, games consoles, a dining table and a fridge stocked with treats.

The fund also paid for special reclining chairs and a ward blood

analyser, which means quicker on-site blood testing for children, reducing anxious waits and time spent in hospital. Their next project will focus on the paediatric intensive care unit.

Jamie Redfern, director of women's and children's services at NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde, said: "The work Molly and Sara continue to do is of huge value to all the patients, their relatives or carers and our staff. They will always have a special place at the RHC."



BRAVE Kaylynn Donald

TEENAGERS OF COURAGE

KAYLYNN DONALD AND ABBIE JARVIS

Schoolgirl victims of sickening attacks by other children bravely waived their anonymity to back a campaign to support victims of youth violence

Kaylynn, 13, was brutally attacked on a school bus by a group of bullies as she travelled home from class at Bell Baxter High School in Ladybank, Fife, in October.

Despite telling her parents the ordeal had left her feeling suicidal, Kaylynn's parents were warned by the GP she faced a wait of between six and 12 months before receiving specialist support. She finally got an appointment 19 months later.

She is one of more than 5300

Scottish children and young people on waiting lists for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, with 147 waiting over a year.

Mum Vicky said: "I have done everything that I can do as a parent. I have gone to the GP, waited on the CAMHS (child and adolescent mental health services) assessment and I'm taking all the advice that I can. We don't have anywhere else to turn."

Abbie Jarvis, now 14, was lured to a park in Glasgow in October

2022 and beaten unconscious as other kids filmed the attack on their phones.

After she was brought home by another parent, her mum Angela said: "She was covered in blood, falling in and out of consciousness. She couldn't even speak. It was horrific to see and it nearly broke me. Even now, I can't bring myself to think of her lying there during that beating and waiting for it to stop."

Both girls were pictured as part of the Daily Record's Our Kids... Our Future campaign, set up to help tackle youth violence and call for more support for victims.



COURAGE Abbie

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FUNDRAISERS Molly Cuddihy and Sara Millar

SPECIAL RECOGNITION
JOHN AITCHISON

Firefighter was so moved by the plight of earthquake victims in Nepal, he returned to provide aid and set up Everest's first fire and rescue service

John was deployed to Nepal immediately after the earthquake in 2015, as part of UKISAR, the British Government's international search and rescue team. He had been at natural disasters all over the world, but nothing prepared him for what he saw in Nepal, where more than 9000 people died and 25,000 were injured.

After returning home to Gourdon, Aberdeenshire, John

was so deeply moved he vowed to go back. Since 2015 he has made multiple trips to Nepal, taking repurposed fire kit and humanitarian aid as well as training local emergency responders.

Earlier this year, the dad of two, who spends his free time fundraising for Nepal, went back for the foundation of Everest Fire and Rescue Service which he helped set up. It is the first fire and rescue service at the airstrip serving the world's highest peak.

Last February John was on the ground after the

earthquake in Turkey which claimed more than 50,000 lives. He also helps firefighters in Scotland as a peer support for mental health within the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS). He said: "I now talk openly about my mental health and experiences with PTSD in the hope I can help other firefighters who are struggling realise it's okay not to be okay."

John added: "The earthquake in Nepal changed me forever. It had a huge psychological impact as I felt frustrated I could not have done more. I vowed to return to try to make a difference."



AID-GIVER
John Aitchison

OUTSTANDING BRAVERY
ASIF IQBAL

Heroic dad risked his life to save a driver from a burning car just seconds before it was engulfed in flames

Asif, 43, was driving to work along the A919 near RAF Leuchars in Fife when two cars crashed in front of him.

As a blaze broke out, he and three other motorists, including military personnel from the base, rushed from their cars to see what they could do.

Asif dragged the occupant of one of the vehicles to safety just as the motor caught fire during the incident in 2022.

He said: "The fire surrounded the cars quite fast. We sat the guy down on the pavement and before we knew it the whole car was engulfed in flames. Both cars burned out really, really bad. We were all in total shock. It was pretty extreme."

The road was closed for three



LIFE-SAVER Asif

hours and three casualties were taken to hospital.

Asif, a scientist, added: "I've got three kids and I was thinking about what people would do if this had happened to me. Life is so fragile and this was very scary.

"You don't leave the house to go to work thinking you're going to pull someone from a burning car. But things happen and everybody has to chip in and do their part to help."



INSPIRING
Caleb Stirrat

CHILD OF COURAGE
CALEB STIRRAT

Youngster diagnosed with terminal cancer is the inspiration behind a charity helping other families with desperately ill children

Caleb is a triplet. He and sisters Poppy and Alyssia were born prematurely at 27 weeks after his parents underwent IVF.

In 2019 he was diagnosed with a rare atypical teratoid rhabdoid tumour which has a less than 50/50 chance of survival. He had proton beam therapy in the US but the tumour returned in 2020 and his parents were told it was terminal.

Caleb, now eight, has helped his parents launch a charity to support other families facing palliative care for their children. Caleb's Trio of Hope has already raised £24,000.

Mum Karen, from Clydebank, said: "We have a fund to help families create memories with their child and

also provide support when they have passed away. We're always going to be there down the line."

After an operation to remove his tumour Caleb has been treated with a trial drug and his condition remains stable.

Karen said: "We can't believe how far he's come. I'm not going to say it's not hard because some days you're so tired you're in tears. But he is remarkable in everything he does and achieves."



FAMILY Caleb with mum and dad Andy and Karen, and sisters Poppy and

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PRIDE OF SCOTLAND

TEENAGER OF COURAGE
LOCHLAN MURDOCH

Football-mad youngster was inspired to launch a charity to help others when a serious injury left him unable to play the game he loves

Lochlan, 15, missed 11 months of football after breaking his leg badly in 2018. As he recovered, not being able to play his favourite sport left him feeling depressed and isolated, and he faced a second hospital stay following complications after surgery to remove metal pins from his leg.

Lochlan, who has type 1 diabetes, decided he wanted to raise awareness around diabetes and mental health. Just nine months after recovering from his leg break, the young Kilmarnock FC fan completed a walk around every SPL ground, covering 28 miles in total and raising more than £10,500 for diabetes research charity, JDRF Scotland.

In 2020 he set up Lochlan's Legacy, a charity initiative working with the Scottish Football Association to provide training for all coaches about how to support children with diabetes.

Last year the charity was awarded £30,000 in National Lottery funding to run a series of roadshows to empower children and young people with diabetes to manage their condition.

Mum Lesley, from Cumnock, said: "Lochlan stipulated very, very quickly that no parents are to be at the roadshows. When we go to the clinic, people speak to me, they don't tend to speak directly to Lochlan. Kids don't just want their parents to be told, they want to be part of the decision-making process."



DETERMINED Lochlan Murdoch

How animal magic can change lives

SPECIAL RECOGNITION
ELAINE AND JOHN SANGSTER

Couple's miniature horses bring joy to sick and disabled children, elderly patients and dementia sufferers across Scotland

ELAINE and John are the founders and driving force behind Therapy Ponies Scotland. The couple, both 59, founded the remarkable organisation nine years ago, after a friend suggested they take one of the Shetland ponies they kept at home in West Lothian to visit a rehabilitation care home.

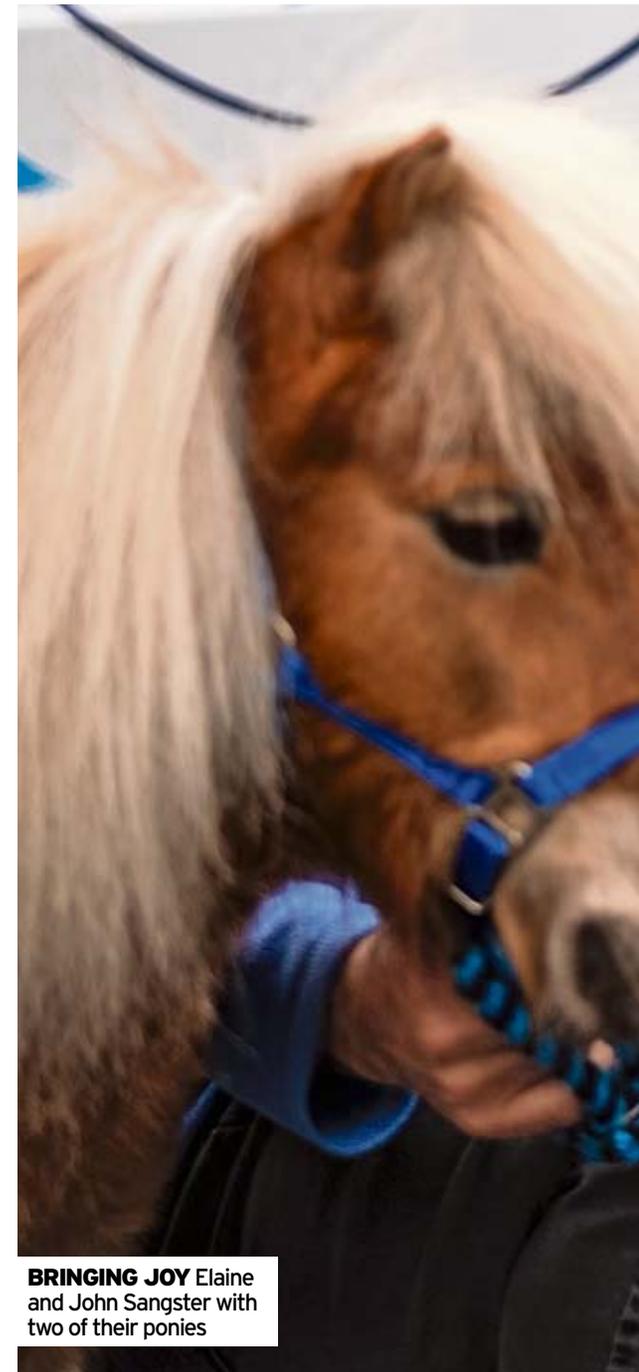
The patients - many with brain injuries - immediately bonded with the

tiny horse, called Wilson, and the care home asked if he could visit again.

Realising the impact animal therapy can have, Elaine and John now visit care homes, nursing homes, hospices, day-care centres, sheltered housing facilities and out-of-school clubs for disabled children across Scotland.

They have 15 ponies, and Elaine said: "We travel to wherever we are asked to go, where possible. The amazing reactions and responses from residents and patients we see can be extraordinary."

"Sometimes people who don't normally speak or hold a conversation can be talking to us and the ponies much to the amazement of their nurse and carers."



BRINGING JOY Elaine and John Sangster with two of their ponies

EMERGENCY SERVICES AWARD
PC ANDREW McLAUGHLIN AND ALI MALIK

Police officers arrested a dangerous suspect despite being repeatedly rammed by his vehicle and facing death threats

PC Malik was just four hours into his first shift as a police officer when he and PC McLaughlin received a call about a suspect driving a stolen car in Hamilton, Lanarkshire.

When they spotted the vehicle a chase began that a colleague described as being "like something from Starsky and Hutch".

The stolen vehicle stopped three times and passengers got out and began pelting the police car with missiles,

including a brick and metal wheel brace. Each time the driver reversed into the police car before taking off again, leaving it so badly damaged it had to be written off.

Eventually they cornered the car and three men got out brandishing machetes before escaping on foot.

PC Malik chased the driver, who threatened him before being caught as he tried to climb a fence. He threw down his machete before being arrested.

PC Malik, 27, said: "It was very eventful for my first shift. I am told that these kinds of days do not happen very often. "It was also important that we managed to get a man highly wanted by the police off the streets and recover a stolen car."

"We managed to get a man highly wanted by the police off the streets"

PC Malik



FACED DANGER Andrew McLaughlin and Ali Malik

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PIONEER
Elaine Wyllie

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT ELAINE WYLLIE

Fife teacher who founded a simple fitness initiative that has been taken up by more than five million children worldwide

As headteacher at St Ninian's Primary School in Stirling, Elaine became increasingly concerned by some pupils' lack of fitness.

She came up with the idea of getting them to run, jog or walk a mile around the school field every day. Within just four weeks, fitness levels had dramatically increased, attention levels and behaviour in class were improved and parents commented that their children were more active and alert, and were sleeping much better.

By the end of the year, not one child at the school was deemed overweight by the school's nurse. That was back in 2012, and since then Elaine has grown The Daily Mile into a charitable foundation that encourages children and young people to lead physically active lifestyles.



It is amazing to see how it has grown to make a difference on a global scale
Elaine Wyllie

Children at more than 9000 UK schools and 20,000 schools worldwide, across more than 90 countries, have signed up, with more than five million children taking part.

Elaine, 67, who has since retired from teaching and has dedicated herself to introducing The Daily Mile to schools across the UK and abroad, said: "From a simple yet effective initiative launched at a school in Stirling it is amazing to see how it has grown to make a difference to the lives of children on a global scale."

PRINCE'S TRUST YOUNG ACHIEVER SARAH GARVIN

Combined her own experiences of struggling with poor mental health and a passion for baking to inspire girls in local schools and across Scotland

After struggling with depression, anxiety and misdiagnosis throughout school, Sarah was diagnosed as having ADHD in her early 20s. Since then, she has become a vocal campaigner for those with ADHD, especially young women.

Sarah went through The Prince's Trust Enterprise programme in 2022, building up a successful cake baking business, Cake 'n Bake.

Sarah said: "Being diagnosed as having ADHD was obviously a shock, but I've learned to use the way my brain works to my advantage.

"Rather than let it hold me back I want to use it to help me achieve what I want to achieve, and I want

other wee girls with ADHD to feel the same way."

In 2023, Sarah began working with local schools to run baking classes, including one group made up specifically of girls aged 14-15 who for various reasons were all struggling in mainstream education.

Sarah is now in the process of developing the next stage, working with The Prince's Trust to reach even more young people in her area.

Sarah said: "I love telling the class that I have ADHD and I run my own business. They can't believe it. I think it really inspires them seeing someone like them doing something they didn't think was possible. That's why I'm there, to tell them - yes you can!"

Sarah also uses the little spare time she does have to be an advocate for women and girls with ADHD, both through her large social media following and speaking at events.



ROLE MODEL
Sarah Garvin

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