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## Snake farts turned me into TV god

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# HOLIDAY BOOKINGS UP 57% AS WE ALL FLEE THE BULL AND BALONEY OF JULY 4 ELECTION



■ by JAMES CAVEN  
HOLIDAY bookings are up 57% as people try to avoid six weeks of fibs and bluster in the run up to the General Election on July 4.  
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# Trump's stumped

DONALD Trump bizarrely blamed the judge in his porn star hush-money trial for his not giving evidence.

The orange one claims Justice Juan Merchan put him off giving a defence.

Trump said: "He made rulings that make it very difficult to testify. Anything I did in the past, they can bring everything up."

## 1.32M VISA RUSH

A TOTAL of 1.32million visas were issued in the year to March to people coming to the UK for work, study or family, figures reveal.



# Laura stroll lot better..

★ BRAVE Laura Woods enjoys a walk with her French bulldog Lu as she recovers from injuries she suffered on holiday.

The TNT Sports presenter was spotted in a south-west London park following her freak accident.

★ Laura, 36, was away with boyfriend Adam Collard when she accidentally smashed a glass lampshade which shattered, cutting her face and arm.

But fans will soon see her on their screens again after it was revealed she will be part of ITV's Euro 2024 team this summer.



HOST: Laura on TNT Sports with Rio Ferdinand



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# WIND WINS

## Blowy Britain gets most of its leccy from turbines

by WILL STONE

**BRITAIN is now generating most of its electricity for the year from wind power.**

Strong gusts and increasing numbers of turbines have helped wind power become Britain's biggest source of electricity for the first time.

Wind power generated 32% of electricity over the past 12 months, according to the study. And gas power lost its number one spot for the first time in 28 years - falling to 31%.

Iain Staffell, of Imperial College London, said: "Britain has become only the sixth country in the world where wind farms are the top source of electricity."

Simon Evans, policy editor at the website Carbon Brief, believes the stats are good news for Britain's energy security.

And Jess Ralston, of the Energy and Climate Intelligence Unit think tank, says renewables are the answer to reducing



the "energy bill chaos" caused by international gas markets.

Energy Secretary Claire Coutinho said: "As an island nation, we are perfectly placed to benefit from the most efficient form of wind energy."

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## TODAY'S WEATHER: P14

### WW3's 'nigh'

THE new "Nostradamus" reckons World War 3 will start on June 18.

Stargazer Kushal Kumar, who claims to have predicted the Israel-Hamas war relies on Vedic astrology. He said: "June 18 has the strongest planetary stimulus to trigger WW3 although June 10 and 29 may have a say as well."

### 2 die in bar

AT least two people died and up to 14 were injured yesterday after a terrace at a beach bar in Majorca collapsed.

Emergency workers were last night trying to rescue those who were still trapped under the building in Playa de Palma beach, just east of the island's capital, Palma.

# Our Numbers up



**CATERPILLAR:** Leith

## Prue's a muncher of bugs

THE Great British Bake Off star Prue Leith says the weirdest thing she has ever eaten is a caterpillar.

The 84-year-old judge has snacked on mopane worms, the caterpillar of a type of emperor moth that is native to southern Africa.

Prue - who was born and raised in Cape Town, South Africa, said: "I've eaten mopane worms, which are a kind of caterpillar.

"They're horrible, they're leathery on the outside and squishy in the middle.

"I'm a great believer that one day we'll all be eating insects.

"It is the way forward."



**MODEL:** Belle Olivia

## Soccer's love rats shamed

A RACY model claims top footie stars are cheats and she has stacks of evidence to prove it.

Belle Olivia, 21, from Manchester, has urged WAGs to check if players have secret second phones.

She said: "I've been disgusted by the amount of footballers who've got in touch with me who have wives and girlfriends.

"They ask me to send them custom content, so it gets to a level where I know their names.

"I'm basically in the sex industry, but I really don't want to name and shame these guys."



Billie

- ★ **BILLIE'S** been glad of a bit of rain - it's keeping her plant collection well-watered.
- ★ The 24-year-old Kent lass said: "I'm loving my garden right now. It's very tropical and I'm a green-fingered girl."
- ★ You remind us of our favourite variety, Billie - a bird of paradise!

Picture: JEANY SAVAGE

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NOW

## THE KIDS ARE ALL GROWN FOR SITCOM'S XMAS RETURN



by ED GLEAVE  
**CLASSIC** sitcom **Outnumbered** is being revived after eight years.

The show will be back on screens with a 40-minute festive special this Christmas.

Hugh Dennis, 62, and Claire Skinner, 59, have signed up to reprise their roles as put-upon parents Pete and Sue Brockman.

And trio Tyger Drew-Honey, 28, Daniel Roche, 24, and Ramona Marquez, 23, will be back as their kids - 17 years after they first played them.

The cast are thrilled the show is returning for a new instalment.

Hugh said: "I can't wait for the Brockmans to be back together again. Pete and Sue have downsized, the children are no longer children, but I'm sure family life will prove to be just as chaotic as ever."

Outnumbered originally ran between 2007 and 2014 before returning with a special in 2016.

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**FAMILY CHAOS:** The show began in 2007

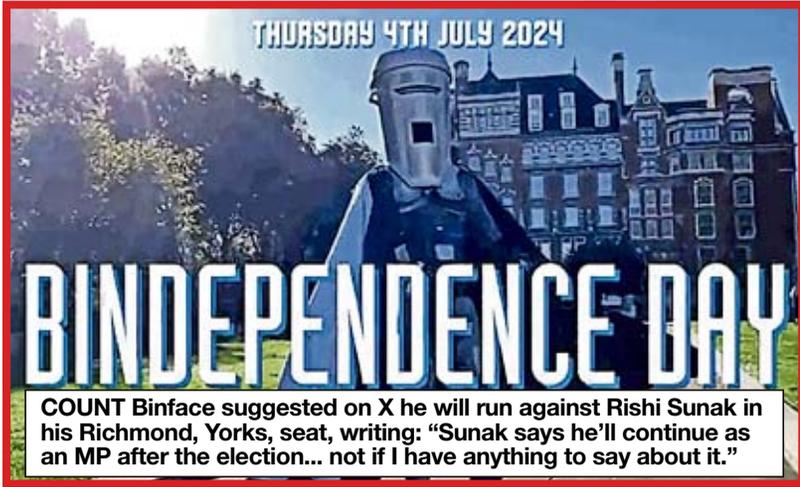
## JENNY BLOCKS

JENNIFER Lopez was stunned to be asked if her marriage to actor Ben Affleck was on the rocks.

"Is your divorce with Ben Affleck real?" J-Lo was asked at a promotional interview for her new film Atlas. The offended singer/actress, 54, told the reporter bluntly: "You know better than that."

# FED-UP VOTERS AVOID ELECTION

THURSDAY 4TH JULY 2024



**BINDEPENDENCE DAY**

COUNT Binface suggested on X he will run against Rishi Sunak in his Richmond, Yorks, seat, writing: "Sunak says he'll continue as an MP after the election... not if I have anything to say about it."



**NIGEL** Farage has confirmed he is not standing in the election. Farage said he would focus on getting Donald Trump re-elected in the US instead.

# Give us

## BRITONS IN A RUSH TO BOOK HOLS ..AND MISS JULY 4 POLL

■ by JAMES CAVEN  
**HOLIDAY** bookings around election day are soaring as fed-up voters desperately try to flee Britain.  
 Brits want to "do a Biggles" and jump on a plane to avoid politicians droning on endlessly for six weeks.  
 Travel chiefs say holidaymakers are so "fed up" with hearing politicians gibber on endlessly they've been snapping up sunny getaways.  
 Package holiday firm On the Beach recorded a massive 200% increase in website traffic and a 57% rise in bookings just moments after the PM had finished his sodden speech outside No10.  
 The vast majority of searches included a July 4 departure date.



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# HELL BY JETTING OFF ABROAD

# a break!



**STARMER:** Sir Keir in Gillingham

surprised about people wanting to go on holiday on the day of the election? No, not really.

“People are fed up with hearing from political parties, so who can blame them for wanting a cocktail on the beach in blazing sunshine rather than listening to the endless political back and forth?”

John Fox, 45, booked a getaway and said: “I’ve had enough with seeing Rishi and Keir arguing like children. On election day I’ll be touching down in Majorca.”

Fellow Brit Claire Little, 37, is off to Turkey and added: “I just want to be in the sun with the kids, without a worry in the world.”

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**SUNAK:** With Maggie Throup MP in Erewash



## Sun-ny side..

by **KATE NELSON**

**SOCIAL** media was awash with memes about Rishi Sunak’s “things can only get wetter” general election announcement.

And people couldn’t resist poking fun at soggy Biggles, with people mocking him up in a torrent of sewage water and with a mini umbrella over his head.

Another recreated the famous “We’ve gone on holiday by mistake” line from the film *Withnail And I*.

One also used an image from a classic Morecambe & Wise *Singing In The Rain* sketch.



Prime Minister Rishi Sunak announces the date for the General Election



by **JAMES CAVEN**

paign start has been one embarrassment to another. What a mess.”

Biggles scored another own goal with a gaffe as he met brewery staff in South Wales.

He asked them if they were looking forward to the football in summer as a source of revenue, despite Wales not qualifying for the Euros.

Meanwhile, Sir Keir Starmer said he didn’t think the PM “ever believed” his Rwanda plan would work after conceding flights would not take off before the July 4 poll.



**QUESTION:** Ross Hills

**RISHI** “Biggles” Sunak has been mocked after taking questions from two men in hi-vis jackets – who turned out to be Tory councillors.

The PM was hobnobbing with workers at a biscuit warehouse in Derbyshire on the campaign trail.

He took unchallenging questions from Ben Hall-Evans and Ross Hills, who were later revealed to be Conservative politicians.

Questions were raised about whether they were “plants” to ask soft questions. Lib Dem MP Sarah Olney said: “Rishi Sunak’s cam-



# Brits vote leave win

IT'S been a little while since we've had a General Election.

But many people in the country don't want to hear about it.

Figures show a huge increase in Brits booking holidays over July 4 since "Biggles" Sunak announced the election date.

*You can hardly blame them.*

For years we've listened to one false promise after another as the country lurched from crisis to crisis.

So over the next few weeks it's going to be difficult to believe any of the pledges from politicians.

It's as good excuse as any to head to sunnier climes where they won't be talking about exit polls and leadership debates.

**So long as you remember to cast your postal vote before you go!**

# Germany cup loss

**THE Germans, let's face it, are probably better than us at many things.**

Penalties, ruthless efficiency, securing sun loungers, you name it - we could learn a lot off of them.

But one thing they definitely lag behind us in is the art of tea-drinking.

As a nation, we put away about a gazillion cuppas every day.

The last time we checked, our sausage-loving, stein-guzzling European neighbours did not have a reputation for being rabid Rosie Lee quaffers.

So it's a bit of a bloody cheek that we now hear they're claiming to be a nation of Mrs Doyles who could drink us under the tea cosy.

Maybe they've underestimated how bonkers we are for a brew.

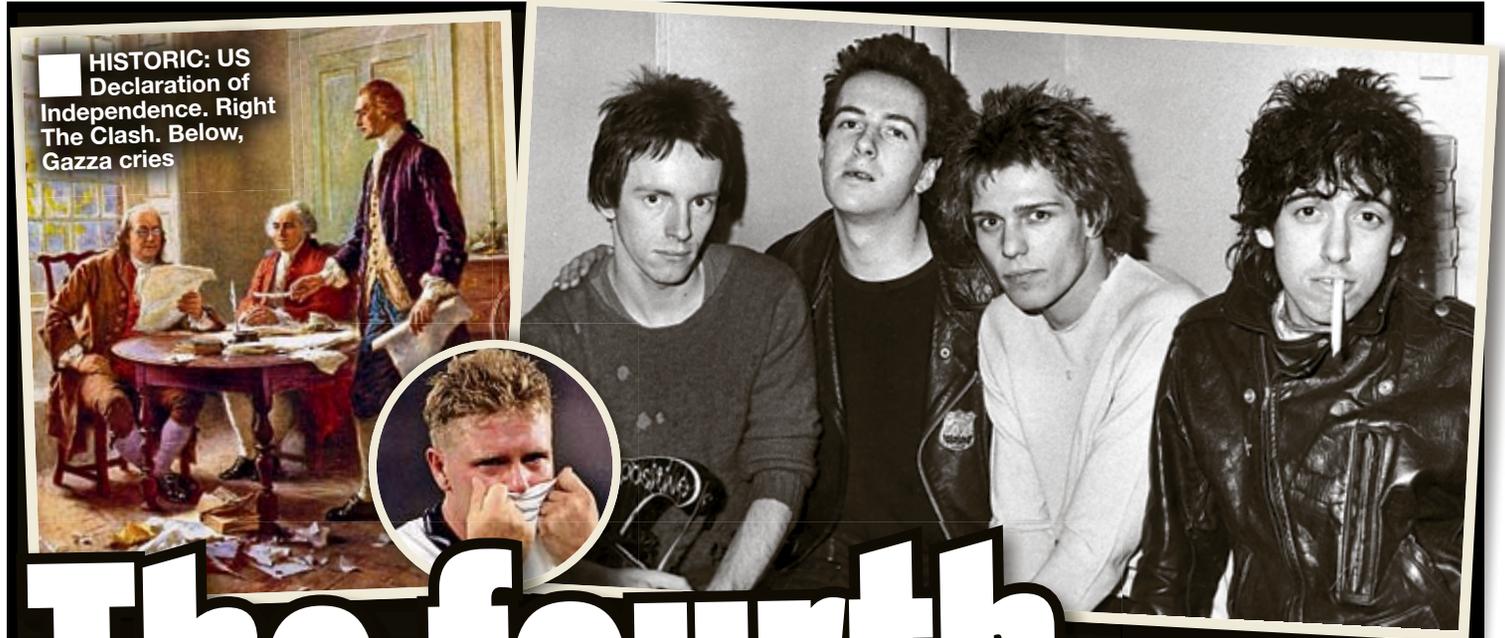
**Or perhaps these jokers have finally discovered a sense of humour!**

# Gas fired

**CHRIS Packham says he fell in love with nature because of snake farts.**

*Is he taking the hiss?*

# THE MOMENTOUS EVENTS OF JULY 4TH



**HISTORIC: US Declaration of Independence. Right The Clash. Below, Gazza cries**

# The fourth is with you

★ **WILL the fourth be with** Rishi "Biggles" Sunak as he announces the General Election - or will Labour leader Keir Starmer be heading to No 10?

Whatever the result, the July date chosen for the ballot by the PM is already famous as Independence Day in the US.

★ **But it's not the only historic thing that happened on July 4, as JAMES MOORE reveals...**

**1776 - America goes it alone:** The US Congress adopts a Declaration of Independence from British rule.

**1807 - Revolutionary moment:** The Italian general Giuseppe Garibaldi, who'd later help unify Italy, is born.

**1826 - Spooky coincidence:** Former US Presidents John Adams, 90, and Thomas Jefferson, 83, die on the same day.

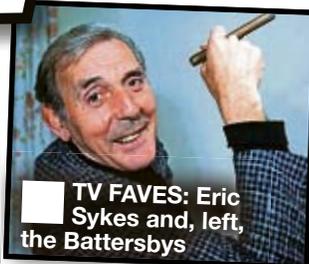
**1829 - Bus begins:** Britain's first bus service, a horse-drawn carriage, starts in London.

**1862 - Bright idea:** Writer Lewis Carroll tells a story he'd later turn into Alice's Adventures In Wonderland.

**1934 - Pioneer perishes:** Polish-born boffin Marie Curie, famous for discovering radium, dies aged 66.

**1954 - Rationing ends:** Nine years after the end of World War Two, Britain finally comes off rationing.

**1962 - Men Behaving**



**TV FAVES:** Eric Sykes and, left, the Battersbys

**Badly star arrives:** Actor Neil Morrissey is born.

**1969 - Wimbledon triumph:** Britain's Ann Jones wins the women's singles tennis title.

**1976 - Clash kick off:** The Clash play their first gig. On the same day Israeli commandos free 100 hostages in Entebbe, Uganda.

**1981 - McEnroe beats Borg:** John McEnroe beats Björn Borg for his first Wimbledon men's singles tennis title.

**1985 - Dot debuts:** Actress June Brown's legendary character Dot Cotton debuts on TV's EastEnders.

**1990 - Gazza blubs:** Paul Gascoigne cries during England's defeat to West Germany in the World Cup in Italy.

**1997 - Soap landmark:** The Battersby clan arrive on ITV's Coronation Street.

**1999 - Posh and Becks wed:** David Beckham marries Spice Girl Victoria Adams at an Irish castle, famously sitting on

golden thrones at a star-studded reception.

**2003 - Barry White dies:** The American crooner dies aged 58.

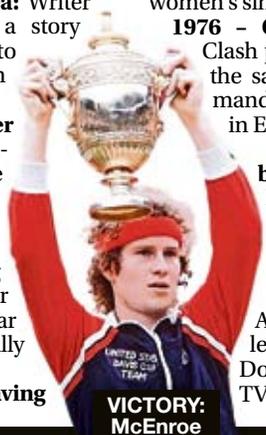
**2004 - Footie shock:** Greece defy 80-1 odds to win Euro 2004 beating hosts Portugal 1-0.

**2012 - Great and small:** Comedy legend Eric Sykes dies at 89, while boffins announce they've found the mysterious Higgs boson particle.

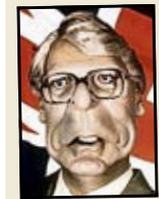
**2014 - Rolf jailed:** TV star Rolf Harris is given five years and nine months in prison for sex offences.

**2016 - Top quitter:** Top Gear presenter Chris Evans quits his role on the BBC motoring show.

**2023 - Star's bombshell:** TV's Fiona Phillips reveals that she has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

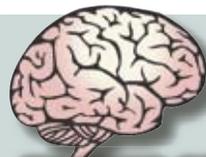


**VICTORY:** McEnroe



★ **BEAT the boredom with these wacky events. July 4 is also...**

1. **Caesar Salad Day:** Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the crunchy dish.
2. **Great British Pea Week:** Channel ex-PM John Major's Spitting Image puppet.
3. **Fry an Egg on the Sidewalk Day:** Brain scrambled by it all? Try this zany US tradition!



# THE BRAINBOX

## BRAINS OF BRITAIN

We asked for a US state capital and have no idea why that one won:

- 1 Austin
- 2 New York
- 3 Springfield
- 4 Baton Rouge
- 5= Denver, Washington, Sacramento, Boston
- 9= Little Rock, Delaware, Cheyenne, Salt Lake City, Richmond, Tampa, Phoenix, Albany, Jefferson, Montgomery, Tallahassee, Green Bay, Athens, Kentucky

- 1 Which actor and comedian is the host of ITV game show The Fortune Hotel?
- 2 What is the name of newly promoted Ipswich Town's home ground?
- 3 What was the name of Babylon Zoo's

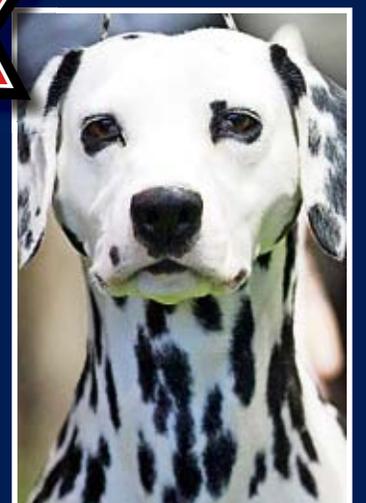
- 4 Which main cast member of the sitcom Friends is being haunted by Matthew Perry according to a recent report in your Daily Star?
- 5 What is the breed of dog in the picture?

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ANSWERS:

- (1) Stephen Mangan; (2) Portman Road; (3) Spaceman; (4) Courteney Cox; (5) Dalmatian.



**SPOT THE DOG:** Go on, do it!

**Q** Why does Leo Sayer call himself that when his name is Gerard?  
**ESTHER**  
**A** Manager David Courtney, who "discovered" him, called him that because his hair is like a lion's mane.



POUR SHOW: Booze

## Drinkers get short changed

MOST beer and wine served in UK pubs and bars is short measured, a Trading Standards survey suggests.

Officers who visited 77 venues were served 96 short measures out of 137 orders.

That means around 70% were less than the prescribed quantity required by The Weights and Measures Order.

Some 86% of beer ordered was under the correct level, as was 43% of wine.

Campaign for Real Ale chairman Nik Antona said: "Consumers shouldn't have to feel short changed when they support their favourite pubs, social clubs, and taprooms."

### FACT OF

**IN Tibet people sup butter tea made using tea, salt and butter. Don't knock it until you've tried it!**

### THE DAY



DAMAGE: The pub

## Smash boozer heroes

A LANDLORD opened his pub just six hours after it was hit by a car - thanks to an army of regulars rallying to his aid.

Paul Holland said the community effort allowed him to welcome customers back to the Wortwell Bell the following day.

The crash saw a BMW plough into the 17th Century pub at 11.15pm last Friday, causing up to £100k worth of damage.

Police cordoned off the boozer in Harleston, Norfolk, until 5.30am the next day but it was reopened at 11.50am.

Paul, 58, said: "Loads of locals came up to help."

# BREW ARE YA?



Oh, ANYA! YOU'VE FORGOTTEN YOUR BLOOMERS, LOVE

Picture: GC IMAGES

## It's braving Mad Anya

- ★ ANYA Taylor-Joy wears a daring - and baring - outfit while doing publicity for her new movie *Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga*.
- ★ The 28-year-old star plays the title role in the film that is in cinemas from today and was snapped in New York wearing a backless dress that hinted she had no underwear on.



BACKLASH: Stirring up trouble

## Outrage over German claim they sup more tea than Brits

by JERRY LAWTON

**THE Germans have scored first in the battle for Euro 2024 glory by claiming they drink more tea.**

Ahead of this summer's soccer showdown, experts claim people living in East Frisia, in Lower Saxony, are the biggest tea consumers in the world.

They sip about 5.4 cups of tea - a quintessentially English beverage - every day.

The figures, from Germany's Records Institute, also claim the English have an average of just 3.6.

The German Embassy in London said: "People in East Frisia on Germany's North Sea coast drink more tea per capita than anyone in the world."

"Tea-time is a ritual in Ostfriesland and it's considered rude to drink anything less than three cups."

The claim sparked fury ahead of the Three Lions' bid to win the Euros in Germany.

One fan said: "This feels like it's getting personal." Another fumed: "I bet I could tea drink them under the table."

The East Frisian tea recipe includes sugar and cream - with one UK brew fan saying: "Cream has no place in tea."

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## HOLIDAY BAGS FAIL

HOLIDAYMAKERS get stressed when going away - in case the quality of tea isn't up to standard.

A poll of 2,000 people found 51% have taken teabags abroad before.

While 37% have even packed their own kettle, mug or sugar bowl.

It also emerged 76% feel a cup of tea is never the same when you're abroad.

A spokesperson for MSC Cruises, which did the poll, said: "Brits are very particular about their tea."

**Potty noodle: Page 17**

**AWARD-WINNING**  
**Beer OF THE Week**

**With Adrian Tierney-Jones**

**AUTHOR** of 1001 Beers To Try Before You Die and his latest book United Kingdom Of Beer gives us his verdict on the best pint he's tried this week. Follow @ATJbeer on Twitter.



**TINY VIOLENCE**  
 Key facts....  
**ABV:** 5%  
 Indie Rabble Brewing  
**Description:** A handsome-looking, full-bodied stout  
**Available:** indierabble.co.uk



WINDSOR-based Indie Rabble is fairly young but has already been acclaimed as the best new brewery in the UK. Studying this superlative stout you can see why. It is as dark as a panther in the middle of the night and topped with a handsome tan head of foam. There is a roastiness on the nose, perhaps suggestive of the wake-up call of freshly ground espresso beans, while a berry-like sweetness lurks in the background. The effect is reminiscent of a well-toasted slice of granary bread with blackberry jam. Full-bodied and rich, there is more roastiness on the palate alongside a light brush of vanilla, delicate caramel, a dash of chocolate-coated coffee beans and a suggestion of blackcurrant. The finish is dry, roasty and bitter, leaving you reaching for the glass again. Wonderful.

# DECADE OF LOST JUSTICE

## Vennells had review chance

by JAMES CAVEN  
**PAULA Vennells** ruled out a review that would have stopped Post Office workers being probed for a further 10 years.

The former Post Office boss admitted such a move "may well have" avoided a decade of misery for sub-postmasters.

She had suggested in 2013 that convictions going back 10 years could be scrutinised - but was talked out of it by the firm's media chief out of fear of the scandal.

The Horizon inquiry was shown an email exchange between her and former communications director Mark Davies, when she asked him whether the cases should be looked at.

He warned it would lead



**QUESTIONS:** At inquiry to "front page news", adding: "In media terms it becomes mainstream, very high profile."

Vennells, 65, who needed a police escort in and out of the hearing, replied: "You are right to call this out. I will take your steer."

The inquiry continues.  
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### BLAZE REPORT DUE

THE final report of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry will be published in September. The London blaze on June 14, 2017, killed 72 people.

EMAIL CHAIN: Former Post Office boss Vennells

## Boy head shot

A BOY is recovering in hospital after he was shot in the head by a metal pellet thought to have been fired from an air weapon.

The 11-year-old was hit as he climbed his garden fence to look for a football in Leyland, Lancs.

He suffered a fractured skull and is recovering from surgery at Alder Hey Hospital in Liverpool. Police said they had identified a "person of interest".

**STAR**  
 NOEL and Liam Gallagher sparked a frenzy of Oasis reunion speculation after they both posted a mysterious video on their respective X accounts.  
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**RHO NO!:** The plant  
**Invaded  
by killer  
blooms**

BRITAIN is being choked by killer rhododendrons, experts warn.

The Woodland Trust has urged gardeners not to plant a variety of the colourful flowers.

They have spent £360,000 over the past year removing the invasive plant, which may carry a disease that could be fatal to more than 150 species.

The trust's Rebecca Gosling said: "Rhododendron ponticum is a real problem. It is choking native woodland and shading out characteristic plants."

It has called for stricter rules to stop the plant being imported. Defra said it was already illegal to plant rhododendrons in the wild and funding was being provided to control them.

**WORD OF**

**DERECHO:** Type of storm that produces widespread, straight-lined winds that are associated with severe thunderstorms.

**THE DAY**



**ADDICTION:** Insects  
**Caffeine  
rush to  
fix ants**

BOFFINS are plotting to turn ants into caffeine addicts to stop the global explosion of the bugs.

New research shows that ants given energy drink-levels of caffeine laced in sugary rewards will keep coming back for another hit.

Researchers believe that adding caffeine into ant baits could aid efforts to control the invasive species.

The findings, published in the journal iScience, could lead to more effective poisons to control invasive insects.

# LOVE-ly weather!

★ LOVE is in the air – in the form of a heart-shaped cloud that was snapped in the sky.  
★ Michelle Duffy, 45, caught it on her iPhone from her garden in Garrison, County Fermanagh in Northern Ireland.



Picture: MICHELLE DUFFY/SWNS

# Packham: I owe it all to snake farts HOST LOVES REPTILE SMELL

**CHRIS Packham says he was inspired to become a TV wildlife presenter by the "foul" smell of snake farts.**

The Really Wild Show and Springwatch host used to head out into fields where he grew up in Southampton, Hants, to catch grass snakes.

Speaking to Harry Hill on the Are We There Yet? podcast, the TV god, 63, said: "To find and catch a grass snake requires stealth."

"When you catch grass

by **JERRY LAWTON**

snakes, one of their defence mechanisms is to secrete a liquid from their vent – essentially their bottom.

"Most people perceive it as foul-smelling, but I liked it. It was the smell of success – it meant I'd caught a grass snake." He added: "I'd keep them for a little while and then release them."

Revealing their impact on his life Chris said: "It's how I got here today."

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**SMELL OF SUCCESS:**  
Chris and snake

# BUBBLIN' UNDER

★ **PAUL Weller** is one of rock's hardest-working musicians but he wants to step away from touring to spend more time with his family.

The Modfather releases his fifth record in seven years today, but he'd rather be at home with his wife Hannah and kids.

★ He told Mojo magazine: "A year ago, a few months even, I would have told you that drive would be there no matter what."

"Something has happened though. Not that I would ever retire but I've been thinking lately – and I know this sounds morbid – that I'll be four years off 70 this year."

★ "You get caught up – with making records, going out on the road – and I've realised how precious time is. I need to spend it with my kids, my family, my missus."

Paul also intends to make a covers LP called *Small Town Melancholia*.

★ He said: "I'll just sing on it and not worry about anything else. I need a break from it."



IT'S been a while since **Rag'n'Bone Man** landed a sonic blow as tough as his single, *What Do You Believe In?* which he wrote "after losing someone close".

Less existential is **Bea And Her Business** (right), whose latest EP *Me Vs. Me* is a lyrical bop and a rush of fun.

★ **ArrDee** says he's "honoured" to have drum & bass

heavy hitter **K Motionz** and **MC Riko Dan** on his single *Heavyweight*.

★ **Cassa Jackson** is giving all the feels on her ballad *Turning Point*, which she reveals is about "realising that you are



OK on your own and are finally over a previous relationship."

★ And don't forget about **FLO**, who crack out the acoustic guitars on summery slow-jam *Caught Up*.



# Icons Bessie mates

## TAY ACE FOR ATWELL

**BESS Atwell** has become the new protégée of **Taylor Swift** and **Ed Sheeran's** producer **Aaron Dessner**.

The **National** guitarist Aaron produced Brighton singer Bess's LP *Light Sleeper* at his studio in New York after admiring her debut record *Already Always*.

Bess told me: "Aaron messaged on Instagram to ask if he could help on my next record. I thought he was just being polite."

"When I was looking for producers six months later, I thought I might as well ask. I thought I was being silly, as I knew Aaron was busy producing Taylor Swift."

"Instead, he replied immediately, saying how excited he was by my songs."

The pair spent a week working on *Light Sleeper* at Aaron's countryside studio, where he's produced recent albums by Taylor and Ed.

Bess explained: "The studio is stunning – one massive room overlooking a pond and surrounded by countryside, so you feel like you're

outside. It even snowed while we were there, so it was like a fairytale for a week."

But the singer, who tours from October 2-18, was too professional to ask for any Taylor gossip.

She laughed: "I tried not to pry too much about Taylor."

"Aaron told me bits and bobs about how she works, but nothing too juicy, as he's not stupid."



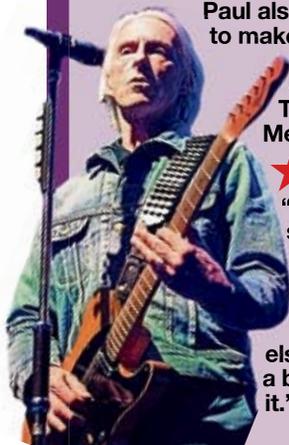
*Light Sleeper* sees Bess tackle her anxieties.

She said: "I'm trying to confront things that are difficult, in the beginning of a journey of self-discovery."

"But I wanted to be careful not to make a record that's, 'I've had all these struggles and I'm fine now I've confronted them' because life isn't like that."

Bess added: "My mum told me, 'Woah, you're really not held back on the honesty'."

"My parents are so supportive, but the song *The Weeping* is hard for Mum to listen to."



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## A RAYE OF GOLD

**RAYE's** award-winning 2024 haul keeps on going. The Brit hitmaker nabbed Songwriter Of The Year at London's Ivor Novello awards last night following the success of her debut album, *My 21st Century Blues*. Sir Paul McCartney was on hand to present Bruce Springsteen, right, with the Fellowship Of The Ivors Academy, the organisation's highest honour. Other winners included Yusef Dayes, who won Best Album for Black Classical Music, while the Special International Award celebrated the career and influence of Lana Del Rey.



# LISTEN UP

### PAUL WELLER / 66 ★★★★★

DOING what he likes for 20 years, why would Weller stop experimenting now he's a pensioner?

Fans of introspective Weller can bathe in *Sleepy Hollow*, Jam fans will relish the punchy *Jumble Queen*, everyone else can guess where *Burn Out* is going from moment to moment or how a 66-year-old is as wild as *Flying Fish*? Still setting the standard for aging rockers staying fresh.



### TWENTY ONE PILOTS / Clancy ★★★

LONG diversifying from their emo roots, the festival headliner's most diverse album veers from ukulele ballads to punk/dance hybrids.

Less intense than its singles suggested, Clancy's sci-fi story is dominated by laid-back R&B and anonymous 5SOS anthemic pop. Navigating kicks hard, *Oldies Station* swoons as the Pilots soar when their "try anything" approach pays off.



### LENNY KRAVITZ / Blue Electric Light ★★★

RECENTLY showing off his age-defying physique in gym videos, Lenny further displays his stamina on his first double album. The vintage guitar workouts that made his name still go the distance, with *Paralyzed* a mighty hard-rock wail.



Lenny is just as adept at being tender, as *Honey* is a light groove. There's some padding across an hour, but at 60 that's to be expected.

### BESS ATWELL / Light Sleeper ★★★★★

THE National guitarist Aaron Dessner plucked Bess from relative obscurity but clearly it's inspired talent-spotting.

The Brighton lass bounces around on a clutch of summery pop made for festival afternoons. Aaron's trademark heavy strumming production on the dramatic ballads are here too (*Release Myself*), but Bess shines when the light is let in on *Fan Favourite's* fragile joy.



# KRAVING FOR MORE

LENNY Kravitz's new album could have a follow-up very soon, possibly five of them in fact.

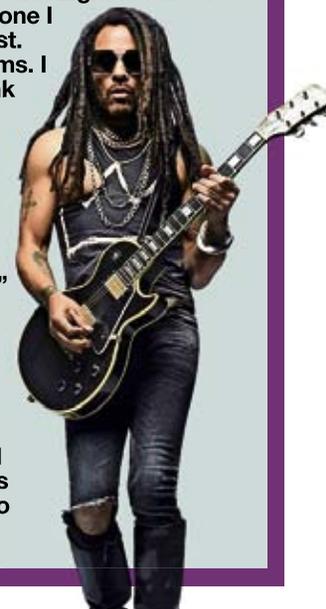
Referring to his latest LP, out today, Lenny said: "Blue Electric Light is one of them, and this is the one I wanted to release first."

"I still think in albums. I still think in this chunk of music that represents a time."

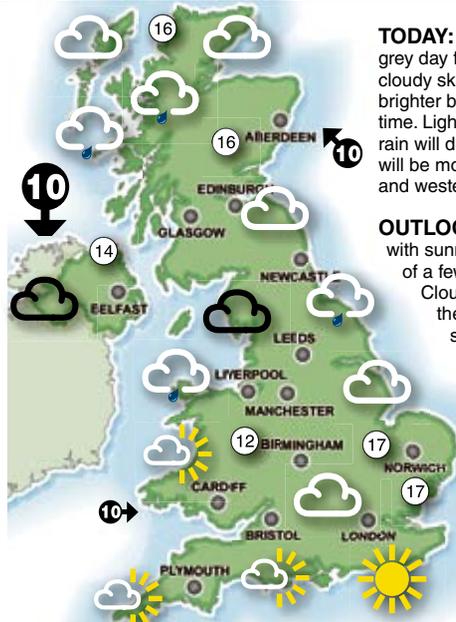
"Singles are great, but for me they're a body of work that represents a piece of time and it takes more than one song."

However, he's aware that records don't pay the bills: "It's not nearly as lucrative as it was."

"If you're not a touring musician and you can't play live, it's gonna be very hard to make a living."



# TODAY'S WEATHER



**TODAY:** A largely dull and grey day for most areas with cloudy skies and just a few brighter breaks from time to time. Light showers or patchy rain will develop too and these will be mostly across northern and western areas.

**OUTLOOK:** Dry and bright with sunny spells and a threat of a few light showers. Clouds will thicken from the west later. Sunny spells and scattered showers on Sunday, some may be heavy.



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WEDNESDAY, MAY 22  
No jackpot winner. Tomorrow's estimated top prize is £3.9m

**LOTTO 06 07 25 31 35 43 12** 754,424 tickets won a prize Tuesday, May 21.

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## Missing soldier's funeral

A FOOTBALLER killed in World War One has finally been buried with full military honours - 110 years after his death.

Second Lt James Arthur Greenhalgh, 25, who played for Bolton Wanderers, was listed as "missing" after his death in Violaines, France.

Then in 2020 the bodies of three soldiers were found in the village by housebuilders and DNA testing confirmed one was James.

He was buried at The Commonwealth War Graves Commission Guards Cemetery, in Quinchy, France.

His great niece Joanna Potts said she was "so grateful".

## Double fops for dart fans

A FANCY dress generator has been created to advise fans what to wear to the darts.

Elaborate outfits have become synonymous with the sport as spectators turn up in increasingly wacky costumes.

Now Premier League Darts sponsor BetMGM has created a digital tool to provide inspiration.

It gives options based on personality and whether you're going to an event in a group.

BetMGM's Sam Behar said: "Fancy dress has become a staple for darts fans over the years.

"Our fancy dress generator will enable fans to be more creative than ever with their outfits."

## Battery irons out troubles

CHEAPER and greener electric car and mobile phone batteries using iron as a key component are being developed.

Researchers are hoping to spark a green battery revolution by showing that the common element - rather than rare and expensive cobalt and nickel - can be used in lithium-ion power packs.

Study leader Prof Xiulei Ji, of Oregon State University, said: "We've transformed the reactivity of iron - the cheapest metal commodity."

He added that the batteries would improve safety and sustainability as well as being significantly cheaper.



# TWEEKLY MONKEY

★ A VERY cheeky monkey yanks on the nose of another and starts a brawl between the pair.

The fight happened at Labuk Bay Proboscis Monkey Sanctuary in Sandakan, Malaysia.

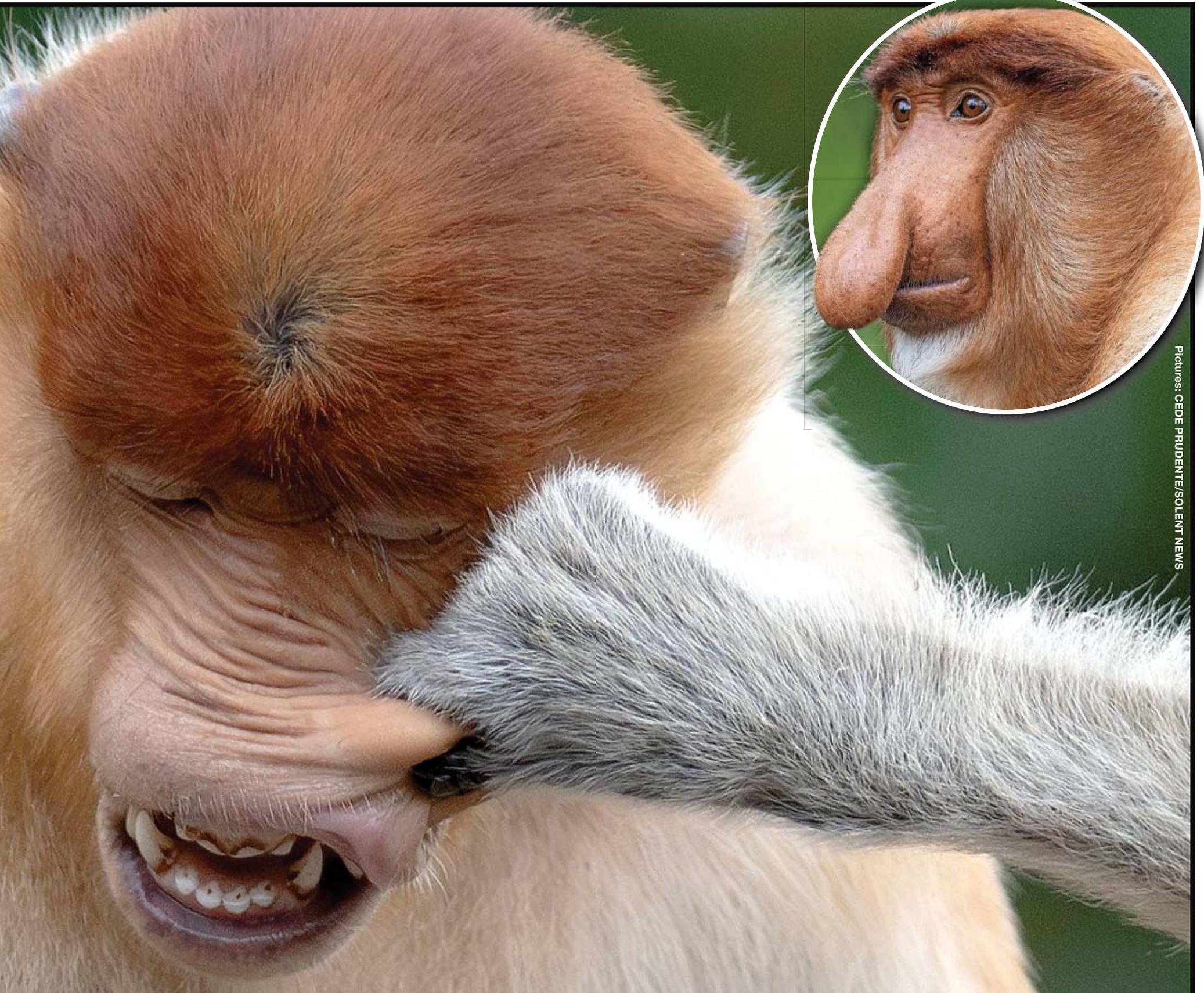
★ Photographer Cede Prudente said a younger monkey grabbed an adult female's conk, adding: "They both seemed to get annoyed and started a little fight."

# Fancy a



NOSING AROUND: Dr Katharine Baliola

## PRIMATES DEVELOP BIG NOSE FOR LADIES



Pictures: CEDE PRUDENTE/SOLENT NEWS

# conk sometime?

**THE world's "most ugly" monkey grew his famous knob-shaped hooter so he could get more sex.**

Scientists reckon the droopy conks of proboscis primates evolved to attract females.

A team from the Australian National University examined the bony nasal cavity inside their skulls.

They found the large schnoz offers several "major benefits" - especially when it comes to attracting potential lovers.

Study lead Dr Katharine Balolia said:

■ by KATE NELSON

"Being able to emit louder and deeper calls, thanks to a longer and larger nasal cavity, helps male monkeys to assert their health and dominance.

"This helps the male monkeys attract females and ward off other males.

"The more females a male can attract, the more it allows him to father more offspring."

Living on the island of Borneo, proboscis monkeys have been branded one of the world's ugliest creatures. Dr Balolia

believes the jungle-like environment could explain why they developed such a massive snout.

She said: "Proboscis monkeys live in coastal mangroves and forested environments and often can't see each other through the trees.

"So loud, nasalised calls are important to communicate.

"Females may have then started to find large noses visually attractive for selecting a mate as it was an signal of dominance."

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**BONE IDOL: Monkeys' large hooter attracts females**

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**CHEERS:** Scot & Lia

# Honey, I bought a cafe!

A BLOKE bought his wife a £20,000 cafe while on a boozy stag do.

Scot Griffiths, 42, was with pals in Portugal when he spotted an advert on Facebook and thought, "Why not?"

Back home, he handed his wife Lia, 33, the keys to the Penguin Cafe in Wednesfield, West Mids, for their fifth wedding anniversary.

Dad-of-two Scot said: "Ever since the day we met, Lia has told me she wanted her own cafe."

"I might have had a few beers but when I saw the opportunity to make her dream happen I just had to go for it. Luckily for me, she loved the idea."

Lia joked: "I now tell him it's always been my dream to own a Range Rover, so I'm waiting to see what he gets me for our next anniversary."



**ECO FUTURES:** Young

# 'Green' dreams of kids

KIDS dream of a future where robots pick up litter, there are more green spaces to play in and animals roam freely among us.

They want to live where fruit and vegetables are grown locally and public transport is electric only.

But nearly half (46%) of children see cost as the main hurdle to creating greener cities, while 17% said it was down to a lack of knowledge.

This comes from a survey by green energy firm E.ON, which asked 2,000 eight to 16-year-olds what sustainable British cities would look like if they were in charge.

Over half (58%) of the Generation Alpha and Z youngsters said they would expect more green spaces such as parks and allotments, while 54% wanted less plastic waste.



# POTTY NOODLE



**CHILLED:** John's sausages and snacks

# Junk lover takes his grub in hols suitcase

**A FUSSY eater loves British grub so much he takes a suitcase stuffed with Pot Noodles and sausages on holiday.**

by ISOBEL DICKINSON

Despite forking out £1,400 for all-inclusive hols, John Phillips packs a belly-busting case of meat, crisps, sweets, chocolate and porridge.

John said he is happy to pay an extra £300 for his stash so he can enjoy "good old-fashioned English" grub abroad.

Wife Rebecca began packing the goods three years ago when John refused to eat anything but chips on holiday.

Last year the couple took 21

Pot Noodles, 86 bags of crisps, two packets of bacon, a pack of 30 sausages, cans of tuna, a block of cheese, 30 Club bars, 16 bags of sweets and a bottle of brown sauce to Egypt.

John, 40, of Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, said: "I've always been a fussy eater, I don't eat much veg at all."

"I like good old-fashioned English food, chips, sausage, and gravy - that sort of stuff."

"I'm only interested in the free beer at the all-inclusive, the food doesn't really matter to me."

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**FUSSY EATER:** John and wife Rebecca



GERMS: Neanderthals

## Viruses survive history

NEANDERTHALS from 50,000 years ago carried viruses that still affect humans today.

Two skeletons, found in the Chagyrskaya Cave in the Altai mountains of Russia, carried germs that continue to cause diseases in the modern world.

The viruses - adenovirus, herpesvirus and papillomavirus - are linked to colds and flu, genital warts, types of cancer, cold sores and chickenpox.

The discovery, by Marcelo Briones from the Federal University of Sao Paulo, shatters the previous record by 20,000 years found in 31,000-year-old baby teeth in Siberia.

### STAR

THE Dalsi burger at MonkeyFood in Seville, Spain, tastes like children's medicine, as it comes with bacon, cheese and a mixture compared to liquid ibuprofen.

### BURST



TUSKS: Mammoth

## Ancient tusks in new dig

A WINEMAKER found 40,000-year-old mammoth bones while digging up a cellar for renovations.

Boffins think Andreas Pernerstorfer has stumbled across the remains of at least three of the beasts.

Archaeologists found stone tools and charcoal at the site in Gobelsburg, Austria and think hunters trapped them.

Excavation leader Hannah Parow-Souchon said: "Such a dense bone layer of mammoths is rare."

"It's the first time we've been able to investigate something like this in Austria using modern methods."

# EARTH 2



Earth

Gliese 12 b

SIMILAR: Planets are same size

## Boffs make twin planet discovery..

by ED CHATTERTON  
BOFFINS have found an Earth-sized planet 40 light years away which could support human life.

The planet, Gliese 12 b, was spotted by researchers at the University of Warwick using Nasa satellites.

With an estimated surface temperature of around 42C, it is one of the few known rocky planets where humans could theoretically survive - if we could get there.

Prof Thomas Wilson said: "This is a really exciting discovery and will help our research into planets similar to Earth across our Galaxy."

"Thrillingly, this planet is the closest Earth-sized and temperature planet we know. The light we are seeing now is from



POTENTIAL HOME: Gliese 12 b

1984 - that's how long it has taken to reach us here on Earth."

Larissa Palethorpe, co-lead of the study and doctoral student at the University of Edinburgh and UCL, said: "This is a unique candidate for further atmospheric study that may help unlock some aspects of our own solar system's evolution."

"Earth remains habitable, but Venus does not due to its complete loss of water."

"Gliese 12 b's atmosphere could teach us a lot about the habitability pathways planets take as they develop."

Their report states the discovery will help astronomers "find our own place in the Universe."

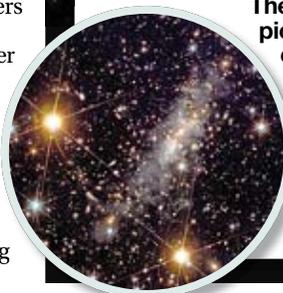
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## Seeing the big picture

★ THE Euclid telescope has sent back these largest images of the universe taken in its quest to unravel the secrets of the cosmos.

The European Space Agency's pictures taken from space, capture vast new areas of the sky in unprecedented detail.

★ Dr Michelle Collins of the Euclid team said: "These are just the tip of the iceberg. This telescope can reveal millions of new objects in a single day."



Pictures: PA

# Ices van 'too loud' court bid

AN ice cream van owner has been threatened with possible legal action over his "overly loud" Blue Peter-style chimes.

John Barton received a letter from East Lindsey District Council saying it had received complaints about "undue noise" and he could face prosecution in court.

But baffled John, 33, whose Harrison's Ices has four vans in Lincolnshire, claims they stick to the required 45-decibel limit.

John said: "I have come across some weird things in my time and this is one of the weirdest."

"It's 12 seconds of music and not too loud. In 10 years I've never had a complaint."

# Mayor in Bibby ban loss

A LOCAL mayor has lost a legal challenge over a council's decision not to consider using its powers to ban the mooring of the Bibby Stockholm.

Lawyers for Carralyn Parkes, mayor of Portland, Dorset, told a hearing she was "deeply concerned" about the ship housing migrants being sited in Portland Harbour.

But High Court judge Mr Justice Holgate ruled the seabed above which the Bibby Stockholm is moored is not "land" over which the council has planning control.

The 222-room barge has since been hit by problems after it was towed into the harbour last July.

# Anti-slip warning panned

PADDLING pools closed over fears kids might slip over now need signs warning a new textured surface could hurt their feet, an official claimed.

They are set to reopen this weekend after an "anti-slip" surface was installed.

Councillor Cathy Augustine, who represents the Penmaenmawr ward on Conwy Council, says officials should now put up "large and more obvious" warning signs in case children hurt their feet.

Her comments have been slammed by locals who say officials are trying to wrap children in "cotton wool." One mum said: "People will whinge about anything." And a dad said: "Just incredible!"



Pictures: PA



# MOVIE SHIP A MAST SEE

★ A SHIP featured in the blockbuster film Napoleon will be the star of the show at Gloucester Tall Ships festival. The vessel, called Phoenix, also had a starring role in the BBC period drama Poldark and

has appeared in Doctor Who, Outlander and Taboo. ★ Robin Kemp, the event's creative director, said the festival, which is over the Bank Holiday weekend, will be the "biggest and best yet".



# Anti-slip warning panned

# There you arrrrrrrgh!

# VANISHED PIRATE KING RIDDLE SOLVED

by JAMES CAVEN THE mystery of the disappearance of notorious buccaneer the Pirate King looks to have been solved.

Henry Avery, who terrorised the seas in the 1690s and pillaged at least £90million worth of gold, silver and jewels, vanished without a trace.

Marine archaeologist and pirate expert Dr Sean Kingsley said a letter written by the captain showed he had taken a royal pardon and become a spy.

He explained: "Pirates weren't good guys, but Avery is misunderstood."

"Not only did he strike it big, he escaped the authorities with his head intact."

"Throw in vanishing in a puff of smoke and you have the perfect mystery."

A letter found in the Scottish Records Office is believed to have been written by the pirate in Cornwall in 1700 and explains his espionage work.

Dr Kingsley says it is "really unlikely" the note was forged.

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## Danger zone jet fall pilot

THE plane that a Brit passenger died on from a plunge in turbulence may have been flying through a notorious danger zone.

Former pilot Marco Chan believes the carnage on the Singapore Airlines flight is likely to have occurred when it hit an area called the Intertropical Convergence Zone.

Most flyers try to avoid the area around the Bay of Bengal as it is well known for thunderstorms that are formed where the northern and southern trade winds meet.

Geoff Kitchen, 73, of Thornbury, Glos, died from a suspected heart attack.



Can you guess the year from these five clues?

1. Scooch represent the UK at Eurovision with Flying the Flag (For You)
2. Hot Fuzz, starring Simon Pegg and Nick Frost, opens in cinemas.
3. Jade Goody is evicted from Celebrity Big Brother in a racism row.
4. Steve McClaren is sacked as England manager after failure to qualify for the Euros.
5. Labour's Gordon Brown becomes the new prime minister, replacing Tony Blair.

No Googling! Answer in Monday's paper. Yesterday's year: 1985

## Deadly twisters kill five

TORNADOES killed five people and injured at least another 35 in the US.

Four died when twisters hit the city of Greenfield, Iowa, on Tuesday.

The other victim was in her car 25 miles away when it was hit by gusts.

A spate of storms left wrecked homes, splintered trees and crumpled cars.

Rescue crews were last night combing through mounds of debris looking for any survivors.

Iowa State Patrol's Sgt Alex Dinkla told reporters: "It's still a search mission as far as we're looking to be sure all residents are accounted for."

# 'You will never be forgotten..'



DISASTER ZONE: Carlton Bank where the tragedy happened



FLOWER SHOW: Tributes



VILLAGE: Welcome sign



SCRAMBLED: Team at site

## LEAH, 10, DIES AFTER MUD SLIDE

by JERRY LAWTON  
A "HAPPY-go-lucky little girl" who dreamed of becoming an England Lioness was killed in a mud slide on a school trip.

Leah Harrison, 10, died in the landslide on a forest walk supervised by an instructor.

She was caught up in the disaster at Carlton Adventure after torrential rain.

Emergency services were scrambled to the site near Carlton-in-Cleveland, North Yorks, on Wednesday but she tragically died at the scene.

Family member Melissa Mullen said of the youngster from Darlington, Co Durham: "Leah Harrison, the happy-go-lucky little girl.

"You will never be forgotten baby girl. You will achieve your dream and become a player for the Lionesses."

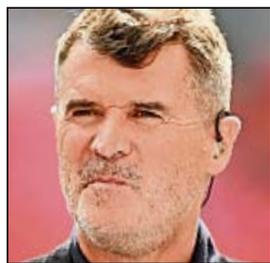
Gary Clarke, of Cleveland Mountain Rescue, said: "We're not sure what happened but from what we can gather from what we saw in that scene, it was something of a freak force-of-nature accident."

A North Yorkshire Police spokesperson said: "We are actively gathering information and will provide further updates as soon as we can."

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HAPPY-GO-LUCKY:  
Leah Harrison





LOSER: Ace Keane

## Roy so cross at bar bet

ROY Keane was left "skint" after losing a crossbar challenge "every week" in training, his mate Paul Lambert claims.

Former Aston Villa boss Lambert says the Man Utd legend was out of pocket when Keane was his assistant at Villa Park in 2014.

The Scot and the Irishman would wager on who could kick a ball and hit the woodwork - with Roy distinctly second best.

Lambert said: "I used to beat him every Friday at crossbar challenge.

"He used to buy the doughnuts and cakes, every Friday he was skint!

"He was going to every cake shop in Manchester to get me cakes.

"We would always have a competition.

"We still laugh about it now but I just liked his mindset."



'INTERVIEW': Michael

## Schuey AI chat law loss

MICHAEL Schumacher's family has won legal action against the publisher of a magazine that printed an AI-generated interview with the ex-Formula 1 star.

Die Aktuelle promoted "Michael Schumacher, the first interview!" on its cover in April 2023.

The German magazine also wrote "it sounds deceptively real" with the supposed quotes attributed to Schuey generated by artificial intelligence.

Family spokesperson Sabine Kehm said that legal action was successful.

The compensation was reportedly £170,000.

Publisher Funke apologised to Schumacher's family and sacked the magazine's chief editor.

Schumacher suffered a near-fatal brain injury after a fall while skiing in 2013.

# VET SCANDAL



Pictures: LOUISE GOSSAGE/SVNS



INVESTIGATION: Sarah Cardell

## Advice for pet owners amid probe on bills

by HOLLY WILLIAMS  
**PET owners have been given tips by the competition watchdog over fears they are paying too much on vet bills.**

The Competition and Markets Authority is pressing ahead with a full market investigation into the sector, including if owners are given enough information on treatments.

Now it has offered guidance for animal lovers while it carries out its 18-month probe.

It advised pet owners to shop around for vets and look at travelling further to save cash; ask about treatment options available and for non-urgent care and look at buying medication elsewhere, such as online.

CMA chief Sarah Cardell said: "The message from our vets so far has been loud and clear - many pet owners and professionals have concerns that need further investigation."

Dr Anna Judson, president of the British Veterinary Association, said: "We recognise more can be done to improve client choice."

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## IT'S THE CAT IN THE GAP

★ FIRE crews rescue a hapless cat that was stuck in a 3in gap between two houses.

The puss, called Cat, used up one of its nine lives after getting trapped in Bromsgrove, Worcs.

★ Neighbour Louise Gossage said the moggie "should be renamed Lucky".



## Free veg boost for the needy

DOCTORS are prescribing fruit and veg to patients to help them shed pounds and lower blood pressure.

The scheme was piloted in the London boroughs of Tower Hamlets and Lambeth and provides poverty-stricken patients with £8 vouchers for the food.

Results published this week showed 90% saw a boost in their physical health after eight months

The number of GP visits among the group also nearly halved.

Programme lead Jonathan Pauling, of the Alexandra Rose Charity, said: "Food isn't getting cheaper. This is a simple intervention that works."



RUBBERY: Mrs T

## Maggie puppet V pricey

A RUDE Spitting Image puppet of Maggie Thatcher sold for £1,200.

The latex rubber figure was made in 1990 for the television show and shows the then Prime Minister flicking a V-sign.

It was made after a row between Thatcher and the European Commission president Jacques Delors.

He had championed a European superstate and single currency, leading Thatcher to declare "No. No. No!" in parliament.

Auctioneers Dominic Winter of Cirencester, Gloucs, described the portayal if Mrs Thatcher as "the most memorable character of the satirical ITV show".

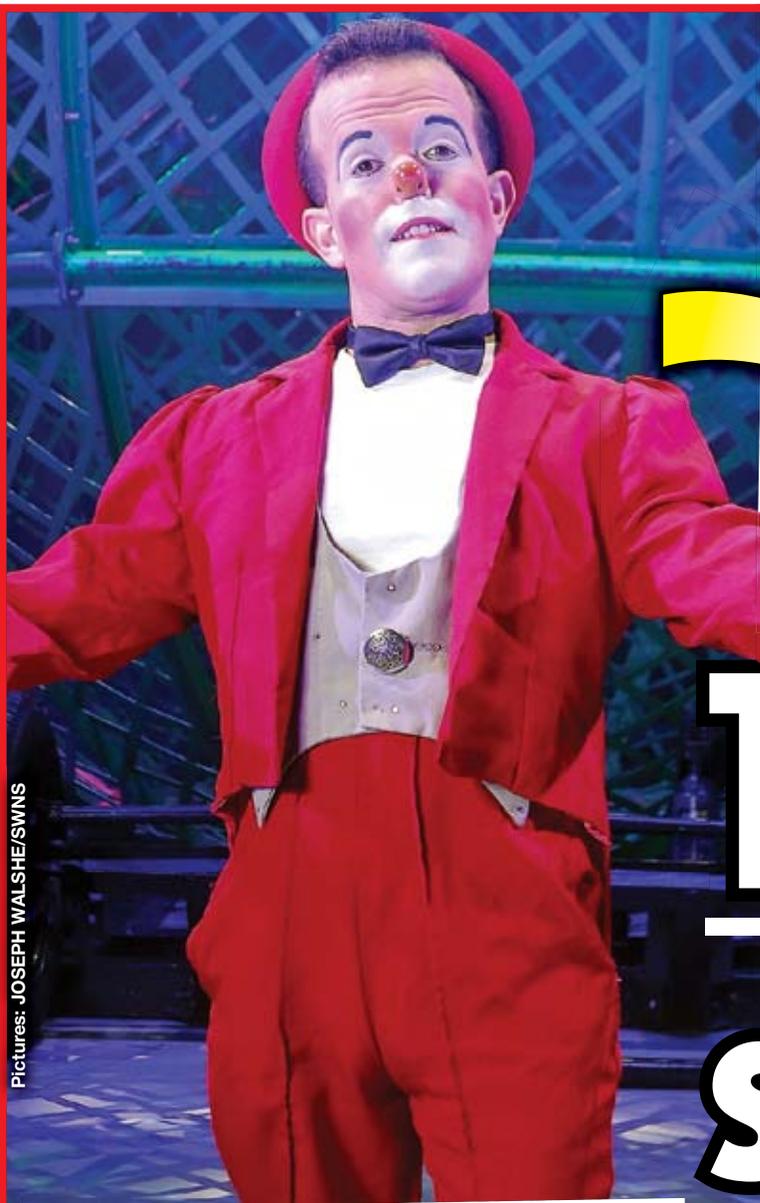
The puppet is wearing a white, shirt with her left hand making the V-sign.

## No pane in prison

WINDOW replacement at a jail was halted as it was "too crowded for the cells to be taken out of use".

An Independent Monitoring Boards national annual report said: "In some prisons, maintenance was delayed even when it gave rise to security concerns."

"At Pentonville (north London), a window replacement scheme deemed important for escape prevention had to be halted."



Pictures: JOSEPH WALSH/ISWMS



DEATH DEFYING: Jorge and his circus co-stars

# The tiniest stuntman!

## ..BUT JORGE IS A BIG STAR

MEET the world's smallest stuntman.

At 4ft, circus star Jorge Cabrera Matachana, AKA George The Dragon, is believed to be the tiniest stunt rider in the world.

He was born with dwarfism in Cuba but refused to let the condition get in the way of becoming a daredevil rider, wowing spectators on the Globe Of Death.

Jorge, 34, whizzes around the sphere on a motorbike at high

by ED CHATTERTON

speed. He started out as a clown at 17 before joining Circus Vegas in April, which is touring the UK until the end of June.

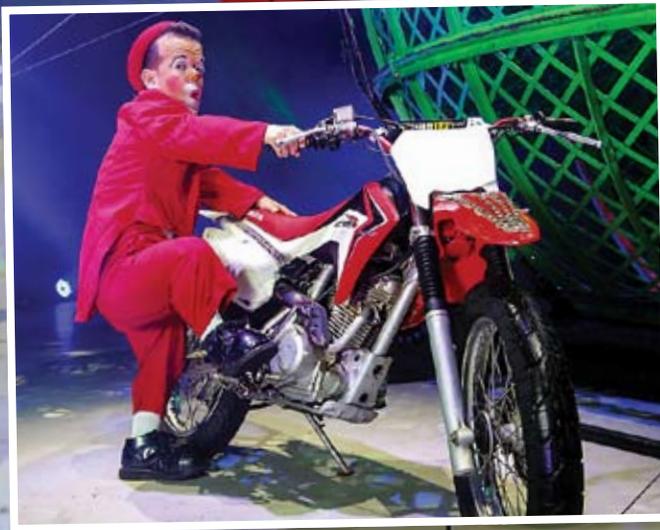
He said: "Three years ago I decided to really push myself and become a stunt rider. In the circus ring I feel like a giant."

Show director Anthony Anderson, said: "Audiences absolutely love George The Dragon."

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MAKE UP: Jorge



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**STICKY FINGERS:** Kerridge

## Tom's £27 sandwich is a little bit fishy

so Kerridge at it again 27 quid for a fish finger sarmie while ppl struggle to buy food, he's taking the p\*\*\*. **jellyhead**

Chelsea flower show is a gorgeous place but the beeb coverage is rubbish just showing designer gardens...we want to see more of the flower stalls. **Gerry Hartlepool**

What a smashing picture in Wednesday's Star of a mother lioness carrying it's cub in her mouth. It always amazes us how such big animals with huge deadly teeth can do this without harming their young. **Stewart & Geoff, Tursdale, Co.Durham**

How many more deaths are we going to let happen before the government decides to destroy all XL Bully dogs? **Dave Cornwall**

I assume LG don't sell tv's to Scotland since their advert shows only English team and English wonder why nobody likes them. LG ad a perfect example. **Ronfaefife**

To Marcus MCFC Citeh till I die. No jealousy just stating twisted facts. MCFC could well be in the Northern Premier league when the 115 charges come to a court. Probably not until the year 2099. **Regards, Zorro**

We have enough numpties on the road now, imagine what it will be like to pass a driving test. Electric cars, no clutch or gearbox to worry about, the roads will be full of clowns. **EBG**

why should you not be upset if your car breaks down on the motorway? Because you've always got a shoulder to cry on! **Alan, newcastle**

Just noticed Hey Jude. if played backwards it's really scary. What are they trying to say. **Zorro, Liverpool**

# Sunak too incompetent to even call the election



**GIVE** us a picture of the lovely Balvinder Sopal, from EastEnders, Pete, Crewe

The Tories inability to organise a simple press conference is indicative of their overall incompetence. **RedLeader**

I thought it was rather fitting that Rishi Sunak announced the date of the next general election whilst stood in the soaking rain. The Tories are a total washout. **LEO F**

The fact that Rishi Sunak did his general election announcement in the pouring rain says it all. It's political suicide. **Paul Hawks**

did Sunak forget there's a press room in number 10. **Jem**

Election speech Richi looked like a drowned rat & Larry was a soggy moggy. **Phil Southend**

How the hell can Sunak stand outside Downing Street stating he's proud of what his government have achieved! He truly is a total moron for sure. **EC & AC**

Rishi Sunak's General Election announcement felt more like a walk away feeling from his body language. He knows his party is cooked!! **Thin Lizzy**

A sodden sunak talked about division threat from abroad. That's rich, tory gov' have done that already. **ANGST**

And so the dominos all fall down day begins on July 4th General Election day. Start looking for new jobs now you Tory MPs as you will fall like a pack of dominos. The Rewanda plan is now dead in the water and the ILLEGALS must be partying in Calai. Trouble is one load of crap goes out and another enters the arena, God help our once Great country. **TOD**

Now we no the next election will be 4 july. well its been timed right because if labour win it will be stuck with the billions to pay in the infected blood cases so will

have nothing in the bank to less tax or stamp. **Stockton jeff**

Rishi Sunak has called a snap General Election for 4 July. While this may be his "INDEPENDENCE DAY", The UK should now start to prepare for 5 years of STARMERGEDDON! **Dave Pinfold, Stockport**

Wake up everyone. It's not that Starmer and Labour have no plans that's the problem. OF COURSE THEY DO! It's that they're not telling us what they are that should frighten people. **N. O. Brain**

so biggles an his crew r balein out an why now people will ask simple they no they cant get all of their promises to work an when it all goes t\*ts up they can say well its not our fault u wouldnt give us the time to make them work so its all ur fault wouldnt trust the words of any of them they all just look after no1 and the plebs dont matter. **sam saunders walsall**

Inflation is down and 'Biggles' Sunak's predictably crowing that the plan's working and people are starting to feel the benefit. Strange, because inflation may well be down, but the price of everything is still eye-wateringly high and water companies clearly haven't got the memo because it was announced yesterday that they're asking for rises of between 24% and 91% over the next five years. **Mr RL**

Love or hate the PM why was that PR\*\*k in the background allowed to play music louder than the broadcast. **Big Les**

july 4th should b independance day for scotland! Freedom for scotland! **C u jimmy dumfries**

There is one person in this country who likes to air his opinions and that is Gary Winston Lineker. if he thinks his views are so important, why not stand in the general election. The down side for him is mps pay is a lot less than he gets now. **KJF**

Angela Rayner seems to be riding on the crest of a wave, with her support from Labour, to build on the green belts, on the outskirts of cities. It is easier said than done though, because even if she was to ride Rosinante, when Don Quixo'tes wasn't looking, she will have to jump a few fences to seduce people living on green belts, who love the quiet life. **Harry John. Cambridgeshire**

**JOKES OF THE DAY**

I bet standin in that rain has made sunaks suit shrink even more. **Scousemum**

At last, Rain Man has called an Election! **Steve Rhyl**

## SNAP HAPPY



**BFF** Poppy and Paul

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**Waiting in line for a treat.** **Sylvia Simpson**

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**BOOST:** The tippie

## Benefits of daily red vino

A GLASS of red wine every day helps keep you in tip-top health, according to one in 10 Brits.

They reckon the vino - high in antioxidants - is the key to good health.

Brummies were the most likely to enjoy a daily tippie, with 14% saying they had a glass of vin rouge-per-day.

Those from Manchester and the North West weren't far behind, with 13% sipping a glass or two.

Lily Keeling, a nutritionist at Green Chef, which did the poll, said "Red wine can have a number of health benefits, making it a popular alternative to white wine or beer.

"Red wine is rich in polyphenols, which naturally occur in plants.

"They have multiple beneficial effects such as improving gut health."



**DREAD:** Clark

## Rylan: I was the joke act

RYLAN Clark says he still dreads singing after being branded a "joke act" on The X Factor.

The 35-year-old claims being mocked as a contestant on the talent show in 2012 still has "psychological repercussions".

In a sneak peek of one of the episodes in BBC Two's Rob And Rylan's Grand Tour, he said: "Every week I was thrown into the lion's den doing stuff that I didn't know.

"I feel like I've worked so hard to move away from that 'f\*\*\*\*\* idiot' that I was perceived as, that character who couldn't sing.

"My job on X Factor wasn't to be the singer.

"My job was to be the joke act, the one everyone would speak about and be on the front page of the paper every day."

# Pool grrreat for cool cat

★ A RARE endangered tiger enjoys a paddle to escape the Indian summer sunshine.

Dafna Ben Nun, 43, snapped the magnificent big cat cooling off while she was on safari. Dafna

■ by JOHN WARD said: "I travelled to India in search of unique animals such as the tigers.

★ "I'm very lucky to be able to see this majestic creature in nature."



# Bird, 70, eggcited

A FLAMINGO has laid her first egg at the age of 70 with a "boyfriend" 33 years her junior. Gertrude has surprised keepers by living nearly double her life expectancy.

Her partner is a 37-year-old flamingo named Gil, who has broken her streak of being unlucky in love.

The egg is not fertile but Pensthorpe Nature Reserve in Fakenham, Norfolk, said it was still a "fantastic experience" for Gertrude.

# Fab sex, nicer kip

GOOD sex can help you get better sleep but a frustrating encounter makes it worse, says an expert.

Dr Sophie Bostock, founder of The Sleep Scientist, said having sex to the point of an orgasm releases a relaxing "cocktail of lovely hormones".

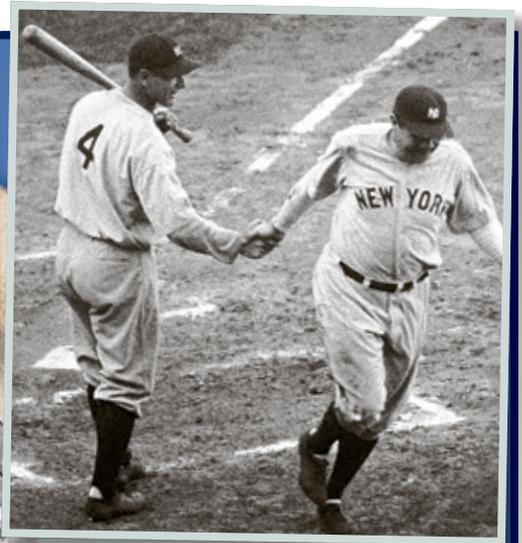
But Dr Bostock said that "poor sex" led to anxiety.

She said: "The over-arching finding is that good sex is good for sleep.

"It releases endorphins which are really relaxing."



Pictures: HERITAGE AUCTIONS/SWNS



# It's Babe strewth

★ A JERSEY worn by baseball legend Babe Ruth is expected to sell for more than £24million.

The New York Yankees top could become the costliest sports memorabilia ever, beating a £9.9m 1952 Mickey Mantle Topps card.

★ Babe Ruth wore the photo-matched garment to Game 3 of the 1932 World Series in Chicago.

Chris Ivy, director of sports auctions at Heritage in Dallas, says: "We expect it will hold the record as the most expensive sports collectible ever."

# Abortion rate high

THE abortion rate is the highest it's been in more than 50 years.

There were 251,377 abortions in England and Wales in 2022.

It is the highest number since the Abortion Act was introduced in 1967, according to Department of Health figures.

Sarah Salkeld, of charity MSI Reproductive Choices, said: "The combination of the cost-of-living crisis and lack of access to contraception is playing a role."

# BOFFS COME UP WITH MALE PILL

## Temporary infertility process for men

■ by GARY THOMPSON  
BOFFINS have discovered a way to create the first birth-control pill for men.

Researchers say they've identified a molecule that can render males temporarily infertile by stopping the production of healthy sperm.

The process is fully reversible and it will not reduce the size of testicles.

Dr Martin Matzuk, of Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, US, said: "We identified a molecule that would inhibit STK33, a protein that is specifically required for fertility."

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## Seasalt 'seller' is scam

MIDDLE-class shoppers are falling for a scam that directs them to a website masquerading as Cornish fashion firm Seasalt.

A Facebook link takes users to wrongly spelled seasaltcornwall.com that uses images from the real site and offers items with 80% discount - but just makes off with the cash.

Seasalt has put a warning on its website and last night said: "These sites and accounts are not legitimate and are in no way connected to our business."



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## Parking ban for big cars

DRIVERS could be fined up to £70 in certain council car parks - because their vehicles are too long.

A new rule implemented by at least five authorities says cars longer than 5metres cannot use spaces.

People with Kias, Mercedes, BMWs and Range Rovers could be affected, Autocar said.

Wokingham, South Hampshire, Broadland, South Suffolk and West Devon councils have imposed bans on cars that don't fit in their 4.8m bays.

# Top of the class



## HEI GOES LOW-CUT

★ HEIDI Klum arrives at a glamorous charity gala wearing a daring white dress. The 50-year-old German's plunging frock showed off her cleavage at the 77th edition of the Cannes Film Festival.

★ And the former Victoria's Secret Angel beamed for the cameras as she tucked her flowing locks behind her ears. Meanwhile, model Bella Hadid, 27, tried to cool things down by having an ice cream on the resort's Boulevard de la Croisette.



LOADED: Winning Oscar in 2014

## £75M CATE IS MOCKED AT CANNES

■ by KATE NELSON  
CATE Blanchett has been mocked for declaring she is "middle class" - despite her estimated £75million fortune.

The Oscar-winner, 55, made the comments at a UN Press conference at the Cannes Film Festival.

She was asked about her experience as a UN goodwill ambassador and giving refugee filmmakers a platform.

The Lord Of The Rings star replied: "I'm white, I'm privileged, I'm middle class."

"One can be accused of having a bit of a white saviour complex."

"But to be perfectly honest, my interaction with the refugees in the field and also in resettled environments has totally changed my perspective on the world."

Internet wags were quick to jump on her claims, with one saying: "You think you're middle class, Cate Blanchett?"

Another fan posted: "I love Cate Blanchett, but in what world is she 'middle class'? She's been in two major franchises and is worth an estimated £75m."

A third said: "Middle class' my a\*\*."

But other fans pointed out that although she is "loaded" now, she had a "relatively average upbringing".

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## Vicky blast at roles for toffs

ASPIRING actors from a working class background are being priced out of the industry, Vicky McClure has claimed.

The Line Of Duty star, 41, says many cannot afford to audition for roles.

It's "often the case" that agents call and "say there's a meeting tomorrow", Vicky said.

She asked: "How is a kid working as much as they can going to afford to just get to London the next day?"



Pictures: GC IMAGES

# STAFF IN UNPAID OVERTIME GRIND

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

Research into 2,000 employees found 87% work an average of five-and-a-half hours more a month than their contracted agreement.

This amounts to 153m hours of work each month which goes unpaid - or £13.4m in pay when applied

by **FRANCESCA TUCKEY** to minimum wage. Over a quarter work more because they haven't finished their to-do list, and 20% have "unrealistic" workloads.

ProTime, which commissioned the poll, said: "It's concerning to see such a high percentage working unpaid overtime, often due to unrealistic workloads or uncompleted tasks."



**STRESS: Worker**

## Building society's £100 gift

NATIONWIDE has revealed a new wave of £100 payments for millions of its customers.

As part of its Fairer Share scheme, money will go into nearly 3.9million eligible accounts next month.

To qualify, you need a current account with Nationwide, plus a mortgage or savings account.

Eligible customers can expect to receive the payment between June 13 and June 28.

## GROW YOUR KNOWLEDGE

**Witch's hair:** Nothing to do with Hermione Granger's unruly mop of curls, this plant feeds from others like a vampire to reproduce as it doesn't have chlorophyll, the nutrient which naturally helps them absorb energy from the sun.

And, like the fanged ones in search of blood, it is able to know which other plants are nearby by their smell.

Also referred to by the creepy name of "strangle weed", it hangs from trees in green, brown or orange strands like spaghetti and can be found on Dartmoor, Devon.



**Hemlock:** As if the fact it can kill you isn't bad enough, this plant stinks like mouse wee too.

Associated with witches, it is one of the ingredients used by The Weird Sisters in Shakespeare's Macbeth, who throw a root of it into a cauldron.

When combined with mandrake, henbane and aconite, it was also said to make a flying ointment used by witches.



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# EDGE ABOUT NATURE'S MOST CREEPY FLOWERS

★ **WILDLIFE** boffins are warning climate change is putting us at risk of invading horror plants, as we revealed earlier this week.

They include Japanese knotweed, which can cause major damage to the foundations of homes and affect sellers' ability to flog their properties.

★ **Sci-fi** novel *The Day Of The Triffids* by John Wyndham, which saw aggro plants kill humans and was turned into a 1963 film starring Howard Keel and a 1981 BBC series, isn't entirely far-fetched either.

Here **KIM CARR** sows the seeds of knowledge with her spooky plant guide for you to dig into...



**Lady's Mantle:** Glassy beads of liquid which form overnight on the leaves of this plant were thought in the Middle Ages to produce a magical essence used to create a real-life Philosopher's Stone, which could extend life and fix illnesses, as seen in the first Harry Potter film.



**Wolf's bane:** Popularly used as poison in Ancient Rome, while it looks pretty with curling flowers it can cause paralysis, heart problems and death – and fast.

In Ancient China this plant was added to the tips of arrows to kill wolves, giving it its name, and was a key ingredient in magical potions thought to keep vampires at bay.

Can be found in damp woodlands, meadows and ditches in the UK.



**Belladonna:** A deadly nightshade – meaning all parts of it are poisonous if ingested – which witches used in the Middle Ages believing it would help them fly on broomsticks.

By soaking it in fat and applying externally, the hallucinogenic result was astral projection.

Medieval women also used the juice from its berries to dilate their pupils, thinking it would make them more attractive when in fact it can cause hallucinations or even death. It's common in southern England.



**Corpse blossom:** A flowering plant which looks like a witch's hat, it is said to hold magical properties.

It will be found in areas where a large number of deaths have happened, as the seed needs such exposure to germinate.

According to magic folklore, Black Lemirus in its roots can also help bring back animals – or even people – from the dead.

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# 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.



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Jon and Pratt  
is Garfield

### HIT MAN

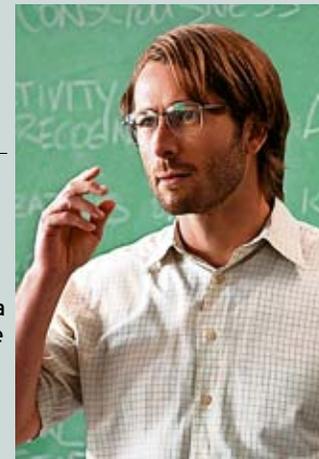
Cert 15 ★★★  
In cinemas now and  
streaming on Netflix  
from June 7

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 bad boy 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 goopy resolution.

**HIT comedy**  
**The Power Of Parker** will be back for a second series. Sian Gibson is reprising her role as Kath for the BBC One show.

# HOT TV



**ALL THE TOP TELLY NEWS**

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## GUEST: Samantha Barks & sparks

SAMANTHA Barks is set to sing on **Britain's Got Talent**.

The West End star will be one of the guest performers on the live semi-final shows next week.

She will be belting out classic hit Let It Go, which is one of the songs she performs as Elsa in **Frozen The Musical**.

An insider said: "Samantha will be bringing some Disney magic to Britain's Got Talent with a show-stopping performance. It's bound to be a big hit with viewers."

Bosses on the ITV1 show have secured a string of big names.

The insider added: "Samantha will be one of a series of must-see guest performers."



POPULAR: Lee Mack is back..

## Mack is back..

LEE Mack has signed up to make another series of **Not Going Out**.

The comedian will be reprising his role on the hit sitcom for a six-part run.

He said: "Once again I'm very grateful that the BBC have trusted in us to keep alive the studio sitcom."

"I grew up watching this genre of sitcom on the BBC, and to be part of it myself is still a dream come true, even after 18 years of doing it. Here we go again!"

The series will air on BBC One next year.

## RANULPH ESCAPES BLAST

★ SIR Ranulph Fiennes cheated death while filming his new adventure two-parter.

The legendary explorer jetted to Canada with his cousin, actor Joseph, to retrace a route he trekked along in 1971. While they

were filming, a gas leak caused a major explosion just yards away.

★ Producer Kate Beal Blyth said: "There was an explosion in the hotel next to where we were filming.

"It panicked me. Our medic

actually went over to help the casualties."

★ Ranulph and Joseph had to be guarded by security throughout the trip as they faced threats from wild animals and dangerous terrain.

Joseph said: "Health and

safety comes first so if you're down a glacier or confronting a bear, there are people around you making sure you don't get lost or eaten."

★ **Fiennes: Return To The Wild** starts on Sunday at 8pm on National Geographic.



# Life-savers benefit from good Fortune

## WINNERS' CASH GIFTS - AND ALSO TO LOSERS



CHAMPS: Jo-Anne and son Will

**THE Fortune Hotel champion Jo-Anne Padley is set to use her winnings to help the clinic that saved her life.**

The mum was diagnosed with skin cancer nine years ago but survived after having treatment at the lymphoedema department in Retford Hospital near Sheffield.

Now she's going to buy a lymphatic drainage machine to help patients there.

She said: "I want to buy the

machine for the department. They have a waiting list, so people often wait a while to get to use one. So if I get them one, I'm hoping it can help somebody."

Jo-Anne is still being treated for lymphoedema now and uses a machine daily.

She added: "I'll have this for life. It's difficult, but the machine really helps me."

Jo-Anne won The Fortune Hotel alongside son Will Lloyd - netting a whopping £210,000.

The pair plan to donate cash to

a food bank and help relatives. Jo-Anne said: "I'm going to pay my mortgage off and my daughter is desperate to have a new bathroom. And I'll get myself a new handbag!"

They also gave rivals Samm and Aysha Komorah £5,000.

Will said: "We knew they hadn't been able to go on honeymoon. And they've got loads of kids."

"So we thought it would be a nice thing to give them some money. They deserved it."

Turn back a page for today's HOT TV news

All programmes are listed in British Summer Time (BST).

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 Regional News; Weather**  
**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 Regional News; Weather**

**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.

**ITV1**

**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 Regional News; Weather**  
**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 Regional Weather**  
**4.00 Tipping Point** Quiz, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R)  
**5.00 The Chase** Bradley Walsh presents as Harry, Stuart, Sarah and Erica answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to take on a ruthless Chaser. (R)  
**6.00 Regional News; Weather**

**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



9pm, **HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU:** Paul Merton and Ian Hislop



7.30pm, **GRAND TOURS OF SCOTLAND'S RIVERS:** Paul



10.45pm, **ITV STUDIO SESSIONS:** Clara Amfo



10pm, **THE NEVERMETS:** Veena



9pm, **SUE PERKINS: LOST IN THAILAND:** Sue Perkins

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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.

**6.30 ITV Evening News** A round-up of the latest news headlines; Weather  
**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 Regional News; Weather**  
**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 Regional News; Weather**  
**10.45 ITV Studio Sessions** Clara Amfo is joined by Sekou from Leicester, who 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 FILM Dr No** (1962, PG) James Bond investigates a criminal mastermind in the Caribbean who is plotting to sabotage the US space programme. Spy thriller, with Sean Connery, Ursula Andress and Jack Lord. ★★★★★

**1.05am 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 Unwind with ITV** **5.05-6.00am** Katie Piper's Breakfast Show (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)

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**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

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**3.50 Unwind with ITV** **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 & S4C**

**WALES** As BBC1 except: **1.30-1.45pm** BBC Wales Today; Weather **6.30** BBC Wales Today; Weather **7.00-7.30** Iolo's Valleys. Iolo Williams explores the valleys inland from Port Talbot.

**8.00** Our Food, Our Family with Michela Chiappa. The Welsh-Italian cook helps a woman reconnect with the cuisine of her Nigerian roots.

**8.30-9.00** Kiri's TV Flashback **10.30** BBC Wales Today; Weather **10.40** Rewind: 60 Years of Welsh Pop. With Manic Street Preachers, Tigertailz and Charlotte Church. **11.10** **FILM** Spider-Man: Far from Home (2019, 12) **★★★★**

**1.10am** Rebus **2.00-6.00am** BBC News

**WALES** As BBC2 except: **7.00-7.30pm** The One Show. Live magazine show.

**MERIDIAN** As ITV1 except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News Meridian **6.00-6.30** ITV News Meridian **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News Meridian

**CENTRAL** As ITV1 except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News Central **6.00-6.30** ITV News Central **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News Central

**ITV WALES** As ITV1 except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News Cymru Wales **6.00-6.30** ITV News Wales at Six **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News Cymru Wales

**Telly movies**

**THREE THOUSAND YEARS OF LONGING** **★★★★** (2022) Film4, 9pm Narratologist Alithea Binnie (Tilda Swinton) travels to Istanbul for a conference, armed with a passion for storytelling. In the bustle of the Grand Bazaar, she purchases a delicate glass bottle and cleans it, unleashing an ancient Djinn (Idris Elba) who promises to grant three wishes. Well-versed in cautionary tales, Alithea refuses the offer and asks questions instead.

**SPIDER-MAN: FAR FROM HOME** **★★★★** (2019) BBC1, 10.40pm As the world recovers from the events of *Avengers: Endgame*, Peter Parker (Tom Holland) just wants to get back to being a normal teenager. So, the opportunity to go on a school trip to Europe is just what he needs. But when a series of attacks start taking place, none other than Nick Fury appears to persuade the young hero to get his spidey suit out of storage.

**HotTV CHOICE** With **Mike Ward**



**THE CANCELLATION OF JIM DAVIDSON** (10pm, Channel 5) is quite a story. Veteran comic Jim, who turned 70 last year, was once among the biggest stars on telly, hosting big-hitting shows such as *The Generation Game* and potty teatime snooker quiz *Big Break*. But these days you're about as likely to find Jim on the BBC as you are to find Rishi Sunak in Downing Street by Christmas. Not so much because he's

suddenly been "cancelled", more because he's slipped further and further out of favour over the years, at least among the people who decide what it's OK to laugh at. He's seen as a sexist, a racist, a dinosaur etc. Over the course of 90 minutes, this show talks us through the whole tale, much of it told by the man himself — from the TV talent show triumph that would change the life of this gobby young south Londoner, through the primetime telly triumphs to the point where the sourness set in. Booze, drugs, bankruptcy, failed marriages, it's got them all.

All that, plus the nightmare Jim faced during Operation Yewtree, when told he was one of several media personalities being investigated by police, looking into claims of historical sexual offences. Although they eventually decided he'd face no further action, the experience left him terrified. These days you sense his regrets are mostly personal, his fifth marriage having ended just last year. "I'm not looking to fall in love," he says. "All I am at the moment is quite frightened of having a life on my own..."

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**6.00am** Breakfast with Stephen and Anne **9.30** Britain's Newsroom **12.00noon** Good Afternoon Britain **3.00** Martin Daubney. Updates.

**6.00** **Dewbs & Co** Plain-speaking, straight-talking — Michelle Dewberry delivers her take on the day's news.

**7.00** **Lee Anderson's Real World** Topical current affairs programme.

**8.00** **Friday Night Live with Mark Dolan** Mark Dolan presents more big stories, big guests and big opinions.

**9.00** **Patrick Christys Tonight** Two hours of discussion and debate.

**11.00** **Headliners** An all-star comedy cast takes an insightful look at tomorrow's headlines tonight. With Simon Evans and Dominic Frisby.

**12.00m't** Lee Anderson's Real World Replay **1.00** Friday Night Live with Mark Dolan **2.00** Headliners Replay **3.00** Patrick Christys Tonight Replay **5.00-6.00am** Headliners Replay

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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

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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** MotoGP 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

## BBC THREE Freeview 23

**7.00pm** My Mate's a Bad Date **7.25** **FILM** The Witches (2020/PG) Fantasy, starring Anne Hathaway. **★ ★** **9.00** Paranormal: The Girl, the Ghost and the Gravestone **10.00** **FILM** Late Night (2019/15) Comedy drama, starring Emma Thompson. **★ ★ ★ ★** **11.35** Dinosaur **12.30am** Paranormal: The Girl, the Ghost and the Gravestone **1.30** I Kissed a Girl **3.00-4.00am** Dinosaur

## BBC FOUR Freeview 9

**7.00pm** TOTP: 1996 **8.00** TOTP: 1988 **8.30** TOTP: 1978 **9.00** TOTP: 1984 **10.10** Tina Turner at the BBC **11.10** When Tina Turner Came to Britain **12.10am** Tina Turner: Simply the Best **12.55** The 80s - Music's Greatest Decade? With Dylan Jones **1.55** TOTP: 1988 **2.25-3.35am** TOTP: 1984

## 5USA Freeview 21

**9.00am** NCIS **10.55** Entertainment News on 5 **11.00** NCIS **12.00noon** Law & Order **6.00** NCIS **10.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit **1.55am** The Blacklist **2.50** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit **3.35-4.00am** 999: Criminals Caught on Camera

## 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 **1.15-2.10am** Upstairs, Downstairs

## 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

## REALLY Freeview 17

**7.00am** Cruise TV with LoveitBookit **8.00** Salvage Hunters **10.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **11.00** Antiques Road Trip **12.00noon** Money for Nothing **1.00** The Repair Shop **2.00** My 600lb Life **4.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia **6.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** Help! My House Is Haunted **10.00** Ghost Adventures **11.00** Help! My House Is Haunted **12.00m't** Unexplained: Caught on Camera **1.00** Paranormal: Caught on Camera **2.00** Teleshopping **4.00-6.00am** Animal Cops Philadelphia

## SKY ARTS Freeview 36

**6.00am** Darbar Festival 2022 **7.15** Gilbert and Sullivan: A Motley Pair **7.50** The Joy of Painting **9.00** Tales of the Unexpected **10.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.00** Discovering: Diane Keaton **12.00noon** The Joy of Painting **1.00** Tales of the Unexpected **2.00** Julie Andrews Forever **3.00** The Big Design Challenge **4.00** Discovering: Morgan Freeman **5.00** The Joy of Painting

## BBC RADIO 1

**97.6-99.8MHz** **6.33am** Best New Pop **6.57** Newsbeat **7.00** Breakfast with Greg James **10.00** Radio 1 Anthems **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** Zoe Ball **9.30** Vernon Kay **12.00noon** Jeremy Vine **2.00** Scott Mills **3.30** Scott Mills' Wonder Years **4.00** Sara Cox **7.00** Michelle Visage **8.30** Michelle Visage's Handbag Hits **9.00** The Good Groove with DJ Spoony **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 **3.00** Eagles at the BBC **4.00** Sophie Ellis-Bextor's Kitchen Disco **5.00-6.00am** 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 **4.00** Composer of the Week: Rimsky-Korsakov **5.00** In Tune **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. Soweto Kinch presents. **12.30-6.30am** Through the Night



**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 of 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

## 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.

## 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 **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** A Point of View **9.00** Free Thinking **10.00** The World Tonight **10.45** Book at Bedtime: Making Amends **11.00** Americast **11.30** Today in Parliament **12.00m't** News **12.30** Book of the Week **12.48** Shipping Forecast **1.00** As BBC World Service **5.20** Shipping Forecast **5.30** News **5.43** Prayer for the Day **5.45-6.00am** Just One Thing with Michael Mosley

**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. **★ ★ ★**

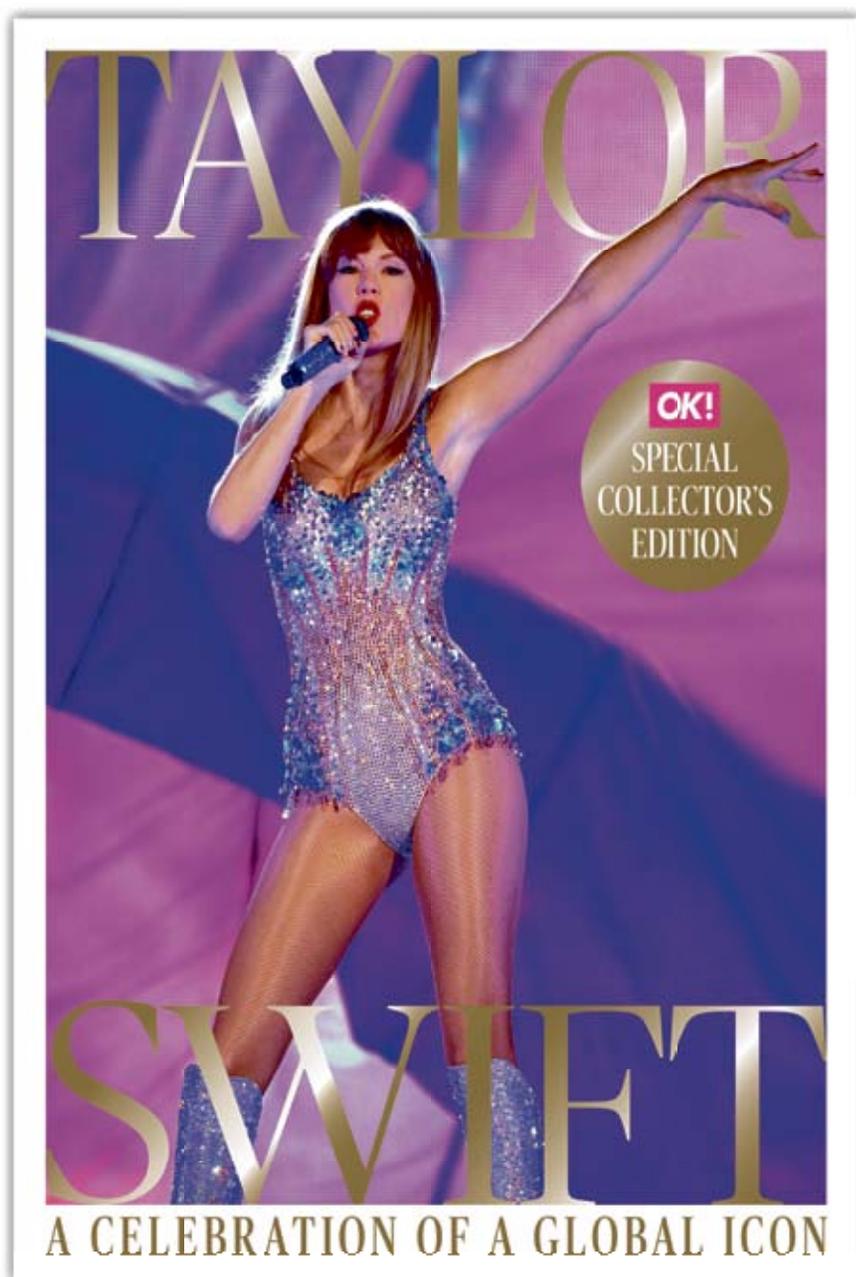
## SKY CINEMA DRAMA

**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 Tenen. **★ ★ ★ ★**  
**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

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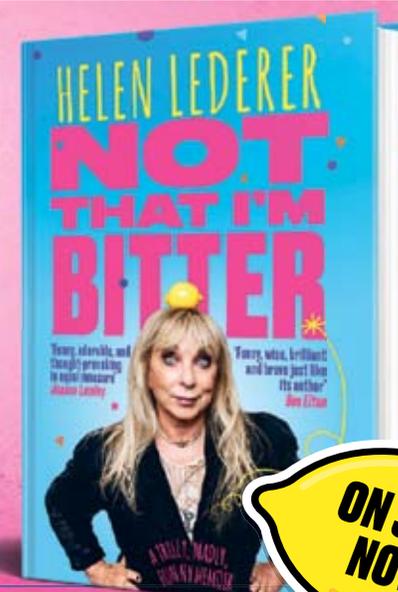
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Now he's back looking 10 years younger. I think he conned me.

He refuses to discuss his illness or treatment but asks for another £3,000 for follow up consultations.

**JANE SAYS:** You've got to trust your instincts. If you believe he squandered your funds on a holiday, cosmetic surgery, or someone else, then you need to take a step back in order to sum up the situation and think.

Share your thoughts with trusted friends and family and see what they have to say.

Write everything down so that details are clear and, when you're ready, prepare to speak to the police. Do not feel guilty or embarrassed or intimidated by him.

I suspect you are in the company of a crook. It goes without saying that you must not give him another penny.

# My wild sex with best mate's wife

## I'M THE WORST FRIEND

**WHY can't I keep away from my best mate's wife?**

My pal works away from home five nights a week. He half kills himself providing a decent standard of living for his wife and her elderly parents.

He trusts me to keep an eye on them and is always thanking me for being on hand.

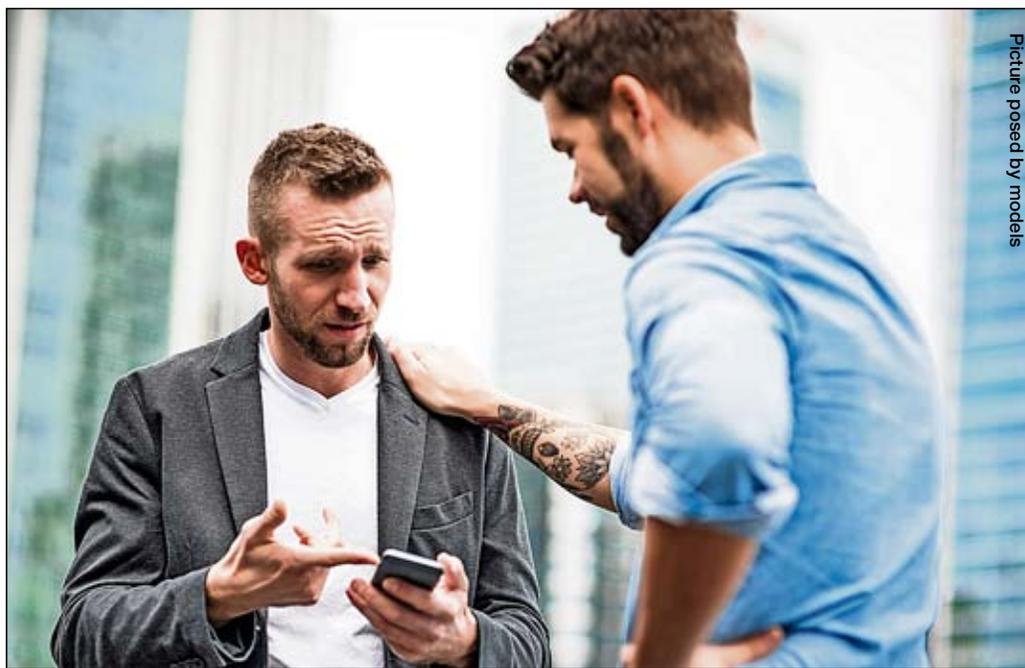
But I'm the worst friend in the world. The minute his back is turned I'm up his stairs like a rat up a drainpipe. I can't help it. She's like a drug to me.

She and I enjoy an undeniable sexual chemistry. Sex with her ranges from wild and uninhibited to comforting and warm. I've never known anyone like her, and she agrees we're a perfect physical fit. I'm not usually a bad man but I'm behaving like a snake.

Just recently I've experienced a couple of near misses that have put the wind up me.

Last month I was naked in their bed after a particularly enjoyable afternoon of lust. She was in the shower when I heard a noise outside. I looked out the window and saw my mate's car. He'd come home a day early.

I did nothing more than throw my clothes on and climb up into their loft. I pretended to chase out a squirrel. He entered the house and tried to give me £20



Picture posed by models

**HEADING FOR DISASTER:** He must tell his lover it's over or he'll lose the friendship

for my trouble. Then, last week, she and I were frolicking in their hot tub. We were groping and splashing and making out.

Eventually I checked my mobile phone and discovered EIGHT missed calls from him. His mother-in-law had had a fall. Could I take her to hospital?

He didn't want to ring his wife as he didn't wish to worry her.

Of course, I leapt to and did my duty. But, again, my mate tried to pay me for my petrol. What kind of monster am I?

**JANE SAYS:** Your lover may be highly addictive, but it's vital that you tell her

"enough". This ill-advised affair has gone too far.

To date, you've had two very narrow escapes. Get out before there is a third, potentially catastrophic, incident.

Frustratingly, you don't mention your own domestic set-up. By sleeping with your mate's wife are you also betraying a wife, husband, or partner of your own?

If you are single, then shouldn't you be looking for someone who is free and available? Creeping around like a thief in the night is neither dignified nor right. If your lover is unhappy in

her marriage, if her husband (your mate) doesn't give her the love and affection she craves, then that's for her to sort out with him. Is she going to come clean and tell him the whole truth?

I'm sure that your affair was exciting and thrilling in the early days but now it's sordid and cheap. Your lover's mother suffered on the night of her fall. What might be next?

Inevitably stuff likes this comes out in the end.

I very much doubt if your friendship will survive for much longer.

**Is lover fleecing mum?**

MY mum is obsessed with her new toy boy lover.

He only has to mention a new outfit, watch or pair of shades he fancies, and she treats him.

They've only been together a few months, but he's already moved in.

He's driving her car and has access to her bank account.

Mum is a decent woman in search of love. She's too generous and I fear she's being fleeced.

How do I burst her bubble when the sex is clearly off the scale and she says she feels 21 again?

**JANE SAYS:** Tell your mum you're worried. Point out she seems to be shelling out an awful lot of money on her new partner.

Is she happy with that arrangement? Make it clear you're not criticising.

She may confess she's being conned or tell you that her bank account is none of your business – either way you'll have had your say.

If she asks for your help, then give it, otherwise respect her position. Don't let her relationship with him come between you.

It's vital you keep open the lines of communication. Keep your eyes peeled – and report any abuse to police.



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# My girl doesn't want to marry

I WAS convinced my girlfriend was going to propose on holiday. But it never happened. Instead, she flirted with other holidaymakers, got drunk and told one woman how she never plans to get married.

Now I feel humiliated. But she won't discuss our future. If anything, she's become arrogant and cool.

**JANE SAYS:** You can do or be anything you want. Do you stay with a person who has no interest in making your relationship permanent and legal?

She is not the only woman in the world. If she's not right for you, then there are plenty of others who will be. Tell her you refuse to stand still. Start making plans.

# PHOTO CASEBOOK

## WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?

DAY 5

1 Ben gets home



2 Jade is in the bath



3



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**ARIES**

March 21 to 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. Whatever you are selling, buyers will flock to your door and you will get a far better price than you ever hoped for.

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**GEMINI**

May 22 to June 21

REFRAIN from getting into an argument. You're tempted to retaliate when someone throws something that you did in the past in your face. You always felt that they held a grudge against you - and now you know why.

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**LEO**

July 24 to August 23

WORRYING over a strained relationship is taking a toll on you. 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.

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**TAURUS**

April 21 to May 21

A SENIOR colleague will be ditching a commitment to put more money into upgrading your workspace. They may need to be reminded that a drab working environment can also have a negative impact on performance.

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**CANCER**

June 22 to July 23

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've seen you at your best and your worst and are always there to support you.

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**VIRGO**

August 24 to September 23

A CHALLENGE will test your resilience. What you are up against will be physically and mentally draining. The fundamental question at the heart of this is how do you solve the problem? Are measures suggested going to be enough?

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**LIBRA**

September 24 to October 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. You will be introduced to someone who will have a profound effect on your work.

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**SAGITTARIUS**

November 23 to December 21

TAKE advantage of a quiet spell that allows you to work in peace. This is just a temporary respite before things 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.

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**AQUARIUS**

January 21 to February 19

A COMMUNITY project will be looking for support. 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.

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**SCORPIO**

October 24 to November 22

YOU will be happy to support a friend or relative working on behalf of a charity. Whether it is a generous donation or volunteering to help organise a fundraiser, you'll feel better for it. Are you single? An attraction to another volunteer will be hard to ignore.

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**CAPRICORN**

December 22 to January 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. Update all online passwords.

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**PISCES**

February 20 to March 20

THERE is no reason why you should be constantly busy. When things go quiet, take the chance to recharge your batteries. Someone will ask for a helping hand but you have done plenty for them recently. It's about time they managed on their own.

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## FRONTERA'S BACK

Vauxhall has announced details of its new Frontera, an SUV that sits between the Mokka and Grandland. You might remember the Frontera from the 1990s but back then we wouldn't have imagined that the name would come back 30 years later - and you'd be able to buy an electric one as well as petrol.

The Frontera Electric will be available with a choice of battery sizes, the smallest of which will give a range of 186 miles, with the 'long range' version of the car able to go 248 miles between charges. Can't see the former being very popular. What could be appealing to customers is that a seven-seat version of the Frontera will be launched after the regular five-seater hits the showrooms.

Pricing will be announced at a later date.

★ Last week, Renault told us about its Rafale coupe SUV and promised it would soon release details of a high-performance version. "Soon" turns out to be a week later.



Called the Renault Rafale E-Tech 4x4 300hp, it has the regular hybrid powertrain from the standard car but with an electric motor on the back axle to give four-wheel drive and extra power. Amazing what electrification can do as the petrol engine is only a 1.2-litre three-cylinder turbo.

Renault promises 0-62mph in 6.4 seconds and fuel consumption of 48.7mpg. As a plug-in hybrid it has a range of up to 60 miles, and it includes four-wheel steering. There'll be an Atelier Alpine version in matt blue paint that sounds appealing. Prices are announced next month and the car will be available in the autumn.

## BELSTAFF GRENADIER

INEOS Automotive is launching a special edition of its chunky and functional Grenadier 4x4 that celebrates the centenary of clothing brand Belstaff.

The firm famously produced waterproof clothing used by bikers until more innovative and effective materials came along in the 70s (no biker of my generation would have been seen dead wearing a Belstaff jacket). The INEOS Grenadier Belstaff



Edition will be limited to 1,924 and each will come in a combination of Magic Mushroom and Inky Black paintwork, exclusive leather trim and Belstaff logos. The order books open June 26 but no mention of a price.

## HOT MIDSUMMER



The days when a motor manufacturer collaborated with a coachbuilding company to produce a complete car, usually in very low numbers, are gone.

Before the war, Rolls-Royce would build an engine, gearbox and rolling chassis and the body would be created by a coachbuilder like J Gurney Nutting.

Italian coachbuilders would make special bodies for Lancias, Alfas and Fiats. Nowadays there's no separate chassis/body, so it's impractical to do.

That all makes this collaboration between Morgan and Pininfarina exciting. They've created the Midsummer - only 50 will be built, they've all been spoken for and more than 400 layers of sustainable teak have been used in each car.

The Midsummer is based on the Morgan Plus Six and uses a BMW 3.0-litre six-cylinder engine.

## AUDI A3 EXPANDED



Audi has tweaked its A3 Sportback and Saloon models with a mild facelift. A new entry-level 30 TFSI powertrain has been added to the range and a new six-speed manual gearbox introduced.

The 30 TFSI powertrain features a 1.0-litre engine that produces 116PS

and in the Sportback costs £28,920, which is rather good value for such a well-built car. Later in the year Audi will introduce the 45 TFSI e, which is a plug-in hybrid. For performance enthusiasts there's the popular 333PS S3, which costs from £46,925.



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## PEUGEOT DELIVERS WITH LESSER-SPOTTED ELECTRIC ESTATE

The underpopulated electric estate car world has just had its number increased by one with the arrival of this newcomer.

The Peugeot E-308 SW joins its sister car, the Vauxhall Astra Tourer Electric, and MG's very competitively priced MG5. Unless you count Porsche's Taycan estate, that's about it.

As someone whose favourite style of family car is an estate, and I can't be the only one out there, this is a welcome addition.

There aren't any other electric estates on the horizon, either – or at least any reasonably priced ones. An electric version of the 308 hatchback has been around for a while but it's taken quite a long time for the SW to join it.

It arrives, however, just in time to receive a handful of upgrades that have been fitted to the hatchback, and indeed the Astra.

There's a bigger battery than before with a capacity of 54kWh (of which 51.5kWh is usable) and a more powerful electric motor with 154bhp that drives the front wheels.

Equally important is a heat pump that is now standard regardless of trim level, which will help reduce power consumption in winter and thereby increase the range. The maximum range quoted is 254 miles. Interestingly

### THE FACTS

**Peugeot E-308 SW GT five-door estate**

**Price: £43,320**

**Engine: Single electric motor, 154bhp 0-62mph: 9.9sec**

**Range: 254 miles**



you only get the full 154bhp if you select Sport mode because in Normal, the electric motor produces 134bhp, which was its output before the upgrade.

Acceleration and performance is perfectly acceptable in Normal so we rarely bothered to select Sport for more grunt.

You have the choice of Allure trim or GT. The latter adds matrix LED headlamps, sports seats finished in Alcantara, and exterior styling that's a bit more sporty and aggressive in a good way.

You also get Peugeot's gimmicky 3D instrument display, which looks quite cool but in practice does nothing for usability.

It's the GT version that we're testing here and it

costs £43,320 as against £41,250 for the Allure.

Yes, it offers a classier interior and is a better car overall than the MG5, but the Chinese-made MG is almost 12 grand cheaper.

Not that anyone will pay the full price for an E-308 SW as you'll discover that dealers are already offering huge discounts on them as part of the desperate moves the industry is having to make to shift EVs and avoid fines under the Zero Emissions Mandate.

What really matters in an estate car is space.

As with previous generations of the 308, the SW has a longer wheelbase than the hatchback, although in this one you only get an additional 55mm, which is about

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The ride is very good and offers an impressive level of comfort

### THE RIVALS



**Astra Tourer Electric GSe**  
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**MG5 Trophy Extended Range** Not as good a car overall but just look at the great price.  
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**Volkswagen ID7 Tourer**  
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half what it was before. Not to worry because the boot space is substantially bigger than the hatchback's (by 50%).

It holds 608 litres when the rear seats are in place and 1,634 litres when they're folded flat. Rear leg and headroom are apparently improved according to Peugeot but it's such a small increase you'd be pushed to notice.

The E-308 SW doesn't have the brisk performance that we've come to expect from electric cars with a 0-62mph performance time of 9.9 seconds. Better news is that it drives very well indeed.

The steering has the right amount of weight and the car's ride is very good giving an impressive level of comfort. This, together with the quietness of electric propulsion, will mean your family will thank you for choosing this Peugeot even though they'll never forgive the fact that due to its price, family holidays are off the agenda for the next few years.

The new E-308 estate is an attractive-looking car with a very well made and appealing interior that adds character. Factor in the comfortable ride and you have a desirable package.

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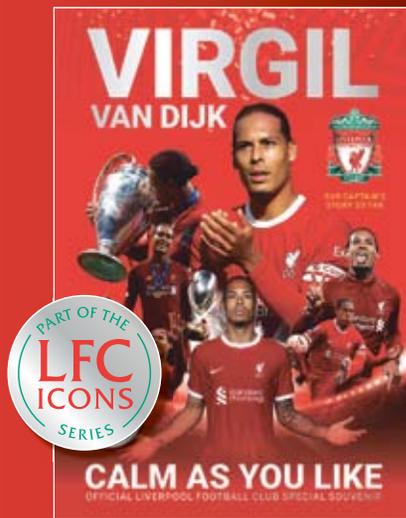
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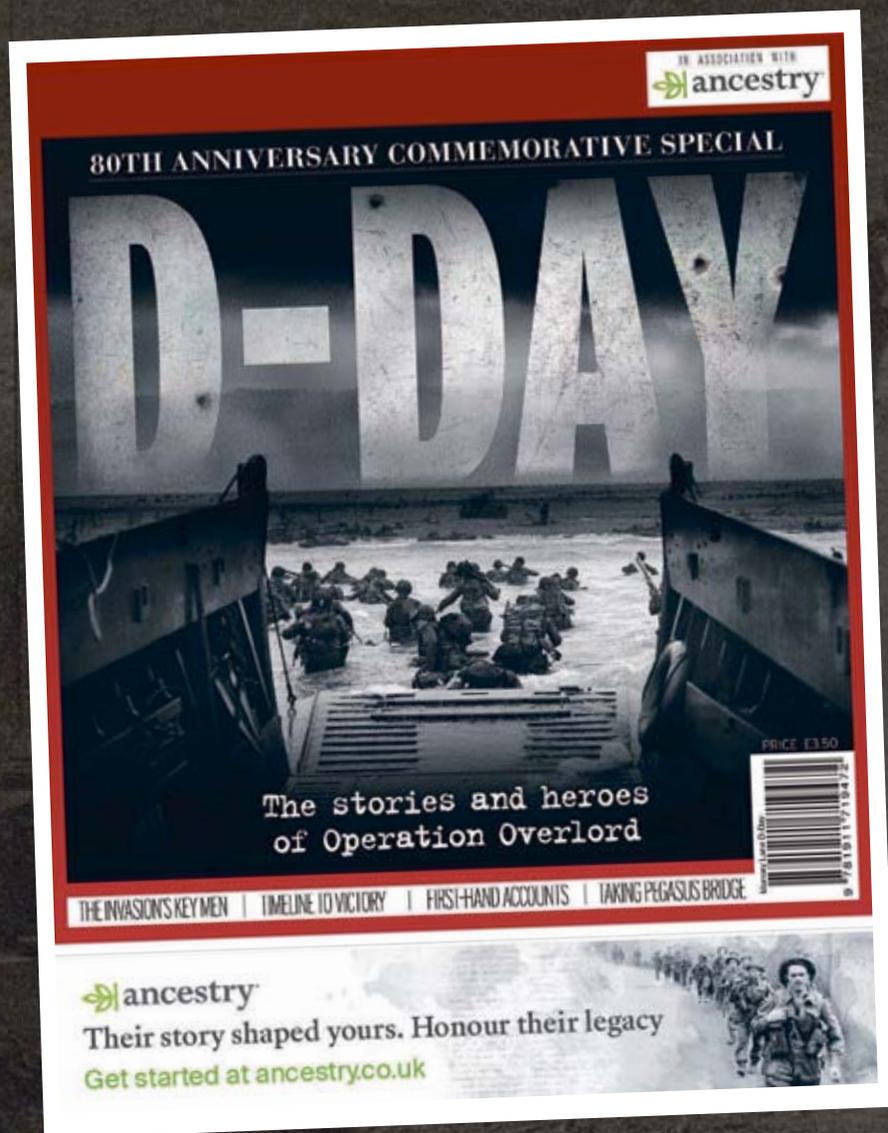
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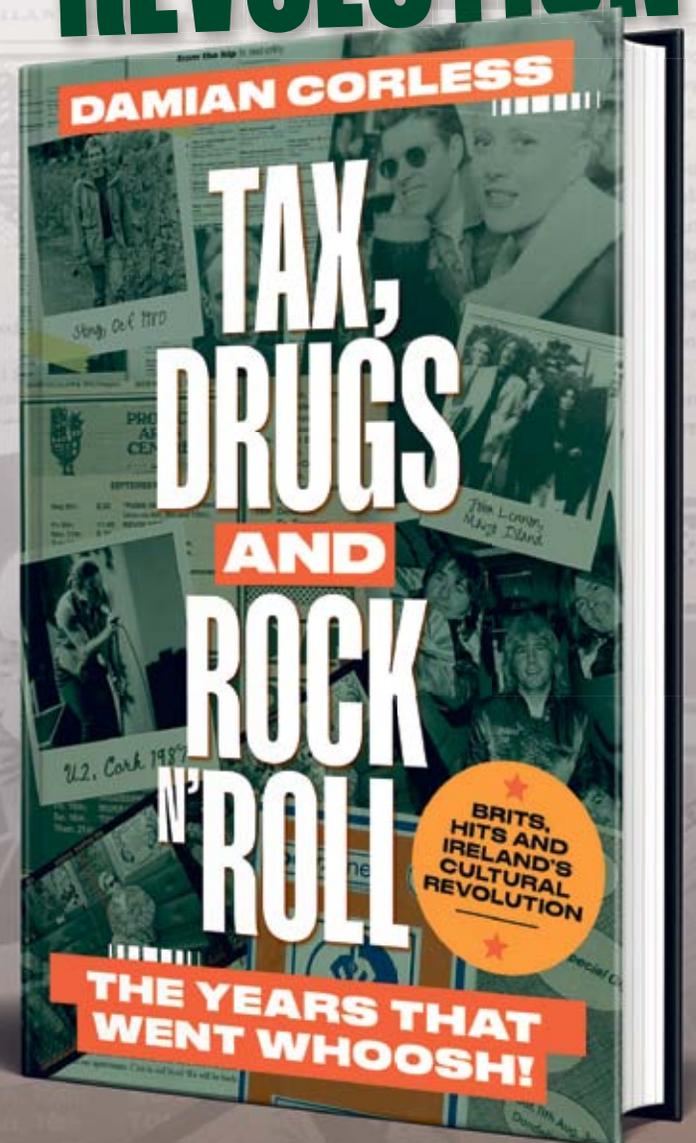


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STARFORM TREBLE

NAP: WILD TIGER (4.10 Goodwood) NB: DOHA (4.55 Haydock) TREBLE: MAXIDENT (2.25 Goodwood)

WIND SURGERY

BATH: Independent Beauty (3.25) GOODWOOD: Acklam Express (5.10) HERFORD: Time Interval (5.20), Big Jim Beam (6.30), No More Bolero (8.00). PONTEFRAC: Shimmering Sands (6.15).

HEAVEY'S NAP

Having scored his first win in October at Wolverhampton, RUKAANA (4.40 Goodwood) bounced back from a quiet return at Doncaster last month with a strong Nottingham success 13 days ago and can defy a 7lb penalty.

MAGIC COMBINATIONS

BATH: Georgia Dobie rides 2.15 Revenue for E J Houghton, previous combinations 9 wins from 32 mounts 28% strike rate at course. GOODWOOD: Oisín Murphy rides 1.50 Berkshire Kameo, 3.35 Sea Of Roses, 4.40 Aragon Castle for A Balding, previous combinations 16 wins from 73 mounts 22% strike rate. HAYDOCK: Rossa Ryan rides 2.40 Shemozzie, 3.15 Chelsea Embankment, 4.55 Doha for R Beckett, previous combinations 4 wins from 14 mounts 29% strike rate at course. HERFORD: Sean Bowen rides 5.20 Don Rafael for M Keighley, previous combinations 4 wins from 9 mounts 44% strike rate at course. PONTEFRAC: Billy Garrity rides 6.15 My Honey 5, 7.45 I Need Your Love for M & D Easterby, previous combinations 2 wins from 10 mounts 20% strike rate at course.

NEW QUARTERS

HORSES having their first runs for new trainers. BATH: 5.30 Carey Street (Mrs L Stubbs to A Carroll), 5.30 Sisterandbrother (M Harris to H Dickin). GOODWOOD: 3.00 Juana Ines (H & R Charlton to Harry Charlton), 3.00 No Niki No (Egghan O'Neill to E O'Neill), 3.35 Elegancia (H & R Charlton to Harry Charlton). HAYDOCK: 2.05 Dandy Lichious (P W Flynn to T Davidson), 4.55 Golspie (E J Houghton to P Morris), 4.55 Light Speed (A Balding to G Tutty). HERFORD: 5.20 Duc Du Rene (E Williams to R L Lewellyn), 5.20 Jo's Rainbow (K R Burke to D Skelton), 5.20 Time Interval (D Pipe to David Dennis), 8.00 Lindwal (D McCain to T Lacey). PONTEFRAC: None.

LONGEST TRAVELLERS

Royal Rhyne (3.35 GW) 298miles Yorkindness (2.25 GW) 291miles True Wisdom (3.00 GW) 291miles Robert Johnson (2.25 GW) 290miles The Flying Seagull (1.50 GW) 221miles Profit Street (2.15 BAT) 217miles Enigmatic Princess (3.50 HDO) 215miles Shemozzie (2.40 HDO) 215miles Doha (4.55 HDO) 215miles Hello Cotal (2.05 HDO) 212miles Revel (2.05 HDO) 200miles Lady Ava (2.00 HDO) 191miles

BATH sky sports racing

JASON HEAVEY STAR TIP

- Profit Street 2.15 Revenue Sir Palamedes 2.50 Aesterius Media Guest 3.25 Symbol of Hope Liosa 4.00 Malham Tarn Cove Redredrobin 4.30 Cinque Verde Divine Presence 5.00 Bittalemon Flame Of Kodiak 5.30 Pink Lily Racing Demon 6.10 Lunario

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

2.15 RUHX EXTRAORDINARY HANDICAP Class 5 3YO 6f (9 runners) £3,716

- 1 (2) 1116 GOGO YUBARI (13)(D2,A) J Cunha 9 11 R Clutterbuck 73 2 (9) 20-4 OTTOMAN FORCE (22)(B\*) Darryll Holland 9 9 Billy Loughnane 70 3 (5) 36-0 CALL TIME (32) J S Moore 9 9 L Keniry 70 4 (6) 64-0 DARK FANDANGO (18) C Hills 9 8 W Cox 72 5 (1) 01-2 TEN CLUB (23)(B,D,A,H) Osborne 9 8 W Carver (3) 74 6 (7) 01-2 PROFIT STREET (21)(A) Trinkler 9 8 J Jay (6) 75 7 (8) 320 HEARTFORTHBOYS (25)(D2,A) A Carol 9 7 J Doughty (7) 77 8 (8) -552 REVENUE (8)(G) E J Houghton 9 3 Georgia Dobie (3) \* 78 9 (4) 3360 MOE'S LEGACY (35)(D,A,B\*) R Harris 9 0 C Fallon 76 Star Betting: 3 Profit Street, 7-2 Heartforthboys, 6 Gogo Yubari, 7 Revenue, Ten Club, 8 Dark Fandango, 10 others. STARFORM: HEARTFORTHBOYS DANGER: Ten Club

2.50 NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) Class 5 2YO 5f (11 runners) £3,402

- 1 (9) 1 BINADHAM (31)(D,G) K P De Foy 9 11 B Sayette 77 2 (10) AESTERIUS A Watson 9 4 James Doyle 77 3 (4) ARDENNES Walker 9 4 Billy Loughnane 77 4 (5) 2 BOLO HEIGHTS (20)(B) R Beckett 9 4 R Clutterbuck \* 79 5 (7) GLENDINE F Evans 9 4 G Downing 77 6 (3) MUKABER R Hannon 9 4 S M Lacey 77 7 (8) REDORANGE C Cox 9 4 J Fahy 77 8 (6) SIR PALAMEDES (20) C Fellows 9 4 M Ghiani 71 9 (11) 60 BIDDABLE (15) T Dascombe 8 13 W Cox 65 10 (2) 5 EMPORISE (19) B Millan 8 13 Gina Mangan (3) 68 11 (1) 34 SUBSONICTOSHANNON (11) J Channon 8 13 E Greatrex 75 Star Betting: 3 Aesterius, 7-2 Binadham, 5 Bolo Heights, 7 Mukaber, 8 Redorange, 10 Subsonictoshannon, 14 others. STARFORM: BINADHAM DANGER: Bolo Heights

PLACEPOT FIRST SIX RACES

3.25 OCTAGON CONSULTANCY HANDICAP (DIV 1) Class 6 6f (11 runners) £2,983

- 1 (10) 0-04 SYMBOL OF HOPE (18)(CD2,C3,F,G,S)(P) J R Flint 6 9 11 E Jones (7) 61 2 (1) 1406 SAVANNAH SMILES (10)(D3,A)(P) G Harris 4 9 10 C Hutchinson (3) 65 3 (4) L042 MEDIA GUEST (15)(D,S)(P) M Gillard 6 9 9 L Keniry 63 4 (2) 535- ATTY'S EDGE (22)(D,G,S) C Mason 8 9 8 W Cox 64 5 (6) 00-5 MORE THAN LIKEY (9)(CD2,D,A,F,G)(P) N Evans 8 9 7 M Currie 61 6 (9) 2-26 MIDNIGHT FLAME (9) Joe Puntling 4 9 4 K O'Neill 61 7 (8) L46- CLOUDY BREEZE (225) G & J Moore 4 9 2 R Clutterbuck \* 67 8 (11) 4-50 WERE REUNITED (18)(CD,C,A,G) M Blake 7 9 0 L Catton (5) 66 9 (5) -045 KANGAROO (25)(TV) P McEntee 4 9 0 Grace McEntee (3) 64 10 (7) 5-34 ESSME (13)(G)(T\*) R Cook & J Bridger 6 9 0 W Carson 64 11 (3) 0046 INDEPENDENT BEAUTY (73) L Williamson 6 9 0 A Jay (5) 62 Star Betting: 4 Midnight Flame, 9-2 Media Guest, 5 Symbol of Hope, 7 Atty's Edge, 8 We're Reunited, 10 others. STARFORM: MIDNIGHT FLAME DANGER: Media Guest

4.00 OCTAGON CONSULTANCY HANDICAP (DIV 2) Class 6 6f (10 runners) £2,983

- 1 (8) L1-4 LIOSA (25)(B,F,D,A) W Kittow 4 9 10 G Rooke 62 2 (3) 00-0 DIAMOND COTTAGE (9)(D,G,S) M Saunders 7 9 9 W Carson 53 3 (10) 0105 VITALINE (39)(B,F,D,A,S)(H) K Burke 6 9 9 Josephine Gordon 67 4 (1) 1030 PORT NOIR (10)(CD,D2,A,S)(H) R Stephens 7 9 7 J Doughty (7) 65 5 (4) -003 BAMA LAMA (18)(D3,G,S) S Millan 6 9 6 J O'Searle (7) 65 6 (9) 4540 JOSIES KID (31)(A,S)(P) Alice Haynes 5 9 4 K O'Neill 61 7 (7) -604 LUIS TREIZE (10)(D3,A,G)(H) D Faulkner 8 9 0 L Coughlan (3) 68 8 (2) 502 MALHAM TARN COVE (9)(P,T) S Hollinshead 5 9 0 L Costello \* 62 9 (5) 2560 LUPPET FLOSSY POP (15)(D,A)(T) G Brown 4 9 0 L Wright (5) 64 10 (6) 00-0 BOASTED (7) K Frost 5 9 0 Alec Volkhansky (3) 49 Star Betting: 3 Bama Lama, 7-2 Malham Tarn Cove, 5 Vitaline, 6 Liosa, 8 Louis Treize, Josies Kid, 14 Port Noir, 16 others. STARFORM: BAMA LAMA DANGER: Liosa

4.30 ALIDE HIRE FILLIES' HANDICAP Class 5 6f (10 runners) £3,716

- 1 (8) 4L11 CINQUE VERDE (8)(D2,A,G) A Carroll 4 9 10(5ex) J Doughty (7) \* 85 2 (1) 60-0 REDREDROBIN (16)(CD,D2,F,G,S) M Saunders 7 9 9 W Carson 84 3 (9) 24-5 STARPROOF (19)(D2,G,S) W Muir & C Grassick 4 9 9 N Currie 81 4 (6) 0119 SHE'S CENTIMENTAL (15)(D,A) Alice Haynes 4 9 9 K O'Neill 81 5 (10) 2020 CONNIE'S ROSE (10)(B,F,C,D2,A,G,S)(H) G Harris 5 9 4 C Hutchinson (3) 83 6 (7) 25-0 JAX EDGE (32)(CD,D,G,S) C Mason 4 9 3 Gina Mangan (3) 83 7 (4) 60-0 SILENT FLAME (26)(D4,G,S) B Millan 6 9 3 G Downing 78 8 (5) 4140 SARAH'S VERSE (13)(CD3,C2,D,A,G,S) R Harris 7 9 0 M Ghiani 82 9 (2) 1222 WHITE MIT (37)(D3,A)(T) V Merts G Leveque 4 8 8 J Quinn 83 10 (3) 542- PABABELLA (19) W Kittow 4 8 7 K Rooke 82 Star Betting: 5-2 Cinque Verde, 5 Starproof, 11-2 White Mit, 6 Connie's Rose, 7 Sarah's Verse, 10 Pababella, 12 others. STARFORM: STARPROOF DANGER: Cinque Verde

5.00 FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) Class 5 1m 2f (7 runners) £3,942

- 1 (7) POPPYDORA W Knight 4 10 2 M Ghiani - 2 (1) 5 ALL TOO WELL (16) J & T Gosden 3 9 2 B Sayette 47 3 (6) 5 BITTALEMOM (35) W Haggas 3 9 2 C Fallon 64 4 (5) 3-31 CATCH THE LIGHT (25)(D,A,G,S) A Balding 3 9 2 James Doyle 63 5 (3) 4-4 DIVINE PRESENCE (21) J & T Gosden 3 9 2 K O'Neill 69 6 (4) 45-2 LOVE YOU DARLING (20) B Brookhouse 3 9 2 A Rawlinson \* 70 7 (2) 5-3 SEA STREAM (41) C Hills 3 9 2 Billy Loughnane 62 Star Betting: 9-4 Love You Darling, 3 Bittalemon, 9-2 Catch The Light, 5 Divine Presence, 8 All Too Well, 14 Poppydora, Sea Stream. STARFORM: DIVINE PRESENCE DANGER: Love You Darling

5.30 HOW MUCH TAX IS AT STAKE HANDICAP Class 6 1m 2f (14 runners) £2,983

- 1 (10) 00-1 FLAME OF KODIAC (10)(A,S)(P) J R Flint 4 9 13(5ex) E Jones (7) 66 2 (13) 2033 PINK LILY (14)(CD,D2,A,G) R Hannon 4 9 9 Alec Volkhansky (3) 70 3 (6) 6420 ENZOS ANGL (36)(B,F,A,T) N Mulholland 5 9 8 M Ghiani 72 4 (1) 3-31 CAREY STREET (126)(D,A,G,S) A Carroll 8 9 8 W Carson 66 5 (14) 406 CHANGE OF FORTUNE (214) E J Lewellyn 5 9 7 S D Bowen (5) 71 6 (2) 0304 DAFIN (25)(T) K Frost 4 9 7 B Sanderson (3) 73 7 (12) 042 GALACTIC GLOW (4)(B,F,C,D,G,F,G)(T) J Tickle 7 9 6 T Fisher (3) 69 8 (7) 0034 CITY ESCAPE (9)(D3,A,G,S)(H) M Loughnane 7 9 6 B Loughnane 68 9 (9) 55- SISTERANDBROTHER (J21)(D,G)(H,T) H Dickinson 6 9 5 R Clutterbuck - 10(1) 1-00 BLUE HERO (26)(CD3,C4,F,G,S)(H) A Wintle 6 9 4 W Cox \* 74 11 (3) 1-00 ROMAN TEMPEST (15)(D,S) S Dow 5 9 0 C Howarth (3) 68 12 (5) 4000 ZAMBEZI MAGIC (36)(D3,G,S) B J Lewellyn 7 8 12 W Cox \* 74 13 (4) 45-0 JIMMY MARK (34)(CD,D3,G,S) W Kittow 4 8 10 C Hutchinson (3) 69 14 (8) 3600 Uther Pendraagon (9)(CD2,C,D,A,F,G)(P) S Moore 8 8 9 S Mohd (7) 68 Star Betting: 3 Carey Street, 7-2 Flame Of Kodiak, City Escape, 7 Galactic Glow, 10 Pink Lily, 14 Dafin, Jimmy Mark, 16 others. STARFORM: CAREY STREET DANGER: Flame Of Kodiak

6.10 HANDICAP Class 6 1m (13 runners) £2,983

- 1 (1) 0212 LUNARIO (14)(D,G)(B,T) Alice Haynes 4 9 11 K O'Neill 73 2 (9) L0-1 GERT LUSH (46)(G) R Real 7 9 9 W Cox 77 3 (6) 50-0 MAWADA (18)(H\*) Wintle 4 9 7 Billy Loughnane 67 4 (11) 3-00 NIGHT BREEZE (33) J Williams 4 9 5 D Costello 74 5 (5) LL-0 JADE COUNTRY (35)(D,G)(P) J R Flint 5 9 4 C Bennett 76 6 (7) 0001 RACING DEMON (10)(D2,G,S)(H) E De Gille 4 9 4(5ex) G Rooke 73 7 (12) 4026 EYE OF THE WATER (10)(CD2,A,G,S)(P) R Harris 8 9 2 C Fallon 74 8 (8) 4013 HAVANA GOLDRUSH (26)(B,F,C,D2,A,G,S)(H) J S Moore 5 9 2 S Mohd (7) 74 9 (9) 0-02 RIVAL (25)(D,G,S)(P) J R Flint 6 9 1 Ethan Jones (7) 71 10(13) 0-0 LONG CALL (10)(G) A Carroll 11 8 12 W Carson 76 11 (2) 046- NRN CMC (19)(G)(P) P Chamings 4 8 12 A Farragher \* 78 12 (4) 00-0 DYNAMITE KATIE (25)(A)(H) G Harris 4 8 10 C Hutchinson (3) 71 13(10) -504 OWER STARLIGHT (16)(D,A)(P) D Hitchins 6 8 9 A Volkhansky (3) 71 Star Betting: 11-4 Racing Demon, 9-2 Lunario, 5 Eye Of The Water, 6 Havana Goldrush, 13-2 Rival, 12 Nrn Cmc, 16 others. STARFORM: RACING DEMON DANGER: Eye Of The Water

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

CATTERICK

2.10: 1, BRAZILIAN BELLE (C Beasley 13-8); 2, Stat Goddess (25-1); 3, Harswell Dandy (11-8 fav); 3/4l, 1/2l. 4 ran. M Dods. Tote: £2.63; Exacta: £28.10. Trifecta: £52.80. CSF: £22.53. NR: Isla Bella, J Street.

2.40: 1, BIRKENHEAD (D Nolan 5-1); 2, One For The Ladies (5-2 jfav); 3, Rain Cap (14-1). 5-2 jfav Irish Dancer 3/4l, 2l. 7 ran. P Midgley. Tote: £6.00; pl £1.80, £2.90. Exacta: £19.10. Trifecta: £160.49. Trifecta: £149.40. CSF: £17.36. NR: Golden Rainbow, Modular Magic, Resilience.

3.10: 1, SEE THE GREEN (Oisín Orr 4-9 fav); 2, Graze On Phoenix (20-1); 3, Positivia (20-1). 2/1, nk. 7 ran. Owen Burrows. Tote: £1.45; pl £1.10, £4.90. Exacta: £10.30. Trifecta: £56.10. CSF: £14.00. NR: My Dream World.

3.40: 1, WICHAHPI (A Breslin 7-2); 2, La La Lucrative (11-1); 3, Bestie (11-4 fav), nk. 4l. 7 ran. B Smart. Tote: £4.50; pl £2.10, £4.70. Exacta: £36.30. CSF: £18.23. Trifecta: £117.90. CSF: £38.45. NR: Lady Of The Garr, Macaronie, Miss Rainstorm, Noisy Music, Oriental Prince.

4.10: 1, KING OF TONGA (D Nolan 6-1); 2, Dazy Mazy (7-4 fav); 3, Music Society (10-1). nk, 1/4l. 6 ran. D Carroll. Tote: £7.00; pl £2.20, £1.50. Exacta: £22.10. Trifecta: £89.40. Trifecta: £86.30. CSF: £15.87. NR: A Pint Of Bear, Caesars Pearl, Dicko The Legend, Ghatnifar, Profitable Edge, Quercus.

4.40: 1, CORI GLORY (J Garrity 6-1); 2, Happier (7-2); 3, Lokana (10-3). 2-1 fav Cue's Beau. 4/4l, 1/2l. 6 ran. M Walford. Tote: £7.00; pl £1.80, £1.50. Exacta: £29.70. Trifecta: £77.72. Trifecta: £121.70. CSF: £26.32. NR: Havana Rose, Nammos.

5.15: 1, HOMER STOKES (C Rodriguez 10-3); 2, Miss Willows (9-2); 3, Rockin Rosa (11-2). 1-1 fav Coloane. nk. 4l. 7 ran. D & N Barron. Tote: £4.34; pl £2.00, £2.50. Exacta: £19.50. Trifecta: £77.69. Trifecta: £72.90. CSF: £17.84. NR: Blackintime, Doodsday, Key Look.

MARKET RASEN

1.58: 1, ITTACK BLUE (H Skelton 1-12 fav); 2, Independent Jimmy (9-1); 3, Uर्फorade (14-1). 5l, 15l. 6 ran. D Skelton. Tote: £1.10; pl £1.02, £2.00. Exacta: £1.60. Trifecta: £25.00. CSF: £27.06. NR: Kopa Kilana, Reach For The Moon.

2.28: 1, KOSASIEMPRE (Ciaran Gethings 22-1); 2, Asa (7-2 jfav); 3, Nastasiya (5-1). 7-2 jfav Cher Tara. shd, 3/2l. 7 ran. S Edmunds. Tote: £126.00; pl £5.00, £1.50, £1.60. Exacta: £119.00. Trifecta: £456.50. Trifecta: £829.70. CSF: £93.85. NR: Mrs Kinsella, Rhyne Scheme.

2.58: 1, SEASMOKE (J Bowen 3-1 fav); 2, Faha Belle (9-2); 3, Blow The Budget (12-1). 1/2l, 1/2l. 10 ran. Billy Aprahamian. Tote: £4.00; pl £1.40, £1.70, £3.60. Exacta: £20.60. Trifecta: £141.66. Trifecta: £167.90. CSF: £17.05.

3.28: 1, GOD'S OWN GETAWAY (H Skelton 2-1 fav); 2, Sleeping Satellite (11-4); 3, The Gypsy Davey (11-2). 2/1, 3/4l. 5 ran. D Skelton. Tote: £3.00; pl £1.40, £1.80. Exacta: £7.00. Trifecta: £29.40. CSF: £7.85. NR: Post No Bills.

3.58: 1, KALEB (J Quinlan 4-1); 2, Notnowindia (5-2 fav); 3, Got Your Back (8-1). 1/4l, 3l. 9 ran. Miss A Murphy. Tote: £5.50; pl £1.50, £1.30, £2.30. Exacta: £17.40. Trifecta: £74.63. Trifecta: £112.20. CSF: £14.65.

4.28: 1, POST CHAISE (H Brooke 6-5 fav); 2, Benny Baloo (11-4); 3, Crough Patrick (3-1). 4/4l, 10l. 5 ran. O Greenall & J Guerrero. Tote: £2.20; pl £1.10, £1.50. Exacta: £5.00. Trifecta: £9.00. CSF: £5.13. NR: Ladronne, Victory Echo.

5.03: 1, NOT SO SOBERS (K Woods 9-4 fav); 2, Jafingoso (11-4); 3, Dartmouth Rose (200-1). 1/2l, 2/4l. 8 ran. D Killahena & G McPherson. Tote: £3.25; pl £1.30, £1.10, £1.30. Exacta: £9.50. Trifecta: £411.70. CSF: £8.70. NR: Screened, Storming George.

CHELMSFORD CITY

5.10: 1, WANNABE BRAVE (Wesley Joyce 3-1 fav); 2, Further Measure (7-2); 3, Pingsberg (7-2). 1l, 1/4l. 8 ran. J Fanshawe. Tote: £4.00; pl £1.30, £1.60, £1.70. Exacta: £14.20. Trifecta: £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). 2-1 fav Historic City. 2l, 1l, 2/4l. 16 ran. J Tate. Tote: £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). 2/4l, 1/4l. 7 ran. R Cowell. Tote: £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). 1/4l, 2/4l. 9 ran. Jessica Macey. Tote: £6.00; pl £1.50, £1.90, £3.00. Exacta: £27.40. Trifecta: £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). 1l-4 fav Jungle Run. 1/4l, 1/4l. 8 ran. I Williams. Tote: £6.00; pl £1.80, £1.60, £1.80. Exacta: £21.80. Trifecta: £90.58. Trifecta: £96.50. CSF: £22.30. NR: Tomshalfbrother.

7.47: 1, AMAYSMONT (A Pinna 4-1); 2, Tonal (2-1 fav); 3, Sea The Buckthorn (20-1). 1/4l, 1l. 10 ran. K Frost. Tote: £5.00; pl £1.70, £1.30, £4.80. Exacta: £16.10. Trifecta: £141.99. Trifecta: £169.10. CSF: £11.89.

8.22: 1, MAGIC GEM (Dylan Hogan 3-1 jfav); 2, Heerathetrack (3-1 jfav); 3, Bluebells Boy (5-1). 1/4l, 1/4l. 10 ran. M Herrington. Tote: £4.00; pl £1.50, £1.60, £2.00. Exacta: £11.70. Trifecta: £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). ns, shd. 9 ran. E Dunlop. Tote: £8.50; pl £2.30, £1.20, £1.80. Exacta: £28.50. Trifecta: £119.21. Trifecta: £103.40. CSF: £25.72. QUADPOT: £5.40. PLACEPOT: £25.20

FOR FUN

- 1 Who won the 2024 Liège-Bastogne-Liège road cycling one day race? 2 Which Swiss golfer won the 2024 Joburg Ladies' Open? 3 Who scored two tries for Sale in the 2023-24 Gallagher Premiership home win over Harlequins? 4 Which Crystal Palace loanee missed for Aberdeen in the 2023-24 Scottish Cup semifinal penalty shoot-out defeat by Celtic? 5 Who won men's 100m at both the 2023 and 2024 Diamond League meets in Xiamen, China? ANSWERS: Page 47

SPORTWORD

- ACROSS 1. Area of a basketball court (5) 4. See 10 Across. 7. Krisnan ..., a Salford Red Devils coach (3) 8. See 9 Across. 9 and 8 Across. Glamorgan wicketkeeper who made an unbeaten 126 against Derbyshire in Cardiff last month (5,5) 10 and 4 Across. 2022-24 VfL Wolfsburg manager (4,5) 11. Jake ....., 2023 World Artistic Gymnastics Championships vault gold medalist (6) 14 and 21 Across. Essex batter who made an unbeaten 116 against Kent last month (6,3) 15. .... Paulsen, figure skater after whom a jump is named (4) 18. Francis ....., Racing 92 centre (5) 20. Leon ....., 2000-16 Everton midfielder (5) 21. See 14 Across. 22. Steve ....., 1997-98 Featherstone coach (3) 23. Cricket club; 2017 and 2019 County Championship winners (5)
- DOWN 1. Abdullah ....., 1993-2003 Turkey midfielder/defender (5) 2. Paul ....., 1995-2000 Fulham and 2000-03 Brighton winger (7) 3. SK Rapid ....., Austrian football club (4) 4. Matt ....., US golfer; 2019 Sony Open in Hawaii winner (6) 5. One who reviews a referee's calls with video footage (1,1,1) 6. Andre ....., 1991 World Indoor Championships 60m gold medalist (5) 12. See 19 Down. 13. The ....., nickname of football clubs Wigan Athletic and Oldham Athletic (6) 14. Gabriel ....., Arsenal forward (5) 16. Steve ....., 1981-87 Leicester City and 1988-90 Cardiff City winger (5) 17. Hayden ....., 1998-2003 Australia and 2002-05 Portsmouth defender (4) 19 and 12 Down. 2024 Grand National winner ridden by Paul Townend (1,2,7)

13x13 crossword grid with numbers 1-23 indicating starting positions for the clues.

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GOODWOOD Racing TV

JASON HEAVY STAR TIP table with columns for horse name, odds, and jockey. Includes Red Sand 1.50, Manxman (treble) 2.25, Juana Ines 3.00, Isle Of Jura (nb) 3.35, Be Frank 4.10, Rukaana (nap) 4.40, Bishop's Crown 5.10.

TRACKFACTS A tricky right-handed undulating switchback track with two bends. There is a straight 5f track. Stalls today Straight Stands Side; 1m4f Outside; Remainder Inside.

TOP TRAINERS (with runners) A Balding 42 winners, (16.1% strike rate), £26.73, W Haggas 29, (20.7%), £17.90.

1.50 EBF NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) Class 4 2YO 6f (10 runners) £7,851. Table with 10 entries including Arabian Sun, Ashen M, Berkshire Kameo, Bownder, Hucklebrook, Inca Trail, Original Outlaw, Red Sand, Siegen, The Flying Seagull.

STARFORM: THE FLYING SEAGULL DANGER: Original Outlaw

2.25 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP Class 3 2m (10 runners) £10,308. Table with 10 entries including Temporize, Vino Victrix, Pledgeofallegiance, Yorkindness, Maxident, Inca Trail, Original Outlaw, Plus Sand, Haavala.

STARFORM: MAXIDENT DANGER: Pledgeofallegiance

GOING: GOOD-TOO SOFT IN PLACES

3.00 EBF FILLIES' HANDICAP Class 3 1m 4f (11 runners) £25,770. Table with 11 entries including Divina Grace, Sweet Fantasy, Aiyab, Juana Ines, Tomiomy, Smoky Mountain, Hieronymus, Racingbreaks Ryder, Caragio, Be Frank, Aurora Dawn, Book Of Life, Tahitian Prince.

STARFORM: WILD TIGER DANGER: Be Frank

4.40 RACINGCLUB.COM HANDICAP Class 4 3YO 1m (11 runners) £6,621. Table with 11 entries including Aragon Castle, Queen's Reign, Mr Baloo, Boyfriend, Betties Bay, Mr Monaco, Zain Blue, Spanish Blaze, Rukaana, Miguel, Smiling Wolf.

3.35 WILLIAM HILL FESTIVAL STAKES (LISTED) Class 1 1m 2f (8 runners) £34,026. Table with 8 entries including Isle Of Jura, Royal Rhyme, Laymore, Mujtaba, Passion And Glory, Elegancia, Empress Wu, Sea Of Roses.

STARFORM MUJTABA 17-2 (9-2) Inn touch, pushed along over 2f out, weakened over 1f out, 8th of 10, 13l behind Hamish (9-5) at Newbury 1m 4f Grp 3 (1) gs in Apr.

5.10 GOODWOOD HEALTH RETREATS HANDICAP Class 3 5f (10 runners) £10,468. Table with 10 entries including Dream Composer, Bisho's Crown, Acklam Express, Fair Wind, Night On Earth, Spring Bloom, Watchya, Safari Dream, Angle Land, Liou.

STARFORM: FAIR WIND DANGER: Dream Composer

HEREFORD sky sports racing

GOING: GOOD-GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES

TOP JOCKEYS (with mounts) Sam Twiston-Davies 29 winners, (23.2% strike rate), £19.70, Harry Skelton 23, (40.4%), £1.00, Jonjo O'Neill Jr 13, (24.5%), £1.67.

5.20 PLANETSPORTBET MAIDEN HURDLE Class 4 (8f) 2m (14 runners) £4,193. Table with 14 entries including Duc Du Rene, Global Esteem, Tampero Rocco, Time Interval, Constitution, Dartman, Don Rafael, Jumeirah King, Kentucky Bluegrass, Kinarto, Clover Pass, Morning Fortune, Whitehall Flyer, Jo's Rainbow.

STARFORM: GLOBAL ESTEEM DANGER: Jo's Rainbow

5.55 PLANETSPORTBET HANDICAP HURDLE C4 (13f) 3m 1f 119yds (6 runners) £4,066. Table with 6 entries including Halifax, Basford, Charles St, Behind The Curtain, Mactavish, Jo's Rainbow.

STARFORM: MACTAVISH DANGER: Behind The Curtain

GOING: GOOD

TRACKFACTS 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.

TOP TRAINERS (with runners) D Skelton 24 winners, (27.0% strike rate), £1.00, Jonjo A O'Neill 18, (24.3%), £7.06, N Mulholland 13, (20.3%), £5.00, A Ralph 10, (11.6%), £8.00.

6.30 HANDICAP CHASE Class 5 (12f) 2m (10 runners) £3,248. Table with 10 entries including Ben Buike, Famoso, Pittsburg, Big Jim Beam, Tonto Foley, Uncle Arthur, Man Of Light, Whyyzatt, Lalmayage, Beannaigh D.

STARFORM: TONTO FOLEY DANGER: Famoso

7.00 MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE Class 5 (10f) 2m 4f (8 runners) £3,248. Table with 8 entries including Only Fools, Ryders Rock, Cher Tara, Chinoak, Seamoke, Mythalic, Savy Warior, Inchinquin Spirit.

STARFORM: AL SAYAH DANGER: Ryder's Rock

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JASON HEAVY STAR TIP table with columns for horse name, odds, and jockey. Includes Hostely 6.15, Enchanted Life 6.45, Unplugged 7.15, Eighteen Fourteen 7.45, Minstrel Knight 8.15, Dickieburn 8.45.

6.15 HANDICAP Class 5 1m (12 runners) £3,664. Table with 12 entries including Shimmering Sands, Running Star, Harswell Duke, Hostely, Million Thanks, Hostel King, Dream, King Money, My Money, King Sharja, Global Spirit, Penny Ghent, Mha Jim, Oo4a Distinction.

STARFORM: DO I DREAM DANGER: Shimmering Sands

6.45 FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) Class 5 5f (6 runners) £3,780. Table with 6 entries including Pendlebury Lane, Enchanted Life, Love Wars, Unplugged, Bare Elegance, Spirit Queen, Military Queen.

STARFORM: ENCHANTED LIFE DANGER: Pendlebury Lane

GOING: GOOD

TRACKFACTS Left-handed oval, undulating track of 2m, stiff 3f uphill climb to the finish. Stalls today Inside.

7.15 HANDICAP Class 5 1m 4f (9 runners) £3,664. Table with 9 entries including Unplugged, Whatacracker, Joie De Vivre, My Harrison Grey, Swinging London, Sea Master, Storm Spirit.

STARFORM: GORDON GREY DANGER: Joie De Vivre

7.45 EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) Class 2 2YO 6f (16 runners) £16,200. Table with 16 entries including Beauhather, Cuda Been, Eighteen Fourteen, Need Your Love, Love Games, Pellitory James, Praysham D, Regal Gem, Tactical Plan, Under The Sea, Under The Sea, Perfida, Vault Of Heaven, Expensive Rose, Greek Gift.

STARFORM: PRINCESS KARINE DANGER: Milbanke

4.10 WILLIAM HILL EPIC BOOST HANDICAP Class 3 7f (12 runners) £10,468

Table with 12 entries including Wild Tiger, Street Kid, Tomiomy, Smoky Mountain, Hieronymus, Racingbreaks Ryder, Caragio, Be Frank, Aurora Dawn, Book Of Life, Tahitian Prince.

STARFORM: WILD TIGER DANGER: Be Frank

4.40 RACINGCLUB.COM HANDICAP Class 4 3YO 1m (11 runners) £6,621. Table with 11 entries including Aragon Castle, Queen's Reign, Mr Baloo, Boyfriend, Betties Bay, Mr Monaco, Zain Blue, Spanish Blaze, Rukaana, Miguel, Smiling Wolf.

STARFORM: ARAGON CASTLE DANGER: Mr Monaco

5.10 GOODWOOD HEALTH RETREATS HANDICAP Class 3 5f (10 runners) £10,468. Table with 10 entries including Dream Composer, Bisho's Crown, Acklam Express, Fair Wind, Night On Earth, Spring Bloom, Watchya, Safari Dream, Angle Land, Liou.

STARFORM: FAIR WIND DANGER: Dream Composer

JASON HEAVY STAR TIP

Global Esteem 5.20, Halifax 5.55, Famoso 6.30, Al Sayah 7.00, Hardy Boy 7.30, Jaxonne 8.00, Captain Attridge.

7.30 HANDICAP CHASE Class 4 (16f) 2m 5f (5 runners) £4,700. Table with 5 entries including Mulberry Hill, Qui De Neuf, Riskingtheground, Hardy Boy, Kauto King.

STARFORM: MULBERRY HILL DANGER: Hardy Boy

8.00 PLANETSPORTBET HANDICAP HURDLE Class 5 (8f) 2m (12 runners) £3,248. Table with 12 entries including Home And Dry, Captain Attridge, Eagle Of The Glen, Crews Pitch, Symbolic Spirit, Jaxonne, No More Riders, Mumbo Beat, L'Orbe, Lionel Lesly, Lindwall.

STARFORM: CAPTAIN ATTRIDGE DANGER: Jaxonne

STARFORM EIGHTEEN FOURTEEN 9-1 (9-7) Midfield, ridden over 2f out, chased leaders entering final furlong, kept on inside final furlong, not reach leaders, 3rd of 11, 2 3/4 behind Tot To Dot (9-0) at Pontefract 5f 2yo nov stk (5) stf in Apr.

Under The Sea (9-4) 3rd of 7, 2 1/4 behind Gallius (9-4) at Fontainebleau (FR) 5f 2yo clm stf.

Greek Gift 8-1 (9-2) Slowly away, in rear, struggling 3f out, late headway final furlong, 7th of 12, 6l behind Call Me Harswell (9-2) at Beverley 5f 2yo mdn (2) gs.

STARFORM: EIGHTEEN FOURTEEN DANGER: Under The Sea

8.15 MAIDEN HANDICAP Class 5 1m 2f (11 runners) £3,664. Table with 11 entries including Time Tells All, Fiftyshadesaregrey, Loddon, Love Warrior, Savvy Warrior, Minstrel Knight, Spanish Vega, Lillistart, Yippee, Glistering Nights.

STARFORM: SPANISH VEGA DANGER: Yippee

8.45 FBS CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS HANDICAP Class 4 5f (7 runners) £5,234. Table with 7 entries including Princess Karine, Dickieburn, Ventura Express, Zarynyi, Moulin Boon, Milbanke, Late Arrival.

STARFORM: PRINCESS KARINE DANGER: Milbanke

HAYDOCK Racing TV

JASON HEAVY STAR TIP table with columns for horse name, odds, and jockey. Includes Hello Cotai 2.05, Thewind Cries Mary 2.40, Chelsea Embankment 3.15, Go On Rosie 3.50, Azure Blue 4.20, Doha 4.55, Amancio 5.25.

TRACKFACTS Left-handed oval track of 1m 5f with a 4f straight. The 5f & 6f races are run on the straight. Stalls today 6f & 1m2f Centre; 7f & 1m Inside.

TOP TRAINERS (with runners) W Haggas 47 winners, (25.3% strike rate), £5.00, R Beckett 29, (25.2%), £4.06, T Dascombe 28, (12.7%), £40.51, K R Burke 27, (12.3%), £1.00, T Easterby 24, (7.8%), £105.08.

2.05 BETFRED SUPPORTING MACMILLAN HANDICAP Class 5 3YO 1m (10 runners) £4,187. Table with 10 entries including Mysteryofthesands, Between Me And U, Korroor, Lady Ava, Miaswell, Dandy Lichious, Questionable, Reveal, Miners Gamble, Hello Cotai.

STARFORM: HELLO COTAI DANGER: Miaswell

2.40 FILLIES' RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) Class 4 3YO 1m (7 runners) £5,400. Table with 7 entries including Shemozzle, P Lawless, Mizumi, Desert Time, Fossdale, Song Of Appin, Thewind Cries Mary.

STARFORM: MIZUUMI DANGER: Shemozzle

3.15 BETFRED SUPPORTING MACMILLAN NOVICE STAKES Class 3 2YO 7f (8 runners) £5,400. Table with 8 entries including Cavallo Bay, Chelsea Embankment, Green Storm, Go On Rosie, Seagulls Eleven, Yaroogh, Aphrodites Rock, Baileys Honeymoon.

STARFORM: CHELSEA EMBANKMENT DANGER: Yaroogh

3.50 EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (GBB RACE) Class 3 2YO 6f (13 runners) £5,400. Table with 13 entries including Binorella Bay, Earthy, Enchanted Princess, Go On Rosie, Khutulin, Loch Leven, Pure Atterley, Stage Effect, Toomuchforme, Farn Above Mary, Make Love James, John's Dragon, Liberty Bird.

STARFORM: LOCH LEVEN DANGER: Farn Above Mary

4.20 CECIL FRAIL (FILLIES' AND MARES' LISTED) Class 1 6f (10 runners) £28,355. Table with 10 entries including Azure Blue, Electric Storm, Midream, Premier Beauty, Sophia's Starlight, Got To Love A Grey, Gutsy Girl, Queen Of Zafeen, Raqiya, Thelma's Angel.

STARFORM: AZURE BLUE DANGER: Electric Storm

4.55 BETFRED MACMILLAN RACE DAY HANDICAP Class 4 1m 2f (9 runners) £6,281. Table with 9 entries including Pearl Eye, Never Ending, Arkendale, Doha, Light Speed, Bodogran, Tessa Lad, Golspie, Late Arrival.

STARFORM: DOHA DANGER: Never Ending

5.25 BETFRED NIFTY 50 HANDICAP Class 5 3YO 1m 2f (10 runners) £4,187. Table with 10 entries including Overlooked, Rogue Raider, Extra Beat, Amancio, Takes Time, Zarynyi, Moulin Boon, Milbanke, Late Arrival, Golspie.

STARFORM: ROGUE RAIDER DANGER: Amancio



# RUGBY LEAGUE



# COMING UP MOSES

**AUSSIE Moses Mbye loves English life so much he hopes to sign on again with Super League leaders St Helens.**

The Queensland State of Origin star is approaching the first anniversary of his move from NRL outfit St George Illawarra.

He's quickly endeared himself to Saints fans and bids to rack up another win against Leeds tonight.

Mbye, 30, has clearly adapted to life on the other side of the world as well.

Posting a family picture on Instagram last weekend enjoying a day in the sun-kissed countryside, he wrote: "Sunny England days are undefeated."

Ordinarily, it's far different to his Brisbane lifestyle, but the ex-Canterbury ace admitted: "The move's been far better than I ever thought it would be."

"It's really something. The whole family's really settled in well."

*"We're lucky to have come into a really good community in St Helens, made a lot of good friends and we're really enjoying ourselves."*

"That pic was from the Peak District. What a place that is. I know we don't get it as often as

## English life is my cup of tea says Saints ace

■ by DAVE CRAVEN

### ST HELENS v LEEDS

8pm

we'd like it but when it's weather like that it's just such a beautiful country.

"But if you do get good weather it's as good as any place I've been in the world."

Asked if he'd plan to stay longer after his contract expires in 2025, Mbye admitted: "Yes, for sure. Certainly. I think that would be the plan. I'm loving it at Saints and we're enjoying our time over here."

"We've still got next year so we'll cross that bridge when we get there."

Hooker Mbye made his debut

in a win against Leeds last July and Saints have already beaten them twice this term.

Rhinos were also hammered 26-0 in Catalans last time out but Mbye insisted: "They're a really dangerous side. They've some very handy players and if you don't turn up with the right attitude, they'll roll you over."

*Meanwhile, Mbye is open to the idea of switching to scrum-half when Lewis Dodd moves to South Sydney in 2025 - if the club needs him to.*

He said: "The powers-that-be will work out who comes in to replace Doddy or who within the squad replaces him."

"If I get called upon, then I'll be raring to go."

**BRIT SPECIAL:** Moses in the Peak District taking in the English sunshine

INTERIM boss Simon Grix has warned under-performing Hull: We're all playing for our futures.

They visit Castleford in dire need of a victory after being embarrassed by previously-winless London.

But since that

■ by DAVE CRAVEN

### CASTLEFORD v HULL

8pm

shambles, joint-bottom Hull have also sorted their new head coach for 2025 with Brisbane assistant John Cartwright announced on

Tuesday. Grix said: "There's going to be a raft of changes between now and next year."

"It's all been made pretty clear to the players. I'm sure John has been watching games - and he'll be watching even closer now."

CHRIS HILL is fed up of sitting around and is now ready to give Huddersfield a huge lift.

The veteran England prop, 36, returns against Leigh having been injured for more than two months.

He was 50-50 to

■ by DAVE CRAVEN

### HUDDERSFIELD v LEIGH

8pm

return in Sunday's 46-10 Challenge Cup semi-final hammering by former club Warrington.

Hill said: "It was frustrating. The

physios erred on the side of caution.

"But I'm back now and still three weeks ahead of schedule."

"I'm sick of sitting on the sidelines."

Desperate to avoid a fifth straight loss, Hill admitted: "The lads are looking for a reaction."

## Merlier's pace ace

■ **CYCLING**  
TIM MERLIER was the victor in a chaotic sprint to win stage 18 of the Giro d'Italia in Padova as Tadej Pogacar remained safe in the race leader's pink jersey.

Merlier took the victory by half a wheel from Jonathan Milan, with Kaden Groves settling for third.

## Scheffler cop rap

■ **GOLF**  
THE police officer who arrested Scottie Scheffler during the US PGA Championship has received "corrective action" for failing to have his body-worn camera switched on.

Scheffler still faces several charges relating to the incident.

## Cup first for Skiv

■ **RUGBY UNION**  
GLOUCESTER boss George Skivington says he is under no pressure to reach the Champions Cup by winning tonight's Challenge Cup final.

His side take on South Africa's Sharks at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium and he said: "Winning the trophy is the important thing."

## ANSWERS

**YESTERDAY'S SPORTWORD**  
Across: 1. Denilson; 7. Canet; 8. Moore; 9. Hayman; 10. John; 12. Carl; 14. Keaton; 17. Ender; 18. Kante; 19. Jennings.

Down: 1. Danny; 2. Nathan; 3. Lamb; 4. Obodo; 5. Ice hockey; 6. Fernandes; 11. Deakin; 13. Rudge; 15. Tonks; 16. Aron.

### FIVE FOR FUN

1. Tadej Pogacar, 2. Chiara Tamburlini, 3. Arron Reed, 4. Killian Phillips, 5. Christian Coleman.



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# MONACO GRAND PRIX

# UP FOR A FIGHT

## Lando competition time fires Max

**WORLD champion Max Verstappen is grateful to have competition from Lando Norris after two years of peerless dominance.**

Charles Leclerc threatened to challenge in 2022 but Ferrari fell away while Red Bull pressed home their advantage. And they smashed records last year as Verstappen produced F1's most dominant ever season.

The Dutchman started this

■ **by DANIEL MOXON** campaign well ahead again but McLaren have made a huge leap forward to put Norris in contention.

And Verstappen admits F1 will be a lot healthier if the Brit can sustain a title challenge.

**He said: "It's good for the sport that more teams are fighting for the win. From our side, it makes it important to be at our very best."**

Norris is 60 points behind Verstappen heading into this weekend's Monaco race and the Dutchman is in no doubt that the McLaren racer is a title contender.

He said: "He is really in the mix. He is quite a few points down but if they suddenly start winning, that can turn

around quite quickly. But from our side, we just have to focus on ourselves."

That win in Miami was Norris' first F1 victory, at the 110th attempt.

The 24-year-old has dreams of becoming champion but insists he has not thought about a title charge this year.

He worries that the gap to Verstappen may already be too big and said: "It's a long way to go and our recent results don't change anything. We have put ourselves in there."

**"We lost a lot of points at the first few races of the year and that has hurt us."**

Elsewhere, George Russell voiced his approval of teenager Andrea Kimi Antonelli potentially becoming his new Mercedes team-mate.

Russell said: "Kimi is a fantastic driver. He's going to be an F1 driver in the future."



**FIZZTICUFFS:** Max and Lando are set for a slugfest



**LEW'S FLASH CARDIE** LEWIS HAMILTON is top of the knit parade in the paddock yesterday

### INFORMATION STATION

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**CRICKET**  
**WOMEN'S FIRST ODI—England v Pakistan (Derby):** England 243-9 (50 overs). Pakistan 206-9 (50 overs). **England win by 37 runs.**

**TRI-NATION T20I SERIES—Ireland v Scotland (Amstelveen):** Scotland 157-8 (20 overs); Ireland 158-5 (19.3 overs); Balbirnie 56; Tucker 55; Sole 3-28). **Ireland win by 5 wkts** (Ireland win series).

**CYCLING**  
**GIRO D'ITALIA—Stage 18** (Fiera di Primieroano to Padova 166km): 1 T Merler (Bel) 3h 45m 44s. **Overall:** 1 T Pogacar (Slo) UAE Team Emirates 67h 17m 2s.

**DARTS**  
**PREMIER LEAGUE FINAL** (O2 Arena, London) — **Final:** L Littler (Eng) bt L Humphries (Eng) 11-7. **Semi-finals:** L Littler (Eng) bt M Smith (Eng) 10-5, L Humphries (Eng) bt M van Gerwen (Ned) 10-5

**TENNIS**  
**ATP GENEVA OPEN** (Switzerland)—**Qtr-final:** N Djokovic (Ser) bt T Griekspoor (Ned) 7-5 6-1.

### TODAY'S DIARY

**Friendly**  
A-League All Stars v Newcastle (8.05am) ....

**CRICKET**  
**County Championship** (day 1 of 4, 11am) - **Division One:** Durham v Somerset, Hampshire v Surrey, Kent v Essex, Lancashire v Warwickshire, Worcestershire v Nottinghamshire. **Division Two:** Gloucestershire v Derbyshire, Leics v Glamorgan, Middlesex v Sussex, Northamptonshire v Yorkshire.

**IPL Qualifier 2:** Sunrisers Hyderabad v Rajasthan Royals (3).

**RUGBY LEAGUE**  
**Betfred Super League** (8pm): Castleford v Hull, Huddersfield v Leigh, St Helens v Leeds.

**RUGBY UNION**  
**European Challenge Cup Final:** Gloucester v Sharks (8pm).

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## BOXING

HATEFUL  
GREAT

■ JACK OF ALL TRADES: Catterall and (below) during first bout with Taylor



## Jack riled by rival's 'sniggering face'

**THE fight's tagline is 'Hate Runs Deep' and Jack Catterall knows a rivalry like this is just what he needs.**

This isn't quite Chris Eubank against Nigel Benn or near the scale of Carl Froch and George Groves, the latter packing out Wembley.

But British boxing rivalries have something about them and they generate interest.

This weekend's rematch between Catterall and Josh Taylor has sold out Leeds Arena, neutral territory for two warring rivals.

So, while Catterall's controversial defeat in February 2022 may have been a crushing moment for him personally, when he didn't get the decision he - and many others - believed he deserved, he knew his name had suddenly been shot

## EXCLUSIVE

■ by CHRIS MCKENNA

into people's thoughts. For too long the talented Chorley southpaw was working away quietly on undercards.

It was why when Catterall travelled to Glasgow to take on Taylor, the then undisputed light-welterweight champion, few gave him any hope of ending the Scot's unbeaten run.

**But after a controversial decision, the fallout came as the bitterness which had been bubbling between the fighters boiled over.**

"Hate is a strong word," said Catterall. "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 is his little sniggering face. We've seen rivalries in

the past when they've gone on and got on good terms. You never say never but right now he is public enemy No.1."

Catterall is wise enough to know such bad blood is good for business.

"I understand that rivalries sell," he said. "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 like Saudi, but we need these big nights here too."

"I know I'm just one half of the dance but there's not many fighters selling out arenas here at the moment."

It's taken a while to get here. Done deals which fell through and injuries causing the bout to collapse.

Taylor has lost world titles in and out of the ring since, the last of which was

against Teofimo Lopez last year. Even this version of the bout had a four-week delay after the Scot picked up another knock.

**"There are times when I thought, 'This has been and done' and I need to move on," said Catterall, whose only loss in 29 fights is that controversial defeat by Taylor.**

"But the demand from the fans has made sure that this is still what people want to see."

The winner of this will be fired back into world title contention and the riches which come with it.

But Catterall is only thinking about this revenge mission.

"This is for pride, this is for ego," added Catterall. "Is it worthy of a world title? Yes, of course. But I'm just focused on putting this rivalry to bed."



FIRING: Taylor

## Taylor's thriller promise

■ by CHRIS MCKENNA

JOSH TAYLOR insists his rematch with Jack Catterall will be a thriller after claiming their first fight was a 'stinker'.

The Scottish light-welterweight is facing crafty Chorley southpaw Catterall this weekend at Leeds Arena.

Taylor won a controversial decision in their first outing in February 2022, which led to British official Ian John-Lewis being downgraded for scoring the fight in favour of the Prestonpans puncher.

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, Taylor is insisting this one will catch fire.

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."

Taylor has lost his titles since their first meeting due to mandatory not happening and a loss to Teofimo Lopez last year.

## Andy's at Waw

ANDY MURRAY will take on Stan Wawrinka in what could be his final appearance at the French Open.

Murray (inset), who is expected to retire this summer, will face 2015 champ Wawrinka in the first round at Roland Garros.

Murray, 37, lost to the Swiss on his last two French Open appearances, in the first round in 2020 and in the 2017 semi-finals.

The winner will face British No.1 Cameron

■ by YASMIN SYED

Norrie or Pavel Kotov. Former world No.1 Rafael Nadal, bidding for his 15th singles title at Roland

Garros, faces German fourth seed

Alexander Zverev.

Dan Evans has a tough opener against 13th seed

Holger Rune while fellow Brit

Jack Draper meets a qualifier. Katie Boulter,

seeded 26th, faces former world No.2 Paula Badosa

and Harriet Dart takes on 27th seed Linda Noskova.



## MOTT'S GOT WINNING IN MIND

ENGLAND'S cricketers have called in Manchester City's mind guru to master the art of the title defence.

Coach Matthew Mott believes his side got in a mental muddle last year when their bid to land back-to-back 50-over World Cups backfired disastrously.

So he has loaned City psychologist David Young to accompany England to the Caribbean next week to avoid a repeat in their T20 World Cup defence. He began work with the squad this week.

"One of the more exciting things we've done is get David

■ by NEIL SQUIRES

Young (left) on board, who is the sports psychologist at Man City," revealed Mott.

"He's previously been with the team and he's already been a great ally in making sure my messages are clear."

"It's always good to have someone a little bit removed from the squad to make sure you're landing your messages."

"I've never told a player how to play the game - these guys are much better players than I ever was - but it's about making sure that if they're veering away

from their strengths you can help them get back on track."

Young worked with the England squad during their triumphant 50-over World Cup in 2019 when they prevailed in a dramatic super over final at Lord's against New Zealand.

His return is part of Mott's response to the failure in India which saw an embarrassing group stage exit for the defending champions.

"When you've had the kick in the pants like we've had you just can't go business as usual," said Mott. "You have to redefine how you go as a team."

# PREMIER LEAGUE DARTS



# YOU LITTLE BEAUTY!

**PRIZE GUY:**  
Littler shows off his trophy in London



## Nine-dart Luke in tears after crowning glory

**LUKE LITTLER dissolved into tears after decorating London's O2 arena with a nine-dart leg and another slice of history.**

**by MIKE WALTERS**  
won nine of their last 11 encounters.

He headed into the sunset with £315,000, the best pocket money a 17-year-old phenomenon can win.

Luke the Nuke 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 as well as £40,000 in bonuses for winning four nights of the regular season.

In front of a British record 14,000 audience in the PDC era, Luke the Nuke became the youngest winner of a TV major.

*Humphries, waving his hand as if to suggest there was a draught blowing his arrows off-course, was gracious in defeat, saying: "We finished first and second in the league table and tonight we proved we are the two best players in the world."*

Just 141 days after their momentous World Championship final at Alexandra Palace, Littler and Luke Humphries served up another classic.

Littler had begun he night walking on stage to his Greenlight anthem, conducting the crowd like a symphony orchestra and soon he had Michael Smith dancing to his tune.

And Littler garnished his 11-7 triumph in the BetMGM Premier League play-off with a perfect leg.

He didn't just destroy the former world champion 10-5 in the opening semi-final, he sent 'Bully Boy' to the abattoir.

*Lifting the trophy, he turned to the crowd and said: "I just want to say to all the doubters: Hello! I just picked up this and you are not doubting me anymore."*

Although Littler's 100.30 average was nothing exceptional by his standards, it was only dragged down by one inexplicably wayward leg where he was reduced to the madhouse checkout of double one.

Before Warrington's boy wonder stole his thunder, only Phil Taylor had reached the final of both the PDC World Championship and Premier League play-offs at the first attempt.

On the whole, it was exhibition stuff.

But as Littler unfurled the first nine-darter in a Premier League final since the Power's pair of show-stoppers against James Wade in 2010, a new star rose. When Littler the magician meets Humphries the machine, something has to give - and since he fell just short at Ally Pally, the kid with the Midas touch has now

And Smith, who had beaten Luke the Nuke five times in their previous seven meetings, simply couldn't live with him this time.

Humphries then ended Michael van Gerwen's bid for a record eighth Premier League crown, also by a 10-5 margin, to set up another all-Luke final.

A shout-out to Cool Hand Luke for his 132 checkout, which left even Mighty Mike wide-eyed with admiration: bullseye, bullseye, double 16. Absolute filth.



**LUKE TWICE:** Humphries and Littler square up in the final

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**SERIOUSLY football PREMIER LEAGUE**



**Canaries hunt Will**

■ by IAN MURTAGH

NORWICH have emerged as serious rivals to Sunderland in the race to land Will Still as their next boss.

The Black Cats have been without a permanent manager since axing Michael Beale four months ago but after holding talks with the former Reims head coach, were confident of appointing Still next week.

However, the Belgian-born Brit is wanted by Norwich after they sacked David Wagner following their play-off defeat by Leeds this month.

The Canaries have opened talks with his representatives and can offer the 31-year-old a more lucrative financial package than Sunderland.

Still stepped down as boss of Ligue 1 Reims a month ago and is keen on a job in England.

**FOOTIE FLASHES**

● WATFORD full-back Jeremy Ngakia has signed a three-year contract extension.

● WIGAN keeper Sam Tickle has signed a new four-year deal.

● ACCRINGTON have signed goalkeeper Michael Kelly from MK Dons and Southport winger Tyler Walton.

● THE Football Governance Bill, which would see the creation of an independent regulator for the sport, will be paused due to the upcoming general election.

● OXFORD play-off hero Josh Murphy is wanted by Blackburn and Derby.

**Clarke's promise**

■ by DAVID ANDERSON

DARRELL CLARKE has vowed to get Barnsley promoted from League One after quitting relegated Cheltenham Town to take over at Oakwell.

Clarke, 46, has signed a two-year deal with the option of a third season after the Tykes sacked Neil Collins last month when he missed out on automatic promotion.

Barnsley lost out to Bolton in the play-off semi-final.

Clarke knows the club want to return to the Championship and the former Bristol Rovers, Walsall and Port Vale boss said: "I didn't need to be sold on the club."

"It's got huge potential and I'm excited to get myself going, get the squad rebuilt and try to push on for a promotion challenge."

**I'LL BRING THE NOISE**

■ **GOOD SIGN:** New boss Lopetegui could attract players like Sevilla's Youssef En-Nesyri (below)



**Lopetegui to stamp his**

**style on Hammers**

■ by JOSHUA PECK

**JULEN LOPETEGUI is determined to make a 'big noise' at West Ham after being confirmed as David Moyes' replacement.**

Moyes led the Hammers to the Europa Conference League title last year but departed at the end of the recent season.

Former Wolves and Real Madrid boss Lopetegui has taken over after a poor run saw West Ham finish ninth in the Premier League.

Lopetegui is determined to get the Hammers looking forward again, having joined on a two-year deal, with the option for a third.

"I feel that we have a fantastic platform," said the Spaniard, who officially begins his role on July 1.

"I think the last few years have been very good years to have this base, of course, but my ambition as a coach is always to be better and better, to achieve more and bigger aims and to encourage and improve the players, the team, and to compete because football is about this - to compete.

"We are very ambitious about this. We came here with the idea and the thought to make a big, big noise.

"That's why we came here and we are



excited by this challenge." Lopetegui, who won the Europa League in 2020 with Sevilla, had been out of work since leaving Wolves on the eve of the start of the season.

He had guided the Molineux side to safety after taking over when Wolves were bottom of the Premier League in November 2022.

*It's often been defence first for the 57-year-old and the personnel he brings in could offer a guide to the kind of support players such as Jarrod Bowen and Mohammed Kudus might receive further forward.*

Youssef En-Nesyri was linked with the Hammers during the Moyes era, and his prior relationship with the new

boss at Sevilla has seen those links resurface.

Lopetegui added: "We have the dream to be able, with hard work, to put our stamp here and improve and to be able to compete in all the competitions we have in front of us.

"We have to put the focus on our daily work in our way and to put these kind of values inside the dressing room and inside the club."

For all the defensive frailties this season at West Ham, there was arguably just as much frustration with some tentative attacking play - especially at home.

Many will demand an understanding of 'the West Ham way' from the new

boss and that doesn't necessarily match up with his previous form.

*West Ham technical director Tim Steidten pointed to Lopetegui's track record of improving players wherever he has been.*

His challenge at West Ham is making an immediate impact in his first season and ensuring he is given the time to take the team and their individuals to the next level.

West Ham joint chairman David Sullivan said: "We believe this appointment will ensure a strong opportunity to build on the positive progress made in recent seasons, helping the club to move forward in the direction that aligns with our ambitions."

**PAQUETA FACES BET BAN**

**From Back Page** de Janeiro, prompting the FA to begin looking into allegations last August.

Then yesterday, just five hours after Julen Lopetegui was officially announced as West Ham's new head coach, the FA confirmed Paqueta has been charged with four breaches of Rule E5.1.

The FA said he was suspected of seeking to "influence the progress ... of matches by intentionally seeking to

receive a card from the referee for the improper purpose of affecting the betting market in order for one or more persons to profit from the booking."

He has also been charged with "two breaches of FA Rule F3 in respect of alleged failures to comply pursuant to FA Rule F2", which relates to providing information and

documents. Paqueta has until June 3 to respond.

In a brief statement he said: "I am extremely surprised and upset that the FA has decided to charge me.

"For nine months, I have co-operated with every step of their investigation and provided all the information I can.

"I deny the charges in

their entirety and will fight with every breath to clear my name."

Unlike Newcastle's Sandro Tonali and Brentford's Ivan Toney, who received 10 and eight-month bans for placing bets on matches, Paqueta charges are of a far more severe nature because he is alleged to have directly attempted to influence a match.

**PAQUETA'S FOUR YELLOWS**

**LEICESTER (h) 12/11/2022**  
Lunged in on Boubakary Soumare as he burst away from him in the 60th minute.

**ASTON VILLA (h) 12/3/2023**  
Scythed down John McGinn in the 70th minute, just after being warned for a late challenge on Douglas Luiz.

**LEEDS (h) 21/5/2023**  
Pulled Crysencio Summerville back to stop a Leeds counterattack in the 65th minute.

**BOURNEMOUTH (a) 12/8/2023**  
Booked for a handball in the 94th minute.

# Kelly ready for a double Ed-er

**BOURNEMOUTH** defender Lloyd Kelly will become Newcastle's first summer signing when he links up with former boss Eddie Howe at St James' Park next month.

The two clubs have agreed personal terms and Kelly (*inset*) will sign a four-year deal on Tyneside.

It will be the second time Howe has recruited the 25-year-old having snapped him up from Bristol City five years ago during his time as Cherries' boss.

Kelly made 23 appearances last term but has been blighted by injuries in the past two years, though he is now fully fit.

He will link

by IAN MURTAGH

up with the Magpies on a free transfer when his contract expires.

And he should be joined by Fulham's Tosin Adarabioyo with Newcastle set to pip Manchester United for the centre-half's signature.

With Sven Botman and Jamaal Lascelles sidelined until the New Year, Howe made strengthening his defence his top priority.

And the fact he will land two of his top targets for minimum outlay will give him a larger budget to spend on other areas including a new keeper and a right winger.



# ALFIE SPURRED ON

by JOSHUA PECK

TOTTENHAM midfielder Alfie Devine feels he is a better player after his loan experiences this season - but he has not set any bold targets for the 2024-25 campaign.

Devine, 19 (*inset*), enjoyed spells with Port Vale and Plymouth before he returned to Spurs earlier in May and travelled out with the first team to Melbourne for the post-season friendly with Newcastle on Wednesday.

"The aim was to come back a better person and player," said Devine.

"Hopefully I have done both. I don't like to come in with a plan. You come in for pre-season and try to impress."



# 'Amazing' Jude wows Morientes

**FORMER** Real Madrid striker Fernando Morientes has praised Jude Bellingham for the "extraordinary" way he has adapted to life in Spain.

The 20-year-old has enjoyed a brilliant first season after moving to the Bernabeu from Borussia Dortmund for an initial £88m last summer.

Bellingham has scored 23 goals in all

by SIMON CASS

competitions with 19 coming in the league, better than Barcelona's Robert Lewandowski and

topped by only Villarreal's Alexander Sorloth (23) and Girona's Artem Dovbyk (21). Morientes

said: "His first half of the season was amazing. I think his adaptation has been extraordinary."



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# CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFF

# SUMMER

## Dutch hotshot desperate to play

## in Prem... but only for Leeds

EXCLUSIVE

by DAVID ANDERSON

**HE is being linked with Liverpool and Chelsea but Dutch attacker Crysenicio Summerville insists he wants to star in the Premier League with Leeds.**

Summerville is the hottest talent in the Championship and Leeds' top scorer has bagged 21 goals and 10 assists to fire them to Sunday's play-off final at Wembley against Southampton.

The £35m-rated forward is ignoring the rampant speculation over his future and says he is just focused on winning.

*He has heard all about Leeds reaching the 2001 Champions League semi-finals - six months before he was born - and wants to relive those days with Daniel Farke's side.*

Summerville, 22, has two years left on his Elland Road deal and said: "I don't really know the clubs who are linked with me, I'm just busy with the season."

"It's a big week with the final at Wembley - we can return to the Premier League, so that's my focus."

"I know all about Leeds playing in the Champions League and I wasn't even



born then! It's nice to hear all those stories and I want to bring those days back because we have a lot of potential here.

"To play in the Champions League would be great, it would be massive. We can do that at Leeds. If you believe, you can achieve everything."

"The first thing is everyone has to believe on Sunday that we can do it, we will do it. Then if we get promoted to the Premier League, we have to have the same belief again."

Summerville, who cost Leeds just £1.3m as an 18-year-old four years ago, insists he can improve on his fantastic season.

He studies flair players like Neymar and Eden Hazard and says he practises his tricks in training before trying them in matches.

"I'm far from perfect," said the Holland Under-21 star. "It's been a good season, very good. I'm happy and proud of what I've done this season but I feel like there's always room for improvement."

*"I've always watched players like Neymar, Eden Hazard, Ronaldinho. I like the flair in the game, how they take people on. Lately I've watched Vinicius Junior too, he's really good."*

"I try to do it first in training and once I've got a trick under my belt, I just try it in matches."

"It helps to watch other players because you can see what you already have and what you need to be better."

Summerville isn't bothered by Leeds' miserable play-off record - they have failed in their five previous attempts, dating back to 1987.

Leeds were not held back by this when they smashed Norwich 4-0 last Thursday in the semi-final second leg and Summerville insists they want to write a new chapter in the club's history.

"This is us now," he said. "We're a new team, with a different manager. I hope we can make our own history."

"We went down last season, it was devastating, so to return straightaway back to the Premier League would be massive. The fans deserve it, everyone deserves it."



**TEAMWORK:** Summerville is thriving under Leeds boss Daniel Farke



**TOP STUFF:** Crysenicio Summerville has been the talk of the Championship



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**HONOUR:** Summerville with EFL Player of the Season award (left) and on target against Middlesbrough



## SAINTS' STRONG POINT

**SOUTHAMPTON** striker Adam Armstrong has urged his team-mates to embrace the pressure of a £200m Wembley showdown. Saints will be roared on by almost 40,000 fans as they take on Leeds in Sunday's Championship play-off final with both

■ **by ALEX CROOK**  
teams bidding to bounce back to the Premier League at the first time of asking. Top-scorer Armstrong, who has netted home and away against Leeds this season, said: "It is every kids' dream to be at Wembley and we may

not get that chance to be there again so we have got to grab it with both hands. "It's been a long season but I think if you'd said at the start of the season we'll be in the play-off final, everyone would have taken it and it is a one-off game that can get us back to the Premier League.

"It's going to be an unbelievable moment and an unbelievable game. "We are going to have our friends and families there and all our fans at probably one of the best stadiums in the world, so I am buzzing for it and the other lads are too.

"It is something that we can get right behind. "I think it's about dealing with all of it because I have seen the atmosphere at previous games that have been there and it's been incredible.

"We have to take everything in because it is a big occasion and one of the biggest games in England. The attitude we have had all season is to focus on ourselves and the way we play, it's very brave and scary at times but that is what we do.

"We are all human. It is the occasion that is going to be the biggest part and we have to try and play the occasion down and stick to what we are good at."

**GOAL-GETTER:** Armstrong has been in clinical form this season



## BRENT A GOB

There're no holding our Harry back



### Typhoon Todd has blown it yet again

CHRIST, Chelsea are a total joke.

After the first sign of progress in the Todd Boehly era, they've fallen arse first onto the reset button.

The club have made many baffling cock-ups recently, but axeing Mauricio Pochettino is trying to eat soup with a fork-levels of counterproductive.

What's the point of hiring a project

manager if you aren't going to let him manage a project?

Here's an idea. To save himself the faff of endlessly hiring and sacking, why doesn't Typhoon Todd just book a different guest manager every week, Have I Got News For You style? After all, Chelsea are the new punchline of the Premier League.



## SONS OF A PITCH

**DID** you catch Man City's pitch invasion at the weekend? What sort of amateur dramatics society bulls\*\*\* was that?

Has winning the Premier League become so boring for them that they're actually choreographing their celebrations now?

I guess when the atmosphere inside your ground is that crap you have to pretend you're not a bunch of soulless bores.

In 2012 a pitch invasion made sense, but doing one this year was as absurd as me doing laps of the garden after changing the oil in my car.

So grow up City fans, you plastic plonkers.



## It's good riddance to 'Radiator Teeth'

AM I the only one delighted to see the back of Jurgen Klopp?

That miserable, snarling Schweinehund might be a brilliant football manager, but he's about as pleasant as a fart during sex.

When he arrived in England he had charm and a sense of humour. But over the last nine years he's degenerated into the physical embodiment

of a scrunched-up fist and the phrase, 'You f\*\*\*ing what mate?'

I guess that's what living in Liverpool will do to you. (That was a joke, "calm down, calm down" etc).

I hated his sarcastic viciousness, his constant whinging and the fact his teeth look like a newly-installed

radiator. So 'Auf Wiedersehen' Jurgen, you massive bellend.



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CANDIDATE: Bellamy

## Clarets ready to ring Bell

by DAVID ANDERSON

CRAIG BELLAMY is a contender to take over at Burnley because he is not following Vincent Kompany to Bayern Munich.

The Clarets were last night locked in compensation talks with Bayern over their manager and it is understood the former Manchester City star is in Bavaria.

Bellamy has remained in Britain and Kompany's No.2 could replace him at Turf Moor.

Chairman and owner Alan Pace has heavily invested in Kompany (*below*) during his two years in Lancashire and Bellamy would be the continuity candidate to carry on that work.

Pace will want a manager with a track record for improving younger players and former Nottingham Forest boss Steve Cooper could be another option ahead of their return to the Championship.

Bellamy, 44, is responsible for much of the training at Gawthorpe Hall and has deputised for

Kompany at games when he has been banned or sent to the stands.



The former Wales,

Liverpool and Newcastle striker first teamed up with Kompany at Manchester City in 2009 and was his Under-21 coach at Anderlecht from 2019 before stepping up to become his assistant.

Kompany has jumped at the chance to succeed Thomas Tuchel as Bayern boss and the German giants are trying to agree a compensation package with Burnley for the remaining four years of his Clarets contract.

Burnley want around £16m and rightly see him as one of their biggest assets this summer as they attempt to raise revenue.

Kompany has already verbally agreed terms with Bayern on a three-year deal and the Bundesliga side hope to pick him up for £8m.

# SERIOUSLY football FA CUP FINAL

# WE OWE THE FANS BIG TIME

**DIOGO DALOT** has admitted Manchester United's players owe it to their loyal fans to lift the FA Cup tomorrow after a shambolic season.

by DAVID McDONNELL

United finished eighth in the table, their worst position of the Premier League era, missing out on a European place unless they win the Cup.

Despite such a wretched season, the fans have continued to support the players, even when they were humiliated 4-0 at Crystal Palace a fortnight ago.

Dalot said United's under-performing players felt they did not deserve such unwavering support from the 3,000 travelling fans after such a loss in south London.

But the defender and his team-mates have the chance to atone by beating local rivals Manchester City tomorrow to end a dismal campaign on a high.

"Listen, I'm going to be really honest with you," said Dalot, speaking at United's training complex this week.

"After that game

against Palace, the way the fans were supporting us, it was almost like a feeling that we didn't deserve that.

"After a 4-0 defeat against Palace they were still there, pushing us, even after the awful game we had.

"This is the type of thing that shows why these fans are special. Every time there's a United game, they always think something special will happen.

"They're always expecting something special so we're going into the game on Saturday to try to give them a special afternoon.

**"You can almost get used to it, because you know they're always going to be there, so you can take it for granted. But you can't have that feeling.**

"You have to realise they make all the effort to go to games, especially away, sometimes travelling at night.

"They make that effort to support you and you cannot just take it for granted because you're playing for a big club."

Dalot, voted Players' Player of the Year by his United team-mates, described tomorrow's final as their "game of the season".

Not only would victory stop City from doing the Double, it would clinch a Europa League place for Erik ten Hag's beleaguered side.

Against that backdrop, there is much at stake for United, not least the desire for revenge after losing last year's final – which proved the second leg of City's Treble

## Dalot determined to pay debt

triumph. "We finished that game with that feeling of 'we could have won it," said Dalot, who is set to make his 50th appearance of the season at Wembley.

**"To be so close to winning it and not doing it - this season we have another opportunity. So the message from inside here is that this is our game of the season.**

"That's the way we're facing it, that's the way we want to face it as well, and the way that we should face it, I think.

"We're playing a great team, but finals are there to win and not to just play in, so we just want to win it. The fans are hungry for trophies, the club is hungry for trophies, so we have an opportunity.

"But if we think City, just because they won the league and everything last year, are going to take their foot off the gas, it's delusional.

"They're going to be at their best level. We have to expect that and we have to be at our best level if we want to win."



READY FOR KICK-OFF: Training with Casemiro this week



WINNER: Dalot with his Players' Player of the Year award and (inset) with Marcus Rashford

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**PRESSURE: Hojlund**  
**Hojlund feared a 'curse'**

■ by DAVID McDONNELL  
RASMUS HOJLUND has opened up on the pressure of playing for Manchester United and said he felt he was under a "curse" waiting for his first Premier League goal.

Hojlund was signed by United from Atalanta last summer for £72m, after the club were priced out of a move for Harry Kane, who joined Bayern Munich for £100m.

Arriving at United carrying an injury, it took Hojlund 14 games to notch his first top-flight goal, with the 21-year-old Denmark international having scored 14 in all competitions.

Leading United's attack at such a relatively young age was a burden for Hojlund, who admitted waiting so long for his first Premier League strike was tough to take.

"You feel an incredible amount of pressure when you're at Manchester United," said Hojlund as he gears up for Saturday's FA Cup final showdown with Manchester City.

"It took some time for me to get going in the Premier League, but I think I've caught up quite well. I feel like I've found my rhythm.

"It was a frustrating time leading up to my first goal in the Premier League, because I felt there was a lot of focus on it.

"But I understand that it's not impressive not to score a single goal in your first 14 Premier League matches, but I felt that bad luck was on my side in the league games. Fortunately, it got better.

"When I scored against Aston Villa, I felt like the curse had lifted a bit.

"It was a good day because I scored my first goal, and we beat a really good team.

"Personally, it's been a fine year for me, and I've tried a lot of things.

"I've played in the Premier League and the Champions League, and that's something I've always dreamed of."

# Let's bring home the family Silva

BERNARDO SILVA says Manchester City's players never tire of winning and have their sights set on creating more history at Wembley tomorrow.

Pep Guardiola's men became the first side in English football to win four top-flight league titles in a row, after claiming the Premier League crown last Sunday with a 3-1 win over West Ham.

City can become the first side to win back-to-back Doubles with victory over local rivals Manchester United, with Silva and his team-mates hungry for more silverware.

"It's motivation to try and do something that's never been done before," said Silva (inset). "We want to get that record.

"We have it in front of us and we're going to try and prepare for the game as well as possible because we want this FA Cup.

"These targets always help but it's just the feeling we have. We're a group of players and leaders that are so competitive. Even in training, if we're against each other, we're so competitive.

"The feeling of winning is so much better than the feeling of losing and we love winning.

"If we're here every day working, then why not try and do it again and again as a team? Last

■ by DAVID McDONNELL

season was probably the best of our lives, because of the Treble and how difficult it was to play every three days, knowing we had to win all of the games to achieve the Treble, which was only done once before by our rivals."

Silva admitted the fact United are City's opponents tomorrow – just as they were in last year's final – means

there is even more riding on the game for the two sets of rival fans.

"Maybe a bit, especially for the fans," said Silva (pictured below with Phil Foden). "Not as much for us, but for the

fans and the way that they live this game.

"A final of the FA Cup, against your biggest rivals in the same city? It's very emotional for them and we get that.

"We try to prepare as best as possible to try and give them what they deserve, which is another title."



## ERIK: I'M STILL CUP FOR IT

From Back Page the Wembley showdown against local rivals Manchester City potentially his last game in charge.

Sir Jim Ratcliffe and his United football leadership team are keeping their options open, with Gareth Southgate, Mauricio Pochettino and Thomas Tuchel potential successors.

But the United boss insisted the clash with City – a

repeat of last season's final, which Pep Guardiola's side won 2-1 – is his only focus.

Asked what he would say to those who believe tomorrow is his last game, Ten Hag said: "I have nothing to say. I'm just focusing on the job.

"That is firstly, win the game on Saturday and then keep going with

the project. I came here to win trophies. Saturday is the next chance and we earned this as a team. Of course, after every season you review it, and we'll see where we are."

Harry Maguire (inset) will miss the final after failing to recover from a muscle issue, but is not considered a doubt for England at Euro 2024.



■ **BADGE OF HONOUR:**  
Dalot says United fans deserve trophy to make up for a poor season



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**ERIK STILL CUP FOR IT**

■ by DAVID McDONNELL  
DEFIANT Erik ten Hag vowed to carry on with his Manchester United project and refused to be drawn on his future ahead of tomorrow's FA Cup final.  
Ten Hag (left) has been given no assurances over his job at United, with  
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**LITTLER IS NEW PREM MINISTER**

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# WEST HAM STAR IN SPOT-FIX SHOCK

# PAQUETA FACES LIFE BAN

**CARD TO BELIEVE:**  
Paqueta is booked after fouling Villa's John McGinn



**FA charge Hammer over 'intentional bookings' bet scam**



**LUCAS PAQUETA'S** career is on the line after he was charged with serious breaches of the FA's betting rules.

The West Ham midfielder denies the allegations that he deliberately got booked in four different Premier League games across 2022 and 2023. Should the Brazil star, 26, be found guilty of spot-fixing by an

■ by ALAN SMITH

independent panel, he faces a suspension that could range from six months to a lifetime ban.

*It is alleged he deliberately picked up yellow cards against Leicester, Aston Villa and Leeds last season, and on the opening day of the most recent campaign against Bournemouth.*

Suspicious betting activity was traced to Paqueta Island near Rio  
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