

EXCLUSIVE



Accused... soap's Jimmi

B&Q ban Corrie's Dev for 'stealing'

By SARAH RIDLEY

CORRIE'S Jimmi Harkishin has been banned from B&Q after he was accused of stealing paint. The star, 59, who plays Dev Alahan, was held by security in Cheetham Hill, Manchester.

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Milking it... woman hurls drink over Farage in Clacton yesterday



SHAKE

● Farage doused with milkshake

BATTLE

● Rishi slams Keir over tax hikes

& POLL

● And viewers say PM won debate



By HARRY COLE

NIGEL Farage yesterday had a banana milkshake hurled in his face by a Labour-backing OnlyFans model.

The campaign trail drama was followed by the first live TV debate, which saw Rishi Sunak and Sir Keir Starmer clash angrily over feared Labour tax rises and immigration.

Afterwards, in a snap YouGov poll, viewers handed narrow victory to the Tory leader.

Earlier, a woman was arrested for attacking Mr Farage in Clacton, Essex. He had

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WONDER DRUGS

FAT JABS 'TO BEAT CANCER'

Reduces tumour risk

By SAM BLANCHARD

FAT jabs are being touted as the cancer-buster of the future after studies showed they cut the risk of the disease.

The injections, best known by brand names Wegovy and Ozempic, are already known to tackle Type 2 diabetes, heart disease, stroke and could even ward off dementia. Now, research has shown obese people who have the jabs are 19 per cent less likely to develop cancer than those who do not.

Dr Julie Gralow, chief medical officer at the American Society of Clinical Oncology, said at the society's annual conference: "There are so many potential and already proven health benefits to these drugs, that it would be icing on the cake if we saw that they were also reducing cancers. "The data is promising and absolutely there will be more investigation."

The cancer-beating potential of the jabs – known as GLP-1



Big potential... flab buster jab

receptor agonists – was identified in US research on 20,000 obese people. Further analysis of 1.2 million people with Type 2 diabetes found their bowel cancer risk was halved if they had the injections.

Dr Cindy Lin, from Case Western Reserve University in Ohio, said: "Based on our data, GLP-1 agonist therapy may be protective against cancer." Other findings suggest the jabs prevent a relapse in breast cancer patients.

However, obesity is a major risk for cancer and doctors do not know if it is merely the weight loss that is reducing the risk or something else in the drug.

19%
less risk of getting cancer for those using the jabs

OUR HERO DAD



By ROBIN PERRIE

ROB Burrow's wife and kids lay flowers for the tragic rugby league star. Emotional Lindsey arrived at Headingley with Macy, 11, Jackson, four, and Maya, eight. Ex-Leeds Rhino Rob died at 41 of motor neurone disease.



Majority cut... Modi

India PM Modi set for close poll win

By NICK PARKER

INDIAN Prime Minister Narendra Modi was set for a historic third term yesterday but with a vastly reduced majority. It is a rare electoral setback for a leader who has held a tight grip on the nation's politics.

Mr Modi's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party has lost its majority in parliament for the first time in a decade.

It is depending on its allies to get past the half-way mark required to run the world's largest democracy.

For Mr Modi, whose approval ratings have been the highest among world leaders, the result is the first sign of the ground shifting.

Now 73, he took power ten years ago, riding his Hindu nationalist base but faces claims he is increasingly authoritarian.

Pic cop's jail let-off

A POLICE officer dodged a jail term yesterday after posting images of Hamas fighters on WhatsApp days after the October 7 attack that killed 1,139 people in Israel.

PC Mohammed Adil was sacked and given a community order for supporting a proscribed organisation after telling a court he hoped to retrain and study for a PhD. Adil, of Bradford, West Yorks, admitted posting two images at Westminster magistrates' court.

He was sentenced to an 18-month community service order and given 160 hours of unpaid work. He was also fined £199.

Real final tussle rap

ONE of Real Madrid's security staff has been charged with assaulting a Wembley steward after the Spanish side's Champions League final win.

Maria Hernandez, 52, is accused of attacking the stadium staff member after the 2-0 victory over Borussia Dortmund.

The charge came to light after Madrid complained over treatment of players' friends and family, claiming stewarding had been heavy-handed.

Two of Madrid's security detail were said to be involved in a row over who was accredited to be in the playing area after the trophy ceremony.

SUMMIT SPECIAL

Jack Adams, ten, from Gloucester, is on course to climb 100 peaks in Wales in 50 days for a fundraising challenge.



ROSE IS THE REAL DEAL

By AMIR RAZAVI

ROSE Bertram looks like she's licking forward to her boyfriend Kylian Mbappe moving to Real Madrid.

The curly-haired Belgian beauty, 29, clutched a lollipop as she posed in a blue bikini for *PrettyLittleThing*.

It comes after striker Mbappe, 25, right, confirmed his transfer from PSG. Real fans will hope he doesn't suck.



EXCLUSIVE

Bruno Gonioli



Bruno going, with Alan in the frame

BGT SET TO DROP JUDGE AND HIRE COMIC ALAN

By CLEMMIE MOODIE

BRUNO Tonioli is set to be dropped from Britain's Got Talent — with Alan Carr a potential replacement.

The ITV show is changing dates as part of a £100million shake-up, leading to a filming clash for *Dancing with the Stars* judge Bruno, 68.

Last night, a source said of the former *Strictly* panellist: "Once it became clear auditions were starting in October, as opposed to January as per the previous 17 series, it became clear Bruno may not be able to take part."

"He's committed to the US, but the new format for BGT is non-negotiable because the show will effectively be replacing Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway."

"Bruno has been a real hit with his fellow judges and viewers so it

would be incredibly sad to see him go." It could mean an opening for Alan, 48, who was reportedly in talks with Simon Cowell last year about joining before Bruno got the coveted judging role. He has also worked on BBC travel shows with BGT panellist Amanda Holden.

The source said "conversations have only just begun". But they went on: "Alan Carr is a name that has been mooted - his chemistry with Amanda is already a winning formula - and he would bring a fantastic comic edge to the panel. "A decision will have to be made in the coming weeks."

The talent show is reaching the end of its five-year contract in 2025. Recent series have run from mid-April to early June, but it will now be screened later in the year, replacing Saturday Night Takeaway. clementine.moodie@thesun.co.uk

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JOEY: ISLE SAVE YOU!

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CHEERS (& JEERS)



From **OLIVER HARVEY**
Chief Feature Writer, in Clacton-on-Sea

THEY'VE got a Cliff Richard impersonator and Roy Chubby Brown doing turns in Clacton this summer.

Yesterday another king of comebacks, Nigel Farage, was running through his repertoire on the resort's pier.

And a crowd of several hundred crammed beneath a Ferris wheel lapped up his every word.

"Hello, Clacton!" Farage bellowed to wild cheers as if he was starring in a Radio 1 roadshow.

Balanced on a picnic table in front of a fish and chip restaurant, he told the adoring throng: "Without Clacton, Brexit would never have happened!"

It was met with chants of "We love you Nigel, we do".

The old political troupier knows how to work a crowd. But in truth, he'd won them over years ago.

For this is Brexit-on-Sea, where more than 70 per cent voted to quit the EU in 2016's referendum.

Almost 80 miles north-east of London on the Essex coast, the seaside resort of 53,000 twice voted for a UKIP MP.

Little wonder Farage, 60, cherry-picked the constituency to break his Westminster duck. It's his eighth attempt at being elected to Parliament.

Some in the crowd wore Donald Trump baseball caps and T-shirts, others had brought along their pet bulldogs. One onlooker held up a sign reading: "Nigel Farage for Prime Minister".

Farage ran through his greatest hits, promising to be tough on immigration and telling local voters: "You won't get any woke PC nonsense from me."

And he received a rapturous cheer when telling his audience that the Tories had "betrayed" the trust of voters. Farage explained: "They opened up the borders to mass immigration like we have never seen before and they deserve to pay a price for that."

It was again met with a roar of approval.

There was some dissent. A couple received cat calls when they held up a giant banner reading: "Farage Not Welcome Here."

And later when he was leaving a nearby Wetherspoons in conquering hero mode, a young blonde woman flung a McDonald's banana milkshake in the Reform leader's face.

When I caught up with her she gave her name only as Victoria and said she did it because Farage is "an a*****".

Yet earlier the former Ukip boss had been given a rock star's welcome on Clacton Pier. After watching Farage drop his electoral scatter bombs, retired publican Judith Forster,

The crowd here today pay their taxes and don't want to be screwed over

- ARMY VETERAN
TRISTAN BARBER



Picture: SIMON JONES

62, commented: "Nigel had the crowd eating out of his hand. He really sticks it to the establishment."

Friend Nicolette Barda, 65, added: "Immigration has to be curbed. I think Nigel will do better on that than Labour or the Conservatives."

Clacton and its surrounds has long been a retirement destination for London's East Enders.

It's an area that has its share of hardships. The constituency includes Jaywick, the poorest neighbourhood in England.

Research for a local health programme showed half of all people over 16 in the town were economi-

cally inactive and one in five have never had a job.

Enjoying a cup of tea outside the Moon and Starfish Wetherspoons, Clacton born-and-bred David Bye, 77, revealed: "I've seen Clacton go from a booming holiday resort into what it is today. We're a dumping ground for London."

David, who served 17 years in the Navy, wants Farage to push for veterans rights and for more help pensioners.

The veteran added: "Nigel's got charisma, he's a popular guy. The Tories here have shot their bolt. We wanted out of Europe but the

trouble is the Government gave us a wishy-washy deal."

Supping a Guinness, Army veteran Tristan Barber, 44, said: "The crowd here today was made up of ordinary, hard-working people."

"They pay their tax and just don't want to be screwed over."

Chris Mankelov, 40, believes Farage can turn the area around.

The ex-support worker insisted: "I think Nigel is the most charismatic politician in the country."

"I first really noticed him in the jungle on I'm a Celebrity."

"He was such a salt-of-the-earth, charming character that I backed



Cheers... Nigel enjoys visit before soaking with milkshake by Labour fan Thomas-Bowen

AT END OF THE PIER SHOW



Frying start... Farage addresses crowd in Clacton-on-Sea yesterday



High hopes... would-be MP is star turn in speech in front of Clacton pier

**NEVER MIND
THE BALLOTS
...HERE'S THE
GOSS**

QUOTE OF THE DAY

‘It’s raining, everyone’s tired, and yesterday was a pretty s* *t day’

— CABINET MINISTER
JOHNNY MERCER GOES
VIOLENTLY OFF MESSAGE

WINNER OF THE DAY

A BONE-DRY Richard Tice, who 24 hours earlier could have been the one rinsing milkshake from his hair... if anyone knew who he was.



LOSER OF THE DAY

ACTIVISTS aboard the Reform open-top battle bus, who seemed to spend most of their day trying not to be knocked out by low-hanging branches.



ELECTION WHISPERS

TORY aides could not volunteer quickly enough to go to Salford for last night’s debate. They said they would have done anything to escape the funeral atmosphere that has blackened Conservative HQ.

POLITICOS heading north out of Westminster might have smelt something fishy on the Avanti West Coast mainline. They can thank the Labour shadow cabinet minister who decorated the carriage floor with sushi. Soy Jenkins, anyone?

TORY spinners have long revelled in Labour largesse, mocking John “Two Jags Prescott” and Ed “Two Kitchens” Miliband. But they might have to eat their words after installing their battle bus with two ovens.

EDUCATION Secretary Gillian Keegan headed to colleague Flick Drummond’s seat yesterday to lend some Cabinet heft to her campaign. But she was left red-faced after Flick was a no-show — a brave choice given Keegan’s been on the warpath over truancy.

I’ll be a bloody nuisance

NIGEL’S VOW IF HE’S MP

SHAKE, BATTLE AND POLL

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told hundreds of Reform UK supporters on the seafloor he would spend the next month being “a bloody nuisance” to the main parties.
He even held up Monday’s Sun, reporting he was standing, as he had a pint in Wetherspoon pub the Moon and Star-

fish. But when he left, the 25-year-old pushed her way through the crowds to hurl her McDonald’s drink. As she fled, she told The Sun that Mr Farage was “an a*****e”.
Cops later arrested Victoria Thomas-Bowen on suspicion of assault. A picture on her Facebook page from the Jeremy Corbyn era is captioned: “Vote Labour for the many

not the few.” In 2019, Mr Farage was covered head-to-toe in milkshake in Newcastle.
He laughed off the latest incident, posing with a McDonald’s milkshake and, echoing the 2003 Kelis hit Milkshake, joking: “My milkshake brings all the people to the rally.”
● Additional reporting by THOMAS GODFREY and JULIA ATHERLEY
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him to win it.” Eating chips on the seafloor, undecided voter Marilyn Dixon, 70, said: “A lot of what Farage says does make sense. I definitely won’t vote Tory.”
A bookie was giving odds of 11/4 on Farage to win the Tory-held seat.
He had finished his end-of-the-pier show by telling the crowd: “Send me to Parliament to be a bloody nuisance.”
After this raucous reception, there’s little doubt he would be that.



My milkshake brings all the people to the rally

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STARMER & SUNAK

KEIR'S TAX

By HARRY COLE, MARTINA BET
and JACK ELSOM

RISHI Sunak and Sir Keir Starmer clashed angrily over tax last night in the first election TV showdown — with the PM repeatedly warning of a £2,000 hit to families under Labour.

In their first bruising head-to-head, Prime Minister Mr Sunak said the man hoping to replace him is coming for "your work, your car, your pension — you name it, Labour will tax it. It's in their DNA".

Sir Keir refused ten times to deny taxes would be increased under Labour, as the pair also clashed on the NHS, borders and their own trustworthiness.

He slammed Tory "chaos" and said they had put up taxes to the highest level in 70 years, calling the PM an "expert" at it.

They also traded blows on immigration and the European Court of Human Rights. The PM said he would put Britain's borders before a foreign court every time.

Sir Keir, an ex-human rights lawyer, said he would never pull out of our international agreements.

Taxes dominated the debate. A fired-up Mr Sunak said: "Beyond raising your taxes and raiding your pensions, no one knows what Labour would actually do."

"But you know what I would do? I'll cut your taxes, protect your pension and reduce immigration."

In their tense first battle, the pair also bloodied each other on the NHS and the ghost of Liz Truss haunting the Tories.

Early in the clash, Mr Sunak warned the public: "The choice for you at this election — stick to our plan and illegal migrants will be on those planes. With Labour, they will be out on our streets."

In the first of two TV battles, first blood went to the PM, who left the Labour boss gawping when he put him on the spot over resolving the long-running junior doctors' pay dispute.

The audience sided with Mr Sunak, who told the Labour leader he will not meet their demands of a 35 per cent rise as he does not want to increase taxes to pay for it.

Both leaders confirmed they did not intend to raise income tax, national insurance or VAT.

But Mr Sunak directly accused Sir Keir of planning a "retirement tax" because he was not matching the Tory "triple lock-plus" commitment to increase the personal allowance for pensioners.

The PM said: "If Labour are elected, pensioners will pay tax. I do not think that is right."

He told Sir Keir: "You should explain to everyone why you think pensioners will be paying a retirement tax under your government."

"Why do you want to put up their taxes?" Sir Keir shot back by comparing Mr Sunak's spending commitments to the unfunded tax cuts announced by his predecessor Ms Truss.

Sir Keir did admit Labour will "raise some specific taxes".

He mentioned slapping VAT on private schools and scrapping a tax-break loophole for non-doms.

Their exchanges were equally

● **He fails to deny £2k Labour grab, then admits hikes**



Before the showdown... the leaders line up with host Julie Etchingham

BIG MOMENT

SIR Keir insisted he would not turn to private healthcare even if a loved one was on a long NHS waiting list.

After a question from cancer survivor Janet, of Telford, who told how she lost a relative waiting for surgery, Rishi said he would go private in that scenario.

But Sir Keir said: "No. I don't use private health. I use the NHS. 'That's where my wife works, in one of the big hospitals; as I said, it runs through my DNA.'"

SILLIEST MOMENT

A TONGUE-in-cheek football query from "Gareth, on his way to Germany" saw both men asked: "What is the best leadership approach, play it safe or take some risks to win?"

Rishi said: "You need to have a clear plan and take bold action." Sir Keir echoed: "Game plan, bold action, good squad. I think England are going to do very well. Gareth's built a squad just like I've got a brilliant Shadow Cabinet."

BEST ZINGER

SIR Keir drew rare laughter from the audience when he mocked the Prime Minister over NHS waiting lists being on their way down.

The Labour chief said: "They were 7.2 million, they're now 7.5 million. 'He says they're coming down — and this is the guy who says he's good at maths.'"

Mr Sunak blamed strikes by healthcare workers, which led to groans from the audience.

tetchy on immigration. Mr Sunak trumpeted his Rwanda plan and insisted planes will take off within weeks of his re-election to provide an effective deterrent.

Sir Keir responded by saying the high number of migrants coming over are the Tories' fault.

He said: "The Prime Minister says it's too high. Well, who's in charge?"

"He's the most liberal Prime Minister we've ever had on immigration. Eighteen months ago he said that he would stop the boats."

"This year alone, 10,000 people have crossed on boats. That's a record number. So again he's made

a promise and he's completely failed to keep it."

Mr Sunak asked Sir Keir: "What would you do with people who come illegally?"

The Labour leader said: "We need to smash these vile gangs. I do not believe it is impossible to smash these gangs. What I will not do is engage in an expensive gimmick, the Rwanda scheme. If he believed it was going to work, why has he called an early election?"

He added: "There's a pattern of behaviour here. He said waiting lists would fall, they've gone up, he said he'd stop the boats, record

numbers are coming. The promises he makes are not worth the paper they are written on."

"We do have to deal with this problem, we have to smash the gangs that are doing it."

"I've taken down terrorist gangs in my past, I've seen how it can be done. We'll have a Border Force Command if I'm Prime Minister."

But Sir Keir did say he would consider processing migrants in a third country "if that was possible to do it in compliance with international law".

Elsewhere, Mr Sunak defended his "bold decisions" on green policy

while still meeting net zero targets as he sought to draw another dividing line with Labour. He said: "The contrast is clear at this election because Keir Starmer will reverse all the changes I've made. That is going to cost you all thousands of pounds."

Sir Keir responded: "This £2,000 he keeps saying it's going to cost is absolute garbage."

Describing renewable energy as a huge opportunity, he said: "That means cheaper bills, renewables are cheaper not just in the short-term but in the long-term."

"It also gives us the next genera-

CLASH IN FIERY TV DEBATE

STUMBLE

● **Rishi: I would put
illegals on jets, he'd
put them on streets**



Call . . . charity

Leaders told 'sign Veterans Pledge'

By HARRY COLE

THE Sun today urges both Sir Keir Starmer and Rishi Sunak to sign Help For Heroes' Veterans Pledge.

Ahead of this week's D-Day celebrations, we are backing the charity's call for whoever wins the July 4 election to keep a dedicated Veterans Minister in the Cabinet.

By signing the pledge they would agree to keep the Office for Veterans' Affairs separate from the Ministry of Defence.

And they would sign up to an independent review into the failings of the medical discharge process.

The leaders are also asked to promise veterans "the benefits and compensation they deserve".

Help for Heroes boss James Needham said: "The next Government must do more to support the men and women who have served our country."

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Troubles 'betrayal'

SIR Keir Starmer was accused of betraying veterans by vowing to repeal the law protecting them from Troubles-related witch-hunts.

He claims the Legacy Act, which stops decades-old prosecutions, has no support from Northern Ireland parties.

But Tory MP James Heappey, a former Army officer, called the policy an "absolute disgrace".

Veterans Minister Johnny Mercer warned Labour would restart prosecutions of elderly soldiers if it got in.

Lab grey vote bid

LABOUR has ruled out raising the state retirement age.

Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions Liz Kendall made the pledge on the campaign trail with party leader Keir Starmer.

She also refused to match the PM's promise of a tax break for older people, instead offering a housing and NHS shake-up to help them.

On a visit with Sir Keir to Bolton, she said: "I want people to have more years of good life."



Cut and thrust . . . Sir Keir and Rishi take questions at their podiums

BEST AUDIENCE MOMENT

AUDIENCE member Paula, from Huddersfield, said she batch-cooked at weekends — so she did not have to put her oven on at peak times.

She put both leaders on the spot, explaining that she found it hard to make ends meet and was worried for her future. "I don't think you understand what this is like for me," she told them.

DOSE OF COMMON SENSE

ITV host Julie Etchingham took no nonsense from the leaders, rebuking both Rishi and Sir Keir for talking over each other as the debate became heated.

She told them: "We want to make sure that everybody can hear what you're saying." As it got tetchy later, Etchingham chimed in again: "Please, gentlemen, we will lower our voices."

NASTIEST CLASH

THE gloves came off as Rishi and Sir Keir got personal.

The Labour leader accused the PM of "betting against the country" as a banker during the financial crisis.

But Rishi hit back at the former human rights lawyer, saying: "I'd rather have had my job than work for extremists like Abu Qatada and Hizb ut-tahrir."

tion of jobs. Other countries have realised renewables is the future — they're in the race.

"I want us to win the race. The question I ask is why not Britain?" Mr Sunak said he was "not going to impose thousands of pounds of costs on you to arbitrarily change your car, convert your boiler".

Sir Keir said the Prime Minister was "making it up as he goes along" and insisted clean power by 2030 was a promise he would keep despite his U-turn over £28billion on green spending.

Following the debate, senior aides and ministers tore chunks off each

other in a room at the Coronation Street experience in Manchester.

Cabinet ministers Michael Gove and Victoria Atkins led the charge for the Conservative Party.

Mr Gove said: "Keir Starmer was flat on the canvas at the end of that. Can you tell me a single thing that Keir Starmer said that allows you to be better informed as to what he would do as prime minister? No."

Meanwhile, Labour's Jonathan Ashworth berated Mr Sunak, saying: "He's so weak he couldn't knock the skin off a rice pudding."

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49%
STARMER



51%
SUNAK



SNAP POLL DECLARES PM RISHI IS WINNER

RISHI Sunak edged last night's debate by 51 per cent to 49 per cent against Sir Keir Starmer, according to a snap YouGov poll of viewers immediately after the show.

The next debate, on the BBC this Friday, will feature seven main parties, but neither Rishi Sunak or Sir Keir will be there, instead sending Penny Mordaunt and Angela Rayner on their behalf.

Nazanin TV story

A BBC drama will examine the jailing of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe in Iran.

The British-Iranian, 46, was detained "for spying" in 2016 on a family visit and only returned to the UK in March 2022.

The four-parter will also look at the struggle of her husband Richard.

It will be based on the upcoming book *A Yard Of Sky: A Story Of Love, Resistance And Hope*, written by the couple.

ROLL WITH IT

Snack fans will mark today's National Sausage Roll day by scoffing three million of them, four times more than normal.

HOSPITALS IN CYBER ATTACK CANCEL OPS



Targeted ... Guy's Hospital

A CYBER attack has led to operations at several major hospitals being cancelled.

Some patients were reportedly being told they may be waiting weeks for procedures to be rescheduled.

King's College Hospital and Guys and St Thomas' Trust –

By JANE MATTHEWS

including the Royal Brompton, Harefield and Evelina Children's Hospital – all in London, have been affected.

Their IT contractor Synnovis, which serves NHS pathology labs, confirmed it had been hit by a ransomware attack.

It said blood transfusions were particularly badly affected. CEO Mark Dollar said: "It is

still early days and we are trying to understand exactly what has happened."

The attack, where hackers seize control of an IT system and demand payment to release it, was discovered on Monday.

Synnovis and the hospitals said they had set up a taskforce to try to deal with the crisis.

But operations were cancelled or diverted to other hospitals as supplies of blood were

disrupted. Blood-testing may also be held up – posing a risk to emergency diagnosis and care.

Oliver Dowson, 70, had his op at the Royal Brompton cancelled on Monday. He said: "The staff on the ward didn't seem to know what had happened, just that many patients were being told to go home."

Experts say it will take weeks rather than days to get the system working properly again.

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THAT'S MORE LIKE IT



New rules ... Marles

Troops' £15k Oz pay hike

EXCLUSIVE
by JEROME STARKEY

BRITs could earn £10,000 to £15,000 pay hikes – and a suntan – under new rules that let them join Australia's army.

Those who have already been in Oz for a year will be allowed to serve from next year.

A digger, as Aussie soldiers are known, earns almost £30,000 in basic training compared with just £18,700 in the UK.

And a newly qualified private would earn £38,400 there compared with £23,500 in Britain.

Australia relaxed strict rules on who can join its forces amid fears of

looming war with China. Aussie Defence Minister Richard Marles said

strength was key to "resist coercion" and stop adversaries blocking trade routes. But it has stoked fears it will worsen UK recruitment.

Surge in syphilis

THE number of straight people with syphilis is on the rise amid soaring cases of the sexually transmitted infection.

Numbers in England are at the highest level since 1948, says the UK Health Security Agency.

In all, 9,513 cases were diagnosed last year.

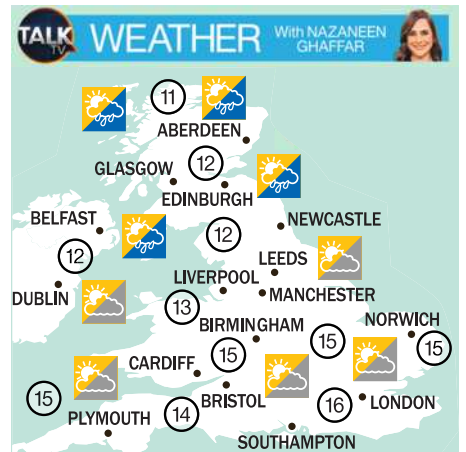
While most were in gay men, UKHSA said there was a 22 per cent rise in syphilis in heterosexual men and women.

The statistics also show there were 85,223 cases of gonorrhoea last year – the highest since 1918.

Chlamydia accounts for nearly half of the 401,800 STIs recorded last year.

MINI MONUMENT

Artist David A. Lindon, 54, of Bournemouth, has made the world's smallest Stonehenge model – less than a millimetre tall.



TODAY: Bright with sunny spells but there will be scattered showers across Scotland, Northern Ireland and northern England, some heavy.
TONIGHT: A largely dry evening with lengthy clear intervals. However, there is a threat of some showers developing across western areas.
OUTLOOK: A bright but breezy day tomorrow with sunny spells and a threat of showers, mostly across northern areas, and may be heavy and thundery. Showers on Friday.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS



ACTOR MARK WAHLBERG, 53, left, comedian ROSS NOBLE, 48, right, rapper DAVE, 26, jazz saxophonist KENNY G, 68, and Arsenal defender KIERAN TIERNEY, 27.

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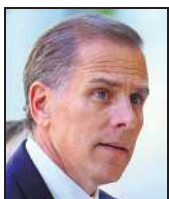
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On trial... Hunter

Biden's son got gun with 'crack lie'

By ALEX DIAZ

JOE Biden's son was "smoking crack every 15 minutes" when he lied on a form to buy a gun, a court heard yesterday.

Hunter Biden was said to be living a life of "non-stop debauchery" when he bought the pistol illegally in 2018.

Prosecutors said that "no one is above the law", including Mr Biden, 54, the sole surviving son of the US President.

Mr Biden is facing up to 25 years in jail if convicted of making false statements and illegal gun possession.

The trial in Wilmington, Delaware, is expected to hear embarrassing testimony from his ex-wife about Mr Biden cheating on her with the widow of his late brother Beau.

The jury will see naked pictures of Mr Biden while he was doing drugs, though the judge said they would only be from the waist upwards.

The trial continues.



Legal costs... star

Heskey foots bill for £1.6m tax fight

By LUKE CHAFER

EX-football ace Emile Heskey has been ordered to pay almost £200,000 costs from his legal battle with the taxman.

The former England striker, 46, landed the bill in a dispute with HMRC over unpaid tax of £1.6million.

He was being taken to court over 15 penalty notices issued in 2005.

Heskey was due to face a High Court trial in 2019 but it did not take place when he admitted liability to the debt.

Specialist cost judge Mark Whelan yesterday ruled he should pay £194,794.42 in legal fees.

He said the sum was "reasonable and proportionate" for the case.

Interest is not included in the calculation, meaning that the star may end up paying even more.

Heskey did not attend the hearing and was not represented.

BBC star legal threat — Page 23

EXCLUSIVE: DIY STORE BAN



Trouble in store... Jimmi. Right, where paint was allegedly stolen

I didn't do it, can I B&Q it?

HE DENIES PILFERING PAINT POT

COBBLES ROW 1

By SARAH RIDLEY and JONATHAN KANENGONI

CORRIE star Jimmi Harkishin was taken to a back room at B&Q after security suspected him of pinching a pot of paint.

The actor, 59, who earns a six-figure salary playing shopkeeper Dev Alahan, has now been banned from the DIY store despite denying theft.

Jimmi was confronted last Wednesday in B&Q's warehouse at Cheetham Hill in Manchester.

A source said: "He was taken to the back room and held there for ten-15 minutes.

"The cameras were watching him the whole time and the staff weren't bothered about who he was. He was treated just like everyone else."

Police were not called but staff say bosses handed the actor a letter banning him from the store.

Jimmi, who has played Dev since 1999, denied wrongdoing. He claimed: "This was a misunderstanding over a sample pot of paint bought from elsewhere."

It is understood he is considering an appeal.

In 2004, he was arrested and cautioned for allegedly swapping price tags on clothes at a fashion store in North West London.

Weeks later, the dad of three was pictured taking cocaine, triggering a break from the soap to undergo drugs counselling.

Ex-England footballer Glen Johnson, then 22, got an £80 on-the-spot fine in 2007 after he and a friend tried to pinch a toilet seat and taps from B&Q in Dartford, Kent.

B&Q declined to comment on the Jimmi allegations.

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'JIM' RAP ON £50K DEBT

COBBLES ROW 2

FORMER Corrie star Charlie Lawson faces a ban from running any more companies after failing to pay debts.

Lawson, left, who was Jim MacDonald in the soap, has missed deadlines to repay £37,000 from the 2018 failure of his Cheshire-based deli.

But debts at Prestbury's Farm Shop

have passed £50,000 with liquidators' fees of £14,500 included.

The 64-year-old, last seen in the soap in 2018, has been threatened with legal action. Liquidators claim Lawson and

his wife Debbie "may be unfit to be involved with managing the affairs of a company in the future".

But they also admitted there is little likelihood of any funds being available to pay creditors.

Lawson's agent said "the matter is in hand and ongoing".

THE Sun

SAYS

A nation's debt

THE staggering courage of our D-Day heroes as they began the Nazis' final defeat 80 years ago tomorrow is a vivid reminder of the debt we owe our veterans.

Thousands of young lads poured on to the Normandy beaches under a hail of shellfire and bullets. Many were killed.

You can read about them on Pages 26 and 27. As one survivor says, it is vital Brits never forget the "price of freedom" from tyrants like Hitler. But nor must we neglect veterans of all our conflicts – including the Falklands, Northern Ireland, Iraq and Afghanistan.

That's why today we urge both the Tories and Labour – whichever should hold power after July 4 – to commit to the Help For Heroes Veterans' Pledge.

To keep a Cabinet-level minister protecting Veterans Affairs. To launch a review into the chaos over medical discharges. To ensure all veterans get every penny of the support they deserve.

Labour has talked a good game on security, even promising a new Armed Forces Commissioner to look after Forces families. But there is a worrying new chink in the Starmer armour:

An extraordinary vow to relaunch probes into Our Boys' actions during the Troubles 50 years ago, even after the Tories shut them down in law.

Starmer complains it means IRA terrorists now have an amnesty too. Except in reality our veterans were virtually alone in being prosecuted.

So he would once again have 70-year-old ex-squaddies living out their twilight years in fear of snap judgments they made as teenage rookies in the white heat of 1970s Northern Ireland.

Honour our veterans, Keir, by not reopening old wounds.

Left it late

THE time to seek reform of the ECHR, or vow to leave it, is during your decade or more in power.

Not while preparing for a fifth election the polls predict you are likely to lose.

The case for quitting this meddling Strasbourg court has been overwhelming for years. It is as crystal clear now as the politicisation and over-reach of its judges, especially on immigration.

But even if Rishi Sunak stayed in No10, could he ever get such a radical move past an already divided Tory Party?

It's hard to see it.

Last straw

GORMLESS yobs who chuck milkshakes over politicians must face a hefty fine and a night in the cells.

We are sick of self-righteous morons making a "statement" by assaulting MPs or candidates they dislike. It doesn't matter if it's Farage, Sunak or Starmer. It's an obnoxious attack both on the politician and democracy in an era which has seen two MPs murdered.

Cops made arrests yesterday. Good.

Time to end this brainless fad.

8 EASY WAYS TO BOOST HEALTH EVERY DAY... NO GYM REQUIRED

GET YOUR NAILS DONE

NAIL bars are popping up all over the high street – and scientists believe getting a manicure is good for you.

A Japanese study showed that the light-hearted chit-chat you have at the salon – known as "superficial self-disclosure" – is associated with increased positive emotions.

Study author Prof Atsushi Kawakubo said: "Our research suggests that engaging in salon nail care, with light self-disclosure, can provide a boost to one's psychological state."



EAT AN APPLE EVERY DAY

THE old wives' tale of "an apple a day keeps the doctor away" could be true – as the fruit may protect the brain from harmful substances.

A US study of 2,800 50-year-olds found those who ate fewer flavonoid-rich foods, such as apples, were up to four times more likely to develop dementia over a 20-year period. Food scientist Dr Vincent Candrawinata said: "It's amazing to think that a simple fruit like an apple can play such an important role."



USE YOUR NON-DOM HAND

DOING everyday activities, like brushing your teeth or stirring a pan, with your non-writing hand can help make a healthier and more adaptable brain.

A 2016 study by Washington University School Of Medicine found 89 per cent of subjects experienced increased speed, accuracy and smoothness in their non-dominant hand after ten days of writing exercises.

Researchers believe this was a result of new neural pathways being created.



TRY RETRO WALKING

RETRO walking – or walking backwards – dates back to the 19th century as a hobby, with some people doing thousands of miles in reverse.

And modern-day research reveals the practice can have real benefits for your health and brain.

Janet Dufek, an expert in biomechanics at the University of Nevada, found walking backwards for ten to 15 minutes a day over a month can increase flexibility in the hamstrings.

It can also strengthen the muscles in the back responsible for spine stability and flexibility.

Get your steps in...by walking backwards



THERE are a lot of mixed messages on how to stay healthy.

But you don't always need expensive technology or trendy diets.

EMMA PIETRAS reveals the scientific findings that are easy to fit in for a healthier, happier life.

THE WAY FORWARD ... going backwards

STROLL FOR 64 MINS A DAY

WE'VE all heard about walking 10,000 steps a day, which takes one hour 40 minutes for the average person.

But a March study by Prof Emmanuel Stamatakis, of Sydney University, found walking 64 minutes a day – 6,000 to 8,000 steps – can enhance overall health. He says: "You do not have to go for an hour-long hike each day. The walking accumulated by participants was the kind you clock up in everyday activity."



STAND UP FOR 2.6 HOURS

IT is no secret that sitting less and moving more is better for health – and now an expert has revealed how long we should be on our feet for each day.

Dr Christian Brakenridge, at Swinburne University of Technology, said the optimum time is five hours and ten minutes, but even standing 2.6 hours a day is associated with better outcomes.

He added: "The important thing is to replace excess sitting with any other activity, including standing."



HUFF AND PUFF FOR 4.4 MINS

YOU have probably heard of HIIT (high-intensity interval training) but what about VILPA (vigorous intermittent lifestyle physical activity)?

It involves short bursts of huffing and puffing – around 60 seconds for 4.4 minutes a day. Prof Stamatakis explains: "It is not a structured form of exercise, but daily activity. It should be something you find easy to slot into your day."

Try running for the bus or playing high-energy games with your children.



TAKE THE STAIRS INSTEAD OF LIFT

IT is widely known that taking the stairs instead of the lift is better for our health.

For those who don't exercise, just marching up and down can help improve blood sugar and cholesterol levels as well as reduce blood pressure.

Professor Stamatakis says: "For someone who doesn't consider themselves an exerciser, stair walking is tremendously effective."

"Going up and down a few flights with effort during the day for a total of five minutes is a good target."





Band plans... Cowell

Cowell's audition dates for 'next 1D'

By ROD McPHEE

SIMON Cowell is looking for Britain's next megastar boyband — and the search will feature in a new TV documentary. The music mogul, 64, has revealed audition dates in UK and Ireland arenas, hoping to find the next One Direction. It comes after The Sun exclusively told of Simon's plans in March. He helped the band achieve fame worldwide after they competed on The X Factor in 2010. Simon said yesterday: "Every generation deserves a megastar boyband. When you have a great group, it's like lightning in a bottle." The entrepreneur has joined forces for the show with production company Box To Box Films, who made Netflix's Formula 1: Drive To Survive. It is not known who will air the programme. Auditions are set to begin on July 4.



Gorilla scare... Harry

TV's Hill: I made Ramsay kids cry

By ED SOUTHGATE

COMEDIAN Harry Hill has told how he made Gordon Ramsay's kids cry — by dressing up as a gorilla on Halloween. Harry, 59, told how the chef's children, who were trick-or-treating, "burst into tears" when he answered the door in the costume. He told fellow comedian Kathy Burke's podcast: "I'd wear a gorilla suit when the kids were small. I made his kids cry. I didn't know they were his kids, hands up." And the You've Been Framed presenter joked the kids were likely more upset with their dad than they were with him. Harry, who lives in Whitstable, Kent, said: "I mean, if you're Gordon Ramsay's kids, you're never far from tears." "It was probably unrelated to me answering the door dressed as a gorilla. Yeah, maybe he just shouted at them."

IT MOSS BE EL

By AMIR RAZAVI

ACTRESS Ellie Bamber shows she is just the curl to play Kate Moss.

The 27-year-old wore her hair in ringlets, donned a blue sequinned dress and clutched a ciggie to recreate the supermodel's look at her 30th birthday party in Mayfair in 2004.

She was accompanied by Mossy's real-life hairdresser and pal James Brown at the set in London.

Ellie stars in *Moss & Freud*, a movie telling of the friendship struck between Kate and artist Lucian Freud after he painted a nude portrait of her in 2002.

It sold in 2005 for nearly £4million.

ELLIE BAMBER 2024



KATE MOSS 2004

EXCLUSIVE

Strictly star's explicit photos leaked

SHOW'S NEW CRISIS

By CARL GREENWOOD

STRICTLY has been rocked by another crisis with one of its stars having explicit pictures leaked online.

Images have been spread on the internet, leaving the target, who is known to millions of fans of the BBC dance show, devastated.

A source said: "It's a huge betrayal of trust and it has left them shaken. They will be taking action to get them taken down but it's a real blow." "This isn't even the first person from Strictly it's happened to — it's like there's another curse connected to the show."

A string of stars connected with Strictly have had pictures and videos leaked online.

Saffron Barker, Ricky Whittle, David James and Catherine Tyldesley have been victims in the past.

It is yet another blow for the show, which is facing its biggest crisis to date over a legal battle with former pro Giovanni Pernice over alleged bullying. The 33-year-old Sicilian has faced a string of



allegations from former celebrity partners including Amanda Abbington and Laura Whitmore.

Earlier this week Amanda described Gio as "nasty" and said he was "awful to a few of us".

The Sherlock actress says her stint on the show left her with PTSD.

Gio has denied the allegations and hired a top law firm to represent him. carl.greenwood@thesun.co.uk

KING ON THE MONEY

BANKNOTES featuring King Charles' portrait are to be issued from today. He will appear on notes of all value, with no other alterations to existing designs. New notes are expected to appear

gradually, only being issued to replace worn ones. The change is a historic first, as no monarch before his mother, Queen Elizabeth, were on Bank of England notes. **D-Day Veterans Meet King — Page 15**

Picture: SPLASH NEWS



Shamed... Bear

Bear has repaid £22k sex tape cash

By MIKE SULLIVAN

CELEBRITY Big Brother winner Stephen Bear has repaid £22,305 he illegally earned from a sex tape of himself with Love Island star Georgia Harrison.

Bear, 34, faced nine months in prison if he did not cough up within three months of a court order issued in March.

A judge made the order at a Proceeds of Crime hearing after Bear was released from jail in January. He had served half of his 21-month sentence for cashing in on the "revenge porn" film.

The judge also ordered Bear pay Georgia £5,000 in compensation.

She told the Proceeds of Crime hearing that Bear had "sold his house from prison for well under market value".

Deputy Chief Crown Prosecutor Debbie Price said: "We will go after criminals' bank accounts and assets to prevent them enjoying money from their crimes."



Risk... thermostat

Chinese spy peril for smart homes

By LUKE CHAFER

HOMES that have smart gadgets are in danger of being hacked by Chinese snoops, experts warn.

An ever-growing network of interconnected devices – including thermostats, lighting and doorbells – pose "major cyber security risks" from criminals and data harvesters.

Much of the tech is linked to the web by modules and research shows that China supplies more than 60 per cent of them.

A report by tech website geonode.com concluded: "Along with the convenience also comes vulnerability."

Its cyber expert Josh Gordon added: "The most potent weapon in the fight against cyber security issues is awareness."

"Regular software updates, strong password practices and secure network usage are simple yet effective ways to protect yourself."

FROM TOWIE TO JUNGLE TO CASA



By
FELICITY CROSS
Deputy TV Editor

WITH a glistening tan covering his rippled abs and a white linen shirt billowing in the Majorcan breeze, Joey Essex strode into Love Island looking every inch the TV pin-up.

"What you saying, boys! Girls – looking tidy. Nice," the Towie original greeted the Islanders, sending them into meltdown.

Although Love Island viewers may have been taken aback to see a celebrity on the show, they shouldn't have been surprised it was Joey.

After all, at just 33 he has appeared on 12 of telly's biggest reality shows and built an £8million fortune while doing it.

And his Midas touch when it comes to illuminating these light entertainment shows is something ITV bosses will be more than aware of – in fact, they are depending on it.

Since the heady days of 2019, when that year's Love Island launched to 3.3million viewers, the show has seen its audience slump to as low as 1.5million for last summer's opener.

But last night Joey already seemed to have worked his magic on the dating show, with early figures suggesting 2.2million watched live across ITV1, ITV2 and ITVX, with many more expected to catch up now word of his arrival is out.

Saving the show may seem a heavy task to place on his oh-so-broad shoulders, but I've seen first-hand how the king of reality TV is more than capable of wearing the crown.

I first met Joey in Marbella – or Marbs, as it was called on The Only Way Is Essex – while covering a series launch of the ITV2 show.

Tender embraces

Among the more guarded cast members such as Jessica Wright, Bobby Norris and Dan Osbourne, Joey was a breath of fresh air.

The others sat scrolling earlier paparazzi photos of themselves sunbathing and subsequently ordered only sushi and vodka – apparently a potent mix to make their abs pop.

But Joey was chatting to Press, tucking into French fries and even a plate of sweet pastry baklava.

He seemed to have just one refreshingly normal way of working. Over the years, every time I met Joey he was unchanged – even when the questions I asked grew trickier.

During Dancing On Ice last year he was accused of creating a "showmance" – a fling just for the cameras – with his skate partner Vanessa Bauer, with viewers convinced their picture speeches and tender embraces were fake.

But even as I doggedly grilled him, Joey remained good-natured, professional and totally himself.

Too often I encounter "reality" TV cast members who are as fake as their tans, but it's Joey's authenticity which makes him gold standard.

Last night his older sister Frankie told The Sun: "He's definitely good with the camera, for sure, but he enjoys life, and that's the secret."

"He's done it for so long now, but he's still the same person. He's just Joey, and he will be himself on there [Love Island]. It's like he's got the whole country rooting for him."

"All the boys love his fashion and think he is jokes, all the mums love him and all the girls fancy him."

Since finding fame on Towie in 2011, Joey has appeared in I'm A Celebrity, Splash!, The Jump and Ex On The Beach, among others.

Throughout, he has remained loyal to the same agents at Neon Management, who first helped him sign up for Towie.

It has made him a rich man through brand deals, property investment and film fees.

So is Love Island just another pay

2011



TELLY JEANIUS... Joey leaves the Towie series three wrap party at a London club

2013



THESE POOLISH THINGS... in diving show Splash!

FLINGS CHANGE

... in 2020 with Lorena Medina, who he replaced with Brenda Santos, below, the same year



Picture: LVT MEDIA



'It would be lovely for him to come out hand in hand with the girl of his dreams and I really, really hope he does'

— SISTER FRANKIE

cheque or is he looking for love?

Mum of two Frankie said: "Joey is proper single at the moment but he's seen me with my babies."

"The babies just love him, they sit on his lap and he looks at them and goes, 'They're unreal'."

"It would be lovely for him to come out hand in hand with the girl of his dreams and I really hope he does."

"He definitely wants to be a dad, but these things happen on Love Island. People do get married and have babies and amazing futures together. Maybe this is Joey's time."

He certainly hopes so. Before he went into the villa he told The Sun he was "praying" he would meet the love of his life.

He said: "That's my main aim and

all I care about. It's difficult for me to meet girls on the outside, as they judge me."

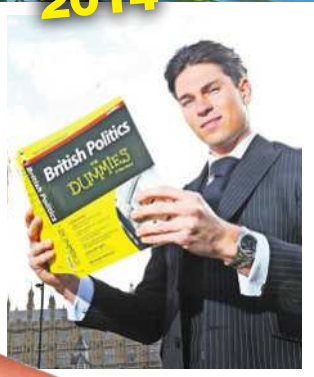
"I can't wait to be my authentic self and I just hope the right girl is in there for me."

"I feel like I'm at a new chapter in my life and I look forward to people seeing that."

Which brings us to the Joey Essex most people know – the dimwit, known for his "Reem" catchphrase and spouting such nonsense as

AMOR, TV STAR HAS THE MIDAS TOUCH

2014



L-EARNING ... Educating Essex

2019



OVEN READY ... Joey surprised viewers with his skills on *Celebrity MasterChef*

2020



TOUGH ... with Anthea Turner and Helen Skelton on *Celebrity SAS: Who Dares Wins*

2022



HAPPY CAMPER ... Joey came fourth on *I'm A Celebrity ... Get Me Out Of Here!*

2023



N-ICE GUY ... with professional skater and ex-Vanessa Bauer on *Dancing On Ice*

CAN REALITY KING WITH 12 SHOWS TO HIS NAME STOP THE RATINGS SLIDE?

Why Joey Essex might just save Love Island

London being the country that borders Wales.

He failed his GCSEs but later managed to scrape a D in general studies as part of docuseries *Educating Joey Essex*.

Frankie said: "The thing is, he's so innocent, so if he doesn't know something he won't be afraid to say."

"Everyone used to call him thick but he's not, he's just not going to pretend to know something if he doesn't."

Joey said: "I've gone from a boy to a man and I'm proud of the man I've become."

"I look back on how I used to be, with the walnut-whip hair and the Uggs, a watch around my ankle

and my hair shaved into a fusey. It was all so fun and I enjoyed myself but I'm a grown-up version of my former self and I'm proud of the journey that I've been on."

"I think, eventually, people will just see that I'm a normal guy."

It certainly won't be Joey's first time dating in the spotlight. Since he found fame, his romances have included Towie colleague Sam Faiers, who temporarily became his fiancée, and *Love Island*'s Maura Higgins.

He has also taken part in dating shows *Ex On The Beach* and *Celebs Go Dating* - which means he has probably enjoyed more dates in front of a camera than in private.

As Joey said on Monday night's *Love Island*: "This isn't my first rodeo, so boys, you better watch out, 'cos I'm coming for your girls."

Sam Faiers told how their puppy

love was fraught with squabbles, while in 2020, Playboy model Lorena Medina dumped Joey after suspecting he had cheated on her with Rita Ora, who both denied anything happened.

But somehow he has escaped a decade of fame with relatively few scandals, which is why he is the ideal saviour of *Love Island*, where some of the cast's rows have attracted Ofcom complaints.

Joey comes to *Love Island* with the ultimate backer - its executive producer Mike Spencer, who was involved in casting him in *Towie*.

Joey said: "It's almost as if we've been on this journey together because when I think back to my first memories of being on TV, Mike was always there to support me."

What better way for Joey to repay his mentor than by reigniting the nation's passion for his biggest show?

24 HRS IN...RIVAL GETS KISS-OFF

JUST hours after his arrival on *Love Island* Joey was put to work as a heartbreaker - and sent one boy packing.

He had just 24 hours to get to know the girls before stealing one and he chose make-up artist Samantha from Liverpool.

Joey told the contestants: "Obviously I've got to keep my cards close to my chest. It's been tough, because I have got to know all of you girls on a nice level."

"And obviously got to know all you boys on a cool level. I feel like we're tight and we're getting on well - but this is *Love Island*..."

The reality star's decision meant Samantha's partner, hairdresser Sam, was booted from the villa.

He said: "I'm disappointed to be leaving so soon as I wanted to work my magic and get to know everyone."

"But when Joey walked in I had a feeling I might be in trouble. Samantha is a stun-

ning girl and I knew that they would get on."

The drama came after the Islanders played a game of dares that descended into steamy snogs.

Mental health nurse Mimii smooched Ayo, the model she has been flirting with since arriving despite being coupled up with recruitment manager Munveer.

She said: "I'll give him his accolades, it was a good kiss."

Elsewhere, personal shopper Harriett performed a lap dance for surveyor Ciaran and was one of three girls Joey chose to kiss. He also

puckered up for Samantha and Welsh accounts manager Nicole.

Romance appears to be blossoming for M&S worker Jess and Ronnie.

They shared a steamy kiss on the terrace and she told the semi-pro footballer: "I'm happy with how things are going. I'm not going to complain."



WOWIE ... Sam & Joey



GAME PLAYER ... Joey chooses to kiss Samantha

LOVE

AARON EVANS from *The Traitors* series one has joined the cast of *Love Island USA*. The hunk, who took home £33k as one of four winning *Faithfuls*, was unveiled yesterday in a photoshoot. The series begins on June 15 and will stream later this year.

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LOVE

BOOKIES reckon **JOEY** will triumph this series. He is tipped 3/4 to be in the winning couple, ahead of Ayo on 7/2 and recruiter Munveer, last at 8/1. Mimii is favourite to be the top female contestant at 7/2, with Joey's current squeeze Samantha on 5/1.

BITE



'Distraught'... Oliver

Victim of robbery hanged

By MIKE SULLIVAN

A WATCH dealer violently assaulted in a £2.8million robbery was found hanged the next day, an inquest heard yesterday.

Oliver White, 27, was said to have been distraught at being attacked and put in a chokehold. The following evening his body was found in woods close to his home in Shepperton, Surrey.

The sales manager was identified by his step-father, Surrey coroner's court heard. His body was released to his family as the inquest was adjourned.

A man and a woman, both in their 30s, were arrested over last month's robbery in Richmond, South West London.

Oliver's family has said he killed himself due to the "anguish and distress" of the raid.

SHOUT OF DANGER

Two anglers were saved by a lifeboat crew who heard their distant shouts for help after their kayak sank off Northumberland.

FLAME 'N LUCKY



By JAMES HALPIN

A CONSTRUCTION worker perches perilously on the end of a crane engulfed in thick black smoke yesterday morning as a blaze ripped through a building site.

Seven people were taken to hospital after the fire broke out on the ground floor of a ten-storey block being built in Canning Town, East London.

Some 70 firefighters had it under control within an hour, with one person rescued using a 13.5metre ladder.

The London Fire Brigade said those admitted to hospital were suffering from smoke inhalation and three others were treated on site. The cause is unknown.

KRISPY SKREMES

Fury after worker scrawls jibe on doughnut box



Bargain box... doughnuts

A KRISPY Kreme fan collected his doughnuts from a store to find a rude message scrawled on the box: "Enjoy fatty."

The customer noticed the jibe in pink marker pen only after picking up the pack of six treats.

He said: "I think it was just an employee messing about and having what they thought was a

laugh. I'm not usually offended but I was offended on behalf of other people who could be offended. I'm not one of those woke people, but it's unprofessional to do that.

"If you do it with your mates, it's fine, but not the public. You don't expect it.

"When I pulled him up on it, his face changed and he realised I was being serious. I don't

EXCLUSIVE
by ED SOUTHGATE

think the company is encouraging its staff to go off-script."

The customer paid £4.99 for the doughnuts through the Too Good To Go app, which retailers use for left-over food that would otherwise be dumped.

He collected the box of six, which would normally cost £14.99, from the chain's Gatwick Airport outlet as he headed off on holiday on Monday.

But he was shocked by the message, saying: "I'm not going to eat them all by myself, am

I?" The customer complained to Krispy Kreme saying he would be wary of buying them again.

He said the company offered a voucher and appeared to be taking the complaint seriously.

A Krispy Kreme spokesperson said: "We are grateful to the customer for bringing this to our attention. We are in the process of speaking to our colleagues and will fully investigate the complaint as any such instance would clearly fall far short of our high standards."

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Sainsbury's
Good food for all of us



Court sketch... Saadi

Trial's set for Amie murder accused

By ALEX WEST

A MAN accused of murdering a personal trainer on a beach is to go on trial in November.

Nasen Saadi, 20, is accused of stabbing to death Amie Gray, 34. He is also charged with the attempted murder of Leanne Miles, 38, in the alleged attack on Durley Chine Beach in Bournemouth on May 24.

She has since been discharged from hospital.

Saadi appeared at Winchester crown court, Hants yesterday, via video link from prison.

He was arrested at an address in Croydon, south London, on May 29.

Judge Paul Dugdale fixed a trial date of November 25 and said it was expected to last three weeks.

Saadi was remanded in custody. Lisa Bald, representing him, said a bail application may be made after a plea hearing due on August 23.



Targeted... author JK

JK's fear over troll threat of hammer

By AMIR RAZAVI

AUTHOR JK Rowling feared for her family's safety after a troll threatened to kill her with a hammer, a court heard.

Glenn Mullen, 31, who was said to have "strong views about gender equality", sent audio messages to her and Labour MP Rosie Duffield on X/Twitter in January 2023.

Both women oppose new transgender rules.

In the message to the Harry Potter author, Mullen said: "I'm going to kill JK Rowling with a big hammer."

Prosecutor Frances McCormack said: "It made her look over her shoulder and fear for her family."

Mullen's message to Ms Duffield threatened to kill her with a gun.

Mullen, of Manchester, previously admitted malicious communications.

Westminster magistrates court gave him a suspended jail term and a community order.

ONCE MORE UNTO THE BEACH

Returning heroes... Bernard and a tearful Jack set sail for France

By MIKE RIDLEY

D-DAY veterans were brimming with pride and emotion as they headed back to the scene of their finest hour yesterday.

Former RAF Sergeant Bernard Morgan and Jeep driver Jack Mortimer, both 100, were among 23 heroes of the Normandy landings on a ferry crossing to Caen in France.

They were waved away from Portsmouth, below, as they crossed the Channel for the 80th anniversary D-Day commemorations.

Jack, from Leeds, fought back tears as he spoke of talking to the gravestones of his fallen comrades.

He said: "The memories are our keepsake."



Picture: ARTHUR EDWARDS

D-DAY VETERANS MEET KING

My ID tags,
Your Maj...
my blood is
still on them

By MATT WILKINSON, Royal Editor

A D-DAY hero showed the King the dog tags he wore round his neck — still showing traces of blood from where he was shot.

Arthur Osborne, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, was among veterans meeting Charles and Queen Camilla at Buckingham Palace ahead of this week's 80th anniversary commemorations.

He told them: "The dog tags were recovered after I got a bullet through the lung and there is some blood still on them."

Arthur, 100, revealed he was rescued by a friend and added: "As a family we will never forget it. We found he was killed the day after."

Fellow centurian Bernard Morgan, of the Royal Air Force, showed off a pair of football boots he carried through the war. He said: "I played 12 games including one on the landing craft going to Normandy."

"There was Army personnel on there. So we decided to have a football match, the Army versus RAF. I think it was a draw."

The King laughed: "Oh really, how fantastic."

John Dennett, 99, of the Royal Navy, recalled how he missed a bus back to the ship the night before because he was out dancing. But he added of the fight-



Bloodied... Arthur's dog tags

ing: "The lads we lost — it was colossal, it's frightening. That's when you feel grateful. I class myself as being very lucky."

Jim Miller, 100, of the 11th Hussars, told the King and Queen: "Remembrance is so important. The younger generation must learn about it and take it to heart."

The conversations feature in BBC1's D-Day 80: Tribute to The Fallen, from 8.30pm tonight.



Arthur... and King with Jim

THEY STAND WHERE THEY FELL: PAGES 26 AND 27

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● SPIDER-MAN star Tom Holland's appearance as Romeo in London's West End is causing post-show chaos at the stage door, where hundreds of fans wait each night for a mere glimpse of their hero.

Now theatre bosses have asked him to leave within ten minutes of the final curtain, to disperse the crowd, right, as

quickly as possible. "Tom is a pro and was more than happy to oblige," says a source. I'll bet. Like most Victorian theatres, the Duke of York's will have teensy-weensy dressing rooms, dodgy plumbing and dark, perilously narrow staircases backstage.

So, rapidly escaping to the far more luxurious confines of home is no hardship.



● A MALE contraceptive gel could soon be available that suppresses sperm production. Well done to everyone involved in the research.

But the problem still remains... will women ever trust men enough to rub it in effectively?



SO TRUE... Paloma

GIVES US ALL FAITH

HOLLYWOOD movies and Instasham frequently feed us the myth that women's bodies snap back in to shape after childbirth and their sex life rapidly resumes unchanged.

So a mighty "hoorah" to singer Paloma Faith for telling her truth.

"Nothing for me has been as painful as the first time I had sex postpartum," says the 42-year-old, who has two young daughters with former partner Leyman Lahcine.

"I resigned myself to living a life of painful sex for the rest of my days. It was not enjoyable or fun or pretty. I felt s**t."

This is the experience of so many women and to hear a celebrity use her platform to break a taboo and talk about it is commendable.

Now single, she also reveals she was once terrified of feeling "loneliness" if not part of a couple, but has now learned to relish silences and "enjoy my own company".

Hear, hear. Loneliness and solitude are often confused as one and the same thing, but they're not.

Loneliness is an uncomfortable feeling of disconnection from others, while solitude is a chosen state of bliss.

As Albert Einstein once said: "I lived in that solitude which is painful in youth, but delicious in the years of maturity."

OH WOE IS JOEY

REALITY TV stalwart Joey Essex is the first "celebrity bombshell" to be dropped on the new series of Love Island.

The 33-year-old Essex lad says he's looking for the love of his life, and adds: "I just want someone to like me for me and not from what they see on TV."

In which case, may I humbly suggest that, rather than look for it among a group of natural show-offs happy to be filmed 24/7, he moves abroad where no one has a clue who he is?

But, then of course, without his "celebrity" status and the commercial endorsements it brings, he might have to get a proper job.

QUIET LIFE... Deacon

NO BIG SONG N DANCE

PR guru Alan Edwards's memoir *I Was There* gives a fascinating insight into the world of mega celebs such as David Bowie and the Rolling Stones.

Alan says the Stones' Mick Jagger and Keith Richards were both old hands at the showbiz game but drummer Charlie Watts "wasn't the slightest bit interested in publicity" and "seemed to be in a world of his own".

It's a similar story with Queen guitarist John Deacon, who bowed out of the band in 1997 and now lives a quiet life with his family in South London.

In 2021, drummer Roger Taylor said: "I guess he just sits there counting his money."

In other words, perhaps Charlie (RIP) and John were the smartest in achieving the rock-star/normal geezer balance that keeps you sane.

All while still enjoying a hefty slice of the royalties being generated by the PR toils of the rest.

TOKYO IS WAY TO GO

NEW research shows that if you lose a precious item like, say, a wallet, in Japan the chances of someone handing it in are between 80 and 90 per cent.

Last year, a record 30million items were handed in to police and a record £114million in cash.

Part of the reasoning is put down to a culture of honesty and responsibility drilled in from a young age.

Meanwhile, back in the UK, watch dealer Oliver White took his own life after being the victim of a violent attack in the shop he worked in. The poor lad feared he might be held responsible for the £2.8million haul.

And a visiting Chinese businessman who was tackled to the ground by two armed robbers for his expensive watch was in court last week to see one of them sentenced to 40 months.

He said: "If this happened in China he would have been jailed for more than ten years."

Sigh. What has become of us?

One-man wrecking ball Nigel will break the political tedium



Picture: GREG BRENNAN

Why the game of hide and peek, Kate?

IN May 1381, the furious villagers of Fobbing, Essex, started the Peasants' Revolt by marching to London in a protest over poll tax.

Now, 643 years later, might the residents of its cohort of Clacton be about to deliver an equally stark message to Parliament by voting in Nigel Farage as their next MP?

For years, this professional disrupter has been throwing bottles at mainstream politicians from the back of the room and, fresh from a successful stint in the TV jungle, the prospect of him lobbing political grenades from inside the House of Commons is a tempting one. I'm A Celebrity... Get Me In There.

Whatever your party persuasion, politics has just got interesting again. He even got splattered with milkshake yesterday.

With the nation sedated into a virtual coma by the "blah blah blah" droning of the two mainstream parties, Farage is a one-man defibrillator who will deliver a much-needed high-energy shock to political debate over the next month.

He fired the first salvo on Monday with his Trump-like promise to "make Britain great again" – a deliberate dog whistle to the disaffected millions who feel abandoned by the Tories and Labour.

The question is: Will Rishi Sunak and Sir Keir Starmer rise to the challenge?

For as it stands, we have a man whose party has been in power for 14 years, and done little to resonate with voters, frittering away an 80-plus majority gained by Boris

Johnson in 2019. And a man whose party has had 14 years to come up with some hum-dinger policies he either doesn't have or has yet to fully disclose.

As I wrote in April: "Sir Keir resembles a marathon runner who's been tasked with carrying a Ming vase across the finish line and thinks one small jolt could shatter it."

As for the third feasible contender – Lib Dem leader Sir Ed Davey – he's seemingly too busy indulging in ridiculous It's A Knockout-style photo stunts to be taken seriously by anyone other than his party faithful.

So every last one of them deserves the proverbial kick up the bum that Farage will deliver with practised aplomb.

Thorn in the side

Will his Reform party win any seats beyond the strong possibility of Clacton, which gave Farage's previous party Ukip its one seat in the 2015 election?

Doubt it. Because, despite then garnering nearly four million votes, the first-past-the-post electoral system meant it ended up with just one MP – Douglas Carswell, who stepped down in 2017 and now works in the States.

So it remains that Reform is only a threat to the main parties because of the votes it could potentially divert from their final tally.

But if the one-man wrecking ball that is Nigel Farage wins a seat in the Commons, he'll be a highly entertaining thorn in the victor's side for the next four years.

So come on Clacton. Your country needs you to alleviate the political tedium.

KATE MOSS and a mystery man reportedly "parted like the Red Sea" after spotting photographers as they left the theatre together.

She "didn't seem keen to be seen with him in public", according to an onlooker.

Hmmm. She went to see Cara Delevingne in *Cabaret* – one of the hottest shows in town – while wearing just her pants and a see-through skirt.

Call me old-fashioned, but is this what passes as "incognito" these days?



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TESCO has added items to its firepit range, including smoky barbecue beef burnt ends, £4.50.



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And many of us rely on the retail giant to deliver everything, from essentials to little luxuries, straight to our door.

But you can make the money you spend with the firm go even further with these little tricks...

WAREHOUSE: Returned items are often relisted with big discounts in the Amazon Warehouse section of the site.

These include computers, home and kitchen gadgets and home improvement goods.

Amazon says all items are checked for quality and tested

By LANA CLEMENTS

and repaired if necessary. They are then listed, depending on their condition, from "like new" down to "acceptable".

RENEWED: The Amazon Renewed section also features discounts on previously owned products, such as phones and games consoles. These tend to be past models, but items are professionally inspected, tested and refurbished to meet quality standards.

OUTLET: It is worth looking through the Amazon Outlet, which is essentially items that are on sale. You can search by price and category.

Unlike with Warehouse and Renewed, all items are new – but have had prices slashed to help shift stock.

PRICE CHANGE: Amazon prices are

prone to shifting. This can be frustrating if you go back to buy something and the price is suddenly higher.

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The same website also features a price history of millions of items so you can check if you are getting a good deal.

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TWIST TO ABANDONED ELSA RIDDLE

3 babies dumped over 7 yrs have the same mum and dad

16 Sept, 2017

1 Baby Harry (above) discovered wrapped in white blanket in Plaistow Park

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18 Jan, 2024

Baby Elsa dumped in shopping bag in freezing temperatures in Newham

31 Jan, 2019

Baby Roman (below) found in Sainsbury's bag by a bench in Newham



By MIKE SULLIVAN
and EMILY-JANE HEAP

A HUNT was under way last night to find the parents of three newborns who were all abandoned at birth over the past seven years.

It came as it emerged a one-hour-old girl – named Baby Elsa as she was found in a shopping bag on a freezing day in January – has two siblings dumped in similar fashion.

DNA tests revealed that she has a brother, Baby Harry, and a sister, named Baby Roman, who were abandoned in parks immediately after being born in 2017 and 2019.

Police are trying to trace the parents, saying they fear for their welfare and need to understand why they abandoned their children.

The Met's Det Insp Jamie Humm said: "Our work has focused on trying to locate the mother and provide support to her. We have worked 24/7 in each of these three cases to identify the parents, without success."

The abandoned babies were found within 1.5 miles of each other in the Plaistow area of East London.

The first child, Baby Harry, was dumped, wrapped in a white blanket, in Plaistow Park in September 2017.

His sister, Baby Roman, was found 1.2 miles away in a children's play



Abandoned... Sun story on Baby Elsa

park on Roman Road in January 2019. She was in a Sainsbury's bag left by a bench in freezing weather.

Baby Elsa was found, her umbilical cord still attached, in a shopping bag on a freezing street corner an hour after her birth on January 18 this year. Hospital staff called her Elsa after the character in Frozen.

Baby Harry and Baby Roman have since been adopted.

But the future of Elsa's care lies in the hands of East London Family Court, which is hindered in making a ruling until her birth is registered.

Yesterday, Judge Carol Atkinson lifted reporting restrictions yesterday so the link between the three children could be revealed.

She said it was important people knew there was a father and mother who abandoned three babies. "There is clear public interest," she added.



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MILEY'S GIANT DOLLY DOLLY

I'VE had some weird and wonderful gifts sent to me throughout my career – but nothing as kooky as one **MILEY CYRUS** received from her godmother, veteran country music legend **DOLLY PARTON**.

Wrecking Ball singer Miley said: "Last Christmas she gave me a whole mannequin, done in her proportions and wearing her outfit."

"It's so major."

And she added: "Dolly's been like a mother to me."

"Actually, I was just reading this fax she sent me."

"No one else faxes. I have to access my lawyer's office because the lawyer is the only person who can still receive a fax."

"Dolly wrote to me to say, 'How much do I love you? As much as my heart can hold and as far as my arms can

reach'. It gets me choked up. I just love her so much."

And it seems that the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, either.

While Dolly wears fluffy heels instead of slippers at home, Miley says she likes to wear platforms when hitting the gym.

She added: "The gym looks really tough, but then I've got my ivory Gucci slingbacks because they remind me of

MARILYN MONROE.

"I train in heels mostly. I'm interested in feminising the workout space, because so much of the workout equipment is ugly."

It's a struggle to get me to go to the gym in trainers so there's not a chance you'll see me on the treadmill in heels."

But all power to you, Miley.



Life's a peach for Gaga

LADY GAGA looks glowing as she takes a starring role in her sister Natali's lavish wedding.

The Rain On Me singer stunned in a tight black dress and heels as she attended the wedding rehearsal in Maine, in the US.

For the big day itself Gaga was a bridesmaid – and she looked like she had stepped straight out of Bridgerton in a peach gown.

She was escorted by her entrepreneur partner Michael Polansky, below

Last night those close to Gaga shut down speculation she was pregnant after fans commented on social media about her appearance.

Regardless, it's set to be a huge year for her. The singer will return to the big screen in Joker: Folie à Deux alongside **JOAQUIN PHOENIX**.

And last month Gaga teased her long-awaited return to music with a new album.



Picture: JESAL-PATRIOT PICS-SPLASH / BACKGRID

J-LO FILM REACHES BILLIONS

FINALLY some good news for **JENNIFER LOPEZ**.

Netflix blockbuster Atlas, which she stars in, has been watched for 1.3 billion minutes, with more than 11 million views worldwide.

On top of that, the film is one of the most watched here. Last

month the singer, right, was hit with rumours she was to divorce

BEN AFFLECK.

Then her summer tour was axed amid claims ticket sales were lacklustre.

Hopefully these figures give her some comfort – whatever is going on behind the scenes.



Picture: DOMINIC MARLEY/GETTY IMAGES FOR VOLVIC

Anne-Marie looking for green talent

ANNE-MARIE somehow manages to make this XL-sized lime green tracksuit work as she launches a nationwide hunt for aspiring new singers.

The winner of the contest, run by water brand Volvic and which closes on June 14, will get the chance to perform on The Birdcage Stage presented by Volvic at British Summer Time Festival in London's Hyde Park.

Anne-Marie, who will play the festival's main stage on July 7, said: "Making it as an artist is hard, so I understand the impact this support can have on you when you're starting out."

"I love hearing new talent so I couldn't be more excited to begin the search with Volvic supporting the next generation of a music community that has made me so happy and given me so much. We're looking for passion, promise and an unforgettable performance."



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& JACK
HARDWICK**

AMANDA HOLDEN left for Spain so soon after the BGT final, right, that she still had her dress on.

She shared this snap with me of her lounging by the pool as she prepared to start filming the next series of her BBC renovation show with ALAN CARR there.

Ever the professional, Amanda is also still on air on Heart Breakfast this week, broadcasting live from Spain.

Please take me with you next time, Mandy. I can pick up the margaritas.

PEGGY'S GOU-ING FOR IT

PEGGY GOU will drop debut album *I Hear You* on Friday.

Eight years in the making, it features collaboration *I Believe In Love Again* with LENNY KRAVITZ as well as her 2023 smash hit (*It Goes Like*) *Nanana*.

The Korean-born DJ and producer, who lives in Germany, said: "I was in survival mode as a kid. Since I was young I've had this attitude of, 'If you think I can't do it, then I'll learn. I can do it. I'll do it even better next time.'"

Peggy, who will headline at West London's Gunnersbury Park on August 17, said of her LP: "My aim was to create something timeless, and to be able to do that I needed more time to listen."

"Now I feel like it's ready to be out there in the world."

CLASSICAL legend KATHERINE JENKINS has been added to the line-up for ANDREA BOCELLI's Hyde Park gig this summer.

The mezzo-soprano will join MYLEENE KLASS and MATTEO BOCELLI at the show on July 5 which is part of American Express presents British Summer Time.

If I was excited before, I really can't wait now.

HEY, BIG SPENCER: COVER UP!



SPENCER MATTHEWS has been working out every day to prepare to run 30 marathons over 30 days for charity this summer.

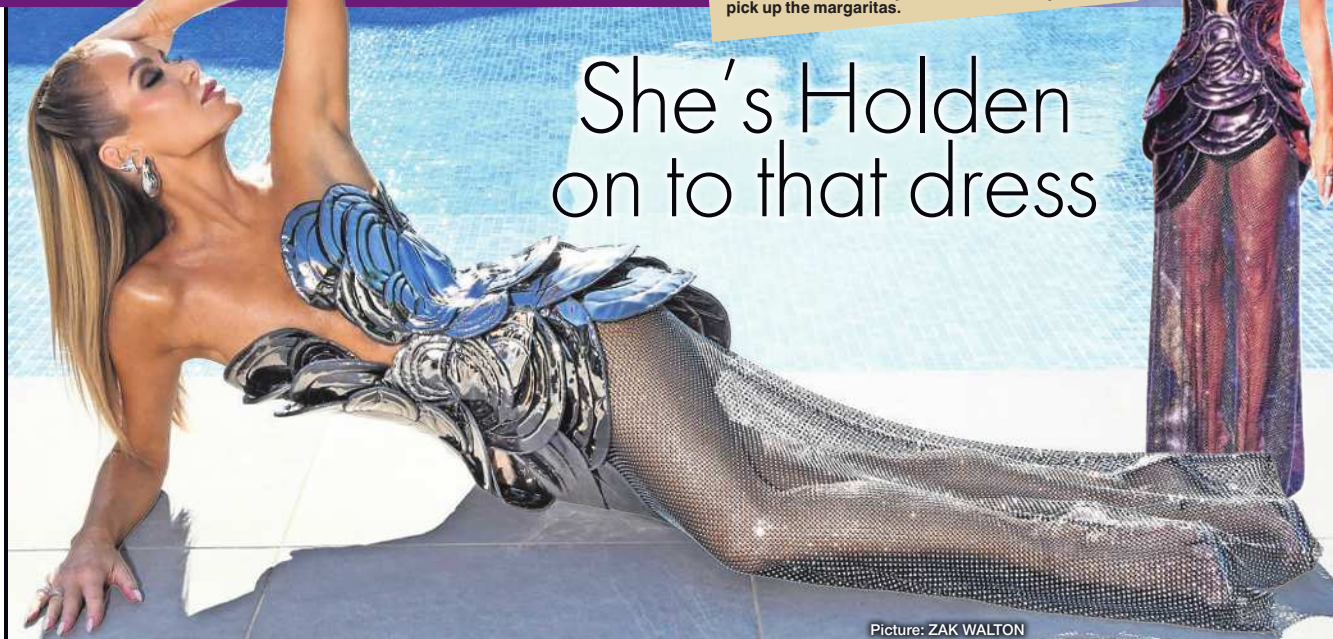
And his wife VOGUE WILLIAMS has told how he is falling in love with his fit new physique. She told RYAN TUBRIDY on Virgin Radio: "There was a post he posted the other day. I was like, 'Spenny, if you're gonna wear tight leggings, please can you wear shorts over the leggings for everyone else on Instagram?'"

"He's loving getting the bod out because he's doing his charity run, 30 marathons in 30 days in the desert in August. So he's training and I've never seen someone... he's going to drown in his own reflection."

"He's just always admiring himself. If he sees a mirror, he has to stop."

Maybe it's time to cover those up, Vogue.

She's Holden on to that dress



Picture: ZAK WALTON

WEDDING IS ON BECK BURNER

Tour and cracking America come first

BECKY HILL has grafted to become one of the most successful British dance acts in years after first appearing on *The Voice UK* in 2012.

But a bumper 24 months, which has included two Brit Awards, an Ibiza residency and countless hit singles, has come at a cost.

Becky, left, has had to postpone her wedding to long-term partner Charlie Gardner after her schedule exploded with gigs on both sides of the Atlantic.

Speaking as her second album, *Believe Me Now?*, is on track to become the biggest of her career and debut at No4 on Friday, Becky said: "I was planning to get married this year but it is just too crazy."

"I have turned 30, I am releasing an album and I have an arena tour. I am

going to America in October. My partner offered to organise the wedding but I want to be involved in the process, so we have decided to push it back a year.

"He wasn't too happy but it is the right thing to do. I didn't want it to be really stressful. I know all weddings are stressful but I really wanted to make sure we enjoyed the planning and did it together."

Becky and Charlie, above right, announced their engagement in January 2022 after he popped the question in the Maldives.

And on new album ballad *Man Of My Dreams*, Becky gushes over finding The One. She sings: "Now we're connected, I'm never gonna let you go. You drew a heart in the sand and you got down on one knee."

"Now the uncertainty is over. I will spend my days with the man of my dreams."

Becky said: "My partner used to be a trance DJ and is now a festival booker. "He has helped not only with the inspira-

tion for me to write the album but also then bringing the album to life."

"One of the things that attracted me to him was my Spotify playlist. I had all the big dance bangers from the Noughties and all the tunes he used to play."

Becky wrote all 15 tracks on the new record but says she feared taking time out to travel the world after her second album left her worrying if she had lost her touch.

She said: "I wondered if I could still write music. When you tour and play festivals for so long you think 's***, can I still do this?'"

"I am constantly travelling around. I get really overwhelmed in airports."

"I need to be really mindful of my health because you are constantly on the go as an artist. Airport food is s*** and sleeping on planes isn't real sleep."

Just thinking about your schedule makes me tired Becky, but take it from me, you're killing it.



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Stabbed . . . Charlie

Lad of 17 guilty of murder at party

By MIKE SULLIVAN

A TEEN who stabbed a boy of 17 to death on a crowded dancefloor at a party has been found guilty of his murder.

Charlie Cosser was knifed three times in the chest when a fight broke out with the defendant.

The youth, who cannot be named, was drunk and angry after he and his friends were asked to leave over his behaviour towards a young woman.

He stabbed Charlie, from Milford, Surrey, at the event in a marquee at a farmhouse in Warnham, West Sussex, last July.

The attacker was later seen with his hands and trousers "covered in blood", Brighton crown court was told. He was also heard to say, "I've stabbed someone", and later burned his clothes.

The lad, 16 at the time and now 17, had pleaded guilty to murder but withdrew the plea. He will be sentenced later and faces a life jail term.



Busy . . . office meal

82% of workers eat lunch at desks

By ALEX GOSS

EIGHT in ten workers eat lunch at their desk as they are "too busy" to have a break, a poll says.

Researchers found 82 per cent of people have their midday meal "at-desko" at least once a week, with 46 per cent doing so on most days.

It also found that six in ten completely skip having a lunch break.

Of those polled, 36 per cent agreed modern office culture encourages staff to power through work with no time for lunch.

And 53 per cent wished they had more breaks.

Phil Thomson, from Lipton Ice Tea who commissioned the survey of 2,000 people, said: "Few take a break, even as work-life balance is a popular topic."

"Stopping work for lunch can lift your mood and help you feel energised. A lunch break is a simple way to boost health and productivity."



CAVALRY horses Vida and Quaker nuzzle heads as they continue to recuperate — in the first pictures since sustaining multiple injuries as they bolted into traffic.

They required surgery for chest and leg wounds after throwing Life Guards riders when they were spooked by builders during routine exercises in London in April.

A total of seven horses ran off, including Trojan — seen, right, with grey Vida.

By EMILY-JANE HEAP

The duo were seen enjoying the sunshine in the Chiltern Hills, Bucks, under the care of The Horse Trust — and last night the Army revealed the much-loved horses should make a full recovery.

Lt Col Matthew Woodward, of the Household Cavalry, said: "We look forward to seeing them back on duty in due course."

TAXMAN TARGETS CHARLIE



EXCLUSIVE by AMIR RAZAVI

BBC Breakfast star Charlie Stait and his wife are facing the threat of bankruptcy, The Sun can reveal.

The popular telly presenter, 61, and fellow broadcaster Anne, 58, were both served petitions by HMRC on Monday. Their TV and broadcasting firm Stait Limited was £6,409 in the red

HMRC's court threat

in accounts filed in December and covering to the end of March 2023.

The couple, who have two children, bought their four-bedroom home in Twickenham, South West London, for £800,000 in 2002, and it is now worth up to £2.3million. Public school-educated Charlie

began his career on radio before moving to TV, where he worked for ITV. He fronted Five News's coverage of the 9/11 terror attacks, and also worked for Sky News.

He joined Breakfast in 2006 and has been involved in some memorable moments alongside co-host Naga

Munchetty, 49. In 2020, Naga asked Charlie when he had last seen "a beaver". He replied, before dissolving into giggles: "Well, it's probably been a while, if ever, in fact."

He was also praised for his probing questioning of sullen pop star Lady Gaga, after she endorsed Hillary Clinton ahead of the 2016 US election with Donald Trump.

A rep for Charlie was approached for comment yesterday.

The BBC said it does not comment on personal matters. amir.razavi@thesun.co.uk



Victim... Christopher

Crash kill driver's eyes on heating

By RICHARD MORIARTY

A DRIVER killed another motorist in a head-on crash while distracted as she tried to switch on the heated steering wheel of her new electric SUV.

Lynn Worgan, 66, took her eyes off the road for up to five seconds to tap buttons, a court heard.

Her Volvo XC40 veered on to the wrong side of a lane near her £900,000 home in Poole, Cheshire.

It hit an oncoming Audi TT Quattro driven by musician Christopher Allen, 47, who suffered fatal injuries.

Clare Oliver, prosecuting, told Chester magistrates: "It seems her intention was to put on her heated steering wheel. She had to look away from the road."

Worgan, a director at husband David's labelling firm, admitted causing death by careless driving and got a suspended 26-week jail term, 200 hours' unpaid work and a two-year road ban.



Star Trek... Quinto

Shouting Spock is banned by bistro

By AMIR RAZAVI

STAR Trek actor Zachary Quinto has been banned from a restaurant after allegedly shouting at staff and reducing the host to tears.

Quinto, known for playing Spock in the reboot of the sci-fi franchise, allegedly yelled "like an entitled child" while demanding a table, according to the venue.

The venue posted: "An amazing Spock," but a terrible customer."

Manita bistro, in Toronto, said it would not welcome the US star back unless he made a formal apology.

The bistro continued: "Made our host cry and the rest of our brunch diners uncomfortable."

Restaurant co-owner Ian McGrenaghan said Quinto took out his frustrations on staff, adding: "We aren't above criticism, but we are above being demeaned."

Quinto's reps have been approached for comment.

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By GRACE MACASKILL

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EMILY'S RED HOT

By AMIR RAZAVI

EMILY Ratajkowski looked effortlessly stylish in scarlet on her first day of filming Netflix romcom *Too Much*.

The model and actress, who turns 33 on Friday, will star alongside comedian Megan Stalter and White Lotus actor Will Sharpe.

Stephen Fry and Richard E Grant have also joined the cast. Emily teamed her off-the-shoulder red dress with matching fingernails and orange sunglasses as she walked on the New York set.



Having a bad say at office

By ALEX GOSS

"TOUCH base" and "blue-sky thinking" have been voted the most hated office phrases.

"Low-hanging fruit", "re-inventing the wheel" and "synergise" complete the top five – with a third of workers admitting they do not understand corporate jargon.

And one in five fears it has caused them to miss out on a promotion or pay rise, according to the survey of 2,000 by bingo firm Tombola.

Psychologist Ruth Kudzi says leaders should be "inclusive" with language and encourage workers to ask if they do not understand phrases.

Samantha Wilcox, digital PR manager at Tombola, said: "There are many people who are oblivious as to what these phrases mean, causing them to feel frustrated."

STAND-UP DOWNED

A statue of the late comedian Victoria Wood was toppled by a taxi which ploughed into it, in Bury, Gtr Manchester.

EXCLUSIVE

HUMPY GRUMPY



Can you hear banging at No. 24?

No...it sounds like it's coming from 69

Councils probe record sex noise complaints

COMPLAINTS about couples causing too much rumpus with their rumpy-pumpy saw council noise police called in more than 150 times last year, figures reveal.

Neighbours said the moaning, groaning, headboard-banging and even outdoor sex was stopping them getting a good night's kip.

In 2023, noisy nookie prompted 152 investigations, some involving officials bringing in sound monitors or having to pore over diaries detailing weeks of disturbance. The figure was up from 139 recorded the previous year.

But it was far from fun for complainants who said neighbours' constant humping left them short of sleep and suffering from anxiety.

One said: "I have tried to talk to them by knocking on their door but they didn't open and carried on. I've

By MICHAEL HAMILTON

been told they're doing it in the privacy of their own homes but it's not really private if it's coming into the privacy of my own home."

The figures for England, obtained by The Sun, show London borough Hackney topped the list of complaints with 52, followed by Rotherham on 17 and Manchester with 15.

In Shropshire, one couple walked naked in their garden and had noisy open-air sex. Another couple, in Peterborough, at least went inside but refused to close the windows.

And in Wigan, a couple agreed to install soundproofing when their bonking began to annoy neighbours.

Manchester Council dealt with one energetic couple whose "jumping and thumping" would begin at 10.30pm and continue until 2am.

And another randy pair in Bradford prompted complaints from neighbours about their squeaky bed.



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GET OFFER





Filming cash... Boyle

Director Danny a gents for loo help

EXCLUSIVE
by ALEX WEST

FILM director Danny Boyle has been hailed as a "gentleman" by locals after saving a public toilet from closure.

Cash-strapped Somerset Council closed three blocks in Cheddar in efforts to cut costs.

But one was re-opened after Danny, 67, paid to use the Cheddar Gorge attraction as a location for the next sequel to 2002 horror 28 Days Later. A local said: "He's a gentleman."

The cash will keep the Daghole block open until September. But local hospitality businesses have complained about the impact of the remaining closures — with visitors asking to use their facilities instead.

The British Toilets Association said: "Danny Boyle's intervention will be welcome news to the half-a-million people who visit the area."



Convicted... Fernández

Fugitive rapist is whining gig-goer

By ROBIN PERRIE

A RAPIST composer has been going to concerts after fleeing justice — and moaning about the lack of refreshments.

Agustín Fernández, 66, was found guilty in his absence in 2020 of a string of sex offences.

He fled Newcastle for his native Bolivia, where he has been reviewing classical performances.

In one he moaned about the lack of "a simple coca tea". In another Fernández, a former professor at Newcastle University, whined: "Why, with a good space and, apparently, staff, wasn't there a cafe or bar?"

He was convicted of 13 offences at Newcastle crown court, including five of rape and six of sexual assault.

He later pleaded his innocence in a blog, likening himself to Oscar Wilde. Northumbria Police have said enquiries to find him are ongoing.

By
MIKE RIDLEY

LIKE ghosts, they stand above the beaches where they fell.

Exactly 1,475 soldiers, sailors and airmen under British command died on D-Day, June 6, 1944, as part of the battle to free France from Nazi occupation.

And now every one of those brave souls is represented by a silhouette, stood head bowed, in the long grass overlooking Gold Beach, one of five landing spots for the Allied invasion.

The figures are in front of the British Normandy Memorial, where 22,442 names of those who gave their lives in D-Day and the ensuing Battle of Normandy are carved for ever on three giant slabs of limestone.

Those who visit the memorial this week to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day will witness the true scale of the blood shed to liberate Western Europe.

Each silhouette was lovingly created by hundreds of volunteers in honour of those who gave their lives so that we could live in freedom.

The 2,000 visitors on Thursday, including King Charles and Queen Camilla, will also see life-like steel silhouettes of two women among those ranks of men.

Nurses Dorothy Field and Mollie Evershed are the only two females whose names are carved on the memorial.

On August 7 they were tending the wounded on board hospital ship SS Amsterdam when an explosion ripped through it.

The 350ft converted passenger ferry had hit a German mine while the two-month-long Battle for Normandy raged on land.

As the ship began to sink, Matron Field, 32, and Sister Evershed, 27, helped get 75 patients into lifeboats. Last to leave was a soldier who had just had his leg amputated.

The heroic nurses went below to try to save the other 104 wounded men when the ship appeared to fold in two and sank just eight minutes after the explosion.

The touching People's Tribute silhouettes are the brainchild of Oxfordshire builder Dan Barton, of the charity Standing With Giants.

'Terribly sad'

Five years ago he put silhouettes of 101 World War One Tommies above the M40 near Oxford and since then he has created thousands of military figures, some of which have been displayed in the Falklands.

Dan, 56, says: "It's hard work but it's worth it because it's so important to remember the reason we have our freedom."

"A lot of people say, 'Why are their heads bowed?'. It's more of an act of remembrance, an act of prayer. But perhaps they are looking at their dead bodies on a battlefield, because they didn't want to die."

"They had their whole lives to live. They had families. I often think, 'What would they be doing if they hadn't been killed?'. So many of them are so desperately young."

"It's happening again around the world. So many people are losing their lives on a daily basis for what is a pretty pointless reason. So that's terribly sad as well."

For four years Dan and wife Janette have battled to honour our Normandy heroes, including remortgaging their home to raise £25,000 to build a workshop where volunteers from 80 organisations could create the military figures.

Dan says: "Even with hundreds of volunteers it has cost about £70,000 to get this over to Normandy. The pegs alone to keep the silhouettes in place should have been £24,000. We got a deal on them of £7,000."

The couple and their sons Josh and Luke have devoted their lives for weeks to make the silhouettes.

Janette says: "We haven't had any holidays or anything like that this year. It's what we've been prepared to do to get the project to Normandy."

"The rewards have been incredible — I mean, just the feedback we've had from visitors when we've been at the memorial."

"We opened up the workshop for three months for 80 groups to come in and do a two-hour workshop with us to help paint and assemble the silhouettes."

"People's involvement and their enthusiasm, their motivation, pushed us to make it a project for the people."

"We've called it the People's Tribute For Your Tomorrow."

"So many people around the world are suffering, just like these guys suffered."

"We are so, so lucky to be in this country. We have so much that maybe we take for granted."

LIFESAVERS
... Mollie,
above, and
Dorothy, top

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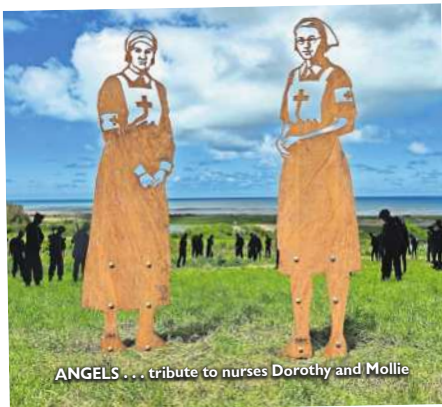
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Normandy



ANGELS ... tribute to nurses Dorothy and Mollie

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... silhouettes
in honour of
fallen soldiersSALUTE
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VETERANS SET SAIL IN TRIBUTE TO COMRADES

From Mike Ridley on the
ferry Mont St Michel

WITH the Normandy coast in the background, two 98-year-old veterans hurled a wreath into the sea where thousands of their comrades died 80 years ago.

Able Seaman Alec Penstone, in a white Naval beret, stood beside Private Harry Birdsell on the deck of ferry Mont St Michel.

The giant ship slowed down at the point where, on June 6, 1944, more than 75,000 British and Canadian troops prepared to land.

Just 29 Normandy veterans were there yesterday to witness the moving service to honour the dead.

Expert submarine detector Alec, of Shanklin, Isle of Wight, spent a week off the D-Day beaches hunting German subs.

Part of his job was to bury his fallen comrades at sea.

He said: "We had to stitch them inside their hammocks. A chain would then be fixed to their feet, so when they went overboard they would be standing up."

Harry, from Wakefield, West Yorks, served as a driver with the Royal Army Service Corps.

He said: "I felt sorry for all those poor devils that have lost their lives."

"If it wasn't for them we wouldn't be here. So we're very appreciative of what they did."

Alec added: "We are commemorating their memory, not ours. We're commemorating what they gave up."

"To my dying day I will remember the most wonderful heroes. Many of them are our shipmates, but they gave their lives for this country."

On board, RAF Sergeant Bernard Morgan, 100, Able



TRIP ... leaving from Portsmouth

Seaman Ronald Hendrey, 98, and Jack Mortimer, 100, posed for a selfie.

Ronald, of Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, was a teenage cordite-loader aboard HMS Ulster, which shelled German pillboxes at Gold Beach for hours.

Recalling the moments before the attack, he said: "We were terrified, I have never known a ship go so quiet, because everyone was thinking the same thing, 'Is this my last day on earth?'"

"It was the only day I've ever seen the barrel of a gun blister with the heat - because we fired so much ammo that day."

"I remember seeing my first body, a US airman floating fully clothed, and he looked so damn smart. We wanted to pull his body out of the water but the officers said no."

Today the veterans will remember their fallen comrades at Bayeux Cemetery. Tomorrow they will attend a service with Charles and Camilla at the British Normandy Memorial.



RESPECTS ... Harry and Alec receive wreath from Cdr Glenn Higson

Wednesday


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TV GUIDE


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6am Breakfast News, entertainment and weather reports. (S)

9.30 Rip Off Britain Consumer affairs show investigating issues around the UK. (S)

10.15 D-Day 80: The Allies Prepare A celebration of the D-Day landings' 80th anniversary. (S)

1.00 BBC News (S)

2.00 Doctors A new arrival makes waves at The Mill. (S)

2.30 Clean It, Fix It The team visits Bristol to help a busy house of nine young professionals. (R,S)

3.00 Escape To The Country Sonali Shah helps a couple from the largest town in Dorset to move to rural Devon. (R,S)

3.45 Garden Rescue The team help Sylvia and Matthew in Wokingham. (R,S)

4.30 The Finish Line Liz, Michael, Rachel, Kyle and Emma compete. (S)

5.15 Pointless Quiz hosted by Alexander Armstrong and Lucy Porter. (R,S)

6.00 BBC News (S)

6.30 Regional News (S) Followed by **Party Election Broadcast** By The Liberal Democrats

6.30 am Homes Under The Hammer Property auctions. (R,S)

7.30 Clive Myrie's Caribbean Adventure (R,S)

8.00 Sign Zone: See Hear (S,SL)

8.30 Rick Stein's Food Stories Rick tries rhubarb pizza and goes coracle fishing in Wales. (R,S,SL)

9.00 BBC News (S)

12.15 Politics Live (S)

1.00 Impossible (R,S)

1.45 Mastermind (R,S)

2.15 Great Coastal Railway Journeys (R,S)

2.45 Five Bedrooms (R,S)

3.30 The Farmers' Country Showdown Following attendees at Stroud Farmers' Market. (R,S)

4.15 Ocean Giants The lives of whales and dolphins. (R,S)

5.15 Flog It! From Hopetoun House near Edinburgh. (R,S)

6.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games Ashley John-Baptiste, Simon Rimmer, Claire Sweeney and Esme Young compete. (R,S)

6.30 Clive Myrie's Caribbean Adventure Clive visits the district of Vedado, the most modern and affluent part of Havana. (S)

6am Good Morning Britain (S)

9.00 Lorraine Entertainment and fashion news. (S)

10.00 This Morning Celebrity chat and lifestyle features. (S)

12.30 Loose Women Another helping of topical studio discussion from a female perspective. (S)

1.30 ITV News (S)

1.55 Regional News (S)

2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal David Dickinson, Karen Dalmeny, Simon Schneider, Aidan Pass and Laurie Scully assess items in Newport. (R,S)

3.00 Lingo Quiz hosted by Adil Ray. (R,S) Followed by **Local Weather**
4.00 Tipping Point Ben Shephard hosts the arcade-themed quiz in which contestants drop tokens down a choice of four chutes in the hope of winning a £10,000 jackpot. (R,S)

5.00 The Chase For Soccer Aid With Lianne Sanderson, Dion Dublin, David James and Shaun Williamson. (R,S)

6.00 Regional News (S) Followed by **Party Election Broadcast** By The Liberal Democrats

6.30 ITV News (S)

6.30 am 3rd Rock From The Sun Triple bill. (R,S)

7.45 Everybody Loves Raymond Four episodes. (R,S)

9.40 Frasier (R,S)

11.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA Gordon Ramsay gives the owners of La Galleria 33 an ultimatum. (R,S)

12.05 C4 News (S)

12.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA A Brooklyn man struggling to run two restaurants. (R,S)

1.10 Car S.O.S Fuzz Townshend and Tim Shaw enlist the help of actor Roger Moore. (R,S)

2.10 Countdown Krishnan Guru-Murthy is in Dictionary Corner. (S)

3.00 A Place In The Sun Double bill. Looking for a holiday home in the Algarve. Then, Jasmine Harman helps Gloria and Russell find a holiday home in Valencia. (S)

5.00 Sun, Sea And Selling Houses The Rodriguez sisters help fitness-mad couple Kris and Ali relocate to Spain. (S)

6.00 Four In A Bed The third visit of the week is at String of Horses in Cumbria. (S)

6.30 The Simpsons (R,S)

6am Milkshake!
9.15 Jeremy Vine (S)

11.15 Storm Huntley (S)

12.45 Friends Double bill. Monica fights tooth and nail with a fellow bride-to-be for a special wedding dress. Then, Joey is nominated for an award. (R,S)

1.40 5 News (S)

1.45 Home And Away Cash won't back down at Stevie's media event. (R,S)

2.15 PREMIERE Living Next To Danger Roxanne Robinson's daughter goes missing and suspicion falls on her new neighbours. Thriller with Kristi Murdock. (2023) ★★★ (S)

4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits In The Sun Documentary following Brits who moved to Spain, swapping the damp and grey conditions of the UK for a new 'cheap-as-chips' life in the Spanish sun. (R,S)

5.00 5 News At 5 (S)

6.00 Police Interceptors Officers Gav Hall and Dan Mottishaw are in hot pursuit of a suspected drug dealer. (R,S) Followed by **5 News Update**

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7.00 The One Show: D-Day Special

Alex Jones and Jermaine Jenas join in the D-Day commemorations. Surviving Royal Navy Wrens talks about their roles and a veteran gets to see an original Dakota transport aircraft. (S)

8.00 EastEnders

George offers to become a silent partner on Junior's business deal and Vinny plans a family meal to create some unity. Bianca squabbles with Reiss over her fall out with Whitney. (S)

8.30 D-Day 80: Tribute To The Fallen

Kirsty Young presents as the 4,600 headstones of those that fell on D-Day are individually illuminated across the Bayeux War Cemetery to commemorate the 80th anniversary. (S)

10.00 BBC News (S)

10.30 Regional News (S)

10.40 The King's Speech

FILM The younger son of George V struggles to cope with an uncontrollable stammer, prompting his wife to enlist the aid of an eccentric Australian speech therapist. The support and friendship of the doctor prove invaluable when a crisis places the repressed prince on the throne, just as the outbreak of the WWII leaves the country in need of a strong king. Fact-based drama starring Colin Firth and Geoffrey Rush. (2010) ★★★★★ (S)

12.30 Celebrity Bridge Of Lies (R,S) Then **Weather For The Week Ahead 1.20-6am** BBC News (S)

7.00 Your Garden Made Perfect

(3/6) Designers Tom Massey and Helen Elks-Smith come up with alternative designs for garden in St Albans, Hertfordshire. But the owners want different things. Presented by Angela Scanlon. (R,S)

8.00 Springwatch

(7/12) The over 18 Wildlife Hero winner is announced, Iolo is hoping to catch a glimpse of a badger clan and Megan enjoys a bit of a raptor fest. (S)

9.00 The Misadventures Of Ramesh Ranganathan

(2/3) Ramesh travels to Rwanda to discover its unique culture, experience its wildlife and find out how the country has healed and rebuilt itself after the 1994 genocide. (S)

10.00 Inside No 9

(5/6) A talented piano-tuner is forced to confront the power of a centuries-old curse by the owners and servants of a large country house. (S)

10.30 Newsnight

Headline analysis presented by Victoria Derbyshire. (S)

Followed by **Weather**

11.05 Unspun World With John Simpson

Global news stories. (S)

11.30 D-Day: The Unheard Tapes

(1/3) The biggest seaborne invasion in history. (R,S)

12.30 Sign Zone: See Hear (R,S,SL)

1.00 Cold Case Investigators: Solving Britain's Sex Crimes (R,S,SL) **2.00-3am** Saving Lives At Sea (R,S,SL)

7.30 Emmerdale

Marlon is frustrated, Lydia is concerned, and Will is unconvinced by Rose's attempt to make amends. (S)

8.00 Coronation Street

Dee-Dee endures a difficult first meeting with Joel's parents, the Institute launches legal action against Toyah, Kevin and Abi discover that peace of mind comes at a high price, and Glenda confides in Michael her doubts about suing George. (S)

9.00 Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? Celebrity Special

The Masked Dancer host Joel Dommett and Ninja Warrior UK presenter Chris Kamara take up the challenge, hoping to win as much as £1million for their chosen charities. As ever, lifelines including Phone A Friend, Ask The Host and 50-50 are available to them if they get stuck. Hosted by Jeremy Clarkson. (R,S)

10.00 ITV News At Ten (S)

10.30 Regional News (S)

10.45 Peston

Political magazine show hosted by Robert Peston, featuring major interviews with MPs, guests and cultural figures. (S)

11.40 British Touring Car Championship Highlights

Steve Rider presents highlights of the third meeting of the campaign, held at Snetterton. (S)

12.55 Shop On TV 3.00 My Mum, Your Dad (R,S,SL) **3.50** Unwind With ITV (S) **5.05-6am** Wheel Of Fortune (R,S,SL)

7.00 C4 News (S)

8.00 Location, Location, Location

Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer catch up with couples who needed help getting on the same page before they could settle on a new home. (S)

9.00 24 Hours In Police Custody

Cameras follow every twist and turn as detectives investigate a premeditated knife and gun attack on the doorstep of a man's house in Luton. (S)

10.00 Queenie

(3 & 4/8) Double bill. Using men as a distraction from her heartbreak, Queenie settles in to peak fun mode but her demons quickly begin to catch up with her. Then, being forced to spend Christmas with her mum sends Queenie down a dark path as she succumbs to feelings she's been trying to suppress. (S)

11.10 24 Hours In A&E

An elderly woman is admitted with two severe leg fractures, while a man appears with an injured finger that he caught in a kebab slicer. (R,S)

12.10 The Piano It's time for the chosen amateur pianists to get ready for the big stage. (R,S,SL)

1.05 FILM God's Own Country. Drama starring Josh O'Connor. (2017) ★★★★★ (S) **2.50 FILM**

Stage Mother. Comedy drama starring Jacki Weaver. (2020) ★★★★★ (S) **4.25** Iris Prize Best British Shorts (S) **4.55** Grand Designs Australia (R,S) **5.50-6.30am** Countdown (R,S)

7.00 Nick Knowles In South America

NEW (1/3) Nick Knowles sets off on an ambitious adventure around the continent. (S) Followed by **5 News Update**

8.00 The Motorway

The bank holiday brings mayhem when patrollers discover a car on the M60 that is leaking fuel and is on fire. (S)

9.00 Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts

(4/16) Sister Rachel is in charge of the hub, every patient should have an initial assessment within 15 minutes of arrival, but an influx of patients has meant the wait time is longer. (S)

10.00 Trauma Room One

(4/8) A neurosurgeon races to stop a 21-year-old Caitlin from becoming blind. A brain cyst endangers Toni's life and a massive deformity of the spine causes Steven to be operated on. (R,S)

11.05 999: Emergency Call Out

(8/10) An unconscious woman is found on the street. (R,S)

12.05 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders (R,S) **1.00** PlayOJO Live Casino Show (S)

3.00 Center Parcs: Britain's Poshest Holiday Camp (R,S) **3.50** Bargain-Loving Brits In The Sun (R,S) **4.40** Wildlife SOS (R,S,SL) **5.05** House Doctor (R,S,SL) **5.30** Entertainment News On 5 (S) **5.35** Fireman Sam (R,S,SL) **5.45-6am** Paw Patrol (R,S,SL)

REGIONAL VARIATIONS

S4C: 6am Cwyl 12.00 Newyddion 12.05 Richard Holt: Yr Academi Felys 12.30 Heno 1.00 Codi Hwyl 1.30 Garddio A Mwy 2.00 Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd 2.05 Prynhawn Da 3.00 Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd 3.05 Nôl I'r Gwersyll 4.00 Awr Fawr 5.00 Stwrsh 6.00 Darllediad Etholiadol Gan Plaid Cymru 6.05 Pêl-Droed Rhyngwladol 6.57 Newyddion S4C 7.00 Heno 7.30 Newyddion 8.00 Pobol Y Cwm 8.25 **FILM** Mat' Off! Ma 8.55 Newyddion 9.00 Y Gymraeg: Hwl Pob Plentyn 10.00 Rownd A Rownd 10.30

11.35pm Yr Anialwch BBC ONE WALES: 6.55-7pm A Party Election Broadcast By Plaid Cymru 10.40 BBC Wales Live 11.00 **FILM** The King's Speech (2010) 1am Celebrity Bridge Of Lies 1.45-6am BBC News BBC TWO WALES: 7pm Clive Myrie's Caribbean Adventure 7.30-8pm Beechgrove Garden ITV WALES: 6.20-6.30pm Party Election Broadcast By Plaid Cymru

FILMS ★★★★★ Brilliant ★★★★ Very Good ★★★ Good ★★ Not Bad ★ Poor (R) Repeat (S) Subtitles (SL) Sign Language



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BROKEN HEART . . . Ekin-Su

EKIN-SU TELLS ALL IN BOOK

LOVE Island winner **EKIN-SU CULKULOGLU** is to release a tell-all book about her life.

She will open up on childhood trauma, bullying, and boyfriends as well as life after finding fame on the ITV dating show.

It comes after she broke her silence on ex **DAVIDE SANCLIMENTI**'s cheating and how she "f***ed up" by entering *Celebrity Big Brother*. Ekin-Su teased the release this week on her Instagram, and I can now reveal the book, called *Be Your Own Best Friend*, will be published on August 29.

She said: "You're going to know why I am the way I am. "From childhood traumas to extreme bullying to boyfriends continuously breaking my heart, why I felt abandoned."

"So it's everything - my experience with Davide, there's a lot in there. "I'm done hiding."

ITV has confirmed **ADAM** and **RYAN THOMAS** will host new game show *99 To Beat*. As I exclusively revealed earlier this year, it will see 100 contestants compete in simple but quirky games, with the sole aim of not coming last. The brothers said: "It really is the ultimate family show."

HARRY'S JAMIE DIG 'SO RUDE'

HARRY HILL admits his Noughties series *TV Burp* was sometimes too rude about telly celebrities - including **JAMIE OLIVER**.

He told *Waitrose's Dish* podcast: "Jamie was always really up for it - we'd done some jokes - but there was that time I probably was a bit too mean. On Jamie's Ministry Of Food, he was trying to teach the public how to cook. There was this graphic, you would end up with 64,000 people all cooking spaghetti bolognese simultaneously. You know, a national mince shortage, so I did this thing, 'If one person tells another not to watch, then two of them tell two other people . . . ' It was really quite rude. You'd go to an award ceremony and you'd see these people and think, 'Oh, I've been really rude about you.'"



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BRIDGE OF LIES

IT might have started out as a daytime TV staple, but **ROSS KEMP**'s *Bridge of Lies* is now one of the Beeb's biggest quiz shows.

After moving to prime time with a celebrity spin-off, its 2.5million viewers have made it the third most-watched show on

BBC One on a Saturday, beating *Doctor Who*. This week, Ross is joined by wine expert **OLLY SMITH**, actor **CHIZZY AKUDOLU**, comedian **JAYDE ADAMS** and presenter **RAV WILDING**. Chizzy, left, seems to be left in a tizzy by one of the questions.

Olivia gets tuck in to surgery 2

PRICE OF PERFECTION BACK

OLIVIA ATTWOOD is fast becoming ITV's golden girl with a string of gritty documentaries.

She has hit the bullseye again as her plastic surgery series *The Price Of Perfection* is confirmed for a return.

Bosses were so impressed with viewing figures for the show's debut earlier this year that they are upping the episode count from five to six.

The new series will see Olivia, who rose to fame on ITV2 dating show *Love Island* in 2017, again explore eye-opening cosmetic treatments.

And there will be more episodes dedicated to sex organ ops after Olivia, left, looked at the ways men try to lengthen their penis in the first series.

An insider said: "Olivia has been solidifying herself as a documentary presenter since her first series, *Getting Filthy Rich*, brought huge success to ITV. "And *The Price Of*

Perfection was no different, with Olivia once again happy to get up close and personal with some of the world's most shocking surgeries.

"The last series looked into breast augmentation and penis surgeries, and viewers can expect more where that came from for series two.

"If fans were shocked by what they saw in series one, watch out for what's to come."

In *The Price Of Perfection*, Olivia investigated the high risks associated with going under the knife.

It was the latest in a string of shows for The Loose Women panellist, who has also presented Olivia Attwood vs The Trolls, about online abuse, and Meets Her Match, her own reality show with husband Bradley Dack.

Earlier this month it was revealed Olivia was in Greece filming a new ITV dating show, which tames badly behaved men.

The second series of *The Price Of Perfection* shoots this summer and will air in early 2025.



SITTING PRETTY . . . in series one

NADIYA WISE ON WASTE



THINK TWICE . . . cook returns

NADIYA HUSSAIN is back on the menu at BBC Two.

The 2015 *Bake Off* winner's *Cook Once, Eat Twice* sees her get crafty in the kitchen as she teaches viewers how to make ingredients stretch further, spinning leftovers into new dishes.

Over six episodes later this year, she will create bakes for batch cooking and freezing, and use otherwise-wasted ingredients to make meals.

Each episode includes two "cook once, eat twice" recipes, and three with solutions to save on the household budget, with help from a guest chef.

Nadiya said: "The show really taps into the way I learnt to cook growing up, where nothing ever went to waste. But we always had vibrant, wonderful food on the table."

"I love the challenge of creating a meal out of food scraps or giving our leftovers a new lease of life."

BBC Three comedy drama *Boardsiders* will be back for a second series. It follows five black teenagers from the inner city as they get to grips with life at a boarding school and stars **JOSH TEDEKU**, **JODIE CAMPBELL**, **SEKOU DIABY**, **MYLES KAMWENDO** and **ARUNA JALLOH**.

JESSICA: MY GAY WAKE-UP

BABY Reinder's **JESSICA GUNNING** has revealed it took more than 30 years to realise she was part of the LGBTQ community.

The actress, 38, who was in the 2014 film *Pride* about lesbian and gay activists who raise money for the miners' strike, told the *Reign* podcast: "I came out in November 2022 and that was a mega, mega thing for me."

"I'm surrounded by gays. All my friends are gay, and so it wasn't that I was repressing anything. It was just I didn't think I could be. For so long, I felt a little bit almost alien."

She added: "I was a big old gay, and I was like, 'That's what it's been.' It took me 36 years, but I did it."

Wednesday


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FREEVIEW

BBC THREE *Freeview 23*

7pm The Fast And The Farmer-ish **7.30** Shark Tank **8.50** The Catch Up; Ryan Tricks On The Streets **9.00** Confessions Of A Teenage Fraudster **9.45** Dave's Games. Short film about rival video-game shops. **10.00** **FILM** Bones And All. Horror romance starring Taylor Russell. (2022) **12.05** Back To Life **1.00** I Kissed A Girl **1.50-2.35am** I Kissed A Girl: The Reunion

BBC FOUR *Freeview 9*

7pm Great British Railway Journeys **7.30** Cornwall's Red River **8.00** Full Circle With Michael Palin **8.50** Michael Palin: The Art Of Travel **9.00** The Jet Stream And Us **10.00** Roy Clarke Remembers: A Foreign Field **10.15** **FILM** A Foreign Field. Comedy drama starring Alec Guinness and Leo McKern. (1993) **11.45** Parkinson Interviews Alec Guinness **12.25** Alec Guinness: Talking Pictures **1.10** Great British Railway Journeys **1.40-2.45am** Just Barbara

ITV2 *Freeview 6*

6am CITV: Craig Of The Creek **6.15** Teen Titans Go! **6.40** Jurassic World Camp Cretaceous **7.05** Mr Bean: The Animated Series **7.20** Scooby-Doo! Mystery Incorporated **7.45** Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! **8.10** What's New Scooby-Doo? **8.35** Scooby-Doo And Guess Who? **9.00** World's Funniest Videos **9.30** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **10.00** Love Bites **12.00** Dress To Impress **1.00** Wheel Of Fortune **2.00** Family Fortunes **3.00** Veronica Mars **4.00** Dawson's Creek **5.00** Dress To Impress **6.00** Celebrity Catchphrase **7.00** Family Fortunes **8.00** Bob's Burgers **9.00** Love Island **10.05** G'wed **10.40** Family Guy **11.35** American Dad! **12.35** Bob's Burgers **1.35-2.10am** Extraordinary

ITV3 *Freeview 10*

6am Classic Emmerdale **7.00** Classic Coronation Street **8.05** Endeavour **10.15** The Royal **11.20** Heartbeat **1.40** Classic Emmerdale **2.40** Classic Coronation Street **3.40** Marple **5.45** Heartbeat **8.00** Midsomer Murders. A woman is stabbed to death during a Jane Austen re-enactment. **10.00** Wire In The Blood **11.50** The Royal **12.40** Bless This House **1.05-2am** Upstairs, Downstairs

ITV4 *Freeview 26*

6am World Of Sport **6.15** Minder **7.10** The Sweeney **8.10** The Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes **9.15** Magnum, P.I. **10.20** Kojak **11.25** Isle Of Man TT **12.25** The Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes **1.35** Magnum, P.I. **2.40** Kojak **3.40** Minder **4.50** The Sweeney **6.00** BattleBots **7.00** Cycling: Criterium Du Dauphine Highlights **8.00** British Rally Championship. The Jim Clark Rally. **9.00** Isle Of Man TT. The first Metzeler Superwin TT race of the week. **10.00** No Room For Error. The elite band of brothers continue to push their physical limits. **11.05** All Elite Wrestling: Collision **1.00** Isle Of Man TT **1.55-2.25am** The Protectors

E4 *Freeview 13*

6am Hollyoaks **7.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **9.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **10.00** Young Sheldon **11.00** Modern Family **12.00** The Big Bang Theory **2.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.00** Modern Family **4.00** Young Sheldon **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** Come Dine With Me **8.00** Dance Moms **9.00** Celebrity Gogglebox **10.00** Gogglebox **11.05** First Dates **12.10** The Big Bang Theory **1.15-2.10am** Brooklyn Nine-Nine

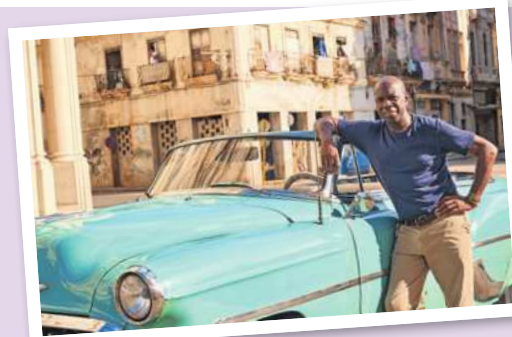
ENTERTAINMENT



Sky Showcase 9pm Documentary portrait of singer-songwriter Amy Winehouse

SKY SHOWCASE

6am Sky News Breakfast **7.00** Kay Burley **8.00** UK Border Force **9.00** Stargate SG-1 **11.00** Uptown Otters **12.00** The Flash **1.00** SEAL Team **3.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** S.W.A.T. **5.00** The Simpsons **6.00** The US Office **7.00** The Simpsons. Double bill. Bart makes friends with a child who is famous influencer. Then, Cletus discovers his wife has a secret. **8.00** A League Of Their Own: Mexican Road Trip. The gang takes MLS-style penalties in front of 60,000 fans. **9.00** **FILM** Amy. Documentary. (2015) **11.30** Resident Alien. Harry and Asta team up with an unlikely ally. Last in the series. **12.25** Ted **1.10-2.10am** Brassic



HAVANA BALL . . . Clive with vintage motor on his trip to Cuba

MORE4 *Freeview 18*

8.55am A Place In The Sun **10.25** A New Life In The Sun **11.25** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **12.30** Come Dine With Me **3.10** Four In A Bed **5.50** Château DIY **6.55** Car S.O.S. **7.55** The Dog House **9.00** Building The Billion Pound Cruise Ship. The construction of one of the largest and most advanced cruise ships in the world. **10.00** 999: On The Front Line **11.05** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown **12.05** Emergency Helicopter Medics **1.10-2.15am** 999: On The Front Line

SKY MIX *Freeview 11*

7am Border Security: Australia's Front Line **8.00** Nothing To Declare **9.00** Motorway Patrol **10.00** Highway Patrol **11.00** Stop, Search, Seize **12.00** Motorway Patrol **1.00** Border Patrol **2.00** Border Security: Australia's Front Line **3.00** Nothing To Declare **4.00** Stargate Atlantis **5.00** Stargate SG-1 **6.00** Stargate Universe **7.00** Star Trek: Voyager **8.00** The Rookie **9.00** The Real Manhunter **11.00** Britain's Most Evil Killers **12.00** Grimm **1.00-2am** Caribbean Cops



BBC Three 10pm Taylor Russell and Timothee Chalamet star in *Bones And All*

DAVE *Freeview 19*

7.10am Cop Car Workshop **8.00** The Force: Behind The Line **9.00** James May's Cars Of The People **10.00** Top Gear **12.00** Storage Hunters UK **2.00** Extreme Fishing With Robson Green **3.00** Top Gear **5.00** Hairy Bikers' Best Of British **6.00** Rick Stein: From Venice To Istanbul **7.00** Would I Lie To You? At Christmas **7.40** Richard Osman's House Of Games **9.00** Qi XL **10.00** Mad Dogs. A charismatic entrepreneur promises to bring the boys home if they complete a mysterious and risky mission. **11.00** Have I Got A Bit More News For You **12.00** Mock The Week **12.40** Would I Lie To You? At Christmas **1.20-2.30am** Live At The Apollo

SKY ATLANTIC

6am Urban Secrets **7.55** True Blood **10.05** Billions **12.15** Game Of Thrones **1.20** The Sopranos **3.30** True Blood **5.40** Billions **7.50** Game Of Thrones. Tyrion's plans bear fruit. **9.00** The Sympathizer. The General begins to suspect there is a mole. **10.10** The King. Claudia learns of new information on Mancuso's case. **11.10** The King. Bruno decides to risk everything to save himself. Last in the series. **12.10** The Pacific **1.15-2.25am** The Newsroom

SKY WITNESS

6am Air Ambulance ER **7.00** Border Patrol **8.00** UK Border Force **9.00** Send In The Dogs **10.00** Brit Cops: Frontline Crime UK **11.00** Bull **12.00** New Amsterdam **1.00** 9-1-1 **2.00** FBI: Most Wanted **3.00** Nothing To Declare UK **4.00** Nothing To Declare **8.00** Caught On Dashcam. Road disasters captured on video by drivers' dashboard cameras. **9.00** Fire Country. The crew responds to a deadly explosion at an abandoned mine. **10.00** The Good Doctor. Dr Glassman struggles to manage Hannah. **11.00** The Rookie: Feds **12.00** FBI **1.00-2am** FBI: International

GOLD

7.10am Desmond's **8.00** Keeping Up Appearances **9.20** My Hero **10.00** Are You Being Served? **10.40** Porridge **11.20** Last Of The Summer Wine **12.40** Keeping Up Appearances **1.20** My Hero **2.00** Porridge **2.40** Dad's Army **3.20** Are You Being Served?

DRAMA *Freeview 20*

7.10am London's Burning **8.00** Doctors **9.15** Classic Holly City **10.40** Classic Casualty **11.40** The Bill **12.40** Classic EastEnders **2.00** London's Burning **3.00** Lovejoy **4.15** Tenko **5.15** Birds Of A Feather **6.00** Waiting For God **6.40** Are You Being Served? **7.20** Last Of The Summer Wine **8.00** The Bletchley Circle **9.00** New Tricks **11.20** Soldier, Soldier **12.30** Lovejoy **1.40-2.50am** Call The Midwife

REALLY *Freeview 17*

6am Celebrity Fantasy Homes **7.00** Teleshopping **8.00** Salvage Hunters **10.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **11.00** Antiques Road Trip **12.00** Money For Nothing **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Antiques Road Trip **5.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** The Face Doctors **10.00** Botched Bariatric **11.00** Help! My House Is Haunted **12.00** Unexplained: Caught On Camera **1.00-2am** Paranormal: Caught On Camera

YESTERDAY *Freeview 27*

6.10am Scouting For Toys **8.00** Abandoned Engineering **10.00** Adolf Hitler's War **11.00** World War Weird **12.00** Great British Railway Journeys **1.00** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash **4.00** The World At War **5.00** World War Weird **6.00** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** Canal Boat Diaries **8.00** Great Coastal Railway Journeys **9.00** Bangers & Cash: Restoring Classics **10.00** Bangers & Cash **11.00** Abandoned Engineering **12.00-1am** Great British Railway Journeys

W *Freeview 25*

6.10am MasterChef Australia **8.00** Tipping Point **11.00** DIY SOS: Grenfell **1.00** Tipping Point **4.00** My Dream Home **6.00** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars **8.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **9.00** Nick Knowles' Big House Clearout **10.00** Red Flag **11.00** Bradford On Duty **12.25** Louis Theroux's LA Stories **1.50-3am** Prison Girls

QUEST *Freeview 12*

6.10am How Do They Do It? **6.30** Shed And Buried **7.00** The Repair Shop **8.00** American Pickers **10.00** Chasing Classic Cars **11.00** Massive Engineering Mistakes **12.00** How Do They Do It? **2.00** Salvage Hunters **3.00** Shed And Buried **4.00** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **5.00** Salvage Hunters: The Restorers **6.00** Wheeler Dealers **7.00** Aussie Gold Hunters **8.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00** Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House **10.00** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **11.00** How Do They Do It? **12.00-1am** Wheeler Dealers

4.00 Last Of The Summer Wine **5.20** Porridge **6.00** Keeping Up Appearances **6.35** Dad's Army **8.00** Still Open All Hours. Granville is determined to change Gastric's image. **8.40** The Thin Blue Line. Raymond celebrates the Queen's birthday. **9.15** Dinnerladies. Bren's past catches up with her. **11.00** The Royle Family. Barbara walks out on Jim. **10.40** Harry Enfield And Chums. Comedy sketches. **11.20** The Office **12.00** Still Open All Hours **12.40** The Thin Blue Line **1.15-2am** Dinnerladies

COMEDY CENTRAL

8am Michael McIntyre's Big Show **9.00** Takedashi's Castle **10.00** Impractical Jokers: Dinner Party **11.00** Home Improvement **12.00** Last Man Standing **1.00** Friends **9.00** Michael McIntyre's Big Show. The comedian's family entertainment series returns. **10.00** Lee Evans: The Ultimate Experience. The comedian's funniest routines. **11.50** Stephen Merchant: Hello Ladies. The Office co-creator's 2011 stand-up comedy show. **1.45-2.20am** Most Ridiculous Thrill Seekers

ALIBI

7.10am Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** The Coroner **10.00** Elementary **11.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **12.00** Father Brown **1.00** Death In Paradise **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** Elementary **5.00** Father Brown **6.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators. Frank and Lu are framed. **7.00** Elementary. Sherlock and Joan delve into New

CLIVE MYRIE'S CARIBBEAN ADVENTURE *BBC Two*

AFTER Mike Tyson pulled out of his fight with Jake Paul, the YouTuber should have given Clive Myrie a call. He shows off his unlikely boxing skills in the latest episode of his travelogue, where he heads to Cuba. The host is given a lesson by a steely old boxing coach, who got so into it, you wouldn't have been surprised if he got in his car and persuaded Clive to run alongside him, Rocky Balboa style. And you could argue Clive "The Maestro" Myrie's opponent, when he finally got



last night

into the ring in a rough-and-ready Havana gym, has more boxing pedigree than Jake. Joanna Rodriguez is looking to represent her country at the Olympics now Cuban authorities have relaxed rules allowing females to compete. No wonder Clive faked being knocked out by the heavyweight in order to leave the bout in one piece – much to the dismay of his coach. Boxing is one of three big passions Clive gets to enjoy as he steps foot in the country,

where he's looking to explore family connections. Indeed, he reveals his surname originates from Cuba, which he intends to delve into in later episodes. The Mastermind host and car fanatic is unleashed inside a garage specialising in classic motors, all imported from America pre-1959. He dons his overalls to look under the bonnets and is left truly mesmerised by the engine work, and proudly recalls how his dad restored numerous

SPORT



TNT Sports 11.15pm Great Britain take on Spain in the Men's FIH Hockey Pro League

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

6am Sky Sports News **7.00** Good Morning Sports Fans **10.00** **LIVE** State Of Origin Rugby League. New South Wales Blues v Queensland Maroons. Kick-off at 10.05. **1.00** **LIVE** World Pool Championship. Coverage of the first session on day three of the tournament. **3.00** **LIVE** ICC Men's T20 World Cup. India v Ireland. **7.30** **LIVE** World Pool Championship. Coverage of the second session on day three. **9.30** Sky Sports News **10.00** Sky Sports News At Ten **10.30** Back Pages Tonight **11.00** Sky Sports News **12.00** **LIVE** ICC Men's T20 World Cup. Papua New Guinea v Uganda. **1.00-5.30am** **LIVE** ICC Men's T20 World Cup. Australia v Oman.

SKY SPORTS PREMIER LEAGUE

6am PL Greatest Games **7.00** PL Highlights **10.00** PL Years **12.00** Gary Neville's Soccerbox **1.00** Premier League Best Goals **2.00** PL Highlights **5.00** PL Review **7.00** Premier League Stories **8.00** Gary Neville's Soccerbox **9.00** Newcastle: The Entertainers **9.30** Southgate: Life As England Manager **10.00** Class Of '92: Full Time **11.00** PL Retro **1.00-3am** PL Years

SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

6am EFL **9.00** EFL Greatest Games **10.00** EFL Cup Retro **12.00** EFL Greatest Games **1.00** Championship Retro **3.00** EFL Cup Retro **5.00** Best Goals Of The Carabao Cup 2020/21 **5.30** Best Goals: Efl Cup 2021-22 **6.00** Best Moments From The Championship Play-Off Final (1993-2019) **6.30** Best Moments From The League 1 & 2 Play-Off Final (1993-2019) **7.00** Championship Retro **9.00** EFL Cup Retro **11.00**

York's criminal underworld. **8.00** Death In Paradise. Camille's best friend collapses on stage. **9.00** Alaska Daily. New series. After a fall from grace, award-winning journalist Eileen Fitzgerald leaves her New York life behind to join a daily metro newspaper in Anchorage, Alaska. Drama series, with Hilary Swank. **10.00** Death In Paradise. Poole investigates the death of a strangled English tourist. **11.05** Elementary **12.05** Why Women Kill **1.05-2am** Unforgettable

SKY COMEDY

8am Will & Grace **9.00** The Conners **10.00** Run **10.30** Veep **11.40** Entourage **12.50** High Maintenance **2.10** Veep **3.20** Entourage **4.30** Run **5.00** Will & Grace **6.00** The US Office **7.00** The Conners **8.00** Will & Grace **9.00** Barry **10.15** And Just Like That **11.45** The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon. American chat show. **12.45-2am** Silicon Valley

DISCOVERY

6am How It's Made **7.00** Deadliest Catch **8.00** Building Off The Grid **9.00** Combat Dealers **10.00** Demolition Down Under **11.00** Wheeler Dealers **1.00** Barnwood Builders **3.00** Gold Rush **4.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue **6.00** Demolition Down Under **7.00** Kindig Customs. The shop has been perfecting the process in building the CF1s. **8.00** Supertrucks. Simon has his hands full cleaning up after moving a 40-tonne vehicle. **9.00** Border Control Poland **11.00** Combat Dealers: Reloaded **12.00** Gold Divers **1.00-2am** Border Control Poland

RADIO



Virgin Radio 6.30am Chris Evans chats with bestselling author Sebastian Junger

VIRGIN RADIO *DAB virginradio.co.uk*

6.30am Chris Evans **10.00** The Ryan Tubridy Show **1.00** Jayne Middlemiss **4.00** Ricky Wilson **7.00** Bam 10.00 Olivia Jones **1.00** Sean Goldsmith **4.00-6.30am** Steve Denyer

TALKRADIO *DAB talkradio.co.uk*

6.30am Mike Graham **10.00** Julia Hartley Brewer **1.00** Ian Collins **4.00** Jeremy Kyle **7.00** Kevin O'Sullivan **10.00** Petrie Hosken **1.00** Paul Ross **5.00-6.30am** James Max

TALKSPORT *105.3, 108.9MW talksport.com*

6am TalkSPORT Breakfast With Alan Brazil **10.00** Sam Matterface And Danny Mills **1.00** Shebani Aherne & Jacobs **4.00** TalkSPORT

cars while working as a mechanic in Bolton.

"This is heaven," he beams, and that's before he's even taken one for a spin.

Next up was music, as he visited a traditional music hall to find out how Cuban rhythms conquered the world and inspired the likes of the Buena Vista Social Club.

Clive gets on the drums and plays along to an uptempo number, once again brimming with enthusiasm before he stands up and dances with locals, losing himself in the moment.

You can't say he's not enjoying this trip.

STUART PINK



SO BRAVE . . . training for D-Day

D-DAY 80: THE ALLIES PREPARE, BBC One, 10.15am: A live event from Portsmouth, where the Allies departed for the beaches of Normandy 80 years ago. It is hosted by Dame Helen Mirren and presented by Anita Rani and JJ Chalmers.

Featuring spoken-word testimony delivered by well-known faces and musical performances supported by a tri-service orchestra, it marks a pivotal moment in our history.

This is followed later by D-Day 80: Tribute To The Fallen (BBC One, 8.30pm) from the Bayeux War Cemetery in Normandy and Southsea Common, Portsmouth, presented by Kirsty Young. As darkness falls, each of the 4,600



picks

headstones of those that fell will be illuminated in tribute.

NICK KNOWLES IN SOUTH AMERICA, Channel 5, 7pm: Nick is in "one of the most exciting, exhilarating places I've ever seen" - Chile and Argentina.

He throws himself into the experience by climbing the Andes Mountains, be it only on the "baby slopes", and kayaking dangerously close to precarious glaciers in Grey Lake at Torres del Paine National Park.

And what better way to end the first episode than with Chile's

national drink (the pisco sour)? But it has a Patagonian twist - the Calafate sour.

BOTCHED BARIATRIC, Really, 10pm: This new series is not for the squeamish, as it provides a very graphic and fascinating look at correctional surgeries across America.

Tonight, we meet Latoya, 46, who has been left with a 10lb mass dangling between her legs after a botched hernia repair.

But before Dr Kahn and Dr Kundo can remove the pendulum-like lump and excess

skin, they need to get her weight under control with a gastric sleeve.

ALASKA DAILY, Alibi, 9pm: The two-time Oscar-winner Hilary Swank stars in this enjoyable drama as talented and strong-willed reporter Eileen Fitzgerald.

After her high-profile journalism career falls apart, Eileen is persuaded by her former colleague to leave New York City behind and join a newspaper in Anchorage, Alaska.

The story of several missing indigenous women instantly grabs her interest.

But fitting in with her new colleagues and the locals is not very easy.

CHLOE ANDREWS

TNT SPORTS 1

6am WRC Review 7.00 WWE Monday Night Raw 9.30 Premier League Stories 10.00 Hockey 11.00 **LIVE** Hockey. Great Britain v China. Push-back at 11.00. 1.00 No Filter Football 1.15 **LIVE** Hockey. Great Britain v Spain. 3.15 MotoGP Rewind 3.30 **LIVE** Hockey. United States v Germany. 5.30 Badminton Weekly 5.45 **LIVE** Hockey. Ireland v Germany. Push-back at 5.45. 7.45 MotoGP Highlights 8.45 No Filter Football 9.00 **LIVE** MLB. Washington Nationals v New York Mets. 12.15 MLB Plays of the Week 12.45 MotoGP Rewind 1.00-2am Ligue 1

TNT SPORTS 2

1.30pm Badminton Unlimited 2.00 Triathlon World Tour 2.30 UEFA Europa League 4.00 UEFA Europa League & Conference League Magazine 5.00 MLB Highlights 6.00 MLB Plays of the Week 6.30 **LIVE** MLB. Boston Red Sox v Atlanta Braves. Start-time at 6.35. 9.45 TNT Sports Reload 10.00 Hockey 3am-1.30pm **LIVE** Badminton. Coverage from the Indonesia Open Round of 16.

TNT SPORTS 3

6am MotoGP 9.30 MotoGP Chequered Flag 10.30 UEFA Champions League Magazine 11.00 AFL 5.00 WWE SmackDown 6.00 WWE Raw Highlights 7.00 TNT Sports Reload 7.30 Ultimate Pool 9.00 WWE Raw Highlights 10.00 Serie A - Full Impact 11.00 Ligue 1 12.00 Fight Week 12.30-3.30am UFC

PREMIER SPORTS 1

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MOVIES



Film 4 9pm Josh Brolin stars in Sean Penn's crime drama *Flag Day*

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

6.15am *Ride On* (PG, 2023) ★★★★★ 8.35 *Bonus Track* (2023) ★★★★★ 10.25 *Some Other Woman* (15, 2023) ★★★★★ 12.00 *Boonie Bears: Guardian Code* (PG, 2023) ★★★★★ 1.40 *Ride On* (PG, 2023) ★★★★★ 4.00 *Bonus Track* (2023) ★★★★★ 5.45 *Blue Beetle* (12, 2023) ★★★★★ 8.00 *The Exorcist: Believer* (15, 2023) ★★★★★ 10.00 *Cult Killer* (15, 2023) ★★★★★ 12.00-1.35am *Some Other Woman* (15, 2023) ★★★★★

SKY CINEMA MONSTERS

8.40am *Monster Trucks* (PG, 2016) ★★ 10.30 *A Monster Calls* (12, 2016) ★★★★★ 12.30 *King Kong* (12, 2005) ★★★★★ 3.40 *Critters Attack!* (15, 2019) ★★ 5.15 *The Reef: Stalked* (15, 2022) ★★★★★ 6.50 *Jurassic Park* (PG, 1993) ★★★★★ 9.00 *Jaws* (12, 1975) ★★★★★ 11.05 *Doom* (15, 2005) ★★ 12.55-2.35am *Critters Attack!* (15, 2019) ★★

SKY CINEMA ACTION

8.45am *Gods Of Egypt* (12, 2016) ★★ 11.00 *The Scorpion King* (PG, 2002) ★★★★★ 12.45 *The Dark Knight Rises* (12, 2012) ★★★★★ 3.40 *Snow White & The Huntsman* (12, 2012) ★★★★★ 5.55 *The Mummy: Tomb Of The Dragon Emperor* (12, 2008) ★★★★★ 8.00 *King Arthur: Legend Of The Sword* (12, 2017) ★★★★★ 10.15 *Knights Of The Zodiac* (12, 2023) ★★★★★ 12.15-1.55am *Shaolin Soccer* (PG, 2001) ★★★★★

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11am *The Sound Barrier* (U, 1952) ★★★★★ 1.20 *The Sons Of Katie Elder* (U, 1965) ★★★★★ 3.45 *Von Ryan's Express* (PG, 1965) ★★★★★ 6.10 *Cast Away* (12, 2000) ★★★★★ 9.00 *Flag Day* (15, 2021) ★★★★★ 11.15 *Bad Boys* (15, 1995) ★★★★★ 1.35-3.50am *Bombshell* (15, 2019) ★★★★★

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11.05am *Tokyo Joe* (PG, 1949) ★★★★★ 12.50 *Tour Of Scotland In 1958* 1.10 *It's Great To Be Young!* (U, 1956) ★★★★★ 3.05 *Way Of A Gaucho* (U, 1952) ★★★★★ 5.00 *Johnny Ringo* 5.30 *Bonanza* 6.30 *The Road To D-Day* 7.00 *Dixon Of Dock Green* ★★★★★ 8.00 *The Human Jungle* 9.05 *Gideon's Way* 10.10pm-12.15am *The Cater Street Hangman* (PG, 1998) ★★★★★

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1pm *Killer In Red* (PG, 2018) ★★★★★ 2.55 *Killer Night Shift* (15, 2018) ★★★★★ 5.00 *Witness Unprotected* (2018) 6.50 *The Rundown* (12, 2003) ★★★★★ 9.00 *The Green Hornet* (12, 2011) ★★★★★ 11.25pm-1.45am *Cold In July* (15, 2014) ★★★★★

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1pm *The Texas Rangers* (PG, 1951) ★★★★★ 2.40 *Coroner Creek* (U, 1948) ★★★★★ 4.35 *Wild West Chronicles* 5.05 *Field Punishment No 1* (12, 2014) ★★★★★ 7.05 *Collision Course* (PG, 2012) ★★★★★ 9.00 *Brothers In Arms* (15, 2019) Action thriller. ★★★★★ 11.10pm-1.05am *Assault On Station 33* (15, 2021) ★★★★★

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HUBBY TAKES ADVANTAGE OF ME WHEN HE IS DRUNK

Dear Deidre

EMPTY wine and beer bottles hidden in weird cupboards all around the house tell me my husband is doing nothing to cut down his drinking.

He has admitted he has a problem but he won't get help. He reckons he can sort it on his own but over the last couple of years things have become much worse. It is off the scale.

I am 45 and my husband is 47. We have been together for 20 years.

I have tried talking to him about this when he is sober but he won't discuss it. Nothing gets through to him, despite me having cried and shouted at him to show him how this affects me.

He is a different person when he is drunk and makes me do things of a sexual nature that I hate.

If I don't do what he wants, I get the silent treatment for days because he knows this affects me more than if he were to shout at me.

DEIDRE SAYS: Nobody should be forced into doing anything sexually against their will. You are perfectly entitled to refuse, no matter how he behaves towards you afterwards.

This is sexual assault under UK law. Being drunk is no defence and I would urge you to contact rapecrisis.org.uk (0808 802 9999).

My support pack **Have You Been Raped?** will help you think this through.

You can get support for his drinking from adfam.org.uk, which helps the families of alcoholics.

Pregnant by my cheat boyfriend

Dear Deidre

MY boyfriend went out to celebrate my pregnancy and had sex with another woman.

I really thought he was looking forward to being a dad, so I have been blindsided by discovering he went behind my back at what should have been a special time.

I am 31 and my boyfriend is 33. We have been together for three years. He's not my usual type and my friends even asked me what on earth I was doing when we began dating. But I loved his impulsiveness and passion and fell for him.

I was overjoyed when I discovered I was pregnant. But soon he became snappy with me.

Then I realised he never let his phone out of his sight. I followed my instinct and went through his mobile and found there were messages to and from another woman.

They were absolutely filthy. When I confronted him, he tried to justify his behaviour by saying we were on a break at the time. But the timing

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didn't add up. I saw he had been on three dates with her.

The last one was a week after he knew about the baby. I left him and went to my parents' house. Since then I have only seen him once, when I popped back to our flat to

get some belongings. I know I will never forgive or probably forget. I simply don't trust him.

I am the product of parents staying together for the sake of the children – and it was miserable. I don't want history to repeat itself. He has put no effort in to sort this out.

DEIDRE SAYS: To find out that your boyfriend cheated on you will understandably hurt. He is someone you thought you had a future with.

You are right that while trying to sort out a relationship for the sake of children is a very good reason, it is not enough to stay together – unless both partners are doing their best to improve their connection.

Now you need to decide whether it is possible to rebuild the intimacy and trust between you, or if you would be better off ending it.

Please talk to your partner and ask him to be completely honest with you, if you believe he is capable of that.

Nothing will excuse his behaviour. But if you part, he will still have a legal obligation to provide for his child financially.

My support pack **Cheating – Can You Get Over It?** will help you decide.

IS ONLINE LOVER IN IT FOR MONEY?

Dear Deidre

A WOMAN I met online says she wants to be with me but I am torn. She lives in Romania and is studying at university.

I am a 25-year-old man and she is 21. We only met three months ago and have been talking every day since.

We have talked about the future and being together, something she says she really wants. What concerns me though is that she is now asking for more money than I can afford on my salary as a call-centre agent for an insurance company.

If it was just a couple of hundred pounds I wouldn't mind so much, but she is asking for thousands – money I simply don't have.

While I really like her and don't want to let her down, my friends keep telling me it is a scam. I want to help her but I don't want to get hurt.

DEIDRE SAYS: Your friends could well be right, so please be wary.

I'm afraid I get plenty of emails from people who have been romance scammed in this way.

You have never met face to face, which is a key part of getting to know someone.

The internet is notorious for this kind of deception. It's never a good idea to send money to someone you have only met online.

You can get advice about internet cons through actionfraud.police.uk (0300 123 2040). My support pack **Love Online** explains more about the pitfalls of these kinds of relationships.

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Dear Deidre

EVEN though my wife and I broke up two years ago, we are back living in the same house and I am desperately in love with her.

I'm 39 and my wife is 37. We have been married for eight years and have two boys aged six and four. When we split up, my wife moved out. She lived with her parents and a few of her friends put her up too, but it didn't work out and after a year she had nowhere to stay.

We had kept in touch because of our children so I offered her the chance to rent one of the rooms at my house, and she came back.

I was so pleased because I'm still in love with her.

I'M STILL IN LOVE WITH MY EX-WIFE

Secretly, I hoped we could sort out our differences and get back together.

She has been renting out this room for just over a year. It is amazing to have her living back at home but she keeps telling me she has moved on.

However, she acts and talks to her friends as if we are still together. I have heard her on her phone and seen messages that back this up. I don't know what to think. Do I wait for her to come around or move on?

DEIDRE SAYS: Tell your wife you love her and

offer to go to counselling. Ask what it would take for her to give your relationship another chance.

But if she insists she has moved on, there is not much you can do to make her change her mind. She may feel embarrassed about having to move in with you and wants her friends to think your relationship is back on track.

The housing charity Shelter (shelter.org.uk) might be able to help you with advice on your specific situation.

Please have a think about how this set-up will be affecting your sons. If you are confused then they will be too. It would be good to talk this through with your wife. My support pack **When Parents Fall Out** explains more.

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HOMES & FAMILIES

ADMIRING the freshly painted nursery, Kylie Evans lets out a sigh of contentment as she feels the baby kick.

She is 36 weeks pregnant with her first child, who she has already named Hudson Ray after her late grandad.

Husband Mick, who at 63 is 28 years older than Kylie, is every bit as delighted.

But he is not the baby's father.

Kylie conceived using sperm from a stranger who has the same blue eyes, bald head and medium build as her other half.

Kylie, from Manchester, says: "In an ideal world, Mick would be the biological father, but it wasn't possible.

"The fact we're having a baby at all feels like a miracle and he will be as much our baby's parent as I am."

The couple met in 2008 at the pub where Kylie was working. She was 19 and Mick, a cleaner, was 47.

"I'd never fancied an older man before but there was something about Mick that I fell for," says Kylie, who now works in a sandwich shop.

"He was the life and soul of the party and had twinkly eyes.

'It hasn't been an easy pregnancy'

"I did the chasing and at first he'd bat away my flirting, telling me he was old enough to be my father.

"In fact, he is six years older than my dad. Eventually, he succumbed to me constantly asking him out but told me he had two children and that he'd had a vasectomy as he didn't want any more.

"Back then, kids were the last thing on my mind, I just wanted Mick."

Within 18 months, the couple had moved in together and although Kylie's 57-year-old dad Mark and mum Michelle, 56, initially disapproved because of the age gap, they soon came round.

Mick's daughter Laura, 32, is three years younger than Kylie and his son Aidan, 28, is seven years younger, but they have always accepted Kylie.

Mick is often mistaken for Kylie's dad, which the pair find funny.

In 2015, Mick proposed while they were on holiday in Greece and last year they married at Bury register office.

When Kylie was in her mid-twenties, her biological clock started ticking.

"Suddenly, I desperately wanted a baby," she says. "It didn't take much to persuade Mick as he loves being a dad and our relationship is so strong."

They explored Mick having a vasectomy reversal, but the doctor said it was unlikely to work.

In 2018 they asked to be referred to

By MEL FALLOWFIELD
and KATIE PEARSON

a fertility specialist. Kylie says: "When tests showed I had polycystic ovary syndrome and wasn't ovulating, I burst into tears.

"I tried to accept that we'd never have a baby but the urge became even stronger."

The couple hoped to try IVF but at the time, Kylie, who is 4ft 10in, weighed nearly 25st and was a size 26 so was told she didn't qualify.

"I desperately wanted a baby, so I was determined to lose weight," she says. "But as no diet had ever worked, I knew I'd need weight-loss surgery."

In January 2022, the couple flew to Latvia, where Kylie had a gastric bypass at a cost of £7,000.

Within a year, she'd lost 11st and was delighted when tests showed she was ovulating.

In July last year, she and Mick found a fertility clinic locally that offered artificial insemination.

She says: "We chose the donor together and although you can't see a photo, we asked for a man with the same characteristics as Mick."

Kylie got pregnant at the first attempt but had an early miscarriage.

Their next attempt failed but in October, and after spending £7,500, Kylie conceived.

"I was excited but scared I'd miscarry again," she says.

"But after our 12-week scan I finally allowed myself to believe we were going to be parents."

"It hasn't been an easy pregnancy, though. I had severe morning sickness and was in hospital with kidney stones, so this will be my first and last baby."

"But we're so excited and Mick is as thrilled as me."

"He will be Hudson's dad in every way that matters."

"And he'll be a good one, as he's brilliant with his children and grandchildren."

Reflecting on Mick's age, Kylie, who is due in July, is realistic.

"I wish he was younger, but only because then he'd be around longer for me and Hudson Ray," she says.

"But he's young at heart and he'd do anything for me, including let me carry another man's baby. I feel so lucky."

Mick says: "I'm not thinking about it being another man's child."

"I knew I wanted a baby with Kylie once we'd been together for a while and now we're having one, I've been there every step of the way."

"It will be great being an older dad, and I can't wait to push a pram again."

Broody Kylie Evans, 35, took drastic action when she discovered her husband was unable to give her the baby she longed for...

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Kylie is 36 weeks pregnant

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... Kylie and Mick

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Make your windows sparkle: NEWSPAPER V BLACK TEA



HACK 1: Use newspaper. Try newspapers to clean glass for a smudge-free surface. Use gloves to keep hands free of ink.

Lynsey says: "I thought my windows would be filthy after doing this, but they came up well. It was my hands that were filthy, so do use gloves."

RATING: 6.

Heidi says: "Fibres used to make newspaper are soft enough to be safe to use on glass, but ink may leak and you'll be left with streaky marks. It's a lot easier to spend £1 on a window-cleaning spray."



HACK 2: Black tea. Tea contains tannic acid and will work in a similar way to vinegar. Brew a big pot and let it cool before you get to work on windows and mirrors.

Lynsey says: "Surprisingly, this worked really well. My windows have never been shinier."

RATING: 8.

Heidi says: "A cheap and effective hack that really works. The tannin in the tea is great at making glass super shiny. Use a soft cloth though, as kitchen towel can be rough and cause scratches."

Blitz grimy saucepans: BIO WASHING POWDER V BAKING SODA



HACK 1: Boil bio washing powder. Once your dirty pan has cooled, fill with water and add 1 tbsp of biological washing powder. Put the pan back on the hob and bring to the boil. Leave to simmer for ten minutes, then rinse.

Lynsey says: "A great hack for really filthy pans that you can't get clean in the sink alone."

RATING: 10.

Heidi says: "Bio washing powder contains enzymes that break down food and stains, so combined with the heat of boiling water, this hack really works. Alternatively, you could use a dishwasher tablet."



HACK 2: Baking soda. Heat some water on a low-medium heat for five minutes, then add some baking soda. If the pan is severely burnt, try adding 2 tsp of lemon juice too to create a fizz reaction and break down any grime.

Lynsey says: "This took a long time and didn't work as well as I'd hoped."

RATING: 2.

Heidi says: "The active ingredients – baking soda and lemon – will likely be too diluted to remove food."



TOP POP TIP: ... use Coca-Cola to achieve a sparkling clean shower head

Supercharge your shower head: COCA-COLA V WHITE VINEGAR



HACK 1: Soak in Coca-Cola. Remove your shower head, place it in a freezer bag, then fill the bag with the fizzy drink. Seal it and let the shower head soak for an hour. Next, use an old toothbrush to clean the head. After replacing the shower head, run it on hot to flush all the cola through.

Lynsey says: "This was incredibly effective. After soaking for an hour, nearly all the limescale had disappeared, with no scrubbing involved whatsoever. Impressive."

RATING: 9.

Heidi says: "The acids in Coca-Cola can break down dirt, grime and limescale. But if your shower

head is very dirty, it may not be strong enough."

HACK 2: White vinegar. As above, but soak the shower head in distilled white vinegar mixed with water instead.

Lynsey says: "I loved this method too. It worked well and the vinegar was even cheaper than Coke. No scrubbing involved."

RATING: 10.

Heidi says: "White vinegar is acidic and will break down limescale build-up. But if your shower head is damaged, then soaking it in an acidic product may cause further harm."

TIKTOK is brimming with tips on how to clean everything from windows to ovens and shower heads. In fact, #cleantok content has had more than 114 BILLION views, while #cleaninghack has had almost four billion. Many

hacks involve items you already have at home, but which ones work best? Heidi Phillips, owner of Tergo Specialist Cleaning Services, says: "Although social media can be an amazing place to find useful cleaning hacks,

remember that not every one will work. "And some are actually dangerous." Mum-of-three LYNSEY HOPE compares popular tricks and marks them out of ten while Heidi delivers her expert verdicts.

WHICH VIRAL CLEANING HACK SCRUBS UP BEST?



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Spruce up plants:

MAYO V WASHING-UP LIQUID

HACK 1: Rub with mayo. Clean dusty houseplants with some mild soap and water, then use a paper towel and rub a drop of mayo into the tops of leaves to make them extra vibrant. **Lynsey says:** "It did bring the leaves up nice and shiny, but it was a bit messy, so I doubt I'd do this again."

RATING: 3. **Heidi says:** "Although the oil in the mayo will make leaves shine, it could damage them by clogging up the plant stomata, which can result in the plant not being able to absorb enough water. I wouldn't recommend it."

HACK 2: Washing-up liquid. Add a squirt of washing up liquid to a bowl and gently clean your plant's leaves with a damp cloth.

Lynsey says: "My plants looked cleaner than ever after doing this, all the leaves were really shiny." **RATING: 9.** **Heidi says:** "I'm a big fan of using washing up liquid for almost everything cleaning-related and yes, you can safely use it on houseplants too."



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Make your hob gleam: BABY OIL V WD40

HACK 1: Baby oil. Put a dab of baby oil on to a clean cloth and rub the whole surface clean on your stainless steel or ceramic hob. **Lynsey says:** "This did a great job of getting rid of finger marks and smudges from my hob, but the fire risk was a worry though. I had no idea baby oil was flammable, but it is, as it contains paraffin. This puts me off using it again."

RATING: 1. **Heidi says:** "Although baby oil will give stainless steel a lovely shine, it won't clean it. You also need to bear in mind that it needs to be thoroughly polished off, or you are risking fire next time your hob heats up."

HACK 2: WD-40. Use a squirt of WD-40 and wipe your hob with a microfibre cloth.

Lynsey says: "The smell was off-putting, but it did bring the hob up well. In all honesty, even though it seemed to work, I wouldn't use this trick again because WD-40 is flammable."

RATING: 3. **Heidi says:** "Although WD-40 is safe to use on stainless steel, it shouldn't be used in food preparation areas, and it is also flammable."

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FabFood

With Fabulous Food Editor **KIRSTY SPENCE**

PICNIC season has finally arrived - and let's hope it is here to stay!

But instead of the usual sausage rolls and crisps, Lisa Faulkner has some salads that will take your spread to the next level.

They are quick to prep - her black-eyed bean salad with lovely crumbly feta and mint



takes only five minutes - and would be great to impress guests at a barbecue.

All those flavours and lovely colours from the herbs and veggies will taste super fresh in the sunshine.

Plus, the chicken teriyaki salad will have you feeling full all day.

Just add a glass of rosé.

CHICKEN TERIYAKI SALAD

Serves 4
Preparation time: 5 minutes, plus 20 minutes marinating
Cooking time: 15 minutes
Cals: 602
Sat fat: 4g
YOU NEED:

3 tbsp soy sauce
2 tbsp mirin
1 tbsp rice vinegar, plus extra for drizzling
1 tsp caster sugar
2 tbsp honey
1 tbsp sesame oil, plus extra to drizzle
2 chicken breasts, flattened with a rolling pin
300g (dry weight) basmati rice
2 tsp vegetable oil
1 cucumber, peeled into ribbons
2 large carrots, peeled into ribbons
2 baby gems, torn
2 avocados, sliced
Black and white sesame seeds, to serve

METHOD: Mix the soy, mirin, vinegar, sugar, honey and sesame oil together, then pour over the chicken breasts and marinate for at least 20 minutes. Meanwhile, rinse the rice and put in a pan with 600ml water and a pinch of salt. Bring to the boil, cover and simmer for 3-4 minutes, then turn off the heat and steam with the lid on for 5-6 minutes. Remove the lid and fluff up with a fork. Heat the



vegetable oil in a frying pan. Cook the chicken over a medium-high heat for about 4-5 minutes.

Return to the pan with the marinade and simmer until sticky but not dry. Toss the cucumber and carrot with sesame oil, vinegar and a pinch of sugar.

Divide the rice between four plates, add the carrot, cucumber, baby gem and avocado. Then top with the chicken and spoon over the sauce. Scatter with sesame seeds.

BLACK-EYED BEAN & FETA SALAD

Serves 4-6
Preparation time: 5 minutes
Cals: 258
Sat fat: 6g
YOU NEED:

2 x 400g tins black-eyed beans, drained and rinsed
150g cherry tomatoes, quartered
1/2 cucumber, deseeded and cubed
Handful radishes, thinly sliced
1 avocado, diced
Large handful rocket
Small bunch flat-leaf parsley, chopped
2 tbsp chopped mint
200g feta, crumbled
Juice 1/2 lemon
1 tsp extra virgin olive oil

METHOD: In a large bowl, combine the beans with the tomatoes, cucumber, radishes, avocado, rocket and herbs. Toss well together, then crumble over the feta.

In another bowl, whisk the lemon



juice with a pinch of sugar, sea salt and freshly ground black pepper.

Whisk in the extra-virgin olive oil, pour over the salad and toss well to combine.

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The page where you tell Britain what you think

I WAS very sad to read that Colin Gibb, pictured, of Black Lace had died.

Agadoo may have been named the worst pop song of all time, but for the last 40 years, this record has always got people of all ages on to the dance floor.

Colin's legendary song will still be played for many years to come.

RONNIE ANDERSON
Exmouth, Devon

I DON'T know what's more shocking – how muggers sprayed tear gas in the face of Spurs



footballer Yves Bissouma, or the fact he was wearing a £260,000 watch, which is the price of a house in some parts.

While it's nice to have lovely possessions, it only makes people walking targets for thieves. It must have been a shock for him and his partner, especially when the thieves pretended to ask for selfies. It's a warning for celebrities not to flaunt their wealth.

MIA SHELBY
Banbridge, County Down

I SEE the Duke of York



is living well off taxpayers' money, out riding now he doesn't work any more.

I felt sorry for the horse he was riding at the weekend.

J C HAYES

Sidmouth, Devon

ED BALLS, pictured, should be taken off Good Morning Britain, he seems to me to be using it as free advertising for the Labour party. Either that or he should be neutral on the show, keeping his thoughts to himself. I can't watch it when he is on.

ANNA JONES
Stratford-upon-Avon, Warks

At least Nigel speaks for us

£50 LETTER

AT last, with Nigel Farage we have someone to make this election a bit more exciting.

The former Ukip leader has taken the reins of Reform UK and thrown his hat into the ring to run for Parliament in the Clacton constituency.

Having listened to his Press conference, he sounds like he might actually put the British people first for a change.

NIGEL NEWTON
Romford, Essex

THE return of Nigel Farage will certainly shake up both Labour and the Tories.

His Reform UK party will attract many voters with its pledge to stop out-of-control immigration – an issue Farage has opposed for ages.

The voter revolt he speaks of is out there, and he fully intends to capitalise on it.

TERRY ARMSTRONG
Newcastle upon Tyne

NIGEL Farage planning to run as an MP? That reminds me of the Pet Shop Boys song What Have I Done To Deserve This?

Send him back to the I'm A Celebrity jungle, please.

RITA SINGLETON
Armagh

I WOULD have voted for Farage before his outburst about wanting to destroy the Conservative Party. It shows his true colours – this is about him and not the country.

He will try to bring the Tories down because they didn't want him. After this, nobody will want him.

PETER WAREING
Haslingden, Lancs

NIGEL is the bogeyman the Conservatives feared – and now

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THE friendship between the late Rob Burrow and rugby pal Kevin Sinfield has been inspiring.

BOB DIXON, Surrey

NIGEL FARAGE won't win in Clacton, the locals are unlikely to be impressed by him.

CLIVE, Coventry

I HOPE Keir Starmer watches his back now Angela Rayner's got an ally in Diane Abbott back.

VIC, Kidderminster, Worcs

PEOPLE should veto the Maldives over them banning anyone with an Israeli passport from entering their country.

DAVE, Ossett, West Yorks

they will haemorrhage votes to Reform UK.

Maybe the biggest mistake Rishi Sunak has made was not offering Mr Farage an olive branch.

PADDY MAXWELL
Lordshill, Southampton

WITH Rishi Sunak punch drunk on the ropes and Sir Keir dodging the Ghost of Corbyn, surely this eighth attempt at becoming an MP is Nigel Farage's best, and last, chance.

SYD VAUGHAN
Yardley Wood, Birmingham

WITH the issue of immigration high on many voters' list of priorities, there is no doubt that Reform UK will take many votes from the Conservatives. And this

will be music to the ears of a certain Sir Keir Starmer.

DAVID WEBSTER
Taunton, Somerset

AFTER saying he would not stand, Nigel Farage has done the same thing he's been accusing Labour and Conservatives of doing – and that is a U-turn.

A bit hypocritical isn't it, Nigel? I have always looked up to you for speaking the truth, but don't you think this is a bit childish?

IAN HILL
Doncaster

NO doubt the Conservatives will be saying that any vote not for them is letting Labour into power. But if that is all they can base their argument on, then they don't deserve our votes.

Just look around. The whole country is falling apart. Nothing works any more.

Reform UK is the product of Tory failure. Good luck to them.

TERRY DURRANCE
Southport, Merseyside

WHAT is Rishi Sunak playing at? We are having an election and his priority is what makes male and female genders.

The country is on its knees, and he's going on about gender. There are more important things to be sorted out, like the economy, the NHS and defence.

I've voted Conservative for many years, but this lot have made a right pig's ear of everything. But who do we put in their place?

PHIL COOKE
Bristol

THE first political party to promise in their manifesto to reinstate free (or affordable) dentistry to pensioners and less well-off people will get my vote.

NHS dentists are as rare as hen's teeth!

JANET BIDDISCOMBE
Nether Compton, Dorset

Mystic Meg

with **MAGGIE INNES**

ARIES March 21 – April 20



YOUR reaching-out sector is activated and deals could go well now you are logical and lucky. Passion-wise, a newcomer who is answering questions when you first notice each other could be ready for a partnership of a lifetime. But love must not be rushed. Attached? Venus urges you to keep listening.

TAURUS April 21 – May 21



Love at first sight may not be your usual way but it could happen to you today. Bold planet Mars is in your zone of secrets and dreams, making you assertive, especially when someone you have been interested in for a while turns up at a local event. This time around, you cannot, and should not, hold back.

GEMINI May 22 – June 21



The zodiac's smartest sign, Mercury, is working on your behalf. So take time to get in touch with people you feel could help you succeed. Love is full of surprises too. Someone who irritated you now seems perfect. This choice may take time for friends and family to accept, but they will. Luck wears a blue hat.

CANCER June 22 – July 22



Love could reward all the effort you have put in and seem near-perfect for romance. If still seeking that special someone, check out an Aquarius you already know by sight. Work-wise, you can read a boss's mind, suss out what they are working on in private and find ways it could benefit you.

LEO July 23 – August 23



When you describe an event or item to a friend and find other people rate the way you express yourself, it can be the start of something special. Yes, you could build a useful, rewarding career. In love terms today, try not to over-promise as you do have limited time. Single? Why not give a workmate one more chance?

VIRGO August 24 – September 22



You have the flair and heat of the sun in your ambition sector, bringing extra dash and daring. It means people notice you today, whether you realise it or not. A place in a special group can open up. Someone you've admired from a distance is even more amazing when you are introduced. Yes, this can be The One.

LIBRA September 23 – October 23



As the moon and Jupiter connect, you could face a choice between a job based on travel and one that sees you studying local property projects. Both offer so much but your instincts know which to pick. New love could start with a mistaken identity but you could be a real couple within days, and soon be celebrating.

SCORPIO October 24 – November 22



The psychic sector of your chart is moon in tune, so you can see through masks people wear. All relationships in your life can benefit from this, but especially any linked to passion. At home, a skill that made the family well-known in the past could resurface in you. Luck visits door number 33.

SAGITTARIUS November 23 – December 21



Venus is strong and this can make two of your romantic but secret hopes turn real. It applies to both coupled-up Sagittarius and anyone on the hunt for someone new. At work, Uranus inspires original words that help a boss see what you can do. The luck factor brings an old neighbour back into your life.

CAPRICORN December 22 – January 20



Getting more living space may seem hard but today you see a way to do it. Family rules may feel made to be broken, but try to keep everyone informed about where you plan to go next. Your love style is warm and wonderful as you understand what a partner really needs from you. But what do you need?

AQUARIUS January 21 – February 18



With sunshine and optimism in your creative chart, you can start to achieve more at work than you ever expected. Love-wise, when you meet someone who is the spitting image of your favourite former partner, it could start a special something. If you are in love, do not rely on guesswork. Ask that question.

PISCES February 19 – March 20



Extra-positive energy in your home life, including reorganising a space to be both relaxing and romantic, can upgrade a relationship. At work, although you love to talk ideas through, when you focus on listening you start to make progress. You may not want to put in extra hours but the benefits can be brilliant for you.

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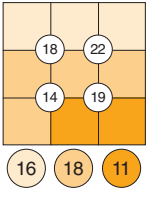
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Two sets of clues but the answers are the same

Cryptic clues

ACROSS

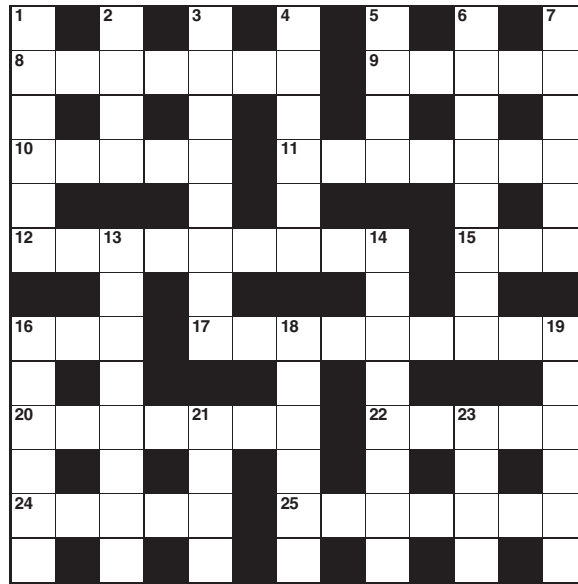
- 8 Totally wonderful ewe Amos trained (7)
- 9 Food salesman seen in church (5)
- 10 Mark beginning to feel warmer? (5)
- 11 Divine small son brought in milk (7)
- 12 Struggling doctor stops drunken ladette (9)
- 15 Show approval: no dice at first (3)
- 16 Purge in Cambridge (3)
- 17 As compilers perhaps noticing nothing (9)
- 20 One charged with physical attack? (7)
- 22 Some Bedouin go to bar (5)
- 24 Humiliate husband in uniform (5)
- 25 Get Greek letter into article by First Lady? (7)

DOWN

- 1 Ship entering sound finds trouble (6)
- 2 Hard time for Olympian queen (4)
- 3 Paper thrown at union meeting? (8)
- 4 Rib and leg cooked for pet (6)
- 5 Farm plot up in Invercassey (4)
- 6 Capital to decline in endless spiral (8)
- 7 Cultivated establishment finally closed (6)
- 13 Bachelor sedated out in base for sleep (8)
- 14 In which Snoopy battles Red Baron? (3-5)
- 16 Well-built old boy in reddish-brown (6)
- 18 Little island fellow is reptile (6)
- 19 Start in public place (6)
- 21 Paradise in walled enclosure (4)
- 23 Single entry brings joy (4)

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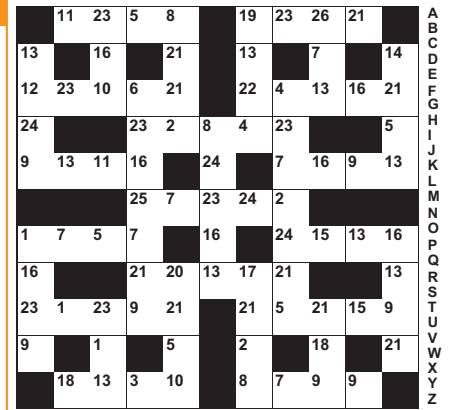
ACROSS

- 8 Impressive (7)
- 9 Crinkled fabric (5)
- 10 Neckwear item (5)
- 11 Consecrated (7)
- 12 Under attack (9)
- 15 Land to which Cain was exiled (3)
- 16 Free (3)
- 17 With identity concealed (9)
- 20 Electricity source (7)
- 22 Gold or silver brick (5)
- 24 Dishonour (5)
- 25 Accomplish (7)

DOWN

- 1 Bother (6)
- 2 Wife of Zeus (4)
- 3 Strips flung at weddings (8)
- 4 Small rodent (6)
- 5 Land measure (4)
- 6 Finnish city (8)
- 7 Nursed (6)
- 13 Mattress frame (8)
- 14 Aerial engagement (3-5)
- 16 Sturdy (6)
- 18 Small crocodilian (6)
- 19 Beginning (6)
- 21 East Of _____ James Dean film (4)
- 23 Great delight (4)

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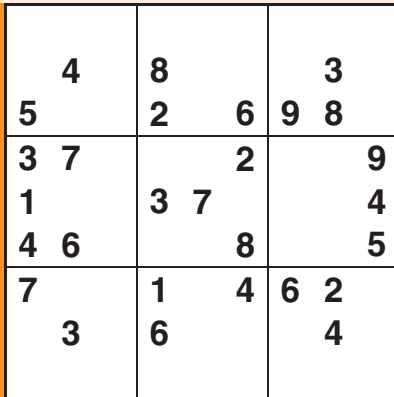
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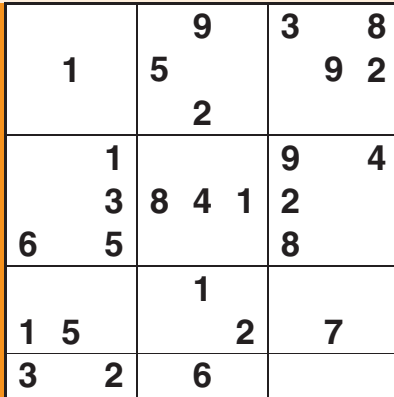
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1 & 3	Trevor Eve's actress wife								
9 & 5	Mr Watt, musician who was half of the duo Everything but the Girl (second and last letters of name)								
8 & 10	Sylvester Stallone's co-star in the film Tango & Cash								
6 & 4	Stage name of U2's lead singer with the real name Paul Hewson (first two letters of name)								

● Yesterday: Actress **SISSY SPACEK** (KSI, Stan (Wawrinka), Seamus Coleman, (Wyatt) Earp, Smokey (Robinson)). Another Name Game in The Sun tomorrow.
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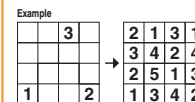
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INTERMEDIATE	134	Half of it	+ 438	÷ 5	+ 458	÷ 13	- 35	× 6	+ 150	2/3 of it	ANSWER
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ending in 's'. Words from Collins Concise Dictionary.

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Two-Speed Crossword

ACROSS: 1 Imp-act, 5 G-old-en, 8 Moo-r, 9 Rout-in-es, 10 Dis-creet, 11 (c)Heap, 12 Scythe, 15 Nobody, 17 Hobo, 19 D-evil-ish, 22 Kangaroo, 23 Exa-m, 24 Seance, 25 Answer.
DOWN: 2 Maori, 3 Apri-cot, 4 Three, 5 Glutton, 6 L-eigh(t), 7 Emerald(e), 13 Chora-le, 14 Endorse, 16 Bull-ets, 18 Organ, 20 Viola, 21 Slate.

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Iran claims... Standard

BANK IN 'TERROR CASH' RAP

STANDARD CHARTERED has been accused of laundering billions of pounds worth of transactions for terrorist groups in fresh whistleblower claims.

The allegations are part of a case against the bank which claims it made "countless illegal transactions" between 2008 and 2013 for Iran-linked entities. The bank, the kit sponsor for Liverpool FC, is alleged to have handled transactions for Hamas, Hezbollah, the Taliban and al-Qaeda.

Claims have been made by Standard Chartered's former head of foreign exchange and a currency trader, who have examined £78 billion in currency deals.

Standard Chartered has paid £1.5 billion in fines to regulators for breaching sanctions against Iran. A company spokesman dismissed the allegations as "fabricated claims". Shares in Standard Chartered sunk by 5 per cent.

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ASDA FUEL COST WOE

ASDA is now the priciest fuel retailer, shattering its long-held reputation for being the best value for drivers.

It is selling petrol for 2.1p more a litre than supermarket rivals Tesco, Morrisons and Sainsbury's, the RAC says.

Asda is charging an average of 147.38p, compared with its rivals' 145.25p.

The RAC also found the chain, now owned by the Issa brothers, had the biggest gap between its cheapest and priciest forecourt — at 35.2p.



MAY A.I. TAKE YOUR ORDER?

CHICKEN shop **POPEYES** has become the first fast-food restaurant in the UK to replace staff with AI robots.

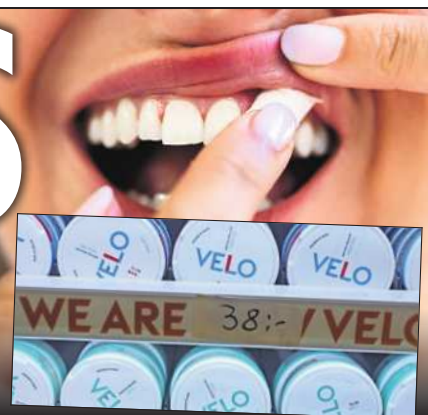
The US chain is rolling out the technology at three of its drive-thrus. Popeyes, which has 38 sites in the UK and plans to open 30 more this year, said the AI robot takes orders from customers in a "conversational way".

The robot is already said to have "scored highly" on order accuracy at the Louisiana-themed restaurants in Northampton, Cardiff and Rotherham.

David Carey, chief technology officer at Popeyes, said "We believe this technology has the power to revolutionise the drive-thru experience for the better".

TOBACCO GIANT GOING SMOKELESS SHIFT TO VAPES AND 'MODERN ORAL'

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Velo, is it me you're looking for? ... pouches

NICOTINE pouches have become big business for **BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO** in the cigarette giant's strategy shift towards a "smokeless world".

Like its rivals, the maker of Rothmans, Dunhill and Vogue cigarettes is trying to solve sliding sales of fags with what

it calls "reduced-risk" products such as snus, little pouches of tobacco placed on the gums. It is already making £1 billion from non-cig sales.

BAT yesterday said it expects a stronger second half with even bigger profits from its new products, helped by the success of its non-tobacco Velo nicotine pouch brand. But boss Tadeu Marroco warned illegal disposable vapes were denting sales of its own e-cig

products, which include Vuse. BAT is the UK's third biggest vape-seller but the company now also enjoys success selling "modern oral" products, its term for nicotine pouches that slide under the lips.

Long popular in Scandinavia, they have spread elsewhere as alternatives to smoking. Nicotine pouches are tobacco-free whereas snus contains tobacco and is illegal to buy in the UK but not banned. A Professional Footballers' Association study showed last week almost one in five pros have tried nicotine pouches at least once, believing it enhanced performance or helped them to relax.

However, there are rising concerns about the increased risk of mouth lesions and oesophagus and pancreatic cancer.

BAT said its tobacco-free brand, legally sold in the UK, has a 10.3 per cent share of the market and it plans to expand in emerging markets.



JD CHIEF'S £180K FOR MOVE UPSET

THE boss of **JD SPORTS** is being handed a £180,000 "disturbance allowance" to help him with the troubles of moving for the job.

Regis Schultz, who took over at the self-styled "King of Trainers" in September 2022, is getting £60,000 a year for the next three years on top of a £300,000 relocation allowance, the company's annual report reveals.

Mr Schultz, left, moved from Dubai to London to lead the FTSE 100

retailer. Disturbance allowances are intended to cover the incidental costs associated with moving to a new home.

JD Sports' annual report revealed Mr Schultz received £1.58 million in total pay for the past year, down from the £2.9 million he bagged the previous year when the company spent £2.2 million buying him out of his bonus he would have received as boss of UAE retailer Al-Futtaim.

Since joining, Mr Schultz has unveiled

a five-year plan to open up to 350 stores a year and to boost sales. But JD last week said UK sales dipped by 6.4 per cent in the first quarter of this year as bad weather put shoppers off.

The Frenchman, 55, is not alone in bagging big accommodation expenses.

The boss of **BARCLAYS**, C.S. Venkatakrishnan, received £6,550 a month in housing allowance for his move from New York to London when he was made chief executive in 2021.

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SPORTS ROUND-UP:
RESULTS & FIXTURESWOMEN'S EURO 2025 QUALIFYING
GROUP A3

FRANCE (0)	1	ENGLAND (2)	2
Diani 72 (pen)		Stanway 21	
		Russo 35	
SWEDEN (0)	1	REP OF IRE (0)	0
Eriksson 84			

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	4	3	0	1	5	3	9
Sweden	4	2	1	1	5	2	7
England	4	2	1	1	6	4	7
Rep of Ireland	4	0	0	4	0	7	0

GROUP B2							
ISRAEL (0)	0	SCOTLAND (2)	5				
		Thomas 14, 74, 77					
		Hanson 37					
		Cornell 86					

Cornet 66							
SLOVAKIA (0)	0 SERBIA (1)						4
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	4	3	1	0	10	1	10
Serbia	4	3	1	0	10	3	10
Slovakia	4	1	0	3	7	3	3
Israel	4	0	0	4	3	15	0

GROUP B3		
N IRELAND (1)	1 PORTUGAL (2)	2
Wade 5	Nazareth 18	
	Norton 30	
BOSNIA-HERZ (0)2	MALTA (1)	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portugal	4	4	0	0	11	1	12
Bosnia-H	4	2	0	2	4	7	6
N Ireland	4	1	1	2	4	7	4
Malta	4	0	1	3	1	5	1

GROUP B4			
UKRAINE (1)	2 WALES (0)	2	
Kalinina 34	Barton 74 (pen)		
Khimich 90	Fishlock 77		
CROATIA (1)	2 KOSOVO (0)	0	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia	4	3	0	1	4	4	9
Wales	4	2	0	2	13	8	8
Ukraine	4	1	2	1	5	4	5
Kosovo	4	0	0	4	0	11	0

FRIENDLY INTERNATIONALS

REP OF IRE (1)	2	HUNGARY (1)	1
		Idah 36	
		Parrott 90	

PORTUGAL (2)	4	FINLAND (0)	2
		Dias 18	
		Jota 45 (pen)	
		Fernandes 56, 85	

ITALY (0)	1	TURKEY (0)	1
SLOVENIA (1)	2	ARMENIA (0)	1
		Mikar 11	
		Haroyan 56	
		Ilicic 63	

SWITZERLAND (1)4	ESTONIA (0)	0
		Zuber 20
		Adnoudi 47
		Eivess 63
		Shagiri 70 (pen)

AUSTRIA (2)	2	SERBIA (1)	1
		Wimmer 10	
		Baumgartner 13	

ROMANIA (0)	0	BULGARIA (0)	0

ROMANIA (0)	0	BULGARIA (0)	0

FRENCH OPEN

MEN'S SINGLES QTR-FINALS - (7) C Ruud (Nor) bt (1) M Djokovic (Ser) w/o; (3) C Alcaraz (Spa) bt (9) S Tsitsipas (Gre) 6-3 7-6 (7-3) 6-4; (2) J Sinner (Ita) bt (10) G Dimitrov (Bul) 6-2 6-4 7-6 (7-3).

WOMEN'S SINGLES QTR-FINALS - (1) I Swiatek (Pol) bt (5) M Vondrousova (Cze) 6-0 6-2; (3) C Gauff (USA) bt (8) O Jabeur (Tun) 4-6 6-2 6-3.

MIXED DOUBLES QTR-FINALS - (4) D Krawczyk (USA) & N Skupski (GB) bt S Zhang (Chn) & M Arevalo (Esa) 7-6 (8-6) 6-4.

CRICKET

ICC MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP

GROUP B

England v Scotland

Bridgetown: Scotland 90-0 (10 overs).

Match abandoned, no result (1pt each).

GROUP C

Afghanistan v Uganda

Providence: Afghanistan 183-5 (20 overs); R Gurbaz 78; I Zadran 70; Uganda 58 (16.0 overs); F Farooqi 5-9.

Afghanistan (2pts) win by 125 runs.

GROUP D

Netherlands v Nepal

Dallas: Nepal 106-10 (19.2 overs); T J G Pringle 3-20; L V van Beek 3-18; Netherlands 109-4 (18.4 overs); M P O'Dowd 5-40.

Netherlands (2pts) win by 6 wickets.

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SQUASH

BRITISH OPEN (Birmingham): Men's 3rd

Rnd - J Makin (Wal) bt Y Ibrahim (Egy) 3-2.

TODAY'S SPORT

FRIENDLY INTERNATIONALS

Denmark v Sweden.....6.0

(Live on Premier Sports)

Norway v Kosovo.....6.0

Belgium v Montenegro.....7.30

France v Luxembourg.....8.0

(Live on Premier Sports)

Spain v Andorra.....8.30

CRICKET

ICC Men's T20 World Cup - Group A

India v Ireland (New York, 3:30pm). Group B: Australia v Oman (1:30am, Thursday).

Group C: Papua New Guinea v Uganda (Providence, 12:30am Thursday).

RUGBY LEAGUE

State of Origin: New South Wales v Queensland (11.05am).

SQUASH - British Open (Birmingham).

TENNIS - French Open (Paris).

CRICKET T20 WORLD CUP

By JOHN
ETHERIDGE

ENGLAND got off to a wet, unimpressive and thoroughly miserable start in their Twenty20 World Cup defence.

Their opening match against Scotland was rained off in Barbados but, make no mistake, England were terrible in the ten overs that were played.

Jos Buttler's team did not take a wicket as openers George Munsey and Michael Jones put on 90-0 in Scotland's interrupted innings.

That left a target of 109 in ten overs under the Duckworth/Lewis/Stern system but England's run chase never started.

In fact, the weather might have spared England further embarrassment as Scotland fancied their chances of defending their total.

An anxiety-riddled performance was the last thing England needed after the shambles of their 50-over World Cup defence last autumn, when they lost six of their first seven matches.

Buttler and head coach Matthew Mott are already under pressure and wanted to hit the ground running.

England should still qualify from Group B but, if both Scotland and England beat Oman and Namibia, it could

WHAT A SHOWER

Jos boys reign looks shaky in rain

come down to how they perform against Australia or even net run-rate.

Skipper Buttler insisted: "We expected a tough challenge but we were confident of chasing down that score."

"The rain is a disappointment for everyone. We'd like to tighten up on a couple of things but we scrapped hard. "Hopefully, we get a dry day against Australia on Saturday and we can get into the tournament."

England bowled poorly, were guilty of a couple of

misfields and Mark Wood was denied a wicket by a no-ball.

There was an element of farce before the game even started as rain got under the covers and left a damp patch on a length. It was dried by a man with a leaf blower.

Why the tournament is being played at the start of the Caribbean rainy season is another matter.

After a 55-minute delay Jones pulled one six that shattered a solar panel on the roof of the Greenidge and Haynes Stand but rain

halted play again with the Scots 51-0 from 6.2 overs.

Munsey hoisted a six off Adil Rashid with a perfect reverse hit after the resumption but another cloudburst ended the match.

Scotland captain, Richie Berrington said: "We gave ourselves a chance there."

"It would have been interesting to see how the weather affected the pitch because it did look like uneven bounce. If we had bowled and fielded well, we had an opportunity there."

A DELUGE OF RUNS...
George Munsey gives Moeen Ali a mighty whack in the wet as Scotland stick it to England's bowlers in Barbados



SCOREBOARD

ICC World T20 - Group B

England v Scotland

BRIDGETOWN: Scotland won the toss. Match abandoned, no result.

SCOTLAND

H Munsey not out 41 (31b)

M Jones not out 45 (30b)

Extras (lb2, w1, nb1) 4

Total (0 wks, 10 overs) 90

Did Not Bat: B McMullen, "R Berrington, "M Cross, M Leask, C Graves, M J Watt, C Sole, B J Wheal, B Currie.

Bowling: Wood 2-0-11-0, Archer 2-0-12-0, Ali 2-0-15-0, Jordan 2-0-24-0, Rashid 2-0-26-0.

ENGLAND: "J Buttler, P Salt, W Jacks, J Berrington, H Brook, M M Ali, L Livingstone, C Jordan, J Archer, A Rashid, M Wood.

Umpires: M A Yaqoob & N N Menon.

GAMES TO GO

	Saturday	June 13	June 15
Australia		Oman	Namibia
(Barbados)		(Antigua)	(Antigua)



SMITH... awesome leader

Youngster's some-Fin else

NORTHAMPTON'S Alex Mitchell reckons Saints have a Fin to match Bath's Finn Russell in Saturday's Premiership final.

Fin Smith and Scotland's maverick match-winner Russell go head-to-head in the battle of the 10s at Twickenham this weekend.

Eighty-capper Russell, on £1million a year at the Rec, has guided Bath to the final just two seasons after they finished rock bottom in the league.

But Smith, just 22 and two caps into his England career, has been voted RPA Players' Player of the Year. And Mitchell insists

By ADAM HATHAWAY

Northampton's youngster is up with Russell.

He said: "We have got exactly the same thing. Fin has been awesome - he has been such a leader."

"It is mental to think how young he is and the way he bosses boys around regardless if it is Courtney Lawes or Alex Waller."

"He has shocked me in a way of how good he has been in all aspects of the game, not just on the pitch but off it as well."

Mitchell, 27, is now England's

regular scrum-half and is a certainty to be included when Steve Borthwick names his summer tour squad on Monday.

But he admitted he was in awe watching Antoine Dupont for Toulouse in the recent Champions Cup final - and is sick of being compared with the French legend.

Mitchell added: "It is a bit tough. It is annoying when it is your position because everybody looks at you and tries to compare. And you are not as good."

"He's class - it is nice to have someone like that to try to get after and try to do the things he is doing."

Poult has air shot

IAN POULTER slammed British Airways after they left his golf bag at Heathrow Airport.

The 48-year-old was heading to Houston for the LIV Golf tournament starting on Friday.

He was told he did not have his clubs once the flight had left London.

Poulter fumed: "FFS @British Airways so disappointing. I checked in two hours 30 minutes before the flight. What could possibly be the excuse."

"Just received the email three hours into the flight."

"I wouldn't have bothered flying if you're not sending my golf clubs. Can't swing fresh air."

He added: "Talk about p**** off."

"The golf bag wasn't over weight. I took it to over size and scanned it and watched it go down the belt. #Pathetic."

Poulter claimed Henrik Stenson's clubs were also left at Heathrow.

Sergio's a Red til '26

SERGIO PEREZ will remain Max Verstappen's Red Bull team-mate until the end of 2026 at least.

Mexican Perez signed a new two-year contract ahead of this weekend's Canadian Grand Prix.

Three-time world champ Verstappen has confirmed he intends to see out his deal until 2028 with Red Bull despite interest from Mercedes amid the controversy over team boss Christian Horner this year.

Perez, 34, said: "It is a challenge like no other racing for Red Bull, both on track and off track - and one I love."

"I think we have a lot of work to do, we have a lot more championships to win together."

Sport

THE BBC will NOT broadcast the European Athletics Championships live on television.

Instead a package for iPlayer, website and app has been agreed for the event, which starts on Friday in Rome.

SHORT

Boot for Broady

LIAM BROADY must sit out next week's Nottingham Open after banging his head on his car boot.

The concussion is a blow to the 30-year-old, who comes to life on grass.

He reached the third round at Wimbledon last year after beating No 4 seed Casper Ruud.

Broady, who has been rehabbing an ankle since March, posted: "Was on track for next week but I hit my head on my car boot quite hard."

"Tried to practise and got a pretty bad migraine."

Fellow Brit Andy Murray posted a laughing emoji and said: "Think this is the first time I've read one of your tweets and believed it."

TENNIS FRENCH OPEN

Iga's a real Graf-ter

DOMINANT Iga Swiatek is loving the similarities between herself and tennis icon Steffi Graf.

Between 1987 and 1999, the German, 54, was crowned Queen of Clay on six occasions. And her 6-0 6-0 success over Belarus' Natasha Zvereva in the 1988 final took just 32 minutes. Swiatek, 23, has not lost at Roland Garros since 2021 and her latest victim – Wimbledon champion Marketa Vondrousova – was humbled 6-0 6-2 in 62 minutes.

US Open champion Coco Gauff, who overcame Tunisian Ons Jabeur 4-6 6-2 6-3 in her quarter-final, should offer up

By **ROB MAUL**

more resistance in tomorrow's semi-finals.

Polished Pole Swiatek said: "Steffi's a great champion and it's just nice that anybody would compare me to her."

"I don't know her but I feel like maybe she was kind of a similar person to me because she also likes to keep her privacy."

"Now you can see that she's just enjoying life and she knows that she worked hard to have a little bit of peace right now."

"I also heard from some people on tour that she was also kind of like an introvert, really in the zone and just focusing on tennis and what she wants to do."

"That's what I heard

tennis-wise. These were totally different times.

"Probably I don't have such a good slice as her and volleys but it's nice that anybody would compare me to her because she's great."

Swiatek, who "does not care" if she is omitted from evening-time matches in Paris, said: "I try not to really focus on the scores. Sometimes I even forget what the score is!"

She added: "I felt like I was in the zone today."

"It was pretty straightforward. I'm happy that I kept my focus."

NEAL SKUPSKI will reach the mixed doubles final if he and American Desirae Krawczyk beat Taiwan's Hsieh Su-wei and Poland's Jan Zieliński.



FOLLOWING IN HER FOOT-STEPS... Iga Swiatek has drawn comparisons with Graf

Crockovic

INJURED NOVAK IN SW19 SWEAT

CROCKED Novak Djokovic faces a race to be fit for Wimbledon and the Olympics after pulling out of the French Open with a knee injury.

The Serb, 37, claims he "screwed up" his right knee because he was "slipping and sliding" on an unswept Court Philippe-Chatrier during his last-16 win over Francisco Cerundolo on Monday.

MRI scans yesterday were not good and showed he has suffered a torn medial meniscus.

As a result, the defending champion had to withdraw from today's quarter-final with Norwegian Casper Ruud, who progresses with a walkover.

Djokovic (right) said: "I played with my heart and gave my all, and unfortunately, due to a medial meniscus tear in my right knee, my team and I had to make a tough decision after careful consideration."

He now has under four weeks to get ready for the first round of the championships in SW19, where he has been a seven-time winner.

What is a more plausible scenario is that he skips the grass completely and focuses fully on the Olympics in Paris.

The tennis at the Games will be held over

By **ROB MAUL**

nine days on Roland Garros' clay and he desperately wants that singles gold medal on his CV.

Top seed Djokovic required painkillers and medical treatment as he came from 2-1 sets down to beat Argentine Cerundolo 6-1 5-7 3-6 7-5 6-3 in a thriller.

It was the 2019 US Open when Djokovic last retired from a Major due to an injury – a shoulder problem that curtailed his third set against Stan Wawrinka.

It is a huge blow for the tournament but Roland Garros chiefs only have themselves to blame for this episode.

The 24-time Grand Slam champ was forced to play his third-round tie with Italian Lorenzo Musetti at 10.40pm on Saturday night instead of 8.15pm local time as organisers gambled by squeezing in another unfinished match.

In the end, he ended his contest at 3.06am in Paris and this left him little recovery time for his fourth-round clash, where he played through the pain barrier.

Had it started on time – and that was in the hands of the event bigwigs – he may not have struggled so

much physically in the next round. His former coach Boris Becker, the three-time Wimbledon champion, told Eurosport: "It's a serious injury and it won't go away tomorrow."

"That leaves me a bit speechless. You need your knees on grass, you really do slip all the time."

"A torn medial meniscus is a serious injury and the question naturally arises as to whether surgery is necessary."

There will be a new name on the French Open men's trophy on Sunday night and, whatever happens, Jannik Sinner will become the new world No1 on Monday.

Sinner, 22, was unaware of the drama happening with his rival in the locker room as it broke during the third set of his encounter with Grigor Dimitrov.

He advanced to the last four with a 6-2 6-4 7-6 success over the Bulgarian in two hours and 29 minutes.

After being told he is the first Italian to reach the high point on the men's rankings, he replied: "It's every player's dream to become number one in the world."

"Seeing Novak retiring, for everyone it's disappointing. So, I wish him a speedy recovery."

"I try not to think about this. This is a tournament where I used to struggle a lot. Especially in the last two years."

"I will enjoy being in the semi-finals and try to play my best."

Charity's Rob love

CHARITY bosses reported a huge spike in donations following the tragic death of rugby league legend Rob Burrow on Sunday.

The Motor Neurone Disease Association saw more than £150,000 gifted in less than 48 hours.

Ex-Leeds scrum-half Burrow died aged 41 after raising millions and campaigning for greater awareness while living with the condition for 4½ years.

MND Association chief executive Tanya Curry said: "It has been truly inspiring to see such an outpouring of love for Rob and his family and shows how much his story has moved the whole country."

Daryl Powell gave Burrow his first start at Leeds as an 18-year-old.

The Wakefield coach said: "I'd seen him as a scholarship player and thought, 'Who's this kid?'"

"I thought he was too small then I saw him set off and was like 'wow, this kid's got something special!'"

TAI'S BIG SPLASH

By **GARY CARTER**

RODRICK TAI is ready to Kuk up more new experiences as life on the other side of the world takes him to Wembley.

The 25-year-old has gone from a simple life in his home village of Kuk in Papua New Guinea – a Unesco World Heritage site – to becoming a key player for Warrington.

The centre will face Wigan in Saturday's Challenge Cup final, having been cleared of a high shot in last weekend's meeting between the teams.

Tai said: "There's no running water there – we just collect water from the rain – and only installed electricity about a year ago."

"Not many people live in Kuk – 300 or 400 – and it's mainly my family. All we did was farming, planting food and selling it."

"I never expected anything like Wembley. The atmosphere will be different to back home."



HOT ROD... Tai is ready for Saturday's final

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Sport

BOURNEMOUTH have signed Kiwi keeper Alex Paulsen from Wellington Phoenix. The 21-year-old, set to play for New Zealand in the Paris Olympics, said: "I'm humbled, it means the world."

SHORT

Six maul Masters

EXCLUSIVE
By MATT HUGHES

ENGLAND'S Big Six are unhappy with Premier League chief Richard Masters opposing Fifa's expanded Club World Cup. Masters has backed the PFA's threat to strike in protest at adding games to a congested calendar. But the Prem's biggest clubs are desperate for a slice of up to £600million prize money plus lucrative TV and sponsorship deals. Chelsea and Manchester City qualified for next year's inaugural 32-team tournament.

But a senior source at one of the Big Six clubs said: "We all want to play in the Club World Cup and by publicly opposing it Richard is not representing our interests."

"Only two teams have qualified for next year so talk of disrupting the league and player burnout is exaggerated."

Sport

EROL BULUT has penned a new two-year deal to extend his stay as Cardiff manager.

The ex-Bombardier boss took the Bluebirds to 12th place in the Championship after his first season in charge.

SHORT

Villa loss limit plea

EXCLUSIVE
By MARTIN LIPTON

PREM clubs have the chance to vote to loosen loss limits for next term by £30million this week.

Aston Villa are urging an increase in the "permitted losses" in Prem Profitability and Sustainability Rules from the current £105m to £135m over a three-year period.

Everton and Nottingham Forest were deducted points last term for PSR breaches, with promoted Leicester facing a similar penalty next season.

The proposal to up the limits after more than a decade is to be tabled by Villa at the Prem AGM in Harrogate tomorrow but it is unclear how much support it will receive.

League chiefs also want to agree the principle of the planned PSR replacement based on Uefa-style "squad cost ratios".

Sport

BURTON have named Mark Robinson as boss after Martin Paterson's exit.

The 59-year-old leaves his role as Chelsea Under-21s chief to join the League One outfit.

SHORT

AXED POCH CLAIMS...

I BRIDGED THE GAP!

'Players will be stronger'



MAURICIO POCHETTINO claims he left Chelsea better equipped for a title challenge next season.

The Argentine has broken his silence having parted company with the Blues last month after less than a year in charge.

Pochettino will be back at Stamford Bridge on Sunday as boss of the Rest of the World XI in the Soccer Aid charity match.

And he said: "We know there have been ups and downs but we always believed in this team and that we would arrive at a consistent level."

"They deserve great credit in how they performed on the pitch."

"I believe the experiences of this season, and the big improvement we saw, will only make the players stronger for the future."

"To the owners, the sporting directors, we appreciate the opportunity to return to the Premier League at this great club and for the support you gave us, as well as from all the players, staff and fans. Thank you."

"We understand how

important this football club is and that is why we worked so hard to give you a Chelsea you can be proud of."

"I am so pleased with the level the team reached and the way the players and staff have all worked so hard to increase their standards. They deserve great credit and I hope you felt that, too, in how they performed on the pitch."

A run of five wins on the spin at the end of the season catapulted Chelsea into sixth place in the Premier League and back into Europe via the Conference League.

But Poch could not agree with the board over plans to reorganise the club's structure and left after talks with co-controlling owner Behdad Eghbali and sporting director Paul Winstanley.

Yet he has no hard feelings about going back to the ground where he spent just one season trying to develop a raw squad of young players.

Pochettino said: "I want to wish all of you the best for next season and beyond."

"It is great that we have the chance to return to Stamford Bridge so soon with Soccer Aid this weekend and I hope that we get to see some of you there, too."

By ANDREW DILLON

SAFE HANDS... ex-boss Mauricio Pochettino feels he left Chelsea in a good place



ENZO'S GOT KEPA CALL

By ANDREW DILLON

KEPA ARRIZABALAGA will seek talks with new Chelsea boss Enzo Maresca as he faces up to an uncertain future.

The Spanish keeper's loan at Real Madrid is over after he slipped to third in the reckoning. Kepa, 29, has just one season left on the world record £72.1million deal that took him to Chelsea in 2018.

There may be a chance of staying in Madrid, with No2 stopper Andriy Lunin unhappy at having to make way for Thibaut Courtois in last weekend's Champions League final.

The arrival of new man Maresca at Stamford Bridge also

means there may be a way back into the Premier League — but Kepa would only return if he gets guarantees of game time.

That would require a heart-to-heart with the new head coach when the Italian returns from holiday this month.

Madrid would be happy to give Kepa another 12 months with a fresh loan deal or secure him on a free transfer.

But that seems unlikely, with Chelsea looking to raise cash through the sale of players.

His only other options are to find an alternative club or see out the remaining 12 months of

his contract before leaving on a Bosman free next summer.

A source said: "The uncertainty over Chelsea's next manager has put everything on hold for a couple of weeks. Kepa also wanted to make the most of winning LaLiga, the Spanish Supercup and the Champions League."

"He will need to talk to Maresca and see what the future holds. He would be happy in Madrid or in London. If Lunin leaves Madrid, that could make it easier for everyone."

Kepa (left) now has two Champions League medals, having also been part of the triumphant Chelsea side of 2021 that beat Manchester City in Porto.

City legal threat in row over sponsors

SEE YOU IN COURT... how we reported City's Prem legal threat back on February 10

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rock the league in the countdown to City's 115-charge case that could drag on until next year.

Many of them relate to claims that City deliberately hid the real source of millions in "sponsorship" funding — allegedly from their Abu Dhabi owners. But the Etihad club deny the allegations.

In documents lodged ahead of next week's hearing, which is set to last a fortnight, City will argue the rule changes introduced in February — which state deals must pass a "fair market value" test — were designed by Prem chiefs and rival clubs to "discriminate against Gulf owners".

And City will demand damages from the Prem, led by Richard Masters, if they are successful.

That is because the rules were first brought in as a direct response to the Saudi-backed takeover of Newcastle in 2021.

City's stance is that sponsors linked to club owners should have the right to determine how much they want to pay, irrespective of any independent valuation.

In another part of City's 165-page document, they also argue the two-thirds majority rule — which has been in place since the establishment of the Prem three decades ago — represents the "tyranny of the majority".

Victory on that aspect of the case would throw the ENTIRE Prem rulebook up into the air.

It is understood at least half of the Prem's 20 clubs will support the League.

What is less clear is whether a City win would impact on the ongoing 115 charges against them.

City might use a positive decision as a reason to downplay the significance of any breaches.

MEGA

From Back Page

the end of my career. You have to think about that.

"If I play there for two years, I will be able to earn an incredible amount of money. Before that I had to play football for 15 years."

City keeper Ederson is also open to a Saudi move.

Midfield ace De Bruyne is preparing for Euro 2024 with Belgium after a season in which a serious hamstring injury restricted him to only 26 matches.

The father of three, who has scored 102 goals in 382 games for City, told Belgian TV station VTM: "For Michele, an exotic adventure is OK."

"And my eldest is now eight years old and knows nothing but England."

"He also asks how long I will play for City. Once the moment comes, we will have to deal with it."

ROBBO: I'M EXCITED BY NEW BOSS COMING IN



JUR THE BEST...
Robertson is very grateful to Klopp but now looks to future ahead, not back.

Time to walk on

ANDY ROBERTSON believes the time has come to move forward with Arne Slot.

He feels Jurgen Klopp's successor at Liverpool can spark a new era of achievements now the German's long goodbye is finally over.

Former Feyenoord boss Slot officially took over on Sunday and defender Robertson is now looking ahead, not back.

The Scot said: "I'm excited about the new manager coming in."

"I haven't spoken to him - I think he's leaving us to focus on the Euros. But it's a new challenge."

"The old era was pretty special and I've got a lot to be thankful for."

"But I'm excited now by the new manager coming in - new ideas, new voice - and I'm really excited for what can come with that."

"I've got no doubts that we can keep the momentum going. From all the reports we've had, the manager is very good and I can't wait to see that up close."

Taking over from such a successful and popular figure as Klopp will be a huge challenge for 45-year-old Dutchman Slot (above).

However, Klopp led the Kop in a chant of Slot's name on the pitch after his last game in charge, a 2-0 victory over Wolves.

Liverpool left-back Robbo, 30, now says the supporters have to follow that show of support and get right behind the new manager.

Preparing for Scotland's Euro



By **KEN LAWRENCE**

2024 bid as captain, he added: "For the fans, you have to be open-minded. The last eight, nine years were pretty special."

"Maybe they're going a bit into the unknown but it has to be exciting. The squad's in a good place, we had a good season last season."

"Yes, it could have been more but the aim at the start of the season was to get back in the Champions League and we ended up with a trophy as well [the Carabao Cup]. You have to take that as a positive."

"Klopp has left the club in a really good place, so now we have to carry it forward."

"The manager will come in and he will recruit a really good squad - I'm sure he'll want to bring in some new faces."

"We have to go again. We showed for large parts of last season that we could challenge for the league and that has to be the aim."

"The manager has won trophies before and he'll want that feeling again. We've got to be at our best to try to achieve that."

The Tartan Army hero added of Klopp: "When I'm old, I'll look back on fond memories and so many good times - and it wouldn't have been possible without him."

"Hopefully there are still good times to come with club and country. I'm very appreciative for what Klopp did for me, for my family, for the whole club - he made our dreams possible."



FUN IN SUN
... Paqueta at theme park

Lucs like day trip was so Brazilian

LUCAS PAQUETA put his spot-fixing charges to one side with a day out at Universal Studios.

The West Ham midfielder visited the theme park in Rio de Janeiro with his Brazil team-mates ahead of the Copa America kicking off on June 20.

He was joined by Wolves' Joao Gomes, Andreas Pereira of Fulham, Aston Villa ace Douglas Luiz, Arsenal's Gabriel Martinelli and Newcastle star Bruno Guimaraes (right).

Despite ban fears, Paqueta is free to play for Brazil and could feature in Saturday's friendly with Mexico in Texas.



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MBAPPE ... Euros bid

Mbappe's Real sorry

By JACK ROSSER

KYLIAN MBAPPE admitted his Real Madrid move has "overshadowed" France's Euro 2024 preparations. But the World Cup winner, 25, is focused on correcting the "black spot" on his Les Bleus career in Germany, after missing the penalty which saw them crash out of Euro 2020 in the last 16. On joining Real on a free from Paris Saint-Germain, Mbappe said: "I have responsibilities as France captain and this situation overshadowed the team." After refusing to sign a new PSG deal last summer, Mbappe was forced to train with the kids and spoken to "violently". But he added boss Luis Enrique and sporting director Luis Campos "saved me" and "without them I'd never have set foot on the pitch again".

It's Mit of setback

By JAKE SANDERS

SERBIA geared up for their Euro 2024 opener against England by losing 2-1 in Austria. Patrick Wimmer and Christoph Baumgartner netted for the hosts inside 13 minutes before Strahinja Pavlovic pulled one back for the Eagles. The Three Lions face Aleksander Mitrovic and Co in Gelsenkirchen on June 16. SLOVENIA, who England meet in their final Group C match in Cologne on June 25, beat Armenia. Jan Mlakar and Josip Ilicic scored either side of Josip Ilicic's 56th-minute equaliser in Ljubljana. Bruno Fernandes scored twice with Diogo Jota and Ruben Dias also on target in PORTUGAL'S 4-2 win over Finland.

Ben blow for Scots

BEN DOAK was last night ruled out of Euro 2024 as Scotland's injury curse struck again. Liverpool winger Doak, 18, had been the wildcard pick in boss Steve Clarke's 28-man provisional pool for the finals in Germany. But the gifted Anfield teenager is the SIXTH player to be ruled out of Scotland contention. Dykes, Lewis Ferguson, Aaron Hickey, Nathan Patterson and Jacob Brown are already missing. Bristol City striker Tommy Conway, 21, has been drafted in to replace Dykes and will now get the chance to book a place in Clarke's final 26-man squad.

Russo gives 'em Bleus

By SANDRA BROBBEY

ALESSIA RUSSO helped reignite England's automatic Euros spot hopes — as they ended France's epic unbeaten run at home. Russo nodded home after Georgia Stanway's opener to put the visitors in command. And despite their foes' fightback, the Lionesses left with a first away

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win against Les Bleues for 51 years. It was also a first defeat at home in 20 competitive matches for the hosts — a run dating to the 2019 World Cup quarter-finals. Boss Sarina Wiegman was vindicated in her decision to stick with the line-up that lost 2-1 to France at St James' Park on Friday. And it means England stay level on points with second-placed Sweden.

Wiegman said: "We are in a better position now. The group's totally open. We worked so hard for victory." Sweden had clinched a 1-0 win in the Republic of Ireland, so England had it all to do in Saint-Etienne. After an early Ella Toone shot on her 50th England appearance failed to trouble France keeper Pauline Peyraud-Magnin, the visitors grabbed the game by the scruff of the neck. Stanway fired them in front with a bullet from the edge of the box on 21 minutes after a nifty interchange involving Russo and Lauren Hemp. Russo then left the hosts stunned when she bagged No2 in the 34th

minute to cap a classy individual showing. And ahead of next month's qualifiers, the Arsenal forward said: "We know that our standards have to be higher." "We let them slip a bit recently. We know the potential we have and we saw flashes of it tonight." France boss Herve Renard shuffled his deck in the second half — with Delphine Cascarino and Sandie Toletti replacing Ameline Henry and Sakina Karchaoui. And Kadidiatou Diani netted from the spot on 72 minutes after Leah Williamson caught Grace Geyoro.



HEAD GIRL ... Russo nods in England's second

LEAGUE A, GROUP 3

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France	4	3	0	1	5	3	9
Sweden	4	2	1	1	5	2	7
England	4	2	1	1	6	4	7
Rep of Ireland	4	0	0	4	0	7	0

HIGH SCHOOL ROOSICAL

SINGIN' IN THE WAYNE

Show tunes 'n JT foot rub

CHELSEA'S captain, leader, legend John Terry used to have his feet rubbed until he fell asleep.

Wayne Rooney has claimed the Blues great and team-mate Frank Lampard took a Chelsea masseur to England duty in order to tuck them in at night. Rooney also revealed he used to sing along to the songs from Oliver Twist while getting a massage with the Three Lions. The former England skipper (below) said: "That's true. I used to love the 'Boy For Sale' bit. "I used to get a massage at 9pm but the last ones after me were always JT and Lamps. "Bill, who was the Chelsea masseuse, was there and he'd massage them, then they'd go into bed and get their feet out under the bed, and he'd massage them until they fell asleep. "Massage their feet until they fell asleep then he tucked them in. I swear!" However, Lampard and Terry were not the only ones said to have bizarre bedtime rituals during the old England camps. Rooney leaves a hotel hairdryer on to help him sleep — but that it once made him miss a Three Lions team meeting ahead of his international debut against Australia. Staff had to grab a spare key from reception and get into Rooney's room to wake him up. Speaking on Gary Neville's Stick to Football podcast, the Manchester United legend said: "I've done that a few times where I've fallen asleep. I like to

By JACK ROSSER



have a sleep in the afternoon and when I sleep I have the hairdryer blowing in my face, which sometimes blanks the alarm and I sleep through. "I had one [hairdryer] that burnt out, and I woke up and it was melted into my leg." Neville also admitted he and Rooney once caused the fire brigade to be called to a hotel after setting light to a dressing gown in their room. Nev said: "Me and him were in the hotel room one morning and we were bored. "It was the morning of the game, and we had nothing to do. We had some matches and we set fire to his robe. "The smoke goes up and the smoke alarm goes off — the whole hotel has to be evacuated. We're all outside on the morning of the game, every single guest in a 180-bed hotel. "The fire engines turned up, four of them, because obviously the England team are there. They go and find out what happened. "I told Steve McClaren that it was me and Wazza, and it happened by mistake. "It did not go down well at all. The fire chief went to the security — that was a lesson. "We didn't think for one second that once the smoke alarm had gone off, next everyone was going to be outside — and certainly not that the fire engines were going to turn up."



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ENGLAND SQUAD BATTLE

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BOW HOPES TO 'GET AWAY' FROM FAMILY



KIER WE GO... Trippier is all set for Euros

GARETH'S TRIP HIP HOORAY

By DAN KING

KIERAN TRIPPIER has told England boss Gareth Southgate: I'm ready to start at the Euros.

The Newcastle star played just 73 minutes of Premier League football after suffering a calf injury in early March that kept him out for eight games.

But Trippier insists he will be OK to line up for the Three Lions in their opening Group C match against Serbia on Sunday week.

The Toon full-back, who captained his country in the 3-0 friendly win over Bosnia and Herzegovina at St James' Park, said: "I felt really fit, and I got another 60-odd minutes under my belt."

"I'm feeling good, I'm feeling fresh, and I'm ready to go for the Euros."

"Am I ready to start? You'll have to ask Gareth. I'm fit. If I pick the team, then obviously I put myself in it."

"That's up to Gareth but I think everyone knows me by now, and whether I play or I don't play, I'll be ready."

Trippier was forced to sit out much of Newcastle's run-in after picking up his calf issue against Wolves.

He said: "The time when I got the injury was definitely a difficult moment for me."

"I tried hard to get back as quickly as I could for Newcastle because it was a busy end to the season but, ultimately, I had to respect that it was a big injury."

Trippier also claimed he had no problem with Newcastle's post-season trip to play a friendly against Tottenham in Australia.

The 33-year-old's previous comments about making the long journey in a tournament year were interpreted as criticism.

But Trippier said: "Some people thought I was being negative about it but all I was trying to say about that is that I understand why the club did it."

"I've been at Atletico Madrid and I've been at Tottenham, so I understand the commercial side."

"All I said is that it's a tournament year but I didn't mean anything negative by that."

Trippier gave Three Lions boss Southgate a scare when he came off after just 37 minutes of the game Down Under.

With Manchester United star Luke Shaw fighting his own fitness battle, England are likely to need Trippier to play at left-back.

He recovered in time to take the armband for a third time and lead out the team at Newcastle's home stadium on Monday.

The Bosnia match was England's first at St James' Park since 2005 and Trippier said: "It was a very special night, leading the lads out and having my son with me as well."

"It was a great experience for him, and I managed to sneak him into the dressing room to get a few photos."

JARROD BOWEN jokes that going to the Euros would be a welcome break from the "carnage" of life with a young family.

But the West Ham star is deadly serious when he talks about how much it would mean to make the cut for Germany, after missing out on the 2022 World Cup in Qatar.

Bowen, 27, has twin daughters with partner Dani Dyer, who also has a three-year-old son from a previous relationship.

The Hammers forward said: "The girls have just turned one and when you come away you miss them."

"It's my first experience with children. It's difficult not seeing them and my missus' little one as well. When I'm on FaceTime with

By **DAN KING**



my missus, they're all causing carnage - crawling around the house, and the little one running.

"Sometimes I'm glad I'm here. Going to the Euros would be a bit more time off!"

Bowen acknowledges that being a proud dad, son and brother is an extra motivation to strain every sinew to earn a place on the plane to Germany.

He said: "To FaceTime them during down time, they recognise you and get excited."

"It gives you that bit of a buzz because you know what you have got back home. I am a

family-orientated man, with my mum, dad, brothers, sisters and everyone.

"I had my dad and brother at the game against Bosnia, and Hereford to Newcastle is a long old way."

"Family is the most important thing to me and, of course, it gives you that drive."

"From where I've come from, to go to a major tournament would be the pinnacle."

Bowen suffered World Cup agony 19 months ago. After his senior England debut earlier in 2022, some indifferent form at the wrong time saw him left out of the 26-man squad for Qatar.

But Bowen had an outstanding 2023-24 campaign with 20 goals and providing ten assists in 44 Hammers appearances in all competitions. Although he faces

stiff competition in England's squad as a wideman, he is feeling more at home after starting the last two friendly matches.

Asked how he would handle the pressure of knowing that Gareth Southgate must leave seven players out of the squad he submits to Uefa, Bowen said: "I take every challenge head on."

"That's when I'm at my best, playing with no fear."

"I've been in positions before with squads. Now I feel a bit more mature as a player, I've had a few more opportunities and gained confidence from it."

"I want to come here and play my football, do what I know I can do and have been doing at club level, especially this season."

"It's trying to play my game to the best of my ability and let everything take care of itself."

I'M THE DADDY... Jarrod Bowen in action against Bosnia and with partner Dani Dyer and kids



BACK OF THE NET

Goals by English Prem players 2023-24 (all comps)

Phil Foden	27
Ollie Watkins	27
Cole Palmer	25
Dominic Solanke	21
JARROD BOWEN	20
Bukayo Saka	20



TONNEY . . . last chance

Ivan's bid on Ice til very end

By CHARLIE WYETT

IVAN TONEY will get a last-ditch chance to grab a Euro 2024 spot.

England boss Gareth Southgate must deliver his final 26-man squad to Uefa before the 11pm deadline on Friday — just over an hour after the final whistle against Iceland at Wembley.

Toney did not feature in Monday's 3-0 win over Bosnia and Herzegovina as Southgate wanted to give minutes to fit-again Harry Kane, who has struggled with a back injury.

Southgate confirmed Toney will be involved against Iceland but added: "I have got to get Harry Kane right."

"Sometimes the priorities of what's required and what you would like to see, as well, means you can't achieve all of those objectives. Simple as that."

Toney, 28, was out until January serving an eight-month betting ban and failed to score in his final eight games for Brentford.

But the striker netted a penalty in Three Lions' 2-2 draw with Belgium in March and has trained well with Southgate's squad.

Kane, who scored the third goal against Bosnia, had not played since Bayern Munich's 2-1 Champions League loss at Real Madrid on May 8.

The former Tottenham striker is set to start on Friday so Toney may have to come off the bench.

Manchester City trio Phil Foden, Kyle Walker and John Stones plus United's Kobbie Mainoo will also return after being given extra days off following the FA Cup final.

Mainoo and Foden joined the squad yesterday.

Southgate must axe seven players from his provisional group.

Eberechi Eze improved his chances with a decent display against Bosnia while Jack Grealish also impressed as a sub.

Toney, keeper Dean Henderson, Joe Gomez, Jarrad Branthwaite, Jarrell Quansah, Curtis Jones and James Maddison are those in danger of being axed.

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GLEE LIONS . . . proud Adam Wharton is presented with his legacy England cap by chief Gareth Southgate



Bowen up for break ..from his family!

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UP AND ADAM



SIGNED from Blackburn in January, midfielder man Adam Wharton has made an instant impression with Crystal Palace.

He helped them to a tenth-placed Prem finish — and the 20-year-old proved he can cut it on the international stage too.

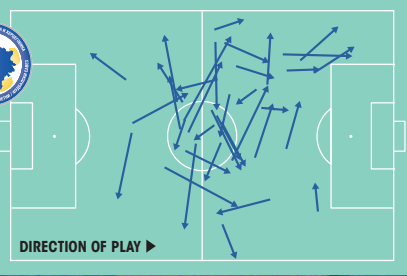


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- Successful passes
- Unsuccessful passes



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ADAM GRABS 3 LIONS CHANCE AND NOW HAS SHOT TO START

ADAM WHARTON had not even played for England Under-21s until March, let alone the senior team.

International football, particularly ahead of a major tournament, is all about grabbing your chance when it comes – even if we are only talking about a few precious minutes on the pitch.

And the 20-year-old Crystal Palace midfielder has done exactly that.

Wharton – still playing for Blackburn in January – could walk down many high streets unnoticed but in a few weeks' time he might be a household name.

Outstanding in 15 Premier League starts for Palace following his £18million move, Wharton could now be part of Gareth Southgate's 26-man Euro 2024 squad.

Incredibly, he is even pushing for a starting place in the opener against Serbia in Gelsenkirchen in 11 days.

If everyone is fit, boss Southgate knows ten of his starting XI. Yet there remains a huge question mark over who partners Declan Rice in central midfield.

It could be Wharton. It might be 19-year-old Kobbie Mainoo (right). Trent Alexander-Arnold and Conor Gallagher are also in the running.

Liverpool's Curtis Jones has been included in the provisional 33-man party but is yet to get a chance.

The last audition will take place against Iceland at Wembley on Friday.

Southgate has until 11pm after that game to submit a final squad to Uefa.

Wharton looked at home in midfield after arriving as a 62nd-minute sub in the 3-0 friendly win over Bosnia and Herzegovina on Monday.

Since Opta stats began in 2008, Adam Wharton became the only midfielder to attempt 30-plus passes on his England debut and complete every single one – 36 out of 36.

Wharton's rise has been meteoric. In March, he was selected for the Elite League squad, formerly

By **CHARLIE WYETT**



known as the Under-20s. He played 55 minutes in a 5-1 win over Poland.

A few days later, he was parachuted into the U21s' squad and came on as a 68th-minute sub in a 7-0 thrashing of Luxembourg in Bolton.

By then, Wharton had already hit the ground running for Palace – although he was handed a brutal lesson on his debut in a 4-1 hammering at Brighton.

Wharton told SunSport in May: "It wasn't the best start. I got caught on the ball and then they went on to score from that. It was a wake-up call.

"It helped me as much as it was a bad moment at the time. Without that, I wouldn't have learned that lesson."

Wharton has not looked back since. Liverpool and Newcastle were interested when the Eagles took the plunge – but now Bayern Munich are hovering.

Asked about Wharton's impact in his first senior call-up, a smiling Southgate said: "There is no question he has impressed us. I'm really pleased."

"He showed in the cameo what we've seen in training in the last week and what we've seen with his club."

"He is a very calm boy. He seems to have taken everything in his stride and when you talk to him, he is unflappable – as he was on the pitch."

"That ability to receive a ball and see a picture early and play it forward, that isn't something you should underestimate."

"The other players have recognised his quality. There's a lot still ahead of him."

"Players like Toni

Kroos and Luka Modric have been around for a decade and know how to control the rhythm of a game.

"That's a step beyond where we're at with Wharton and Mainoo. They're really tender in their development."

"They're doing really well and we're excited about working with them."

"But we've got to be realistic about what that's going to look like in terms of controlling the tempo at the highest possible level – which is also a step none of them have seen."

So, Southgate will maybe call on Alexander-Arnold, who started against Bosnia in central midfield but switched to right-back before scoring a cracker for 2-0. Despite being aged 25, the Liverpool man has only won 24 England caps.

The Three Lions chief said: "It is a role he is discovering. He is hungry to learn and has been since I talked to him about playing there a year or so ago."

"We will have different challenges in this tournament and we are going to have to have different ways of solving problems that teams pose us."

"Trent has had a difficult international career because of the strength in depth in that area."

"We haven't always been able to give him the amount of football that his talent deserves."

"But we always tried to find a way to do that – and I think he knows that and appreciates that."

Southgate was then asked whether Alexander-Arnold would be comfortable in that central role at a tournament.

He replied: "That is the unknown. Obviously with Gallagher, with Mainoo, even with Wharton, you know exactly what they can and what they can't do."

"None of these players can do everything so you are trying to work out what is the right balance."

"Obviously, Declan is going to be in there so what is the balance with him? It could be different for different games."

"I think we will play against a back five at certain times and we have got some good options."

"Both in terms of what we start with but also how we can adapt the team during matches."

Jude Bellingham

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Bell the best

JUDE BELLINGHAM has trumped Real Madrid team-mates Vinicius Jr and Kylian Mbappe to be crowned the best player in the world. Iconic card game Top Trumps have ranked the England star No1 in their World Football Stars Top 200 series – beating the likes of Erling Haaland and Lionel Messi.

HE'S JADED

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to the amount of football he has under his belt.

Even before turning 21 on June 29, Bellingham has clocked up 18,571 first-team minutes.

Yet David Beckham played 3,929 at the same age, Steven Gerrard 7,034, Michael Owen 11,719 and Wayne Rooney – who made his Prem debut at just 16 – 15,481.

Darren Burgess, formerly Arsenal's head of elite performance, unveiled the stats at a FifPro summit in London.

And he warned: "Young players' careers are at risk because of the amount of football they are expected to play."

"If you look at those Bellingham numbers, the strain on him is absolutely obscene."

Tottenham's Argentinian defender Cristian Romero travelled 81,000 air miles this season – more than three times around the world – and that was without Spurs in Europe.

Skipper Son Heung-

min was back in action for Ange Postecoglou four days after featuring for South Korea in the Asian Cup in Qatar – where he played six games over barely three weeks.

Burgess added: "The travel demands on South American and Asian players with European clubs is unsustainable."

"Stats show us that even at the biggest clubs, an average of eight players will play 50 per cent of a club's entire minutes, with the other 22 in the squad playing the remaining 50 per cent."

"Coaches put their best players on the pitch, even if they are in danger."

"More than half of all players say they have been forced to play when injured – and 82 per cent of coaches admitted they selected players they knew needed a rest."

"It adds up to both a physical AND mental risk if we continue like this."

"Players are just not recovering properly from games or seasons."

Phil 'n Jude set to mix things up

GARETH SOUTHGATE aims to swap the positions of Phil Foden and Jude Bellingham at Euro 2024.

And the England boss reckons fans worry too much about formations.

Foden is set to start on the left flank, with Bellingham as a No10 – but they will interchange during matches.

Southgate said: "It's about where they start and where you want them to end up. That's the key. "In the way Jude was defending on the left for

By **CHARLIE WYETT**

Real Madrid, he wasn't stuck out on the left. And I think that's how the modern game is. Everybody with the ball is in a completely different area."

"You write a formation down but you're never in it really. So it just helps for the teamsheet."

"Jude's playing the season very high up the pitch for Madrid. Defensively a bit of a mix. He's defended as a 10 or as a left winger at times."

FOR PALACE

Games	16
Assists	3
Chances created	21
Pass accuracy	81.1%
Duels won	79
Tackles	48
Interceptions	20



36

SINCE records began in August 2008, Adam Wharton is the only midfielder to attempt 30 or more passes on his England debut and complete EVERY one.

In his 28 minutes on the pitch against Bosnia and Herzegovina, he completed 36 passes – Trent Alexander-Arnold posted the most for the Three Lions on Monday (90 in the full 90 minutes).

Wharton is the 20th player representing Crystal Palace to line up for England.



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Hell's Bells! He's jaded

By MARTIN LIPTON

JUDE BELLINGHAM risks being burned out by his "obscene" playing schedule. The Real Madrid ace has been given a week off by England boss Gareth Southgate before the Euros after lifting the Champions League on Saturday.

Bellingham, 20, racked up 47 games in his debut Bernabeu season — and could play another seven if the Three Lions reach the final in Germany.

International players' union FifPro are urging caution over the midfielder due

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ETIHAD DRAMA

KDB 'open' to mega-money Saudi move

KEVIN DE BRUYNE could quit Manchester City this summer because of the "incredible money" on offer in Saudi Arabia.

The Belgian playmaker, 32, has one year left on his contract at the Etihad, where he has won 16 major trophies — including six Premier League titles and the Champions League. But

By NEIL CUSTIS

City's £375,000-a-week star admitted a mega-move to the Middle East is appealing and has discussed it with wife Michele.

De Bruyne said: "At my age you have to be open to everything. You're talking about incredible amounts of money in what may be

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SAND STORM

By MARTIN LIPTON

MANCHESTER CITY'S bitter war with the Prem ramped up after they accused them of discrimination against Gulf owners.

City's lawyers will lock horns with the Prem in a court case starting on Monday over new financial rules that limit UAE commercial deals.

In an unprecedented challenge, Sheikh Mansour's four-in-a-row champs claim the "unlawful" related party rules — affecting companies linked to a club's owners — should be torn up.

This stunning move will
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City v Prem war heats up over UAE spending

Troy's Derby dream

CITY OF TROY looks likely to head to the Irish Derby on June 30.

Aidan O'Brien's star bounced back to his very best when running away with the Derby on Saturday, a month after his 2,000 Guineas flop.

It was unclear after Epsom where he was going to run next, and the horse was cut into 3-1 favourite for the Coral-Eclipse by the bookies.

But the Irish Derby is believed to be the preferred option of O'Brien and the Coolmore 'Lads', and the

By JACK KEENE

colt is odds-on for the big'un at the Curragh. O'Brien said: "He has all the options."

"Ryan and I will talk with the lads and they will make the decision."

The colt will then be trained towards the Grade 1 Travers Stakes at Saratoga in New York in August, with the race a likely springboard to set up a crack at the Breeders' Cup Classic at Del Mar.



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CHARLIE FELLOWES has his Eye set on a breakthrough Royal Ascot Group 1 win.

The Newmarket trainer plans to drop **The Wizard Of Eye** back to six furlongs for the first time in three years for a tilt at the Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Stakes — and reckons his star is a good bet at 16-1 with Coral.

After failing to get his head in front in seven starts for Stan Moore in 2023, the gelding — who also has a Wokingham entry at the Royal jamboree — made a winning debut for Fellowes in the Victoria Cup at the Berkshire track.

Fellowes, 36, said: "I don't think I've been this excited about a horse in my yard for a while as he is unbelievably talented."

"I'm 70-30 in favour of running him in the Jubilee. Every day that goes by I lean more to running him in that race."

"He will have no problems dropping back from seven furlongs and laying up to them."

"He has an unbelievable turn of foot and a massive stride."

Fellowes (below) confided: "We have come so close to winning a Group 1 on numerous times and

By GRAHAM CLARK

it would be great to finally do it at Ascot.

"You have to run the horse in the race you think is right for them and I strongly believe this is the right race for him."

Giving the dad-of-two even more cause for enthusiasm to roll the dice at the top table with **The Wizard Of Eye** is the lack of a standout speedster.

He added: "I think the three-year-old sprinters are good but there is no six-furlong superstar out there."

"I just think if you were going to go for a big one with him then this is the race."

"Ascot suits him really well and he is not slow. It's worth a shot."



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1	(7) 3-53588 CONCERT BOY 14 (B*) K Scott 4-9-11	Rhys Elliott (5) 94
2	(2) 54-2764 TWILIGHT QUEST 14 (P) G Marston 4-9-10	Katrine Holm (7) 96
3	(3) 05900 SPARKLE IN HIS EYE 7 (B) D Hammond 8-9-9	Alex Fielding 87
4	(4) 023870 RED EVELYN 277 (D) J Butler 6-9-8	Dominique Van Der Kraats (5) 89
5	(1) 4-9069 KEEPER'S CHOICE 137 (D) A Wintle 10-9-7	Tam Langley (5) 82
6	(3) 7/650-6 NEW TYCOON 33 (B*) L Bailey 4-9-7	Tom Kelly-Marshall 83
7	(10) 9769-0 TRUE NATION 153 (P) R Fahey 4-9-4	Ethan Tindall (7) 93
8	(6) 8732653 FANZONE 33 (B) L Bailey 7-9-0	Kyle McHugh (5) 96
9	(4) 0468-45 CHANNEL PACKET 127 (P,C,D) M Appleby 10-9-0	Courtney Thomas (7) 84
10	(5) 650-467 PROFITAR RULES 98 R Tal 4-9-0	Courtney Thomas (7) 84

BETTING: 2 Twilight Guest, 3 Fanzone, 8 Red Evelyn, Channel Packet, 10 True Nation, 12 Concert Boy, 14 Sparkle In His Eye, Profitar Rules

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 8, 1 5

2.57 ABBA FEVER RACEWAY BOOK NOW MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (5); 2-y-o; winner £3,725; 5f. (11 runners)

1	(1) BERMUDA PRINCESS W Hagas 9-2	Cieren Fallon
2	(5) CLOUD STREET 18 A Watson 9-2	Laura Couglin (3) 99
3	(4) COEUR JAUNE D O'Meara 9-2	Daniel Tudhope
4	(6) FACULTY K De Foy 9-2	David Probert
5	(2) BURKE 9-2	James Doyle
6	(3) LOVE ROCK I Mohammed 9-2	Rob Hornby
7	(7) PATHETIC FALLACY J Butler 9-2	Ray Dawson
8	(11) SHOSTAKOVA C Cox 9-2	Richard Kingscote
9	(10) SMALLBROOK LANE 23 C Cox 9-2	William Cox 96
10	(2) SUNSHINE SOUL G Boughey 9-2	Billy Loughnane
11	(8) TALA A Hills 9-2	Saffie Osborne

BETTING: 11-4 Bermuda Princess, 4 Tala, Leovanni, 6 Shostakova, 7 Cloud Street

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2-6 1-2 8

2023: Beautiful Diamond 9-2 Clifford Lee 10-3 (K R Burke) drawn 6, 10 ran.

3.27 DON'T MISS FIVER FRIED RACEWAY JULY 19 HCAP (4); £5,496; 6f. (13 runners)

1	(3) 41-743 SERGEANT PEP 30 (D)	Oliver Timms (7) 98
2	(2) 2/78-6 CELSIUS 25	Jack Mitchell 94
3	(1) 43669-9 HAVANA PUSEY 271 (CD)	Darragh Keenan 96
4	(10) 1079-9 LORD RAPSCALLION 18 (D)	S Williams 87
5	(5) 2-6964 ABOVE 18 (P,T,D)	Billy Loughnane 97
6	(1) 434991 TYKE 18 (D)	Alistair Rawlinson 99
7	(10) 135504 ROCK OPERA 19 (D)	Connor Murtagh 93
8	(2) 0416-0 ABBEY HEIGHTS 25 (D)	Richard Kingscote 89
9	(13) 900-49 AS IF BY CHANCE 33 (CD)	Faye McManoman 90
10	(4) 3-7606 FANTASY MASTER 25 (P,C,D)	D Holland 97
11	(8) 381-54 LADY DREAMER 23 (T,V,D)	David Probert 95
12	(12) 21410-0 GLENDOWN 208 (P,D)	T Easterby 87
13	(7) 135709 BEELZEBUB 11 (H,P,T,D)	A Haynes 83

BETTING: 7-2 Tyke, 11-2 Sergeant Pep, 6 Above, 8 Lady Dreamer, 10 Celsius, Rock Opera, Fantasy Master, 12 Abbey Heights, Glendown

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED AND 2023: No corresponding race.

Sunracing FORM

SERGEANT PEP (9-6) 5-1 led, pushed along 2f out, headed 2f out, ridden and kept on one pace final furlong. 3rd of 9 (bzn 3/4) to Tiarac (8-11) (Windsor 6f hcap (4) £28,756 good).

CELSIUS (8-6) 12-1 rear, no show, 6th of 8 (bzn 8) to Haymaker (9-6) (Nottingham 5f hcap (4) £25,496 good).

HAVANA PUSEY (9-7) 18-1 no show, 8th of 11 (bzn 9/4) to Zouzzana (9-5) (Ascot 7f hcap (4) £10,308 good).

ABOVE (9-5) 5-1 wide off the pace in rear, driven, kept on, given too much to do, 4th of 10 (bzn 2) to Champagne Sings (9-7) (LORD RAPSCALLION (9-8) 22-1 ridden furiously, faded 2f out, 9th (bzn 7/4) (10 ran) (Newmarket 6f hcap (4) £10,308 good).

TYKE (8-11) 16-1 led halfway, made rest, clear final furlong, ran on, bit mythical Phoenix (9-7) 1/4 (10 ran) (Doncaster 6f hcap (4) £28,683 good to firm).

ROCK OPERA (9-8) 11-4 chased leader under 2f out, pluggd on, 4th of 5 (bzn 5) to Iris Dancer (8-10) (Hamilton 6f hcap (4) £10,468 good to soft).

FANTASY MASTER (9-4) 20-1 tracked leaders, ridden 1f out, kept on, 6th of 26 (bzn 2/4) to Northciff (8-6) (BEEZEBUB (9-3) 50-1 slowly away, behind, never a factor, 8th (bzn 9/4) to Abbey Heights (9-6) 12-1 in touch, ridden 2f out, 17th (bzn 9/4) (26 ran) (Newcastle 7f hcap (4) £10,808 good).

AS IF BY CHANCE (8-9) 25-1 keen close up, ridden 2f out, 9th of 10 (bzn 7/4) to Akkaidium (9-7) (Newcastle 7f hcap (4) £10,808 good).

LADY DREAMER (8-7) 14-1 slow away, headway 1f out, kept on, 4th of 10 (bzn 1/4) to Katey Kontant (9-4) (Windsor 6f hcap (3) £9,936 good to firm).

GLENDOWN 2f out, weakened, last of 10 (bzn 9/4) to Dickiebrook (10-9) (Newcastle 6f amat hcap (4) £4,868 AW).

BEELZEBUB (9-2) 80-1 in rear, pushed along 2f out, ran on, never a danger, 9th of 21 (bzn 5/4) to Tiarac (9-7) (Windsor 6f hcap (4) £10,468 good to soft).

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