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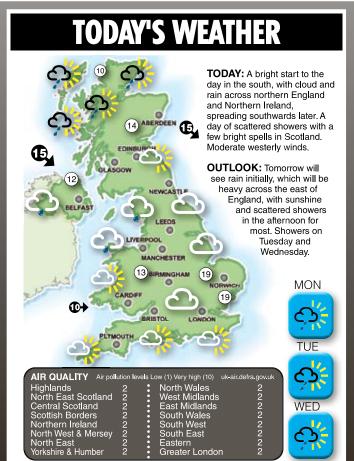
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MUM HITS OUT AT TROLLS WHO MOCK BABY'S NAME





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SAFE: Noa and dad Yakov

Hostage rescue for four

ISRAEL says it has freed four hostages from Gaza in the largest rescue operation since the latest war with Hamas began in the autumn.

The army said it had rescued Noa Argamani, 25, Almog Meir Jan, 21, Andrey Kozlov, 27, and Shlomi Ziv, 40, in a daytime operation in the heart of Nuseirat.

Hamas kidnapped 250 hostages during its attack on southern Israel on October 7, which triggered the Israel-Hamas war.

About half were released in a week-long ceasefire in November.

Meanwhile, heavy fighting raged in central Gaza, where the hostages were rescued, and at least 55 people, including children, were killed in multiple attacks yesterday.

Israel says more than 130 hostages remain, with about a quarter of those believed dead, and divisions are deepening in the country over how to bring them home.

The rescue came as international pressure mounts on Israel to limit civilian bloodshed in its war in Gaza, which moved into its eighth month on

Col Kate so sorry

THE Princess of Wales has apologised to the Irish Guards after missing the Review London yesterday due to her cancer treatment.

Kate, who is colonel of the regiment, penned a letter read out to troops.

It said: "I am very sorry that I'm unable to take the salute at this year's Colonel's Review.

"Please pass on my apologies to the whole regiment. I do hope that I am able to represent you all once again very Good luck to all involved."

The Colonel's Review is traditional rehearsal for Trooping the Colour on Saturday.

FAT CATS LAP IT UP

SOME bosses are making FTSĚ 100 revealed.



COP IN STRANGLING TRIAL

PC Kevin Markowski, of Notts Police, denies assault by beating and non-fatal intentional strangulation of a child.

ASSISTED DYING BILL DEBATE

Third day of the hearing, with debate on how medications

are dispensed. SPORT

GERMANY v SCOTLAND

ridav / 8pm. IT\ It all comes down to this... Euro 2024 is upon us as Scotland take on hosts Germany in the tournament opener.

GOLF: US OPEN

Sky Sports

Pinehurst plays host to the toughest test in golf this year, with American Scottie Scheffler looking for his second Major of 2024 in North Carolina.

TWEET OF THE WEEK BremainInSpain @ @BremainInSpain

Excellent from @BurgerKing "Bravo Burger King, Bravo!"

FUN

THE WIZARD OF OZ

to Sun / Birmingham Hippodrome
Musical has Strictly judge Craig Revel
Horwood as Wicked Witch of
West. More at birmingham

hipporome.com **OP MINCEMEAT**

Theatre, London

New stars joining include Emily Barber. Head to operation mincemeat.com

TELLY

SOCCER AID ITV1

Star-studded match is live from Stamford Bridge. The players include Danny Dyer, Jill Scott, Eden Hazard and Roman Kemp.

LONG LOST FAMILY: BORN WITHOUT

TRACE

Davina McCall and Nicky Campbell are back with a new series and helping more foundlings – people who were abandoned when they were young.

POLIC

DON'T FORGET

CHIP THAT MOG!

From tomorrow / England

CAT owners must have their pets microchipped and registered on a Government database or risk being slapped with a £500 fine.

Poorest families' hit hard



STRUGGLE: Family

up to 480 times more than their average worker, an analysis of firms in the **FAMILIES** with kids have seen their incomes fall by an average of £2,200 per year since 2010, a think tank found.

An Institute for Fiscal Studies report said they were hit hardest by benefit cuts.

Parents who are out of work have seen the biggest fall in their incomes, with the IFS saying they had lost £5,500 per year.

Tom Waters, an associate director at the IFS, said: "There has been a steady shift over the past 14 years from cash support for families with children to in-kind support through childcare.

"But the latter only offsets a

■ by CHRIS McKEON

small fraction of the former. Taken together with other benefit reforms, this has led to big declines in support for the poorest households. Among the changes affect-

ing families with children are reductions in the level of child tax credits and the "two-child limit" that sees Universal Credit payments only made for a family's first two children.

Mubin Haq, boss of the Abrdn Financial Fairness Trust which funded the IFS study, said: "Those with the least have faced the largest cut to incomes."

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All gone twang for Rita

RITA Ora is developing a Kiwi accent thanks to living in New Zealand with her husband - and says she wants her Brit twang back.

She flits between the UK and New Zealand after marrying director Taika Waititi in 2022.

But in a new interview, it was revealed the 33-yearold is picking up a "tinge" of her hubby's accent.

Podcast host Jessie Ware picked up on new pronunciations creeping in and told her "you sounded New Zealand then".

Rita, speaking on the Table Manners podcast, said: "Oh no... a lot of people are telling me that" ple are telling me that."

Jessie told her that she

heard it "means you are an

empathetic person".
But, the pop star said she isn't too happy with her

new accent.

She said: "You've got to stop me because I love them to death but I like my [original] accent.
"Every time I do it,

please catch me out."

Aside from her accent, Rita said she is loving living in Auckland, New Zealand, with her 48-year-old fella and his children.

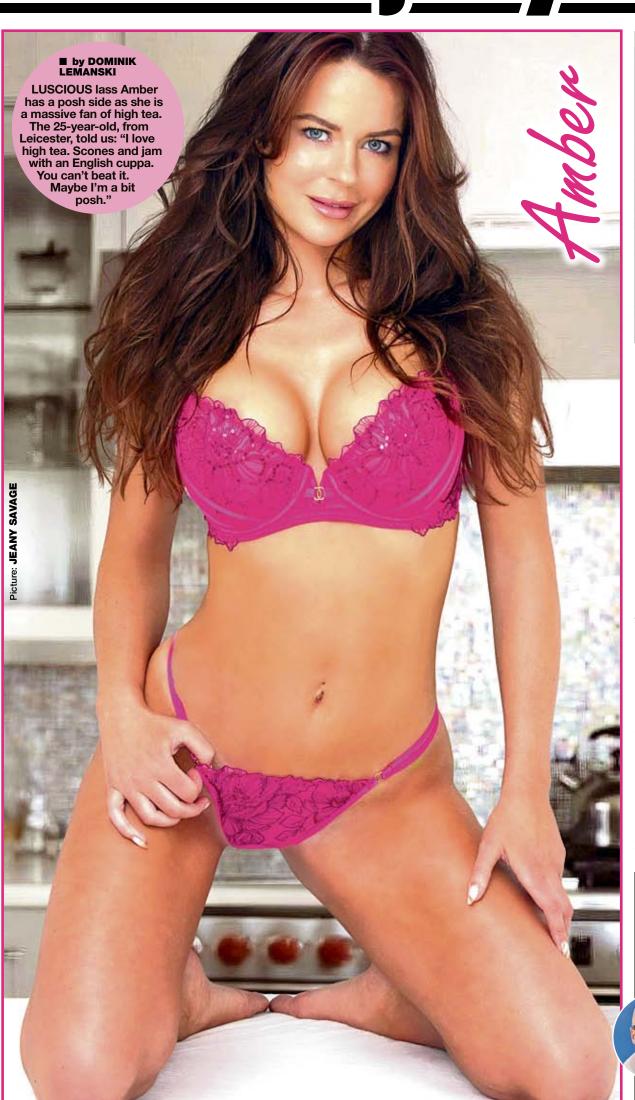
"We have a place, literally on the water, it's really nice," she said.



A REAL AGE TURNER

A COPY of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's book The Refugees was returned to a library in Helsinki, Finland, after being loaned in 1939.

Line of jury Duty





COP OUT: Telly police chief Adrian

STAR WAS ALLED UP COU

■ by STIAN ALEXANDER

LINE Of Duty star Adrian Dunbar was excused jury duty so he can appear in a play.

But the TV copper worries that when he eventually gets called up to serve, his fellow jurors might mistake him for his straight-

talking BBC character.

Adrian, who played Superintendent Ted Hastings, told officials "people might jump to conclusions" if they saw him in crown court.

The 65-year-old Irishman was due to attend a trial later this year but is appearing in Visco Mo. Verte at London's Parkings.

Kiss Me, Kate at London's Barbican.

The musical opened earlier this week and runs to September 14, when the trial was due to take place.

Adrian said he hadn't dodged jury duty and simply deferred it until next year.

He revealed he was excused service during

Q&A session at the Park Theatre after starring in Whodunnit earlier this year.

The actor told the audience he thought folk

in court could "jump to conclusions" if they recognised him, which he reckoned made him an unsuitable juror.



FUNNYMAN Harry Hill wants to turn the tables and play a villain.

The comic, 59, said: "I always thought I'd make a good serial killer.

a good serial killer. "Playing against type, basically."

But he confessed: "The only thing that has held me back is that I'm not very

good at acting.
"I can only really play for laughs."

CASH GRAB: Hat

Garage merch hard sell

NIGEL Garage's Reform UK are flogging hard hats and hi-vis vests to builders.

Bosses hope the extra cash will help them win votes at the July 4 election.

They told potential buyers: "Discover a wide range of Reform UK merchandise on our website. Show your support for the movement with our high-quality products. Shop now." Hard hats are on sale

at £16 a pop, and hi-vis vests are £13.29. Last week, a poll

found Reform UK has overtaken the Tories among over-55's.

The party is on 19% of the vote among those between 55 and 64, according to data from Redfield & Wilton.

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Debater's huge 'do'

star of the latest ■ by DOMINIK LEMANSKI election debate has been declared - it's Penny Mordaunt's huge hair.
Top politicians clashed over

D-Day, immigration and the NHS on the BBC's seven-party Friday night face-off.

But wags reckon Mordaunt's Margaret Thatcher-style bouffant was the real highlight.

Journalist Camilla Tominey wrote on X: "Can I please have the number of the person who has done Penny Mordaunt's blow dry?"

Channel 4 News's Khrisnan Guru-Murthy said: "The more I look at Penny Mordaunt's hair the more I wonder what it would look like on Stephen

Flynn's head." Bald SNP Westminster leader Flynn was taking part in the debate. Peter Smith joked: "The only

things to survive a nuclear attack are Keith Richards, Tupperware and Mordaunt's hair." Penny

While radio host Charlie Baker added: "Nice of Ruth Langsford to lend Penny Mordaunt the 'HELMET OF HAIR' for the night." Pollsters More In Common

found viewers thought Reform leader Nigel Garage won the debate, ahead of Labour's deputy leader Angela Rayner.

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Greal in deal Hel

HELLMANN'S scored an own goal by hiring Jack Grealish to help sell its range of sauces during the Euros.

The condiment giant had paid for the Manchester City ace before England boss Gareth Southgate left him out of his squad.

Trolls have branded it "embarrassing" the firm is still plastering its social media with Jack-related promos.

One critic joked:
"Apparently when
Grealish was told he
wasn't in the squad he
just quietly muttered,
'But what about those
ads I'm in for
Hellmann's?""

12-GRAND TICKET

PRICES for a pair of Euro 2024 Final tickets have hit £12,699 as touts cash in on Three Lions fans' growing hopes of glory.



BARS in Germany are racing to buy in more beer to avoid being drunk dry by England's record 300,000 fans at Euro 2024.

The Three Lions invasion will beat the previous record of 170,000 travelling followers at World Cup 2006, which was also in Germany.

The mega support is due to

■ by ALISTAIR GRANT

it being the first tournament within easy reach since the Gareth Southgate era began in 2016.

A barman at Café Extrablatt in Gelsenkirchen, where England start their campaign on June 16, said: "We're making sure we will have enough beer for all the England supporters." A manager at the Schwarzer Stern bar in Frankfurt, where they play on June 20, said: "England fans partied here for three days at World Cup 2006, so we know how much beer we need."

The Football Supporters' Association's Tom Concannon said: "Germany is a popular place to go for football."

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RECORD NUMBER TO BACK ENGLAND







Sainsbury's
Good food for all of us



Says Life is no hairy tale

IT says a lot when the most-talked about thing from the latest political TV debate was the size of Penny Mordaunt's hair.

Her bouffant was, to many, the highlight of the seven-way party showdown on the BBC.

And it's a shame Penny's impressive do isn't actually running the country.

As it looks like it could do a better job than the shower in charge now.

Because for large numbers of those tuning in, it was more interesting than what was said by the politicians.

There was a lot of hot air, bluster and petty point scoring being made by the candidates - but such talk does not help struggling Brits.

Our story today shows that some of the hardest hit in the UK are parents of kids, who have seen incomes fall by an average of £2,200 since 2010.

They are just one group of many who have been hammered by the cost-of -living crisis and 14 years of Conservative Government.

There will be a lot more talk to come. But when the talking is done we need those who run the country to forget hair-raising schemes and promises.

And remember their job is to make all our lives better.

Salad daze toe wrong

BRITAIN is full of eccentrics and is one of the reasons why it is so great.

But from time to time it is also clear to see that many a diabolical weirdo walks among us.

Today we feature some such oddballs who use the popular sauce Salad Cream in bonkers ways.

Some said they used it as a foot cream. And one disturbed Brit reckons they use it as a shower gel.

Who are these people and should they be allowed to vote?

Heinz say they're not shocked as fans "surprise them all the time".

Well we guess what people do in the privacy of their own home is their own business. But here's a serving suggestion for anyone using Salad Cream.

Keep it on your plate, rather than

your plates of meat!

MUM who called her son Lucifer reckons she has no problem with the controversial name.

We guess it could be more embarrassing for the little fella, she could have dubbed him NIGEL ...



It's Donald's birthday!



Donald debuted on June 9, 1934, in the Walt Disney short film The Wise Little Hen. He didn't get a starring role until 1937 in the cartoon Don Donald, about his travels in Mexico. He was soon joined by other characters – his love interest

Daisy Duck and nephews Huey, Dewey and Louie, inset left. Donald also has a twin sister who has been variously known as Della, Dumbella, and Thelma. In one Dutch cartoon she

was an astronaut! 4 His distinctive voice was developed by Clarence Nash who performed as the duck for 50 years. A special mic was used to smooth it out.

DONALD

Duck celebrates

his 90th birthday today!

The Disney character

first appeared in 1934 and went on to gain millions of fans, while even

taking an Oscar-winning pop at Nazi Adolf Hitler.

fascinating facts about

the orange-billed mischief-maker..

Our man **JAMES**MOORE has 15

Walt Disney chose Nash for Donald's half-intelligible voice after he showed off his stage impression of a nervous baby goat singing Mary Had A Little Lamb.

6 Donald's trade-mark outfit is a sailor's shirt and cap with a bow tie. He doesn't wear trousers or pants... although, weirdly, he does sometimes don swimming trunks. Disney wanted Donald

to be the cranky opposite of happy-go-lucky Mickey Mouse and joked the character was the studio's "problem child."

His middle name is Fauntleroy and he is colour blind. Donald lent his moniker to a brand of orange juice and has also appeared in multiple comic strips.

Donald has his own star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and has appeared in more films than any other

Disney character - more than 200. In the 1940s he was more popular than Mickey Mouse.

He took on Hitler in wartime films, winning an Oscar for the 1943 short Der Feuhrer's Face, which was originally titled Donald Duck in NutziLand. In it, he has a nightmare about working in a Nazi-style factory.

In the 1988 movie Who Framed Roger Rabbit? Donald has a piano duel with Warner rival Daffy Duck who made his debut in 1937.

He has a special deal with the University of Oregon to be the mascot of their sports teams and has



also been the mascot of the top Argentinean football team Botafogo.

13 The 1968 Kinks song The Village Green Preservation Society name checks Donald. It says: "We are the Village Green Preservation Society, God save Donald Duck, Vaudeville and Variety.

Amphibious tanks used on D-Day in 1944 were nicknamed Donald Ducks. The quacker also has an asteroid named after him, while a Scottish GP who shared the character's name said he didn't want to

change it because "it's fun".

15 In politics, Finns traditionally mark their ballots Donald Duck as a protest vote. US presidential candidate Donald Trump was labelled Donald Duck by Republican rivals after "ducking out" of TV debates.





Celine's broken rib pain

CELINE Dion has described the reality of living with stiff person syndrome (SPS), including muscle spasms so strong they caused broken ribs.

The music superstar, whose huge hits include My Heart Will Go On, revealed her diagnosis in December 2022 as she cancelled her Courage World Tour.

In a teaser clip of a new interview set to air in the US, Dion said living with the condition had been "like somebody's strangling you".

'It's cramping, but it's like in a position of like you cannot unlock them."

The 56-year-old revealed the condition caused "broken ribs at one point".

Dion documented her health battle in a new Prime Video film called I Am: Celine Dion, which is set to air on June 25.



OFF MESSAGE: Sheeran

Ed text maniac solution

ED Sheeran ditched his smartphone after being driven mad by thousands of text messages.

The singer stopped using a mobile almost a decade ago.

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Ed, 33, explained: "With phones, everyone expects you to reply, and if you don't reply it's rude.

"I had the same number from age 15 and I got famous and I had 10,000 contacts in my phone.

"People would just text the whole time. And I was just constantly in touch with a lot of people.
"Sometimes you're busy

or doing whatever but you reply then they reply back and suddenly you're in like 40 conversations at once.

"I just was losing real-life interaction. I moved every thing on to email, which I reply to once a week."





Ronni said: "One family member didn't hold back... she said it was an 'abomination'. 'She still won't use his full name and calls him Luci. My dad loved it

straight away, he said it was really different and bold and to stick with it." When Ronni an-nounced her baby's name in a mums' group online she was

staggered by the response.
Strangers warned Lucifer would be bullied, while others claimed it was "illegal" and "cruel".

But Ronni, a teaching assistant from Birmingham, says kids are more concerned with trainers than names.

She had no issues recording Lucifer's birth. Ronni said: "The registrar simply confirmed the spelling and that was it."

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HOLIDAYS: Airport drinks

BRITS have voted having a morning pint" the best thing about flying.

Asked to choose the most "anticipated treats" at airports, 62% of those polled said having a beer, glass of vino or champers before breakfast came top.

Other "airport pleasures" included scoffing a fry-up

■ by JOHN WARD

and having a nap. Buying chocolate, perfume or booze from the duty-free shops are

also seen as a bonus. Overall, 49% of those polled said eating and drinking "whatever they liked" was the best thing about being at an airport. Tom Davies, 31, of Watford, Herts, said he gets a "holiday feeling" when he orders his

morning pint.
The garden designer said:
"You know the holiday is starting when you order a pint at the airport.

'You can sit back and relax and start to look forward to a well-deserved break - and it

all kicks off with that first taste of beer... and it tastes even better at 9am!"

Paul Ford, terminal services manager for Heathrow Terminal 2, said: "To learn that passengers enjoy relaxing and indulging when at the airport goes to show that holidays really do start here.'

Airports' new rule

SIX airports will temporarily reintroduce restrictions on carrying liquids over 100ml, the Department for Transport has said.

The change will come into effect from midnight tonight at London City, Aberdeen, Newcastle, Leeds/Bradford, Southend and Teesside.

SHARK WARNING

TWO shark attacks have led US authorities to close beaches to swimmers in Walton County, on the Florida Panhandle.

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Wife vow as missing TV doc hunt goes on

THE wife of missing Michael Mosley said his family "will not lose hope" as the search for the TV doctor was moved to a perilous mountain area.

Dr Claire Bailey Mosley said the days since he vanished had been the "longest and most unbearable". Their three children have joined the hunt for the 67-year-old, who set out on a walk on the Greek island of Symi on Wednesday.

Claire said: "Our family are so incredibly grateful to the people of Symi, the Greek ■ by DOMINIK LEMANSKI

authorities and the British Consulate who are working tirelessly to help find Michael. We will not lose hope."

Michael. We will not lose hope."

CCTV appeared to show Michael heading towards a mountain path near the village of Pedi.

Officials fear he may have taken a "wrong turn" so shifted their search there.

Local Mayor Eleftherios Papakaloudoukas said the area was "difficult to pass", and "only rocks". He

said there was "no chance" the hunt will be called off until Michael is found.

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SEARCH AREA: Red Cross team and firefighters comb mountainside

PAIR: Michaela & Chris

TV duo still best of pals

SPRINGWATCH presenter Chris Packham said his "TV marriage" to co-star Michaela Strachan has its

ups and downs.
But despite their differences in personalities, they are still going strong three decades on.

Chris, 63, who is autistic, admits that aside from his younger sister, the fashion designer Jenny Packham, Michaela is the person he has known the longest - yet still talks to.

He described his relationship with Michaela, 58, as "rare and extraordinarily valuable".

He said: "We both have had our trials and tribulations throughout the course of that 'work marthe riage' and there is that mutual respect for each other's professionalism.

"For me to have a friendship like that is rare and extraordinarily valuable."



than sharks. If Jaws has left you afraid to go into the an, you might want to avoid hotel

hallways and break rooms – because the snack sellers are twice as likely to kill you by toppling over.

REAL TRAFFIC JAM

DRIVERS got stuck in a 10-hour hold-up when 18 tonnes of juicy strawberries fell from a truck in San Jose, California.

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never met anyone who's a fan

"It's always someone in an airport going, 'Can I get a picture with you? Apparently you're famous come here.

"Well if I have to explain I'm famous, then I guess I'm not. I'm fine with that. You came up to me.

"I talk to the person that doesn't like me a lot because they come up to me in the street constantly 'Can Í get

photo

is done with cancel culture, feeling he has gone past the point of having his comedy

career closed down.

He said: "Here's why I'm
so relaxed in life - the thing that gets me cancelled, I've already said it.

"I like to think I'm an equal opportunity offender – I make jokes about everyone. I like to think that feels quite inclusive.

'It feels like we're all in this. Everything's fun. Great."

CARR SHARE:

Selfies taken for loved ones

TOWIE'S Chloe Meadows has onlookers green with envy as she shows off her

amazing figure.
The 32-year-old
stripped to her olourful swimwear to have a dip on holiday in Italy.

The star was taking a well-earned break after filming the latest series of Towie, which finished last Sunday.

The bikini-clad beauty, who is in a relationship with City trader George Wales, has appeared on the Essex-based reality show since back in 2014.

Away from the ITVBe programme, Chloe also works as an interior designer and is best friends with fellow Towie babe Amber Turner, 30.



Joy for D-Day

A 100-YEAR-OLD D-Day hero's great-grandson was born as a ferry took him to Normandy for the bat-tle's 80th anniversary

commemorations.
Former RAF Sergeant
Bernard Morgan, of Crewe, was honoured during the events on Thursday 6 June as he was pushed in his wheelchair to the marquee by Prime Minister Rishi Sunak.

But his visit was made extra special as he got word of the newest mem-ber of his family on June 4.

"I was thrilled to receive the news of my great-grandson who was born as the ferry was making its way to Normandy on Tuesday – same day as my father's birthday," he said.

'He was due to arrive on D-Day, June 6, but couldn't wait. I'm so pleased he arrived in time for the celebrations."



BOOK: Murray

Al hails Arnhem heroes

AL Murray is releasing a book on the Allies' daring attempt to secure a bridgehead across the Rhine in

the aftermath of D-Day.
Arnhem: Black Tuesday
is the Pub Landlord star's second military history publication.

It follows the comic's

2022 hardback Command, which analysed the key Allied leaders in WW2.

Publisher Penguin said: "Arnhem is always written about, with the benefit of unerring 20/20 hindsight, as being doomed to fail, but the men who fought there, men of military legend, didn't know that that

was to be their fate.
"By focusing on the events of one day through the eyes of the British par-ticipants, Al Murray offers a very different perspective to a familiar narrative."

BRITS ARE SOLED N SALAD CREAM





<u>Nutjobs rub</u> Hein<u>z sauce</u> on trotters

■ by STIAN ALEXANDER

ODDBALLS are slapping Salad Cream on their sore feet... while others use it as massage oil.

And one bloke has caused a lather by

claiming to enjoy it as shower gel.

Bosses at Heinz, which invented it in 1914, said folk were still baffled by the condiment.

And when they quizzed Brits about how they enjoyed their Salad Cream they got some strange replies. Most folk dolloped it on salads, sarnies and

Most folk dolloped it on salads, sarnies and burgers. But one bloke claimed he used it as a "moisturising foot mask".

Another, Jim Golder, said "shower gel", while Gwyn Moses uses it as "massage lotion".

Andrew Carey said Salad Cream on banana sarnies was "lovely", while May Porter slathers it on chocolate fudge cake.

Paul Armstrong said: "I like a squirt of it in my bath water." While Phil Curling said to try it on a Double Decker adding "come back to

it on a Double Decker, adding "come back to me and tell me how right I am".

Heinz spokesman Thiago Rapp confessed: "Our fans surprise us all the time."

THE STAR SAYS: P6

Dairy-loving employees have boosted sales, with cheese toasties up by 6.6%.

Vanessa Adamson from the Agriculture and Horticulture





MY wife told me I'd grown as a person. She actually informed me: "You've got fat,"... but I knew what she meant.

of the week

ANOTHER Tory who had a bad week was Children's Minister David Johnston (Who?? I hear you ask!).

I'd never heard of him either until he was on LBC with Nick Ferrari and made a major Rishi (my new term for gaffe).

He said he had no idea how much child allowance is in the UK.

This is the minister tasked with helping kids...

The Tories might not be good at much, but they're first class at finding morons to represent them. Where do they dig up

Time for a Swift exit

I'VE always loved a cheeky swifty... but if I say it out loud these days I get odd looks from worried parents. Of course, by swifty I

mean a quick drink, not a fan of the global superstar Taylor Swift.

Millions are excited she's on a UK tour. Not me.

I couldn't name two of her songs and have no idea why her racket is so

popular. Oh god, when did I become such an old

fart?



FIONA HARVEY

THE woman who allegedly inspired crazed stalker character Martha in Netflix drama Baby Reindeer is suing the streamer for £40million. Good on her!

EUR GOING TO IT'S been a long week or so without

competitive football on telly, but have

no fear, the Euros are here.
I've already warned my wife and kids it means I'll be out of action for the next month. I think they'll be glad to see the back of me.

Southgate ruffled feathers with his selections, but surely it's a tournament the Three Lions have to win?

Now, Gareth, have you been practising penalties?



Robbed of a true legend

ROB Burrow's battle with motor neurone disease touched us all.

His bravery in the face of the condition that last week took his life aged 41 was truly inspirational.

In a final message, Rob told us: 'Whatever your personal

battle, be

brave and face it. Every single day is precious. Don't waste

a moment." Well said, Rob. Your legacy will live on.

Stop City slickers..

MANCHESTER City raised a smile by launching a bid to sue the Premier League, claiming to be a victim of "discrimination".

I've not heard such nonsense since OJ claimed he didn't do it.

Owned by a mega-rich nation state, it thinks it can do what it wants because it has cash.

For the sake of English football, the league needs to stand up to City... and win.

IT was certainly an interesting D-Day for Rishi "Biggles" Sunak.

But what does the D stand for in his case?

Dunce? Dumb? Dipstick? Doughnut. Dimwit? D**khead? All of the above?

It sure was a Disaster. Disgraceful

And it will definitely end in Defeat. Because whatever minuscule chance he had of winning the election, or even being remembered as a half-decent PM,

Disappeared this week.

And the party he represents will be Decimated next month.

Maybe Tory party members weren't completely mad when they chose "Lettuce" Liz Truss over him the first time around?

While the nation remembered the heroism and bravery of those who fought, and died, to save us from evil, Biggles had more pressing Normandy to pose with veterans for a nice PR photoshoot. But as soon as he could he fired up the chopper and was off the beach quicker than a family of Brits on a soggy bank holiday weekend.

We will remember them. Unless we have an ITN interview to scurry off to.

Winston Churchill fought them on the beaches... Sunak left them on the sand.

What was he thinking?

He launched a plan to force young people into national service and yet can't be arsed to serve our country for a whole day. He couldn't even hang around until the afternoon.

lie down, stayed.

Who is advising

Prime Minister? Could his team have been infiltrated by agents from Labour or Reform? Or is he intentionally trying to destroy the party from the inside?

If he is, he's doing a fantastic job. He will leave it Damned forever.

And with this many gaffes already from Biggles, the next month in the runup to the General Election will be

Delightful to watch. Just put your feet up and enjoy the ride.

Although it will be hard to overcome the impact of Rishi and his band of clowns being in charge for so long.

All we have to look forward to is more of the same.

Or boring Tory-in-disguise Keir Starmer. Or the moving milkshake target that is Nigel Farage.

That's a thoroughly Depressing prospect.

President Biden, who can barely walk up the stairs without needing a



LIBERAL Democrat leader Ed Davey looks like he's been having a whale of a time on the General Election trail. Far from putting his foot in it, he's been paddle-boarding, trying out water slides, riding his bike and even playing

and even playing

giant Jenga.
Sir Ed's also won
a lot of fans after
his moving video showing how he looks after his

I have no idea what his party stands for yet he seems like a

But if he carries on with these stunts, I imagine that come election day he'll be so excited he will probably end up lighting a flare out of his behind.

THE last thing the country needs right now is photos of a posh duke with an inherited £10billion fortune getting married. Can we have an election to get rid of

these toffs?

To join the debate, email Wardy at john.ward@dailystar.co.uk

Over-60 splits up

COUPLES in their 60s are divorcing in their droves in what's been dubbed the "silver splitter revolution".

Of the 78,759 divorces in 2022, 11,905 couples were married for 25-plus years.

Sarah Balfour, a lawyer at Irwin Mitchell, said: "Older adults, particularly women, have become more financially independent."

DIRECTLY TO JAIL

RYAN Howard, 33, failed to get away with spray painting a wall in Florida, despite telling police his name was Mr Monopoly.

RADLEY BROKE

HERO: With Olympic gold

The five-time Olympic gold medallist and first Brit to win the Tour de France could be forced to flog his medals and trophies after getting into money troubles with his businesses dealings.

The 44-year-old was declared bankrupt at Lancaster County Court on June 3.

Wiggins Rights Limited, a firm

CYCLING legend Sir Bradley Wiggins has been declared bankrupt. The first time Cit. <u>Wiggins is bankrupt</u>

owned by Wiggins, his former wife Cath and his mum Linda, entered voluntary liquidation in 2020 with debts of £650,000.

Those debts later rocketed to just under £1million in 2022 and

by November 2023, creditors claimed this had not been paid and would likely lead to him being declared bankrupt.

Trustees could be appointed to seize Wiggins' assets, with fears France awards and even his Sports Personality of the Year trophy could be taken away from

Paul Rouse, head of account-ancy firm Forvis Mazars, said: "Sir Bradley Wiggins is a British sport-ing icon, and for him to find him-self in this financial position, a decade on from his peak, will be extremely distressing fall from grace."



Great Deals on...





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ASTRONAUT: Anders

Space pioneer dies, 90 THE astronaut who took the iconic Earthrise photo

the iconic Earthrise photo has died in a plane crash. Retired Major General

William Anders perished, aged 90, when the craft he was piloting crashed off the San Juan Islands in Washington State, US.

He took the famous photo showing Earth as a shadowed blue marble floating in space while on board Apollo 8 in 1968.

Confirming the news, his son, retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Greg Anders, said: "The family is devastated. He was a great pilot and we will miss him terribly."

Anders' photograph, the first colour image of Earth from space, is credited with sparking the global environmental movement.





THIS cute chap called Mr Fox is looking for a loving home in his

old age. The 17-year-old Jack Russell terrier was taken into an **RSPCA** centre when his owner died.

Despite his years, he has a brilliant character - and will keep anyone on their toes.

Mr Fox enjoys going on walks and running around.

He loves company so will need someone who is around a lot of the day, plus lots of home comforts and love to give him the perfect twilight years.

WON IT BY A NOSE

RECORD-breaking David Rush, 38, managed to inflate 28 balloons in just three minutes using only his nose in Idaho, US.



Kids: Only Fools wear Del 'bling

■ by DOMINIK LEMANSKI

COOL kids reckon dressing like Del Boy is a fashion fail.

They are binning bling because they think gaudy gear is "embarrassing".

Del Boy, played by Sir David Jason, 84, is famous for his over-the-top jewellery such as sovereign rings and chains.

Millions followed his antics in Only Fools And Horses, but now younger folk – Zoomers or Generation Z born between the late 90s and early 2010s – are turning their backs on "tacky" kit.

And jewellery firm Clogau found 70% of them have binned "dated" accessories worth up to £3,000.

Their poll also found almost nine in 10 (89%) of youngsters say chunky accessories are "embarrassing". A further 14% have ditched hefty "Mr T-style" gold chains.

Other gaffes include copying rapper Kanye West's platinum teeth, Pete from Gavin and Stacey's "Puff Daddy-style" wedding ring, and DJ Goldie's gold gnashers.

Clogau's Ben Roberts said: "Keeping on top of jewellery trends can be a challenge, no



TACKY JEWELLERY GIVEN BOOT BY YOUT

JOEY Essex took a big risk by going on Love Island.

The reality hunk was a surprise arrival during this

week's launch show.
Plenty of people got very excited about having a celeb

taking part.
But once things really start kicking off, all that could change.

Love Island viewers often

have strong opinions.
And when a contestant

does something they don't like, they tell them. The show is famous for triggering really intense internet trolling.
It's so bad contestants

pretty much expect an onslaught of abuse when

they return to the real world and social media.

Joey's always been a popular guy. But if he makes bad choices in the villa, he could lose that overnight.



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Out and about on the celebrity beat!

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Claudia's outfit is on song

CLAUDIA Winkleman hit the right note for the final of The Piano.

The host rocked up to filming looking incredibly chic in this black outfit.

During the series we've seen pop star Mika and pianist Lang Lang picking seven finalists.

And in tonight's episode they all perform in a bid to be crowned the winner.

Claudia said: "Mika and Lang Lang have discovered seven unbelieavably talented pianists. It's tense, but it is also exciting."

You can watch it at 9pm on



HUGE GA

Comedian hits his fitness goal

JASON Manford has been on a strict fitness regime to get ready for Soccer Aid.

The comedian is determined to be in tip-top shape for the match.

He said: "I've been doing a lot of running, cycling, rowing and trying to get my stamina up.

I am playing a lot of five-a-side as well and watching my diet. It's such a great aim to have.

"It's good motivation... hopefully my knees and hips hold out."

Despite his efforts, Jason reckons he will struggle to be as good as some big names down the years.

He said: "John Bishop was very good. He used to play football at semi-pro

level. Mark Wright was always very good, as well as Ralph Little and Olly Murs."

Tonight's match marks the 13th Soccer Aid, raising cash for Unicef.

Jason will be playing alongside major names including Usain Bolt, Jill Scott and Robbie Williams.

He said: "I think the tradition of it is really special. It's been on for a long time now. It feels like such a privilege to be able to do it.

You get to train like a pro - what an experience. Also, you know what you're doing is raising money for Unicef and helping children all over the world."

Watch it live from 6pm on ITV1.

DANNY Dyer doesn't hold back. Whenever I interview him, he says exactly what

in London.

The star said:
"We did the show in
Chicago and New
York and got two

nominations, so I can't complain. Now it's back home and it's doing very well."

Years ago he landed a role in a movie alongside Kelly Brook so I asked if he was

excited about working with her... and he answered very honestly.

Name drop Danny told me that he wasn't remotely excited.. because he thought she couldn't act

What they're really like 🙀

for toffee.
In a world full of celebs who are always diplomatic, he's a breath of fresh air.



Hollywood's rising

EDDIE Izzard hopes to appear on Only Murders In The Building.
The comedy legend wants to be the latest star to have a guest role. Eddie told me: "I don't watch much classic "But I do watch Only Murders In The Building. "It would be lovely to do a auest thing in that. But they probably have everybody their door."
For now, Eddie is performing
Hamlet at the
Riverside Studios

Have your say: Email me at edward.gleave@dailystar.co.uk or tweet me at @EdHotT\



BIOPIC: Duchess

Filmstar Fergie? THE Duchess of York is

planning to make a movie about her life.

The 64-year-old royal was a close friend of Lisa Marie Presley, and it is her daughter, Daisy Jones & The Six actress Riley Keough, who will play her.

Fergie said it was one of Lisa Marie's "dying wishes" for her to team up with her daughter so they could produce a biopic.

AI CAUSES A STIR

A SMART spoon which runs off batteries and makes food taste saltier has gone on sale in a healthy eating drive in Japan.

BUBBLE BURST FOR PROSECCO

GRAPES OF WRATH: Tipple

Wild weather wipes out fave fizz

CLIMATE change is killing off popular fizz prosecco.

Foreign vinevards which produce Britain's favourite sparkling wine are being wrecked by freak weather.

Italy - which makes and exports more than 550million litres a year - is one of the countries hit hardest. Producers of Spain, Italy, Greece, and there say they are at "crisis California in the US face being

■ by AARON TINNEY

family makes prosecco in Monfumo, said of the shifting climate: "It feels like there's no time. It's changing so fast."

Boffins are warning 90% of traditional wine regions traditional wine regions in coastal and lowland areas

point". Paola Ferraro, whose century. Prosecco growers are particularly vulnerable as their vineyards are on hillsides.

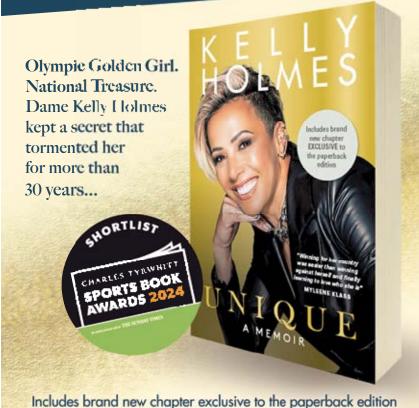
wipe out grape crops. And in droughts, what little rain that falls washes downhill.

Professor Paolo Tarolli, of the University of Padova, said: "The

wiped out by the end of the impact of the two extremes is one thing on a plain, but totally different on a steep slope.

Netting now covers swathes When they are battered by of Italy's vineyards in a bid to wild storms, landslides can save them from hail. Valentina Pozza, an export manager at the Bresolin winery, said: "You try to do the best you can. But it's not you who decides."

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LEGEND: McKellen

Gandalf future's a doubt

SIR Ian McKellen always thinks he has taken on his 'last job" in showbiz.

The 85-year-old, who is playing the role of Falstaff in a London production of Player Kings, admitted that he doesn't know if he'll be

offered more work.

He said: "If you want to know that you are mortal you just have to look at your address book.
"And so when a script

comes through, or the hint of an offer, you think, 'This might be my last job.'
"So if Falstaff is my last

job, I'd better get it right, hadn't I?'

The Shakespearean actor is known for his role as Gandalf in The Lord Of The Rings series, with the next instalment The Hunt For Gollum due for release in 2026.

Sir Ian added: "There is no offer, but I'm interested



WINE: Parton

Dolly's bottle banker

DOLLY Parton has joined the growing list of major stars who have launched their own wine.

The country music legend, 78, has joined forcmusic with Australian firm Accolade Wines.

And they have created a range of chardonnay, rosé and prosecco tipples.

Pre-sales of the bottles will start to ship later this month with the product going on sale in the UK in September.

Accolade Wines' chief marketing officer Sandy Mayo told would-be buyers: "We are beyond excited to bring Wines to the world."

"Dolly He went on: herself was involved in all aspects of each wine, and we think they capture her captivating sense of fun and sparkle perfectly."



Raily shocking



WACKY: Bizarre train contraption

■ by JOHN WARD

PASSENGERS have plugged in sex toys, air fryers, toastie makers and even an electric mower on trains.

Fellow travellers took to a social media page to share the craziest contraptions they had seen fired up on journeys.

Other electrical items have included giant TVs and computer consoles, plus

kettles and even a popcorn machine.

Commuters regularly use hairdryers and straighteners as they travel on the UK's rail network. One bloke turned on a giant fan to cool down his carriage.

Operators place stickers over points asking that travellers only charge

SEX GADGET AMONG LOCO LECCY PLUG-INS

group, one person wrote: "I work on trains, I have had someone plug in (and start) an electric lawn mower on the train."

A guy called Jim added: "I saw a woman plug in a sex toy and then tell passengers she was just making sure it worked."

Another post read: "Genuinely seen

up phones or laptops. But on the Facebook someone with a toastie maker one day. He didn't see what the problem was."

The page was also told: "I've seen a woman plug in a water foot spa." Emma added: "I used to work on the

railway. Football teams would frequently bring TVs and PlayStations to plug in.



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Jen's a super-slimmer

A MUM left devastated after ■ by HOLLY MEI-YU STAFFORD being "fat-shamed" on a flight has lost 12 stone.

Jennifer Louise, 42, was flying back from Lanzarote when a comment by

cabin crew left her "humiliated". While preparing for landing, a flight attendant insisted Jennifer's armrest must be down – and told her weight was "all about life choices".

After years of yo-yo dieting and

mega portions, Jennifer tipped the scales at 25st and squeezed into size 26 outfits.

But on returning to the UK she ditched carbs and processed sugar.

And since the jibe in May 2023 she

has got down to 12st 2lb and size 14. The mum-of-one, a writer from Bedfordshire, enrolled on the Lighter Life programme and said: "In four months I'd lost four stone and we got our puppy, Merlin. I now do 18,000

"I feel great about how I look but knowing my daughter is proud of me is the real win. We're going back to Lanzarote - using a different airline feeling confident for the first time in my adult life."

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LISTEN UP: NEW ALDUM

PEGGY GOU / I Hear You ★★★☆☆

IT goes like blah-blah-blah for some of the Nanana DJ's debut. While Berlinbased Peggy's commitment to vintage house keeps the tracks burbling away, there's too much build and not enough



drop on half of these tracks. Only the insistent Back To One comes close to matching her debut hit, though drum & bass diversion Seoulsi shows a potential future move.

MEGHAN TRAINOR / Timeless ★★★☆☆

THERE'S always been a timeless quality to Meghan's songs, albeit with an early 60s bent. Despite a more contemporary sheen on the do-wops, there's something impossibly cosy about her musical vibe – like a homecooked casserole. The brassy Rollin' is a highlight, as is empowering I Wanna Thank Me which samples Niecy Nash-Betts' Emmy's acceptance speech.



acceptance speech. Best of the slush is To The Moon, about her rocket-obsessed young kids.



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DON'T leave home without your friendship bracelets if attending a Taylor concert. Thousands of followers were swapping the items throughout the show in Edinburgh, especially in the obscenely long queues for ladies' toilets and merchan-

dise stalls.

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Ig stage!



delivered **Taylor** Swift's warmest welcome yet - but she still fell foul of the chilly weather.

For the first time ever, Taylor was forced to pause a concert because her hand "froze mid-song due to the unseasonably cold Nordic winds blowing into Murrayfield.

While playing acoustic surprise Would've Could've Should've she held up her frozen strumming hand giggling: "This is so embarrassing, truly. This has never happened before.

My hand is frozen in a weird cramp. I'm just gonna do some warming up. It's like forming a claw, does anyone relate?"

That's the Scottish summer for you!

achieved at the first of 15 record-breaking UK Eras shows, to the point of distraction: "The volume of singing and dancing you guys are performing is on a level. I can't stop looking at the crowd, I'm full distracted, captivated by performances in the audience.

'That's the wildest way to welcome a lass to your city.'

It was a heroic, pitchperfect three-hour-20-minute "grand adventure" featuring a whop-ping 46 songs that not only spoilt hardcore fans, but converted the indifferent into obsessives.

Striding powerfully up a huge runway, Taylor combined highlights from past tours into one amazing event, with changing colours matching each Era. A poptastic 1989 section saw neon bicycles weaving around her for Blank Space, while the powerful new Tortured Poets section had her straddling a hospital bed, before a show-stopping old Hollywood rendition of I Can Do It With A Broken Heart in top hat and tails.

Despite breaking Scottish attendance records with a 73,000-strong crowd, the show still felt intimate, propelled by the warmth and adoration of the crowd. In fact there was one startling moment during the moss-themed Folklore & Evermore Era when the Nevertheless, Taylor was clearly moved by the incredible decibels audience erupted into an impromptu earpopping standing ovation for a full 90

popping standing ovation for a full 90 seconds that left her

visibly moved. The long summer

Scottish evening meant it was light at the end of the gig and allowed Taylor to witness a couple getting engaged: "I don't normally see that because it's normally dark at night, but it's

not now! Congratulations."

It's the perfect celebration of her career and an unprecedented relationship with fans. As she said: "After tonight you're going to think about us and the memories we made tonight."



IANKS HEADING TO UK FOR 'CHEAP' SEATS

TICKETS for Taylor Swift's UK tour are being snapped up by American fans who couldn't afford to see her back at home. A huge influx of US

Edinburgh to see the star this weekend

because it's better value than in the

Value than in the
States.

One family told me:
"It would have cost us
more than \$4,000 to
see Taylor in the US in
tickets alone.
"For that price we
can fly to the UK, get

her cheaper tickets and take a vacation."

The average Taylor Swift ticket price in the

UK is £200.

This may sound steep but in the US the same show was selling for up to £3,500 a pop

STORES TO CHECK OUT TILL TOONS 'Avatars' bid to fight thefts



SHOPPERS could soon ■ by DOMINIK LEMANSKI be replaced with cartoon-style avatars on store CCTV. Consortium showed thefts up 50% to 16million cases a year

It's part of a drive to cut shoplifting and make self-checkout cameras "culturally sensitive".

markets on the project.

It comes a week after figures released by the British Retail

50% to 16million cases a year.

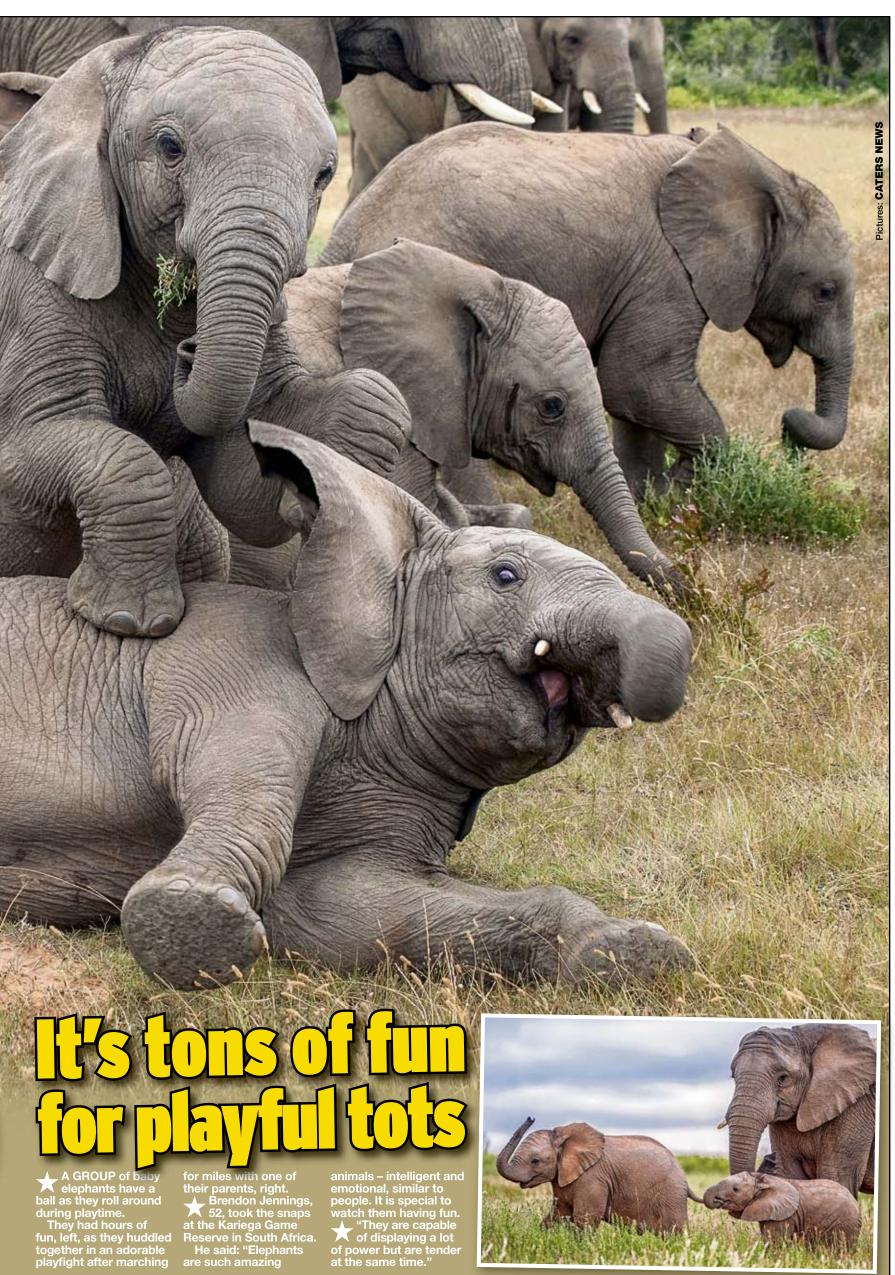
A report on the project told how customers will "appear as cameras "culturally sensure.

Design students from the University of the Arts London are working with leading super
a playtur avatar overlay on the CCTV screen, transforming routine surveillance into a game-like experience that's a playful avatar overlay on the culturally sensitive and seeks to mitigate bias."

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ON PROWL: Beast

Big cat caught on cam

A "BIG cat" has been photographed stalking the

British countryside.

The snap, from Knighton in Powys, is said to show a large, black leopard or puma-like creature prowling through a field

ing through a field.

The witness, called Kevin, said: "I spotted it in a field. I filmed as long as possible.

"It was all done at long distance zoomed in as much as possible on a phone camera."

Powys is a national hot spot for big cat sightings.
In 2016, researcher Aled

Jones collated more than 100 sightings in mid and north Wales during an 18-

month period.

He told the Big Cat
Society: "There is a remarkable similarity in most of the reported sightings, size, posture. The only variable is the colour."



VOICEOVER: Brian

AC/DC rocker's Bob on

THERAPISTS have enlisted the help of a rock star to create a book to stop young patients worrying about treatments and visits.

The Great North Children's Hospital in Newcastle hopes Bobby's Big Day Out will be particularly useful for children.

ularly useful for children who live with sensory differences.

Tyneside-born Johnson, AC/DC's singer, voiced an audio version for children unable to read it themselves.

The book is written from the point of view of Bobby The Dog, the unit's occupational therapy mascot.

Sharmaine Lawson-Allen, whose daughter Faith is a patient, said: "It's much easier if we can refer to the book and see what Bobby did if she's got any worries."





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Rick Lyons is the ...

WORRIER Clarkson quickly growing on me



I'M not really Jeremy Clarkson's natural audience.

I don't even own a car, let alone watch TV shows about them.

However, I've been sucked in by the hype around his series, Clarkson's Farm – partly because of what we learn

about farming.
The main thing being that it

makes no money.
After he and his sidekick,
Kaleb, above with Jezza, graft
seven days a week for a year, the farm makes a profit of £144.

How can farmers get paid so little that they effectively work for nothing and at the same time food be so expensive that we have hundreds of foodbanks?

Something has gone wrong there which is beyond my pay grade to sort out.

The other interesting thing about it is Clarkson himself.

You see behind the façade – and realise TV Clarkson is a set of cleverly concocted personas.

You have slapstick, buffoon Clarkson – gaffe prone and hapless when turning his hand to this farming lark.

You have petrolhead, naughty schoolboy Clarkson who doesn't care about the environment.

Yet you increasingly also see Clarkson the environmentalist... He worries about his soil health and frets about climate change

"happening really fast".

Maybe I'll become his natural audience yet...

"IF it is true that carbon emissions heat up the world, plainly we should be burning more."

NOW

"WE are starting to see an effect of global warming that really will make

global warming that really will make our lives extremely different.

"It's happening really fast. That's what always surprises me.

"In the last five years, I've noticed a dramatic change here. It hasn't snowed for five years. We probably get a minute of sleet. We used to get snowed in event year." get snowed in every year."





track..

The East Lancashire Railway is offering beer-fuelled heritage line to Rawtenstall last year with John Squire of trips from Stone Roses fame. Now music fans are piling into carriages and helping through

Ramsbottom's Irwell Works Brewery, said: "Anything like this is good, it promotes us." Karen Stewart, at

Casked bar just up the line in Rawtenstall,

ELR's Mike Kelly said: "As local lads, Liam and John know their support for the heritage railway will make an incredible impact and is greatly appreciated by us all."



Licence to learn



007-YEAR-OLD: Junior 'Bond'

■ by JOHN WARD

SPY chiefs will hold summer schools to find a new genera-

tion of James Bonds.
Bosses at GCHQ are planning workshops around the country.

The Outreach programme will give teenagers a taste of life in the three national security departments, which include MI5 and MI6.

GCHQ said the summer schools will "give teenagers a glimpse of what it's like to work with us. They learn some key skills in cyber-security and computer science to set them up for bright futures." Analysts from the

KIDS GIVEN CHANCE TO BE NEXT-GEN 'BONDS'

Cheltenham-based listening station They also host language taster will also visit schools to find kids with a gift for languages who can target foreign threats later in life.

The shadowy department added: 'Our linguists offer in-person and virtual visits to schools to inspire pupils with their language learning, and to promote the importance of language skills in the workplace.

sessions to give an insight into the rarer modern languages we utilise daily at GCHO.

"We also run workshops in partnership with Manchester Digital that teach code-breaking and problem -solving techniques to give a glimpse of what our Intelligence Analysts do."

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RARE FIND Garganeys fly here from Africa

Dabbling ducks from the desert

Good weather for ducks does not necessarily mean they all enjoy getting drenched by torrential rains in bone-numbing temperatures.

Watching wildfowl is traditionally a winter pursuit for keen birders to celebrate the seasonal influx of ducks, geese and wild swans from frigid climes to our reservoirs and coastal marshes.

Not that every duck lives its life under a cloud. One of Britain's rarest nesting species probably basks in more sunshine and sultry temperatures than swallows, swifts and other traditional harbingers of spring.

The garganey is unique among its web-footed peers, visiting the UK each summer from sub-Saharan wintering grounds that stretch from Senegal eastwards to Sudan and the Nile Valley.

From March onwards, a small number arrive on marshy meres and wet meadows,

Drought in Africa is having severe impact on numbers their cagey nature making them hotline finds for delighted birders.

My most recent encounter in glorious early evening sunshine brought home the beauty of these small, dabbling ducks that are easily overlooked when they are skulking in the

reed-fringed margins of a lake.

Although ostensibly a brown species, one glimpse of the drake marks him out as a real dandy with his creamy white head markings and fancy epaulettes draped across the shoulders. My telescope view revealed the intricate patterning on the chocolate-tone breast and grey flanks, enhancing its beauty while dabbling away in the shallows.

Female garganey, as with most duck species, are dowdy creatures - their subtle shades of dappled browns perfect camouflage for raising young in the dank margins of wetlands rich in reed and sedge.

The creation and restoration of this type of fenland habitat to protect species such as bittern and bearded reedling is the likely reason why garganey are faring better in Britain than other parts of northern Europe.

Drought and wetland loss in Africa is feared to be having a severe impact on the numbers that migrate north each spring, but here the breeding numbers are stable.

Latest figures from the UK's Rare Breeding Bird Panel show an average 120 pairs nesting each year.

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DELICATE Phlox

It's the season to enjoy your garden, so here's how to give it a boost

ith the Chelsea
Flower Show behind
us and the weather
settled – mostly –
into a warmer, more pleasant
cycle, it's time to get our
summer gardens under way.

I've enjoyed several days of gardening, marvelling at the growth and enjoying the blossoms. I've done a last bit of planting and I'm looking forward to the rewards over the next three months.

Here are my tips for summer season gardening,

both for our enjoyment along with benefits for our garden ecosystems.

WATERING

If you have planted anything from last autumn through to this spring, especially trees, keep an eye on them.

Although we have had lots of rain it is remarkable how fast the soil can dry out in some parts of the country.

It is advisable to encourage plants to find water for themselves but you may find that the newbies get stressed

with DIARMUID GAVIN

in dry periods. Keep an eye on them and if required, water carefully, not drowning but allowing the water to sink in before adding more.

LIQUID FEED

Lots of your garden plants will appreciate a liquid feed boost during the busy growing season.

It's at this time of year that many are producing flowers or fruit or setting seed.

PRETTY

Why not make your own liquid feed using either comfrey leaves or nettles? Next week, I'll bring you a series of home-made recipes for lotions, potions and feeds for use in the garden.

MULCHING

This is a wonderful way of feeding your soil, conserving moisture and reducing weeds. In effect it means spreading a layer of composted organic matter around the base of your plants after you have watered them thoroughly. If you do this to a depth of around 3cm, it will repay you with brighter plants and fewer weeds.

COMPOSTING

At this time of year, our gardens can produce enormous spurts of growth and you

New trees

need careful

watching so they don't

dry out and get stressed

may find yourself cutting back foliage or deadheading piles of flower heads, and ending up with weekly lawn clippings. Rather than binning them, get yourself a compost bin or create a compost heap.

Create layers of green stuff, then branches, then flowers and throw in the odd handful of garden soil. Repeat these layers like a lasagne. It won't take long for this to break down into something beneficial for your garden. Maybe by the autumn you'll have your own home-made material to use as mulch.

CHELSEA CHOP

It's at this time of year that some of our favourite perennials can get a little bit unruly. Plants like nepeta can be cut back, which will encourage them to bush out and repeat flower.

This technique of cutting back

perennials is known as the Chelsea chop and it will make the plant more compact and floriferous. It works very well with sedum, phlox, solidago, heleniums, rudbeckia, penstemons, echinacea, perennial sunflowers and anthemis.

Just chop back some of the clumps but leave others as is – this way you will achieve

different heights and extend the flowering season too.

JOBS for the week

■ Plant out young courgettes, pumpkins and squashes. If you didn't grow these from seed, there's plenty available in garden centres.

■ Thin out carrot seedlings -

remove these thinned seedlings. If left, their scent will attract carrot fly. You can cover with horticultural mesh to help keep them away.

Collect seed from candelabra primulas and sow fresh. Pop a few nasturtium seeds

in pots for a late summer vibrant display.

- Start feeding tomatoes in grow bags with high potash feed to encourage flowers and fruit formation.
- Tie in climbing and rambling roses the more you train them

horizontally, the more this will encourage side shoots to develop and produce more flowers. Spray roses to protect against diseases.

■ Water containers, pots,

window boxes and feed fortnightly.

Train sweet peas

and start cutting flowers as they appear so you'll get more.

Plan for next spring - now's the time to start

spring - now's the time to start sowing seeds of Bellis perennis, polyanthus,

pansies and wallflowers so they will be in flower (when very little else is) for brightening up the garden in late winter/ early spring.

Soft fruit such as gooseberries need netting over them before the birds tuck in.

PLANT of the week



Cosmos atrosanguineus 'Cherry Chocolate' This new improved version of chocolate cosmos was launched at this

This new improved version of chocolate cosmos was launched at this year's Chelsea Flower Show. Unlike the original, it has rich, cherry-red flowers but still has the delicious scent of chocolate. The stems are shorter, making for a more compact plant.

What's really different though is its hardiness rating - it can withstand winter temperatures of up to -10C, which makes it hardy in most of the UK, though plants in pot are more vulnerable.

If you are able to overwinter dahlias in your plot, then this plant should also survive, with a layer of mulch for winter protection.

YOU ASK

Hi Diarmuid

I have three young camellias planted at the base of my garden wall but they don't seem to be doing well. The leaves are yellow and there seems to be little or no growth. Help!

Dolores

Hi Dolores

The most likely answer here is that they are not in the correct

a pH testing kit at your local garden centre. Camellias need acidic soil to

Camellias need acidic soil to access iron and if the soil is too alkaline, you will see yellowing leaves.

The base of a wall tends to be quite limey in any

case. You're best off digging them up and planting them in pots with ericaceous compost which should be ideal for them.

soil. There's an easy to way find

out what soil you have - getting

Diarmuid



More power among 3-Series tweaks

BMW has just revised its 3-Series saloon and estate range and at the same time has given the high-performance M3 a tweak or two. Power has been increased, not that it needed any more, from 510PS to 530PS, and there are a few mild styling changes to the headlamps plus some new alloy wheel designs. Inside, the cars get a new steering wheel design and the latest software for the infotainment system.

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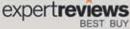












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VW'S 'FORD' PICK-UP NO RANGER COPY

ou know my personal tastes pretty well by now. A bit eclectic, it has to be admitted. Not being a fan of big SUVs is understandable, and being a lover of lightweight sports cars like the Alpine A110 and Lotus Emira is quite logical in a hardcore car enthusiast.

But vans and pick-up trucks? How does that make sense?

That's the thing about being a car enthusiast: the heart overrules the head. And often the wallet.

So it is with a grin on the face that we tackle this week's road test subject: the new Volkswagen Amarok

pick-up. In what seemed at the time a rather bizarre bit of product planning, the Amarok was withdrawn from the market while its successor was being built. Bit odd to take such a big selling machine out of the shops, but perhaps VW knew what it was doing.

There is an explanation, however because this latest Amarok is the firstborn of Volkswagen's new relationship with Ford. And since Ford was the main player in this project (it's the other way around with Ford's upcoming Explorer EV) the guts of the Amarok are from the Blue Oval. That means engines,

The annual Concorso d'Eleganza at Italy's Villa d'Este on Lake Como is a super-posh event that many car companies use to show exotic concept cars. This year BMW also brought along this concept bike. It's a roadster powered by the flat-twin engine used in the R18 Cruiser but punched out from 1.8 litres to 2.0 litres.

The bike would have to change a bit to go on sale but the word is that BMW is



considering putting the bigger engine

I wouldn't be surprised if BMW does go ahead with this project because the R18 Cruiser hasn't been a great success.

with COLIN GOODWIN



Hagerty's Festival of the Unexceptional is just around the corner and this year's celebration of ordinary cars will be the 10th. As a warm up, Hagerty is holding an evening get together on June 11 at its clubhouse at Bicester Heritage in Oxfordshire. Owners of base spec cars like a Ford Fiesta L are invited to

attend, with tickets only £5 per car.

Sounds like a fun evening. Go to hagerty.co.uk for further details and ticket information.







gearboxes, axles and more. The only sheetmetal the Amarok and Ford's Ranger share is the roof panel. Oh, and their door mirrors are the same.

But the truck is far more than a Ranger with a VW badge slapped on at each end. Bumpers and grilles are different and so are details like the wheelarches which are more understated on the VW. In fact, the whole vehicle is less macho and muscular looking than the Ford. That might put off a lot of buyers.

Just like in the Ranger you have a choice of engines which include a V6 diesel and a 2.0-litre four-cylinder

unit. The latter is in our test car linked to a 10-speed automatic gearbox. Power output is 205PS with 500Nm of torque.

In truth, it's enough and seems more in keeping with Amarok's less extrovert styling and character. It's also about three grand cheaper and 15% more economical than the V6.

Four trim levels are available. At the top end of these is Aventura which is all leather and plush fittings. Trouble is, an Amarok in Aventura spec doesn't have a payload of a ton, which means it doesn't qualify as a commercial

vehicle so bang go tax advantages. Ours is in mid-spec Style trim for which you will pay £41,450 plus VAT. It has a few dealer-fit options including an electric roll top which at £3,107 seems like a total waste of money and adds complication.

If you want a bit more aggression and off-road ability choose the PanAmericana trim, which gives you extra underbody protection, a locking rear differential.

Volkswagen also got to tailor the Amarok suspension settings to suit its customer base and as a result it rides slightly more comfortably than the Ford and the steering is a bit more accurate. Like the Ranger and rival Toyota Hilux, the Volkswagen is much more car-like to drive than pick-ups of old.

The new Amarok is 96mm longer and has a wheelbase increased by 173mm. Rear seat passengers get the full benefit of this with plenty of legroom. This Style trim is the best option, and with this engine and gearbox too.

The new Amarok is more sophisticated, comfortable and spacious but for my midlife crisis pick-up I'd still go for the Ranger.

Volkswagen Amarok

Price: £41,450 plus VAT Engine: 1,997cc, four-cylinder,

diesel Power: 205PS

Torque: 500Nm

Top speed: 112mph

0-62mph: 10.5secs

Economy: 27.4mpg combined

CO2: 229-247g/km

For: Well made and

comfortable for a pick-up

Against: A bit understated for some tastes

Sum up: Volkswagen's less macho version of the Ford Ranger

Special edition Avant at 25

Audi is bringing out a 25th anniversary edition of its mighty RS4 Avant that'll have more power from its twin-turbo 2.9-litre V6 engine, up from 450PS to 470PS.

More significantly, it also features RS sports suspension pro, a manually adjustable coilover system that gives a 10mm reduction in ride height

compared to the standard RS4, with the option for customers to drop it a further 10mm. On top of that the front suspension geometry has been tweaked and stiffer control arms fitted.

Only 50 cars will be built for the UK, so if you want one be prepared to act quickly and have £115.880 to hand



If you've been to the British Grand Prix and you're not a Hollywood star or a member of a rock band, you'll know how hard it is to get anywhere near a driver. The Goodwood Festival of Speed is a different matter.

The event, held from July 11-14, will have six F1 teams making an appearance. Confirmed are Alpine Ferrari, McLaren, Mercedes, Red Bull



and Williams. That's a pretty good selection. Driver names haven't been announced yet but there's always a good number present.



THE DEAD DON'T HURT

Cert **15** ★★★

In cinemas now

ead men tell no tales and, sometimes, the living also prefer silence. Moments of quiet reflection and lamentation punctuate actor Viggo Mortensen's second directorial feature, a slow-burning revenge thriller set before and during the US Civil War, which pits neighbouring states against each other.

The Dead Don't Hurt is more ambitious in scope than his accomplished 2020 debut Falling, chronicling the fractious relationship between a gay man and his cantankerous, ageing father.

Intergenerational conflict also lights the dramatic fuse here but the consequences are violent and potentially deadly in an era when heartfelt prayers could be just as impactful to survival as the limited supplies in a doctor's medicine bag.

The intentionally fractured chronology of Mortensen's script withholds an expected emotional sucker punch until the conclusion of the first hour, sowing seeds of rage and retribution in a second half that noticeably picks up the pace to an energetic trot.

Mortensen reunites with top-line creatives from his first picture including production designer Carol Spier, art director Jason Clarke and Danish cinematographer Marcel Zyskind to conjure majestic panoramas of the American West.

Vicky Krieps invests her strong-willed homemaker with a steeliness and

self-reliance that makes her character's fate truly heartbreaking. She sparks delightful screen chemistry with a Sows seeds gruff and stoic Mortensen, whose of rage and retribution multi-tasking extends to composing the film's mournful score. as the pace picks up to an

Opening with soft, rhythmic breathing on a deathbed, The Dead Don't Hurt sits comfortably energetic trot in the saddle of a genre that

frequently takes innocent lives with the reckless pull of a trigger. Gunfights on foot and horseback are well executed.

Supporting characters are convincingly fleshed out, stoking tension between townsfolk down to the Bible-spouting judge of a kangaroo court, who justifies a perversion of justice with verbose scripture.

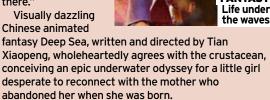
The guilty cannot escape righteous punishment forever.

In The Little Mermaid. red crab Sebastian urges mermaid Ariel to abandon her land-lubbing dreams because: "Life under the sea is better than anything they got up there."

DEEP SEA

Cert PG ★★★ In cinemas now

Visually dazzling



FANTASY

Beneath the waves, little ShenXiu (voiced by Kanami Shimanuki) follows an amorphous squid-like creature called a Hijinx to the ailing Deep Sea restaurant run by chef NanHe (Eduardo De Los Reves), His avant-garde eaterie, housed inside a pedal-powered submersible, is crippled by debt and one-star reviews. ShenXiu agrees to work alongside walrus sous chef Laojin (Sean Burgos) in the kitchen to turn the business around.

Released with English language dubbing, Deep Sea draws comparisons to the otherworldly adventures of Studio Ghibli (Spirited Away) but lacks the emotional complexity of the Japanese powerhouse.

The flavour profile of Xiaopeng's picture is salty and sweet, garnished with eye-catching visuals that meld traditional 3D computer animation and Chinese ink painting. Style consistently overwhelms substance.

If looks alone could feed the soul, then Deep Sea is utterly mouthwatering.



RIDDLE OF FIRE

Cert 12A

In cinemas now

Writer-director Weston Razooli's nostalgic coming-of-age fairy tale opens with a feral flower child (Lorelei Olivia Mote) dreamily inviting us on a fantastical adventure with "three immortal reptiles". Rambunctious brothers Hazel (Charlie Stover) and Jodie (Skyler Peters) and good friend Alice (Phoebe Ferro) seek a blueberry pie to placate the boys' sickly mother (Danielle Hoetmer), who has password-protected the family television.

The diminutive trio screech around the hills of Ribbon. Wyoming, on motorised bikes, armed with paintball guns and mobile phones that magically double as surveillance cameras to spy on members of The Enchanted Blade Gang, who are really a coven controlled by spellcasting witch Anna-Freya Hollyhock (Lio Tipton).

Shot on 16mm film, Riddle Of Fire possesses a naive, homemade charm that regrettably wears off well before the children have gamely waded through stilted dialogue that sounds like it could have been written by their impish characters.

The awkwardness and inexperience of the young cast in front of a camera is evident (smallest tyke Jodie is largely unintelligible and requires subtitles) and ripened profanities tumble from their lips with surprising frequency.

An underlying parental plea to play outdoors and stop staring at a screen could extend to judging whether to watch Razooli's film.

BAD BOYS: RIDE OR DIE

Cert **15**

In cinemas now

During a frenzied gunfight in the fourth instalment of the Bac Boys franchise, grim foreboding grips Will Smith's police detective. His wisecracking partner, played by Martin Lawrence, breaks the dreamlike stupor by forcefully slapping one side of Smith's face. Three times.

The close-contact violence conjures an uncomfortable flashback to the 94th Academy Awards and an on-stage altercation between Smith and comedian Chris Rock. Bad Boys:



Ride Or Die plays its repeated slaps as physical comedy before returning directors Adil El Arbi and Bilall Fallah launch into a spectacular action sequence replete with bomb-laden drones. somersaulting gas cylinders and unfriendly wildlife. The Belgian filmmaking duo ricochet wildly between dizzying gyroscopic camerawork and slow-motion destruction to wreak havoc on land and water, and in the air.

Meanwhile, Smith and

Lawrence rekindle their rat-a-tat repartee as Miami police detectives Mike Lowrey and Marcus Burnett, trading barbs and bullets as they seek to clear the unfairly maligned name of their murdered captain (Joe Pantoliano).

A plot steeped in corruption clearly signposts who they shouldn't trust and Eric Dane's glowering antagonist is disappointingly two-dimensional.

"Bad boys, bad boys, Whatcha gonna do?" Smith and Lawrence sing at each other.

To answer their question: please stop while you're slipping behind.



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CRUISE NEWS

BY **NIGEL THOMPSON**

On-board activities for families and children are getting a boost from MSC for summer peak season voyages.

Initiatives include a new baby care service for tots as young as six months, dedicated slots for parents to join their offspring in the kids' club, fresh game shows, World Quest geography trivia,

Caravaggio art spying, extra Guinness World Record activities and more Lego experiences.

MSC Head of Entertainment Steve Leatham said: "We love creating unforgettable memories and holidays." msccruises.co.uk

Carnival Legend is en route to Dover after a month-long refurb in Marseille ahead of a six-voyage UK no-fly season starting on June 16, sailing nine and 12-day European itineraries, goccl.co.uk

Summer 2024 has barely arrived but Jet2's winter 2025-26 European ski programme is now on sale. Eight Alps destinations for skiers and snowboarders from 10 UK airports are on offer with flights starting at £46 one-way and deals available on ski carriage. jet2.com/ski

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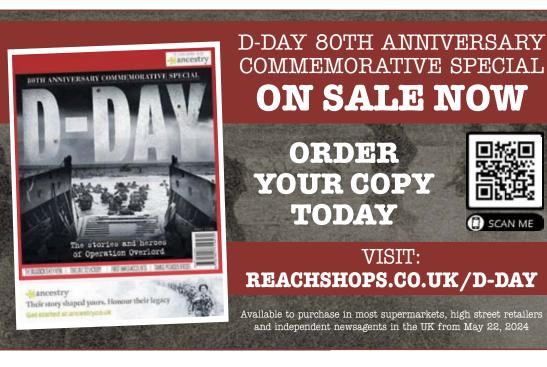
BY VICKY LISSAMAN

EasyJet has announced a new route linking Liverpool with Malta.

Flights to the Mediterranean archipelago will take off every Tuesday and Friday from December 10, and operate all year round. The new route will be the fourth in its Liverpool network launched in the past 12 months,

following services being introduced to Enfidha in Tunisia, Hurghada in Egypt and Corfu. Fares to be announced. Malta packages are also now available through easyJet holidays.

A brand new passenger lounge has opened up at Luton. My Lounge by No 1 has 135 seats, a cafe and gaming area, and is accessible to Priority Pass and Lounge Key card holiday customers, or can be booked from £34 at no1lounges.com





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HOTEL OF THE WEEK

BY PETER HARVEY



The Cavendish, London

WHERE AND WHY

Tucked away from the 24/7 buzz of nearby Piccadilly Circus and Leicester Square, fourstar The Cavendish is a perfect pin-drop location for a central London break.

In fact, from the upper-floor deluxe rooms, you can enjoy a sightseeing tour without leaving your chaise longue. Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, the London Eye, St Paul's Cathedral and the Shard are familiar jewels along the capital's skyline.

Rooms are contemporary with all the trimmings (Nespresso coffee maker and The White Company bathroom goodies) that you would expect for an indulgent, luxury getaway.

ON THE MENU

Executive chef Julian Ward and his Mayfair Lounge & Grill team aim to further extend the Cavendish's century-old reputation.

Poached egg with porcini mushrooms, Peruvian purple potatoes, steeped in a rich consommé and truffle oil proved a standout starter (£15). Joyous, rich flavour.

The miso salmon with South American tonka bean cream, lemon gel and nori rice crisps (also £15) was delicate on the palate, and beautifully presented.

Mains choices leaned towards the grill, with barbecue short rib (£40), roasted pork belly (£28) and a 300g sirloin steak (£48). The

vegetarian wild garlic risotto (£18) with asparagus, was picture-book and tasted superb.

For dessert, the lemon soufflé (£12) was as light as it was delicious, while the poached pear, goat's cheese with

crispbread (£15)

was an inspired combo.

White, rose and red wines start at £38 a bottle. Or treat yourself to a Krug Grand Cuvée bubbly at a wallet-whacking £920.

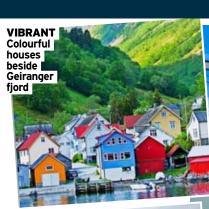
WHILE YOU'RE THERE

Upmarket food emporium Fortnum & Mason is on the opposite corner, offering escapist retail therapy for as long as your finances will allow. Its Earl Grey tea was reportedly a morning favourite of Queen Elizabeth II.

Piccadilly Arcade nearby is lined with boutiques and gentlemen's outfitters. There's also posh perfumery Floris, where Marilyn Monroe snapped up six bottles of rose geranium toilet water while Christmas shopping in 1959. They've even got the invoice to prove it.

WAKE-UP CALL

Classic rooms start at £187 a night, with suites also available. thecavendish-london.co.uk







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almost impossible to try them all in a mere seven days. The most popular fish incarnation is fried with chips, mushy peas and curry sauce at the Quays. Did I say popular? They fry 1,000 fish a day.

Or there's kippers for breakfast in the Horizon buffet restaurant. where I'd also highly recommend the scrambled eggs... creamy, delicious and thankfully ever present each day.

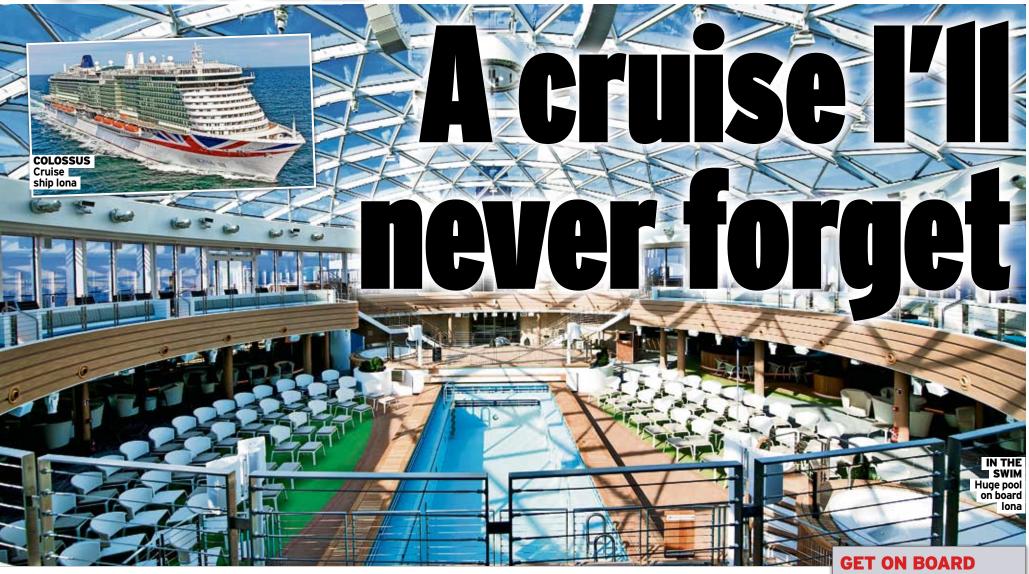
The most exotic pescatarian offering is The Beach House restaurant's Fisherman's Hanging Kebab, with garlic prawns, Caribbean lobster tail and mangrove snapper.

Here, you'll also find that unforgettable steak - not just any steak but an oh-so-tasty chunk of Salt Block Prime Fillet, which continues to cook gently on a base of heated Himalayan salt. Yes, food plays a huge part in my holidays.

Back to the fish... our first port of call, Stavanger, got wealthy from the herring industry and then from canned sardines, until North Sea Oil came along. You get a taste of what all that herring cash bought on a very pleasant wander through the old town, while a visit to the fascinating Norwegian Canning Museum demonstrates how it was all done.

Then it was time to take to the water ourselves. The excursion we opted for from Stavanger was a breathtaking Rigid Inflatable Boat ride. On the RIB it looked like we were the Special Boat Service off to invade a nearby island. But in the

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huge overall-style suits and life jackets we were given for dryness, warmth and safety, we wouldn't have put up much of a fight.

James Brown's I Feel Good blared out over speakers as we sped over the water. Wilson Phillips' Hold On would have been more appropriate as our boat captain Frederik, whose beard gave him a look of a modern-day Viking, enjoyed swerving us around like it was a fairground ride while we were seated, or rather mounted, on jockey seats.

Our destination was the base of the famous Preikestolen (Pulpit Rock) overlooking Lysefjord (fjord of light), so-called because the rocks of the cliffs shine when wet. This was brilliant fun - rapid, exhilarating, raw and a bit wet when Frederik backed us into the mist of a waterfall.

We don't know a lot about Viking music - they didn't write a lot down but the rest of the soundtrack of our trip owed a lot to Gary Barlow, and not just because it was a holiday

travellers will Never Forget. Not only has Gary performed on the Iona, he's musical director of The





The beautiful glacial lakes became ever more turquoise

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710 Club, where you can enjoy a couple of hours of easy-listening music from a live band, accompanied by a nice glass of Gary Barlow organic red, which needless to say goes really well with cheese.

The show team also put on fantastic performance of the Take That musical in Headliners theatre, one of three different productions they performed during the week.

Cruising is complicated. Important decisions must be made about which

restaurant to eat in. You feel daft not knowing where aft and starboard are. And then there is the exploring... firstly of the ship, which is one of the biggest in the world, complete with its own cinema, gin distillery and the magnificent three-storey glass Grand Atrium.

Then there's the shore visits, with so many excursions available. The main thing to research is the size of the places the ship is docking at. If it's a town like Stavanger, then you can wander for hours. Excursions are a bonus. But our second and third stops, Olden and Hellesylt, were more jumping-off points.

Olden is dramatically positioned at the end of Nordfjord, but apart from the spectacular views the only thing to see are the trolls in the clutter of gift shops. We hadn't booked an excursion but no worries - at the tourist office

we bought tickets to the Briksdal Glacier, meandering in a coach for half an hour up a mountainous valley, as the beautiful glacial lakes became ever more turquoise.

From a car park you can walk up towards a sea of ice which is an arm of Jostedals breen.

biggest glacier. Warning: it is a bit of a steep trek, but my 83-year-old mum managed (and so, just about, did I) to get close enough to admire our first glacier.

Hellesylt, meanwhile, is not far from UNESCO-protected Geirangerfjord, often called the most beautiful in Norway. We took a trip in a smaller boat (sadly not a RIB this time) but for once it was dull and raining so the majesty of sights such as the 1,345ft tall Seven Sisters waterfall – it has seven separate streams - were not quite as striking as they could have been.

Our final stop was Haugesund, a decent-sized town with one of the longest pedestrian streets in Norway - good for a bit of shopping, and known as the home of the Viking kings.

Here we took another short coach trip to Avaldsnes, with a medieval church, museum and, 10 minutes walk away through forest, an authentically recreated Viking island P&O offers a seven-night Norwegian Fjords cruise on Iona from £749pp, sailing a round trip from Southampton on August 31 and calling at Stavanger, Olden, Haugesund and Kristiansand. pocruises.com

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village. Our Viking guide Vegard (pronounced Vega) explained many aspects of life away from the longships. For example, about dyeing linen and dying in battle.

To give your clothes a bit of colour, all that was needed was beer, a bucket and friends. You invite the friends over, give them the beer and then when they need the toilet, the bucket comes into its own. Let's just say the full bucket is used in the dyeing process.

Beer also came in handy if you were dying from a sword wound to the belly... together with an onion and more friends. The maimed man would eat the onion and, if his comrades could smell it from the wound, he was done for - so they'd

all drink the beer to ease his

passing. Presumably they

could blame any unmanly tears of sorrow on the onion too. Time for the Viking warrior to go back to Valhalla for

good, and sadly for us to head for home.



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Why over-50s cabin crew are flying high with British Airways. By **Nigel**

Thompson

ou are never crew old to fly! British Airways says over-50s are queueing up to join as flight attendants.

The flag carrier reports that the volume of new recruits aged 50 and above has increased in the last five years – up from one in 12 in 2019 to one in seven last year.

And early indications for 2024 suggest that those numbers will increase with perhaps 20% of new cabin crew being aged over 50.

BA says it encourages people of all ages and backgrounds to join and values the transferable skills and life experience that they can bring.

Here, three BA cabin crew say why they chose to take up a new career at 38.000ft later in life.



Helen Salmon, from Welwyn Garden City, Herts - joined aged 69, after getting a PhD when she was 60

"After a series of different jobs in my 40s, such as hospitality and teaching ballet, I decided to go to university – an opportunity that wasn't afforded to me when I was younger. I studied geology and finally achieved a PhD at the age of 60.

"During this time, I was also employed in a mineral exploration company.

"This entailed a lot of travelling, something instilled in me by my parents when I was much younger.

"As my father was an aeronautical engineer, I was always fascinated by aviation and travel.

'When Covid struck, I couldn't travel in the company I worked for any more and I felt I needed to pursue something else. I had been very interested in the airline business for many years, and I wanted to explore this further.

The chance to mix my love of travel and my hospitality experience together was enticing and exciting and to do this for the national flag carrier was my dream.





"For British Airways to take me on at the age of 69 was incredibly gratifying and brave. I have had the chance to visit amazing places and as a representative of BA now, I hope to demonstrate to others that despite your age, you can still have qualities



Nigel Humphriss, a retired **Metropolitan Police officer** from central London, ioined at 59

"I retired from the Metropolitan Police with an injury, and was looking for a suitable change of career. I

thought, 'What would be better than a career in the airline industry as cabin crew?

"I applied to a company called Air Europe and got through the whole process of interviews and was given a start date.

"In the interim period, I went from working as an estate agent to setting up my own business in

"This extremely successful venture culminated in me selling the business some years later, with offices dotted around Kent, to none other than Savills, which enabled me to take time off, move with my family to Naples in Florida for a two-year sabbatical and look at what I really wanted to do.

"It was at this point that I decided the massive itch that needed to be scratched was still there, and I made what turned out to be a successful application to British Airways at the ripe old age of 59!

"I am now 61 and loving every single minute of life. I have visited so many new countries, met so many fantastic people, both passengers and of course crew, and I just regret not being able to get into this

I am 61 and loving life. I regret not getting into this industry much sooner

industry much sooner. I would recommend any person considering retirement to think again and look at a complete career change, which gives the opportunity to travel the world, meet new people, and enjoy working for such a prestigious organisation.

"If I could inspire just one person to make this career change, I would be delighted."

Margaret Eastaugh, from Sunderland - joined at 57, as a former civil servant whose son is an inflight manager at BA

"I got my wings [cabin crew graduation] two months before I was 57.

"Previously, I was a civil servant for 28 years based in Newcastle and Seaham, specialising as a pensions and benefits officer. I can't say I ever loved my job but the hours and flexibility fitted in with having two children, so I stayed for longer than I should have.

"After experiencing a lot of changes in the job, it encouraged me to take early retirement and I started travelling a bit more with

my son, who was cabin crew then. During that time, I met a few 'mature' crew, who inspired me to apply.

'When applying, I honestly didn't think I would be accepted, being a larger and older lady.

My son is now an inflight manager for BA and I love my job working with so many lovely crew. It's amazing that I can travel the world and it is a privilege that I am now able to take my husband away on trips that we would have never been able to experience previously.

"I have never looked back."

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We're down to the last 24 runners chasing greyhound immortality but the open-race bandwagon continues apace this afternoon with another solid all-open 14-race card at the Northamptonshire venue.

Pick of the clashes is the Ray & Linda
Funnell's 75th Birthday Celebration Race where
a host of Derby runners look to bounce back –

a host of Derby runners look to bounce back –
Liz McNair's exceptional QUEEN JONI (4.07)
gets the vote over classy duo Romeo
Command and Clona Curly.
Other fancies are Joni's kennelmate and Time
3 Steps winner QUEEN GEORGIA (4.26), Mark
Wallis' COONOUGH CROW in a cracking clash
with TV Trophy heroine Bubbly Inferno, the
former's kennelmate BALLYMAC TAYLOR
(5.54) and Liz McNair's KING CAPALDI (6.29) in
the finale. the finale.

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UT WINNINGS IN COAT POCK

hang your hard-earned cash on **DUFFLE COAT (3.42)** when he lines up in the feature Bet365 Perth Gold Cup Handicap Chase this afternoon.

Several of his seven rivals, headed by top weight Hang In There, look doubtful stayers

But the one thing this grey gelding trained by Gordon Elliott doesn't lack is stamina, as he showed when belatedly opening his account over fences at the seventh time of asking in



ANTE

Have a look at the back form of David O'Meara's for the Royal Hunt Cup on June **FIVE-TIME NAPS TABLE CHAMP** MOORESTYLE'S BEST BETS...

quickened clear when asked for his effort between the last two obstacles to run out an eight-length winner.

That victory didn't go unnoticed by the British handicapper as he is now 12lbs higher in the weights, but he again has his optimum conditions and can outstay the back-to-form Karl Phillipe. The chief

support

WARM HOPE: Duffle Coat has the staying power to win at Perth

race, the Bet365 Perth Silver Cup Handicap Chase, looks even more competitive and Elliott will be looking to initiate a big-race double with Motown Maggie.

However, the lightly raced mare may have to give best to **FINDTHETIME** (3.07). Winner of two his five starts over fences,

he looked in need of the run when fading late on over course and distance last time out but will appreciate this quicker ground.

I was going to tip up Racingbreaks Ryder in the opening seven-furlong handicap at Goodwood, but the drying forecast is against the Charlie Hills' charge and I much prefer the claims of **DARKNESS** (2.10).

The David O'Meara-trained runner hated

being out in front at Epsom but there are several in this race that love to be at the sharp end from the off.

I was at Newmarket when **SEA JUST IN** TIME (3.55) made her career debut and I couldn't have been more impressed with her in the parade ring and race proper.

Held up in rear off a fair pace, but no

more, she was allowed to gather her stride by Tom Marquand going into the dip and bit by bit he let out more and more rein until lengthening her stride and pulling well clear up the final climb. The best bet at Punchestown could be

HILL (2.20). Barry Connell's charge has been on the sidelines for 210 days but could be nicely treated here.

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JASON HEAVEY

MOORESTYLE

Ash Tree Meadow 1.10 Ash Tree Meadow Easy Fella 1.45 Easy Fella (nap) Slane Hill 2.20 Slane Hill (e/w) Purse Price 2.55 Down Around (e/w) Just For Love 3.30 Dontcall

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THANK YOU TOM MAGUIRE HURDLE (11 flights) 2m 3f (8 runners) €8,870

JIM RYAN MEMORIAL NOVICE CHASE (17 fences) 3m (7 runners)

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Star Betting: 7-2 Mousey Brown, 5 Slane Hill, 6 Jasmin De Cotte, 8 Rexem, Slip Of The Tongue, 10 Railway Hurricane, 12 Elle Perfecta, 16 Mars Harper, Flanking Maneuver, Macgiloney, Gateau De Miel, The Friday Man, 25 others. 2023: Arrycan 9 10 7, E Walsh(3) 7-1 (L P Cusack), 7 ran.

PUNCHESTOWN WOMEN LADIES HANDICAP HURDLE (11 flights) 2m 3f (16 runners) €6,000

(11 flights) 2m 6f (20 runners)

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2LP- ASHDALE FLYER (97) J Harrington 5117... C Smithers (7)
41- BIRMINGHAM ALABAMA (92) E D Delany 5117... E Walsh
6 BUILT SY ROSSIES (19) T Glibney 5117... K Buckley
30- COTTESLOE SUNSHINE (45) JP O'Brien 5117... O R Brown (5) ★
P4-1 DAWN BSCAPE (44)[9] Casey 5117... A Harvey (7)
2P3- DEAR ORLA (56) Stephen Gerard Carey 5117... Conor Clarke (7)
6# DONTCALL (30) P. Atoriwell 6117... P J O'Hanlon (3)
1- JUST FOR LOVE (272)[9] W P Mullins 5117... SL PO-GRAP (17)
1- P-PP KIPEEN LADY (22)[1" R P Rath 5117... R J Condon (5)
1- F-00 MILAN DOLLAR LADY (10) Peter Fahey 5117... R J Condon (5)
2F-00 MILAN DOLLAR LADY (10) Peter Fahey 5117... A McCurtin LOO- LITTLE GREEN LADY (122) B J Walsh 5117... L A Mickenna (5)
44-3 ROSALYS (29)[BF,G)(T) H De Bromhead 5117... M P O'Connor (3)
24-0 SMILING BESS (31)[BF] Kevin Prendergast 5117... R A Doyle
1F83- TELL ME THIS (97) R O'Sullivan 6117... R A DOyle
1F93- THEONERWANT (24) Peter Maher 5117... R A DOyle
1F93- THEONERWANT (24) Peter Maher 5117... R A DOyle
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16-2 TWO BECOME ONE (23) G Elliott 5117... R S K Sexton
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(13 flights) 2m 7f (14 runners) €6,52

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10 -0-0# PARGA DIMOND (10) Miss M McLoughin 5114. Mr D O'Connor 102

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12 - SAVANTE Colm Murphy 5114. Mr J L Gleeson (5) 112

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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5-1); 2, Commanche Falls (11-1); 3, Korker (14-1). 5-4 fav Live In The Dream. 2³/4, 6l. 8 ran. G Boughey. Tote: £6.00; pl £1.40, £2.60, £3.30. Exacta: £50.30. Trifecta: £457.80. CSF: £53.94.
2.25: 1, IRON LION (J P Spencer 11-2); 2, Knightswood (11-2); 3, Strud. (5-1). 6-4 fav Divina Grace. 11, ³/4. 8 ran. D O'Meara. Tote: £65.0; pl £1.80, £1.50, £1.80. Exacta: £23.90. Tricast: £160.84. Trifecta: £186.00. CSF: £35.88. NR: Maghlaak.
3.00: 1, QUEEN OF THE PRIDE (O Murphy 9-2); 2, Lady Boba (6-1); 3, Mistral Star (12-1). 4-1 jiftav Sea Theme, 4-1 jiftav Sapphire Seas. shd, 2³/41. 13 ran. J & T Gosden. Tote: £5.50; pl £2.20, £2.30, £3.10. Exacta: £39.40. Tricast: £309.66. Trifecta: £293.30. CSF: £30.04. NR: Miss Cantik.
3.35: 1, TIBER FLOW (T Marquand 6-1); 2, Sirona (12-1); 3, Pogo (11-2). -2 fav Witch Hunter I1, ¹/3. Il ran. W Haggas. Tote: £7.00; pl £2.20, £4.10, £2.00. Exacta: £76.70. Tricast: £430.97. Trifecta: £576.60. CSF: £77.00. NR: Noble Dynasty.
4.10: 1, PEDRO VALENTINO (R

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Tritecta: £1123.0. CSF: £99.85. NK: Daring Legend, Ezra Cee.
4.45: 1, BUCCABAY (C Bishop I8-1); 2, Aramis Grey (22-1); 3, Radio Goo Goo (15-2). 11-2 fav Billyjoh. ³/41, nk. 14 ran. E. J-Houghton. Tote: £22.20; pl £5.90, £7.20, £2.50. Exacta: £519.90. Tricast: £3222.52. Trifecta: £4652.90. CSF: £375.66. NR: Tinto, Wiltshire. 5.20: 1, DASHING DARCEY (S De Sousa 4-1); 2, New Chelsea (10-1); 3, Gunfighter (6-1). 7-2 fav Cerulean Bay. 21/41, 1³/41.9 ran. R Varian. Tote: £5.00; pl £1.70, £3.10, £2.00. Exacta: £36.80. Tricast: £238.78. Trifecta: £212.20. CSF: £43.13.

Tricast: £238.78. Trifecta: £212.20.
CSF: £43.13.
5.52: 1, LIVEANDLETLIVE (L
Edmunds 3-1 fav); 2, Crown Estate
(5-1); 3, Christian David (10-1). ½1, 21.
9 ran. W Muir & C Grassick.
JACKPOT: Not won, pool of
£13,610.12 carried over.
QUADPOT: £307.20
PLACEPOT: £6,226.80

BEVERLEY

1.30: 1, REMOJI (James Doyle 15-8); 2, Mysteryofthesands (3-1); 3, Highland Olly (20-1). 11-8 fav Alreet Cha. ½1, 41. 5 ran. R Varian. Tote: £2.88; 1£.40, £1.40. Exacta: £5.30. Trifecta: £28.40. CSF: £7.54.

pl £1.40, £1.40, Exacta: £6.30. Trifecta: £28.40. CSF: £7.54.
2.05: 1, PERFECT PART (C Hardie 125-1); 2, Maw Lam (7-2 fav); 3, Aviation Time (10-1), ½1, ½½4, 13 ran. B Ellison. Tote: £126.00; pl £19.80, £1.50, £3.50. Exacta: £410.10. Trifecta: £4682.50. CSF: £536.29. NR: Larchill Lass, Lift Lady.
2.40: 1, SHAREHOLDER (James Doyle 6-4 fav); 2, Moving Force (15-8); 3, Jm Jhingree (14-1). Snd, ½¾6.5 ran. K R Burke. Tote: £2.50; pl £1.30, £1.30. Exacta: £4.50. Trifecta: £16.00. CSF: £4.53. NR: Rajeteriat.

Exacta: £4.50. Trifecta: £16.00. CSF: £4.53. NR: Rajeteriat.
3.15: 1, BILLYB (S James 9-4 fav); 2, Park Street (12-1); 3, Tropez Power (7-2). 1/41, 1/41. 13 ran. Craig Lidster. Tote: £3.25; pl £1.50, £4.10, £1.90. Exacta: £35.50. Tricast: £98.16. Trifecta: £136.70. CSF: £30.70. NR: Broken Spear, No Nay Nicki, On The River.

3.50: **1, LUDO'S LANDING** (J Hart

River.

3.50: 1, LUDO'S LANDING (J Hart 5-2); 2, Island Native (6-1); 3, Blueflagflyinghigh (7-4 fay). 21, nk. 7 ran. C Johnston. Tote: £3.50; pl £1.70, £2.60. Exacta: £15.80. Tricast: £30.82. Trifecta: £42.10. CSF. £16.97. NR: Order Of Malta.

4.25: 1, WALTER HARTRIGHT (David Egan 4-1); 2, Miss Gitana (11-10 fav); 3, Wannabeawallaby (12-1). 2\(^1/2\), \(^1/4\), \(^1/4\) 6 ran. E Dunlop. Tote: £5.50; pl £1.30, £2.00. Exacta: £9.40. Trifecta: £54.50. CSF. £9.03.

5.00: 1, THIS YEARS LOVE (Joanna Mason 7-2); 2, Evelyn's Phoenix (evens fav); 3, Port And Starburd (9-1). \(^1/2\), \(^1/4\), \(^

Flow shows how

TIBER FLOW made a brilliant comeback to win the Group Three Betfred John Of Gaunt Stakes in cosy fashion.

Haydock's seven-furlong highlight was the grey's first race since he took a heavy fall at York's Dante meeting.

Turned out 24 days later, the William Haggas-trained five-year-old (right) showed all of his old fighting spirit.

Five other horses had a chance with just half a furlong to run, but the 6-1 chance shot through a gap to gain a length advantage.

Jockey Tom Marquand said:
"He's a hardy little battler. He seemed to really enjoy that and it's fantastic to see him back to his

An easy Listed Betfred Passionate About Sport Achilles Stakes success set Believing (5-1) up for a rare Royal Ascot double.

■ by **MELISSA JONES**

Last achieved by Blue Point in 2019, the King Charles III and Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Stakes are run four days apart.

In Merseyside, George
Boughey's filly relished a fast pace at five furlongs to benefit from favourite Live In The Dream's flop.

"She's a very easy filly to train so if she's okay after Tuesday's race, she could run on the Saturday," **Newmarket-based Boughey** said.

Shareholder's odds tumbled for the Norfolk Stakes after he battled past several previous winners on his Beverley debut.

Made 4-1 second favourite by Paddy Power, the six-figure Wathnan Racing purchase edged ahead of Moving Force to win by a short head.

BANGOR-ON-DEE

1.40: 1, NOT NOW NATHANIEL (B Hughes 1-3 fav); 2, Upagainstit (6-1); 3, Kintaro (66-1). 9/21, 61. 14 ran. D McCain. Tote: £1.34; pl £1.02; £1.80, £9.80. Exacta: £3.40. Trifecta: £46.50. CSF: £3.01.
2.15: 1, ALMAZHAR GARDE (Paul O'Brien 12-1); 2, Getaway Glory (7-2); 3. Reballings Cale. (2). 3

2.15: 1, ALMAZHAR GARDE (Paul O'Brien 12-1); 2, Getaway Glory (7-2); 3, Rebellious Gale (8-1), 3-1 fav Daranova. 3³/41, 6¹/21. 10 ran. C Longsdon. Tote: £13. 70; pl £3.50, £1.70, £2.40. Exacta: £63.60. Tricast: £368.17. Trifecta: £565.50. CSF: £55.78. 2.50: 1, MAXCEL (C Deutsch 15-2); 2, Feel The Pinch (9-2); 3, Lunar Sovereign (9-4 fav). 71, ³/41. 9 ran. Mrs M Rowley. Tote: £9.90; pl £2.20, £1.50, £1.30. Exacta: £45.10. Tricast: £100.79. Trifecta: £145.40. CSF: £41.54. 3.25: 1, BREIZH RIVER (H Brooke 13-2); 2, In This World (2-1 fav); 3, Grain D'oudairies (4-1). 71, ⁴/41. 7 ran. Paul Robson. Tote: £7.50; pl £3.10, £1.50. Exacta: £21.40. Tricast: £58.66. Trifecta: £82.30. CSF: £20.66. NR: Almost Gotaway.

4.00: 1, REGAL AND ROYAL (Sean

4.00: 1, REGAL AND ROYAL (Sean Quinlan 5-2); 2, Clararose (11-8 fav); 3, Gentle Victor (16-1), ½1, 91. 8 ran. J Candlish. Tote: £3.50; pl £1.20, £1.10, £3.30. Exacta: £6.30. Tricast: £37.97. Trifecta: £42.30. CSF: £6.18.
4.35: 1, FANCY STUFF (S Bowen 11-8 fav); 2, Gentle Connections (9-2); 3, Rory's Story (14-1), 5½1, 3½4. 10 ran. T R Gretton. Tote: £2.38; pl £1.40, £1.80, £3.30. Exacta: £10.50. Tricast: £60.55. Trifecta: £10.44.40. CSF: £8.59. NR: Nowinittowinit.

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QUADPOT: £3.50 PLACEPOT: £11.90

CATTERICK

2.10: 1, RAPIDO GIRL (W Pyle 5-2); 2, Asinara (5-6 fav); 3, Moral Standards (18-1). 11, 1/21. 7 ran. Craig Lidster. Tote: \$3.60; pl £1.30, £1.10. Exacta: £5.40. Trifecta: £23.30. CSF: £4.52.

2.45: 1, PATONTHEBACK (R Scott 11-2); 2, Rain Cap (18-1); 3, Rockin Rosa (5-1), 7-2 fav Shark Two One. 1¹/₄l, 1¹/₄l. 11 ran. G Tutty. Tote: £6.50; pl £2.00, £5.20, £1.80. Exacta: £118.00. Tricast: £532.45. Trifecta: £995.00. CSF: £100.96. NR: Bits And Bobs. 3.20: 1, WITHOUT DELAY (F Norton 13-2); 2, Sunny Orange (6-1); 3, Pearl Sands (25-1). 7-2 fav Miss Willows. ³/₄l, ns. 12 ran. T Waggott. Tote: £7.50; pl £2.10, £2.40, £7.80. Exacta: £54.90. Tricast: £917.88. Trifecta: £1002.50. CSF: £43.47. 3.55: 1, SECRET COMMAND (C Murtagh 7-2); 2, Lady Of The Garr (25-1); 3, Alfa Moonstone (2-1 fav). nk, 1¹/₄l. 14 ran. Adrian Nicholls. Tote: £4.50; pl £1.70, £7.80, £1.40. Exacta: £144.80. Tricast: £234.36. Trifecta: £553.80. CSF: £101.33. NR: Unavailable.

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4.30: 1, GIBSIDE (D Fentiman 11-2); 2, Knights Affair (9-2); 3, Gastronomy (13-2), 7-2 fav Pons Aelius. 11, 11/41. 11 ran. T Easterby. Tote: £6.90; pt £1.70, £2.30, £2.40. Exacta: £38.30. Tricast: £167.16. Trifecta: £239.50. CSF. £29.20.

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5.05: 1, TATTFERSTALL (D Muscutt 7-2); 2, Albegone (9-1); 3, Le Beau Garcon (11-2). 10-3 fav Vadamiah. 21, 1/4d. 10 ran. M Dods. Tote: £4.50; pl £1.80, £2.70, £2.10. Exacta: £25.90. Tricast: £17.109. Trifecta: £217.20. CSF: £33.82.
5.40: 1, STARSHINE LEGEND (D Muscutt 113, fav); 2, Mode In China

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Muscutt 11-8 fav); 2, Made In China
(18-1); 3, Livinthelife (9-2), ³/4, 11. 7
ran. J Ferguson. Tote: £2.38; pl £1.50, £6.30. Exacta: £25.30. Trifecta: £104.00. CSF: £28.15.
6.10: 1, RESILIENCE (T Eaves
12-1); 2, King Of Tonga (5-1); 3, Ghathanfar (13-8 fav), shd, nk. 9 ran. Craig Lidster. Tote: £14.60; pl £3.20, £1.90, £1.40. Exacta: £77.70. Tricast: £152.21. Trifecta: £263.80. CSF: £71.51. QUADPOT: £23.00
PLACEPOT: £91.50

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5.25: 1, JACQUELINA (Grace McEntee 11-8 fav); 2, Howzak (11-2); 3, Wedgewood (15-2). 3½, 11. 6 ran. P McEntee. Tote: £2.38; pl £1.30, £2.20. Exacta: £8.60. Trifecta: £34.10. CSF: £8.62. NR: Won't Stand Down. 6.00: 1, VIOLET LOVE (Billy Loughnane 13-8 fav); 2, Jane Garfield (7-1); 3, Go Steelers Go (66-1). 4½1,

1½1. 9 ran. G Boughey Tote: £2.63; pl £1.20, £1.50, £13.00. Exacta: £11.70. Trifecta: £241.80. CSF: £13.73. 6.30: 1, ROSY AFFAIR (Billy Loughnane 11-10 fav); 2, Miss Anya (11-2); 3, Via Blanca (7-2). 11, 2½4. 5 ran. G Boughey. Tote: £2.10; pl £1.20, £2.30. Exacta: £6.40. Trifecta: £15.80. CSF: £7.86.

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7.00: 1, SIGNCASTLE CITY (S Hitchcott 9-1); 2, King Of War (11-2); 3, Hat Toss (5-2 fav). ½1, 2½4. 11 ran. R Hannon. Tote: £11.80; pl £3.10, £1.60, £1.50. Exacta: £60.80. Tricast: £153.57. Trifecta: £239.90. CSF: £57.38.
7.30: 1, BAMA LAMA (O Searle 13-2); 2, Vape (9-1); 3, Lupset Flossy Pop (14-1), 5-2 fav Diamondsinthesand. ¾4, hd. 10 ran. B Millman. Tote: £7.50; pl £2.00, £3.20, £3.40. Exacta: £62.10. Tricast: £796.32. Trifecta: £590.90. CSF: £64.11.

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8.00: 1, BHUBEZI (L Keniry 9-2); 2,
Letter Of The Law (9-1); 3, Kenstone
(7-1). 5-2 fav Alyara. 1¹/2l, ns. 9 ran. P
Chamings. Tote: £5.50; pl £1.90, £2.20,
£2.10. Exacta: £24.80. Tricast: £279.87.
Trifecta: £201.40. CSF: £43.55.

LINGFIELD

5.45: 1, PFINGSTBERG (C Fallon 5-2); 2, Taxiing (13-2); 3, Anisoptera (12-1). 9-4 fav Beggarman. 1\(^{1}\)41, 2\(^{1}\)41. 7 ran. D M Simcock. Tote: \(\partial{2}\)3.50; pl \(\partial{2}\)1.80, \(\partial{2}\)7. Exacta: \(\partial{2}\)18.20. Trifecta: \(\partial{2}\)116.90. CSF: \(\partial{2}\)17.96

22.70. Exacta: £18.20. Trifecta: £116.90. CSF: £17.96.
6.15: 1, GREY CHARGER (C Fallon 1-3 fav); 2, Salik (10-1); 3, Edna E Mode (11-2). 41, 21. 6 ran. W Haggas. Tote: £1.34; pl £1.10, £2.90. Exacta: £4.40. Trifecta: £8.00. CSF: £4.73.
6.45: 1, ARCTIC MOUNTAIN (C Howarth 2-1 fav); 2, Charlie's Choice (17-2); 3, Morcar (10-3). 4³/4, ³/4. 7 ran. S bin Suroor. Tote: £3.00; pl £3.50, £1.60. Exacta: £16.20. Tricast: £53.41. Trifecta: £53.10. CSF: £19.51. NR: Rockit Tommy.
7.15: 1, FORMIDABLE FORCE (R Dawson 11-4 fav); 2, Labalaba (3-1); 3, Western (7-1). 1³/41, 1³/41. 9 ran. J Ferguson Tote: £3.75; pl £2.30, £1.50, £1.30. Exacta: £11.30. Tricast: £50.95. Trifecta: £52.00. CSF: £11.08.
7.45: 1, HARWARD SOUND (N Callan 4-5 fav); 2, Dimsons (11-1); 3, Ureshii (6-4). 7³/-1, 2³/-41. 5 ran. Tom Clover. Tote: £1.80; pl £1.10, £2.50. Exacta: £3.70. Trifecta: £9.20. CSF: £10.19.

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AGNES KEYSER FILLIES' STAKES (LISTED)

Class 1 3YO 1m 2f (9 runners) £39,697

ROD GASKIN GARDEN MACHINERY HANDICAP

Class 3 2m (11 runners) £12,88

-405 FLEURAM (59)[D,A,S||B) O Murphy 6 9 11 K Shoemark 97 -000 SPIRIT MIXER (30)[A,G||P) A Balding 6 9 10.... O Murphy 93 RR-0 ALRIGHT SUNSHINE (24)[G,S](V) M Murphy & M Keady 9 9 6 D Keenan*t/0

RACINGCLUB.COM HANDICAP

Class 4 6f (8 runners)

4 (1) 0003 PASSION AND GLORY (16)(CD.D.A.G.S) S bin S

5 (5) 204- THREE PRIESTS (350)[D,F] R Varian 5 8 12.... J Min Star Betting: 6-4 King Of Conquest, 7-4 Aime Deauville Legend, 10 Passion And Glory, 33 Three Pi 2023: Peripatetic 4 8 12, David Egan 10-3 (R Var drawn (4), 4 ran.

JASON HEAVEY MOORESTYLE

Darkness 2.10 Darkness (nb) Principality 2.45 Carrados Double O One 3.20 Double O One Sea Just In Time (nap) 3.55 Sea Just In Time (trb) Hedonista 4.30 Vino Victrix (e/w) Deauville Legend 5.05 King Of Conquest

Ingra Tor (nb) 5.40 Danger Alert WILLIAM HILL EPIC BOOST HANDICAP Class 3 7f (9 runners) £12,885

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1 (3) 0-60 FINN'S CHARM (9)(D,6,\$) C Johnston 4 10 2...J Fanning 95
2 (9) -302 TOIMY SON (16)(D,9) D Menuisier 5 9 13...Kyle Strydom x96
3 (7) -304 SIR WINSTON (114)(D3,FG) G Baker 5 9 11...P Cosgrave 90
4 (4) 1114 CEPHALUS (57)(D,6)(B) G & J Moore 5 9 11...P Cosgrave 90
5 (8) L550 DARKNESS (9)(D2,6)(M) D O Meara 6 9 8....... D Tudhope 93
6 (1) 35-0 SON OF MAN (15)(S) J Chapple-Hyam 3 9 6....... D Tudhope 93
7 (6) -004 RACINGBREAKS RYDER (16)(D,6,S) C Hills 49 6... W Buick 93
8 (2) 14-0 SPEDING BULLET (9)(D,5) R Hannon 39 9. Alec Volkhansky (3) 88
9 (5) 243 FAHRENHEIT SEVEN (19) M Usher 3 82 Tharaf (3) 81
Star Betting: 9-2 Toimy Son, 5 Racingbreaks Ryder, 11-2
Finn's Charm, Son Of Man, 6 Speeding Bullet, 7 Darkness, Cephalus, 12 Sir Winston, 14 Fahrenheit Seven.
2023: Mister Bluebird 5 9 3, B Loughnane(3) 9-2 JtFav
(H Main), drawn (1), 9 ran.

2.45 BRITISH EBF NOVICE STAKES

	(8)	ABSTRACT ART G Boughey 9 7	
2	(3)	BILLBOARD STAR E J-Houghton 9 7	
3	(4)	3 CARRADOS (12)(BF) A Watson 9 7	
4	(7)	L MYTHICAL COMPOSER (24) C Cox 9 7	Rossa Ryan 40
5	(1)	2 PRINCIPALITY (21) R Hannon 9 7	O Murphy *8
6	(6)	L RARE CHANGE (24) R Hughes 9 7	F Marsh 5
7	(5)	L THE OUTLAW (24) R Beckett 9 7	H Crouch 6
8	(2)		
	Star	Betting: 7-4 Principality, 4 Carrados,	
•		O. H 40 Dille Ot Wisters Co.	

6 The Outlaw, 10 billiouris Sam. Composer, 20 Rare Change. 2023: Thunder Blue 9 7, Kevin Stott 13-8 Fav (D F Davis), drawn (3), 7 ran.

WILLIAM HILL SELLING STAKES

1 (2) 042 CLAY SHOVELER (55)(H*) P Evans 9 1				_	-			۷. ۱			,	
3 (4) I LOVE DAD J Osborne 9 1	1	(2)	042	CLAY S	HOV	ELER	(55)(H	*) P Evar	ns 91	O M	lurphy	y 7
4 [5] 01.4 ROYSDELIGHT (15] P Evans 9 1	2	(8)	333	COILE	(39)(BF) E	J-Hou	ghton 9	1	C E	disho	7
5 (1) 24L ASHEN GLOW (27)(P*) A Watson 8 10 H Doy 6 (7) L BRIGHT ERA (51) J S Moore 8 10 Georgia Doble 7 (6) 52 DOUBLE 0 ONE (12)(BF) J Channon 8 10 D Probe 8 (3) 4 HETTIE JACK (22) G Sott 8 10 D Keen	3	(4)		I LOVE	DAD	J Osb	orne 9	Ĭ		D M	uscut	t ·
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8 (3) 4 HETTIE JACK (22) G Scott 8 10	6	(7)	L	BRIGH	T ER	A (51)	J S Mo	ore 8 10	Ge	eorgia Dol	bie (3) .
	7	(6)	52	DOUBL	ΕO	ONE (1	2)(BF	J Chan	non 8 10)D P	rober	t★8
Star Betting: 2 Double O One, 10-3 Coiled, 5	8	(3)	4	HETTIE	JAC	K (22)	G Sco	ott 8 10 .		D K	eenar	n 7
		Star	Вє	etting:	2	Doub	e O	One,	10-3	Coiled,	5	Cla

Shoveler, 6 Roysdelight, Hettle Jack, 10 Ashen Glow, 25 I Love Dad, 50 Bright Era. 2023: Call Glory 9 1, Charles Bishop 6-5 Fav (J Channon), drawn (1), 5 ran.

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MOORESTYLE JASON HEAVEY

Bishop Hill 1.27 Kimjoy

Dapper Gent 1.57 One Step Up Bix Beiderbecke 2.32 Aldbourne

God's Own Getaway 3.07 Findthetime
Karl Philippe 3.42 Duffle Coat
Everyday Champagne (trb) 4.17 No Regrets
Dequall 4.52 Sputnik Bullion Boss 5.27 Dalileo

BET365 NOVICES' HURDLE Class 4 (10f) 2m 4f (9 runners) £4,225

1 3-13 CLODDERS DREAM [7] G Eliott (IRE) 6118. ... S Ewingx 127
2 1-12 BUY SOME TIME (13)(6,S)[P] M Smith 6111. C Bewley - 3 /5-2 HIGHLAND FASHION (32) | Duncan 5111. ... C O'Farrell - 4 43-L THE JEWELLER'S PET (24) | Duncan 5111. Sean Quinlan 92 52-28 BISHOP HILL (25)[BP](H*) L Russell 5108. P W Wadge (3) 126 6 6F. KIMJOY (46) S Crawford (IRE) 5108. B Hughes 99 7 100. MONGIBELLO (89)[S] S Crawford (IRE) 6108. ... J J Slevin - 8 4L-0 TREAD SOFTLY NOW (25) | Duncan 5108. D R Fox 81 9 L BEU LAGUNE (25) S Crawford (IRE) 410 2... ... S Bowen 66 Star Betting: 2 Clodders Dream, 11-4 Bishop Hill, 4 Kimjoy, 6 Mongibello, 10 Highland Fashion, 14 Bleu Lagune, 16 others.

NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE Class 5 (8f) 2m (10 runners) £4,225

7/-0 STAR OF MARKINCH (30) H Graham & G Hutherford 8 10 \$ B Lynn (3) 55 Star Betting: 11-4 Northern Cardinal, 7-2 Marty Mcfly, 5 pper Gent, 6 Lemoine, 8 Foxwood, Heart Above, 12 others. BET365 HANDICAP HURDLE Class 4 (8f) 2m (13 runners) £5,281

1 3L-0 INFERNO SACREE (24)(CD,D2,G,S)(B) N Hawke 6 12 0 Miss E Herbison

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3.07 PERTH SILVER CUP HANDICAP CHASE Class 3 (15f) 2m 4f (9 runners) £10,562

1 250- FRANCKY DU BERLAIS (58)(D,G,S)(P*,T) P & M Bowen 11 12 2 J Bowen 130 2 5L0- PRESENTANDCOUNTING (30)(CD2,D,A,G0,S) D McCain 10 12 2 3 16/0 MOTOWN MAGGIE (23)(D,Q,I)P G Elliott (IRE) 7 12 0. S Ewing 107 4 20-5 PARISENCORE (23)(C,S) N Richards 8 11 11D McMenamin 133

1 (5) 0051 RHYTHM N HOOVES (9)(D,A,G,S)(B) A Watson 4 101.H Doyle 93
2 (4) -611 CHANGE SINGS (11)(D,4A,G) E.J-Houghton 4 912.G Downing 93
3 (2) 20-5 INGRA TOR (42)(D,2A,G) J Channon 5 9 11.... D Probert 90
4 (3) 1-21 HAYMAKER (29)(D,2G) H Morrison 5 9 9........ R Hornby 94
5 (6) -604 DANGER ALERT (114)(D,A,5)(V) G Baker 4 98.P Cosgrave 81
6 (7) 0-1.6 EMINERNCY (8)(D,G)(T) S C Williams 4 97..... Rossa Ryan +88
7 (1) 0-40 MISTER BLUEBIRD (29)(D,6,S)(P) H Main 6 91 J. Mitchell 94
8 (8) -010 TEMPLE BRUER (29)(D,8,F,G)(P,T) M Murphy 8 M Keady 6 91
O Murphy 95
Star Betting: 3 Haymaker, 7-2 Change Sings, 9-2 Rhythm
N Hooves, 5 Ingra Tor, Eminency, 14 others.
2023: Royal Parade 4 9 6, B Loughnane(3) 5-1
(M Appleby), drawn (2), 6 ran.

Star Betting: 2 God's Own Getaway, 9-2 Fix At All 6 Planned Paradise, 13-2 Parisencore, 10 others. 3.42 PERTH GOLD CUP HANDICAP CHASE Class 2 (18f) 3m (8 runners) £17,690

1 152- HANG IN THERE [53](0,5) E Lavelle 10 12 0... J A Anderson (3) + 154
2 -421 DUFFLE COAT (13)(G,5)[P] G Elliott (IRE) 7 :11 5... S Ewing 148
3 03-1 KARL PHILIPPE (34)[D,6,5][P] F O'Brien 91 14 ... J Hogan (3) 151
4 20-3 BALLYGRIFINCOTTAGE (36)[BF,5)[P,7] D Skelton 91 13
H Skelton 150
5 /P-3 GOLD CUP BAILLY (34)[D,5)[P,7] S Cawford IRE] 8112 .J J Sievin –
6 5P-U DEFINITE PLAN (13)[G][B] G Elliott (IRE) 12 10 12... J Bowen 149
7 2P-2 SAINT ARVANS (22)[CD,6,5][T) M Barnes 10 10 5. Conor Rabbitt (5) 153
8 P4-1 STATUANIO (24)(CD,2C,6,5) P & M Bowen 91 04 ... S Bowen 149
Star Betting: 7-2 Hang In There, 4 Ballygrifincottage, Karl
Philippe, 5 Duffle Coat, 7 Statuario, 8 Saint Arvans, 12 others.
2023: Ballykeel 7 10 9, Sean Bowen 11-4 JtFav (G Elliott), 8 ran.

BET BOOST AT BET365 HANDICAP CHASE Class 4 (18f) 3m (12 runners) £6,337

4.52 BET365 HANDICAP HURDLE (DIV 1) Class 5 (12f) 3m (11 runners) £4,225

1 L-0P HAVEYOUGOTMYMONEY [19](D,G)(P) Paul Robson 6 12 0

Dobniston [6] 1
2 /42- FEVER DREAM (86)(BF)(T) Christian Williams 6 11 9...J Tudor★1
3 L2-2 EUCHAN FALLS (25)(BF,C,S)(V) R M Smith 711 8. D McMenamin
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6 30-P SPUTINK (25)(G,S) Mm S. Stephen 9 11 2...... J Hamilton
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Rule of Lawes as embattled Saints pull off plucky title win

COURTNEY LAWES signed off at Northampton in style - but was still fuming despite landing a second Premiership title.

The back-row was part of Saints' last title-winning side in 2014 and repeated the trick in his 283rd and final appearance for the club - but it all nearly ended in tears.

Bath fought like tigers after having prop Beno Obano red-carded for a head shot on Saints' No.8 Juarno Augustus in the 21st minute. But they came up just short as Lawes (below) pocketed another medal before his upcoming move to France with Brive.

Finn Russell played like the million-pound man he is and flanker Sam Underhill terrorised Saints as Bath nearly pulled off a stunning win.

But Alex Mitchell's 72nd-minute score left Bath on the canvas after Saints had been on the ropes for most of the match despite having an extra man. Saints felt the

pressure of being favourites to win once Obano was given his marching orders leaving skipper Lawes quite furious

Lawes said: "I can't believe we won it. We tried so hard to lose it but we did what we had to do.

"I don't think we could have played any worse

– I am actually still livid from the game. We might not have deserved to win it today because we were awful, but I think we were the best side this season.

"Sometimes when you receive a red card it actually galvanises you a bit. All of a sudden all of the pressure is piled on to the side with 15 and we

■ by ADAM HATHAWAY Bath 21 N'hampton 25

really felt that." Heroic Bath led 21-18 with eight minutes remaining before super sub George Hendy broke the game wide open.

Bath had one more crack up the other end, but that was that. Obano's red card was

deserved after he dangerously ploughed into Augustus' head with his shoulder.

Bath boss Johann van Graan said: "Beno is disappointed but we are a circle of men and women at this club.

"It is part of the game, but it makes it difficult to

play with 14 men.
"I don't believe it is foul play, it is a collision between two extremely powerful players. "We spoke about

tough to beat and we were tough to beat.
"We stuck in it until the

last play of the game.

Bath had to bring Juan Schoeman on to comply with scrummaging laws and sacrifice No.8 Alfie Barbeary after the red.

Northampton ripped them open a minute later as Tommy Freeman went over. Ollie Sleightholme touched down before prop Thomas du Toit replied.

Ben Spencer's kick for Will Muir on 51 minutes levelled the game at 18-18 and Russell's penalty edged Bath ahead. Then came

Hendy's truly magical



row remem

EMOTIONAL Bevan French was reminded of his own mum's fight against motor neurone disease as he helned Wigan wallop Warrington at Wembley.

The Aussie stand-off claimed the Lance Todd Trophy after inspiring Warriors to a recordextending 21st Challenge Cup final success.

He created a try for 20-yearold rookie Zach Eckersley, scored himself, had another ruled out and generally caused Warrington chaos. It means

WARRINGTON..<mark>8</mark> WIGAN......18 By DAVE CRAVEN

Wigan become the first club since St Helens in 2007 to hold all four trophies of Challenge Cup, Super League, World Club Challenge and League Leaders Shield.

But it was an emotional day as the sport celebrated Rob Burrow, the ex-Leeds and England scrum-half who died aged just 41 last Sunday after losing his

battle with MND. And French said: "A couple of years ago I lost my mum to the same thing.

"With Rob obviously being such a legend, it has connected to me a bit emotionally.

"It's made this week sweet, especially the fact my mum passed away from it.

The first trophy I won when I came back to England after she passed away was the Challenge Cup (in 2022), so it makes it even more special."

After a poignant rendition of But the momentum was Abide With Me by Katherine shaping up with Warrington and

Jenkins, with huge banners unfurled at both ends of Wembley, there was an impeccable minute's silence.

Ånd when the action kicked off, it was the reigning Man of Steel French who came up with the goods in a brilliant team performance.

Boss Matt Peet, who has won everything since taking over three years ago, admitted: "This is the best one. I don't want to go into why.



Cooper in for the banned

England front-row Tyler Dupree.

Many expected second-row Sam Walters to get the nod.

carded after just two minutes

Peet may have feared he had got

The ex-Warrington forward copped Josh Thewlis high with a

But barely 60 seconds later,

Wolves were also down to 12 men after Aussie full-back Matt

Dufty collared Liam Marshall

high prompting a melee. Thewlis

it badly wrong.

swinging arm.

When Cooper was yellow-

I was proud of the boys. It's been

an emotional week for everyone.

"Rob was such a special player and Bevan won't mind me

saying it stirred up his emotions.

look at your own family.

eventually eased home.

"It did with me. It makes you

"And to put the fourth trophy

After a chaotic opening three

Peet made a bold call by

bringing veteran prop Mike

minutes that saw both sides have

players sin-binned, the Warriors

in the cabinet is very special. I

felt we were always in control."

MATT DUFTY

arshly sin-binned, but after w ropey moments he was rong in the second half.

JOSH THEWLIS

Kicked Warrington into an early lead, but Liam Marshall got the better of him.

TOBY KING

Caught out somewhat for Bevan French's try – but ultimately

RODRICK TAI

The Papua New Guinean has had an impressive start with the Wire, but not so much here.

MATTY ASHTON

GEORGE WILLIAMS

looked the most likely to lock the Wigan defence but yer quite did

JOSH DRINKWATER

An anonymous figure for majority of the afternoon as he repres-

JAMES HARRISON The rangy forward grafted away and had some decent

DANNY WALKER

Threatened to spark Wire into life at times but in the end not often enough

PAUL VAUGHAN

Tried to set the tone early and played big minutes against a

MATTY NICHOLSON

LACHLAN FITZGIBBON Been an excellent pick-up for Wire but didn't influence the

game due to injury. **BEN CURRIE**

Suffered a bad cut to the head that epitomised the toughness of his performance.

REPLACEMENTS Zane Musgrove 5, Jordy Crowther 6, Sam Powell 7, Joe Bullock 5

JAI FIELD

Energetic as always and produced a sublime pass for Liam Farrell's try.

ABBAS MISKI

Had a blinder in the backfield, setting the tone with some brilliant carries.

ZACH ECKERSLEY
Rewarded Matt Peet's trust by scoring the opening try and defending excellently.

JAKE WARDLE

The star of last year's Grand Final had a quieter role here but defended well.

LIAM MARSHALL

Had to wait seven years for Wembley redemption but got

BEVAN FRENCH

Super League's superstar was his excellent self, scoring one and HARRY SMITH

Kicked all his goals and provided a calming presence throughout the game. **LUKE THOMPSON**

on 45 minutes and

Chantelle Crowl rounded things off near the end.

said: "We just weren't good enough."

the 57th minute and it was all but

minutes later as Warrington

finally got things right. But it only

offered false hope. Wolves boss Sam Burgess,

whose own father died from

MND, said: "We've a young

have never played in a final. I'd

like to think they'll be better next

time. And me, as a new coach.

'Twelve of those players today

"Probably the occasion got to

Dufty

squad.

us a bit early.

Leeds boss Lois Forsell

sliced through five

non-Super League sides.

scored an 11th-minute penalty

but that was about all Warrington

Wigan got off the mark when

He was only drafted in because

Aussie centre Adam Keighran

Slick French stepped inside the onrushing Toby King to accelerate over for his own try,

Harry Smith's goal giving a 12-2

Jai Field slipped captain Liam

Farrell through a gap to score in

got right in an error-ridden half.

Eckersley latched on to French's

dabbed kick.

interval lead.

was also suspended.

The England star stepped up on the big occasion to help win the battle through the middle.

BRAD O'NEILL The consistent hooker once againshowed why he should be in England contention.

MIKE COOPER Sin-binned inside three minutes harshly, but contributed well after that.

JUNIOR NSEMBA

The old stalwart scored a trademark try as he clinched his fifteenth trophy.

KAIDE ELLIS

Swiatek backed for more

■ by NEIL McLEMAN

IGA SWIATEK has been compared to Rafa Nadal and backed to smash more records after her fourth French Open triumph.

The Queen of Clay outclassed Italian Jasmine Paolini in a one-sided final, winning 6-2 6-1 in only 68 minutes. The Polish world No.1

(below) joins legends Monica Seles (1990-92) and Justine Henin (2007-09) in

winning three straight titles here.

Chris Evert won seven

French Open titles while Nadal has 14.

Eurosport analyst Boris Becker said: "Iga reminds me a bit of Rafael Nadal.

"I wouldn't be surprised if she reaches double figures in the titles in Paris."

Swiatek is now 5-0 in Grand Slam finals. She said: "I'm really proud of myself, the expectations and pressure have been pretty high from outside."

Alcaraz following his idols

■ by NEIL McLEMAN

CARLOS ALCARAZ will bid to emulate his hero Rafa Nadal and other Spanish legends by winning his first French Open today. The Wimbledon

champion has a final showdown against Alex Zverev. the German who knocked out 14-time winner Nadal in the opening round.

Spanish men have claimed the claycourt **Grand Slam a** record 20

times in the Open era. **Among** them

was Alcaraz's

coach Juan Carlos Ferrero in 2003 - a month after Alcaraz was born.

And the double-Major winner said: "I have a special feeling for this tournament.

"When I finished school, I ran home just to put the TV on and watch the French Open. Rafa

dominated for 14 years. "I wanted to put my name on that list of great Spanish players."

Vigan's latest rising star didn't bok out of place on the lallowed Wemblev turf.

LIAM FARRELL

Bossed the middle of the pitch in a sublime 80-minute showing for Wigan.

REPLACEMENTS

Ethan Havard 7, Liam Byrne 7, Patrick Mago 7, Kruise Leeming 6

International Matches

SPORT IN BRIEF

Hojbjerg 12 Vestergaard 21, Poulsen 90 Haaland 72

PORTUGAL (0) 1 CROATIA (1)... Modric 8 (pen)

..O SERBIA (1) ... SWEDEN (0). Milinkovic-Savic 18 Mitrovic 60

SLOVENIA (1)....1 BULGARIA (1)......1 Sporar 14
HUNGARY (3). Despodov 4 (pen)
...3 ISRAEL (0)

Sallai 11 Varga 19, 22

CRICKET

CC MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP - GROUP C—Afghanistan v New Zealand (Providence): Afghanistan 159-6 (20 overs; Gurbaz 80); New Zealand 75 (15.2 overs; F Farooqi 4-17; R A Khan 4-17). Afghanistan (2pts) win by 84 runs GROUP D—Sri Lanka v Bangladesh

GROUP D—Sri Lanka v Bangladesh (Dallas): Sri Lanka 124-9 (20 overs; M M Rahman 3-17; M R Hossain 3-22); Bangladesh 125-8 (19 overs; 1 D N Thushara 4-18). Bangladesh (2pts) win by 2 wickets. (New York): Netherlands 103-9 (20.0 overs; 0 E G Baartman 4-11); South Africa 106-6 (18.5 overs; D A Miller 59no). South Africa (2pts) win by 4 wickets

T20 BLAST - NORTH GROUP—Warwickshire v Durham (Edgbaston): Durham 194-9 (20.0 overs; D G Bedingham 63). Warwickshire 168 (18.4 overs; J Bethell 50; B A Raine 5-21). Durham (2pts) beat Warwickshire by 26 runs.

CYCLING
UCI WOMEN'S WORLD TOUR, TOUR
OF BRITAIN WOMEN Stage 3:
(Warrington, 106.8 km): 1 L Wiebes
(Ned) Team SD Worx-Protime 2hrs
44mins 42secs, 2 C Kool (Ned)
Team dsm-firmenich PostNL, 3 G
Baker (Aus), 4 R Barbieri (Ita) Team
dsm-firmenich PostNL, 5 F Perkins
(Gbr) Great Britain all at same time.
Overall: 1 L Kopecky (Bel) 10hrs
25mins 49secs, 2 A Henderson (Gbr)
+17secs, 3 L Paternoster (Ita) +32s,
4 P Georgi (Gbr) +38s, E Jansen
(Ned) +43s.
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FRENCH OPEN (Roland Garros, Paris, France)—Women's Singles finals: (1) | Swiatek (Pol) bt (12) J Paolini (Ita) 6-2

6-1. Men's Doubles finals: (9) M Arevalo (Esa) & M Pavic (Cro) bt (11) S Bolelli (Ita) & A Vavassori (Ita) 7-5 6-3. Men's Wheelchair Doubles final: (1) A Hewett & G Reid (GB) bt (2) T Miki & T Oda (Jpn) 6-1 6-4.

TODAY'S DIARY

International Matches

Slovakia v Wales (7.45) (Live on S4C) Mexico v Brazil (2pm) Italy v Bosnia-Herzegovina (7.45) nce v Canada (8.15).

CRICKET

ICC World Twenty20 - Group A: India v Pakistan (New York, 3.30pm). **Group B:** Oman v Scotland

(North Sound, 6pm), T20 Blast -North Group: Leicestershire v Worcestershire (Grace Road, 2.30pm). Nottinghamshire v Lancashire (Trent Bridge, 2.30pm), Yorkshire v Derbyshire (Headingley, 3pm). **South Group:** Gloucestershire v Sussex (Bristol, 2.30pm), Kent v Middlesex (Canterbury, 3.30pm), Somerset v Hampshire (Taunton

Vitality Superleague: Saracens Mavericks v Surrey Storm



■ by **GARY FITZGERALD**

different areas. But now the big question is, will there be a broadcaster who will go in and say, 'Okay, we're going to hit America with a huge cricket competition'?

"It's bubbling under and showing great potential, and this World Cup is showcasing the facilities they have, and the players and interest there is. At the end of the day, it's all about how much interest there is plus how much more interest they can boost during tournament and then afterwards.

Lloyd (right) feels the spectacular entertainment provided by the current

set of explosive big-hitters should certainly attract the attention of an American public who live for blood and thunder entertainment.

He added: "The fitness and strength of today's batsmen is out of sight. And the analysis they do is crazy. It goes down to the finest detail of where you can hit this individual bowler.

"When it first started around 2003 it was a case of 150 runs first up and you are pretty much out of sight. It was a winning score. Now you have to get 200 to be fairly confident but have to say South Africa."

even then it is gettable. Teams are now hitting 240 or 250. It's going up and up and up. That's due to the strength of the players, the equipment they use."

As for who will capture the trophy in the coming weeks, Lloyd feels South Africa are ready to blossom in the Caribbean and States.

He said: "India and Pakistan have been left behind in the power game. "Australia certainly are up there and the West Indies

will be strong at home. "But if you put me in a corner, I'd

Kat's losing Thiam

KATARINA Johnson-Thompson's withdrawal three events into the heptathlon due to a right leg niggle was immediately described as precautionary.
But as she watched arch

sparks fresh interest and accelerates cricket's development in the country. They want it to be the start of a new

era with games being held in New York,

Texas and Florida.

But if cricket is ever going to work its

way into the American sporting psyche

it has to be right now when the fire of

T20 is burning so brightly on the rest of

Lloyd said: "They are really looking

They have never cracked the States

"Many people will be surprised to

to take this golden opportunity to showcase the T20 stuff to the Americans

in the past but there are real signs that

cricket is finally emerging there in a

hear that it is actually played a lot in

and grow the game there.

the globe.

stronger form.

rival Nafi Thiam show few signs of rust in her first meet for 11 months, the world champion's hopes

ATHLETICS

must have waned. Coach **Aston Moore confirmed the** decision in Rome was made by her team "in light of the proximity of the Olympics". Former Great Britain triple

jumper Moore said: "We do not want to risk losing any time from training."

LORENA WIEBES claimed victory in the third stage of the 2024 Lloyds Bank Tour of Britain Women to confirm Team SD Worx-Protime's third successive win.

The Dutch star said: "It's good to finish it off and the team worked hard for it. We always go for it and will go for the fourth stage too."

SODERBERG SOARING

HOME favourite Sebastian Soderberg heads into the final round of the Volvo Car Scandinavian Mixed with a commanding eight-shot lead as he bids for a first DP World Tour win since 2019.

The Swede, 33, came into the event having recorded three top-three finishes in his last four starts. And he

■ GOLF

has kept that momentum going, shooting rounds of 63, 66 and 66 on Thursday, Friday and Saturday respectively to reach 21 under par after 54 holes.

Scotland's Calum Hill was his nearest challenger on 13 under after signing for a 67.

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ity case not part of Prem battle

MANCHESTER CITY'S bid to sue the Premier League this week will have no impact on the club's fight to overturn the 115 charges that continue to leave a stain on the champions.

There have been suggestions that City's case to prove that new Associated Party Transaction rules that define how top-flight clubs negotiate sponsorship deals are illegal is being driven by a plot to also have the catalogue of serious allegations made against them thrown out.

legislation. But the which deems that any sponsorship agreement linked to club owners must be of fair market value, only came into force in December 2021 before being revised again last January.

The most serious financial charges levelled against City by the Premier League in February 2023 are alleged to have taken place in the period between 2009 and 2018. Neither case will impact the other.

City have claimed since they were charged by UEFA over Financial Fair Play breaches that the "attempt to damage the club's reputation is clear".

They beat a subsequent two-year Champions League ban following an appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport and insist that they also have "irrefutable evidence" to prove that the 115 Premier League charges are spurious.

Thirty-five of the allegations relate to non-cooperation with the investigation – an issue that cost the club a £10million fine when a similar charge made by UEFA was upheld by

City felt UEFA could not be trusted to keep confidential information private and they may now have similar concerns with the Premier ■ by SIMON MULLOCK

League after details from their 165page legal argument about APT were made public.

There is a feeling inside The Etihad that this latest wrangle is being viewed as an attempt to avoid having to answer the allegations in front of an independent commission.

City believe they have a strong legal argument that proves the APT regulations do not adhere to the law of the land.

The fact that two weeks have been set aside for an arbitration independent panel to make a judgement on the matter suggests their case has some merit.

City warned in February that they were prepared to

take legal action - and it would seem they have had at least one sponsorship deal rejected by the Premier League given also seeking are damages.

Club chairman Khaldoon Al Mubarak admitted during his annual address to City supporters that it is frustrating to have the Premier League case hanging over Pep Guardiola's team after Pep they had made history by winning a fourth successive title after their Treble season.

Khaldoon said: "I can feel for our fanbase, and everyone associated with the club, to have these charges constantly referenced.

"I think we as a club have to respect there is a process we have to go through – and we're going through it.

"It's taken longer than what everyone hoped for but it is what it is - and have always repeated, let's be judged by the facts and not by claims and counter-claims."





MANCHESTER CITY goalkeeper Stefan Ortega feels "motivated and challenged" after signing a one-year contract extension.

The German, who joined the club in 2022, has extended his stay until 2026. Ortega, 31 (right) is City's

back-up goalkeeper but a severe injury to Ederson meant he came on against Tottenham last month and denied Heung-Min Son with a fine save late on.

He also featured in their final Premier League match, when they clinched a record

fourth successive title, and made his 20th appearance of the term in the FA Cup Final defeat to Manchester United.

"I am delighted to be staying at Manchester City for longer," he said.
"This is a club that provides

players with everything we

need to be our best. Every single day I feel motivated and challenged.

"My family are really settled here in England, I love everything about it.

"Signing this means I can focus 100 per cent on next season.'



GOAL-DEN OLDIE: Jamie Vardy

Vardy still has what it takes to hit the big time

EXCLUSIVE by NEIL GOULDING

PREMIER LEAGUE winner Danny Simpson has no doubts Jamie Vardy can **STILL** cut the mustard for Leicester in the top flight.

Veteran striker Vardy ended speculation about his future by penning a new one-year deal with the Foxes on Thursday and is now relishing the chance to have another crack at the top flight.

Simpson and Vardy famously played in the history-making eicester side which won the Premier League crown in 2016. Ranked 5,000-1 outsiders to

claim the title at the start of what proved to be a memorable campaign, former England hitman Vardy inspired a magical maiden top-flight title-winning run with an impressive 24 goals.
And the marksman, 37, shows

no sign of slowing down, having finished top scorer with 18 league goals as the Foxes secured a fine promotion back to the big time by winning the Championship crown last month.

"From a sentimental and friend point of view, I'd love to see him have one more good year with Leicester in the Premier League," said Simpson.

"Even coming off the bench for 20 minutes here or 30 minutes there, you know he's only going to need one chance. He scores goals, that's what he does.

"He's still got that pedigree and he's still got that pace you need in the Premier League.

"I know the Championship is a different level but he's still got that sharpness and focus. He scored 18 goals last season - and he didn't even start all the games.

"He still gets those scrappy goals in the box. For what he's done for the club, I do think he deserves another season.

Vardy has enjoyed 12 campaigns with the Foxes, with nine of them in the Premier League, and has won five pieces of silverware across 464 appearances for the club since signing from Fleetwood in 2012.

"I know he loves the club and he's been a fantastic servant,"

added Simpson.
"He's got Premier League experience, which is priceless, and he's won the Premier League Golden Boot award, he's won the title and won the FA Cup.

"He's a Leicester legend, there's no doubt about that."

Vardy revealed he was delighted to have extended his stay at the King Power Stadium.

There's still more to come," he said. "I carry on until my legs say, That's it, game over'."

Overshadowed by the USA - but don't forget he led Uganda to their first ever T2O World Cup win, after beating Papa New Guinea.

YUKA SASO

The Japanese star became the youngest ever women's golfer to and two US Open titles at the age of 22 after her triumph at Lancaster Country

Called into the England training squad ahead of their summer Tour, despite missing most of the domestic season following a hip operation.

after being chopped from England's final Euros squad.

Pulled out of the French Open injured and underwent a knee operation which makes him doubtful for Wimbledon, starting on July 1.

ESTEBAN OCON
The F1 driver has been on the end of relentless social media abuse Apline team-mate Pierre Gasly at the Monaco Grand Prix.

A message to England fans in Germany..

RGD'S SAKE BEHA

NATIONAL AFFRONT: 'Fans' on top of a tram ahead of the Euro 2020 final

THE last time England threatened to win the Euros, all hell broke loose.

And that was on home soil.

Let alone those foreign lands which have seen such hooliganism down the years from those who claim to be Three Lions fans.

It's still difficult to comprehend what happened at Wembley ahead of the Euro 2020 final between Gareth Southgate's men and the Italians. How nobody died is a minor miracle.

And now the authorities brace themselves once again as another major tournament begins, and tens of thousands of English supporters get set to follow their team abroad.

To Germany, of all places, where once again, England will be one of the favourites to triumph.

What could possibly go wrong?

Around 300,000 are expected to leave these shores for some of Germany's major

Living off diets of lager, the occasional bratwurst and god knows what else, some seemingly will only have a thirst for ruining what should otherwise be a fantastic tournament.

No doubt at some stage Southgate and some of his stars will have to field questions about how fans have let the nation down again.

Should they have to do so, it will take away from the team's preparations and take the focus off what the overwhelming majority want to see and talk about.

It's become as tedious as it is repetitive and predictable.

But the saddest truth of all is that those

responsible don't deserve to have a talented team like this current England one.

One which could well return home with the trophy come the middle of July.

The German police have sent a stern message to those considering bringing shame on the country yet again.

German chief of Police, Peter Both, said: "What I would say to them, is don't be a d**k at the tournament.

"I know, and all people in Germany know, there is a long-lasting sporting rivalry between England and Germany.

"But it's important for me to say it's only a sporting one.

"Our countries have been, and remain, allies for over seven decades. If we talk about showing the Adolf Hitler salute, it's absolutely unbearable and intolerable.

"We have to tell them it's punishable and criminal in Germany."

Offenders will be arrested and marched to cash machines to face on-the-spot fines of up to £100. All well and good, but this relies $\frac{1}{2}$ on these numpties having the wit to remember their pin numbers.

Footage emerged this week of some England fans singing the deplorable anti-German song ahead of the friendly win over Bosnia & Herzegovina at St James' Park.

So the omens don't look good, considering who the host nation will be these next six

If England do go all the way it would no doubt result in an open-top bus parade around the streets of London. And then the vicious cycle can start all over again.

members with egg (but no bacon) on their faces after delivering them a harsh dose of the truth. In what is being referred to as Frygate', the actor and comedian (left)

institution of 'stinking of privilege and classism'.

Obviously this is unacceptable.

Three members of the MCC - and counting - have complained, which means Fry faces a possible

go before a disciplinary committee, led by a King's Counsel barrister no less, who will decide on any sanctions.

A process which kind of proves Fry's point in the first place. You couldn't make it

bloke called 'Fry' has left some of those who wear bacon and egg ties feeling absolutely cooked.
The MCC is basically a

group of posh fellas from backgrounds normal people will never relate to, who sit in

Lord's sipping fine wine while dressed in yellow and orange ties. An exclusive club which then appoints a barrister to give one of its members a slap on the wrist for speaking out of turn. To be frank, the entire scenario is farcical.

NEAR MISS: Palmer looks to

slip by Iceland's goalkeeper during Friday's friendly

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EURO 2024

GLENN HODDLE savs England must make the most of their attacking riches this summer.

The Three Lions are looking to put the heartache of Euro 2020 behind them.

Three years ago, Gareth Southgate's men came tantalisingly close to glory – but ended up losing the final on penalties to Italy at Wembley.

This time around, Southgate has packed his squad with top attacking talent as England look to make their mark in Germany with deadly forwards.

However, he is looking light in defence with Luke Shaw and Kieran Trippier recovering from injuries and Harry Maguire not making the cut.

Hoddle has urged Southgate to play to the squad's strengths as the men's side eye an end to

58 years of hurt.
"In forward areas I think England are better than France, Germany or anyone. It's because we've got the depth as well," the former England manager said.

"Offensively I think we're ready to win it, but it does worry me that Gareth will have to pick defenders who are not fully

"The lack of sharpness in defence will also impact the midfield.

"If we had a bit more strength in defence, you'd have just

Gareth will

look to tighten things up with two holding midfielders. "Phil Foden is going to

be so important. I want him to play like he does for his club, but the

manager has to give

him that freedom. "I don't feel like he's

England player yet although he's a player

who can make the difference – and hopefully for the next

"You could say the same about Jude Bellingham and Cole

"Bellingham wasn't

at his best in the Champions League

final, but that's not a worry. He's one hell of

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Palmer as well.

Declan Rice sitting.

■ by ALEX WOOD

done at Chelsea this year. I'd personally prefer to have one holding player so I could have Palmer on the right. I'd want Foden, Bellingham and Rice in the centre and have Palmer wide coming in. Foden could dovetail with

him beautifully.

"And I'm talking about starting him over Bukayo Saka, who is also a wonderful player, but for me Palmer has had the better season."

England lock horns with Serbia in their opening game of the tournament next weekend.

Hoddle insists getting off to a solid start is key – just like his side did at the 1998 World Cup with a 2-0 win over Tunisia.

"In that first game there's a bit of fear," said the ex-Chelsea boss.

"We were expected to beat Tunisia – and it'll be the same with Serbia.

"You don't want to be the team that comes unstuck.

"If you draw or lose you put yourself in a difficult position. "It doesn't

need to be a four-nil

> Hoddle was speaking at the shoot-out where Paddy Power comed thousands of punters to win a iet to Germany

PACE INVADERS

CHRIS WADDLE is worried England's defence could be the only thing to stand in the way of them winning Euro 2024.

He says Gareth Southgate's men have every chance of winning in Germany this summer.

But the former Newcastle ace, who was capped 62 times for England, fears

> where they may facing the best "My big concern

> > is the

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four,' said Waddle, who played in two World Cups in 1986 and 1990. "Jordan

Pickford has had a really good season, there's no problem

"We've several who can ■ by NEIL GOULDING slot in midfield and

attack-wise, we've got probably the best selection we've had for years. "But it's who plays

at the back. Kyle Walker's very quick, but likes to join in the attack. If he's up the field it's pace at the back I worry about.

"But we should go there and play to our strengths which at the moment is going forward. We are very good going forward.

"If it means we concede one or two and we win 4-2, you win and you keep

making progress.
"The teams who will be playing us will be looking at us and going they've got Harry Kane, Jude Bellingham and all these top players.

"All these teams will respect England and, deep down, I think a lot believe this is a tournament England could win.

"It's going to be really interesting. "I think that this England team have a chance all the way."

Gib jibes no Page turner

■ by SIMON CASS

ROB PAGE will field a stronger Wales side in Slovakia tonight – but does not regret giving youth a chance against Gibraltar.

Page (below) had to withstand boos and calls for him to quit from some Wales fans after Thursday's goalless draw against a team ranked 203rd out of the 210 in world football.

Boss Page selected an inexperienced side but Ethan Ampadu will return to captain his country in Slovakia, while Danny Ward, Chris Mepham and Jordan James play after sitting out the Gibraltar

game. Thursday subs Brennan Johnson. Daniel

James Kieffer Moore should all start.

Page said: "We were disappointed with the Gibraltar game – but we must move forward.

"We'll put it right and go again. The lads are on the back of three weeks off so it was unrealistic to start with our strongest team for the two games.

"We picked that team to play Gibraltar because we want to expose some of the younger players to international football.

Page gave debuts to Charlie Crew, Fin Stevens, Jay Dasilva, Lewis Koumas and Tom King on

Kiril hits the spot

■ by ADRIAN STILES

SLOVENIA played out a snore draw in their final Euros warm-up game

against Bulgaria yesterday. Kiril Despodov's penalty put Bulgaria ahead before Andraz Sporar levelled for Slovenia, who are in Group C with England.

Serbia beat Sweden 3-0 with Aleksandar Mitrovic on target, while Switzer-land drew 1-1 with Austria and Hungary eased past Israel 3-0. Diogo Jota scored for Portugal in a 2-1 defeat to Croatia.



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BAFFLED: Phil Foden

clutches the post as

England fall to defeat against Iceland









LEICESTER are preparing a £15million bid for Newcastle midfielder Sean Longstaff.

The Foxes, promoted back to the Premier League as Championship title winners, have been tracking the Tynesider for several months.
Toon boss Eddie Howe

admires Longstaff, 26, but with his contract up in a year's time, a deal holds appeal for the Magpies.

At the same time, Newcastle could be interested in Kelechi Iheanacho, 27, after Leicester confirmed the former Manchester City striker is being released at the end of his current contract.

NEWCASTLE have made an offer to managerless Burnley for goalkeeper James Trafford.

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■ by **DARREN WITCOOP**

WEST HAM will let Nayef Aguerd leave as part of a defensive shake-up.

The Morocco centre-back, 28, has struggled for form and fitness and is free to go after a two-year stint.

Skipper Kurt Zouma's future is also in doubt following the arrival of new boss Julen Lopetegui. The Hammers will look

to recoup the £30million they paid Rennes for Aguerd. Lyon and several Saudi sides are interested.

JOTA could be on his way back to Celtic next season with bosses at Saudi's Al-Ittihad welcoming offers for the winger.

by DARREN WITCOOP

IPSWICH are weighing up a move for Tottenham reject Japhet Tanganga.

The defender, once tipped for the top as a teenager, has just been

shown the door by Spurs. He impressed on loan with Championship side Millwall last season and the Lions want him to stay permanently.

But Tanganga is exploring all options with Premier League new boys Ipswich considering a deal for the free agent.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST manager Nuno Espirito Santo is interested in Corinthians goalkeeper Carlos Miguel. His release clause is £3.5m.



GARETH SOUTHGATE insists it will take more than the return of Jude Bellingham to lift his side's morale and form going into the Euros. The Three Lions and Real

Madrid ace links up with the squad today – for the first time since lifting the Champions League trophy at Wembley last weekend.

And the midfield man's arrival in the camp could hardly be more timely or welcome

> their 1-0 horror show defeat to Iceland on Friday

But if many see the Bernabeu sensation as the obvious saviour and solution to raising spirits off the pitch and the quality on it, Southgate has warned against pinning all hopes on one individual.

Dismissing the idea is all down to Bellingham to shake things up before the Group C opener against Serbia next unday, the England boss said: "I'm sure he will but it's not his responsibility

■ by **HARRY PRATT**

do that. It's for all of us to get the focus right, to make sure individually our mentality is right and, as a coaching team, to make sure we're working on areas that need to be better.

Not that the England boss is worried about Bellingham, 20, coping with the burden of xpectation. Quite the reverse.

However, he is adamant that England – runners-up at the last Euros – are anything but a one-man outfit as they bid to end the nation's desperate 58-year wait for a tournamenť triumph.

Southgate, part of the Terry Venables' side that reached the semis at Euro 96, added: 'We are not putting everything on Jude.

"He is, of course, a player with fabulous mentality and will have a big impact on the whole group.

"But we've a lot of good players and it's a collective thing to win this tournament. If we're relying on one person, that isn't going to be a team that wins.

The biggest thing over the last two games, and everyone was happy after Monday (3-0 v and Herzegovina), we've never had the collective together on the pitch at the same time.

"Maybe against Iceland it was closer but there are still players we're finding out about and, as I said, for me this really sharpens the focus of what we need to do leading into the Serbia game."

The race is on for Southgate

to find the right mix among his front six, while also knitting together a new-look defence amid fitness doubts over Luke Shaw and now John Stones, who exited Wembley with a

heavily-strapped right ankle. All of which leaves plenty of significant matters to sort in less than a week of training in Germany.

Southgate said: "A back three is not something we have talked about. It's not a route we have been looking to go down

"The availability of players changes what you may do and what profile of player you may play in certain positions.
"But we've been on a good

path without the ball against top-level opponents, against both Belgium and Brazil.

"Against Iceland, we didn't get that right. There are still players we are finding out about and so it really sharpens the focus of what we need to

do leading into the game against Serbia.

"That is what we've got. International football is about prioritising and making the most of the time.

There are a lot of factors to think about. There are uncertainties, physically, there's no question about that. But that's the hand we have. We have to play it the intelligent

way. "Of course, when you're one game away from a tournament there's a little bit of not wanting to get injured. I've played in those games, I understand.

"But equally, it's a jolt for us at a good time. We have to get our preparation spot on. It means we'll have an edge, which we need."

One player to emerge from the warm-up games with his growing reputation intact is prolific Chelsea attacking midfielder Cole Palmer.

"No question," added Southgate. "Cole has had a fabulous season and he got himself into fabulous positions

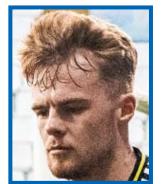
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again.
"He may have taken a touch too many against Iceland but the fact is he was in there and looked



ON THE BALL: England boss

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HONOUR: Tommy Conwa

Proudest moment for City boy Tom

TOMMY CONWAY made sure to see the look on his parents' faces as he prepared to make his Scotland debut.

Conway, 21, came off the bench during Friday's 2-2 Euro 2024 warm-up draw with Finland at Hampden and was close to a stoppage-time winner when his

header was saved. The Bristol City striker was promoted from the Scotland Under-21s squad after QPR star Lyndon Dykes was ruled out with an ankle injury. And he now has a real

chance of featuring in Germany after being included in Steve Clarke's 26-man squad for Euro

"Playing for my country is the pinnacle for me and making my family proud, let alone going to a Euros," said the Tauntonborn forward, who qualifies for Scotland through his grandfather.

"It's the most proud I've ever been.

"We're working around trying to get my family out there and one way or another they'll be there, no doubt.

"I had a little look around and gave them a little wave before I came on. That's the most important thing for me to see their faces, to see how proud they are of me to come on.

"I honestly can't put into words how much it means to me and I know my grandad will be looking down proud. Hopefully we can do them proud in Germany as well. "My grandad used to

take me to training and things like that, so to pay them back, it means so

Conway is riding a wave of positivity after his call-up and believes he can contribute in Scotland's Group A campaign against Germany, Switzerland and Hungary.





GREAT FU

ADAM WHARTON will step up to the mark with England at the Euros - no problem.

That is the view of Iceland midfielder Arnor Sigurdsson, who was Wharton's team mate at Blackburn before the latter's £18million January move to Crystal Palace.

Sigurdsson has nothing but glowing praise and admiration for his pal's staggering six-month rise from Championship to Premier League ace and subsequent shock selection in Gareth Southgate's final 26-man cut for

Germany. And he has no doubt that Wharton, 20 (below) will take the tournament by similar storm if required.

TASTY: Bellingham

with his CL medal

Sigurdsson, who starred in Iceland's shock 1-0 win at Wembley, said: "If asked to start, he could do it.

"He's so calm and doesn't get nervous. "I texted him

when he was in the training squad and again

Thursday when they announced the squad. "He is an amazing

player and such a humble person.
"I know he will reach the top. He is just getting started. I am

super-proud of him. "We all knew he would go to the Premier League at some time but six months from Blackburn to the Euros? I did not

expect that.

"As I told him. it Is just crazy also beautiful, seeing it from the outside.'

Wharton was unused against Iceland but Sigurdsson, who still swapped shirts with his friend, felt England were less committed.

The Rovers man added: "I understand they're going to the Euros and are one of the favourites. They were not 110 per cent at it like we were but they know how to do it at the big tournaments. "Watching England,

because I play over here, is extra special for me. I hope they go the whole way." HARRY PRATT



Aston Villa the previous

Shaw said: "I felt something against Villa and came off at half-time.

"I didn't train the whole week and when the scan came back, there wasn't too much there.
"I then trained the day

before the game at Luton - and if the manager asks me to play, I'm never

going to say no.
"But I shouldn't have played. It's kind of everyone's fault. Partly my fault, partly the medical staff.

"I think everyone would admit that."

Ten Hag has argued that a catalogue of injuries were behind a dreadful season which saw United finish eighth in the Premier League but win the FA Cup over rivals

Manchester City.
The Dutchman is yet to hear whether beating Pep Guardiola's City at Wembley has saved his job for next season. But co-owner Sir Jim

Ratcliffe has ordered an investigation into why the



casualty list was so

crippling.
To add insult to injury,
Shaw was devastated when fans questioned his commitment to the club when it became clear there was a chance he would make the plane for the Euros.

He said: "I got a few people coming up to me, saying, 'How can you not be fit for United but fit for

England'?
"No one knew the situation. I was actually very close to returning to team training.

"I was pushing to try and get back for the games and the final – and I think that I pushed too hard.

"I came back too quickly and ended up getting another injury in my hamstring.

'It was three weeks from the final and they (the doctors) said it was a six-week injury.

"It's been disappointing

for me, but I want to do everything I can, first and foremost, for United.

"I have always said that the United team comes before everything for me – and that will never change."

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faces a fight to be fit for England's opening game of the Furns - after the Euros Gareth Southgate decided he had to take a chance on the Manchester United defender.

Shaw, 28, has been sidelined over Manchester City last month.

He still isn't back in full training - and insists he's unwilling to take any more chances with his health after suffering a string of set-backs.

But Southgate is so short of left-backs that he felt compelled to take Shaw to Germany – even if he might not be available for the early matches.

Shaw, who reported for duty early in a bid to prove he was on the road to recovery, said: Of course, I would love to make the first game, I can't lie.
"But it's not really down to

me. At the moment we just go day by day, see how I react, see how I'm feeling in training.

"I don't want to be in one of those situations where I rush back too quickly because realistically I've only got one chance.

"If I feel something, then that's it – and I don't want that to happen. Obviously I've had a tough few months, really.

"But things are looking much more positive now and I'm feeling good.

"I am definitely progressing

"But I don't want to look too far ahead. Obviously, I'm very grateful to Gareth for picking me and showing the faith he

to get fit and try and help the team win this Euros."

Southgate's men ended up

win the nation's first major trophy since 1966 when they go to Germany.

A 1-0 defeat to minnows opens its campaign against Sunday.

not made the cut. Shaw revealed that And he also reckons it could be the perfect wake-up call

■ by SIMON MULLOCK

performance.

that it was an unacceptable

The defender believes there

may have been a hangover from the squad cull that saw

senior players like Jack Grealish, Harry Maguire and James Maddison told they had

kicks off. He said: "Gareth made it very clear in the changing room what he felt.

"I'm not going to repeat what was said but we know we need to be better. The mentality needs to be better, attitude, performance – everything.

"It's been a tough couple of days in camp, with the decisions. It's never an easy one to deal with. I'm not

massive effect, but it could have made a little difference.

"We weren't shocked by what the manager said. You look in that changing room and see the players, the quality and the experience, we know we should be better.

'This could have been the best thing to happen to us. It made us realise not going to be an easy ride."

LUKE OUT: Shaw went off injured in United's game at Luton in February





LUKE SHAW admits he

for four months by a hamstring injury made worse by his desperation not to miss United's FA Cup Final victory

much better than they thought I would – and me, too.

"For me, it's about repaying that and doing everything I can

Shaw fired England ahead in the final of Euro 2020 before

losing on penalties to Italy.
The Three Lions are overwhelming favourites to

Iceland at Wembley on Friday night was the worst possible preparation for a team that Serbia in Gelsenkirchen next

Southgate told his players in no





EURO AGONY: Anderton

Old pal Gareth's boys will Dazzle!

EXCLUSIVE by RICHARD EDWARDS

DARREN ANDERTON knows what it's like to come close to European Championship glory.

And after missing out against Germany in Euro '96, he believes England can banish memories of that Wembley heartbreak – if Gareth Southgate releases the handbrake.

"I wouldn't say it was now or never – but this is a really great opportunity," he said. "Firstly, because this is such a good side and secondly, because I don't think there's anyone out there to be scared of.

"If they're given the freedom to go out there and play as they can then they can beat every other team in Europe – there's no doubt about it.

"You need a little bit of luck in a tournament, I certainly know about that having been involved in Euro '96.

"They should be favourites and I believe if they perform as they can, then they can win the tournament."

Anderton was part of the England side that departed both the Euros and World Cup after penalty shootouts against Germany at Wembley, and Argentina in Saint Etienne in 1998.

He played alongside Southgate in both. Back then, managing the country would have been the last thing on the former Crystal Palace defender's mind.

But under Anderton's former team-mate, England have reached a first World Cup semi-final in 28 years in Russia, and a first major final since 1966 in the last European Championships. Now comes perhaps

their best chance of glory.
Anderton added: "There's a real confidence within

that squad. There's a real togetherness.
"It definitely appears that

"It definitely appears that way. They're a good bunch of lads, they get on well and that's important.

"It was the same at Euro '96 under Terry Venables. Everyone was playing for the shirt – we were united in one goal.

"I really do believe that we can do it."



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EURO 2024 COUNTDOWN: FIVE DAYS TO GO



LUKE SHAW has revealed how Manchester United forced him to take a gamble with his fitness that could have cost him his place at the Euros.

The England defender is also gutted that some United fans have questioned his commitment to the club after breaking down in his desperation to make it back for the FA Cup Final.

Shaw, who celebrates 10 years at United this month, believes some of the blame lies with boss Erik ten Hag (left) and the Old Trafford medical staff.

He was asked to play against Luton by Ten Hag after being forced off with a hamstring injury at Turn to Page 46 Shaw blames Ten Hag, United medics...and himself for injury KO

Defender insists he's committed to club but they risked Euros dream







SLOVENIA

Coach:

Matjaz Kek Star man: Jan Oblak

One to watch: Benjamin Sesko - RB Leipzig striker who is currently being tracked by top-flight heavyweights Arsenal. Chelsea and Man United. Previous best: Group Stage

Verdict: Won seven of their 10 qualification matches but getting out of Group C will prove difficult. Having quality at both ends of pitch in Oblak and Sesko will give them confidence. Odds to win: 250/1

DENMARK

Coach: Kasper Hiulmand Star man:

Rasmus Hojlund One to watch: Matt O'Riley Celtic midfielder has had a real stellar season, with clubs circling.

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Previous best: Winners (1992)

Verdict: Organised unit with quality in all areas of the pitch. Denmark will be eyeing revenge against England after their Euro 2020 semi-final defeat but they're well equipped to perform.

Odds to win: 40/1

ENGLAND

Coach: Gareth Southgate Star man: Jude Bellingham

One to watch: Phil Foden -Comes into tournament off back of a best-ever season at club level and firing on all cylinders for Pep Guardiola and Man City.

Previous best: Runners-up (2020)

Verdict: England are the favourites heading into the tournament and now is the time to deliver. They have world-class superstars, experience and now they have to make it count. Odds to win: 3/1

SERBIA

Coach: Dragan Stojkovic Star man:

Aleksandar Mitrovic One to watch: Dusan

Vlahovic - Prolific Juventus striker will want to make a point.

Previous best: Runners-up as Yugoslavia (1960, 1968) Verdict: Tough nut to crack with goals in attack. Serbia are always tipped as the tournament dark horses but very rarely live up to that billing. However, they will represent difficult

opponents for anyone. Odds to win: 80/1



SOUTHGATE HAS FEARSOME











GARETH SOUTHGATE can lay claim to being the most attacking England manager ever - and he has the goals to prove it.

But the key to Euro glory in the coming weeks will be to fully unleash what is arguably the most potent armoury of striking talent that this country has ever sent into a tournament.

Harry Kane, Jude Bellingham, Phil Foden, Bukayo Saka, Cole Palmer and Ollie Watkins are all master takers - as well as makers - of goals.

Throw Jarrod Bowen, Eberechi Eze, Anthony

Simon Mullock **ENGLAND VERDICT**

Gordon and Ivan Toney into the mix and the weapons at Southgate's disposal really are explosive.

And that's without thinking about the passing brilliance of Trent Alexander-Arnold that so often elicits comparisons to Kevin De Bruvne.

Southgate will know better than anyone what he's been blessed with.

But his England side haven't been slow in going forward during his eight-year reign - according to the stats, at least.

His 95 matches have produced 217 goals at an average of 2.28 goals per game.

Only Sir Alf Ramsey's England scored more. But at $22\overline{4}$ goals in 113 matches, their strike-rate was not as prolific.

Fabio Capello, whose team scored 89 goals in 42 internationals, is the only England manager since Ramsey who gets close to Southgate in that respect.

Maybe it's the near misses that make the 53-year-old's critics complain that the side created are capable of even

2018 and the cruel penalty shootout agony against Italy at the last Euros leave lasting scars.

Two years ago, only a late penalty miss by Kane brakes off and trust prevented England from themselves to do what now taking their World Cup quarter-final against France into extra time when Didier Deschamps' side looked there for the taking.

dreams over the past 58 years, scoring 36 Bundesliga goals,

Southgate's team to put themselves up alongside

Problems with form, fitness and inexperience elsewhere in the team suggest that England must play with the comes naturally.

Kane's move to Bayern Munich may not have brought him the medals he craved, but he did claim the After so many broken European Golden Shoe after this has already been a during a season which saw

GROUP C FIXTURES - SUNDAY, JUNE 16: Slovenia v Denmark (5pm, ITV), Serbia v England (8pm, BBC). THURSDAY, v Slovenia (8pm, ITV), Denmark v Serbia (8pm, ITV).

GAME, EVERY KICK AND FLICK FROM



him hit the net 44 times in all competitions

The goal chart incorporating Europe's top five leagues includes another three Englishman in the top 10.

Palmer scored 22 times in his debut season at Chelsea, while Foden was named FWA Footballer of the Year after finding the net 19 times as he helped his club win a fourth successive Premier League title, and Watkins matched that tally as Aston Villa qualified for the Champions League.

Then there's Bellingham, who marked his debut season for Real Madrid with 23 goals and is already in the frame for the

Ballon d'Or after winning both La Liga and the Champions League.

Defensively, Southgate has some big issues to solve.

Harry Maguire is missing, while Luke Shaw will have not played a competitive game for four months by the time England face Serbia in Gelsenkirchen in their opening group game next Sunday.

John Stones is also a worry Pep Guardiola was furious with Southgate for starting the defender in successive friendlies in March before sending him back to Manchester City injured.

The chances of Stones staying fit in Germany will hinge on the England manager nursing him

carefully tournament. So almost five years after Kyle Walker's international career appeared over when he was dropped by England, the 34-year-old is now Southgate's go-to defender.

Kieran Trippier, another 30-something, may have to play out of position on the left if Shaw isn't ready in time.

Joe Gomez, Lewis Dunk, Marc Guehi and Ezri Konsa offer versatility but have a combined after the 20-year-old was playing total of 36 caps between them.

Declan Rice will have to replicate his outstanding debut season at Arsenal by protecting the weakness in England's team.

through the to deploy Alexander-Arnold at right-back and ask Walker to play inside as he has done previously.

> The England manager has not played it safe with his squad selection.

> Teenager Kobbie Mainoo's form at Old Trafford made him a compelling contender, and he has also been brave enough to recognise the talents of Crystal Palace midfielder Adam Wharton, less than six months in a struggling Blackburn team in the Championship.

But to go all the way, Southgate will likely have to rely most on those up top to fire the Three Southgate may even be forced Lions to glory once again.

MOST FINALS APPEARANCES

25: Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal) 19: Joao Moutinho (Portugal) 19: Pepe (Portugal) 18: Leonardo Bonucci (Italy) **18:** Bastian Schweinsteiger (Germany)

MOST FINALS GOALS

14: Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal) 9: Michel Platini (France) 7: Antoine Griezmann (France), Alan Shearer (England)

MOST GOALS IN A SINGLE FINALS GAME

- 3: Dieter Muller (West Germany 4-2 Yugoslavia, 1976)
- 3: Klaus Allofs (West Germany 3-2 Holland, 1980)
- 3: Michel Platini (France 5-0 Belgium, 1984)
- 3: Michel Platini (France 3-2 Yugoslavia, 1984)
- 3: Marco van Basten (Holland 3-1 England, 1988) 3: Sergio Conceicao (Portugal 3-0 Germany, 2000)
- 3: Patrick Kluivert (Holland 6-1 Yugoslavia, 20000)
- 3: David Villa (Spain 4-1 Russia, 2008)

MOST GOALS IN A SINGLE FINAL TOURNAMENT

9: Michel Platini (France, 1984)

FASTEST GOAL

1min 7secs: Dmitri Kirichenko (Russia 2-1 Greece, 2004)

Artur Soares Dias (Portugal) Jesus Gil Manzano (Spain) Marco Guida (Italy)

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Last 16: Sat, June 29

Tues, July 2

Final: Sunday, July 14

FASTEST HAT-TRICK

18 mins: Michel Platini (France 3-2 Yugoslavia,

YOUNGEST PLAYER 17 years 246 days:

Kacper Kozlowski (Spain 1-1 Poland, 2021)

YOUNGEST SCORER

18 years 141 days: Johan Vonlanthen (Switzerland 1-3 France, 2004)

OLDEST PLAYER

40 years 86 days: Gabor Kiraly (Hungary 0-4 Belgium, 2016)

OLDEST SCORER

38 years 257 days: Ivica Vastic (Austria 1-1 Poland. 2008)

MOST FINALS

5: Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016, 2020)

MOST FINAL WINS

3: Spain (1964, 2008, 2012), Germany/West Germany (1972, 1980, 1996)

MOST FINAL TOURNAMENTS

13: Germany/West Germany

MOST GOALS IN A SINGLE FINAL TOURNAMENT 14: France (1984)

MOST GOALS SCORED IN A SINGLE GROUP STAGE

9: France (1984), Holland (2008)

- · Berti Vogts is the only man to have won a EURO as a player (West Germany, 1972) and a coach (Germany, 1996)
- 10 players have won the European Cup/UEFA Champions League and a EURO in the same summer: Luis Suarez (Inter Milan and Spain, 1964), Ronald Koeman (PSV and Holland, 1988), Barry van Aerle (PSV and Holland, 1988), Hans van Breucklen (PSV and Holland, 1988), Gerald Vanenburg (PSV and Holland, 1988), Juan Mata (Chelsea and Spain, 2012), Fernando Torres (Chelsea and Spain, 2012), Cristiano Ronaldo (Real Madrid and Portugal, 2016), Pepe (Real Madrid and Portugal, 2016), Jorginho (Chelsea and Italy, 2020)

POLAND

Coach: Michal Probierz Star man: Robert Lewandowski

One to watch: Jakub Kiwior - The Arsenal left-back is reliable in defence and useful in going forward

as well. Previous best: Quarter-finals (2016) Verdict: In a difficult group, maybe, but expect Poland to qualify for the latter stages - albeit via a best thirdplace slot, Experience makes them dangerous,

their history suggests a

last-16 finish at best.

Odds to win: 200/1

HOLLAND

Coach: Ronald Koeman Star man: Virgil van Diik One to watch: Xavi Simons Paris Saint-Germain winger, 21, is fresh from a brilliant loan season at RB Leipzig. Previous best: Winners (1988) Verdict: They reached the last-four at the 2022 World Cup in Qatar and have continued to improve as a team. Are more than dark

horses this summer, and

quite possibly genuine

Odds to win: 18/1

contenders for the title.

AUSTRIA

Coach: Ralf Rangnick Star man: Marcel Sabitzer One to watch: Konrad Laimer - Midfielder looking to impress after debut season at Bayern Munich. Previous best: Last 16 (2020) Verdict: Former Man United boss Rangnick ignored the Bayern Munich iob to remain with Austria this summer - underlining their potential. But they face a massive scrap to get out of this group with such

FRANCE

better here.

Odds to win: 3/1

heavyweights.

Odds to win: 80/1

Coach: Didier Deschamps Star man: Kylian Mbappe One to watch: Eduardo Camavinga - Real Madrid ace can dictate a game like very few. Previous best: Winners (1984, 2000) Verdict: Joint-favourites and rightly so - despite failing to retain their global supremacy since winning 2018 World Cup. Runners-up in Qatar, they need Mbappe back to his best to go one

Koeman knows he is in safe hands

BRIGHTON keeper Bart Verbruggen is looking forward to living up to his nickname of 'Penalty Killer' after being told he will be Holland's No.1 at the Euros.

The 21-year-old was given the perfect pre-tournament boost this week when Dutch coach Ronald Koeman (below) assured him he would be his main man in Germany.

Now the £16.3million signing from Anderlecht has set his sights on being his nation's shootout king when he is put on the spot this summer.

"Penalty Killer is a title by which other people label me," said Verbruggen, who is set to become the voungest-ever keeper to represent Holland at a major tournament when Oranje kick-off against Poland on Sunday.

'I have faced many penalties in the past. Some have gone in - but I feel comfortable. I have confidence in myself.

'When it comes to the tournament I feel I'm ready.

"I wouldn't say what the coach has said is a surprise - but it's always nice to get that confirmation.

'The Euros are really something. When I got the message I was super happy - and I still am.

"I'm so looking forward to it. It's a boyhood dream for me. I didn't do a dance, I didn't stand on a table, but I had a grin from ear to ear.

"I really can't wait. We are going to have a great summer."

Verbruggen grew up in Zwolle in the north east of Holland.

He impressed his parents at such a young age with his goalkeeping skills that they paid for him to attend a coaching school which helped him develop further.

He went on to join WDS 19, an amateur club in Breda that had also been a stepping stone for Virgil van Dijk.

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Verbruggen's one big regret is that his father Coen died suddenly three years ago when he was making his name at Belgian giants Anderlecht and

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did not get to see his son play for Holland.

"It's just super sad that my father didn't get to experience this," said Verbruggen.

"He should have been able to see this in the stadium or at home in front of the TV.

"I know he would have been

very proud." Verbruggen shared goalkeeping duties with Luke Steele at the Amex Stadium last

He was given his Anderlecht debut by Ŭincent Kompany – and when the former Manchester City defender became boss of Burnley he wanted to bring the

young keeper with h Brighton beat the Clare signature and now he chance to enhance his re further after a huge confidence from Koem Holland's coach had r

about naming his first-o the Euros ahead



GROUP D FIXTURES - SUNDAY, JUNE 16: Poland v Holland (2pm, BBC). MONDAY, JUNE 17: Austria v France (8pm, ITV). **JUNE 25:** France v Poland (5pm, BBC), Holland v Austria (5pm, BBC).

with exciting young stopper

Gakpo to show Outch of class

CODY GAKPO believes Liverpool's injury crisis

last season has made him a better player. Gakpo was used in a variety of positions by Jurgen Klopp when the Reds' squad was hit by the loss of several top performers.

The Dutchman's versatility enabled Klopp to

still guide Liverpool to the Carabao Cup and a third-place finish in his final season at Anfield.

Now Gakpo goes into the Euros aiming to improve on an impressive World Cup two

years ago. He said: "We had an injury crisis at Liverpool that had to be solved in a certain way. You have to just deal with it. Sometimes that went very well and sometimes not so well because of the constant switching.

"But it has been a process from which I eventually gained a lot for myself. In the end, I am grateful that it turned out to be a very instructive season.

"What my role will be in Germany? I haven't thought about that myself yet. "I have felt my role changing - and maybe

others now look at me differently. As you get older yourself and some younger guys come in, then the dynamic changes automatically.

"But I have always had a great sense of responsibility to do my best for the team." Holland coach Ronaldo Koeman reckons he will be able to use Gakpo in as many as five

different roles during the tournament. And the 25-year-old believes Koeman will also be able to call on a player who has also

improved physically. Gakpo said: "My condition has improved in terms of the pace I can handle and also the intensity.



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tournament. Koeman said: "If everything goes well and he reaches his true level and stays fit, it could be that he is the goalkeeper for a long time.

"In terms of age and considering the level he plays at in the Premier League, I think he the three goalkeepers in the will only get better. He has a great

future ahead of him. It has been clear to me for several weeks that Bart would be the first-choice.

"That also comes from the Autumn period, during which Bart played the internationals.

"I made the decision clear with squad."

Coach: Luis de la **Fuente** Star man: Rodri One to watch: Lamine Yamal - The 16-year-old Barcelona sensation will take some stopping. He looks like he will be around for years to come as well. Previous best: Winners (1964, 2008, 2012) Verdict: Spain are in the group of death but have the quality to come out on top of it, though this is their first major tournament under new boss De la Fuente and it could prove challenging to go all the way.

Odds to win: 8/1

ITALY

Coach: Zlatko Dalic Star man: Luka Modric One to watch: Luka Sucic -Could struggle for minutes in star-studded midfield but Salzburg star is a gem. Previous best: Quarterfinals (1996, 2008) Verdict: Croatia are always dark horses after reaching the 2018 World Cup final and semi-finals in Qatar. They have experience, quality and winners within their ranks. Don't bet against them to go far in Germany. Odds to win: 40/1

Coach: Luciano Spalletti Star man: Nicolo Barella One to watch: Andrea Cambiaso - Juventus fullback has had fine season with Bianconeri and will want to cap it off in style. Previous best: Winners (1968, 2020) Verdict: Have their work cut out trying to make knockout stages but the holders from 2020 have experience, a solid defence, attacking talent and a top coach in Spalletti. Odds to win: 14/1

Coach: Sylvinho Star man: Armando Broja One to watch: Ernest

Muci - Scored three times against Aston Villa in the **UEFA** Conference League this season.

Previous best: Group Stage (2016) Verdict: Almighty underdogs but that's a tag they'll embrace in Germany. Topped a very tricky qualification group having lost just one of eight matches and will bring huge support with them to the finals. Odds to win: 500/1

GROUP B FIXTURES - SATURDAY, JUNE 15: Spain v Croatia (5pm, ITV), Italy v Albania (8pm, BBC). WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19: Croatia v Albania (2pm, ITV). **THURSDAY, JUNE 20:** Spain v Italy (8pm, ITV). **MONDAY, JUNE 24:** Croatia v Italy (8pm, BBC), Albania v Spain (8pm, BBC).

Luis delight as ace Pedri is fighting fit SPAIN boss Luis de la

Fuente could not resist spilling the beans - Pedri is fit and ready to light up the Euros.

The brilliant Barcelona midfielder (below) endured a tricky, injury-interrupted campaign, with a serious hamstring issue proving hard to overcome.

However, having witnessed Pedri's international return last week - when he played for an hour in Spain's 5-0 thumping of Andorra - De la Fuente has delivered the best verdict possible on his voung passing

He said: "I'm going to tell you something secret. I have

supremo.

to give you the good news -Pedri is back.

"I've seen him with the enthusiasm to work, the desire to show it and the energy. Not that Pedri has to show me anything.

"But he's going to go back to the level of before. I have no doubt. I see him with more confidence

and security. It's a sure bet and he's a great talent. "You always expect

> the best from him. This is great news for the squad." Meanwhile. De la Fuente heads into

the Euros armed with a new contract that will keep him at the helm until 2026.

HARRY PRATT

FRIDAY, JUNE 21: Poland v Austria (5pm, ITV), Holland v France (8pm, BBC). TUESDAY,

GERMANY

Coach: Julian Nagelsmann Star man: Jamal Musiala

One to watch: Maximilian Beier - Hoffenheim forward hit 16 goals in 33 Bundesliga matches this season Previous best: Winners (1972, 1980, 1996) Verdict: Germany were beaten in the last 16 by England at Euro 2020 and exited both the 2018 and 2022 World Cups at the group stage but the hosts have the talent and manager to shine bright once again. Odds to win: 11/2

SCOTLAND

Coach: Steve Clarke Star man: Andv Robertson One to watch: Scott McTominay - The Man United midfielder scored seven goals in eight qualifiers. Previous best: Group Stage (1992, 1996, 2020) Verdict: Scotland will believe they have the spirit to reach the knockout stages for the first time in their history, their unity will be key as they target an upset in the opening match. Odds to win: 100/1

HUNGARY

Coach: Marco Rossi Star man: Dominik Szoboszla One to watch: Milos Kerkez - The 20-year-old Bournemouth full-back has been tracked by Chelsea and could be one of the stars of the tournament. Previous best: Third (1964) Verdict: Could be a tough ask making it out of the group but Hungary proved they're no pushovers when they hammered England 4-0 at Molineux back in June 2022 - keep an eye on Odds to win: 80/1

SWITZERLAND Murat Yakin Star man: Granit Xhaka

One to watch: Noah Okafor - Highly-rated AC Milan forward ready to lead the

Previous best: Quarterfinals (2020) Verdict: Switzerland have major tournament experience and will take great belief from dumping France out of Euro 2020. They will be expected to get out of group and into the KO rounds with Germany.

Odds to win: 66/1



ANGUS HAS SCOT WHAT IT TAKES TO LEAD TARTAN ARMY

BRYAN GUNN has explained his son Angus's major U-turn after the keeper ditched his English allegiances to join the Tartan

Proud Scotsman Gunn Senior made six appearances for his homeland from 1990-94 while a long-serving, popular goalkeeper at

His son Angus, 28, was born in Norfolk and grew up playing for the Three Lions from Under-16s to Under-21s after following his dad into shot-stopping.

But Gunn Junior opted to pledge his allegiance to Scotland last year and has since made nine appearances after impressing with the Canaries.

He now has four clean sheets since his international debut last March most proud Scotsmen that is in that and may face hosts Germany in the opening fixture next Friday for Steve Clarke's side. Gunn Senior, 60, said:

James Nursey **EXCLUSIVE**

"Angus is reaping the benefits from his performances with Norwich.

The Scotland manager phoned him up and said, I want you to be the Scottish goalkeeper.

"That was a decision he made himself, I am part of a support mechanism where people would phone and say, 'Would Angus play for

"I would say, 'The best thing to do is speak to Angus himself' - and that is what Steve Clarke did.

"That is why Angus has decided he is Scottish and is probably one of the squad."

Scotland to Germany as they came career on the back of it. He has

second in Group A behind Spain. He also helped Norwich into the Championship play-offs after thriving back at the Canaries, having moved to Manchester City before returning.

"I am Ängus Gunn's dad now, that is my new name," added Bryan (right). "He has done it

himself in many ways.

"He went away to Manchester City and stepped out of his comfort zone, being a Norwich boy and being at school in Norwich and in the academy.

"He was taken out into a very different environment into a tough northern environment.

"It has been the making of him and Gunn played five qualifiers to help he has been able to create his own

worked with coaches like Pep Guardiola, Roberto Mancini and Manuel Pellegrini and trained with Joe Hart from a very young age.

"His education finished there and now he is out in the big wide world of professional football doing his own

thing."

Scotland's trip to the Euros promises to be a family affair for the Gunn clan, with Angus' sister Mimi flying over from the other side of the

world to bolster the ranks of the Tartan Army.

Gunn added: "Our daughter was on a travelling year but she has decided to stop that because she is going to go to Germany.

"I said, 'You had better get a job quick and pay your own flight because I can't afford to'!'

GROUP A FIXTURES - FRIDAY, JUNE 14: Germany v Scotland (8pm, ITV). SATURDAY, JUNE 15: Hungary v Switzerland (2pm, ITV). WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19: Germany v Hungary (5pm, BBC), Scotland v Switzerland (8pm, BBC). SUNDAY, JUNE 23: Switzerland v Germany (8pm, BBC), Scotland v Hungary (8pm, BBC).

BACK IN BUSINESS

Albert tips Red Devils to shake off former pressures

IT'S NOT just the Three Lions who are proving there is life after the Golden Generation.

Belgium may not have the household names who dominated their squad a few years ago.

But under the shrewd stewardship of head coach Domenico Tedesco (right), the Red Devils are on the march again after their disastrous performances at the World Cup in Qatar.

And according to Belgian legend Philippe Albert, despite the retirement of several big names, there can be a silver lining for his countrymen in the weeks ahead.

"Of course on paper, we don't look as strong without players such as Eden Hazard, Toby Alderweireld and Dries Mertens," said the former Newcastle defender.

"For the last 10 years, we have gone into the major tournaments as one of the favourites.

"But England know only too well that offers no guarantees.

"Like us, they had their own golden generation and like us, they came up short."

Albert, a key cog in Kevin Keegan's Entertainers at St James' Park during the 1990s, isn't predicting Euro glory for today's Belgium this summer.

But he's convinced they will fare much better than they did at the World Cup when they failed to reach the knockout stages.

"Everything went wrong out there," Albert said.

"Kevin De Bruyne and Romelu Lukaku struggled for fitness and Hazard was badly out of sorts.

"In the end, we got what we deserved and went home early.

"Hazard is no longer playing but both De Bruyne and Lukaku are fit and in good form.

"Kevin won his 100th cap and alsoscored in the 2-0 win over rans Montenegro last week and put in a and superb performance. that

"And English fans know how could yet influential a fit and firing De Bruyne work can be." While Albert has for us."

lan Murtagh

reservations about the Belgian defence, he believes that as an attacking force, they will be one of the best at Euro 2024.

"Out wide, Jeremy Doku is coming off a fine season with Manchester City while PSV's Johan Bakayoko will catch the eye," he said.

"They will provide good service for Lukaku, who's a handful for any backline when he's in the mood.

"The defence is a concern.

"Everyone will point to the omission of Thibaut Courtois from the squad, though I'm right behind Tedesco's decision to leave him out for disciplinary reasons.

"He failed to turn up for a squad session last year and has never apologised. No individual is bigger than the team.

"Matz Sels has been the regular keeper but Koen Casteels of Wolfsburg has been given his chance and done well."

And Albert's message to the doubters is clear.

He said: "Don't write off Belgium. No one is tipping us to do well but so there is less pressure on the players.

"It's a long time since we were among the ealsorans and that could yet work for we"





King Kev will be looking for Belgium's young guns to ascend to power

A REFOCUSED Kevin De Bruyne is looking to a younger Belgium to end the Red Devils' reputation as perennial big-tournament chokers.

For 1,239 days between September 2, 2018, and February 10, 2022, Roberto Martinez's side reigned supreme at No.1 in the FIFA rankings. It was a so-called

By **John Richardson**

Golden Generation packed with household-name stars.

But when the heat was on in World Cup and European Championship finals Belgium simply melted and never justified their top ranking.

Even before a ball had been kicked in the last World Cup finals in Qatar, De Bruyne had written off his country's chances of success, insisting: "We've got no chance, we're too old. I think we had more of a chance in 2018."

That's when they reached the semi-finals, beaten by France but overcoming England in the third-place final. His doom-laden prophesy for Qatar came true, Belgium even failing to get out of their qualifying group. In the last Euros finals they were knocked out in the quarter-finals by Italy.

This time around - with Martinez gone and Domenico Tedesco in charge - there is less expectation illustrated by odds of 22/1 to be crowned Euro 2024 kings.

But at least for 32-year-old De Bruyne there will be some younger legs around him. Emerging stars like his Etihad team-mate Jeremy Doku and Atletico Madrid midfielder Arthur Vermeeren, 19, will be roaring De Bruyne on.

He said: "I don't feel like the outside puts more pressure on me than myself. I still want to perform for my country as well and that is more the motivation within myself."

GROUP BELGIUM, SLOVAKIA, ROMANIA, UKRAINE

BELGIUM

Coach: Domenico Tedesco Star man: Kevin De Bruyne

One to watch: Leandro
Trossard - Ignored at World
Cup, but the Arsenal creator
can make amends here.
Previous best: Semi-finals

Previous best: Semi-final (1980) Verdict: Belgium have persistently failed to deal

with the 'favourites' tag at major tournaments.
Perhaps, then, coming into these finals as relative outsiders will suit and allow their massively talented squad to go deep.
Odds to win: 22/1

SLOVAKIA

Coach: Francesco Calzona Star man: Milan Skriniar

One to watch: David Hancko - Rock-solid Feyenoord central defender who chips in with goals.

Previous best: Round of 16 (2016)

Verdict: The Slovaks have a handful of quality names in their squad, including their skipper and Paris Saint-Germain centre-half Skriniar. But that will not be enough for the big underdogs of the group.

ROMÂNIA

Odds to win: 500/1

ROMANIA

Coach: Edward lordanescu Star man: Nicolae Stanciu

One to watch: Radu Dragusin - The fast-improving Tottenham defender can

shine in Germany.

Previous best:

Quarter-finals (2020)
Verdict: To expect a repeat
of their run into the last
eight at the previous Euros
is far-fetched for a nation
who are ranked 47th by
FIFA. Reaching the knockout
phase will be their ultimate
goal - don't bet against

Odds to win: 300/1

UKRAINE

Coach: Serhiy
Rebrov
Star man:
Oleksandr Zinchenko
One to watch: Artem
Dovbyk - The Girona striker

can enhance his reputation on the world stage. **Previous best:** Quarter-

Previous best: Quarter-finals (2020)

Verdict: Zinchenko & Co will do brilliantly to reach the quarter-finals like last time but the play-off qualifiers have incredible pride and resilience – and those characteristics can take

Odds to win: 100/1

GROUP E FIXTURES - MONDAY, JUNE 17: Romania v Ukraine (2pm, BBC), Belgium v Slovakia (5pm, ITV). FRIDAY, JUNE 21: Slovakia v Ukraine (2pm, BBC). SATURDAY, JUNE 22: Belgium v Romania (8pm, ITV). WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26: Ukraine v Belgium (5pm, BBC), Slovakia v Romania (5pm, BBC).

TURKEY Coach: Vincenzo

Montella Star man: Hakan Calhanoglu

One to watch: Kenan Yıldız -Juventus teenage striker, 19, is already a Serie A regular and has a very bright future. Previous best: Semi-finals (2008)

Verdict: Lack of goals could be a problem for Turkey, who have scored twice in four winless outings since qualification and shipped six against Austria in March. But a win against Georgia and they should progress to the next round. Odds to win: 80/1

GEORGIA

Coach: Willy Sagnol Star man: Giorgi Mamardashvili One to watch: Khvicha Kvaratskhelia - lethal Napoli playmaker with 15 goals in 29 internationals. Previous best: N/A Verdict: In reaching their first major finals, the debutants underlined they are no pushovers. They held Scotland to make the playoffs, then toppled Greece. Their opening clash with Turkey is critical for their chances of progression. Odds to win: 750/1

PORTUGAL

Coach: Roberto Martinez Star man: Cristiano Ronaldo

One to watch: Rafael Leao £80million-rated AC Milan left-winger enjoyed sizzling campaign in Italy this season.

Previous best: Winners (2016)

Verdict: Ronaldo may not carry the same threat but a squad jammed with top talent from Europe's top teams means they are serious contenders for glory. Whether boss Martinez helps or hinders is key. Odds to win: 8/1

CZECH REPUBLIC

Coach: Ivan Hasek Star man: Tomas Soucek One to watch: Adam

Hlozek - Baver Leverkusen forward, 21, has an eye for goals and assists.

Previous best: Runners-up

Verdict: The Czechs have been involved in every single European Championship but gone are the days when they would be considered one of the favourites to win it. A decent shout to qualify for the KO phase.

Odds to win: 175/1



R7's last dances

CRISTIANO CONTINUES FOR SILVERWARE HUNT AT AGE OF 39

PROOF that his Middle East riches come second to a burning passion for football silverware came with Cristiano Ronaldo's tears in Saudi Arabia.

He cut a disconsolate figure as his Al-Nassr lost to the already crowned Saudi Pro League champions Al-Hilal in a penalty shoot-out climax to the Kings Cup of Champions final.

Safe to say the former Manchester United and Real Madrid star had scored his but ex-United player Alex Telles missed, which meant a second season in the sun without a trophy for Ronaldo.

And with Portugal imploding in the Qatar World Cup losing to Morocco in the quarter-finals, at the age of 39 instead of counting the John Richardson **REPORTING**

mountains of Saudi riyals he is a man on a mission in possibly the last dance for his country.

Knowing Ronaldo it won't be a slow waltz in Germany, more a quickstep complete with hops and skips.

He is a glorious freak of nature. His first international goal was 20 years ago during Euro 2004 – a tournament on home soil which ended in a surprise defeat in the final to Greece.

Roberto Martinez, who has switched from Belgium to become Portugal head coach, is delighted he

"Cristiano brings that experience," he said. "But more than anything probably the biggest surprise is that he approaches every day as a new way to be the best, a new way to continue to impress.

Incredibly this will be Ronaldo's record breaking sixth European Championship finals, while five World Cup finals have also been negotiated.

The last World Cup saw his huge rival Lionel Messi lead Argentina to victory – something which would have really impacted on a still hugely ambitious Portuguese.

He would love to follow suit in the Euros and although there was no team silverware in Saudi Arabia there

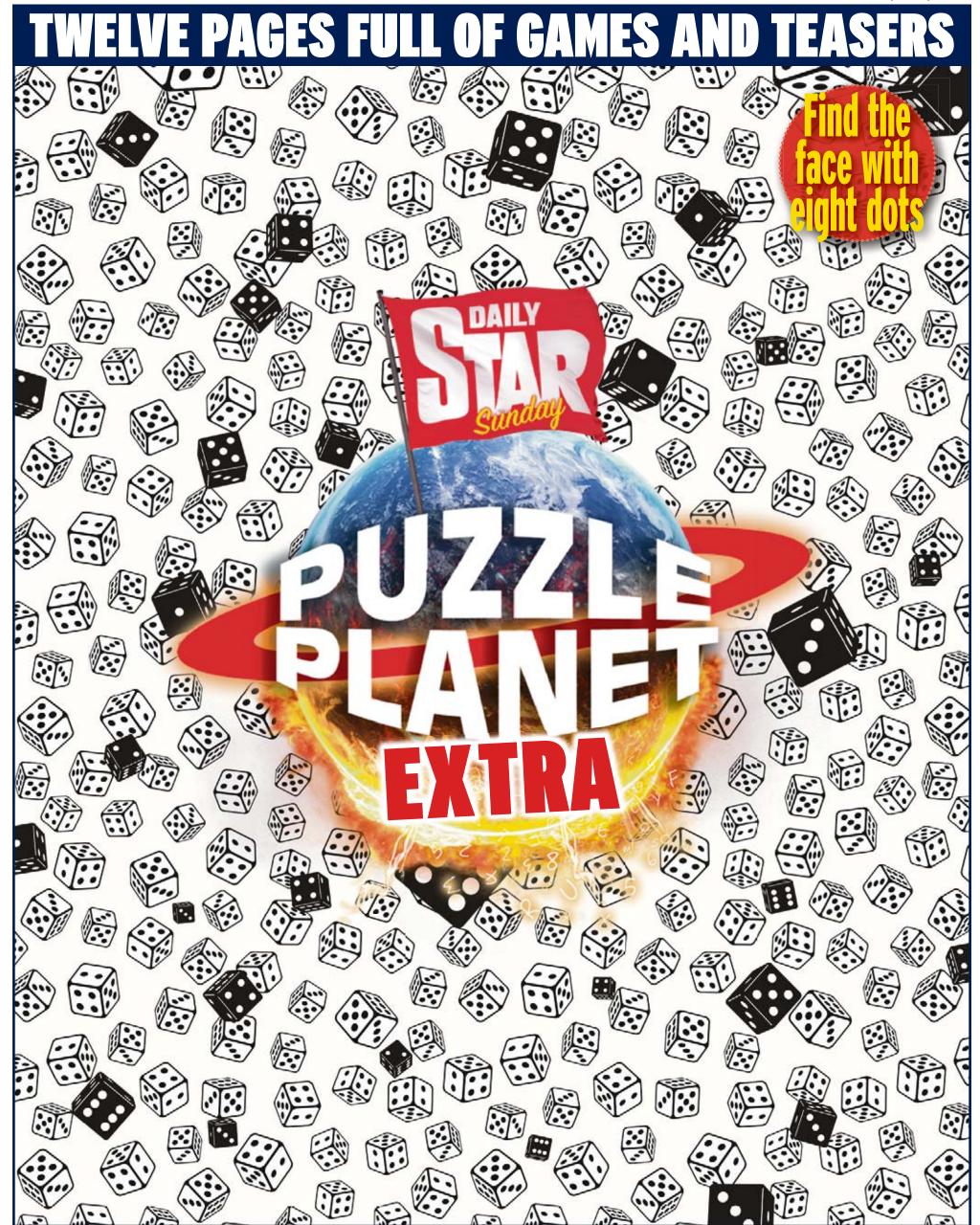
inherited a footballing legend. were still plenty of goals, assists and a personal gong. He received the league's top scorer award in recognition of 35 in 31 games. He also ran up 11 assists.

"It's probably one of the best seasons I've had in terms of goals and assists," he said. "It's about being the same Cristiano that you have seen season after season. I want to maintain the same high level with Al-Nassr and Portugal."

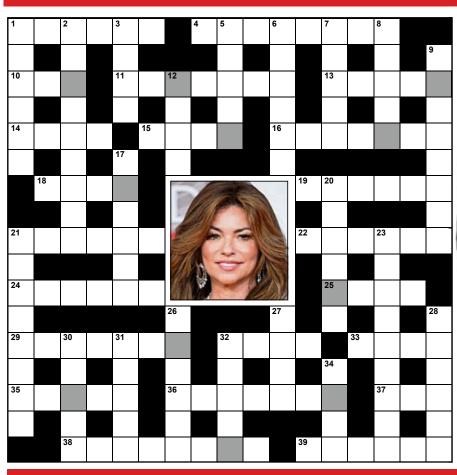
Already a European Championship winner in 2016 and part of the 2019 Nations League triumph, Ronaldo can't wait for the latest big tournament. "Vamos Equipa" ('Let's go team') he recently messaged on social media.

The last dance? Don't bet on it!

GROUP F FIXTURES - TUESDAY, JUNE 18: Turkey v Georgia (5pm, BBC), Portugal v Czech Rep (8pm, BBC). SATURDAY, JUNE 22: Georgia v Czech Rep (2pm, BBC), Turkey v Portugal (5pm, ITV). WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26: Czech Rep v Turkey (8pm, ITV), Georgia v Portugal (8pm, ITV).

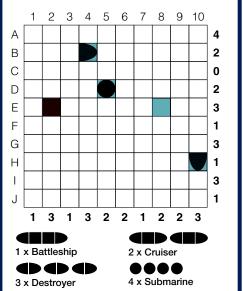








Find where the fleet of ships shown is hidden in the grid. The numbers to the right of and below the grid indicate how many of the squares in that row are filled in with ships or parts of ships. The ships do not touch each other. even diagonally. Some squares have been filled in to start you off.



Rearrange the letters in the shaded squares to spell out the name of the celebrity in the centre of the grid

ACROSS

- Slick BBC drama based on a group of con artists (6)
- See 29 Across 10 Glee star expecting her first
- child, _ Michele (3)
 11 Maggie _, veteran Tomorrow's World and Swap Shop presenter (7)

 13 Wreck-It _, animated hero
- voiced by John C Reilly (5)
- 14 2016 horror flick starring Elle Fanning, The _ Demon (4)
- 15 See 36 Across
- 16 Where Georgia Toffolo was Made In! (7)
 18 The Perks Of Being A
- Wallflower star, _ Miller (4)
- 19 Netflix drama about two drug dealers on a London estate (3,3)
- 21 I Am What I Am singer, Gloria (6)
- **22** See 34 Down

- 24 Thierry _, French fashion
- designer (6) **25** 30 Rock creator and writer, Fey (4)
- 29 & 4 Across Baroness and latest to receive the BAFTA Fellowship (7,8)
- 32 Newsnight presenter and economist, _ Davis (4)
 33 US singer who released singles Toro and Alone In
- Miami last month, _ Wolf (4)
 35 Nina _, ventriloquist and daughter of Tom (5)
 36 & 15 Across Current Zac
- Efron flick about a wrestling family (3,4,4)
 37 Highly popular Will Ferrell character who loves
- Santa (3) 38 Late Night With
- supernatural horror movie starring David Dastmalchian (3,5)
- 39 Angela _, returned as EastEnder Yolande (6)

DOWN

- 1 Danish model, Christensen (6)
- Tipsy musician born Collins
- Obinna Chibueze (9) Meghan Trainor's were Movin; Fun Boy Three's
- were Sealed! (4) Band who were the first
- to play at the Co-op Live Arena last month (5) America's Top Model judge,
- Dickinson (6) TV Inspector played by
- John Thaw (5) First name of Frasier Crane's brother (5)
- 1989 James Cameron movie about deep sea diving (3,5)
- One sixth of the Monty Python team, Eric _ (4) 17 Gareth _, popular English
- choirmaster (6) 20 House, Walker and Supergirl actress, _ Annable (6)

- 21 British sitcom created by, written by and starring Roisin Conaty (8)
- Rapper who made a failed
- bid to run for president (5,4)

 26 Funny lady, _ Hayridge (6)

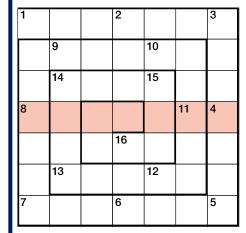
 27 Vanity _, Thackeray novel dramatised in 1998 and
- 2018 (4) 28 Designated Survivor and 24 star, _ Sutherland (6)
- 30 Stormzy's chart topper featuring Ed Sheeran and Burna Boy (3,2)
 31 Jazz performer known for
- her vocal range, Cleo _ (5)

 32 Ms Sande, performed at the 2012 Olympics ceremonies (5)
- & 22 Across He'll be directing himself as Gollum in the new Lord Of The Rings films (4,6)

Starting from 1, fill in the grid in a clockwise direction with four-letter words. The last letter of each word becomes the first letter of the next to reveal the seven-letter keyword in the shaded boxes.

Keyword clue: A planet

- Fifty per cent
- Monetary penalty
- Simple Egg part
- Leg joint
- Resonation
- 8 Repast
- 9 Period before Easter
- **10** Row
- 11 Wealthy 12 Assist
- **13** Lord
- 14 Ladder step 15 Pacific island
- 16 Brandy



To hear individual answers or the full solution call 0905 789 4164.

Identify the five celebrities, take their initials and put them in the correct places in the numbered boxes. These letters will spell the name of a celebrity.













PUZZLE PLANET



TRAIN YOUR BRAIN

30-SECOND
MATHS TEST

Follow the instructions from left to right, starting with the number given, to reach an answer at the end of the row.

challenge: you have 30 seconds for the BEGINNE task. For a greater challenge, try BEGINNER

seconds and true mental gymnasts should try INTERMEDIATE and GENIUS in 90 seconds together.

Fluid

Sour Task

Tended

Climb

Frank

10 Scared

11 Reptile

12 Myth

Slow song

Ridiculous Cruel

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CLOCKWORD

The solutions from 1 to 12 are all sixletter words ending with the letter D in the centre. Moving clockwise from 1, the letters in the outer circle will spell out the name of a US actress.

4 digits

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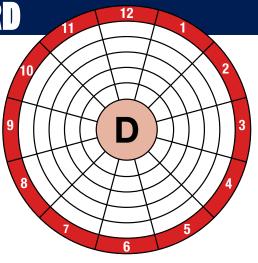
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WORDSEARCH 1

Can you find all of these things associated with the Isle of Wight in the grid?
Words may appear forwards, backwards or diagonally.

COWES
CYCLING
FESTIVAL
FOSSILS
MARATHON
NEEDLES

NEWPORT
OSBORNE
RED SQUIRREL
REGATTA
RYDE
SANDOWN

SCOOTERS SOLENT VECTIS VENTNOR YARMOUTH

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NUMBERFIT

Can you fit all the listed numbers into the grid? We've given you one to get you started.

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5 digits

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47205

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6 digits

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7 digits

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8 digits

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THE NAME GAME

Hidden in the grid is the name of an actor. Answer the questions, then rearrange the letters corresponding to your answers to fill in the name.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

- 1 Rock band the Slow Readers Club are from which British city? Liverpool (O) Lincoln (T) Manchester (E)
- 2 Which alcoholic beverage is thought to have originated in the Spanish city of Jerez de la Frontera? Sherry (N) Sangria (U) Triple sec (F)
- 3 Sir Ian McKellen was Oscar-nominated for which of these films? The Da Vinci Code (N)

- Richard III (S) Gods And Monsters (K)
- 4 What nationality was the author Frederick Kohner, who created the Gidget novels? Russian (R) Belgian (M) Austrian (N)
- 5 The Doubtful Guest and The Gashlycrumb Tinies are among the works of which late author and illustrator? Edward Gorey (I) Dr Seuss (Q) Dick Bruna (L)
- **6** Which actor links the films *Ask The Dust* and *Fool's Gold?* Matthew McConaughey (T) Colin Farrell (G)

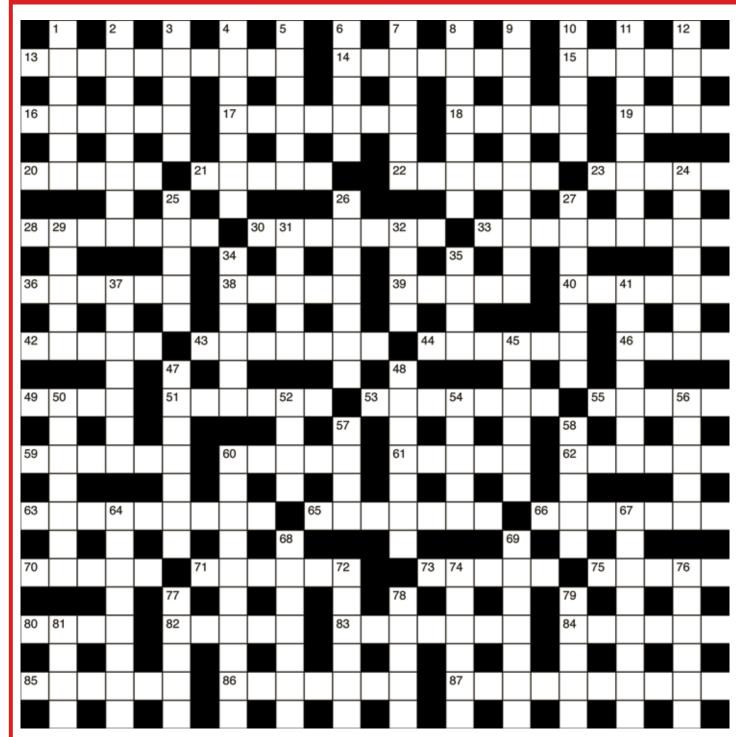
Donald Sutherland (V)

- 7 In which US city is the Juilliard School located? Boston (E) Chicago (R) New York City (A)
- 8 Which strait separates Sumatra from Peninsular Malaysia? Strait of Malacca (O) Sunda Strait (W) Palk Strait (S)
- **9** Leonardo DiCaprio starred in a 2013 film adaptation of which F. Scott Fitzgerald novel? This Side Of Paradise (R) Tender Is The Night (F) The Great Gatsby (C)
- 10 Helen Mirren (pictured) starred with Bob Hoskins in which British gangster classic? McVicar (L) Get Carter (A) The Long Good Friday (B)



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ACROSS

- 13 Fixing of incomes (4,6)
- **14** Tip (7)
- **15** Head (6)
- 16 Fashionable (4,2)
- 17 Search (7)
- 18 Urge (5) 19 Clutch (4)
- 20 Rot (5)
- 21 Rash (5)
- 22 Sinew (6) 23 Compartment (5)
- **28** Break (7)
- 30 Spell (7)
- 33 Peevishness (3,6)
- 36 Model (6) **38** Internal (5)
- 39 Yet (5)
- 40 Sell (6)
- **42** Step (5)
- **43** Sign (7)
- **44** Fix (6) 46 Capital (4)

- 49 Vehicle (4)
- **51** Holding (6)
- **53** Slide (7)
- **55** Rodent (5)
- 59 Attitude (6)
- **60** Fish (5)
- **61** Paper (5)
- **62** Rubbish (6)
- 63 Became violent (6,3)
- **65** Back (7) 66 Corrobórate (7)
- **70** Broke (5)
- **71** Confused (6)
- **73** Tally (5)
- **75** Motive (5)
- **80** So (4)
- **82** Custom (5)
- 83 Confidential (7)
- **84** Is (6)
- **85** Imposing (6)
- **86** Dig up (7) **87** Solving (7,3)

- **DOWN**
 - Spite (6)
 - Fresh courage (3,5)
 - Jar (5)
 - Gossip (7)
 - Anchorite (6) Small fish (5)

 - Straight (6)
 - Salary (7) 9 Fight (4-3-3)
 - 10 Oppressive (5) 11 House part (8)

 - **12** Source (4)
 - 24 Travelling round (7)
 - 25 Gem (5)
 - 26 Demeanour (7) 27 Delighted (7)
 - **29** Lift (5)
 - 31 Principle (5) **32** Throw (4)
 - 34 Repudiate (6) **35** Frost (4)
 - **37** Teaching (7)

- 41 Dress (4,3)
- **45** Pact (6)
- 47 Goes to (7)
- 48 Blew (7)
- **50** Draw (7)
- **52** Way (4) **54** Rows (5)
- **56** Utter (5) 57 Footwear (4)
- **58** Darkness (5)
- **60** Indirect (10)
- **64** Lives (5,3)
- **67** Bird (8)
- **68** Bet (7)
- 69 Apprehends (7)
- **72** Leave (6) **74** Substitute (6)
- 76 Leave (3,3)
- **77** Pale (5)
- **78** Power (5)
- 79 Start (5)
- 81 Drag (4)

If 3 B M = Three Blind Mice and 101 D = 101 Dalmatians, can you solve the following set of six devious Ditloids?

2 P for a C in R

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218 BC: H C the A

64 S on a C

Can you guess the correct meanings of these tricky words?

REVERE

- **A** Venerate
- **B** Coal seam
 - **C** Join

MUSSITATION

- A Thallus of a fungus
- **B** Art of contemplation
- **C** Speaking movement without sound

GIBBET

A Unmeaning words

B Internal parts of a chicken **C** Gallows

Can you tackle these four tantalising teasers?

- 1 Four friends are dressing up to run the London Marathon. Can you work out who is wearing which costume? Lydia has the animal costume. Natalie isn't the nun or the pirate. Kevin isn't the diver. Brian isn't the nun or the
- 2 Which two words meaning 'support' and 'gemstone' can be combined to make a word
- meaning 'reproduce'?

 3 Place a total of 10 Ls among the following letters (in their current order) to make three new words: I E G A Y C E U A R U A B Y
- 4 A football team get a crowd of 10,000 in the first round of the FA Cup, 12,000 for the second round and 14,400 for the third. What crowd should they expect for the quarter final (sixth round)?

PUZZLE PLAN



Name the movies in which these stars appeared together to link Sigourney Weaver to Jim Carrey.



Fill in the grid using anagrams of the listed words. There may be more than one option for each word.

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ACROSS

DOWN

2 A CIGAR

TEAS

7 HOCKED

8 ARTICLE

13 A GIANT'S

15 I GO NUTS

16 SATEEN

17 LIMNER

20 STEAM

21 A BIT

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3 AILED

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- **IN ABC**
- **PREFECT**
- **MEANS**
- ETC.
- **10** LOCO
- 11 IN VILLA
- **12** BE KID
- CANNOT
 - **GET**
- **18** FATE'S
- 19 REDID IT
- **22** I TAX
- 23 MY SABLES
- **24** EIGHTHS
- 25 SUING

Fill in the rows, columns and boxes with the numbers 1 to 9 without the same number appearing twice in any row, column or box.

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Killer Sudoku is based on the traditional grid and every column, every row and every 3x3 box must contain the digits 1 to 9. But the dotted shapes must be filled with numbers that add up to that in the left corner.

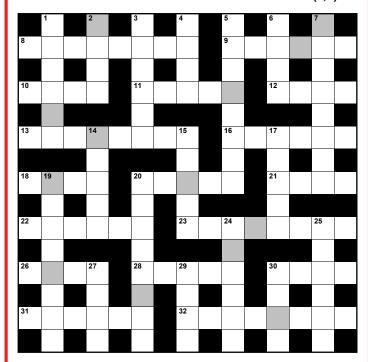
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SOLUTIONS NEXT WEEK

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Rearrange the letters in the shaded squares to reveal the name of a famous screenwriter (7,6)



ACROSS

- 8 Period, such as the years after WWII, marked by a significant increase in births (4,4)

 Politician who was twice Prime Minister of India, Gandhi (6)
- 10 Fictional boatswain from the works of J. M Barrie, Mr _ (4) 11 Sound associated with shock waves from flying at the
- speed of sound, _ boom (5)

 12 Major north-flowing river in northeastern Africa (4)

 13 Port, city or trading post
- where merchandise may be imported, stored or traded (8)
- 16 Animal or plant born with a congenital absence of melanin (6) 18 18th-century German philosopher and a central
- Enlightenment thinker, Immanuel _ (4)

 20 US golfer who won the 2024 Valspar Championship,
- Malnati (5)
- 21 Czech-American former professional tennis player and former World No. 1,
- Lendl (4) 22 Please Mrs , 1983 book of
- children's verse by Allan Ahlberg (6) 23 Belarusian tennis player and former World No. 1, Victoria _ (8)

 26 Author who won the Booker
- Prize for her 1978 novel The Sea, The Sea, _ Murdoch (4)

 28 The 18th President of the United States, Ulysses S. _ (5) **30** 1851 novel by Herman Melville, _ *Dick* (4)
- **31** Flat biome where tree growth is hindered by frigid
- temperatures (6)
 32 Region in the Canadian territory of Yukon, renowned for a late 19th-century gold rush (8)

DOWN

- 1 British runner who became the first woman to complete the Barkley Marathons in 2024, Paris (6)
- 2 Strange Case Of Dr Jekyll
 And Mr_, 1886 novella by
 Robert Louis Stevenson (4)
 Young adult novel series by
- Cecily von Ziegesar, _ *Girl* (6)

 4 West Asian country whose
- capital is Muscat (4)

 5 Upton _, author of the 1906 novel The Jungle (8)
- Yemeni port city which was the country's former capital (4)

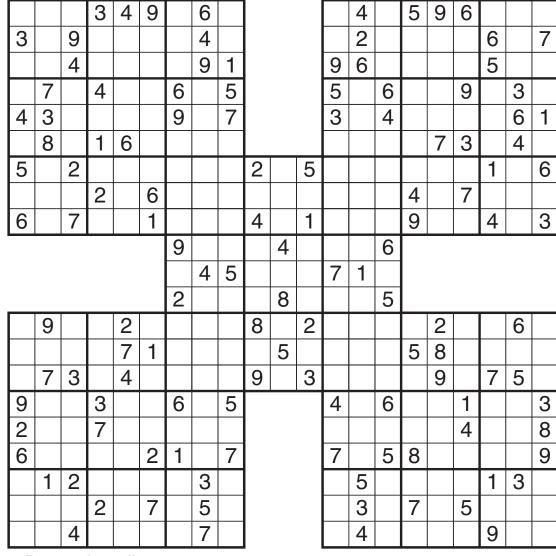
 7 South Asian country whose
- executive and judicial capital is Colombo (3,5)
- 14 The only living species in the genus Mellivora, also known as a honey badger (5)
- 15 Common name of several species of small freshwater fish (5)
- 17 The capital of the US state of Idaho (5)
 - 19 Astrological sign represented by Ganymede the water carrier (8) 20 South American country whose capital city is Asunción (8) 24 1993 children's film starring Arnold Schwarzenegger, Last

Hero (6)
25 Classical form of Japanese theatre with highly stylised singing and dancing (6) 27 Sweet drink containing carbonated water and flavouring (4) 29 Ancient Egyptian

hieroglyphic symbol used to represent the word for "life" (4) **30** 1995 single and album by Elton John, _ *In England* (4)

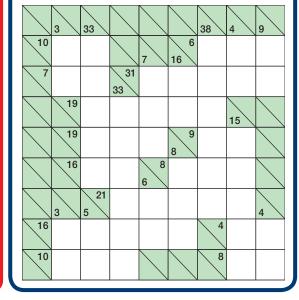
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In Samurai Sudoku, normal sudoku rules apply for all five 9x9 sudokus, but the 9x9 inner sudoku shares four of its 3x3 boxes with those of the outside sudokus.



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Fill in each series of blank squares using the numbers 1 to 9. Each series - across and down - must add up to the number in the shaded box at the beginning or top of the series. A number may be repeated in each line but not in a series.



Starting with the highlighted letter, follow a path to find 21 gods and goddesses. The trail passes through every letter once (but only once) and may go up, down, left or right, but not diagonally.

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Alphapuzzle® tests your logic and word power. Each grid number represents a letter. Each letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter or letters - below the main grid - to start. Can you beat the Target Time? Call for an Extra Letter Clue if you get stuck. Solution tomorrow. DIFFICULTY: 10/10; TARGET TIME: 30 minutes

G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U *** X D YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

cross: Flourish, Attach, Cruise, Cricket, Barge, Coax, Cat, Mow, Dine, Amuse, Healthy, Queued, Tribal, Firework

Down: Backchat, Larva, Ceramic (clue), Respect, Half, Crazily, Hair, Measure, Jackdaw, Spear, Hothouse. Alphapuzzle® © 2024 Acorn Editorial Ltd

EXTRA CLUE LETTERS: 0907 181 2628*

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Texts cost £1 plus your standard network rate.

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Extra clues: 0901 322 5604 75p plus your telephone company s cess charge. SP: Spoke, 0333 202 3390

Fill the grid so that every column, row and 3x3 square includes all the digits from one to 9. LEVEL: Gentle TARGET: 16 mins

Solution tomorrow

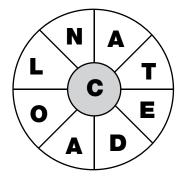
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Today's Solution: 0907 181 2630

VCMAUDEN SAYEVADO SREVOGBL **UMEOSCBL** INIEAAA CAULBRF LHGUOLCM LARKBEIO ERHEOSWALV RNELMDIVAJ

Nelcome to our Wordsearch with a difference. Not only are there 18 lost names hidden in the grid, written forwards, backwards, up, down or diagonally, but if you diagonally, but if you find them and cross them out, the letters that remain will spell out a further related name. As usual, we're not going to tell you what the lost names are, but they do all have a strong connection. The hidden name is not called Gideon – and that's Gideon - and that's

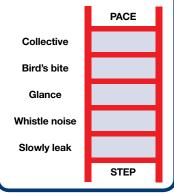
Using only the letters in the wordwheel, take 10 minutes to find as many words as possible, none of which may be plurals, foreign words or proper nouns. Each word must contain the central letter and at least three others. Letters can only be used once in every word. There is at least one nineletter word in the wheel.



To hear the full solution call 0907 181 1078.

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Using the clues provided, fill in each step of the ladder with a new word, changing one letter at a time.



SOLUTIONS NEXT WEEK

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CRYPTIC CLUES

- ACROSS One club to
- Kind of maggot (6) A singer the
- French turn to (4) Main contender (8) Driving a point
- me? (7) 12 Modern piece of try (3)
- 14 Does it secure tile to shingle? (6)

 15 Go back and
- make a further concession? (6) 16 He means to make hay while the
- sun shines (3)
 18 One should be, in entering a new trade (7) 22 Call for a rise (8)
- 23 Wise men having a different image out

24 U.S. port in a state of inactivity (6) 25 Attend and possibly enlist (6)

Two attempts

- made by the marksman (9)
 2 Set off for a famous school with
- an old-fashioned exterior (9) 3 Support a trainee. as is quite proper (5)

 4 Profit includes
- a thousand for the urchin (5)
- Draw blood in prison (4) Spiked running
- shoes may be (5) 10 What I'm called when I do it all wrong (5)
- 11 New to ocean travel? (5)

- 12 With which one suffers a lack of
- balance (9)
 13 Architectural side-show? (9)
- 17 The English opening used in a tournament (5)
- 19 Drawing instrument found amonast dividers? (5) 20 Thought the
- trainee perfect (5)
 21 Cunning, in the main (4)

QUICK CLUES ACROSS

- Bludgeon (6)
- Mild (6) Male singer (4)
- Fighting bird (8) Spiking (7) Poem (3) 14 Woman's

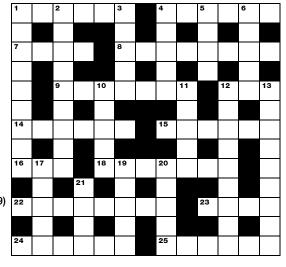
- headwear fastener (6) **15** Ebb (6)
- 16 Edward (3) Practised (7) 22 Wakening
- signal (8)
 23 The Three Wise Men (4)

24 Coma (6) 25 Harken (6) DOWN

Expert marksman (9)

- Exploded (9) Lawful (5) Urchin (5)
- 5 Notch (4) Threaded (5) 10 Imbecile (5)
- Verdant (5) 12 Deficit at bank (9) Height (9)
- 17 Happening (5) 19 Monarch (5)
- 20 Perfect (5) 21 Profound (4)

Two sets of clues but the answers are the same ANSWERS TOMORROW



one to the right?

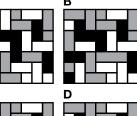
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four shapes

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image of the





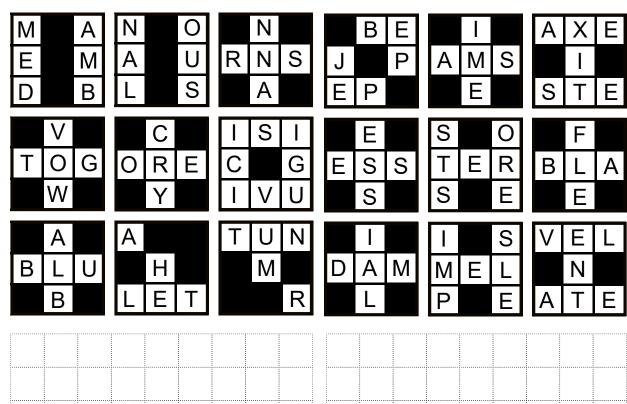


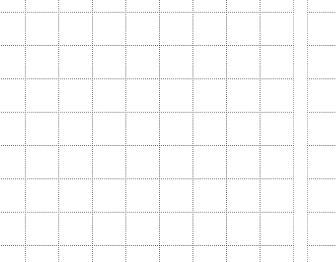
PUZZLE PLANET



DOUBLE JIGWORD

Arrange these crossword fragments to create two completed crosswords in the grids below.

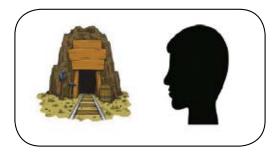




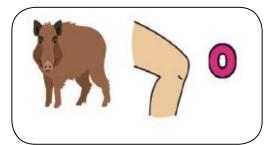
EMOJI OUIZ

Say what you see to find the answers to our emoji quiz!

1 Seaside town



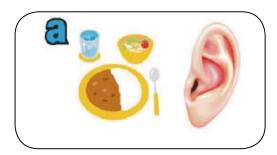
2 Asian island



3 Make-up

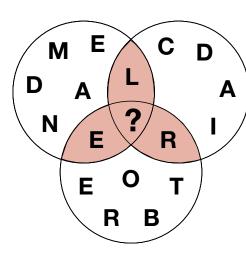


4 Female name



<u>CIRCLEGRAM</u>

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words, names or terms on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

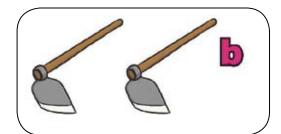


WORD BUILDER

Enter the solutions to the clues in their numbered layers of the wall. Each word must be an anagram of its neighbours, plus or minus one letter.

- 1 State of matter
- 2 Wise person
- 3 Bouts of frenzy
- 4 Fruits on a vine
- 5 Harvests
- 6 Small vegetables
- 7 Large body of water

5 Seed

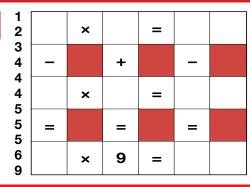


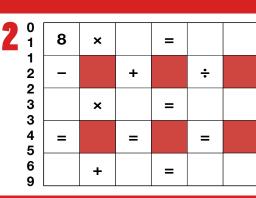


ARROWORD

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-						Once more								2	
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Suave, refined	Stayed		Stretch Was present at	Á			Plunder Scottish clan design	A				4			1
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					Puts up Supply with weapons				٧			Meadow	-		V
Main meal of the day		_ Scotia, peninsula in E Canada		Insect	\			Star sign		Desert's fertile spot	Dagger handle	٨			
		V				Give out, apportion TV's Da_ G Show				•		Legally accept- able		Deal in	
Signal agreement ——— Ague	A			Capital of the Philipp- ines	A	٧					Travel permit Nice	,		•	
•					Universal remedy		Gemstone		Card suit	•	V				
Male parent	٨			Structure leading out to sea	\		V		Unwell	•			Feel hatred or disgust for		Come into view
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			1							In that place	-				

Fit the listed numbers into the grid so that all the sums are correct - reading left to right and top to bottom.





HISTORY

- 1 The comedy actress Nell Gwyn was the mistress
- of which 17th-century king?

 Which stadium was the site of the Live Aid concert of 1985?
- 3 How is the Catholic conspiracy to blow up James I
- and his parliament on 5 Nov 1605 better known?
 Which Conservative Deputy Prime Minister of the 1990s was nicknamed 'Tarzan'?
 Of which country did Benazir Bhutto first become
- prime minister in 1988?
- Of which city was Dick Whittington mayor in 6 1398?
 FILM & MUSIC

- 7 Which US film comedy double act starred in Way Out West and A Chump At Oxford? Which rock band's debut album was titled
- Whatever People Say I Am, That's What I'm Not?
- Which US film actor appeared in Easy Rider, Batman and One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest?
- 10 Which Christian family entertainer and pop singer was born Harry Rodger Webb in 1940?
- 11 Which US rock group featured Jim Morrison on vocals?
- 12 Musically speaking, what does R & B stand for?

SCIENCE 13 Which unit of speed is equal to one nautical mile

- per hour?

 14 What is the smallest planet in the Solar System?
- **15** Ferrites are compounds of which metal?
- 16 To three decimal places, what is the value of pi?
- 17 How many pairs of ribs make up the human rib cage?

 18 Which chemical element occurs naturally as
- diamond?

- 19 What is bezique?20 What do the initials VAT stand for?
- 21 Which region of Italy is known as Toscana in Italian?
- 22 What does the acronym NASA stand for?
 23 By what acronym is the International Criminal
- Police Organisation usually known?
- 24 Which Tibetan word is an alternative name for the abominable snowman?

 UNITED KINGDOM

- 25 On which English river is the port of Immingham?
 26 Which administrative region of Scotland was formed from the counties of Aberdeen, Kincardine, Banff and Moray?
- 27 Which English city houses the cathedral that is the largest church in Britain?
- 28 Which senior churchman chairs Lambeth Conferences?
- 29 What is the third largest of the Channel Islands?
- 30 Which Roman frontier defence work in Britain was begun in 122 AD to control the Scottish tribes?

- 1 2002's Confessions Of A Dangerous Mind was the directorial debut of which actor?
- Which Eurovision winner has released the new track Forever? Who has recently suffered abuse from her
- husband Tom in Emmerdale? 4 Who recently welcomed new daughter Arabella Rose with his doctor wife Emily?
- Which recent ITV drama starred Richard
- Armitage as a doctor extradited to China? Which band's highest-charting hit was 1992's
- "Dragging Me Down"?

 Which new sci-fi film stars Owen Teague as young chimpanzee Noa?
- 8 Homework was the 1997 debut album from which electronic music duo?
- The Garden Of Time was the theme for which New York event in May?
- 10 Who hosted recent Channel 4 contest *Double* The Money?

PUZZLE PI



Can you match each resident to their winnings?

Fortune Street has the highest proportion of lottery winners in the country. Five of its residents won in one year, and each of them splashed out on something different.

Floyd won more money than Marty, who won more than the person who bought a sports car.

The woman who won £250,000 in July used her money to buy a new

The winner of the least amount of money donated it all to charity.

The man who received £25,000 won a month before the person who bought a holiday.

Iris won less than £100,000 in the

The person who won in March received £50,000.

Can you figure out how much each person won, and what they decided to spend their money on?

	£10,00	525,00	250,00	£250,0	2500,0	March	May
Harriet							
Floyd							
Marty							
Iris							
Hans							
New house							
Sports car							
Holiday							
Charity							
Hot tub							
March							
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Sports car

June

July

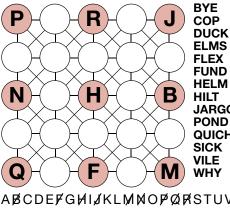
Charity

Can you spot six differences between these two pictures of Craig Revel Horwood?

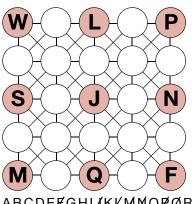




Place all the remaining letters of the alphabet (except Z) into the grid to form the listed words, moving between adjacent cells horizontally, vertically or diagonally in any direction.



ABCDEFGHIJKLMMOPØRSTUVWXY



CORN DIN EQUIVOCAL **FIND** MESH PROJECTING WASH YOLK

ELMS FLEX FUND HELM

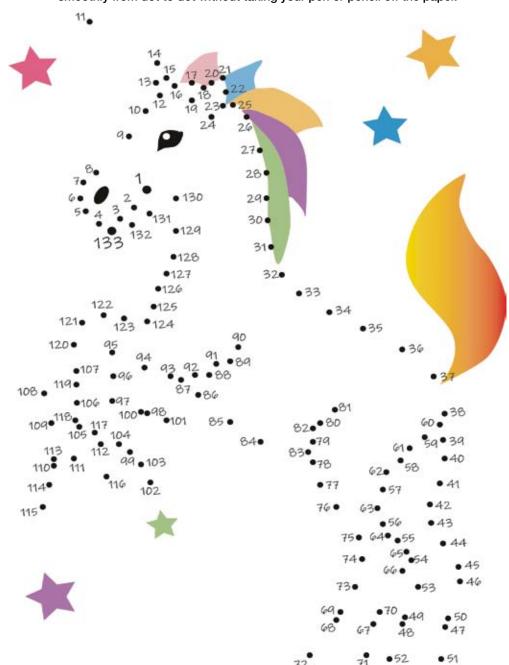
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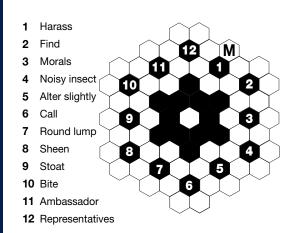
PLI



Brush up your fine motor skills by joining up the dots from number 1. Try gliding smoothly from dot to dot without taking your pen or pencil off the paper.



All the solutions read clockwise around their numbers. The solution to clue number 1 starts from the given letter.



Find a word that can follow the word on the left and precede the word on the right. When you have filled in all the answers, the name of a celebrity can be read from top to bottom in one row.

PICK				WATCH
DAWN				LINE
TRY				MILE
DEMON				SHOP
QUARTER				ROOM
ARCH				HAIR
SOAP				SINGER
FREE				ICON
THROW				FIGHT
WALL				GIRL
SKIN				BOARD
вов				BELL

Can you find all of these films directed by Ridley Scott in the grid? Words may appear forwards, backwards or diagonally.

THELASTDUEL В W O D D Y 0 X Ε S M D G В K E NDL0 U S M A Α

A GOOD YEAR **ALIEN BLACK HAWK DOWN BLACK RAIN BLADE RUNNER BODY OF LIES EXODUS**

G.I. JANE GLADIATOR HANNIBAL HOUSE OF GUCCI LEGEND MATCHSTICK MEN

ROBIN HOOD THE LAST DUEL THE MARTIAN **THELMA AND LOUISE**

PROMETHEUS

COMPLETE the puzzle, then rearrange the letters in the shaded squares to find the name of a musician (3,5).

Small flute	•	Complete disaster		Playing card	Spring flower	•	Eating hall	•	Shrivelled	•
>							TV's _ Titmuss	-		
Burnt remains		_ Grant, actor		Soothing ointment	Pale	-			Walk for pleasure	
>		•	Korean boy band (1,1,1)	-			Definite article	-	•	
Caribbean island country	-				Extra sleep (3-2)	-				
-			Hawaiian garland	>			_ out, make last	>		
Run slowly	That man	-			Longed for	-				

SOLUTIONS NEXT WEEK

Test your knowledge with *Jay's Virtual Pub Quiz Book*, available from Mirror Books. Call 01256 590490 or order online at mirrorbooks.co.uk. (Free P&P on orders over £15.)

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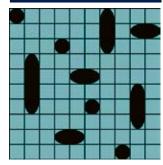


CELEBRITY CROSSWORD



Celebrity is Ariana Grande

BATTLESHIPS



ORDSEARCH

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FAMOUS FACES

Halle Berry, Nadia Sawalha, Nick Jonas, Ozzy Osbourne, Rhys Ifans: JOHN ROBINS

WORD SPIRAL

1 Ruff; 2 Foal; 3 Lawn; 4 Neat; 5 Toad: 6 Damp; 7 Prop; 8 Puma; 9 Asia; 10 Asti; 11 Idol; 12 Lewd; 13 Deem; 14 Moth; 15 Hull; 16 Lung. Keyword solution: Penguin

TRAIN YOUR BRAIN

BEGINNER: 30 INTERMEDIATE: 163 **GENIUS: 18**

CLOCKWORD

Jacket, 2 Abduct, 3 Mallet, 4 Extent, 5 Secret, 6 Bandit, 7 Exempt, 8 Linnet, 9 Urgent, 10 Silent, 11 Hermit, 12 Infant. CELEBRITY: James Belushi.

NAME GAME

1L, 2F, 3S, 4G, 5D, 6E, 7A, 8O, 9L, 10O.

GIANT CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 13 Lay hands on; 14 Tractor; 15 Reeled; 16 Revere; 17 Realise; 18 Wrest; 19 Acre; 20 Green; 21 Abash;

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KILLER SUDOKU

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QUIZ CROSSWORD



Actress is Lilv Gladstone

ARROWORD

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Actress is Zoe Saldana

RETIRING

LOGIC

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Name	Wool type	Colour	Item										
Christine	4 ply	Yellow	Socks										
Denise	Chunky	Red	Jumper										
George	Double Knit	Green	Mittens										
Julia	Super Chunky	Blue	Scarf										
Thomas	Aran	Orange	Hat										

22 Terror; 23 Hitch; 28 Brother;

30 Stumble; 33 For a start; 36 Lapdog; 38 Amass; 39 Cream; 40 Racket; 42 Stray; 43 Shinned; 44 Went to;

42 Stray, 43 Shiffied; 44 Wehl to; 46 Rota; 49 Twig; 51 Old man; 53 Cartoon; 55 Torch; 59 Stated; 60 Cease; 61 Sling; 62 Hasten; 63 Thingummy; 65 Cracked; 66 Forsake; 70 Brute; 71 Barker; 73 Lemon; 75 Toast;

80 Char; 82 Scrap; 83 Thought; 84 Undone; 85 Browse; 86 Shelled; 87 Garden wall.

DOWN: 1 Career; 2 Cheese it; 3 Under;

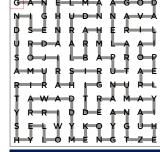
DOWN: 1 Career; 2 Cheese It; 3 Under; 4 Ascribe; 5 Annals; 6 Strip; 7 Patent; 8 Stewart; 9 True to form; 10 Write; 11 Get a lift; 12 Rear; 24 Current; 25 Weigh; 26 Smasher; 27 Carry on; 29 Roast; 31 Twain; 32 Lace; 34 Washed;

35 Peke; 37 Draught; 41 Curious; 45 Trough; 47 Hold out; 48 Ransack; 50 Watcher; 52 Adam; 54 Thine; 56 Cheek; 57 Deer; 58 Shoot; 60 Come across; 64 Nutbrown; 67 Showdown; 68 Skipper; 69 Contort; 72 Rattle; 74 Engage; 76 Single; 77 Aspen; 78 Toady; 79 Cured; 81 Hard.

DITLOIDS 220 Yards in a Furlong Hindsight is Always 20-20 2 is the Atomic Number of Helium 57 Channels (And Nothin' On) by Bruce Springsteen

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	5	7		2	1		
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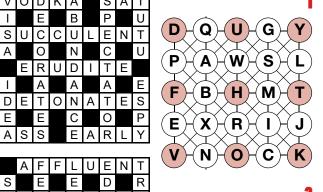
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KING	F	I	S	Н	Ε	R	MAN
LOVE	M	Α	Т	С	Н		STICK
ELBOW	G	R	Е	Α	s	Ε	PROOF
LOOSE	С	Α	Ν	N	0	N	BALL
BLACK	W	I	D	0	W		HOOD
STORE	В	0	U	G	Н	Т	OUT
CHURCH	С	Α	Ν	D	L	Е	WAX
SMART	С	Α	S	U	Α	L	DRESS
RUBBER		S	Т	Α	M	Р	DUTY

CELEB WORDMATCH

GOGEN



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The Man In Room 17, Starring Richard

Lady Godiva is 5 Pounds in Cockney

1. Escher Mess first, Fencehunter

3.Addled. doddered. deduced

ANAGRAM CROSSWORD

second, Red Tip third, West Rum fourth

4. One in four hundred and twenty five

Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps; Transformers; Jennifer's Body; Chloe.

ANAGRAM CROSSWORD

Across: 5 Slam, 7 Lush, 8 Ochre, 9 Thank you, 11 Oxen, 12 Isle, 14 Retrieve, 17 Confetti, 18 Avid, 19 Arts, 21 Drumbeat, 24 Opera, 25 Ogre,

26 Spun.
Down: 1 Blot, 2 Shun, 3 Holy Writ,
4 Chou, 5 Semolina, 6 Apse, 10 Has to,
13 Effusion, 15 Tribunal, 16 Voila,
20 Rasp, 21 Deem, 22 Blog, 23 Thew.

Rhyming Slang

B. A gum A. Musical composition

A. Pertaining to ants

BRAIN BUSTERS

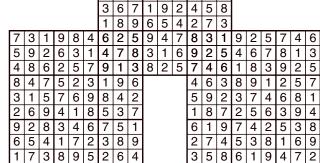
Van-guard

MOVIE LINKS

26 Spun.

SAMURAI SUDOKU

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WORDWHEEL

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9-letter word is SCREECHFD

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LOSS WORD

ANSWERS: The lost names are BAKER, BREWER, BUTCHER, CARPENTER, CARTER, CLARK, COOK, DYER, FAULKNER, FULLER, GARDENER, JUDGE, PAGE, PARKER, TAYLOR, THATCHER, TURNER, WRIGHT, all surnames from professions. The hidden name is COOPER.

MIRROR IMAGE: D

EMOJI QUIZ

Peregrine Roman candle Red Campion Robbie Coltrane Chalk Hill Blue

CIRCLEGRAM The letter represented by the question mark is L. Carroll, Pullman, Rowling, all popular children's authors

WORD BUILDER

Set, Toes, Dotes, Oldest, Stole, Lest, Let

1 Salman Rushdie, 2 John le Carré, 3 T. S. Eliot, 4 Descartes, 5 William

23 Ice hockey, 24 Cricket, 25 The sheep. 26 Edam, 27 Paris, 28 Belshazzar, 29 Douglas Hurd, 30 Solomon.

SHOWBIZ QUIZ

1 *Jumanji*; 2 Post Malone; 3 Roy; 4 Kai & Sanam; 5 *Baby Reindeer*; 6 The Bangles; 7 The Fall Guy; 8 Olivia Rodrigo; 9 Joel Dommett; 10 John Simm.

SUMTHING

1. 8x5=40, 8x4=32, 1+9=10 2. 3x7=21, 5x2=10, 8+9=17

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Daisy's sleeve is sticking out more; July 22 on the right is now July 2; 'H' on the left is bigger; Daisy has turquoise lips; part of her dress is longer on the right; extra 'S' by Daisy's arm.

HONEYCOMB

1 Argued. 2 Grumpy. 3 Pacify. 4 Icicle. 5 Little. 6 Target. 7 Grange. 8 Nature. 9 Revere. 10 Virtue. 11 Utters.

PUB QUIZ

Shakespeare, 6 Norwegian, 7 Rio de Janeiro, 8 Japan, 9 Saudi Arabia, 10 Canada, 11 Lebanon, 12 Monaco, 13 A bird, 14 A fish, 15 Red, 16 Lettuce, 17 Abdomen, 18 A dog, 19 Graham Hill, 20 Football, 21 Bishop, 22 Melbourne,