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# ELECTION 2024

## EXCLUSIVE

BY JOHN STEVENS and DAVE BURKE

**KEIR Starmer has told how Britain today has the chance to end the Tory misery that has blighted millions of lives, and embrace a brighter future by voting in a Labour government.**

His party stands on the brink of a historic General Election victory after a YouGov MRP poll last night suggested it would win 431 seats, while Rishi Sunak's party limps into second place with 102.

That would give Labour a majority of 212 in the Commons, the biggest secured by any PM since 1832.

It would mark one of the most sensational political comebacks ever given their battering in the 2019 election as traditional supporters in red wall areas turned their backs on the party in droves.

Urging voters to give him a chance in No10 to prove he has the answer to the problems of a country wracked by division, Mr Starmer said: "Britain's future is on the ballot. Today, vote to turn the page on the last 14 years.

"Vote for a changed Labour Party that is now ready to serve and change Britain.

"Britain can begin a new chapter. A new age of hope and opportunity after 14 years of chaos and decline."

He vowed to set about urgently repairing the damage years of cruel Tory austerity has inflicted on the country, that left households with higher mortgages and fuel bills, and less cash to pay for them in the cost-of-living crisis.

The Labour leader also pledged to boost the economy to make life fairer after the devastating effects of ideological

FINAL DRIVE Sir Ed and Ms Cooper



assaults on the poor, the sick, the disabled and mentally ill to save cash – while the Tories lavished wealth on rich cronies in tax cuts and grubby Covid deals.

With the NHS on its knees and staff morale rock bottom due to endless cuts, Mr Starmer promised to create millions of extra hospital appointments to bring down the record waiting lists and to boost crippled public services.

And after our schools have been left to crumble by the Tories and children denied the chance to shine thanks to an exodus of fed-up classroom staff, he pledged 6,500 more teachers to arrest the decline. Mr Starmer also vowed to tackle soaring crime, with more police on the streets after Tory cuts in numbers.

A publicly owned GB Energy will bring down bills, and he also promised to restore control of the country's borders.

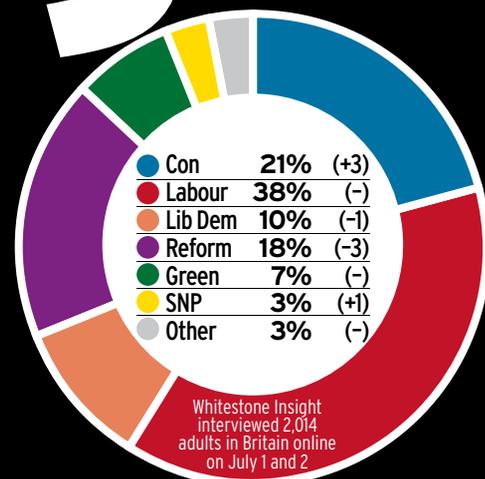
But in a warning against complacency, he added: "Change will only happen if you vote for it."

And Mr Starmer said the Tories were trying to put people off voting as Labour's polls lead is so strong, in the hope they will think there is no point.

Cabinet minister Mel Stride had claimed Mr Starmer will likely win "the largest majority" of any party ever.

But Mr Starmer added: "You can see what the Tories are up to, they're trying to invite people not to go out and vote, trying to dissuade people from voting,

# Today, we can begin a new chapter...



## Keir plea to voters.. as poll shows 212 Labour majority

That is a terrible place for the party to have got to. A once respected party now saying nothing that is positive, everything is negative, effectively, to run a campaign to suppress the vote.

"My message has been positive throughout, which is if you want change you have to go out and vote for it.

"I know there are undecideds out there who need convincing change is possible.

"This is a great nation, with boundless potential. The British people deserve a government that matches their ambition.

"Today is the chance to begin the work of rebuilding Britain with Labour.

"The choice today is clear. Between a changed Labour Party that stands ready to restore politics to service and rebuild Britain. Or a Tory Party that crashed our economy, left public services in ruin and now wants to give us Liz

HAPPY GAZE Candidate Martha O'Neil and Keir Starmer yesterday



# BRIGHTER FUTURE



# CHANGE

Truss 2.0 with more unfunded spending promises. "We cannot afford five more years under the Conservatives." In the final stage of his election campaign, Mr Starmer visited a farm in Whitland, South Wales, where he met Labour's parliamentary candidate for Carmarthenshire, Martha O'Neil. He also stopped off at a basketball stadium outside Glasgow before finishing with an rally in Redditch, Worcs. Over the past few weeks, Mr Starmer

has been targeting many constituencies that were won comfortably by the Tories in 2019. By contrast, Mr Sunak held events in 54 constituencies, with 45 of them seats he is defending - including nine where the Tories have notional majorities of more than 20,000. Lib Dem leader Sir Ed Davey and deputy Daisy Cooper were yesterday

spotted in a pink Cadillac during a visit to Hammond's End Farm in Harpenden, Herts. It marked the end of his stunt-filled campaign. The final Mirror poll before the election had Labour on 38%, the Tories on 21%, Reform with 18% and the Lib Dems on 10%. [john.stevens@mirror.co.uk](mailto:john.stevens@mirror.co.uk) [X@johnstevens](https://twitter.com/johnstevens)

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INKING HE'LL LOSE Becky Holt, with PM

## Tatt's it for PM's grim campaign

BY ASHLEY COWBURN Political Correspondent

RISHI Sunak had a bizarre encounter with "the most tattooed mum in Britain" as he campaigned yesterday.

The PM met Becky Holt, who wore a white bikini to show off her many inking, as he waited to appear on ITV's This Morning.

Once on-screen he tried to salvage his disastrous election campaign, saying: "With me you've got someone who has the courage of their convictions. You know where I stand."

But presenter Cat Deeley told him: "The problem is, Prime Minister, people have lost faith in that and that's reflected in the polls and that's reflected in why we're looking at you not

getting in again." Mr Sunak insisted today's vote isn't a "foregone conclusion" and he repeated that message at a campaign rally last night, as he begged people to vote Conservative to stop Labour winning a thumping majority.

But he faced a backlash from ministers for wheeling out Boris Johnson this week. Rail Minister Huw Merriman posted: "Given my refusal to support [Johnson] I'm not sure how this pitches for my vote."

Labour's National Campaign Co-ordinator Pat McFadden also mocked the "show of unity" between Johnson and Sunak. "I've had boiled eggs that have lasted longer than this show of unity," he told Times Radio.

## Farage: Reform are just like Tate

NIGEL Farage yesterday said he is part of "a similar phenomenon" to misogynistic influencer Andrew Tate.

The Reform UK leader suggested young males would be spurred on to follow his party as they had been Tate.

Some 35% of young men aged 16-17 years old say they would vote for Reform



PUNCH Farage yesterday

UK, in a poll this week. Tate is facing trial in Romania on human trafficking and rape charges, which he denies.

Mr Farage added: "We are trying to stop young men being young men. That's why Tate got the following he got. So what I'm doing is maybe because of a similar phenomenon."

## Don't forget to bring photo ID

THIS is the first general election where identification is required at the polls to cast your vote.

Acceptable photo IDs include passport issued by the UK, Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state, or a Commonwealth country. Also valid are a photo driving licence; a Blue Badge; Older

Person's Bus Pass; Disabled Person's Bus Pass; Freedom Pass; ID card with Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram; Biometric immigration document; MoD Form 90; ID card issued by an EEA state; Anonymous Elector's Document. You can use an out of date photo ID, if it still looks like you.



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Only Labour is offering the country a way forward. Only Labour can fix our public services, usher in a new age of prosperity and restore Britain's pride.

**TODAY you have the chance to vote for change. You have the chance to vote for hope. You have the chance to vote for a better future.**

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The alternative does not bear thinking about. The country could not withstand another five years of Conservative rule.

A party that has done so much damage in the past 14 years would visit only more ruination, scandal, division and poverty on the United Kingdom.

At this election, the Tories will be judged on their actions and they will be found guilty.

They will be guilty of making people poorer, guilty of weakening our defences, guilty of greed, corruption, law-breaking and neglect. Their record in office should never be forgotten, nor should it be forgiven. When

you cast your vote today, remember the country when Labour left power in 2010 and compare it with the country we have now.

Remember there was a time when satisfaction with NHS was at a record high and the situation now where the only record high is the number on the waiting list.

Remember there was a time under Labour when the young were looked after in Sure Start centres, child poverty was close to being abolished and families were supported through tax credits.

#### BREADLINE

And then look at the situation now where more than 14 million people, including four million kids, are living below the breadline, where foodbanks are handing out a record number of parcels and where too many pensioners are forced to choose between heating and eating.

Look at your local area and ask whether

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it has got better in the past 14 years. Everywhere can be seen the scars left by austerity, from the boarded-up shops, the closed signs on libraries, leisure centres and police stations to the potholes in the roads.

An estimated 12 million people cannot see an NHS dentist. Our seas, rivers and waters

are contaminated by sewage. Thousands of bus routes have been axed. Crimes go unreported, yet prisoners are freed early.

Trains are overpriced, overcrowded and unreliable. This is the legacy of a Conservative Party that has broken Britain.

It is the legacy of a party that has overseen

# VOTE FOR CHANGE... VOTE LABOUR

From the Tories there has been no apology for the pain they have caused. No sign of remorse for the way they demeaned office, eroded trust and broke the law.

the steepest fall in living standards and the highest rise in taxes since the Second World War. By every measure they failed, but what makes the failure so galling, so hard to digest, is the arrogant way they have governed.

They divided the country by calling a referendum on Brexit, then signed a botched deal on it that has left us weaker and poorer.

They gave us the austerity government of David Cameron, the feeble tenure of Theresa May and then the morally bankrupt days of Boris Johnson.

Never forget that they partied while the rest of us were following the rules. Never forget that they handed billions of pounds of contracts to their cronies during Covid.

And never forget that they elected Liz Truss as leader. People are still paying the price of her disastrous mini-Budget today, in the form of higher rents and mortgages.

There has been no apology for the pain and hardship they have inflicted. There has

been no sign of remorse for the way they demeaned office, eroded public trust and broke the law. Nor has there been any regret for the chaos of recent years – a dizzying flurry of Prime Ministers, Chancellors and Education Secretaries.

The only plan from Rishi Sunak is more of the same. It will be more years of sluggish growth, more cuts to public services and more weak leadership.

## PURPOSE

If the Prime Minister cannot make the right call on attending the D-Day commemorations, why should anyone trust him to make the right call on any other issue?

The seriousness, dedication and purpose of Keir Starmer's changed Labour Party has never been more needed.

This is a very different Labour party to the one that contested the last three elections. It is in tune with a country crying out for

change. In place of the shambolic rule of the past 14 years, Labour promises to restore professionalism and stability to government.

Instead of the entitlement of the Tories, Labour will seek to serve.

Under Rachel Reeves' stewardship as Chancellor of the Exchequer, they will restore the economy to health.

There will be more appointments to reduce NHS waiting lists, more homes to help people have the security they deserve, more teachers so every child can flourish and more police on the streets so communities can once again feel safe.

Great British Energy will help bring down fuel bills. The railways will be re-nationalised. School children will get support with mental health.

These are the first steps of a decade-long programme of national renewal.

Rebuilding a nation from the rubble bequeathed by the Conservatives will take

time. Mr Starmer has not sought to hide from voters the monumental task that lies ahead of him in government.

What he has done, though, is give people hope that the UK can be changed.

Once again people can see a brighter tomorrow. They can envisage a country at ease with itself. They can glimpse a time when things finally work again.

They can see the prospect of secure, well-paid jobs that allow them to provide for their families. They can look to a day when they can once again be proud of their communities and their country.

Since 1945 the Mirror has urged readers to vote Labour at every general election but rarely have we given such a full-throated and unqualified endorsement as we do today.

A better future is possible.

A better future means Labour.

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## BE UP FOR THE 'PORTILLO MOMENTS'

BY **MIKEY SMITH** Deputy Political Editor

**BY 10pm, all the gaffes, speeches and polls of this gruelling six-week campaign will be done and in the history books.**

**And the only thing Rishi Sunak and Keir Starmer can do now is wait for the results along with the rest of the country.**

**Here's our rundown of the big flashpoints, potential "Portillo moments" where top Tories could lose their seats - and the results worth staying up late for.**

### 10PM

Polls close - immediately followed by publication of the hotly anticipated exit poll. It will be conducted by Ipsos, jointly paid for by the BBC, ITV and Sky News.

Through the day, voters at polling stations across the country will be asked to fill in mock ballot papers to indicate how they voted. Analysts for the broadcasters will use the results of this final mega-poll to predict the number of seats each party will win. It's usually pretty accurate - usually within 15 seats of the actual result.

It's not always right, though. The 2015 exit poll was closer to the actual result than pre-election opinion polls, but didn't predict the Tory majority.

Before that, the biggest exit poll blunder was in 1992 - when two separate polls predicted a hung Parliament. In the end John Major held on to power with a reduced majority.

Meanwhile, counting begins at venues across the UK for all 650 election results.

### 11PM

The race to be the first to declare will be won and lost in the North East.

Both Blyth & Ashington and Houghton & Sunderland South are expected to unveil their results within two hours of the polls closing.

They're both expected to be held by Labour - but could give an idea of how well Reform have performed in the north.

### 12 MIDNIGHT

Swindon South is likely to be the first battleground seat to deliver a result - and the first real result showing the swing to Labour. Former Justice Secretary Robert Buckland is defending a 5,650 majority - a healthy lead in normal times.

But if the predicted national swing is borne out, Labour's Heidi Alexander will easily take the seat and give an early pointer for the rest of the night.

For those seeking comedy value, Tory chairman Richard Holden should find out whether he's won in Basildon & Billericay. Mr Holden

didn't so much parachute himself into the seat, as bulldoze his way in - with party officials imposing him just two days before the deadline for nominations.

He's defending a 20,749 majority, but polls suggest it's not as safe as it looks.

And Broxbourne, Herts, is also due - a Tory heartland which will give an idea of how much support they have lost from core voters.

### 1AM

We'll get an idea of how well Labour have done in loosening the SNP's grip on Scotland.

East Kilbride & Strathaven, Hamilton & Clyde Valley, and Rutherglen are all SNP-held Labour target seats.

### 2AM

The results really start to roll - with one seat a minute expected to declare in the hour.

Reform UK aren't expected to overturn Tory Rebecca Harris' majority of 26,000 in Castle Point, but the size of the chunk they take out of it will give insight into how they've

**AT RISK**  
Tory Ms Mordaunt could lose her seat



**SHOCK** Portillo lost his seat to Labour in 1997

done across the country. Rochdale, where George Galloway won in a by-election just months ago, should declare around 2.30am. He's up against Paul Waugh, the former journalist standing for Labour. Whoever wins, the speeches will be spicy.

Lib Dems will see signs of how their night is going, with the result of Stratford-upon-Avon, where they're bidding to take the seat previously held by former Tory chancellor Nadhim Zahawi.

### 3AM

As many as 250 seats will declare in this hour - including some big hitters.

The Islington North battle reaches its climax. We'll learn whether Jeremy Corbyn will stay an independent MP, or his 41-year run as an MP ends.

Keir Starmer's seat of Holborn & St Pancras is also likely to come in. It's a safe one, with a 22,766 majority, so don't expect an upset. Labour will be watching for results from "red wall" seats, including Great Grimsby & Cleethorpes, where

# Keir Royale for

## CHANNEL-HOPPING

BY **EMMELINE SAUNDERS**

**HOW are you spending election night? On the edge of your sofa, tippie of choice at the ready, a cushion on hand to hide behind as the exit poll is released? Us, too. Here's your guide to the main TV channels' live election coverage.**

### BBC

Laura Kuenssberg and Clive Myrie will co-host the Beeb's coverage on BBC News, BBC One (for viewers in England) and BBC Two (for Wales and Northern Ireland). Political editor Chris Mason and Reeta Chakrabarti will join them in the studio.

Jeremy Vine, with the Swingometer, will report from Cardiff, with Kirsty Wark in Glasgow and Andrea Catherwood in Belfast. Naga Munchetty, Victoria Derbyshire, Fiona Bruce, Nick Watt and Alex Forsyth



**DOUBLE ACT**  
Clive Myrie and Laura Kuenssberg

will report from key seats. Prof John Curtice will provide analysis. Tomorrow morning, Sophie Raworth and Jon Kay will be joined by deputy political editor Vicki Young.

### ITV

Tom Bradby will anchor ITV's coverage. He will be joined by former SNP leader Nicola Sturgeon, ex-Tory Chancellor George Osborne, and former Shadow Chancellor Ed Balls.

Political editor Robert Peston, Anushka Asthana and Paul Brand will offer insight, joined by Prof Jane Green and Prof Colin Rallings.

At 6am tomorrow, GMB host Susanna Reid will join Ed Balls for a special edition. Pundits include the Mirror's Kevin Maguire, Gordon Brown, and former Chancellor Kwasi Kwarteng. After GMB, Julie Etchingham will take over the coverage as results still roll in.



**FOURMIDABLE** Cathy, Krishnan, Emily, Alastair and Rory will all host the election on C4

### CHANNEL 4

Krishnan Guru-Murthy and Emily Maitlis will co-host C4's coverage, joined by The Rest is Politics podcasters Alastair Campbell and Rory Stewart. Some Gogglebox stars will also appear.

Cathy Newman will broadcast from inside the Labour and the Tory HQs, while C4 News political editor Gary Gibbon will give analysis.

C4 lost Clare Balding to the BBC's Wimbledon coverage. Louisa Compton, head of news and current affairs at C4, joked: "Even superwoman Clare Balding can't be in two places at once..."

### SKY NEWS

Host Kay Burley, covering her 12th General Election, will be joined by political editor Beth Rigby. Expect graphics galore as Sky pulls out all the stops in its "360-degree immersive studio".

Joining them will be Sky's Sir Trevor Phillips and Ed Conway for analysis and predictions using 3D graphics. Greater Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham will join the former leader of the Scottish Conservatives, Ruth Davidson.

Prof Michael Thrasher will head Sky's team of election experts as he has for the past 35 years.

Sophy Ridge, Sam Coates and Adam Boulton will host from 7am tomorrow at Westminster.

# HOW TO WATCH THE RESULTS

former MP Melanie Onn is hoping for a win. Thangam Debbonaire in Bristol West will learn whether she'll be back.

There are a string of potential Portillo Tory moments due in this hour.

Justice Secretary Alex Chalk's Cheltenham seat is vulnerable to the Lib Dems. Tory former welfare slasher Iain Duncan Smith's seat of Chingford & Woodford Green is due, and a swing of just 1.5 points to Labour would oust him.

Grant Shapps, Penny Mordaunt and Gillian Keegan are at risk of losing their seats. But the biggest Tory scalp would be Chancellor Jeremy Hunt. He's defending a majority of 10,720 - but has been heavily targeted by the Lib Dems. There will be Ed Davey's Kingston & Surbiton result.

## 4AM

We should know who has won the election. It will show how bad a night it's been for Tories.

There'll be seats where Reform hope to make gains, including former party leader Richard Tice in Boston & Skegness, and Tory defector Lee Anderson in Ashfield. Nigel Farage will learn whether his eighth bid at becoming an MP has been successful in Clacton. The Greens find out if they've held on to Brighton



Pavilion, where ex-leader Sian Berry is up against Labour's Tom Gray, once singer in band Gomez.

Blur drummer Dave Rowntree hopes to win Labour in Mid Sussex. Jacob Rees-Mogg, whose lead in the new seat of Somerset North East & Hanham has looked fragile, learns his fate.

Rishi Sunak's Richmond & Northallerton constituency in North Yorkshire should declare.

Despite defending a majority of 24,331, some polls suggest he'll be the first sitting PM to lose his seat. And he is up against Count Binface.

## 5AM

Liz Truss finds out if she's won South West Norfolk, as does Labour's deputy leader Angela Rayner in Ashton-under-Lyne.



## 6AM

Shadow Health Secretary Wes Streeting learns the result in Ilford North.

## 7AM

There's a chance we'll know all 650 results. We'll hear victory and concession speeches and maybe a few resignations.

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## SUPPLIES

BY EMMELINE SAUNDERS

**YOU'VE downed multiple coffees, petted all the dogs at the polling station, and are whistling a tune as you count down to 10pm. Ignore that rising sense of dread in the pit of your stomach, that's just the Exit Poll butterflies making themselves known.**

**Whether you're planning to stay up all night or are crashing out on the sofa early, we've got everything you need to survive election night.**

## DRINKS

Bear in mind that if you're in this for the long haul, you need to be drinking something that doesn't send you sailing around the room like Jeremy Vine's Swingometer. There are at least eight hours of heavy drinking time ahead of us, so stay hydrated. Naturally, it's got to be red wine for the first few Labour seats, a sturdy green tea if the Greens win their predicted three seats, and perhaps a consolatory pint of bitter for any Tories who manage to secure a win. How about a K(e)ir Royale for when the Labour leader's Holborn & St Pancras constituency is

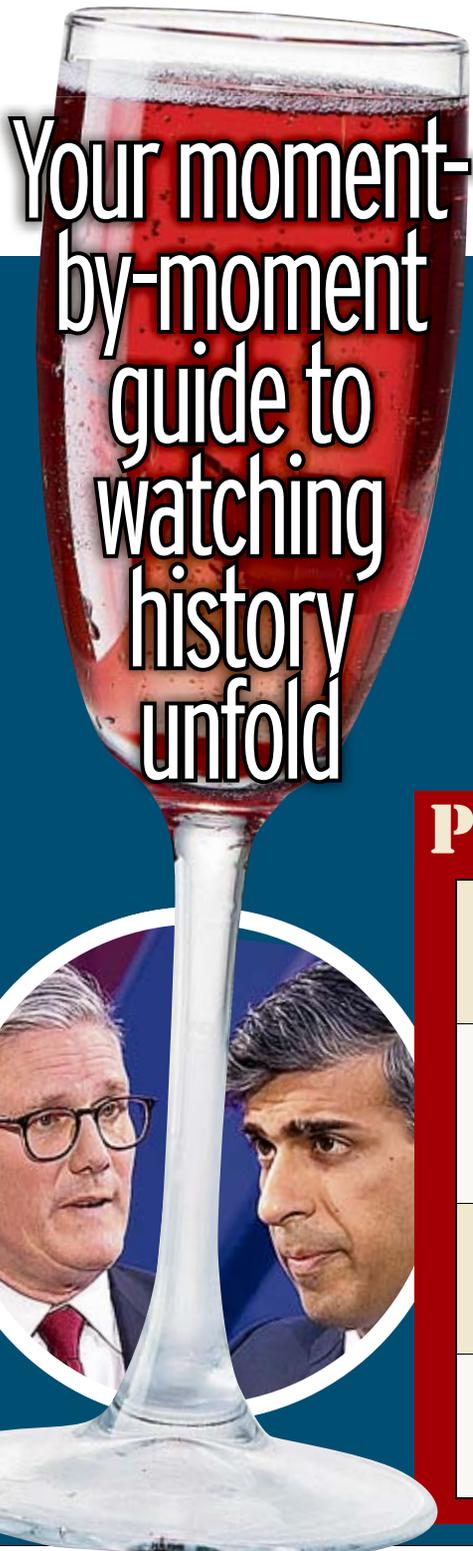
declared? And if by some miracle the polls are wrong about Clacton, you could mark Nigel Farage's eighth (count 'em) electoral failure with his very own brand of gin, a snip at £40 for 70cl. Or 24.637fl oz, as the imperial-loving boozier has helpfully printed on his bottles.

## FOOD

You're going to need some starchy carbs to mop up all that booze, so might we suggest crisps (Wotsits for the Lib Dems) and biscuits? David Lammy Dodgers, political Party Rings, Ginger Nuts (to match Angela Rayner's hair) and Rich Teas, to wave off the wealthiest PM in history. If you want to go all-out to impress your guests, how about roast gammon washed down with a banana milkshake?

## MUSIC

Is it even an election night party if you're not throwing open all the windows and pumping out D:Ream's Things Can Only Get Better into the night? For the classic midnight-to-3am doldrums when the results are taking ages to come in, cue up Marvin Gaye's What's Going On, or Dazed and Confused by Led Zeppelin (right). And throw in The Smiths' Heaven Knows I'm Miserable Now for the moment Rishi Sunak is pictured leaving Downing Street for the last time.



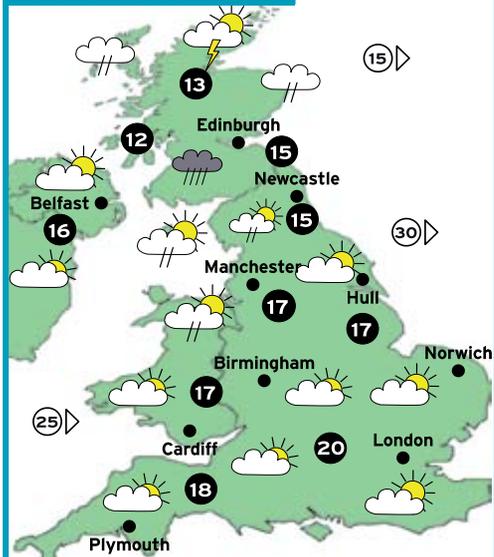
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## POLL-NIGHT BINGO

Rishi Sunak stands next to a man dressed as a dustbin	"Portillo moment"	Jacob Rees-Mogg blinks like a befuddled owl as he loses his seat	Nigel Farage gets milkshaked live on camera... again
Prof John Curtice somehow still broadcasting after 24 consecutive hours without turning to illegal substances	Stressed students sprint with ballot boxes in Sunderland	"Bigger than '97"	Baffling Swing-o-meter graphics. Bonus point if they glitch
"Tories on course for near-total wipeout"	Presenter stumbles over the correct pronunciation of a Welsh constituency	Exhausted TV anchor makes a Freudian slip	Penny Mordaunt's hair deflating throughout the night
"If this swing is repeated"	Some wag moons on camera at 3am and Channel 4 doesn't cut away	A politician says "let's just wait for the results" just after exit poll reveal	First furious Tory calls on Rishi Sunak to quit

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WEATHER & CLIMATE



**TODAY** Wet in the North, sunshine in the South

Light scattered showers are expected for parts of the UK, but especially the north. Showers in Scotland could turn heavy at times. Cloud cover will be patchy, allowing for sunny intervals across much of England and Wales.

5-day forecast

	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
London	☁ 20c	☁ 20c	☁ 19c	☁ 20c	☁ 22c
Newcastle	☁ 18c	☁ 16c	☁ 17c	☁ 17c	☁ 17c
Leeds	☁ 15c	☁ 14c	☁ 15c	☁ 16c	☁ 16c
M'chester	☁ 16c	☁ 16c	☁ 16c	☁ 18c	☁ 18c
Liverpool	☁ 16c	☁ 16c	☁ 16c	☁ 18c	☁ 18c
B'ham	☁ 17c	☁ 17c	☁ 17c	☁ 18c	☁ 19c
Cardiff	☁ 18c	☁ 17c	☁ 17c	☁ 18c	☁ 18c
Plymouth	☁ 18c	☁ 18c	☁ 17c	☁ 18c	☁ 19c
Belfast	☁ 15c	☁ 14c	☁ 15c	☁ 16c	☁ 17c

BIGGER PICTURE

Today's historical average high: 20.1  
 July 2024 average high so far: 17.7  
 July historical average high: 20.4  
 All averages based on CET Mean Max Temp. Historical info from 1961-1990 (Source: Met Office)  
**CLIMATE FACT:** A brutal heatwave is threatening to wreak havoc across the US west this week, as sweltering conditions, power shut-offs and a severe uptick in wildfire risks coincides with July 4th celebrations.

**10 MIN CROSSWORD**

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  - 3 Lady's fingers (4)
  - 4 Ballet step (3)
  - 5 Vague (7)
  - 6 Wednesday, say (7)
  - 11 Grimace (5)
  - 12 Bukayo \_\_, England right winger (4)
  - 14 Cunning (3)

**WEDNESDAY'S SOLUTIONS**  
 Across: 2 Vassal, 5 Lira, 6 Reform, 7 Song, 8 Awl, 11 Ores, 13 Unwind, 14 Gear, 15 Fiddle. Down: 1 Dido, 2 Varga, 3 Sloe, 4 Le mans, 7 Scruff, 9 Lodge, 10 Owed, 12 Evan.

**THE LOTTERY**

**YESTERDAY'S LOTTO:** 1, 8, 42, 46, 50, 58. Bonus: 51. Estimated £2million jackpot.  
**THUNDERBALL:** 7, 13, 20, 22, 26. Thunderball: 10. Top prize £500k.  
**HEALTH LOTTERY:** 9, 18, 19, 35, 36. Bonus: 3.  
**TUESDAY'S EUROMILLIONS:** 2, 7, 34, 35, 46. Lucky Stars: 6 & 8. No winner of £22m jackpot.  
**MONDAY'S SET FOR LIFE:** 4, 6, 8, 19, 34. Life Ball: 9. One winner of £10k a month for 30yrs.

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Rishi Sunak begins his long goodbye from Yorkshire today. He came, he saw and he coveted the life of a country squire in "the Surrey of the North".

The ancient, castellated town of Richmond, towering over the River Swale, was to be his forever-safe Tory seat, base camp for the summit in No10.

"This is where they send their future leaders," protests one local voter yesterday. "Last time, it was William Hague."

And now the dream is over. Even if he survives as MP - by no means a foregone conclusion - his squirearchy is ending.

Opinion polls suggest the contest with Labour candidate Tom Wilson, 29, who works for the NHS and grew up locally, is very close.

This could be the first time in history that a serving Prime Minister has lost his seat - while all about are losing theirs because of him.

In the winding stone streets of Richmond, I saw a sprinkling of Lib Dem placards, and a lone independent, but not one for Sunak.

No Conservative office in the main square, no sign of canvassers.

And scant sympathy from some of the electors on whom his future depends.

Sitting in the sun outside the regimental museum with his dog, Monty, retired urban developer David Walker, 60, says: "This is going to be the biggest political shock of all time."

"I am a lifelong Tory voter but I will be voting Labour because I just don't think they deserve another term in office."

"I look at the Labour front bench... it's not that bad and they have some good ideas."

"I would never have voted for Corbyn."

"I wouldn't blame Sunak for packing it in. Why would he want to continue?"

"He's held the two big offices of state and he's been a good constituency MP, but why vote for

**“He will be lucky to retain his own seat here”**

**JOHN MASSON ON RISHI SUNAK'S VOTE CHANCES**

an MP who will not be here? It would be a wasted vote."

In the town market, I find security worker Adam Saka, 30, just back from working at Glastonbury, tucking into the biggest English breakfast you've ever seen.

An amateur boxer, he wants rid of Sunak, turning to the fight game for a figure of speech: "I'd spark him clean out. He'd run out of the ring like he runs away from everything."

He adds: "We're all working our arses off and getting taxed to death and just getting poorer. Things need to change. Rishi promised a lot of things but nothing has happened. I don't think he will stay."

Stallholder John Masson laments: "Rishi was maybe the best man for the worst times."

"He inherited a lot of problems, and was given a lot more. There is very little chance of him leading the Tory Party to a win. He will be lucky to retain his own seat here."

There's no sign of a Labour presence in the heart of town, either, but outside the Co-op I bump into retired betting shop manager Ian Banton, who moved here from North London and who wants a Labour victory.

Ian says: "This is a Tory town, but we do our best. Is Labour in with a chance? I hope so." Other voters nod their heads and decline to

# Cheer & loathing in the Surrey of the North

## Paul Routledge finds hope of shock in Sunak's once-safe seat in Yorkshire

talk. I detect quite a lot of apathy, with some saying they won't cast their ballot.

In a cafe by the famous cobbles, keen gardener Sally Reckert, 72, reckons tactical voting will determine the outcome.

"I will vote Green, and I hear they have a lot of support in Catterick," she says.

The village of Catterick adjoins the largest UK Army base in the country.

Lorraine Rickleton, 72, from the nearby village of Skeeby, says: "I want Rishi to get back because he is the only good economist."

"I've met him several times. They go to local gymkhanas. He is charming, and I think he will stay here for the children's schools." Defeat at national level would force Sunak out of the Tory leadership tomorrow, or not long after.

And despite claiming he'll stay in the UK, few believe he'll hang around on the Westminster back benches until the next election in 2029.

Local people may miss invitations to Buckingham Palace-style garden parties at his Georgian mansion in rural Kirby Sigston, bought for £1.5million before he was even elected. But like his predecessor premiers, he'll be for the off.

Harold Wilson chose the Scilly Isles, James Callaghan a farm in East Sussex and Edward Heath the precinct of Salisbury Cathedral.

Thatcher abandoned Grantham for a suite in the Ritz, and Tony Blair slunk out of Sedge-

# WILL RICHMOND FALL?



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IAN BANTON HAS HIS FINGERS CROSSED



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ADAM SAKA ON PAIN FELT BY MANY PEOPLE



“I’m a lifelong Tory, but I’m voting Labour

DAVID WALKER SAYS IT’S TIME FOR CHANGE



**ELECTION '24 COUNTDOWN**  
**IT'S HERE!**

Mirror Chicken's Diary

**Armando Iannucci:** “6 Chancellors in 6 years. 6 Health Secretaries in 5. 9 Education Secretaries in 9. If they were a Head Teacher, their school would be in Special Measures. If they ran a branch of a bank, they'd be under arrest. A disgraceful rabble unfit for office: take them away!”

When **Keir Starmer** gains the keys to Downing Street, he should expect a warmer welcome at Buckingham Palace than the first Labour PM **Ramsay MacDonald** did 100 years ago. The Duchess of York (the future Queen Mother)

wrote to a friend: 'I am extremely anti-Labour. "They are so far apart from fairies and owls and bluebells and Americans and all the things I like."

He could have said pizza, curry or roast dinner but instead **Rishi Sunak** claimed his favourite meal is a club sandwich and Coke - in a dismal last-ditch attempt to appeal to voters.

Could this be a winning omen for the Three Lions? **Keir Starmer** travelled in the same plane the England team used to travel to Germany, with the Labour leader sat in the same seat occupied by **Gareth Southgate**.

**REMINDER**  
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**MEET & DRINK**  
Mirror's Paul in cafe with Elizabeth



**PUSH FOR VOTES** Mr Sunak on campaign trail. Inset, Tom Wilson

field to a pile in the Chilterns. They all do it, and Sunak has a £7.5m luxury pad awaiting him in Santa Monica, California, where he can pick up the reins of his multimillion-dollar finance business.

His penthouse with a view of the Pacific overlooks the famous Muscle Beach where Ben Affleck and Kanye West are seen - with Taylor Swift.

Sunak originally planned to live there with glamorous billionaire wife Akshata Murty.

This has been a Tory constituency since 1910, and before that it was a rotten borough sending Sir This and Sir That, knights, dukes and viscounts to Westminster.

They had names like Marmaduke. Today, the seat of 73,000 voters is an oasis of

affluence in a county beset by deprivation - around 88% here own a car, 67% are homeowners and the average income is £44,155. Tellingly, for the Tories, the average age is 54.

In 2019, Sunak had a gigantic majority of 27,210. In normal times, it would take an electoral miracle to unseat him. But the constituency has new borders, taking in the county town of Northallerton, with a large number of public service and health workers. And these are not normal times.

After 14 years of Conservative chaos, voters are impatient for change. Rishi's once-impregnable redoubt in the North is under siege.

Affluent England is turning its back on the Conservatives. Once the dust of Tory defeat has settled, Sunak will most likely shake the dust of the

Dales from his feet. You can bet on that, but don't tip off any MPs to do the same.

The Gambling Commission is watching, so if you really must stick your neck out, you can give the Chocometer a whirl, in the Mocha cafe run by Elizabeth Graves in Richmond's main square.

For a quid you can buy a political party-themed chocolate, with a black sticker to show your support on a chart listing all 13 candidates.

Labour and the Lib Dems are neck and neck with dozens of points. The Tories are way back on 10.

A visitor from Newark bought me a go, but the cafe had run out of chocolates with the Labour logo on. Obviously, somebody has good taste.

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# EURO 2024



**DISTRAUGHT** Hugo's video

## Ollie's shirt surprise after fan's hair blow

ENGLAND'S Ollie Watkins has sent a special message to a young fan who wanted his hero's haircut.

The youngster, Hugo, became upset when his mum said it wouldn't be possible to copy the striker's style.

But Watkins, 28, said: "Hugo, it's Ollie Watkins here. Although we haven't got the same hair mate, we can wear the same shirt. I saw you upset in that video so I thought I'd send you out one of my shirts. This is for the Slovakia game so I hope you enjoy it mate..."



**GIFTED** Ollie shows him shirt



**2024** L-R Tolami Benson, Ellie Alderson, Megan Pickford, Anouska Santos & Dani Dyer

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# IT'S COMING TOBLERONE...



**1966** Tina Moore, Mrs Peters, Mrs Hurst, Mrs Springett & Mrs Bonetti



**2020** L-R Charlotte Trippier, Megan Davison, Fern Hawkins, Annie Kilner & Anouska Santos



**2018** L-R Millie Savage, Gemma Acton, Megan Pickford, Rebekah Vardy, Annabel Peyton, Fern Hawkins, Shannon Horlock, Annie Kilner & Lucia Loi



## In the WAG for the Three Lions

ON England's current form, they will have a mountain to climb to beat Switzerland on Saturday.

But with WAGs cheering them on and a morale boosting visit to their hotel they just might win.

The hairstyles and fashions have changed since 1966 but not the WAGs staunch support.

Although they have not always

been centre stage. After Bobby Moore lifted the World Cup, his wife Tina and other wives had to dine at a separate celebration.

Some of the other women just went home. Since then the likes of Victoria Beckham and Coleen Rooney, and Jarrod Bowen's girlfriend Dani Dyer have shared the limelight with the team.



**2006** Out in Baden-Baden, Germany, including Victoria Beckham, Coleen McLoughlin, Louise Bonsall & Elen Rives

# HERR LIFT

BY PAUL BYRNE and ANDY LINES  
Chief Reporter in Germany

**EXCITED fans are booking planes, trains and ferries to roar England on against the Swiss in Dusseldorf.**

Ryanair has put an extra 13,000 seats on sale to deal with demand for Saturday's quarter-final.

The clash is predicted to give the UK economy a £420million boost, website VoucherCodes.co.uk says.

And many supporters who had returned home after watching the Three Lions in the group stage are set to return to Germany.

Thomas Concannon from the

## Fans flock to quarter-final as tie gives £420m boost

Football Supporters' Association said: "A lot of people skipped the round of 16 game and are coming back out for this game, knowing it is on a Saturday, which makes it even more accessible."

England were given an allocation of just 6,732 tickets for the crunch match and fans are scrambling to

secure a spot in the 47,000-seater Dusseldorf Arena.

UEFA and the FSA have both warned supporters of the risk of fraud when buying digital tickets online or from touts.

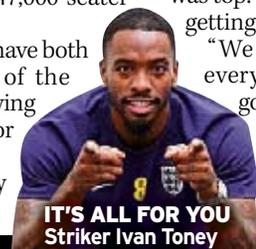
But seats are already being advertised on

third-party websites for up to 20 times the face value.

Ivan Toney, who set up Harry Kane's winner in the last 16 against Slovakia, has hailed the support both in Germany and the UK.

He said: "You heard the noise [in Gelsenkirchen], the atmosphere was top. They played their part in getting us over the line."

"We love the videos of everyone back home, beers going everywhere, and the excitement. Hopefully that can continue."



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SEE SPORT

# Banksy blasts Cleverly's flak on Glasto small boats stunt

BY NAOMI CLARKE

BANKSY has slammed criticism by the Home Secretary over his migrant boat artwork at Glastonbury Festival.

An inflatable boat filled with dummies in life jackets was hoisted into the crowd during Idles' gig on Friday.

Describing the stunt, James Cleverly said: "It is vile. It is a celebration of the loss of life in the Channel."

Yesterday, Banksy branded the Tory's reaction "a bit over the top". He shared a photo of a real sea rescue boat he



**ROW** Boat at Glastonbury on Friday night funded, writing: "The MV Louise Michel, rescued 17 unaccompanied children from the central Med on Monday night. "The Italian authorities have detained it - which seems vile and unacceptable."

## Building site deaths soar

THE number of deaths on construction sites has risen from four to 51 in a year, figures reveal.

Overall, 138 people were killed at work in 2023/24, which is two more than the previous year.

The Health and Safety Executive figures were branded "concerning".

Ruth Wilkinson, of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health, said: "It's clear lessons aren't being learned and much more still needs to be done to protect workers."

# TEEN HUNT



'SCARED' Missing Jay Slater



# Missing Jay's dad: You don't just disappear



SEARCH Warren & Zak. Inset, Williams-Thomas

## Warren scours Tenerife ravine

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**FATHER & SON**  
Warren and Zak search yesterday



BY **PATRICK HILL** in Tenerife

**THE dad of missing Jay Slater yesterday mounted his own search for the teenager and said: "You just don't disappear."**

Warren Slater, 58, spent two hours hiking through the ravine where Jay's phone last "pinged" 16 days earlier.

He said: "It's just ridiculous that somebody can just disappear. He's a young boy, he's fit. You just don't disappear. It's a mystery... it's baffling."

Warren was speaking after TV investigator Mark Williams-Thomas claimed Jay was scared leaving a rental property after allegedly taking a £12,000 Rolex watch.

The dad was with his older son Zak, 24, and one of Jay's uncles as he said: "We've been all the way down. We've walked as far as you can until it's too dangerous."

"All I'm doing is a Columbo bit myself. He might be on here, you never know, but as a dad I don't want him to be."

Warren had previously said it would be dangerous for the family to start searching the vast nature reserve.

But with the police search over, they feel they have no choice. He yesterday suffered cuts to his arms and legs from walking through the terrain.

Warren said: "This is where his phone last pinged. This was the valley and I've come to the point of no return." Asked about the police probe,

he said: "The police are not really telling us anything, we're in the dark."

Jay, 19, of Oswaldtwistle, Lancs, was last seen leaving the rental property in remote Masca around 8am on June 17 before entering Parque Rural de Teno.

Police say the two older British men who invited him to the home have no link to the missing persons probe.

British ex-detective Mr Williams-Thomas, who is working for the family, alleged Jay was scared when he left the house, and could not return to charge his phone and get water.

He also alleged that during his car journey with the men, Jay posted a video boasting about the watch theft.

He claimed: "Friends of Jay say he would not make this up."

Jay's mum Debbie Duncan updated the GoFundMe appeal Get Jay Slater Home, which is up to nearly £50,000.

She said the cash will help rescue crews and her family's "expenses as we remain in Tenerife looking for our boy".

A man, 31, who says Jay stayed with him on the night before he vanished said he left his Airbnb alive.

Ayub Qassim, now thought to be at his East London home, said: "I let the geezer stay because he had nowhere else to go. I know Jay through friends. Now my face is all over the news."

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**"I'm doing a Columbo bit myself. He might be on here, you never know"**

**WARREN SLATER MISSING HOLIDAY TEEN JAY'S DAD**

# Biden keeps fighting after 'tired' debate

BY **TIM HANLON**

**PRESIDENT Joe Biden last night vowed to keep running for re-election, hours after the White House slapped down reports he was considering quitting.**

Mr Biden, 81, rejected pressure from within his Democratic Party to withdraw after his disastrous TV debate with Republican challenger Donald Trump, 78. The President

said he "nearly fell asleep" on the show due to travel exhaustion.

And he vowed: "I am running. I am the leader of the Democratic Party. No one is pushing me out."

Texas congressman Lloyd Doggett became the first sitting Democrat to call for Biden to go. He said he "has the opportunity to encourage

a new generation of leaders from whom a nominee can be chosen."

Mr Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, 59, made a surprise appearance on a top-level party strategy call yesterday, stressing what's at stake in the election and giving workers a pep talk.



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# Cav sprints into record books



## PAIN Nurse pushes trolley Patient spent nine days on trolley in A&E

BY **MARTIN BAGOT**  
Health Editor

PATIENTS have been forced to wait up to 10 days in A&E due to a lack of beds on NHS wards.

Almost every trust in England reports leaving at least one person languishing on an A&E trolley for 24 hours or more in the past year.

The longest time a patient waited to be admitted last year was 230 hours and 25 minutes at Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust.

The Society for Acute Medicine described the lengthy waits as a scandal and said the appalling situation was causing "significant harm and some early deaths".

In the past year, 466,000 patients have waited more than 12 hours to be seen.

LINDA NOLAN: P21



## SENTENCED Guadagno Man whose dog bit four 'was drunk'

BY **COREY ROSS**

A MAN whose dog bit four people and was tasered by police got a suspended prison sentence yesterday.

Enrico Guadagno, 47, was "extremely intoxicated" as he walked the Belgian Malinois, called JJ, off the lead, a court heard.

It attacked Muhammed Malayarukil and Shaheen Joshani and then Teresa and Kyle Waterman, biting Kyle's hand and ripping Teresa's coat in Charminster, Dorset.

Guadagno, of Bourne-mouth, pleaded guilty at Poole magistrates court to being the owner of a dog dangerously out of control.

He was handed a four-month suspended jail term and banned from keeping dogs for seven years. JJ was put down. The judge said: "You had knowledge this dog could be aggressive."



**PODIUM** Cav poses with Delilah, Casper, Ashford & Frey

CYCLING star Sir Mark Cavendish roars in triumph as he wins a record 35th Tour de France stage yesterday.

Three years after matching Belgian legend Eddy Merckx on 34, the Manx sprinter held off Merckx's countryman Jasper Philipsen to win.

The 39-year-old said in

Saint-Vulbas, eastern France: "I'm in a little bit of disbelief.

"Astana [his team] put a big gamble on this year to make sure we're good here at the Tour. It's a big gamble for my boss Alexander Vinokourov, a big thing to do."

Cavendish's wife Peta and their children joined in the

exuberant celebrations. He is a stepdad to her son Finnbar, 18, and they have four children together - Delilah, 12, Frey, eight, Ashford, one, and Casper, six.

Cavendish won his first stage on the Tour de France way back in 2008.

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**2008** Cav's shock at maiden victory

# MADDIE BLOW



**TRAGIC** Madeleine McCann

BY **MARTIN FRICKER**

## A SHOCK legal ruling means the prime suspect in Madeleine McCann's disappearance may be free early next year.

A judge has overturned an arrest warrant for German paedophile Christian Brueckner, who is on trial accused of sex crimes in the Algarve, Portugal.

Judge Ute Engelmann ruled the German court had not heard strong enough evidence to keep him behind bars.

Defence lawyers are allowed to apply to have the warrant, a form

## Chief suspect may walk free next year after court ruling

of remand, lifted once key witnesses in the case have been heard. Prosecutors are expected to appeal the ruling, which is a strong indication that Brueckner will be cleared of the charges.

Brueckner, 47, right, suspected of abducting and killing Madeleine, aged three, in Praia da Luz in May 2007, is nearing the

end of a seven-year term for raping a US OAP in Portugal.

Brueckner, who denies three counts of rape and two of exposing himself to children, could be out on day release in months. Public

prosecutor Hans Christian Wolters said: "We will examine the reasons for the decision and then decide how to proceed."

Prosecutors appear no nearer to proving he was behind Madeleine's disappearance - despite claiming they have proof she is dead.

A not guilty verdict would put pressure on them to charge him over Madeleine.

The trial continues.

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**BLAST** Colin and Hannah  
**Captain Tom  
 daughter &  
 her hubby's  
 charity ban**

BY **ADAM ASPINALL**

CAPTAIN Sir Tom Moore's daughter and her husband have been disqualified as charity trustees.

Hannah and Colin Ingram-Moore said they will not appeal the Charity Commission ruling.

The Captain Tom Foundation was set up in May 2020 after he raised £38.9million for the NHS during Covid. He walked laps at his home in Marston Mortaine, Beds.

Sir Tom, 100, died in 2021 and the watchdog opened an inquiry in 2022 amid concerns about the foundation's management and independence from the war veterans family.

**MISCONDUCT**

Ms Ingram-Moore's ban is for 10 years and her husband's is for eight years.

The ruling said there has been "misconduct and/or mismanagement, the individuals are not fit to be a trustee or hold senior management functions".

The May 14 orders came into effect on June 25.

The family said they "fundamentally disagree" with the ruling and described the ongoing inquiry as a "harrowing and debilitating ordeal".

**Met gun cop  
 is arrested  
 on rape rap**

AN armed police officer has been arrested on suspicion of rape, it emerged last night.

The officer, who has been suspended from duty, was arrested last month and has been bailed to return in September.

A Met Police spokesman told the Mirror: "A serving Met officer has been arrested on suspicion of rape and other offences."

"The officer was arrested on Monday, June 24. He was bailed to return in mid-September, pending further enquiries."

"He has been suspended from duty."

The Met has informed the Independent Office for Police Conduct.

# I'm back... after killing Dirty Den

## Tracy-Ann's delight at Enders return as arch-villain Chrissie



**QUEEN** There were many rows in the pub



**RIVAL** Chrissie tormented Zoe Slater



**FROSTY** Being smacked by Sharon

**“The scripts are great, I am loving playing her once again**

**TRACY-ANN OBERMAN ON EASTENDERS RETURN**

**SHOCKING**  
 After grisly murder of Den, 2005



BY **ASHLEIGH RAINBIRD**  
 Diary Editor

**CHRISSIE Watts will make a sensational return to EastEnders almost 20 years after she murdered husband Dirty Den.**

Actress Tracy-Ann Oberman has already started filming and will be seen back on screen in the autumn, as her character is apparently released from prison following her conviction for killing her cheating husband.

The dramatic storyline had Chrissie, Sam Mitchell (Kim Medcalf) and Zoe Slater (Michelle Ryan) bury Den under the floor of the Queen Vic barrel store, before Chrissie tried to frame Sam for the crime after she dug up Den's body.

Chrissie was eventually convicted after Sam's brothers Phil and Grant Mitchell (Steve McFadden and Ross Kemp) returned to the Square in a bid to free their sister, and Chrissie has been imprisoned ever since.

**FAVOURITE**

She also had a bitterly frosty relationship with Den's daughter Sharon, played by Letitia Dean.

Tracy-Ann, 57, says: "Chrissie Watts was such a great character to play – a victim or a villain."

"She is a real fan favourite so, when Chris Clenshaw asked me to come back and see what has happened in the last 19 years, I jumped at the chance. The scripts are fantastic and I hope the viewers enjoy her as much as I am enjoying playing her again."

Chrissie first arrived in Walford in April 2004 in search of her husband Den, played by Leslie Grantham, after meeting him in Spain – in which time he had been presumed dead by viewers, after he was shot in 1989.

Chrissie eventually killed him in February 2005, as part of the soap's 20th anniversary special, and will return shortly before the soap turns 40.

Executive producer Chris said: "I'm delighted to welcome the immensely talented Tracy-Ann back to the iconic role of Chrissie Watts. I'm keeping tight-lipped on the exact circumstances, but it's never quiet when Chrissie is around."

The Mirror told yesterday how Chris had teased an impending return.

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**KEMP'S SQUARE: PAGE 31**

**OUT** Watts back after leaving jail cell, right



**BELTER**  
Maria Sharapova dressed for rain and, below, 20 years ago

## DRAMILLA Queen & whisky Queen & Duke join the Order of the Thistle

BY **RUSSELL MYERS**  
Royal Editor

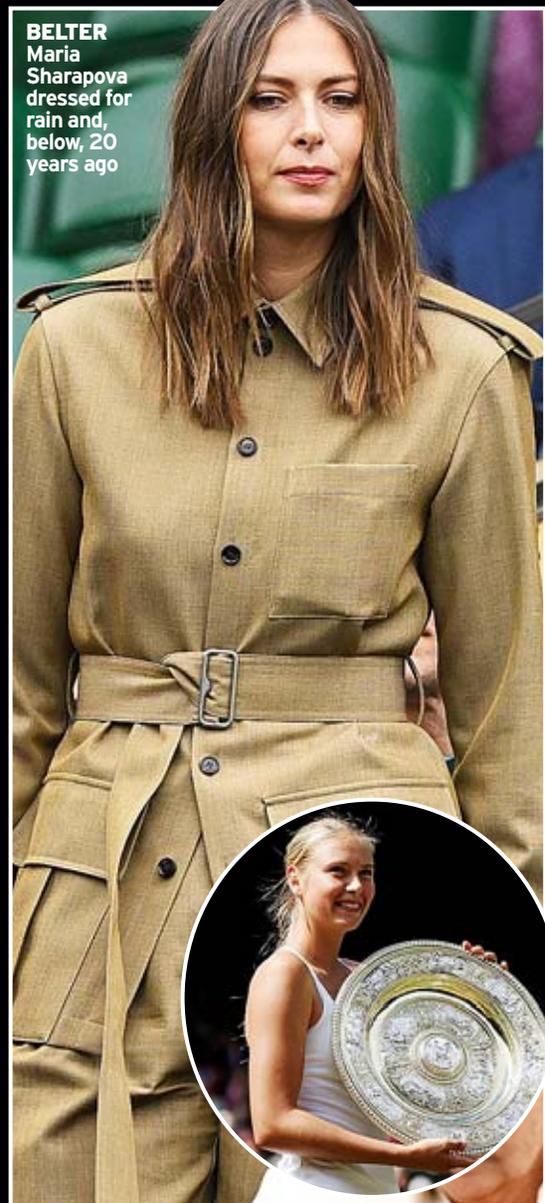
THE King has installed the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh into the highest order of Scottish chivalry.

Camilla and Prince Edward, who have strong connections with Scottish charities, were appointed members of the Order of the Thistle, at St Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh.

The honour was also bestowed on human rights lawyer Baroness Helena Kennedy, forensic scientist Baroness Sue Black and Scotland's first Black professor, Sir Geoff Palmer.

Later, as the Queen joined the King at Edinburgh Castle to mark the city's 900th birthday, she sipped a dram of 52-year-old Duncan Taylor whisky.

Camilla remarked: "That hits the spot!"



# Wad a shot!

## Stars out to see Raducanu breeze into SW19 3rd round

BY **MATTHEW YOUNG**  
at Wimbledon

**A RAIN delay did not stop play for Ted Lasso star Hannah Waddingham and the stars who flocked to SW19.**

And when it brightened, Hannah, 49, showed her specs appeal in big shades.

Star of the day Emma Raducanu, 21, breezed past Belgian Elise Mertens in straight sets. She will hope to match the success of Maria Sharapova, the 2004 winner who was in the royal box.

Seven-time singles champ Novak Djokovic shared a joke with **ON POINT** Emma

seven-time snooker world champ Ronnie O'Sullivan.

Singers Mel C, 50, Beverley Knight, 51, and Marvin and Rochelle Humes, 39 and 35, pitched up. There were also appearances from TV host Dermot O'Leary, 51, football pundit Jermaine Jenas, 41, his model wife Ellie, and writer Dawn O'Porter, 45.

Fans have more to cheer about as Raducanu and Andy Murray, on his Wimbledon swansong, are teaming up in the mixed doubles. She said: "It's been a dream of mine."

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# Putin and Xi meet again at anti-Western nations group

BY EMMA BURROWS

VLADIMIR Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping have met for the second time in as many months.

The leaders visited Kazakhstan for a session of the Shanghai Co-operation Organisation, an international group founded to counter Western alliances.

Russian President Putin and Chinese leader Xi last got together in May when the

**TYRANT** Vladimir Putin



Kremlin leader visited Beijing to underscore their close partnership that opposes the US-led democratic order.

Yesterday in the capital Astana, Mr Putin hailed the SCO as "one of the key pillars of a fair, multipolar world order", and said ties between Moscow and Beijing are "experiencing the best period in their history".

The SCO was established by the countries in 2001. Other members include Iran, India, and Pakistan.

## Less well-off get no relief

POORER households have barely seen any improvement in their finances over the past year.

A survey by Which? found it is only wealthier people who have noticeably scaled back their money-saving measures.

Among those on incomes of under £21,000, 60% are still battling to make ends meet. The figure was 61% last year.

Which?'s Rocio Concha said: "Many households on low incomes or with children are still struggling."

# ASSISTED



**CUDDLE**  
Antonya  
& Hamish  
in hospital

BY MARTIN FRICKER

**A MUM says she gave her terminally ill seven-year-old son a lethal dose of morphine to end his life and stop his agonising pain.**

Antonya Cooper's young lad Hamish had stage 4 cancer when she administered the opioid in 1981.

She said that as his mother she could no longer let him suffer.

Antonya added that Hamish had endured 16 months of "horrendous treatment you wouldn't put a dog through" after being diagnosed with neuroblastoma in 1979.

The mum, 77, now has terminal pancreatic cancer and backs a change in the law to allow assisted dying. She has also joined Swiss assisted dying organisation Dignitas.

Speaking about Hamish's final moments at home, Antonya said: "We had watched him brave through all that beastly treatment.

"We'd had him for longer than the original prognosis, so the time was right. It was in the middle of the night, we were by his bedside.

"I had been entrusted to the possession of that morphine sulphate.

"On Hamish's last night, I said, 'Would you like me to remove the pain?' He said, 'Yes please, Mama'.

"And through his Hickman catheter I gave him a large dose of morphine that did quietly end his life.

"I feel very strongly that at the point of Hamish telling me he was in pain, and asking me if I could remove his pain, he knew. He knew somewhere what was going on.

"I was his mother. He loved his mother and I totally loved him. I was not going to let him suffer, and I feel he really knew that he was going.

"It was the right thing to do. My son was facing the most horrendous suffering and intense pain.

"I was not going to allow him to go through that."

Asked if she understands she is potentially admitting to manslaughter or murder, she said she does.

Antonya, of Abingdon, Oxon, told BBC Radio Oxford: "If [the police] come 43 years after I have allowed

Hamish to die peacefully, then I would have to face the consequences.

"But they would have to be quick, because I'm dying too.

"I am not a religious person, but there is a tiny voice inside me that believes it would be wonderful if I could cuddle Hamish again."

Hamish began feeling unwell in 1979 shortly after his fifth birthday.

Antonya visited seven GPs over a 13-week period before doctors discovered a grapefruit-sized tumour in his abdomen. She recalled: "I actually [had] a sense of relief because I felt at long last someone had recognised what I was trying to tell them."

Hamish had chemotherapy, radiotherapy and surgery at Great Ormond Street Hospital in London.



**LAW CHANGE** Antonya now

somehow laughing and enjoying life.

Antonya, the former chair of charity Neuroblastoma UK, added: "He did have some quality of life and he was a fun-loving little chap."

After his treatment ended he returned to school and enjoyed summer holidays at the seaside.

But Antonya said that in autumn 1981 biopsies revealed her son's cancer had returned with a vengeance and he could not be saved.

On the impact of Hamish's death, Antonya added: "You suffer an amputation and it takes you time to learn to live with that amputation.

"You never get over it because you've lost that limb. It's gone for ever but you learn just to cope."

Mum-of-four Antonya is backing a change in the law to make assisted dying legal. Euthanasia is also illegal in the UK.

On people suffering while terminally ill, she said: "We don't do it to pets, why should we do it to humans?"

She added she would like human death to not be "so intolerably

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# DYING DEBATE IS REIGNITED

# I was Hamish's mother & I totally loved him... I was not going to let him suffer

Mum says she gave terminally ill son, 7, a fatal dose of morphine



**HAPPY MOMENT**  
Hamish and his mum Antonya

“I said, ‘Would you like me to remove the pain?’ and he said, ‘Yes please, Mama’

ANTONYA COOPER DESCRIBES GIVING SON THE FATAL DOSE

inhumane”. She said: “The point of assisted dying is to be able to seek a kind end for yourself if you know you’re going anyway. “And not to be racked with pain and not to be testing the facilities of some loving hospice. I’m realistic about the probability of dying. I just don’t know

when.” Scotland, Jersey and the Isle of Man are considering proposals that would allow terminally ill people to be assisted to end their lives.

Critics say a change in the law would place pressure on vulnerable

people to end their lives. About 190 potential assisted suicide cases have been referred to the Crown Prosecution Service in the past 15 years. There have been four successful prosecutions.

Thames Valley Police said it is “aware of reports relating to an

apparent case of assisted dying of a seven-year-old boy in 1981”.

A spokesman added: “At this early stage, the force is making enquiries into these reports and is not in a position to comment further.”

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## COMMENT

BY ALEXANDER ROSE

This heartbreaking case underlines the reality of the UK’s outdated laws on assisted dying.

Hamish endured unnecessary suffering and his mother could now be sentenced to up to 14 years for her actions to alleviate this. Her final wish is that no other person should face her dilemma or his suffering.

The law can and should provide a solution. For many years, states in the US have let terminally ill people apply for the right to life-ending medication, subject to assessment by doctors and oversight by judges. UK citizens could benefit from similar rights, allowing people the compassionate choice of making decisions about their future within a framework of safeguards and support.

■ Former government legal department lawyer

## COMMENT

BY ROSS HENDRY

The circumstances of this case are distressing, and it is heartbreaking to think about the experience of Ms Cooper’s son, and her own battle with cancer.

When it comes to “assisted dying”, we strongly believe that the current approach should remain in place across the UK.

Assisted suicide is unethical and medically dangerous. The lethal substances given to people in this process can cause terrible suffering. Campaigners are not honest about this.

There is also no way to rule out abuses against vulnerable patients through subtle coercion, mistakes and malpractice.

Keeping assisted suicide illegal and assessing individuals with great care is the best approach.

■ CEO of Christian Action Research and Education

# GIVING MIRTH

## Dad packs hospital kit for mum-to-be with Max Branning T-shirt and whistle



**EXPECTING** Liv was hopeful for bag

BY JAKE MEEUS-JONES

A PREGNANT woman was in stitches after opening a hospital bag packed by her partner, which included hair gel, a whistle and a T-shirt of East-Enders Max Branning smoking.

Liv Nightingale, 23, wanted underwear, a towel and a normal T-shirt. Instead Ryan Blood, 25, also put in two "night out" dresses, a full make-up kit, shower gel, hair tongs and three toothbrushes.

Liv, who rated the bag three out of 10, said: "The midwives found it hilarious and they'd keep popping in and clocking the T-shirt. He's smoking a cigarette on it. I find it hilarious."

The pair from Worcester thought Liv was due when they got back from holiday. Ryan had 10 minutes to pack the bag and return to daughter Lily, 18 months, But the rush to Worcester Hospital was a false alarm, so Ryan can re-pack.

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**HAPPY FAMILY** Pregnant Liv with Ryan and Lily



**UP THE DUFF DUFFS** EastEnders theme to Liv's childbirth



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**SCENE** The Spanish beach Hero killed in Spanish sea save named

BY STEW NELSON

A HERO who died helping rescue drowning children in Spain has been named.

Bryn Thomas, 52, and a Polish man, 46, rushed into the sea at La Roqueta beach, near Alicante, when they saw two children aged six and seven in difficulty.

The children were saved but, amid winds gusting to nearly 40mph on June 7, both rescuers died.

Spain's Civil Guard said: "They were both trying to help two young children who were in difficulties."

Two others were hospitalised with breathing difficulties after the incident.

Mr Thomas, of Southampton, Hants, died of encephalic anoxia and mechanical asphyxia due to submersion, an inquest in Winchester heard.

The full inquest will be held next year.



**PRICEY** Rolex was nicked  
**Rolex watch thief is jailed for gun spree**

BY JAMES SHARP

A ROBBER who stole watches, jewellery and cash at gunpoint on a stolen moped has been jailed for seven-and-a-half years.

Riece Francis, 23, rode around affluent areas, threatening victims with an imitation pistol.

He burst into a Greek restaurant in Paddington, West London, and forced Christos Papadopoulos to hand over his £3,000 watch and wallet with £400 in it.

Francis then stole a £13,500 Rolex from Joe Onyuma outside a pub near Notting Hill.

He also robbed a businessman sat in his car, taking £10,000 of jewellery and £1,000 in cash in February 2023.

Francis, of Slough, Berks, admitted 13 charges, including four robberies, at Southwark crown court.

**PICTURE EXCLUSIVE**



# Over & shout

## Hollyoaks bad boy isn't going quietly with stab scene finale

BY MARK JEFFERIES  
Showbiz Editor

**HOLLYOAKS** star Jamie Lomas appears to be going out with a fight, leaving his on-screen love screaming all the way to the bank.

The 49-year-old is quitting the soap for good, with his bad boy character Warren Fox being stabbed in his final scenes shot this week.

He then kisses girlfriend Mercedes, played by Jenni-

fer Metcalfe, hands her a holdall full of cash before being bundled into a van as she shouts in despair.

Jamie announced his departure from the show in March, leaving a role he has played on and off since 2006.

He said: "The story team have been planning my exit for a long time. Hollyoaks does amazing stories and this is going to be brilliant. I know where it's headed and it's headed in a really dark place."

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**KNIFE GUY**  
Mercedes helps out after attack



**BIG TROUBLE**  
Warren lurches towards his girl



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The lovers say goodbyes



**BAGS OF EMOTION**  
Mercedes screaming



**BLOOD ON HIS HANDS**  
Warren in back of van

I fell over on Friday. The lady who does our nails came over to fix one of mine (too much gadding) and I was clearing up when I went over.

I don't remember feeling dizzy, I just went. I thought: "This is going to hurt." And yep, it did.

I was wearing my button like a good girl but I didn't press it. I managed to pull myself up using a chair (naturally my fabulous Hogwarts stick was leaning against another one).

I'm bruised and grazed down my left arm, but as luck would have it (so lucky, me) I was going into hospital for my bloods later that day and spoke to the medical team then. "Maybe you should go

## Linda Nolan

Speaking from the heart



to A&E?" the nurse suggested. No way. Last year I ended up there when my meds caused me to become breathless.

Maureen took me in around 1.30pm. We were there until 4am.

First in the waiting room, where people were sitting and, later, lying on the floor.

Then in a side room with a few others including an older woman who could barely stand, and another with blood

rushing out of her nose. It was chaos, everything you hear about.

Maureen was a trouper, making tea, fetching the nose lady a new bowl, taking the older lady to the loo.

"It's OK, I won't be here soon," the lady said. It was heartbreaking. "It's just a bad day," Maureen reassured her. But she wasn't the only one losing the will.

The staff were fabulous, never without

a smile. Just what they're like every time I go in for treatment, apologising if they ask me to wait.

You don't realise how hard they work until you need them.

I don't want to be preachy, but oh my God, we can't let our NHS go. We have to save it. And don't even talk to me about waiting times for cancer treatment, I feel so relieved I'm already in the system.

Politics is difficult for me to spell, let alone talk about. I've never been one to go to the door when the candidates come knocking. But I always vote, and if I'm not into politics, I am into the NHS. Literally.

Whoever gets in, I know this much: we need a new plan.



# HAPPY EVERTON AFTER

Goodison wedding couple  
back on 25th anniversary

**1999**

Del and Alyson  
Thornton wed

**NOW**

At ground set to  
be demolished

BY **HOLLIE BONE**

**THE first couple to wed at Everton's Goodison Park celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary by returning to the ground before it is razed.**

Alyson and Del Thornton's nuptials were inspired by a club magazine feature, advertising it as a licensed wedding

venue. So when fan Del was allowed to choose where they married, he chose the home of his football club. The pair tied the knot on June 19, 1999.

Alyson, 57, of Maghull, Merseyside, said: "I wanted no fuss and said to Del, 'You sort it out and tell me where and when' - which was quite brave of me."

Del, 55, said he contacted the club to

arrange a date, adding: "It just so happened that we were the first couple.

"I thought, 'Well, she said I could pick where we get married', so I went for it."

Aly was denied low-key nuptials when a newspaper covered the historic union.

She said: "We had the Liverpool Echo come over to take photos and ended up in the paper." Next season is Everton's

last at Goodison as they prepare to move to new ground Bramley-Moore Dock.

Returning to Goodison for last month's anniversary, Del said: "I am excited about us going to the new stadium but also a bit sad that the place where we got married will be gone."

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## Charge serial failures more

DRIVING test fees could be raised for learners who have already made multiple unsuccessful attempts.

The RAC Foundation said this would encourage them to wait until they are actually ready to pass.

Its director Steve Gooding said: "There is now an unacceptable amount of congestion... with learners often waiting many months for a slot."

Some 93,204 practical tests in the last year were taken as a sixth go at least.

## OUR DAILY PUB QUIZ

- Who wrote the book *Jaws*?
- When did the Scouts movement begin in England?
- Which flower's name comes from the Ancient Greek word for star?
- In which war was the Battle of the Imjin River fought?
- "She's got a smile that it seems to me reminds me of childhood memories" are lyrics in which Guns N' Roses song?

**ANSWERS: PAGE 47**

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# My 30 desert marathons in 30 days... to feel close to my lost brother



SEARCH Looking for Michael on Everest

**EXCLUSIVE**  
BY NICOLA METHVEN  
TV Editor



Spencer Matthews was just 10 years old when his brother, Michael, died on Mount Everest having become the youngest Briton ever to make the summit.

Now, the Made in Chelsea star says thoughts of Michael are what will drive him to success as he attempts to run 30 marathons in 30 days in the deserts of Jordan.

Spencer is taking on the mammoth Great Desert Challenge for charity at the end of the month and is hoping to make it into the Guinness World Records for the most consecutive marathons on sand.

He says one of his main motivations is the memory of his elder brother, who died aged just 22 in a storm during his descent from Everest in May 1999, having made the record books himself.

"I guess deep down I'm quite keen to make my brother proud," he tells the Mirror during a training run.

"I looked up to Michael enormously. I grew up appreciating his adventurous spirit, it kind of lived on through me and I feel quite close to him when I put myself in sporting situations."

Michael was the 162nd climber to perish on the world's biggest mountain and last year, Spencer travelled to the Himalayas in a quest to find Michael's body and bring it home.

His efforts, filmed for a Disney documentary, proved unsuccessful. "In every ultra marathon I've ever done, when times have got tough and I'm on the verge of giving up, I think of him and even talk to him," he explains. "It's a nice feeling for me."

But Spencer admits his wife, Vogue Williams, was hardly thrilled when he first told her of his plans.

"She initially thought I was mad and found the whole thing to sound extremely dangerous," he confesses.

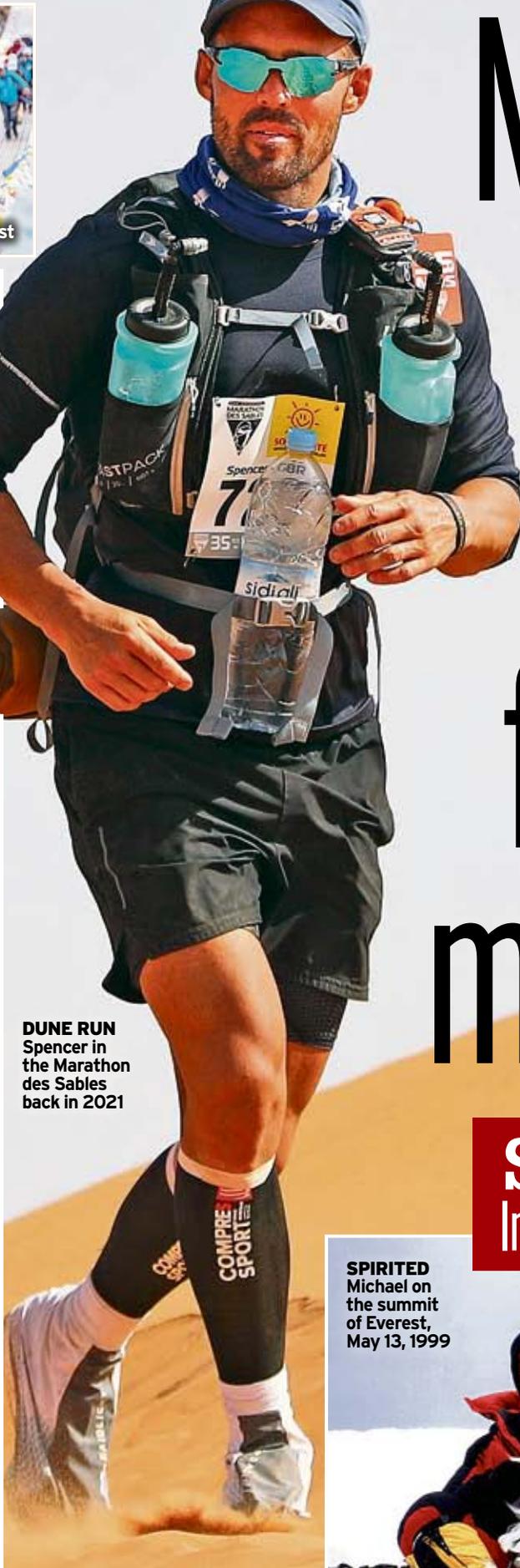
"But Vogue understands my desire to push myself. If I said I was going to go off for 30 days every year she might be a bit peeved. If we succeed and raise a lot of money for great causes she'd obviously support that."

It's a different story with Spencer's kids Theo, Gigi and Otto, aged six, four and two. "My children are slightly too young to understand the dangers of it. They just think it's cool Daddy's going running in the desert for a while."

A huge amount of effort has gone into the preparation for the enormous run, which begins in the Wadi Rum on the edge of the Arabian Desert and finishes near the Dead Sea.

The star will be flanked by a doctor, a physio and a nutritionist

**DUNE RUN**  
Spencer in the Marathon des Sables back in 2021



**SPIRITED**  
Michael on the summit of Everest, May 13, 1999



**SUPPORT**  
Vogue with youngest kids Otto and Gigi

**Spencer Matthews**  
Inspired by tragedy for £1m charity bid

plus the running coach who previously got Spencer's pal Josh Patterson through 76 marathons in 76 days.

"There's always a slight chance that things can go wrong," he admits, "but we're doing everything we can to mitigate that risk. These people have set world records before and if something was going pear-shaped they'd know about it before me."

The 35-year-old will have run

20,000km in preparation for the challenge and he ran the arduous Marathon des Sables in 2021, a seven-day challenge across the Sahara desert.

He plans to run for more than six

hours a day in a bid to raise up to £1million for Global's Make Some Noise

campaign, which supports an array of small and local charities.

Spencer says: "I'll think of my kids, my wife and of Michael and what he had to endure in the final moments of his life."

**"I'll think of my kids, my wife and of Michael and what he had to endure in the final moments of his life"**



**READY TO GO**  
Spencer in training for charity run



■ The Great Desert Challenge takes place from July 29 to August 27.  
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**DANGER** Goats look on as smoke from flames engulfs farm

# Wildfires force 13,000 from homes

A HOME is engulfed in flames as wildfires sweep through a city, forcing 13,000 residents to flee

In other images, goats are surrounded by smoke near blazing farm buildings and an aeroplane crew desperately try to stop the inferno spreading further.

Firefighters yesterday lined roads and battled to keep the flames from reaching more houses as helicopters

dropped water on the flames. A huge plume of smoke rose above Oroville in California after the fire broke out on Tuesday lunchtime and continued to rage yesterday.

The city of around 20,000 people has declared a state of emergency.

Several homes have been destroyed by the wildfires, which came amid 37.8C temperatures across the state.



**DESTROYED** Blazing car in Oroville



**DESPERATE** Aircrew try to contain California inferno



BY **MARTIN BAGOT**  
Health Editor

**A NEW drug to tackle Alzheimer's has been approved in the US amid growing calls for the NHS to improve early diagnosis so Brits can benefit from the treatment.**

UK regulators are still considering donanemab but could follow the US Food and Drug Administration which on Tuesday approved what is one of the world's first disease-modifying treatments for dementia.

Fiona Carragher, director at Alzheimer's Society, said: "This marks another step forward in the fight against dementia, the biggest health and social care challenge of our time.

"This drug is only suitable for people in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease, and until we fix dementia diagnosis in the UK, only small numbers of people will get the early, accurate diagnosis needed to access the treatment if it's approved here."

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**BIG STEP** Fiona Carragher



# FRESH HOPE FOR DEMENTIA DRUG

## Disease-modifying treatment approved in US

bind to harmful proteins to destroy them.

Donanemab contains antibodies that bind to a protein called amyloid, which builds up in the brain in the early stages

of Alzheimer's disease. Unlike currently available treatments, which can only relieve the symptoms, donanemab appears to tackle the underlying disease.

The Mirror revealed last year how early trial data showed it slowed

mental decline by 36%. However the deaths of four people – three who had donanemab and one in the placebo group – were considered "treatment-related". One in 62 had serious side effects such as brain bleeding.

The drug, which is administered

through monthly infusions, costs almost £10,000 for six months, £25,000 for 12 and £38,000 for 18.

The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency is reviewing safety data on donanemab while the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence evaluates its cost-effectiveness for the NHS.

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GRIEVING  
Flowers left  
at a branch



BY JEREMY ARMSTRONG

**A WOMAN has been arrested on suspicion of money laundering in connection to the Legacy Funeral Directors fraud investigation.**

The 54-year-old was being questioned by detectives last night.

A 46-year-old man, previously bailed after being arrested on suspicion of theft and fraud charges, is now in custody too.

A woman of 23, arrested on suspicion of prevention of a lawful burial, fraud by false representation and fraud by abuse of position, is still on police bail.

Around 200 people are believed to

# THIRD ARRESTED OVER FUNERALS

## Woman quizzed over 'money laundering' at scandal firm

have bought non-existent funeral plans from the firm in Hull, East Yorkshire.

Police have contacted 163 families in relation to ashes recovered from the

funeral firm. In March 35 bodies were recovered from its Hessle Road site, along with a quantity of ashes.

Humberside Asst Chief Const Thom

McLoughlin said: "We continue to keep families at the heart of everything."

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VINO VERITAS UK farm

## UK vineyards boom a wine of the times

BY NATASHA WYNARCZYK

THERE has been a boom in vineyards, with more than 1,000 in the UK now.

Some 87 new plantations were registered in 2023, bringing the total to 1,030 as the country bucked a global decline in wine making and drinking.

British vineyards now take up 4,209 hectares of land – a 9% increase in a year – and now covering an area equivalent to 5,895 football pitches.

English and Welsh wine sales have soared by 10% since 2022, with 8.8million bottles bought last year, said sector body WineGB.

Sales of UK sparkling wine jumped by 187% since 2018. Britain is now home to more than 90 grape varieties.

WineGB CEO Nicola Bates said: "GB wine is a success story."



AIR TIME Hippopotamus

## Hippos flight on their feet, experts find

BY NINA MASSEY

HIPPOPOTAMUSES can get airborne when they run, a study found.

When trotting fast, the huge animals' feet can leave the ground for up to 0.3 seconds at a time researchers discovered.

The Royal Veterinary College study also found that hippos almost always use a trot gait, whereas most land quadrupeds also walk and gallop.

Lead author Professor John Hutchinson, said: "It's hard to work with hippos.

"They're also very dangerous. That's part of the reason science knew little about how hippos move before our research."

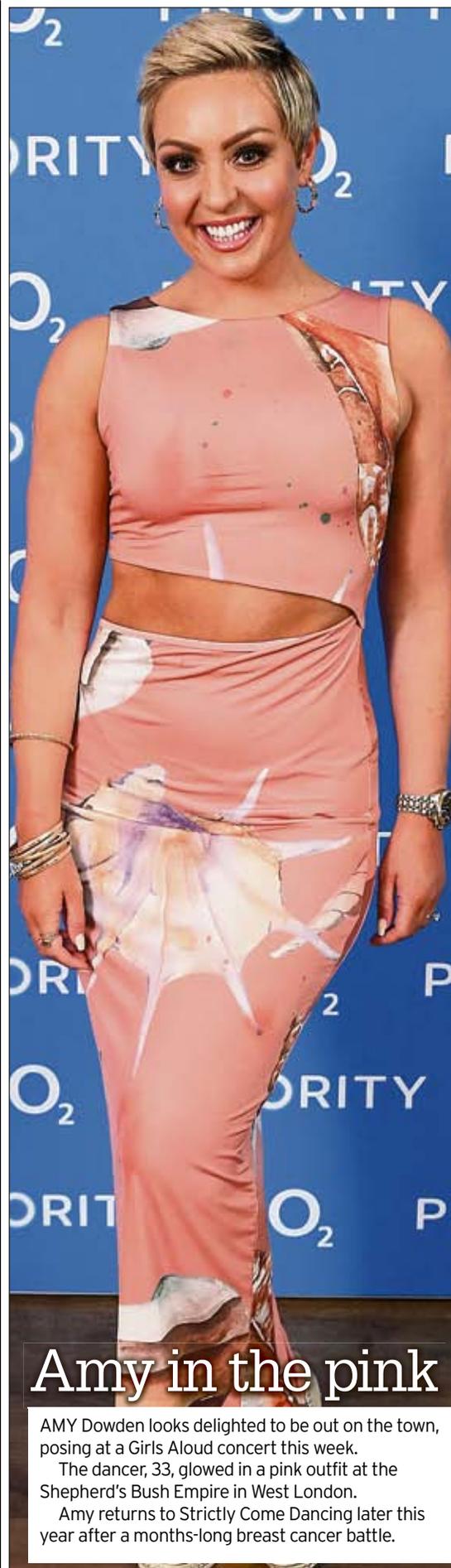
Kieran Holliday of Flamingo Land, North Yorks, which allowed its hippos to be studied, said understanding them more would lead to better care.

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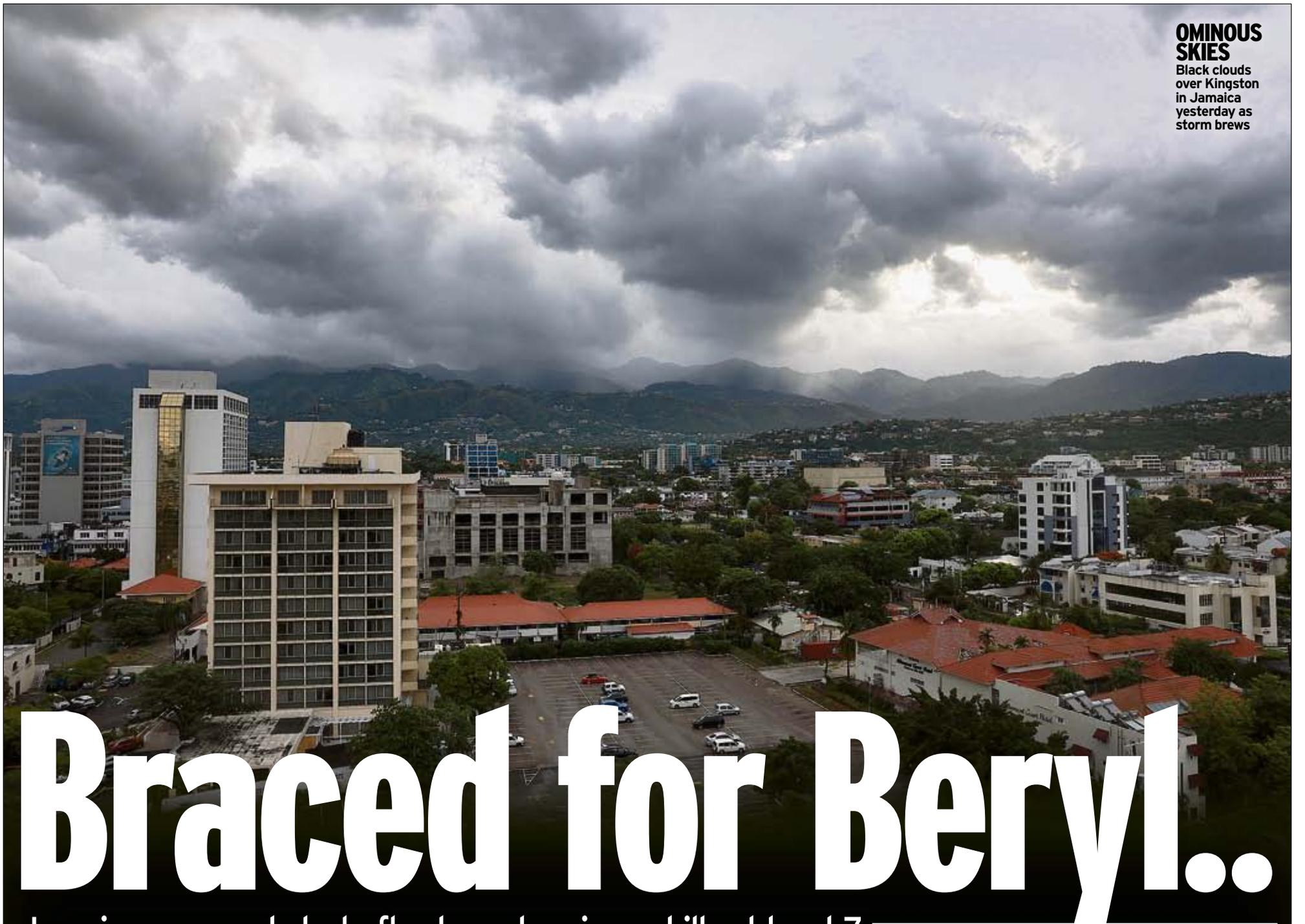
## Amy in the pink

AMY Dowden looks delighted to be out on the town, posing at a Girls Aloud concert this week.

The dancer, 33, glowed in a pink outfit at the Shepherd's Bush Empire in West London.

Amy returns to Strictly Come Dancing later this year after a months-long breast cancer battle.

**OMINOUS SKIES**  
Black clouds over Kingston in Jamaica yesterday as storm brews



# Braced for Beryl..

## Jamaicans on red alert after huge hurricane kills at least 7

BY MARTIN FRICKER

**HURRICANE Beryl slammed into Jamaica last night as life-threatening winds and torrential rain forced locals to evacuate their homes.**

A giant 9ft storm surge hit coastal areas of the Caribbean island as the Category Four hurricane struck.

Flights from the UK to Kingston and Montego Bay were cancelled.

Jamaican PM Andrew Holness had issued a 12-hour curfew from 6am yesterday ahead of the hurricane's arrival. He said urgent measures were needed

after the storm left at least seven dead and homes destroyed on other islands.

Mr Holness also ordered the mandatory evacuation of many low-lying areas in a bid to save lives. The giant storm was only the third hurricane to make landfall on the island in 40 years.

The Cayman Islands are expected to be hit today, followed by Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula tomorrow.

Hurricane-force winds lashed Jamaica early in the afternoon.

The strongest winds were not expected to subside until after midnight. Jamaican government minister Desmond

McKenzie warned: "The next 48 hours is going to be a telling one for the country."

Deon Campbell, 32, from Birmingham, was worried about his grandmother Cedella, 82, who lives in Portmore.

He said: "She has gone to stay with friends who have a bigger house, but it's still a concerning time."

Hurricane Beryl hit Grenada and St Vincent and the Grenadines on Tuesday.

At least seven people were killed in the region by the hurricane, which at one point was a Category Five.

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**SATELLITE PIC** Hurricane Beryl approaches Jamaica yesterday



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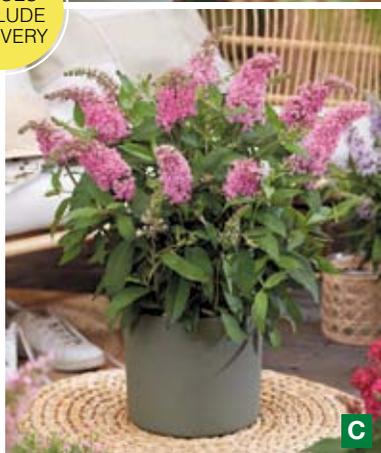
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# Bid site for Thor eyes

BY **EUAN MURRAY**

**THOR blimey... the Marvel hero's hammer is going, err, under the hammer.**

Wielded by Chris Hemsworth in 2013 film *The Dark World*, it is set to fetch \$17,500 (£13,700).

Princess Leia's Star Wars slave outfit from 1983's *Return of the Jedi* is up for grabs for £23,500.

Carrie Fisher is quoted as saying of her revealing bikini: "Dignity was out of the question."

A Y-Wing star fighter model from 1977 Star Wars film *A New Hope* is priced at £235,000.

Pedro Pascal's helmet from hit Star Wars TV series *The Mandalorian* could net £15,600.

Heritage Auctions in Dallas, US, is selling 600 movie props.

The firm's Joe Maddalena said: "We're bringing together some of the most important cultural artefacts that have never before been in single place."

The sale will end on July 26.

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**SMASHING** Thor's Chris Hemsworth with hammer, inset, is on sale for £13,700

**OUT OF THIS WORLD** Bikini worn by Carrie Fisher, right



**MODEL ARMY** £235k Y-Wing fighter from Star Wars '77 film



**BOUNTY** Pedro's £15,600 prop from *The Mandalorian*

## Rare Pistols single up for sale



**SIGNED** Handshake record

A RARE copy of Sex Pistols single *God Save the Queen* is expected to go for more than £15,000 at auction.

The band signed a number of copies of their debut single at Buckingham Palace in 1977 but the publicity stunt was so controversial most were destroyed.

It later emerged that some copies were retained by A&M Records, and

given to executives when the label closed its London offices in 1998.

An even rarer one, which predates the 13-20 "golden handshake" copies, goes on sale at Wessex Auction Rooms in Chippenham, Wilts, tomorrow.

The seller, who worked at the label until 1984, said: "I have been holding on to it for sentimental reasons."



**BATTLE** Rugby star Doddie Weir's **MND charity given £500K boost**

BY SARAH WARD

CLINICAL trials into motor neurone disease have received a £500,000 boost from the Doddie Weir charity.

The cash will be used to support the search for a cure for the condition that claimed the life of the rugby union legend in 2022, aged 52. He would have been 54 today.

My Name's Doddie Weir Foundation researcher Jessica Lee said: "Doddie was passionate about the need for more MND trials.

"The additional £500,000 will make a difference in our mission to end MND."

Leeds Rhinos rugby league star Rob Burrow died on June 2, at 41 after a battle with the disease.

The next day his family visited the site of a new MND centre in Leeds to watch construction begin.



**JOY** Leilani Hatton and Joffi reunited with her teddy after "Mickey Mouse" found it at Disney World. **Disney magic reunites girl and lost bear**

BY ED CHATTERTON

A LITTLE girl has been reunited with her teddy after "Mickey Mouse" found it at Disney World.

Leilani Hatton, five, was devastated when Joffi got lost inside the Magic Kingdom in Florida in May.

Gran Lynne feared the favourite was gone for ever.

But Disney tracked it down after she filled in a lost property form online.

Lynne, 63, said when Joffi arrived at the family home in Darlington, Co Durham: "We surprised her and let her open the parcel, saying Mickey Mouse found it."

Leilani then wrote an adorable note, saying: "Dear Mickey, thank you for finding Joffi, love Lani."

Lynne added: "It was heartwarming they decided to post him back this far, completely free."

# Garden cheers



**BAR WITH NO NAME**

Sean Ruane's backyard boozier in his garden in Staffs



**CORNERED RAT**

Mick and Dawn's Tiki bar in South Yorkshire



**KITCHEN CABIN**

Tom Dewhirst cooks with homegrown goods



## Potting pubs among the Shed of the Year entries

BY JEREMY ARMSTRONG

**MINI bars, a garden kitchen and a haven built out of a 1915 Living Van are all in the running for Shed of the Year.**

Only 20 finalists remain from 160 who entered.

Graham Doyle created Drover's Halt in Kent as part of his Living Van holiday let, upcycling materials to keep it sustainable.

Sean Ruane built his Bar with No Name in Staffordshire from an array of pub memorabilia and family heirlooms. And Pop's Shed is the

work of Martin Blenkinsop, an amputee who wanted a space to draw with his grandson in Leicestershire.

In the Budget entries, Tom Dewhirst rescued materials from the local tip for his Kitchen Cabin in West Yorkshire, where he cooks home-grown produce of an evening.

Head judge and competition founder Andrew Wilcox said: "Choosing the winner will be a tough call."

Voting for the competition, sponsored by Cuprinol, ends on August 2.

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Graham Anderson built a Hampshire haven



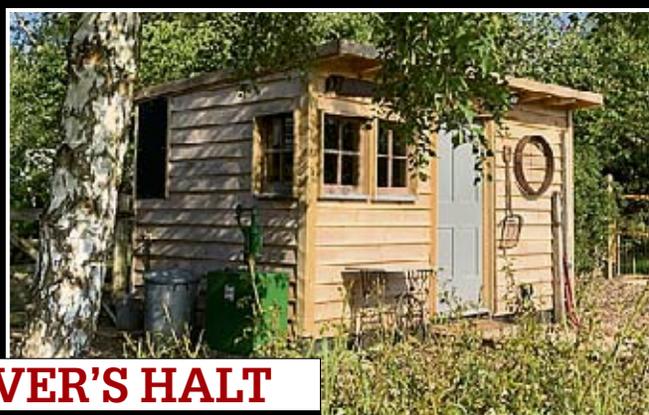
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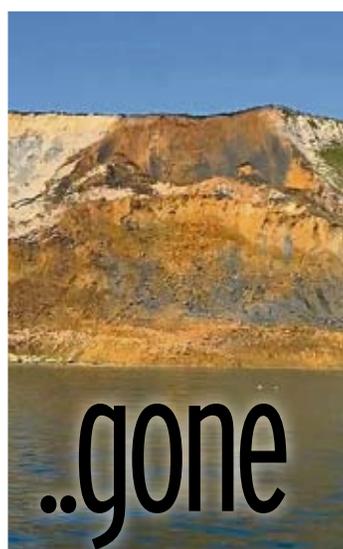
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Clip shows cracks in cliff face



**CRACKING**  
Huge pile of earth breaks off



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Massive section falls to ground



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**COVERED** Beach is buried by pile

## Dramatic moment chunk of 200ft Jurassic cliff crumbles

BY ADAM ASPINALL

**HUNDREDS of tons of rock and soil crash down a 200ft cliff face on a crumbling section of the Jurassic Coast.**

Fortunately no one was hurt when the huge chunk of earth broke off above a remote beach.

The dramatic rockfall at Seatown in Dorset was caught on camera by Simon Miles, of Lyme Bay RIB Charter.

He was taking 10 customers on a sight-seeing tour of the

coast and was 400 yards offshore when it happened. Simon said: "It fell away completely and blocked the beach."

Geologists think the growing number of rockfalls in the area is due to global warming.

Dorset Council said: "Rock-falls and landslips can happen at any time. People on the coast should take notice of warning signs and stay away from the edge and the base of cliffs."

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➔ Election night viewing offers food for thought, and Nigella Lawson has done just that. "I'm largely going the carb route: crisps, chocolate, coffee ice cream. Also a huge baked pasta and more cocktail sausages than you could believe."

Former singer Lily Allen has hit the ground running with feet puns, to kick off her OnlyFans career. She has recently joined the website to sell photos of her feet - for which there is a lucrative market, apparently. "Soled Out, big time," Lily joked yesterday. And when one critic suggested she ask her dad, Keith Allen, for money if she is hard up, she quipped: "That's not how capitolism works." This has got legs.

# THE DIARY

with Ashleigh Rainbird

Robbie Williams has been asking his fans to share their most mortifying moments, in a spot of "shame draining". As well as divulging some of his own shameful memories, he recalled one piece of second-hand embarrassment. "Back in the day me and

Take That were leaving the Smash Hits Awards and our van was chased for a while by angry East 17 fans, all of which were giving us the w\*\*\*\*\* sign and shouting abuse," he recalls. "One of the horde, intently voicing her displeasure and concentrating so much on

delivering her message had failed to see the lamppost in her path. Which duly met her head and out she went. Like a sack of potatoes on the pavement. "As a 50-year-old man, I have empathy and compassion. But as an 18-year-old youth, it was f\*\*\*ing hilarious."



## Roman's empire

Most children who grow up on Albert Square end up with pretty chaotic lives, but Roman Kemp seems to have turned out fine.

The TV presenter recalls sneaking behind the bar of the Queen Vic and riding around Walford on the back of Steve McFadden's motorbike, when dad Martin Kemp played Steve Owen on EastEnders.

Recalling his visits to the studios in Hertfordshire as a

“ Barbara Windsor had crates to stand on to see over the bar



boy, Roman says: "Elstree was my first introduction to any form of showbusiness.

"Because when I was younger, my dad got the job to be in EastEnders and he was this horrible villain called Steve Owen. Everyone fancied him, obviously, but he was horrible.

"I always have great memories of it. Inside the Queen Vic on the floor there would be upturned crates. And that was for Barbara

Windsor, that's what she used to stand on. Because she was so small, that she couldn't see over the bar.

"Steve McFadden, who played Phil Mitchell, he took me on the back of his motorbike. He had a little moped and he would drive me around the square."

Roman was just nine when ex-Spandau Ballet star Martin left EastEnders in 2002 and was not aware of how cool his upbringing was then. But now he thinks Elstree Studios was like the UK's version of Hollywood.

Roman, who appears on Celebrity Gogglebox with Martin, told AutoTrader's Show on the Road: "That's when I started to use my dad's name to get places. I think I was about six or seven, a pivotal kind of year."

You can never start too early.

There is sheer joy on Rita Ora's face, and even sheerer material on her body as she attends a secret Girls Aloud gig at Shepherd's Bush Empire, West London. The

singer could be seen enthusiastically dancing to Sound of the Underground in the audience, looking like she had a brilliant time - it's no wonder she looks so happy.



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Hi, Barbie's pals! As Barbie: The Exhibition kicked off at London's Design Museum, it was revealed Mattel has a whopping 14 films about its toys in the pipeline.

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Thank you to all who danced and had a good time tonight in Glasgow. To the rest, I hope you enjoyed your rest. On to the next one.

Wooooah, this burn is on fire. Kings of Leon's Nathan Followill calls out the less than enthusiastic members of the crowd at their gig.

# Let's spend the night together..

## Rolling Stones' steamy fan mail from 1964

**STONES POSES**  
Stars Charlie, Keith, Brian, Bill and Mick in 1964

BY PAUL VASS

**THE Rolling Stones sang You Can't Always Get What You Want, which is a good thing judging by the band's fan mail from teenage girls.**

Some of the 3,000 letters from besotted fans in 1964, found in a suitcase belonging to Brian Jones, said they wanted to "snog" band members - and far more.

The mail from across the world varied from polite and reserved to lustful.

One girl told the guitarist she "dropped the Beatles" for the Stones because the Fab Four's hair wasn't long enough.

Others, such as Nicola from Worcester, wrote of wanting to go to bed with Brian "much to my boyfriend's annoyance".

Another fan, Kath from Stratford-upon-

Avon, West Mids, wrote about being "absolutely crazy" about Keith Richards who was "easily the best Stone".

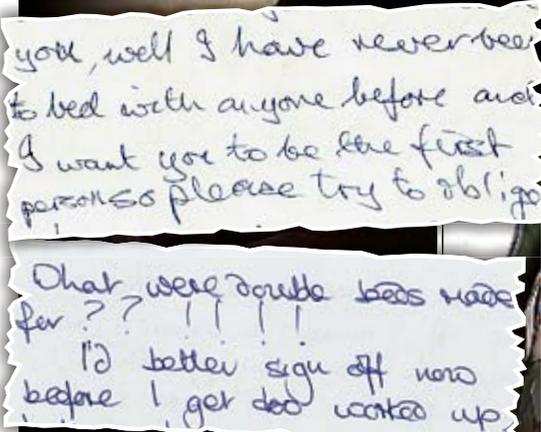
At the time, the band spearheaded the British pop invasion of America.

In 1967 they had a hit with Let's Spend The Night Together and two years later Brian, 27, drowned in his East Sussex pool.

The trunk of letters was left in the attic of a house in Woodley, Berks, which Brian shared with his girlfriend. It is being sold by Tracks Auctions of Lancashire in a timed auction that ends on July 15.

Tracks' Chad Craddock said the letters give "a powerful insight" into the effect of the Stones' music had on teenagers.

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**NO SATISFACTION** Extracts from longing fans' letters found in case, right



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**DETAINED** Aimee Betro  
**Gun-for-hire suspect held in Armenia**

BY **MATTHEW COOPER**

A SUSPECTED hitwoman hunted by UK police over a murder attempt has been detained in Armenia.

Aimee Betro, 44, is wanted over an attempted shooting in Birmingham in September 2019.

It is alleged a father and son hired her to kill a businessman outside his home, but that her gun jammed.

Mohammed Aslam, 56, and Mohammed Nazir, 30, of Derby, were convicted last month of conspiracy to commit murder.

Armenian police said Betro, from Wisconsin in the US, was arrested in Proshyan near their capital Yerevan on Tuesday.

The Daily Mail tracked Betro's location by using social media posts.

West Midlands Police says it is liaising with the relevant authorities.



**HONOUR** Carol Vorderman  
**Festival plus as Carol gets speaker role**

BY **MARK JEFFERIES**  
Showbiz Editor

CAROL Vorderman will be speaker at the Edinburgh TV Festival's Alternative MacTaggart next month.

The veteran broadcaster, writer, campaigner and political commentator said she "feels honoured" to have been chosen.

Carol, 63, who fronts the Mirror's Pride Of Britain Awards on ITV, added: "As our industry transitions, there is much to discuss."

"It's been interesting, 42 years hosting shows for all channels. Beware the post-menopausal woman who doesn't give a damn."

Carol, who started her career in 1982 as Channel 4's maths genius on Countdown, is one of TV's most popular figures.

Festival creative director Rowan Woods called the star a "true legend".



**SMART**  
Vinnie Holliday loves going to school to see pals

# We need £80k to keep heart swap Vinnie in his school



**GROWING UP**  
Mum Claire with youngster



**PLAYFUL**  
On toy bike at school

## Youngster needs special classroom

**EXCLUSIVE**  
BY **WARREN MANGER**

**A BRAVE schoolboy hopes to raise £80,000 to build a new classroom so he can keep learning while he waits for a heart transplant.**

The Mirror revealed Vinnie Holliday – who was born with half a working heart – was placed on the transplant waiting list before his first day at school.

Three years later, the youngster is still waiting to receive a new heart.

Despite this, he manages to attend St Alban's Catholic Primary School in Birmingham full time.

Vinnie, seven, is due to move to an upstairs classroom in September and doctors have warned he will not be able to manage the two flights of stairs because he is in heart failure.

The school has launched a GoFundMe appeal online in the hope of raising £80,000 for a temporary classroom.

Vinnie's mum Claire Holliday, 42, of Kings Norton, Birmingham, said: "Vinnie is very



**HOPES** Daily Mirror on Vinnie in 2021

excited about the prospect of sharing a new, portable classroom with his friends. I haven't been able to bring myself to tell him that he may not be able to stay at school with his friends if we can't get this sorted. He

loves school. I'm worried about his mental health if he can't go any more."

Vinnie has a rare condition called hypoplastic left heart syndrome, which means that one side of his heart did not develop and is too small to pump blood.

He needed his first open heart surgery when he was 48 hours old and his second aged six months, making a quick recovery both times.

But his third major op at three years old did not work as planned and his heart function plummeted.

Headteacher Emma McKinney's appeal has already raised nearly £5,000.

She said: "Vinnie's determination has touched everyone around him. He continues to inspire all of us."

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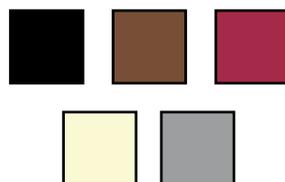
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## GOLDEN COUPLE



**MATCHY MATCHY OF THE DAY** Outfit change at wedding in 1999

**PURPLE REIGN**  
Beckhams echo their 'thrones' moment and outfits in fun image released yesterday

EXCLUSIVE  
BY EVE MACDONALD, KENZI DEVINE and LESLEY JONES

Twenty-five years ago today Spice Girl Victoria Adams and Manchester United star David Beckham married with a wedding fit for a king and queen of pop and football.

From the dress to the first public appearance of baby Brooklyn, the Spice Girl guests and yes, those thrones for the bride and groom, when the most stylish pop star of the 1990s and Britain's hottest footballer married, every aspect of the day was spectacular.

On July 4, 1999, nearly 300 of the couple's closest friends and family gathered at Luttrellstown Castle, a magnificent venue near Dublin, set within a 560-acre estate with its own golf course, surrounded by a high stone wall to keep the paparazzi out.

Society wedding planner Peregrine Armstrong-Jones organised the event, which was covered exclusively by the glossy magazine OK! "Victoria and David had huge input right from the beginning," he

said. "The wedding had been 14-and-a-half months in the planning, during which time the couple had been all over the world.

"Wherever they were, I would get samples, fabrics and plans to them, and Victoria would often ring me five times a day with ideas and questions."

Every tiny detail had been considered. Fresh apples had been sewn into an ivy arrangement along the bannisters of the castle's master staircase, painstakingly pierced to release their scent through the rooms.

A beautiful leafy walkway was created, stretching from the French windows of the library across the finely manicured lawns to a huge marquee where the reception and dancing were held.

David's dad, Ted, said of the wedding: "It's just something special - a fairy-tale. Victoria's an absolutely lovely girl and I feel very proud of the pair of them."

Victoria's father, Tony, said: "When I went into the marquee with Victoria earlier, the orchestra was rehearsing Goodbye [a Spice

Girls' hit] and got so emotive that we had to have a little bit of a cuddle."

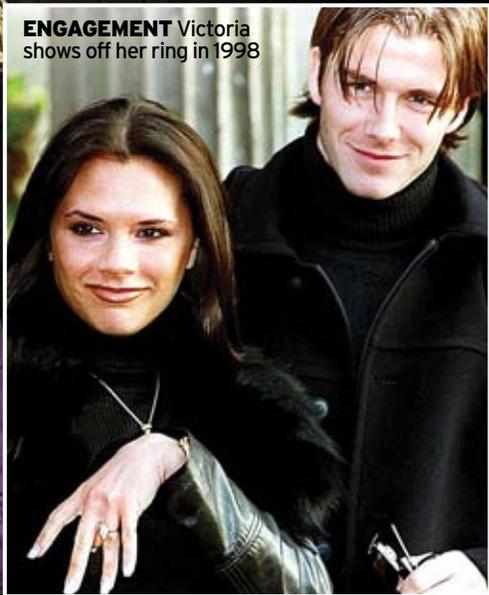
The thrones for the bridesmaids and Victoria's sisters Louise wearing a red dress for Chloe dress Liberty, plus Georgina - appearance so little girls were land flower fair

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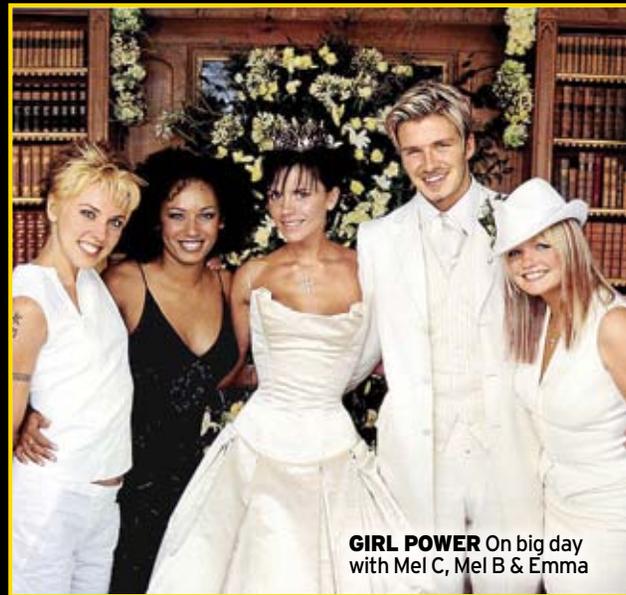
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**ENGAGEMENT** Victoria shows off her ring in 1998



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**LAVISH** The pair sat on thrones after ceremony

# 25 years of Mr & Mrs Beckham

## How fairy-tale wedding at Irish castle gave superstars their happily ever after



**NOW** David & Victoria with their children, Brooklyn, Cruz, Harper & Romeo

“It got so emotional, we had to have a bit of a cuddle”

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VICTORIA'S FATHER

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they could use it. Victoria said: “It was overgrown, half the floor was missing and there were big holes in the walls – it was like walking into a garden shed. But we just looked at each other and said, ‘This is the place.’ It was just big enough for our closest family and friends. I wanted the ceremony to be as private as possible.”

Just after 4pm, the Bishop of Cork, the Right Reverend Paul Colton, married the couple, whose guests were treated to their first sight of Victoria's stunning champagne coloured, strapless Vera Wang wedding gown, with a petticoat made from 50 metres of tulle, stiffened with horse hair. Instead

of a traditional bridal bouquet, she had a natural selection of green berries, apples, ivy, blackberries and brambles.

Victoria also wore a beautiful diamond and gold coronet by Slim Barrett, a jeweller who had made pieces for the late Princess of Wales, while around her neck was a spectacular diamond crucifix that David bought her for Christmas the previous year.

He said: “Victoria said she would like me to design a crown to wear on her wedding day to compliment her wedding gown – she wanted something reminiscent of a fairy-tale. She had fun trying on the tiaras and crowns in

the studio, with her mum taking photos as reference.”

And Victoria, then 25, did not upstage her beau on the big day.

David, then 24, looked strikingly handsome as he waited in the folly for his bride, with his best man, Manchester United team-mate Gary Neville.

David wore a cream suit by English designer Timothy Everett, with a waistcoat, shirt, cravat, top hat and boots by Manolo Blahnik. He also wore a dazzling Cartier diamond bracelet – a gift from Victoria.

To a trumpet fanfare, followed by the strings of an assembled orchestra playing the Bridal Chorus by Wagner, Victoria and her emotional father made their way up the aisle.

As their vows were exchanged and readings completed, the Bishop declared them husband and wife, and David leaned across and tenderly placed a kiss on Victoria's right shoulder.

At just before 5pm, the orchestra struck up Mendelssohn's Wedding

March and the newlyweds walked back up the aisle together. “It was so emotional,” said David's sister Joanne after the ceremony. “All of us were in tears.”

Received by their guests back at the castle, the beaming bride and groom made their spectacular entrance down its ornate staircase as a pianist played the theme tune from Beauty And The Beast.

The newlyweds changed into purple outfits and sat on thrones in a raised “bridal alcove”, accompanied by a sleepy Brooklyn. His swinging chair, decorated with velvet and gold ribbon, was nearby.

“People will say it's over the top,” said Victoria. “But if we'd had a small wedding they would have said, ‘Couldn't they have done something bigger?’”

Hilarious speeches included Victoria's dad recounting the story of how David had seen a member of an all-girl group on television and had said, “That's the girl I'm going to marry.”

“Unfortunately,” joked

Tony, “he was talking about Louise from Eternal, and Jamie Redknapp got there first!” Gary brought the house down by wearing a sarong.

A second marquee, decorated in the style of a lavish Moroccan boudoir, was soon full of guests ready to party on the sunken dance floor to the sounds of a live 1970s band and disco.

An ear infection meant the couple's best friend, Elton John, who was to sing at the afterparty, couldn't attend. A four-minute firework display, accompanied by Björk's It's Oh So Quiet, drew a close to the celebrations.

Victoria said: “I've seen a lot of weddings where there are all these famous people but we didn't want a wedding like that. People aren't there because of who they are – they're all there because they're friends.”

These words are from OK!'s David and Victoria Beckham Special Collector's Edition, left, which is available now for £9.99.



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## LIFE Live it well

**BONDING** Rachel with sons Rory and Seb and their planet puzzle



## Why we're potty about puzzles

As jigsaws go viral on TikTok, **Rachel Tompkins** explores the benefits of this age-old hobby, from mindfulness to keeping you mentally sharp

Yes fixed on the screen, my children didn't bat an eyelid as I hauled the boxes of jigsaw puzzles out of the toy cupboard and into a bag for the charity shop.

When they were younger, my boys, Rory and Seb, now 11 and eight, loved doing jigsaws of their favourite Peppa Pig characters.

In the past few years, however, the puzzles have been replaced with PlayStation and the jigsaw boxes were left gathering dust.

But as I bagged them up I spotted one, brand new, of the solar system. Opening it I tipped the 300 pieces on to the kitchen table and got to work. Within minutes the boys had both come over to help, eager to find the pieces for the brightly coloured planets.

Gripped, we spent the rest of the evening trying to solve it.

It was only as I dragged myself away from it before bed that I realised how addictive and enjoyable doing a jigsaw was.

According to research from Aviva, UK adults spend an average of 169 hours a year doing puzzles – equivalent to a whole week.

Some 84 per cent have done jigsaws, number posers and word challenges in the past 12 months.

There's even a proper name given to puzzlers – dissectologists – who include celebrities such as Hugh Jackman and Kylie Jenner.

The topic is also trending on TikTok where the hashtag #jigsawpuzzles has been viewed almost 47,000 times.

But fitting puzzle pieces together is more than a bit of nerdy fun.

It has the power to calm you down, boost your mood, enhance mental health and even age-proof your brain.

**Magic for mindfulness**

"I describe mindfulness as having your mind full of what you're doing, rather than full of your thoughts," explains therapist and mindfulness teacher Frances Trussell (mindfullyhappy.com), author of *You Are Not Your Thoughts*.

She describes doing a jigsaw as being "naturally" mindful rather than "doing" mindfulness.

"The point of doing a jigsaw is, for most people, not to see a completed jigsaw. If that were the case, we could just buy a picture instead. It's to engage with the process, to really slow down and engage with one piece at a time.

"When we step back from the rushing and multitasking that our modern lives seem to demand, we can find that being present with the moment in front of us, in a simple way, can be enormously pleasurable. If we are focused enough that our thoughts and judgments fall away, even fleetingly, we can feel at ease and alive."

**They keep you mentally fit**

Regularly doing puzzles could help keep us mentally agile.

A 2018 study found they could benefit the over-50s, as there was a link between the amount of puzzling people did and improvement in visuospatial cognition – which enables us to perceive and interact with our visual world.

**Puzzles could ease anxiety and depression**

"Positive emotions experienced whilst doing a jigsaw can be very supportive of well-being," explains happiness coach Sarah Perrett (thehappinesgap.co.uk). "The act

of doing the jigsaw can distract you from your worries temporarily, giving you a little break from experiencing negative feelings.

"Also the act of completing a jigsaw can be a great boost for someone who is feeling low and unable to achieve much in day-to-day life."

**Give a sense of achievement**

"When finishing a jigsaw puzzle, you'll most likely feel a sense of accomplishment," says Sarah.

"This can support your wellbeing both directly through success, mastery and progress towards a goal and also indirectly, through savouring your success once achieved which also brings about positive emotions."

Completing a jigsaw also triggers a release of the happy hormone dopamine.

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We are focused enough that our thoughts and judgments fall away

"Dopamine is one of the neurotransmitters that's considered the reward chemical that your brain releases when you've achieved a goal.

"Completing a jigsaw puzzle will, for many people, cause dopamine to act on areas of the

brain to give you that 'hit' which many people refer to. This gives you feelings of pleasure, satisfaction and motivation."

The children and I did enjoy the journey of completing the puzzle. It took us nearly a week and saw endless hours spent together.

I noticed while we were focusing on that we didn't have our heads buried in screens, there were fewer arguments, and I slept better too.

And there were cheers of delight when we put in the last piece and the dopamine surged. Now they are asking when we can buy another.



# Ace your look

**W**imbledon is in full swing so it seems like the perfect opportunity to hit you with some white looks.

Players at the tennis tournament have had to adhere to an all-white dress code since the 1800s.

But you don't have to be competing at the All England Club to work the look.

Thanks to the recent "tenniscore" micro trend, sparked by Zendaya's hit movie Challengers, white ensembles were hot in early spring but the colour is a perennial warm-weather favourite. Designers such as

Michael Kors, The Row and Ferragamo all showed crisp white designs on the spring/summer runways.

White broderie anglaise blouses or dresses are ideal for holidays.

And when the temperatures soar, a white mini dress teamed with espadrilles or a pair of tan sandals is a classic way to keep cool while still looking elegant.

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### BEAUTY

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### BABY

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# DEAR COLEEN

## Hubby's ex-fling in our lives too much as they have a son

Dear Coleen

I'm a woman in my mid-30s and have been with my partner for six years, and we have two young children.

Our relationship has been a total car crash over the past two years because he had an affair, which resulted in a child.

To cut a long story short, he ended the affair but had to come clean to me because the other woman told him that if he didn't, she'd tell me herself.

I was angry, humiliated and hurt, but we decided to try to make it work for the sake of all involved. It hasn't been easy, but we have made progress.

What's not helping is that the other woman is in our lives a lot, which I'm finding hard to cope with and it's making it difficult to move on. I expect my partner to do the right thing by providing for his child and being in his life, but I don't want to be a part of it, and I don't want our kids involved either.

However, she often shows up on the doorstep for a visit, calls my partner a lot over things to do with their son, and wants to enrol him in the same nursery that our kids attend.

It all feels like rubbing salt in the wounds. I want to be reasonable, but sometimes I think it'd be easier if I just walked away. Please help.

Coleen says

You've been strong and incredibly level-headed by



acknowledging that none of this is the child's fault and that your husband should do the right thing by him.

I'm not sure what you can do about his mother enrolling him in the same nursery as your kids, other than explain to your husband that it feels too close to home and you don't want to risk bumping into her every day.

Maybe he can have a word with her, or I suppose you could move your children if it's not too inconvenient for you.

I think it would help if your husband could come to a legal arrangement with the mother of his son, as that would put some boundaries in place – for example, when he sees him and how often, and who's responsible for picking up the child and taking them home.

It could be a situation where you never have to see this

woman. When you're finding it hard, keep reminding yourself that the issue now is the child's wellbeing. And in years to come, you don't know how your kids will feel. They might really want to know their brother and you don't have to be friends with his mum for that to happen.

I do think you'd feel more positive if you were more in control, so start talking to your husband about boundaries and get legal advice.

As for the "other woman", she might be taking advantage of the situation (and your good nature) or, if we're being kind, maybe she's worried if she doesn't keep showing up your husband won't take his responsibilities seriously.

Either way, maybe you should start answering the door because she might not want to see you either, and she'll start to make proper arrangements.

“ She wants him to go to same nursery as our kids ”

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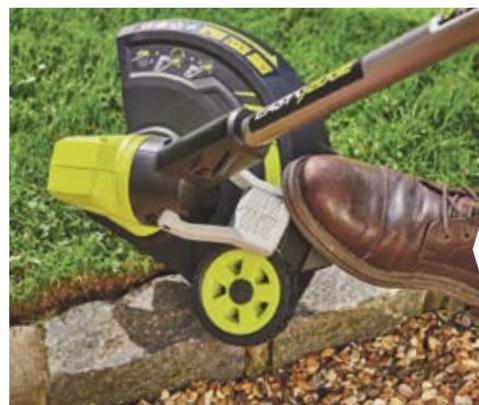
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# Let's do this together

Edited by **SIOBHAN McNALLY**



Finally it's polling day and I can stop hiding from Lib Dem canvassers.

I'm Labour but I'm lending my vote to the yellows for the General Election. Tactical voting for the Lib Dems to keep the Tories out is a necessary evil in my Hampshire constituency, but that doesn't mean I have to chat to them on the doorstep.

There's been a steady stream of leaflets posted through my letterbox. For a party that wants action on the climate crisis, it knocks down an awful lot of trees in an effort to get votes.

The final one earlier this week was a fake personal letter in a handwriting font full of bonhomie from local Lib Dem candidate Danny Chambers. "Dear Neighbour, I've not met you on the doorstep yet..."

And that's how I'd like it to stay, thanks Danny. At first I thought one of my neighbours was sending a letter to complain about my mate Ali's atrocious parking. Her car is so big, she can't see the curb, so she mounts the entire pavement to make sure she doesn't scrape the wheel hubs.

Interestingly, even though Tory Steve Brine held this area for the last 14 years until he slunk off in May, there hasn't been a single blue leaflet through the door. Probably given up in the face of overwhelming defeat, but I'm not counting my chickens since the boundary changes here - which is why I shall be putting a tick by the yellow box.

I'm just telling myself it's a vote for the giant man child Ed Davey to keep doing his bungee jumps and aqua aerobics after the election. In fact I think we should see all potential politicians' Zumba moves before considering them for office.

I've also been forcing The Dark Lord to answer the door. When they came round on Monday for a last-minute doorstep, the halfwit told them: "Mum says she's not in."

While I've been hiding from Lib Dems, TDL's been skulking in her bedroom since she thought she'd done well in the rescheduled maths mock this week - but barely scraped through with a pass.

"I got 45 out of 80," she cried. Turns out she didn't take her teacher up on their revision class offer because "she forgot", which meant she ended up revising the wrong maths for the exam.

She was in tears but I think it's best to be truthful with these things. "Tough luck, kiddo, do the revision next time," I told her. "There's no magic to these things."

Apparently I am a cruel mother who is biologically incapable of being kind. And all her friends think that too. But also, can they have a party next weekend?

Just two more mocks left today - Latin literature and music - and then summer can officially start.

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➔ Please note, if you send us photos of your grandchildren, we'll also need permission of one of their parents to print them... Thanks!

*Yours, Siobhan*

## There once was a...

Limerick writer Don Christie in Newquay, Cornwall, sends his message for readers. "Vote Labour of course," he adds.

*At today's General Election,  
We must all make the right selection,  
With the future at stake,  
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## MY DIY PROJECT

Not only is Dennis Wright's man-shed project very impressive, but so is his perfectly manicured lawn.

Handyman Dennis upcycled an old shower cubicle into a cold frame and storage unit, and also brightened up the side of the shed with a few wheels, flowers and a lick of paint.

"I made the cold frame out of our old corner shower when we had a new full-length walk-in one fitted," explains Dennis, 85.

"The other shower door covers the upright cabinet to store my pots and trays. It's been

a useful addition to the greenhouse." The reader from Solihull, West Midlands, cleverly reused the redundant shower doors to create a lid on the cold frame, and a door that opens outwards on his new storage unit.

"I built a wooden frame up against the fence to carry the shower's glass side panels and made two hinges for the shower door to lift up for access," he says.

"I got the wheels free from the local bike repair shop and painted them in three different colours and the spokes white and



then wove in the artificial flowers that I got cheap from charity shops.

"The whole project took about three weeks to complete."

The lawn, though, is a work of art for Dennis, who reveals his secret. "It was laid seven years ago and I treat it three times a year with feed and weed preventative and mow it regularly on a medium-height cut."

It looks like you used nail clippers, Dennis. ■ Send snaps of your handiwork in to me at [siobhan.mcnally@mirror.co.uk](mailto:siobhan.mcnally@mirror.co.uk)

A nine-to-five life is not for everyone as Vivien Teague discovered when she came up against the office dragon in her first job.

"After leaving school aged 15 in 1959, I was first employed as an office junior at Dimplex in Southampton, and was paid £2 a week," recalls Vivien, 79. "I remember the office manager - Miss Clegg was her name, and she was a typical spinster of that era.

"She chain-smoked and ate lunch at her desk which made my clothes stink of stale food and baccy."

After enduring Miss Clegg at Dimplex, Vivien left for the bright lights of London. "I learned shorthand and typing for the National Coal Board," says Vivien. But by the time she was 18 the young typist

## MY FIRST WAGES

decided this was not the life for her. "I left London to join up with beatniks on Brighton beach," she explains.

"I was very much drawn to that way of life as I was in a difficult situation at home."

Vivien's beatnik clan would play their guitars on the beach.

"We busked for money and I slept under the now derelict West pier until we found bedsits," she recalls. "And we would hitchhike everywhere."

Now settled in Colchester, Essex, Vivien says: "That way of life gave me freedom and a sense of belonging as I made good friends.

"I never regretted giving up my good job in the city."

■ How did you earn your first wages? Email [siobhan.mcnally@mirror.co.uk](mailto:siobhan.mcnally@mirror.co.uk)



## THOUGHT OF THE DAY

*Do not think your single vote does not matter much. The rain that refreshes the parched ground is made up of single drops.*

Suffragette **KATE SHEPPARD**

## PET PEEVES

Children are not goats and should not be referred to as kids, says Jill Rycroft. The reader in Hull has a few beefs to air...

1. People who say "gonna" instead of "going to".
2. The word "kids" being used instead of "children".
3. Dropping Ts from words and saying "computer" instead of "computer".
4. Mobile phone addicts who don't look where they are going while using them. There's more to life than living on your phone.

■ What gets your goat? Email me at [siobhan.mcnally@mirror.co.uk](mailto:siobhan.mcnally@mirror.co.uk)

## READER'S FUN SNAP



Love is in the air for this pair of pigeons in Osy Wayne's garden.

"It's a great time of year for the lovebirds," writes Osy and wife Kate, both 74, who live in sheltered housing in Evington, Leicester.

"Every year we have a couple up on the same branches, but have yet to see any chicks hatched.

"Maybe this year?"

■ Send your fun snaps in to [siobhan.mcnally@mirror.co.uk](mailto:siobhan.mcnally@mirror.co.uk)

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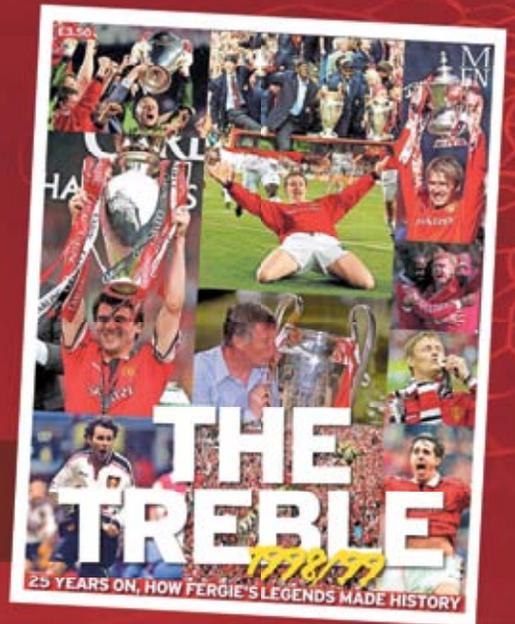
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# TODAY'S TV



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**CONCERN** Priya waits for Nugget to come round

**EASTENDERS**  
BBC2, 7pm

Nugget regains consciousness, but Priya and Ravi are devastated when the doctors say his kidneys are not responding and he may need long-term dialysis. The pressure mounts as everyone tries to get Nugget to reveal who supplied the drugs.

Phil and Teddy get on the wrong side of Sharon by leaving the gym in a state after a Mitchell drinking session.

And Jean thinks Harvey is about to confess that he's cheated on her with Maya, but he stuns her with the truth.



**WORRIED** Matty in prison

**EMMERDALE**  
ITV1, 7.30pm

Charles thanks Caleb for his hospitality. When the vicar accidentally spills coffee on the rug, he fetches a cloth, then notices an intriguing invoice and decides to pocket it.

Trying to get the lockdown on Matty, Robbo doesn't get much response. Les stares Robbo down, and gets him to move off, but Matty is left more worried than ever.

Elsewhere, Paddy invites Marlon and Rhona to a games night but Mandy reveals her concerns that Rhona is not the most exciting company.

**ON TOUR** Tom Kerridge discovers what makes our food taste so good



## Taste home sweet home

**TOM KERRIDGE COOKS BRITAIN**  
ITV1, 8.30pm

**ANOTHER chef on a foodie road trip - our appetite for these shows is never sated.**

Tom Kerridge is usually found in one of his Michelin-starred restaurants, but he clearly wants to get out for some fresh air.

He says: "In my pubs, I've always championed the best that Britain

has to offer, but I rarely get to see where our food comes from.

"Sometimes you need to get out of those four walls and head out into the countryside.

"So now I'm hitting the road in my trusty food truck to meet farmers and producers and discover what it takes to put food on our plates."

He's in a 1950s truck, so there are bumps along the way as he follows the well-trodden format of meeting local producers. He gets stuck in,

sniffing freshly caught fish, picking tomatoes, chasing herds of cows across fields... and then, of course, he puts all the ingredients into a delicious plate of food that is unachievable for most of us.

He starts in The Fens in Cambridgeshire where more than 150,000 people in the region work to produce half of our nation's veg.

For Tom, it's the perfect place to

**PICK of the DAY**

create a summer salad, where a beetroot becomes the star of the show.

Tom's journey then heads to the Garden of England - Kent - to one of the county's famous orchards where he learns how to pick the ripest of apples. And he puts himself to the test picking pears, before celebrating these fruits with his ultimate crumble.

It all makes for delicious viewing.



**COMPARISON** Which ones will taste as good?

**SUPERMARKET OWN BRANDS: THE BIG TASTE TEST**  
Channel 5, 8pm

Supermarket own brands used to be regarded as cheap and nasty - but nowadays it seems we just can't get enough of them.

They look and taste like the "proper" brands - well, very nearly - but at a fraction of the cost.

Own-brand expert and superfan John 'Eggy' Rutledge explains: "There was an element of disdain, almost hatred, towards own brands.

"I clearly remember being in the school playground and being beaten

up for having the wrong type of chocolate biscuit in my lunch box."

This is a fun look at the real brands versus the dupes, with taste tests and experts and general analysis to work out whether we can tell the difference.

If you blindfold Coca-Cola fans and give them a few imitations, will they be able to spot the imposters?

The show also looks at cereals and the Big Mac, while a food scientist shows how supermarkets are able to compete for less money.

Across eight rounds of tests, the winners may surprise you.

**ELECTIONS 2024**

BBC1, 9.55pm/ITV1, 9.50pm

Whatever your politics, it's time to settle in and watch the action happen as the general election results start to trickle in.

On BBC1, Laura Kuenssberg and Clive Myrie introduce live coverage of the results, while Chris Mason leads the correspondents reporting from around the UK.

Reeta Chakrabarti gives analysis, while Jeremy Vine reports from Cardiff, Kirsty Wark from Glasgow, Andrea Catherwood from Belfast, with the likes of Fiona Bruce and Naga Munchetty among the well-known faces in other key locations. And over

on ITV1, Tom Bradby presents through-the-night coverage of the battle for No10 Downing Street between Conservative Rishi Sunak and Labour's Keir Starmer.

Tom will be joined in the TV studio by guests including George Osborne, Ed Balls and Nicola Sturgeon.

And Channel 4 is providing its usual alternative show with Britain Decides With The Rest Is Politics and Gogglebox at 9.45pm.

As the polls close, Krishnan Guru-Murthy and Emily Maitlis provide news and analysis on Channel 4, but some celebrity favourites will chime in with their opinions too.



**ELECTION**

**INSIGHT** ITV's Tom, left, BBC's Clive and Laura

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- ★★★★ Very Good
- ★★★ Good
- ★★ Average
- ★ Bad

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**BBC ONE**

**6.00am Breakfast** News headlines.  
**9.30 Morning Live Magazine.**  
**10.45 Scam Interceptors** A mother and daughter let scammers take control of their phones.  
**11.15 Homes Under the Hammer** Featuring property renovations in East Sussex, Co Durham and Nottinghamshire.  
**12.15pm Bargain Hunt** Two teams set out to bag bargains at Detling Antiques Fair in Kent.  
**1.00 BBC News at One; Weather**  
**1.45 LIVE Wimbledon 2024** Coverage of day four of the grass-court tournament at the All England Club, where second-round matches are scheduled to be played in the men's and ladies' singles. Elena Rybakina's defence of the title continued at this stage last year when she claimed victory over Alize Cornet on Centre Court. Over on the No 1 Court, Alexander Zverev finally completed his first-round match against Gijs Brouwer, prevailing 6-4, 7-6, 7-6.  
**6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather**  
**6.30 Regional News; Weather**

**BBC TWO**

**6.45am Beechgrove Garden** George Anderson and Calum Clunie tend to the vines, fig plants and fruit bushes. (R)  
**7.15 Garden Rescue: Top of the Plots** Charlie Dimmock and Harry and David Rich look back at some of the most therapeutic and poignant garden transformations. (R)  
**8.00 Sign Zone: Gardeners' World** Monty Don tackles some pruning needed on one of his favourite crabapples. (R)  
**9.00 BBC News Headlines.**  
**11.00 LIVE Wimbledon 2024** Isa Guha and Clare Balding present coverage of day four of the prestigious Grand Slam tournament from the All England Club, where the second round of the men's and ladies' singles competition is scheduled to continue.  
**3.00pm LIVE Wimbledon 2024** Further coverage of day four of the Grand Slam tournament from the All England Club, featuring more second-round matches in the men's and ladies' singles competitions.

**ITV1**

**6.00am Good Morning Britain** A lively mix of news, current affairs and lifestyle features.  
**9.00 Lorraine** Entertainment and the latest fashion news.  
**10.00 This Morning** Topical daily magazine, featuring a mix of celebrity chat, showbusiness news, advice and discussion. Including Local Weather.  
**12.30pm Loose Women** Celebrity interviews and topical debate.  
**1.30 ITV News; Weather**  
**1.55 Regional News; Weather**  
**2.00 James Martin's Great British Adventure** The chef goes on a culinary road trip around the UK. (R)  
**3.00 Lingo** Taking part in the word game are two siblings from Southampton, two friends from London, and a couple from Exeter. Adil Ray hosts. (R)  
**3.59 Regional Weather**  
**4.00 Tipping Point** Quiz show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R)  
**5.00 The Chase** Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)  
**6.00 Regional News; Weather**  
**6.30 ITV Evening News**

**CHANNEL 4**

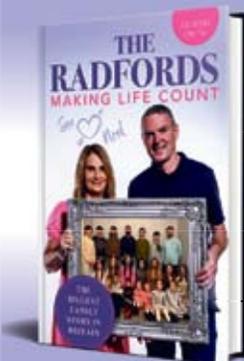
**6.15am Cheers** Double bill. (R)  
**7.05 Everybody Loves Raymond** Four episodes. (R)  
**9.05 Frasier** Four episodes. (R)  
**11.05 Help! We Bought a Village** The owners of a village in France officially open it after two years of renovations. (R)  
**12.05pm Channel 4 News**  
**12.10 Help! We Bought a Village** A couple get married at their hamlet in the Limousin. (R)  
**1.10 Car S.O.S** Tim and Fuzz team up with Paddy Hopkirk to fix up their first rally car. (R)  
**2.10 Countdown** Ranvir Singh joins Susie in Dictionary Corner.  
**3.00 A Place in the Sun** A couple planning a permanent move to rural France to run a gite. (R)  
**4.00 Renovation Nation** An art-deco-inspired cinema room.  
**5.00 A New Life in the Sun: Where Are They Now?** An update on Sue and Joe's astronomy-themed retreat. (R)  
**6.00 Four in a Bed** The week's final visit is to Hartridge Springs. (R)  
**6.30 The Simpsons** The family tells stories about disasters. (R)

**CHANNEL 5**

**6.00am Milkshake!** Children's TV.  
**9.05 Milkshake! Story Den** (R)  
**9.15 Jeremy Vine** Discussion.  
**11.15 Storm Huntley** Debate.  
**12.45pm Friends** Double bill. (R)  
**1.40 5 News at Lunchtime**  
**1.45 Home and Away** Theo quickly surmises that Stevie is the girl Remi is waiting for. (R)  
**2.15 FLM A Deadly Mother** (2020, PG) A woman worries that her new neighbour is trying to steal her teenage daughter from her. Thriller, with Monica Rose Betz. (R) ★★  
**4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun** Laura uses her pink pimped-up scooter to get to and from gigs and tribute performances - and in the hope of getting noticed. (R)  
**5.00 5 News at 5** Headlines.  
**6.05 Police Interceptors** Jim and Lisa direct an intelligence-led strike, with the suspects believed to be in possession of a handgun and ammunition, while the knife-crime team targets drug hotspots. (R); 5 News Update

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**7.00 LIVE Wimbledon 2024** Further coverage of day four of the Grand Slam tournament from the All England Club, where the second round of the men's and ladies' singles is scheduled to conclude. Italy's Jannik Sinner will be hoping to do one better than last year when he went on to reach the semi-finals after beating Russian Roman Safiullin 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2. He lost out on a place in the showpiece occasion to eventual runner-up Novak Djokovic 6-3, 6-4, 6-7. Elsewhere, Grigor Dimitrov claimed a win over Ilya Ivashka in straight sets.

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**9.25 Not Going Out** Frank announces his engagement, but Lee cannot believe that any woman would marry his father, so Lucy invites Frank and his beau Carol to dinner to allay Lee's misgivings. (R)

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**9.55pm-6.00am Election 2024** Coverage of the night's results, with Clive Myrie and Laura Kuenssberg. Chris Mason leads the correspondents reporting from each corner of the United Kingdom, Reeta Chakrabarti analyses the results as they come into New Broadcasting House and Jeremy Vine broadcasts from Cardiff with his famous swingometer. Kirsty Wark is in Glasgow, Andrea Catherwood is in Belfast and Fiona Bruce, Victoria Derbyshire, Naga Munchetty, Nick Watt and Alex Forsyth are among the well-known faces reporting from key locations around the country. Professor John Curtice, the 'expert's expert' joins Laura, Clive, Chris and Reeta to offer his psephological knowledge and insights.

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**12.25am Today at Wimbledon.** Qasa Alom presents highlights of the fourth day's play from the All England Club.  
**1.25 Sign Zone: Springwatch.** Megan McCubbin and Iolo Williams celebrate the wildlife in Britain's cities. (R) **2.25 Sign Zone: Andy Murray: Will to Win** (R)  
**3.25-6.20am** This Is BBC Two

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**7.00 EastEnders** Double bill. Nugget regains consciousness but is told that he may need long-term dialysis, and the pressure is piled on when his parents and the police ask who supplied the drugs; Teddy and Sharon share a flirty drink.

**8.00 Gardeners' World** The team reports from the RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival, where Arit encourages viewers to think more sustainably with her entirely peat-free Feature Garden. Plus, Tom Massey mentors novice designers.

**9.00 The North York Moors: A Wild Year** The upland area of North Yorkshire. (R)

**9.25 Live at the Apollo** Host Ed Gamble introduces routines by Tom Davis and Judi Love. (R)

**9.55 Gimme Gimme Gimme** Tom and Linda go out clubbing and get very drunk, leading to one of them spending the night with a security guard and the other with a woman. (R)

**10.25 FLM Moulin Rouge!** (2001, 12) Idealistic writer Christian is drawn to the backstreets of Paris, determined to play a part in the bohemian revolution. He falls for Satine, a courtesan from the famous Moulin Rouge. However, a scheming duke also covets her affections, setting the scene for tragedy. Romantic musical, with Ewan McGregor and Nicole Kidman. ★★★★★

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**7.00 Bradley & Barney Walsh: Breaking Dad** The duo continue their European adventure in Germany. (R)

**7.30 Emmerdale** Charles is determined to get to the truth, Matty risks opening up, and Mandy is left unimpressed.

**8.30 NEW Tom Kerridge Cooks Britain** The chef hits the road in his 1950s food truck, and discovers what it takes to produce the food on our plate. Tom begins by heading to Kent and Cambridgeshire, where he is in search of beetroot.

**9.00 Douglas Is Cancelled** Comedy drama, starring Hugh Bonneville and Karen Gillan. The furore around the joke continues to mount even though no-one knows what caused it, and Douglas still claims he can't remember it.

**9.50pm-6.00am Election 2024 Live: The Results** Tom Bradby presents through-the-night coverage of the battle for Number 10 Downing Street, revealing who will lead the country for the next five years. Tom will be joined in the studio throughout the night by a team of political insider guests, including George Osborne, Ed Balls and Nicola Sturgeon. Also on hand will be Robert Peston, Anushka Asthana and Paul Brand, plus election analysts, Professor Jane Green and Professor Colin Rallings. ITV News reporters will be on the ground right around the UK throughout, bringing news from every corner of the country as the results come in.

**7.00 Channel 4 News** A round-up of all the latest headlines, in-depth interviews and analysis of political developments and current affairs. Plus, the day's leading sports stories and up-to-the-minute weather reports.

**8.00 The Supervet: Noel Fitzpatrick** A Marbella-based French bulldog is flown in with his family after surgery to fix his broken elbow proved unsuccessful. Its family hopes a custom fusion plate system will get Milo out of pain.

**9.00 24 Hours in Police Custody** Detectives from Bedfordshire Police investigate when a 76-year-old man is arrested following allegations of historical child sex abuse dating back to the 1970s. (R)

**9.45pm-6.00am Britain Decides with The Rest Is Politics and Gogglebox** As the polls close, Krishnan Guru-Murthy and Emily Maitlis presents news and analysis as the votes are counted, while Alastair Campbell and Rory Stewart steer viewers through what many are predicting to be a game-changing moment in British politics. Cathy Newman anchors from locations across London and reporters attend key counts across the country, while political editor Gary Gibbon offers continuous analysis. Hannah Fry crunches the data, helping to make sense of the numbers and tell the story of the night. Going beyond Westminster, Gogglebox favourites provide their take on the election campaigns, while an audience of voters give their take as the night unfolds.

**7.00 Happy Campers: The Caravan Park** At Holiday Resort Unity, new Park Wardens husband and wife team Antoinette and Brian are welcoming arrivals when a family gets separated from each other; 5 News Update

**8.00 Supermarket Own-Brands: The Big Taste Test** Examining the difference between leading brands and supermarkets' own versions, and which customers prefer, starting with one of the world's most famous soft drinks.

**9.00 NEW Susan Calman's Grand Day Out** The comedian sets out to discover the Channel Islands. She arrives in Jersey at peak Jersey Royal potato season, and meets a farmer to learn about the art of harvesting.

**10.00 Only Fools and Horses: Secrets & Scandals** The story of how Only Fools and Horses was made, and how the cast could have been very different. Featuring interviews with Sue Holderness and the crew who made the series. (R)

**11.05 FLM Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw** (2019, 12) Luke Hobbs and Deckard Shaw must put their differences aside and team up to stop a major terror threat. Action adventure, starring Dwayne Johnson. ★★★★★

**1.35am PlayOJO Live Casino Show** **3.35 Yorkshire Tea vs PG Tips: Battle of the Brews** (R) **4.20 Inside the Balmoral Hotel** (R) **5.10 House Doctor.** From London. (R) **5.30 Entertainment News** **5.40 Milkshake!** Monkey's Amazing Adventures (R) **5.45-6.00am Paw Patrol** (R)

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**6.00am** CITV **9.00** World's Funniest Videos **9.30** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **10.00** Love Bites **12.00noon** Dress to Impress **1.00** Deal or No Deal **2.00** Supermarket Sweep **3.00** Charmed **4.00** Dawson's Creek **5.00** Dress to Impress. Dating fashion challenge.

**6.00** **Celebrity Catchphrase** With Chizzy Akudolu, Joe Lycett and Nick Knowles.

**7.00** **Deal or No Deal** Stephen Mulhern hosts as another contestant tries to open the 22 red boxes in the right order.

**8.00** **The Masked Singer US** The three remaining celebrities perform again.

**9.00** **Love Island** The fun continues with another feast of flirting and fallouts.

**10.05** **Tell Me Everything** Bex realises the price of popularity after throwing a party.

**11.05** **Family Guy** Animated double bill.

**12.05am** **American Dad!** Animated comedy. **1.05** Karaoke Club: Drag Edition **2.10** Don't Hate the Playaz **2.50** Unwind with ITV **3.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

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**7.00am** Unwind with ITV **7.05** Sugar Showdown **7.35** The Real Housewives of Cheshire **8.35** Masters of Flip **9.35** Buying and Selling **10.35** The Real Housewives of Cheshire **11.35** The Real Housewives of Atlanta **12.30pm** The Real Housewives of New Jersey **1.20** The Only Way Is Marbs **2.15** Dinner Date **3.15** Million Dollar Listing: LA **4.10** The Real Housewives of New Jersey **5.00** The Real Housewives of Salt Lake City

**6.00** **Masters of Flip** Saving a home blighted by termite and water damage.

**7.00** **Million Dollar Listing: LA** Tracy goes head to head with Flagg after an offer.

**8.00** **Dinner Date** Joey from St Albans picks blind dates from five partners.

**9.00** **Botched** Double bill. Cosmetic procedures that have gone wrong.

**10.55** **The Only Way Is Marbs** Lockie hopes Danni will give him another chance.

**11.40** **Singletown** The truth comes out.

**12.45-1.00am** Unwind with ITV

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**7.00pm** **Celebrity MasterChef** This quarter-final sees the celebrities prepare a faultless two-course meal.

**7.30** **The Fast and the Farmer-ish** The teams face extreme challenges.

**8.00** **FILM** **The Maze Runner** (2014, 12) A teen with no memory in an isolated community must find his way through a deadly labyrinth. Sci-fi, with Dylan O'Brien. ★★★

**9.45** **Glastonbury** Double bill. Performances by headliners and legends at Worthy Farm in 2024; pop perfection at Glastonbury.

**11.45** **Dreaming Whilst Black** Kwabs must decide if he is willing to do what it takes to get his funding. Comedy, starring Adjani Salmon.

**12.15am** **Dreaming Whilst Black** **12.35** Paddy & Molly: Show No Mersey **1.35** Top Gear **2.35** My Mate's a Bad Date **2.55** Birdsong **3.10-4.00am** Dreaming Whilst Black

**BBC4** Freeview 9

**7.00pm** **Canal Boat Diaries** Robbie Cumming continues across the Pennines from Marple to Huddersfield.

**7.30** **FILM** **North By Northwest** (1959, PG) An innocent man mistaken for a spy by a foreign agent is drawn into a world of espionage and adventure. Hitchcock thriller, starring Cary Grant, James Mason, Eva Marie Saint and Leo G Carroll. ★★★★★

**9.40** **FILM** **On the Waterfront** (1954, PG) A former boxer reduced to working for a gangster has his conscience pricked when he sees his boss's thugs kill a man. Drama, starring Marlon Brando. ★★★★★

**11.25** **Listen to Me Marlon: Imagine** An intimate portrait of Marlon Brando, making use of the actor's own audio tapes and recordings.

**1.05am** **Canal Boat Diaries** **1.35** Full Circle with Michael Palin **2.25-3.25am** Treasures of the Indus

**5 USA** Freeview 21

**6.00am** Home Shopping **9.00** NCIS **12.00noon** Law & Order: six episodes

**6.00** **NCIS** Triple bill. NCIS works to solve the murder of a senator's daughter; a suspicious murder occurs in the classified section of the National Archive; Agent Torres finds himself in prison as the team tries to stop an impending terror attack.

**9.00** **Blue Bloods** Danny and Baez are assigned new partners after being caught in the middle of office politics, while Frank compromises his relationship with the archdiocese.

**10.00** **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** Double bill. Detectives try to solve the murder of a paediatrician; a single murder quickly becomes a case involving three bodies.

**12.00m't** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: double bill **1.55** L.A.'s Finest **3.50** Entertainment News on 5 **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

**DAVE** Freeview 19

**6.00am** Teleshopping **7.10** Whose Line Is It Anyway? USA **8.00** Special Ops: Crime Squad UK **9.00** Top Gear **12.00noon** Storage Hunters UK: four episodes **2.00** Extreme Fishing with Robson Green: At the Ends of the Earth **3.00** Top Gear **5.00** The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure

**6.00** **Rick Stein's Long Weekends** The chef visits the Greek city of Thessaloniki.

**7.00** **Would I Lie to You?** With Michael Smiley, Diane Morgan and Bob Mortimer.

**7.40** **Richard Osman's House of Games**

**9.00** **QI XL** With Sandi Toksvig, Bill Bailey, Sean Lock and John Hodgman.

**10.00** **QI XL** Extended edition, with Sue Perkins, Bill Bailey and Gyles Brandreth.

**11.00** **Taskmaster** It's time for the final, which features peas and absent keys.

**12.00m't** Would I Lie to You? **12.40** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **1.40** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **2.45** Whose Line Is It Anyway? USA **3.35** Travel Man **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

**DRAMA** Freeview 20

**6.00am** Teleshopping **7.10** London's Burning **8.00** Doctors **9.15** Classic Holby City **10.40** Classic Casualty **11.40** The Bill **12.40pm** Classic EastEnders **2.00** London's Burning **3.00** Born and Bred **4.20** Tenko **5.20** Birds of a Feather

**6.00** **Waiting for God** Diana looks to broaden her horizons by entering politics.

**6.40** **Are You Being Served?** The staff celebrate Mrs Slocombe's birthday.

**7.20** **Last of the Summer Wine** Clegg and Truly offer to collect music for Tom.

**8.00** **Father Brown** A death on a local farm is blamed on a Kempleford doctor.

**9.00** **A Small Light** Miep and Jan's fears come true as the Nazis raid the annexe.

**10.00** **New Tricks** The hunt for a serial killer forces Sandra to rethink her career.

**11.00** **Soldier, Soldier** Brad Connor is devastated to learn he may have HIV.

**12.10am** **Footballers' Wives.** Glossy drama series. **1.15** Call the Midwife **2.25** Classic Holby City **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

**E4** Freeview 13

**6.00am** Hollyoaks **7.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **9.00** The Goldbergs **10.00** Young Sheldon **11.00** Modern Family **12.00noon** The Big Bang Theory: four episodes **2.00** The Goldbergs **3.00** Modern Family **4.00** Young Sheldon **5.00** The Big Bang Theory: four episodes

**7.00** **Hollyoaks** Ro helps the police.

**7.30** **Come Dine with Me** Hull florist Jayne gives her guests a taste of Spain.

**8.00** **Dance Moms** The Nationals loom.

**9.00** **Gogglebox** The households' opinions on Michael McIntyre's The Wheel.

**10.00** **Naked Attraction** An opera singer is looking for a man as tall as she is.

**11.05** **First Dates** A linguistics expert who can never say the right thing when dating.

**12.05am** The Big Bang Theory **1.05** Rick and Morty. The Smiths visit a restaurant. **1.35** Smiling Friends **2.10** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.00** Dance Moms **3.50** Modern Family **4.40** The Neighborhood **5.30-6.00am** Brooklyn Nine-Nine

**MORE4** Freeview 18

**8.55am** A Place in the Sun **10.25** A New Life in the Sun **11.25** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **12.30pm** Come Dine with Me: five episodes **3.10** Four in a Bed: five episodes **5.50** Chateau DIY

**6.55** **Car S.O.S** The boys pick up a 1978 JCB digger belonging to a former carpenter, who had two heart attacks.

**7.55** **Grand Designs** Kevin McCloud meets Zimbabwean-born Davi and Australian Matt, who are building a radical multicultural home in the Chess Valley – only to very quickly run into problems.

**9.00** **Perfect Pub Walks with Bill Bailey** Bill is joined by broadcaster Trevor McDonald for walks in Essex and Suffolk.

**10.00** **24 Hours in A&E** Double bill. A 12-year-old is rushed to St George's after suffering a severe asthma attack; a look at the hospital's specialist stroke team.

**12.10am** 999: On the Front Line. Medical documentary. **1.15** 24 Hours in A&E **3.25-3.55am** A Place in the Sun

**VARIATIONS & S4C**

**WALES** As BBC1 except: **1.25-1.35pm** BBC Wales Today; Weather **6.30-7.00** BBC Wales Today; Weather **9.25** Kiri's TV Flashback. Featuring clips of some of the nation's favourite Welsh celebrities. **9.55** Election Wales 2024. Live coverage of the election results, with Nick Servini. **2.00-6.00am** Election Wales 2024

**WALES** As BBC2 except: **9.55pm** Election 2024. Live coverage of the results, with Laura Kuenssberg and Clive Myrie. **2.00-6.20am** Election 2024. Live coverage of the results.

**MERIDIAN** As ITV1 except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News Meridian. A round-up of the latest headlines. **6.00-6.30pm** ITV News Meridian

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

**ITV WALES** As ITV1 except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News Cymru Wales. A round-up of the latest headlines. **6.00-6.30pm** ITV News Wales at Six

**WEST** As ITV1 except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News West Country. A round-up of the headlines. **6.00-6.30pm** ITV News West Country

**ANGLIA** As ITV1 except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News Anglia **6.00-6.30pm** ITV News Anglia

**WESTCOUNTRY** As ITV1 except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News West Country. Headlines. **6.00-6.30pm** ITV News West Country

**S4C** **6.00am** Cyw **12.00noon** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **12.05pm** Bois y Rhondda **12.30** Cerys Matthews a'r Goeden Faled **1.00** Prynawn Da **1.55** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **2.00** **LIVE** Seiclo: Tour de France. Coverage of stage six, which features a trek of 163.5km from Macon to Dijon. **4.40** Pablo **4.50** Sion y Chef **5.00** Stwnsh **6.00** Dan Do. Properties in Blaencelyn, Cowbridge and Penarth. **6.30** Arfordir Cymru: Bae Ceredigion. Bedwyr Rees journeys from Aberystwyth to Aberaeron. **6.57** Newyddion S4C **7.00** Heno. Nightly magazine. **7.30** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **8.00** Pobol y Cwm. One of the villagers suffers a heart attack. **8.25** Rownd a Rownd. The party is staged at Copa. **8.55** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **9.00** Seiclo: Tour de France. Highlights of stage six. **9.30** Y Gem. Owain Tudur Jones meets Paralympian Aled Sion Davies. **9.55** Etholiad 2024. Coverage of the General Election results. **2.00-6.00am** Etholiad 2024. Continued coverage of the General Election results from across Wales and further afield.

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# Sport

## SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

**6.00am** SSN Euro Report **7.00** Good Morning Euros. Latest reports. **10.00** SSN Euro Report **11.30** **LIVE DP World Tour Golf** The BMW International Open. Coverage of day one from the Golfclub Munchen Eichenried in Germany. **5.00pm** **LIVE Ladies European Tour Golf** Coverage of day two of the Aramco Team Series event from London's Centurion Club. **6.00** The F1 Show. The 2024 British Grand Prix **7.00** **LIVE Ladies European Tour Golf** Coverage of the action from day two of the Aramco Team Series event from London's Centurion Club. **7.30** **LIVE PGA Tour Golf** The John Deere Classic. Coverage of the early stages of day one of the tournament at TPC Deere Run in Silvis, Illinois. Austrian Sepp Straka won this event last year with a score of 21-under-par, finishing two strokes ahead of American's Alex Smalley and Brendon Todd. Michael Kim holds the tournament record of 27-under-par after this event in 2018. **12.00m-t-6.00am** SSN Euro Report

## SKY SPORTS CRICKET

**6.00am** Women's International One-Day Cricket **9.00** Best of ICC WT20 **9.30** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **10.00** ICC T20 World Cup 2021 **10.30** ICC 2016 World T20 Final **11.00** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **7.00pm** Secrets of Success **9.15** Pushing Boundaries: To The Hundred and Beyond **10.30** Dreams of a Nation **11.30** Women's International One-Day Cricket **2.30am** Best of ICC WT20 **3.00** Jimmy Anderson Masterclass Part 1 **3.25** Jimmy Anderson Masterclass Part 2 **3.50** Best of J Anderson: 500th Wicket **4.00-6.00am** Vitality T20 Blast Cricket

## SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

**6.00am** EFL Cup Retro **8.00** 1983: When Aberdeen Ruled Europe **9.00** EFL Greatest Games **10.00** Championship Season Review **11.00** Best Goals: Efl Cup 2021-22 **11.30** EFL Trophy Football **12.00noon** Bundesliga Highlights Show **1.00** Women's Championship Show **1.30** SWPL **2.00** SPFL **2.30** EFL **5.30** EFL Greatest Games **6.00** Bundesliga Analysis I **6.30** Bundesliga Highlights Show **7.30** WSL **8.00** WSL **8.30** SPFL **9.00** EFL Play-off Final C'Ship 15/16 **10.00** EFL Play-off Final League 1 15/16 **11.00** EFL Play-off Final League 2 15/16 **12.00m-t** Craig Brown: My Scotland **12.30** Best Scottish Premiership Goals 2023/24 **1.00** Best Scottish Premiership Goals 2022/23 **1.30** Best Scottish Premiership Goals 2021/22 **2.00** SPFL Highlights **4.15** SPFL Greatest Games **5.15** SPFL Highlights **5.30-6.00am** SPFL Greatest Games

## TNT SPORTS 1

**6.00am** Ultimate Pool **7.30** Badminton **9.30** Training Day. Peter Crouch and Joe Cole train at Premier League side Brentford. **10.00** World Championship of Legends Cricket **12.00noon** **LIVE World Championship of Legends Cricket** England v South Africa. Coverage of the match from Edgbaston. **4.00** **LIVE World Championship of Legends Cricket** West Indies v Pakistan. Coverage of the match from Edgbaston, Birmingham. **8.30** TNT Sports Cricket Reload: double bill **9.00** **LIVE MLB** Seattle Mariners v Baltimore Orioles (Start time 9.10pm). Coverage of the American League match from T-Mobile Park. **12.15am** Born Racers **1.30** UEFA Europa League **2.30** Women's Test Match Cricket **4.30-6.00am** TNT Sports Cricket Reload

## TNT SPORTS 2

**6.00am** Hockey **10.00** Between the Lines **10.30** AFL **2.30pm** Ultimate Pool. Action from the Ultimate Pool Pairs Cup Group 3 matches. **4.00** Premier League Stories **4.30** MLB Highlights **5.30** MLB: Off the Bat **6.00** **LIVE MLB** New York Yankees v Cincinnati Reds (Start time 6.05pm). From Yankee Stadium. **9.15** MotoGP Rewind **9.30** Born Racers **10.45** MotoE Highlights **11.15** TNT Sports Reload **11.30** Training Day. From Brentford. **12.00m-t** **LIVE MLB** Atlanta Braves v San Francisco Giants (Start time 12.20am). **3.15** MLB: Off the Bat **3.45** MLB Plays of the Week **4.15** Between the Lines **4.30** MotoGP Highlights **5.30-6.00am** Between the Lines

## EUROSPORT 1

**6.00am** Tour de France - The Breakaway **6.30** Ultra Trail: World Tour **7.30** Tennis: Wimbledon **9.00** Olympic Games: Chasing Glory **10.00** Archery World Cup **10.30** Cycling: Tour de France **11.30** Tour de France - The Breakaway **12.00noon** **LIVE Cycling: Tour de France** Coverage of stage six, which features a trek of 163.5km from Macon to Dijon. **5.00** Mountain Biking **5.30** Powerboat Racing World Championship **6.00** Golden Trail World Series **7.00** SailGP **8.00** Cycling: Tour de France **9.00** Tour de France - The Breakaway **9.30** August 4th: An Olympic Odyssey **10.00** British Speedway **11.00** Cycling: Tour de France **12.00m-t** Tour de France - The Breakaway **12.30** Tennis: Wimbledon **2.00** Cycling: Tour de France **3.00** Tour de France - The Breakaway **3.30** Tennis: Wimbledon **5.00-6.00am** Cycling: Tour de France

# Entertainment & Factual

## ITV3 Freeview 10

**6.00am** Classic Emmerdale **7.00** Classic Coronation Street **8.05** Agatha Christie's Poirot **10.30** The Royal **11.40** Heartbeat **1.40pm** Classic Emmerdale **2.40** Classic Coronation Street **3.50** Inspector Morse **6.00** Heartbeat **8.00** Vera **10.00** The Tower **11.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot **11.55** The Royal **12.45-2.30am** Upstairs, Downstairs

## ITV4 Freeview 26

**6.00am** The Derby Through the Years **6.15** The Sweeney **7.20** Minder **8.20** Dempsey and Makepeace **9.20** Magnum, PI **10.20** Kojak **11.25** Made in Britain **11.55** BattleBots **1.00pm** Tour de France Highlights **2.00** **LIVE** Tour de France. Gary Imlach presents coverage of stage six, 163.5km from Macon to Dijon. **5.00** Great Racehorses **5.20** Mr Bean **5.55** BattleBots **7.00** Tour de France Highlights **8.00** **FILM** Octopussy (1983/PG) **★★★ 10.45** **FILM** Rocky (1976/12) **★★★★★ 1.00am** The Sweeney **1.55** Auto Mundial **2.20** Motorsport Mundial **2.50-3.00am** Unwind with ITV

## 5STAR Freeview 32

**8.00am** Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun **10.00** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords **11.00** Traffic Cops **2.00pm** Police Interceptors **5.00** Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly **6.00** Home and Away **7.00** GPs: Behind Closed Doors **8.00** Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts **9.00** A&E After Dark **10.00** 999: Emergency Call Out **11.00** Ambulance: Code Red **12.00m-t** Skin A&E **1.00** It's Your Fault I'm Fat **2.00** Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts **2.50** GPs: Behind Closed Doors **3.35-4.00am** Home and Away

## REALLY Freeview 17

**6.00am** Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Cruise TV with LoveitBookit **8.00** The Bidding Room **1.00pm** Money for Nothing **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Antiques Road Trip **5.00** Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** Who Do You Think You Are? **10.00** Alex Polizzi: The Fixer **11.30** Ghost Bait **12.00m-t** Unexplained: Caught on Camera **1.00** Paranormal: Caught on Camera **2.00** Teshtopping **4.00-6.00am** Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet

## 5ACTION Freeview 33

**9.00am** Outback Truckers **10.00** Traffic Cops **11.00** Police Interceptors **12.00noon** **FILM** Destry (1954/PG) **★★★ 2.05** **FILM** Gunfight at Comanche Creek (1964/U) **★★ 4.00** Outback Truckers **5.00** Traffic Cops **6.00** Police Interceptors **9.00** Trucking Heavy **10.00** Outback Truckers **11.00** Coastguard: Search & Rescue SOS **12.00m-t** Police Interceptors **1.00** Fights, Camera, Action! **2.00** Trucking Hell **3.50-4.00am** Entertainment News on 5

## SKY ARTS Freeview 36

**8.00am** The Joy of Painting **9.00** Tales of the Unexpected **10.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.00** Discovering: John Malkovich **12.00noon** The Joy of Painting **1.00** Tales of the Unexpected **2.00** The South Bank Show Originals **3.00** Dickens: Phantoms and Fictions **4.00** Discovering: Samuel L Jackson **5.00** The Joy of Painting



**Paul Whitehouse's Sketch Show Years GOLD, 10pm** The comedian (left) moves onto the 1980s, when some of sketch comedy's big names began to emerge, including Victoria Wood and Lenny Henry.

**6.00** Tales of the Unexpected **7.00** Battle of the Bagpipes **8.00** The Directors **9.00** Discovering **10.00** The Ghost of Richard Harris **12.20am** Comedy Legends **1.20** I Am Richard Pryor **3.15** Tales of the Unexpected **3.45** National Trust: National Treasures **5.00-6.00am** The Art of Architecture

## GOLD

**7.25am** The Fosters **8.20** The Green Green Grass **9.40** My Hero **10.20** Are You Being Served? **11.00** Still Open All Hours **11.40** Last of the Summer Wine **1.00pm** The Green Green Grass **1.35** My Hero **2.15** Still Open All Hours **2.50** Dad's Army **3.30** Are You Being Served? **4.10** Last of the Summer Wine **5.30** Still Open All Hours **6.05** The Green Green Grass **6.40** Dad's Army **8.00** Blackadder Goes Forth **8.40** Only Fools and Horses **9.15** The Young Ones **10.00** Paul Whitehouse's Sketch Show Years **10.35** Victoria Wood as Seen on TV **11.20** The Lenny Henry Show **12.40am** Only Fools and Horses **1.20** The Young Ones **2.10** Victoria Wood as Seen on TV **2.50-4.00am** The Lenny Henry Show

## YESTERDAY Freeview 27

**6.10am** Train Truckers **8.00** Abandoned Engineering **10.00** The World at War **11.00** Secret Nazi Bases **12.00noon** Great British Railway Journeys **1.00** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash **4.00** The World at War **5.00** Secret Nazi Bases **6.00** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** Bangers & Cash: Restoring Classics **8.00** Bangers & Cash **9.00** Bangers & Cash: Restoring Classics **10.00** Bangers & Cash **11.00** Abandoned Engineering **12.00m-t** Great British Railway Journeys **1.00-3.00am** Train Truckers

## ALIBI

**7.15am** Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** The Doctor Blake Mysteries **10.00** Elementary **11.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **12.00noon** Father Brown **1.00** Death in Paradise **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** Elementary **5.00** Father Brown **6.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **7.00** Elementary **8.00** Father Brown **10.00** Death in Paradise. A scientist is found dead. **11.20** Elementary **12.20am** CSI: Vegas **1.15** Murdoch Mysteries **3.10-4.00am** Why Women Kill

## SKY MAX

**6.00am** NCIS: Los Angeles **7.00** SEAL Team **8.00** The Flash **9.00** Stargate SG-1 **11.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **12.00noon** The Flash

# Radio

## BBC RADIO 1

**97.6-99.8MHz 6.57am** Newsbeat **7.00** Radio 1 Breakfast with Greg James **11.00** Rickie, Melvin and Charlie **12.45pm** Newsbeat **1.00** Matt and Mollie **3.00** Radio 1's Rap Anthems **3.30** Newsbeat **3.32** Going Home with Vick, Katie and Jamie on Radio 1 **5.45** Newsbeat **6.00** Radio 1's New Music Show **8.00** Radio 1's Rave-Up with Arielle Free **10.00** BBC Introducing Dance **11.00** Radio 1's Residency **1.00am** Radio 1 Dance Presents **2.00** Glastonbury 2024-Live Sets. Music and chat. **2.30** Glastonbury 2024-Live Sets **3.00** Chillout Anthems **4.00** Radio 1 Dance **5.00-6.57am** Radio 1 Early Breakfast with Arielle Free

## BBC RADIO 2

**88-91MHz 6.30am** The Gaby Roslin Breakfast Show **9.30** Vernon Kay. Natasha Bedingfield chooses this week's Tracks of My Years. **12.00noon** Tina Daheley **2.00** Scott Mills **4.00** Sara Cox **6.30** Sara Cox's Half Wower **7.00** Jo Whalley's Shiny Happy Playlist **7.30** Jo Whalley **9.00** The Country Show with Bob Harris. A selection of fine tracks. **10.00** Trevor Nelson's Magnificent 7. Uplifting tunes. **10.30** Trevor Nelson's Rhythm Nation **12.00m-t** Phil Williams **3.00** Alternative Sounds of the 90s with Dermot O'Leary **4.00-7.00am** Owain Wyn Evans

## BBC RADIO 3

**90.2-92.4MHz 6.30am** Breakfast. Petroc Trelawny presents. **9.30** Essential Classics. Georgia Mann plays a selection of music.

## CHOICE

**Ramblings Radio 4, 3pm** Clare Balding travels to Moyle Hill in County Donegal to meet adventurer and motivational speaker, Nikki Bradley. Diagnosed with a rare bone cancer at just 16 years of age, Nikki (now in her 30s) has defied expectations by living a very active life and climbing mountain peaks all over the world.

**1.00pm** Classical Live. The Leonkoro Quartet perform Shostakovich's Third String Quartet. **4.00** Composer of the Week: Richard Strauss **5.00** In Tune **7.00** Classical Mixtape **7.30** Radio 3 in Concert **9.45** The Essay: Forever Songs **10.00** Night Tracks **11.30** 'Round Midnight **12.30-6.30am** Through the Night

## BBC RADIO 4

**FM 92.4-94.6MHz 6.00am** Today **9.00** In Our Time **9.45** NatureBang **10.00** Woman's Hour **11.00** This Cultural Life **11.45** Obsessed with the Quest **12.00noon** News **12.04** The Bottom Line **12.32** Sliced Bread **12.57** Weather **1.00** The World at One **1.45** Buried: The Last Witness **2.00** The Archers **2.15** Drama: Assisted. By Greg Wilkinson. **3.00** Ramblings. Clare Balding is in Co Donegal. **3.27** Radio 4 Appeal **3.30** Feedback **4.00** The Briefing Room **4.30** BBC Inside Science **5.00** PM **5.57** Weather **6.00** News **6.30** Rhysearch

**1.00** MacGyver **3.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** S.W.A.T **5.00** SEAL Team **6.00** Stargate SG-1 **8.00** Rob & Romesh vs F1 **9.00** The Walking Dead: The Ones Who Live **10.00** A Discovery of Witches **11.00** The Walking Dead **12.00m-t** Last King of the Cross **1.00** Entourage **2.00** Road Wars **3.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00-5.00am** S.W.A.T

## SKY ATLANTIC

**6.00am** The Guest Wing **7.55** Six Feet Under **10.05** Gomorrah **12.15pm** Game of Thrones **1.20** The Sopranos **3.30** Six Feet Under **5.45** Gomorrah **7.55** Game of Thrones **9.00** House of the Dragon **10.20** Band of Brothers. Easy Company overrun Hitler's Bavarian retreat. **11.30** Succession. Kendall plans his next move. **12.40am** Watchmen **1.45** The Deuce **2.55** Game of Thrones **4.05-6.00am** The Guest Wing

## SKY WITNESS

**6.00am** Sun, Sea and A&E **7.00** Border Patrol **8.00** Stop, Search, Seize **9.00** Highway Patrol **9.30** Caught Red Handed **11.00** Blue Bloods **12.00noon** New Amsterdam **1.00** Private Eyes **2.00** FBI: Most Wanted **3.00** Caught Red Handed **4.30** Nothing to Declare **8.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** The Rookie **10.00** The Good Doctor **11.00** Chicago Fire **12.00m-t** FBI: Most Wanted **1.00** Departure **2.00** The Force: North East **4.00-5.00am** Paramedics

## SKY COMEDY

**8.00am** Will & Grace **9.00** American Auto **10.00** Sort Of **10.25** Veep **11.35** Ballers **12.45pm** Eastbound & Down **1.55** Veep **2.45** Vice Principals **3.20** Ballers **4.30** Sort Of **5.00** Will & Grace **6.00** The Office (US) **7.00** American Auto **8.00** Will & Grace **9.00** Girls **10.15** Nikki Glaser: Good Clean Filth **11.30** Intelligence **12.30am** Sex and the City **2.00** Nikki Glaser: Someday You'll Die **3.15** Sort Of **3.45-5.00am** Eastbound & Down

## DISCOVERY

**6.00am** How It's Made **7.00** Deadliest Catch **8.00** Blowing Up History **9.00** Combat Dealers: Reloaded **10.00** Iron Resurrection **11.00** Wheeler Dealers: Dream Car **1.00pm** Railroad Alaska **3.00** America's Backyard Gold **4.00** Flying Wild Alaska **5.00** Homestead Rescue: Raney Ranch **6.00** Iron Resurrection **7.00** Kindig Customs **8.00** Garage Squad **9.00** August 4th: An Olympic Odyssey **10.30** Naked and Afraid XL **12.30am** Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch **1.30** August 4th: An Olympic Odyssey **3.00-5.00am** Naked and Afraid XL

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

**8.00am** Food Factory **9.00** Air Crash Investigation **10.00** WW2: Hell Under the Sea **11.00** Erased: WWII Heroes of Colour **12.00noon** Car S.O.S **1.00** To Catch a Smuggler **2.00** Air Crash Investigation **3.00** Hitler's Last Stand **4.00** Seconds from Disaster **5.00** Car S.O.S **6.00** Air Crash Investigation **8.00** Europe from Above **9.00** **NEW** Wicked Tuna **10.00** Alaska: The Next Generation **11.00** Air Crash Investigation **12.00m-t** Gordon Ramsay: Uncharted **1.00** Airport Security: Peru **2.00** Lords of War **2.30** Bid & Destroy **3.20** Food Factory **4.10-5.00am** Secrets of the Zoo

# Movies

## FILM4

**11.00am** Nothing But the Best (1964/PG) Black comedy, starring Alan Bates. **★★★** **1.05pm** Time Lock (1957/PG) Thriller, starring Robert Beatty and Betty McDowell. **★★** **2.35** Comanche Station (1960/PG) Western, starring Randolph Scott. **★★★★** **4.10** Hell Is a City (1960/PG) Thriller, starring Stanley Baker and John Crawford. **★★★★** **6.05** Clear and Present Danger (1994/12) Action thriller, with Harrison Ford. **★★★★** **9.00** Inglourious Basterds (2009/18) Quentin Tarantino's wartime adventure, with Brad Pitt and Christoph Waltz. **★★★★★** **12.10am** Zola (2021/18) Crime comedy drama, starring Taylour Paige. **★★★★** **1.55-4.00am** Heatwave (2022/15) Thriller, with Kat Graham and Merritt Patterson. **★★★**

## SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

**6.50am** The Great Escaper (2023/12) Drama, starring Michael Caine. **★★★★** **8.35** Drift (2023/15) See 6.20pm. **★★★★** **10.20** The Shamrock Spitfire (2024/12) Biographical drama about Irish fighter pilot Brendan 'Paddy' Finucane, starring Shane O'Regan and Ryan O'Grady. **★★★** **12.20pm** LaRoy, Texas (2023/15) See 8.00pm for details. **★★★** **2.20** A Sacrifice (2024) See 10.00pm. **★★★** **4.20** Meg 2: The Trench (2023/12) Thriller sequel, starring Jason Statham. **★★★** **6.20** Drift (2023/15) Drama, starring Cynthia Erivo and Alia Shawkat. **★★★** **8.00** LaRoy, Texas (2023/15) A suicidal man is mistaken for a low-rent hitman by a stranger. Comedy crime caper, starring Steve Zahn and John Magaro. **★★★** **10.00** A Sacrifice (2024) Drama, starring Eric Bana and Sylvia Hoeks. **★★★** **12.00m-t** American Star (2024/15) Thriller, with Ian McShane and Nora Arnezeder. **★★★** **1.50am** Am I OK? (2022/15) Romantic comedy drama, starring Dakota Johnson. **★★★** **3.30** Ruthless (2023/15) Action thriller, starring Dermot Mulroney and Jeff Fahey. **★★★★** **5.10-7.10am** American Star (2024/15) See 12.00m-t for details. **★★★**

## SKY CINEMA DRAMA

**5.35pm** Far and Away (1992/15) Drama, with Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman. **★★★★** **8.00** Jerry Maguire (1996/15) Cameron Crowe's romantic comedy drama, with Tom Cruise and Renee Zellweger. **★★★★★** **10.25** Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (2004/15) Surreal romantic drama, with Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet. **★★★★★** **12.20am** Old Henry (2021/15) Western, with Tim Blake Nelson and Scott Haze. **★★★★** **2.10** The Colour Room (2021/PG) Drama, with Phoebe Dynevor and Matthew Goode. **★★★** **4.15-6.05am** Golda (2023/12) Biopic drama, with Helen Mirren and Zed Josef. **★★★**

## SKY CINEMA FAMILY

**4.00pm** The Flintstones (1994/U) Live-action version of the cartoon comedy, with John Goodman and Rick Moranis. **★★** **5.45** The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000/PG) Family comedy prequel, starring Mark Addy and Stephen Baldwin. **★★★** **7.30** Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile (2022/PG) Musical comedy, starring Javier Bardem. **★★★★** **9.30** Ella Enchanted (2004/PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Anne Hathaway. **★★★** **11.25** The Little Rascals (1994/U) Children's comedy, starring Travis Tedford. **★★★★** **1.05am** Hotel for Dogs (2009/U) Comedy drama, starring Emma Roberts. **★★★** **3.00** A Tiger's Journey (2022/PG) Drama, with Sunny Pawar and Claudia Gerini. **★★★★** **4.50-6.50am** Blueback (2022/PG) Drama, with Mia Wasikowska and Eric Bana. **★★★**

## TALKING PICTURES TV

**5.35-7.10pm** Miranda (1948/U) Comedy, with Glynis Johns and Googie Withers. **★★★** **10.05** Yield to the Night (1956/15) A condemned murderess looks back on the chain of events which led her to kill her lover's mistress. Drama, starring Diana Dors. **★★★★** **12.05am** Ransom (1975/PG) Drama, with Sean Connery and Ian McShane. **★★** **1.55** Cisco Pike (1971/15) Crime drama, with Kris Kristofferson and Karen Black. **★★★** **3.45-5.30am** Beat Girl (1960/12) Drama, starring Gillian Hills and David Farrar. **★★**

## GRAT! MOVIES

**5.00pm** Garage Sale Mystery: The Deadly Room (2015/PG) Mystery drama, starring Lori Loughlin and Sarah Strange. **★★** **7.05** Garage Sale Mystery: The Wedding Dress (2015/PG) Crime drama, starring Lori Loughlin and Cheryl L

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## End is nigh for Sunak

Desperate times call for desperate measures, so I see the Tories wheeled out their big guns at the eleventh hour to save us from "Starmageddon". They forget that we've had to survive Johnson followed by Truss - the worst pair of prime ministers since Thatcher.

Old dinosaur Johnson turned up at a rally of hopeless Tories, who cheered and whooped as he ruffled his hair and told them what they wanted to hear.

Let's hope, if we get a Labour government, that Boris Johnson and his Eton-educated colleagues in government are quickly forgotten.

Ian Pyke, Crawley, West Sussex

## TAKE NOTICE... AND WIN £25

This amusing sign was spotted by Jane Newnes from Chepstow, Monmouthshire, while on holiday in Westward Ho!



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# Save our children from Tory poverty

LAST year, a UN poverty envoy stated poverty levels in the UK were "simply not acceptable" and that our government was violating international law.

Gordon Brown is now campaigning for an end to child poverty and hopefully it will be a major target for Keir Starmer when he gets to grips with the shambles we are being left with.

Child poverty has reached record levels and makes Oliver Twist look comparatively well off. At least he had a meagre bowl of gruel to eat. Many British children go to school with empty stomachs and they represent the future of this country. Madness.

Bill Cook, Teignmouth, Devon

We must listen to Gordon Brown and give our children hope. Voters need to back Labour and end the scandal of kids growing up in poverty, which as Brown says, is a stain on our country.

Look into the eyes of the young and it will quickly become apparent there is a crisis, depriving them not just of basic necessities such as clothes and medical care, but also hope.

They are the future of this once great nation. I remember ration books after the war but we got by. Now the Tories have deprived our country while lining the pockets of the rich. This country is divided. Vote Labour for a better future.

Dave Mellor Warrington, Cheshire

It's a matter of grave concern that child poverty has risen exponentially since the Tories took office. Around

## THE BIG ISSUE

Former Prime Minister Gordon Brown says the hardship faced by millions of children will "remain forever a scar on our country's conscience unless something is done". Writing exclusively for the Mirror, he said poverty is the most urgent social issue facing the country with 4.2 million children condemned to live in hardship. You say...



4.2 million children - that's 30% of all children in the UK - are living in low income households.

Government cuts to social security have exacerbated the problem and, consequently, reduced growth in household disposable income by half.

As one of the richest countries in Europe, it is to our great shame that there are a growing number of food banks which are necessary to assist impoverished families.

Michael Smith, Chatham, Kent

Reading Gordon Brown's article this morning brought me to tears. I knew things were bad but when I read the horrendous situation many are in, I was shocked.

How the self-serving Tories can get richer and richer while the poorer get poorer is not acceptable. What has happened to our country? We can't wait for Keir Starmer to rescue Britain.

I'm 76 years old and have never known it to be so bad.

Paul Hemmerdinger Swadlincote, Derbyshire

Growing up in the 1950s, we didn't have much but we worked

hard and my parents made sure we had a good life.

It's now 2024 and there are children going to school without breakfast and little chance of a proper meal at home.

How can the Government think they have done a good job when so many children are going without?

John Vickers, Conwy

I was shocked to read so many children are going without meals. The figure of almost one in three children being classed as officially in poverty is one of the most hard-hitting statistics I have ever read in this paper.

If that doesn't make every single person eligible to vote put a cross next to their Labour candidate, then I don't know what will.

Ken Henderson Croydon, South London

Gordon Brown was correct when he said the hardships faced by millions of children were "a stain on the soul of our country".

Child poverty should not be so prevalent in the UK and the Tories should hang their heads in shame.

Stan Wilson Knaresborough, North Yorkshire

## THE BIG QUESTION

Every day we'll be asking your opinion on one of Britain's big talking points. You can have your say and vote at mirror.co.uk

Prince Harry is set to receive the Pat Tillman Award for Service. It is an honour meant for someone with a strong connection to sports and was set up as a tribute to a US war hero.

### Should Prince Harry receive the award?

YES 15%

NO 85%

No. The mother of Tillman has objected, surely that's enough for Harry not to receive it?  
JOOLSRAD87

Yes. Congratulations, Harry, on such a great achievement. A well-deserved honour for your service and your continued efforts on behalf of veterans.  
SARAHJOHNS

Yes. Congrats, Harry, and well deserved. You served and fought, that's more than us couch potatoes can say!  
DIANEJEN

Yes. Harry deserves the award. Some haters think they can demand he doesn't get it. Well tough, he is getting it.  
MUNNYDOG

No. He has shown everyone the person he truly is, and is a prince in name only.  
IAMLIFE

No. Giving Harry this award is a travesty and an insult to our serving and ex-members of the armed forces. I am appalled.  
JANEPOWELL



## Pilot's story a delight to read

What a truly inspiring story about the last Battle of Britain pilot, John Hemingway (Mirror, June 25). Now 104, John was shot down over Italy in 1945.

As the Nazis were closing in, nine-year-old Carla Fabbri helped by hiding him. Although Carla died 10 years ago, it was lovely to read her daughter, Lina, flew to meet John. A remarkable story and I am so glad he was finally able to meet the family of the brave little girl who rescued him.  
Leonard Harris, Bath

## Time to end dentist hell

I have just been for a dental check-up and always feel so lucky I have an NHS dentist.

A notice on their wall said dental charges will rise 8.5% and "the revenue will not go to your dentist or towards improving your care. Amid a cost-of-living crisis, this hike is covering for government cuts".

I hope Labour will put an end to these charges and recruit more NHS dentists to stop people having to pull their own teeth as though living in Dickensian times.

Debbie Richens South East London

## Tweet of the day

TV presenter and academic Professor Alice Roberts on the importance of voting...

@TheAliceRoberts - We owe it to them: all our female ancestors who were denied that democratic right. Patriarchal forces still attempt to hold us back by pushing apathy, telling us that "politicians are all the same". They're not - and you have the right to choose, to vote from the heart, for our future, for all our children - and to make your voice and your vote count.

I cannot be the only person worried about artificial intelligence. I am all for advances in technology but there is still so much we don't understand about it.

I worry it's being used more and more in daily life. It will make certain jobs redundant and there are fears students will use it to cheat in exams. Where is the regulation? We need more research into it.  
Valerie Underwood West London

## Pub quiz answers

How many of our daily pub quiz brainteasers did you manage to get right?

- ANSWERS  
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2. 1908  
3. Aster  
4. Korean  
5. Sweet Child O'Mine

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# Cooper's super but Go-Kart's a no-no

## NEW MINI EV HAS APPEAL DESPITE SOME BAD 'EXPERIENCES'

Whether the product planning, engineering departments, or a combination of the two are responsible for the annoying bits of the new Mini Cooper Electric only the company will know.

There are many good things to say about it and we will do so shortly, but first we need to discuss the issue of the car's basic set-up and the special driving modes that are offered.

Not many cars I've driven over the last decade have displayed a wider gap between their manufacturer's fantasy of who will be driving the car and how,

and the reality. First, the ride comfort is not as good as it should be and second, the steering is rather too quick – a combination that along uneven country roads makes the electric Mini unsettled.

Worst of all are the optional driving modes or "Experiences" as they're billed. Efficient mode is fine, but the Go-Kart and Traditional settings tend to spoil the driving experience rather than enhance it.

Go-Kart introduces some synthetic noise, but even more annoyingly brings with it changes to power delivery that promotes the car's torque steer.

### THE FACTS

**Mini Cooper E Three-door hatchback**

**Price: £30,009**

**Engine: Single electric motor, 40.7kWh battery, 187bhp**

**0-62 mph: 7.3 sec**

**Range: 190 miles**



From rest, and even at high-ish speeds, the steering wriggles in your hands and the car wanders on the road. Traditional introduces a fake noise that sounds very much like a straight-cut gearbox on a 60s'

racing Mini. It's not pleasant. All this could be sorted by a reworking of the car's software. But the rant's now over and we can delve into what is otherwise a very attractive and appealing car. You have one fundamental



### AN INSTER ATTRACTION

You're looking at the new Hyundai Inster, the Korean company's new compact SUV.

It's a electric, of course, and comes standard with a 42kWh battery that gives it a range of 221 miles.

I'm not sure of UK specifications yet but I hope that the folding front bench seat makes it to these shores



along with the rear seats that are split 50/50 and which both recline and slide back and forwards.

The regular Inster will be joined later by a version called Inster Cross which will have a more "off-road" styling package.

More details to follow over the coming months.

### FULL CHARGE AHEAD

UK-based battery developer Nyobolt has joined forces with design and engineering consultancy CALLUM to build a prototype car testing

revolutionary fast charging batteries. Initial tests have proved the Nyobolt EV's 35kWh battery can be charged from 10% to 80% in four minutes and 37 seconds using a 350kW charger.

For EVs to be a really practical alternative to internal combustion engine vehicles, we need not only a much more comprehensive public charging network but also batteries that can be charged more quickly.



with **COLIN GOODWIN**



Some useful advice from breakdown service provider Start Rescue. It reminds us EVs have a conventional 12-volt battery that's used to power up the car's entire system. If it's allowed to go flat, the car won't work, even if the main traction batteries have plenty of juice in them. If you're going on a long holiday and the car won't be used it's worth fitting a trickle charger to keep it topped up. Start Rescue says 23% of all EV call-outs are because the cars won't start on the key.



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decision to make and that's whether to go for the Mini Cooper E or the SE.

The E comes with a 40.7kWh battery that's good for a range of 190 miles, and the SE with a 54.2kWh battery for a range of up to 250 miles.

As for power, the E has a 187bhp electric motor and the SE a 215bhp unit. Performance is not wildly different with the lower powered car cracking 0-62mph in 7.3sec and the quicker one doing 6.7sec.

The basic price for each is £30,000 and £34,500 respectively. Your choice I suspect will come down to how much range you

want. If the car is a second car and will be used for local trips, I'd say the E is the best bet as it's nicer to drive and the money you save you could spend on options.

Nobody does dashboards like Mini. That trademark round instrument unit looks fantastic, as does the row of analogue switches underneath it. But it's annoying the heater controls are via the screen and are difficult to adjust on the move.

On the SE, a head-up display is standard, but on the E you have

**“The car has character inside and out and the price is competitive**

to tick the box for the Level One option pack to get it. We'd recommend having this feature because otherwise you have to take your eyes off the road to look at the screen to see how fast you're going.

Classic and Sport trims get a predominantly black dashboard but rather more attractive is the Houndstooth knit – a feature of Exclusive trim. It's used on the dashboard and door cards and looks great.

Unlike the last electric Mini, this one is built on a platform

designed from the outset to be used for an EV. The result is better battery positioning and more rear space. The boot is pretty small at 211 litres but a large family wanting a Mini as primary transport might be best looking at a Countryman Electric.

Drive the Mini Cooper E in a restrained manner in Efficient mode, which most owners will, and all the bad habits introduced by the Go-Kart Experience mode will go unnoticed. Then you'll be able to fully enjoy a small EV that has lots of character inside and out which is competitively priced and a more interesting option than many rivals.



## POLE JUMP

Polestar has announced details of a Long Range single-motor version of its new Polestar 3 electric SUV. The variant will cost £69,900 and have a maximum range of 403 miles.

The LR uses the same large 111kWh battery as the dual-motor versions of the 3 but with a single 220kW electric motor driving the rear wheels.

Performance is average with 0-62mph taking 7.8sec - but we'd take range over sprinting performance any time. The order books are open now.

## ESTATE MISTAKE



Volvo has done a Bobby Ewing by reintroducing its estate cars in the UK. Both the V60 and V90 were given the chop last summer as Volvo said it wanted to concentrate on building SUVs.

It thought demand for its estate cars had died out but that turned out to be wrong. The V60, above, will be available with hybrid and plug-in hybrid powertrains and the larger V90, below, only as a PHEV.

We've no prices as yet, but when the cars were prematurely given the bullet last year the V60 range started at £47,750 and the V90 at £62,220. I'd imagine we can expect similar prices. As a big estate fan (and fan of big estates) this is great news.



## SKODA ROQ TO ROLL

Skoda is to launch six EVs over the next few years and is kicking off the programme with a new compact SUV called the Elroq which will be launched this autumn. In common with Skodas we've come to know and like - such as the Octavia and Superb - the newcomer will major on interior space with a boot that can hold 470 litres with seats up and an impressive 1,580 litres with them folded flat.

There will be a range of power outputs from 170 to 300PS and a maximum range of 348 miles with a charging time of under 28 minutes.

More details to follow nearer the launch.



## BUZZ WITH EXCITEMENT

The appealing and very cool but rather expensive Volkswagen ID. Buzz is now available as a hot GTX version - and also in a more spacious long wheelbase seven-seater form.

They'll be in showrooms later this year with the LWB costing from £59,545. We don't have a price yet for the GTX. The LWB (which is in Life trim)

features a 86kWh battery and 286PS electric motor and has a range of 291 miles. The Buzz GTX, modelled on the standard wheelbase car, has a 79kWh battery and two electric motors with a combined output of 340PS.

It gets its own styling features that include a gloss black honeycomb grille and a bespoke front bumper.



## TWO-TON M5

The new generation BMW M5 will make its world debut at the Goodwood Festival of Speed this month. And what a beast it is.

For the first time the M5 features a hybrid powertrain which means the twin-turbo V8 engine is linked to an electric motor. Combined power output for the two is a huge 727bhp.

The car is a PHEV and will have an electric range of up to 62 miles. All sounds very impressive but the drawback is it weighs in at well over two tons.

I suspect many hardcore BMW M fans will choose to keep their simpler, lighter and still very quick earlier generation M5s rather than trade up to this overweight and £110,500 newcomer. Certainly my favourite BMW M5s hit the road over a decade ago.

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# JOBS



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**STRUGGLING** to find a job, Chad Kumasamba's confidence was plummeting. But after volunteering for a youth programme sponsored by McDonald's, he met the right people, and secured a job. Five years on and Chad, 25, from Coventry, is a second assistant business manager for the fast-food giant.

## What does your job involve?

Every day is different, which I love. Being a manager means I'm responsible for managing shift schedules and training new crew members, overseeing stock and deliveries, and making sure customers have a good experience.

And I've been working with the team to keep track of sales data so we can hit targets and goals - it's been a great way to learn more about the business.

## What do you love about it?

I love working with a team of people from lots of different backgrounds, and seeing customers really enjoying their experience, thanks to our crew's hard work.

The job is really fast-paced, meaning I'm never bored, which is really important to me.

## What are the challenges?

The job comes with a lot of responsibility, like making sure crew feel supported and that everyone is having a good shift.

## When did you join?

I started as a crew member in 2019 and worked my way up the ladder. I get to work with a supportive team that have given me lots of opportunities to progress.

## How did you start at McDonald's?

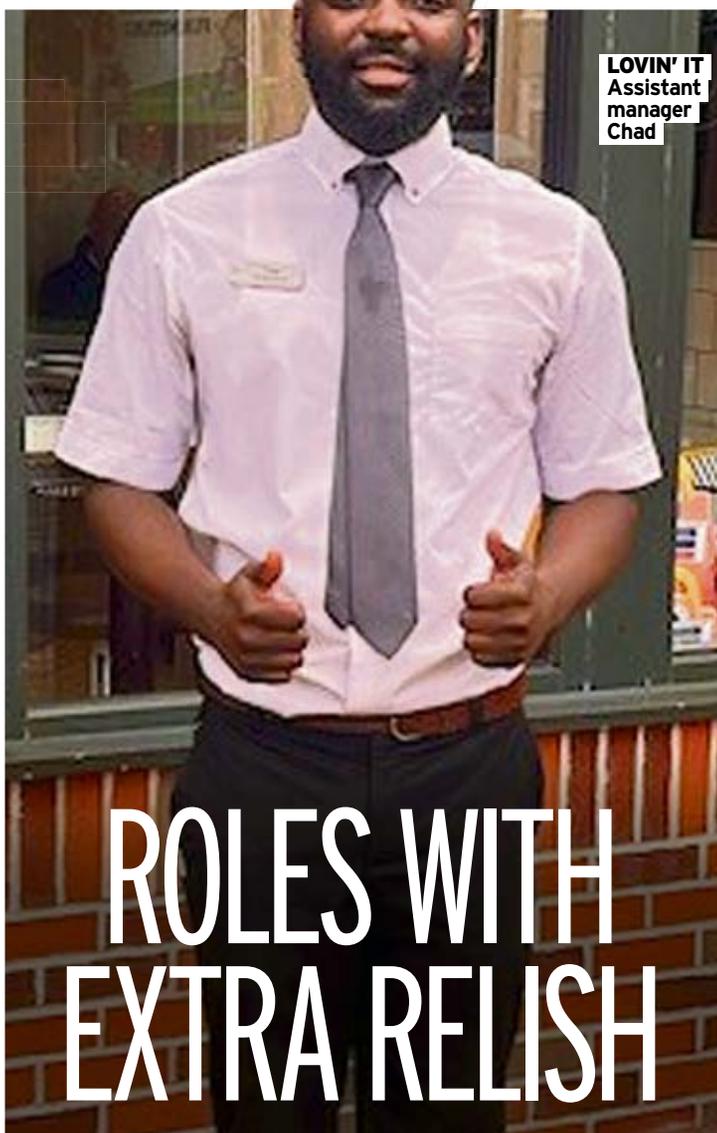
I first started working here when I was at school as I met one of the franchisees (who run individual restaurants) through some volunteering I was doing with the Positive Youth Foundation ([positiveyouthfoundation.org](http://positiveyouthfoundation.org)) - a charity in Coventry.

I did football and basketball sessions at my school with them. They help young people from more challenging backgrounds when it comes to applying for jobs and apprenticeships.

## Did the volunteering boost your confidence?

Definitely. I learned a lot of real-life skills through PYF that you don't get taught in school. Like what to say in an interview and how to speak to people in a professional environment.

I was always quite quiet as a kid, but being part of the programme boosted my confidence and pushed me outside of my comfort zone.



**LOVIN' IT**  
Assistant manager  
Chad

# ROLES WITH EXTRA RELISH

## How did it change your life?

I met John Kiely, a McDonald's franchisee and also a sponsor of the charity. I managed to pluck up the courage to ask him for a job.

I don't think I would have ever been able to approach him like that before volunteering as it gave me confidence.

John was really supportive and asked me for an interview. I didn't get the job at first, but John kept helping me with my application, and when I went for a second interview at a different restaurant, I landed the job!

## Does McDonald's still help young people?

Yes. Their new Makin' It programme is all about providing young people with opportunities in their areas. It's working with BBC Children in Need to provide

safe spaces in its restaurants and partner with local youth projects and youth workers to give young people support and advice.

It's about providing training and real-world experience for young people in our communities.

I really do know how important these sorts of programmes are for young people.

I've seen firsthand how much of a difference it can make to you when you get access to these different opportunities.

## How do people join the programme?

My advice to people thinking about being part of Makin' It is find out more at your local McDonald's. And if you can become involved with a local youth organisation, grab every chance that is put in front of you.

It proved to be really life-changing for me and I would not be where I am today without making the most of those opportunities.

## What are your ambitions?

What I know for sure is that I want to be successful and go as far as I can in my career.

I hope to work my way up to become a business manager at McDonald's and maybe even build my own business empire one day.

**Makin' It** is all about providing young people from 13 years old with genuine opportunity in the areas they live in. The initiative is being rolled out to link all 1,450 McDonald's restaurants with youth services in their local communities. Visit [mcdonalds.com](http://mcdonalds.com) and search "Makin' It" to find out more.

# FINANCE

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# Slow growth on road to election

## SERVICE SECTOR'S CAUTION HITS SALES

**A PRE-ELECTION "seize-up" saw growth in Britain's service sector slow last month, a survey revealed.**

Companies have adopted a "wait-and-see" approach before placing orders and committing to new projects, according to a report from S&P Global.

Its Purchasing Managers' Index measures activity in the service sector, covering everything from banking and restaurants to telecoms and transport, and makes up a big chunk of the economy.

The score of 52.1 for June showed the sector was still growing, but slowed from 52.9 in May. Joe Hayes, economist at S&P

Global Market Intelligence, said: "We are seeing some evidence of a pre-general election seize-up across the UK services economy, with growth in business activity slowing to a seven-month low in June. The prospect of a change in government led to the adoption of a 'wait-and-see' approach by some, restraining sales."

The reading, he said, suggested the economy as a whole was likely to have kept growing in the three months to June, though "less punchy" than the 0.7% in the first quarter.

Rob Wood, chief UK economist at research consultancy Pantheon Macroeconomics, said the reading supports the case for a Bank of England rate cut in August.



**LESS PUNCH**  
Hospitality

## IT'S A FAIRE OFFERING

EXCLUSIVE

A US online marketplace is helping bankroll a wave of small shops in the UK.

Faire, which connects independent retailers with smaller brands, is expanding a scheme providing retailers up to £20,000 credit to stock their shelves ahead of opening. There's also a contest to give two winners a £5,000 grant each. San Francisco-based Faire, valued at £10billion, says offering credit with no added interest helps fill the gap left by banks.

Faire president Lauren Cooks Levitan said: "It's difficult to find traditional forms of financing unless you have an established business."

The Open with Faire initiative has provided £78million in inventory credit globally since 2021.

**Mega-rich Amazon tycoon Jeff Bezos is flogging nearly £4billion worth of shares in the online giant. The latest sale will take the amount of Amazon stock he has offloaded this year to more than £10bn.**

Bezos, one of the world's richest people, stepped down as Amazon chief executive in 2021 but remains executive chairman. Filings prior to the new sale show that Bezos owned a near £150bn stake in Amazon.



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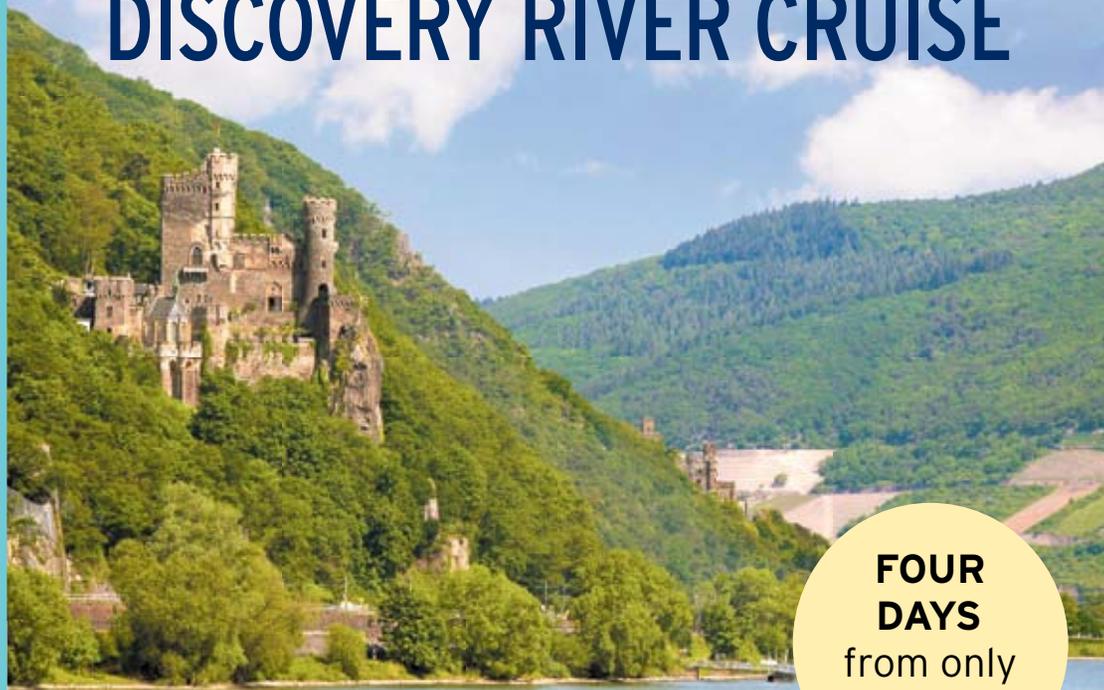
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AB Foods	2479.0	+13.0	International Distribution Services	329.2	+5.8	Smiths WH	1166.0	+40.0
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Currys Plc	74.3	+1.4	RELX	3570.0	-5.0	New Zealand Dollar		2.017
Diageo	2508.5	+45.0	Rentokil Initial	464.7	+11.6	Polish Zloty		4.803
Direct Line	196.7	+1.7	Rio Tinto	5329.0	+159.0	South African Rand		22.431
Easyjet	462.9	+18.7	Rolls-Royce	455.8	+9.6	Swiss Franc		1.109
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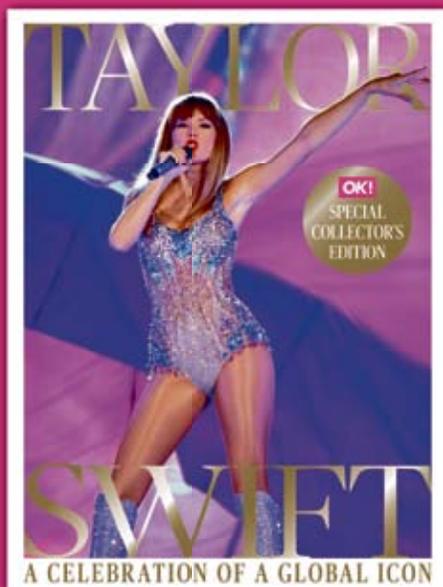
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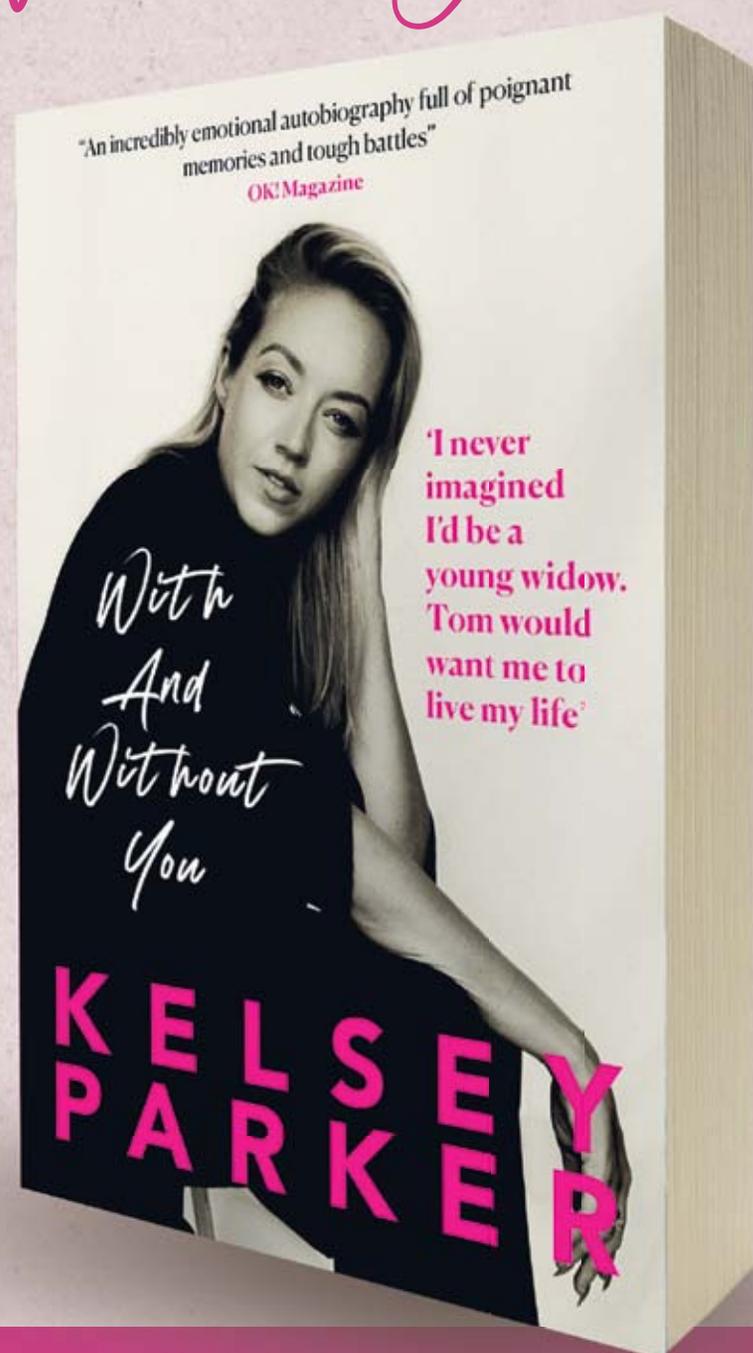
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THE British Horseracing Authority have ruled that "unique circumstances" were the cause of four equine fatalities at Newton Abbot on June 25. A statement said: "We are satisfied that there was no issue with the racing surface or any other facility at the track."

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2.15: ALPHA MAGIC (B Garrity 40-1) 1; American Style (evens) 2; Bella Love (13-2) 3. 14 ran. 1/2, hd. (M & D Easterby). Tote: £41.00; £9.20, £1.10, £1.80. Tote Exacta: £145.00. Trifecta: £1025.50. CSF: £80.61.

2.45: THE CRAFTY MOLE (D Tudhope 2-5) 1; Believanducan (11-2) 2; Efor-leather (11-1) 3. 6 ran. nk, 3/4. (M & D Easterby). Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £1.60. Tote Exacta: £3.20. Trifecta: £10.30. CSF: £2.86. NR: Nancy P.

3.15: THUNDER RUN (D Tudhope 5-4) 1; The Reverend (10-11) 2; Appeal To Glory (10-1) 3. 8 ran. 4/4, 5/2. (K R Burke). Tote: £2.13; £1.10, £1.10, £5.60. Tote Exacta: £2.00. Trifecta: £16.20. CSF: £2.29. NR: Urban Lion. Urban Lion Rule 4 applies to All Bets, deduct 10p in the pound.

3.45: LANGHOLM (C Beasley 11-2) 1; Bits And Bobs (14-1) 2; Savvy Warrior (13-8) 3. 8 ran. 2/1, 1/2. (M Dods). Tote: £6.50; £1.80, £3.60, £1.30. Tote Exacta: £75.30. Tricast: £181.18. Trifecta: £272.60. CSF: £76.94. NR: My Honey B.

4.20: PETRA CELERA (D Tudhope 16-1) 1; Patontheback (5-1) 2; Sunny Orange (7-1) 3. 8 ran. 5-2f Amaz. 3/4, 1/4. (R Fell & S Murray). Tote: £17.20; £4.40, £1.70, £1.90. Tote Exacta: £109.90. Tricast: £617.19. Trifecta: £484.70. CSF: £90.84. NR: One More Dream.

4.55: JEHANGEEER (T Eaves 13-2) 1; Manila Scouse (11-1) 2; Summerhand (15-8) 3. 9 ran. 1/4, hd. (K Ryan). Tote: £7.50; £1.90, £3.10, £1.20. Tote Exacta: £68.00. Tricast: £185.84. Trifecta: £240.20. CSF: £73.71.

5.25: GARIFULLINA (S B Kirrane 13-2) 1; Calafrio (100-30) 2; Holbach (12-1) 3. 11 ran. 3/4, nk. (J Davies). Tote: £7.50; £1.90, £3.10, £4.00. Tote Exacta: £38.00. Tricast: £221.55. Trifecta: £418.90. CSF: £28.63.

5.55: TANTALUS (Joanna Mason 13-2) 1; Northern Prince (9-2) 2; Parson's Meadow (11-1) 3. 11 ran. 4-1f Hombro. nk, nk, £3.70. Tote: £7.50; £2.40, £1.80, £3.70. Tote Exacta: £45.10. Tricast: £326.76. Trifecta: £473.50. CSF: £36.02.

6.00: MUSSELBURY (Jason Watson 13-2) 1; Harswell Dandy (Jason Watson 13-2) 1; Horus (5-1) 2; Colocolo (4-7) 3. 4 ran. 1/4, 2/1. (R Fell & S Murray). Tote: £7.50; £2.40. Tote Exacta: £28.10. Trifecta: £32.50. CSF: £32.55.

6.30: ESCARPMENT (Jason Watson 13-8) 1; Crystal Guard (16-5) 2; Odd Venture (12-1) 3. 7 ran. 3/4, 4/4. (M Appleby). Tote: £2.63; £1.70, £1.70. Tote Exacta: £69.90. Tricast: £43.43. Trifecta: £46.70. CSF: £6.92. NR: Penelope's Sister.

6.45: GREYHOUND RESULTS HARLOW. - 11.04 Trapstyle Dolly 9-2 (5-4-1). £86.74. TC: £339.95. 11.21 Rapid Drops 11-8f (6-5-4). £4.59. TC: £0.00. 11.38 Gurnea Crespi Crew 5-2 (3-1-6). £8.48. TC: £0.00. 11.54 Aurora Slippy 11-4 (5-1-3). £22.95. TC: £61.89. 12.12 Keeper Lit 2-1 (3-1-5). £12.05. TC: £0.00. 12.29 Kranky Summer 11-4 (4-5-3). £18.77. TC: £67.22. 12.46 Flaminmagical 11-8f (6-4-3). £11.95. TC: £0.00. 1.03 Crying Jonesy 13-8f (3-5-2). £5.15. TC: £0.00. 1.19 Helters Skeller 7-4f (6-4-3). £38.33. TC: £98.39. 1.27 Essjay Forest 3-1 (6-5-4). £13.85. TC: £47.57. 1.54 Milliview Blondie Evenst 11-3-6. £9.11. TC: £0.00. 2.11 Essjay Christine 11-8f (1-5-6). £13.85. TC: £28.21.

11.08. - 11.01 Kiara Honey 11-8f (1-6-2). £9.33. TC: £19.15. 11.18 Red Camellia 2-1f (3-6-4). £14.18. TC: £67.61. 11.34 Glavin Laz 6-1 (3-1-2). £24.57. TC: £59.79. 11.52 Fab Farm Sid 7-2 (3-5-4). £31.04. TC: £70.69. 12.09 Minyoumarmans 10-11f (6-2-1). £9.59. TC: £0.00. 12.26 Rosshill Tina 7-4 (1-5-2). £21.64. TC: £73.09. 12.42 Winterfield 15-8f (6-5-3). £10.97. TC: £41.43. 12.59 Emerald Sarah 5-1 (3-6-5). £14.03. TC: £75.11. 1.17 Elderberry Hazel 5-2 (1-6-4). £40.63. TC: £98.83. 1.33 Droopys Sunset 4-1 (1-2-3). £17.41. TC: £81.87. 1.51 Drumdoff Stella 15-8 (1-4-2). £7.04. TC: £10.66. 2.07 Light Up Lucy 9-2 (2-1-4). £30.29. TC: £0.00.

NOTTINGHAM. - 11.09 Jaymir Tara 15-8f (5-6-1). £25.05. TC: £66.88. 11.27 New Cross Nights 2-1 (1-5-3). £6.95. TC: £0.00. 11.43 Harwell Silver 7-4 (3-6-2). £16.70. TC: £30.71. 12.01 Swift Satisfy 4-1 (5-3-6). £48.29. TC: £127.29. 12.18 Asian 11-10f (4-3-5). £2.84. TC: £9.93. 12.34 Saracen 7-1 (2-4-1). £40.03. TC: £117.69. 12.51 Baby Ace 20-1 (1-4-3). £117.36. TC: £550.60. 1.08 Wolf Moon 13-8 (5-2-1). £14.69. TC: £55.95. 1.26 Macpaine 15-8f (2-4-3). £7.09. TC: £18.46. 1.42 Tex Brit 13-8f (6-5-3). £5.79. TC: £18.82. 1.59 Jaymir Arlo 10-3 (3-6-5). £14.64. TC: £64.38. 2.14 Harwell Charlie 9-2 (4-2-5). £21.33. TC: £40.88.

6.00: SISTERS IN THE SKY (K Stott 9-1) 1; Second Collection (4-1) 2; Diamond Cottage (8-1) 3. 9 ran. 1/2, nk. (G Harris). Tote: £110.00; £2.90, £1.70, £1.90. Tote Exacta: £51.90. Tricast: £280.44. Trifecta: £321.30. CSF: £41.31. Amended Result.

6.30: ABOLISH (W Carson 11-2) 1; Lil Guff (3-1) 2; Faro De San Juan (11-2) 3. 5 ran. 5-2f Crimon Angel. nk, 1/4. (A Carroll). Tote: £6.50; £2.40, £1.90. Tote Exacta: £19.90. Trifecta: £74.00. CSF: £20.76. NR: The Coffee Pod.

7.00: WEDGEWOOD (L Morris 9-4) 1; Glamorous Guy (10-1) 2; Katar (7-2) 3. 7 ran.

nk, 1/4. (A Carroll). Tote: £3.25; £1.80, £3.70. Tote Exacta: £26.20. Trifecta: £111.90. CSF: £24.24. NRs: La Verite, Zeno.

7.35: ATLANTIS BLUE (J Crowley 11-8) 1; Darysina Gold (11-4) 2; Zariela (2-1) 3. 6 ran. 1/1, 1/4. (G Baker). Tote: £2.38; £1.30, £1.60. Tote Exacta: £5.70. Trifecta: £7.40. CSF: £5.23.

8.10: IMPRINT (R Hornby 12-1) 1; Alyara (6-1) 2; Sneaky Blinder (8-1) 3. 10 ran. 11-8f Forink. hd, 3/4. (M Rimell). Tote: £13.70; £3.50, £1.90, £2.50. Tote Exacta: £80.10. Trifecta: £536.70. CSF: £82.89.

8.45: BLUE HERO (F Marsh 5-4) 1; A Poet's Secret (11-1) 2; Checkmeout (5-1) 3. 7 ran. 2/4, hd. (A Writtle). Tote: £2.25; £1.70, £4.60. Tote Exacta: £10.70. Tricast: £49.16. Trifecta: £64.40. CSF: £15.39. NR: Miss Raindrop.

Placepot: £230.90. Quadpot: £48.30.

6.20: GISELLES DEFENCE (J Leavy evens) 1; Imrembo (5-1) 2; Oj Lifestyle (5-1) 3. 7 ran. 6/4, 1/4. (J Williams). Tote: £2.00; £1.20, £2.10. Tote Exacta: £5.80. Trifecta: £18.60. CSF: £5.81.

6.50: HOT CASH (D Probert 9-2) 1; Peter Fossick (7-2) 2; Jack Andrea (10-1) 3. 7 ran. 9-4f Bracklesham Bay. 1/2, 5/4. (J Channon). Tote: £5.50; £2.30, £2.00. Tote Exacta: £16.50. Trifecta: £85.10. CSF: £19.60.

7.25: GET IT (P Cosgrave 11-4) 1; Mr Wagy (85-40) 2; Princess Shabnam (8-1) 3. 6 ran. 1/4, 1/2. (G Baker). Tote: £3.75; £1.70, £1.50. Tote Exacta: £9.50. Trifecta: £35.10. CSF: £8.77.

8.00: INCREMENTAL (O Murphy 13-2) 1; Haliphon (10-1) 2; Wahaan (7-2) 3. 8 ran. 3-1f Atlantic Convoys. 3/1, 2/1. (M Bell). Tote: £7.50; £2.30, £1.60. Tote Exacta: £72.60. Tricast: £264.49. Trifecta: £330.30. CSF: £68.92.

8.30: MARTIN SPIRIT (J Hart 33-1) 1; Fighting Post (33-1) 2; Angel On High (7-1) 3. 14 ran. 3-1f Standbackandlook. nk, 3/4. (A West). Tote: £43.00; £8.00, £10.90, £2.20. Tote Exacta: £837.60. Tricast: £7131.25. Trifecta: £3670.40. CSF: £776.72. NR: Robert Walpole. Robert Walpole Rule 4 applies to All Bets, deduct 5p in the pound.

9.00: LITTLE BOY BLUE (R Havlin 28-1) 1; Tropez Power (11-2) 2; Mister Bluebird (7-2) 3. 10 ran. nk, 3/4. (W G M Turner). Tote: £32.20; £6.90, £2.10, £1.80. Tote Exacta: £198.90. Tricast: £704.78. Trifecta: £1070.60. CSF: £176.54.

Jackpot: Not won. Placepot: £226.70. Quadpot: £60.00.

6.10: RAPID PERSONNEL BILLINGTON FOUNDATION APPRENTICE H'CAP (5) 5f Winner £5,757 (10 run)

Table with 2 columns: Race number and details. Includes entries like 033924 SAFARI DREAM, 244513 HURT YOU NEVER, 385472 LIHOU, etc.

6.45: ENGLISH PROVENDER COMPANY BILLINGTON FOUNDATION EBF FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (4) (2YO) 6f Winner £6,480 (9 run)

Table with 2 columns: Race number and details. Includes entries like ANGELICA BAY, BRIGHTWALTON, CROCODILE RIVER, etc.

7.20: THE KNOT AT UFTON COURT NOVICE STAKES (4) (2YO) 6f Winner £6,480 (10 run)

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BIRCH OUT OF CITY MATCH

BY DAVID YATES CITY OF TROY is the sponsor's 2-5 hotpot (from 1-2) for Saturday's Coral-Eclipse after chief market rival White Birch fell by the wayside yesterday.

The John Murphy-trained four-year-old, the three-length conqueror of Auguste Rodin in the Group 1 Tattersalls Gold Cup at the Curragh last month, was forced to miss a rematch in the Prince of Wales's Stakes - last year's Derby hero went on to triumph at Royal Ascot - by a low-grade virus.

Connections warned White Birch, Coral's 5-1 second favourite, could miss an intended clash with City Of Troy (above) at Sandown pending the results of further blood tests.

And yesterday Murphy's son and assistant George ruled the son of Ulysses

out of the clash of the generations, reporting the colt's latest blood sample had not "come back 100 per cent perfect".

"He seems to be in tip-top shape but we don't want to risk anything," he said.

"You don't go to any race without having everything right, but especially a top-class Group 1. Obviously, it's a bit of a disappointment and I'll speak to his owners and they will decide where he will go next."

Epsom sixth Dancing Gemini and Prix du Jockey Club fourth Ghostwriter are now the Stratford firm's 7-1 joint-second favourites, and the former's trainer Roger Teal said: "I think the step back to a mile and a quarter will be ideal - he just failed to stay the distance in the Derby."

"We know he'll have his day in the sunshine, that's for sure."



NO SHOW White Birch will miss Saturday's Coral-Eclipse

NEWBURY JACKPOT

6.10: RAPID PERSONNEL BILLINGTON FOUNDATION APPRENTICE H'CAP (5) 5f Winner £5,757 (10 run)

Table with 2 columns: Race number and details. Includes entries like 033924 SAFARI DREAM, 244513 HURT YOU NEVER, etc.

BETTING: A Lihou, 9-2 Split The Profit, Safari Dream, Hurt You Never, 13-2 Bint Havana Gold, 7 Macanudo, 12 Q Twenty Boy, 14 Eeh Bah Gum

2023: LEVEL UP 410 3, Owen Lewis(3) 11-1 (P Evans), drawn (4), 10 ran.

6.45: ENGLISH PROVENDER COMPANY BILLINGTON FOUNDATION EBF FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (4) (2YO) 6f Winner £6,480 (9 run)

Table with 2 columns: Race number and details. Includes entries like ANGELICA BAY, BRIGHTWALTON, CROCODILE RIVER, etc.

BETTING: 7-2 Havana Dance, 2 Shostakova, Handcuffed, 5 Brightwalton, 7 Stellenbosch, 8 Angelica Bay, 10 Glamour Show, 20 Crocodile River, 33 Limegreentangerine.

2023: MISS SHOW OFF 9 2, John Fahy 4-1 (C Cox), drawn (4), 8 ran.

7.20: THE KNOT AT UFTON COURT NOVICE STAKES (4) (2YO) 6f Winner £6,480 (10 run)

Table with 2 columns: Race number and details. Includes entries like CHELSEA EMBANKMENT, GLENDINE, MAXIMUS, etc.

BETTING: 3 King Of Bears, 7-2 Chelsea Embankment, 9-2 Spell Master, 13-2 Meeghat, 15-2 The Waco Kid, 8-1 Maximus, 12 War Howl, Jet Packer.

2023: STARLUST 9 5, Hector Crouch 9-2 (R Beckett), drawn (5), 8 ran.

LONGEST TRAVELLER: Easy road, trainers Peter & Michael Bowen send DICEY RIELLY (3.18) and EASY BUCKS (4.18) on a 447-mile trip to Perth.

NEWSBOY'S DAILY DOUBLE: NEW KINGS ROAD (9.00 Newbury) and ALBERT CEE (3.40 Haydock)

7.55: BILLINGTON FOODS SUPPORTS THE BILLINGTON FOUNDATION H'CAP (4) 7f Winner £7,328 (8 run)

Table with 2 columns: Race number and details. Includes entries like WOODSTOCK, HAT TOSS, CHOLA EMPIRE, etc.

BETTING: 3 Hat Toss, 9-2 Purefoy, State Flag, 5 Red Maids, 7 Woodstock, 8 Aligned, 10 Chola Empire, 14 Tadreeb.

2023: YOLARENUT FUTURE GIVEN 5 12, Mollie Phillips(3) 10-3 JifFav (A Carroll), drawn (8), 7 ran.

8.25: FUTURE BOUND AT THE BILLINGTON FOUNDATION H'CAP (5) 1m 2f Winner £5,757 (12 run)

Table with 2 columns: Race number and details. Includes entries like LADY OF ARABIA, FAST STEPS, 82520-DUNDY, etc.

BETTING: 4 See That Storm, 9-2 Outgun, 5 Racing Demon, 13-2 Ravenswell, 7 Fast Steps, 10 Blue Collar, 12 Kingkeer, 14 I Love Paris.

2023: FINEST BILLION 3 9 5, Oisín Murphy 13-8 Fav (H & R Charlton), drawn (1), 7 ran.

9.00: BILLINGTON FOUNDATION SUPPORTED BY VERY LAZY H'CAP (STR) (5) (3YO) 1m Winner £5,757 (10 run)

Table with 2 columns: Race number and details. Includes entries like THE FERRET, MACHIAVELLIAN LADY, GREAT CHIEFTAIN, etc.

BETTING: 5-2 New Kings Road, 5 Great Chieftain, 13-2 Tribal Chief, Double Red, 8 The Ferret, Hey Big Spender, 12 Machiavellian Lady, Blue Akoya.

2023: RANGER THUNDERBOLT 9 4, Kevin Stott 18-1 (R Brisland), drawn (4), 12 ran.

NEWSBOY 6.10 SAFARI DREAM 6.45 ANGELICA BAY 7.20 CHELSEA EMBANKMENT 7.55 RED MAIDS 8.25 SEE THAT STORM 9.00 NEW KINGS ROAD (NAP)

BOUVIERIE 6.10 HURT YOU NEVER (NAP) 6.45 HANDCUFFED 7.20 CHELSEA EMBANKMENT 7.55 HAT TOSS 8.25 OUTGUN 9.00 NEW KINGS ROAD

GOING: Good to Firm. COURSE: Left-handed oval track of 1m 7f, straight mile joins the main circuit just under 5f from home. DRAW: High numbers have a slight advantage on the straight course.

TOP TRAINERS: R Hannon 53-457 (11.6%), W Haggas 41-191 (21.5%), A Balding 29-257 (11.3%), E Walker 22-166 (13.3%), R Beckett 21-170 (12.4%), C Cox 14-154 (9.1%), E J-Houghton 11-136 (8.1%), H Morrison 11-99 (11.1%), A King 11-239 (4.6%), I Williams 10-99 (10.1%), B Millman 9-79 (11.4%)

TOP JOCKEYS: Oisín Murphy 40-221 (18.1%), Sean Levey 25-191 (13.1%), Pat Dobbs 19-151 (12.6%), David Probert 16-240 (6.7%), Charles Bishop 12-166 (7.2%), Hector Crouch 12-87 (13.8%), Trevor Whelan 4-63 (6.3%), Saffie Osborne 4-56 (7.1%), Kevin Stott 3-38 (7.9%)

TRAINER TARGETS: R Hannon won the 7.20 in '16, '19, '21 and '22. 1ST TIME BLINKERS: 6:10 Split The Profit. CHEEKPICES: 6:10 Safari Dream, 7:55 Hat Toss, Woodstock, 8:25 Dundury, I Love Paris.

TONGUE STRAPS: 7:20 The Waco Kid, 7:55 Red Maids, 9:00 Tribal Chief. (=1st time).

PROFITABLE RACES FOR FAVS: 7.20.

FAB 4 TIPS

NORTHERNER'S NAP MALANGEN (3.48 Perth) TOPSPOT QUEEN'S COMPANY (4.00 Newmarket) NEWMARKET'S BEST HEY BIG SPENDER (9.00 Newbury) SPEEDHORSE PLACE OF SAFETY (5.50 Kempton)

TODAY'S ABC GUIDE TO FIVE UK MEETINGS

A large table listing various horses and jockeys for five UK meetings: Haydock, Kempton, Newbury, Perth, and Yarmouth. Columns include horse name, jockey, and other race details.

Advertisement for Alex Corrie, a horse racing expert. It features the Daily Mirror logo, a photo of Alex Corrie, and text promoting live racing commentaries and results with sports radio. It includes contact information for calls and a website URL.

HAYDOCK

NEWSBOY 2.10 QUIETNESS 2.40 NOGO'S DREAM 3.10 DEFINITIVE 3.40 ALBERT CEE (NB) 4.10 SIR PAUL RAMSEY 4.45 KODE SECRET

GOING: Good to Soft-Good in places. COURSE: Left-handed oval track of 1m 5f with a 4f straight. The 5f & 6f races are run on the straight. DRAW: A high draw is a big advantage, especially on soft.

2.10 VALE FILLIES' H'CAP (5) 1m 4f Winner £4,187 (5 run) 1 (4) -11 QUIETNESS (23) M Trengoon 4 9-9 (SF) ... Rossa Ryan 84 G

2.40 SELECTA SYSTEMS DAVE NELSON MEMORIAL APPRENTICE SERIES H'CAP (5) 5f £4,187 (8 run) 1 (6) -00 THE RIDLER (19) R Fahy 4 10-4 (D) ... Ethan Tindall (5) 73 G

3.10 GLOW HEATED GLASS BY TUFFX IRISH EBF MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (3) (2YO) 6f Winner £5,400 (9 run) 1 (4) BROWN GOLD J Norton 9-2 ... Mark Winn (3) - -

3.40 SUPALITE GROUP H'CAP (4) 6f Winner £6,281 (13 run) 1 (12) 067 RAATEA (28) (V) J Camacho 7 9-11 (CD) ... Ryan Sexton 98 G

4.10 ODL QUEEN OF THE NORTH EBF NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) (3) (2YO) 7f Winner £5,400 (10 run) 1 (9) 51 CAVALLIO BAY (14) C Appleby 9 10-10 (F) ... D Costello 77 ST

4.45 EUROCELL 'GROW WITH H'CAP (5) (3YO) 7f Winner £4,187 (11 run) 1 (3) 231 MOSTAR DREAMS (17) J Jardine 9 11-1 (D) ... A Mullen 76 GS

IN FORM TRAINERS: S & E Crisford 3-8 (38%), W Knight 6-17 (35%), B Brookhouse 2-6 (33%), James Horton 2-6 (33%), B Millman 5-16 (31%), J Goldie 8-26 (31%), W Haggas 15-49 (31%), C Appleby 6-21 (29%), D & C Kubler 5-17 (29%), E Walker 5-18 (28%), D Sayer 2-8 (25%), P & M Bowen 4-16 (25%), JOCKEYS: William Carver 3-10 (30%), Brandon Wilkie 4-15 (27%), Kieran Shoemark 7-27 (26%), Shane Gray 5-19 (26%), William Buick 15-58 (26%), Edward Greatrex 3-12 (25%), Oliver Searle 1-4 (25%), Ryan Kavanagh 1-4 (25%).

TODAY'S BAGS DOGS SHEFFIELD 11.01 Crystal Turtle (4-5-3), 11.18 Darver Nynestyl (2-6-5), 11.34 Mariciano Punch (3-5-1), 11.52 Stippy Shannon (5-6-1), 12.09 Fleadh Thim (Nap) (1-3-6), 12.26 Make It Easy (3-4-5), 12.42 Kilara Jag (2-5-3), 12.59 Mucha Macho Emda (6-3-4), 1.17 Lightfoot Shine (1-2-3), 1.33 Kilara Burdick (2-6-5), 1.51 Team News (6-3-5), 2.07 Birdwell Rover (1-2-3), NOTTINGHAM 11.09 Tidy Up Cloud (4-1-6), 11.27 Gledaway Bono (6-5-1), 11.43 Hollow Jess (2-5-4), 12.01

YARMOUTH

GOING: Good. COURSE: Left-handed oval, flat, galloping track of 1m 4f, straight mile course. DRAW: High numbers best on the straight course. TOP TRAINERS: J & T Gosden 42-149 (28.2%), W Haggas 32-128 (25.0%), M Bell 20-129 (15.5%), R Varian 19-109 (17.4%), G Boughy 16-84 (19.0%), P McBride 16-76 (21.1%), Tom Clover 15-95 (15.8%)

2.30 QUINNBET ACCA BONUS APPRENTICE H'CAP (5) 1m 2f Winner £4,397 (4 run) 1 (4) 232 BLUEFLAGFLYINGHIGH (9) M Bell 4 9-12 (BF, D) (SF) ... J Bradnam (3) 81 GF

3.00 WEATHERBYS EBF MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) (4) (2YO) 6f Winner £5,373 (11 run) 1 (3) 0 DAPPER GUEST (30) G Margaron 9 7 ... D Keenan - -

3.30 QUINNBET COM MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (GBB RACE) (5) (2YO) 7f Winner £3,672 (8 run) 1 (5) 4 BAILEYS HONEYMOON (41) Miss A Murphy 9 2 ... R Dawson 64 S

SPOTFORM GOINGS Heavy - H; Soft - S; Good to soft - GS; Good - G; Good to firm - GF; Firm - FM; Hard - HD; Yielding - Y; Yielding to soft - YS. A-W: Standard - ST; Slow - SL; Standard to fast - SF; Standard to slow - SS

KEMPTON

NEWSBOY 5.15 JAKARTA 5.50 EVERYWHERE 6.25 CONSUELO 7.00 WHITCOMBE ROCKSTAR 7.35 CRACKSKING 8.10 STANLEY SPENCER 8.45 LIBRA TIGER

GOING: Standard to Slow. COURSE: Right-handed Polytrack all-weather course. 1m round with tight turns and a 3f run-in. DRAW: No advantage. TOP TRAINERS: A Balding 89-561 (15.9%), J & T Gosden 82-377 (21.8%), R Varian 73-307 (23.8%), R Hannon 58-540 (10.7%), R Beckett 48-297 (16.2%), C Cox 43-318 (13.5%), W Haggas 41-222 (18.5%)

5.15 UNIBET ZERO% MAISON EBF FILLIES' NOV STKS (5) (2YO) 7f £3,672 (6 run) 1 (3) 71 JAKARTA (40) P & C Cole 9 9-9 (SF) ... T Marquand 82 GF

5.50 UNIBET MORE BOOSTS IN MORE RACES FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (Div 1) (5) 1m 3f £3,780 (10 run) 1 (10) 8 AUTUMN'S BREEZE (22) G & J Moore 3 9-2 ... T P Queally 57 ST

6.25 UNIBET MORE BOOSTS IN MORE RACES FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (Div 2) (5) 1m 3f £3,780 (9 run) 1 (9) BURGENO D Meneiser 3 9-2 ... S De Sousa - -

SINGLE-SHOT STAR (Top in-form jockey with just one booked ride) No qualifier today.

SKY

NEWSBOY 2.30 LUCKY'S DREAM 3.00 HAAZEEZ 3.30 EIGHTH AVENUE 4.00 SIEMPRE ARTURO 4.30 MAPLE 5.00 ZAMAN DAAR

4.00 QUINNBET BEST ODDS GUARANTEED H'CAP (5) 1m 2f Winner £4,397 (7 run) 1 (6) 051 SIEMPRE ARTURO (19) D & C Kubler 4 10-4 (D) (SF) ... David Egan 74 G

4.30 QUINNBET DAILY FREE BET H'CAP (5) 1m Winner £4,397 (10 run) 1 (7) 154 DION BAKER (24) M Wigham 5 10-0 (C) ... D Keenan 70 GF

5.00 QUINNBET H'CAP (6) 7f Winner £4,711 (13 run) 1 (6) 244 SEATTLE TIME (9) (H) Jack Jones 4 9-12 (EW) ... Dylan Hogan 64 GS

BEST LONGSHOT KING OF FURY (7.00 Kempton) PRO-BET EASY BUCKS (4.18 Perth) 2pts win.

RTV

7.00 UNIBET SUPPORT SAFE GAMBLING H'CAP (4) 1m Winner £5,757 (12 run) 1 (12) 521 INDEMNITY (21) R Varian 4 9-9 (D) (SF) ... James Doyle 94 G

7.35 UNIBET ZERO% MISSION H'CAP (3) 1m 4f Winner £7,731 (11 run) 1 (2) 545 GLOBAL HEAT (29) S bin Surroor 8 9-11 (D) ... H Turner 96 G

8.10 TRY UNIBET'S IMPROVED BET BUILDER H'CAP (5) (3YO) 6f Winner £4,187 (12 run) 1 (10) -41 HEATHCLIFF (80) J Fanshawe 9 11-1 (C) (SF) ... C Shepherd 78 ST

8.45 UNIBET MORE EXTRA PLACE RACES H'CAP (5) 6f Winner £4,187 (12 run) 1 (1) 760 ONE MORE WAVE (21) J Portman 4 9-9 (D) (SF) ... R Hornby 83 ST

PERTH

NEWSBOY 2.18 LUCKIE SEVEN 2.48 ANNIE AGNEW 3.18 SWORD OF FATE 3.48 EARTH CRY 4.18 CARDAMOM HILL 4.50 DIAMOND STATE 5.20 DALILEO

GOING: Good. COURSE: Right-handed course of 1m 2f with tight turns, eight fences per circuit, 283yd run-in. TOP TRAINERS: L Russell 35-315 (11.1%), S Crawford 14-99 (14.1%), N Mulholland 14-61 (23.0%), L Morgan 12-59 (20.3%), J Jardine 12-84 (14.3%), J Goldie 11-54 (20.4%), D Sayer 10-43 (23.3%)

2.18 HORIZON PARKING MAIDEN HURDLE (4) 2m 4f Winner £4,084 (12 run) 1 (2) -14 KELLS AND CONNOR (47) Gerald Quinn (IRE) 5 11-4 ... S Bowen - -

2.48 AEJ FACILITIES MANAGEMENT H'CAP HURDLE (4) 2m Winner £4,753 (8 run) 1 (5) -4 WELL PLANTED (50) R M Smith 7 12-0 (CD) ... G Sheehan 117 G

3.18 SECURE AIR PARKS EDINBURGH PARKING H'CAP CHASE (4) 2m 4f Winner £5,281 (7 run) 1 (2) -26 GARDE DES CHAMPS (26) L Russell 8 12-2 (C) ... D R Fox 110 G

3.48 HORIZON PARKING GROUP H'CAP HURDLE (4) 2m 4f Winner £4,753 (11 run) 1 (4) -4F PETRASTAR (F40) D J Jeffreys 9 12-0 (CD) ... T Bellamy 59 G

4.18 HORIZON PARKING UK'S LEADING PARKING COMPANY H'CAP CHASE (5) 3m Winner £4,489 (8 run) 1 (1) -61 CARDAMOM HILL (25) R Morgan 7 12-0 (CD) ... H Brooke 107 G

4.50 GLENEAGLES PROJECT SERVICES H'CAP HURDLE (Div 1) (5) 3m Winner £3,961 (10 run) 1 (2) -47 SWALLOWS SONG (19) J Jardine 6 12-0 (BF) (SF) ... D Johnston (5) 100 GS

5.20 GLENEAGLES PROJECT SERVICES H'CAP HURDLE (Div 2) (5) 3m Winner £3,961 (10 run) 1 (1) 124 BUY SOME TIME (25) (H) R M Smith 6 12-0 (D) ... Ben Smith (7) 86 GF

STAT OF THE DAY Trainer Paul & Oliver Cole and jockey Tom Marquand have a 60 per cent strike rate when teaming up at Kempton - three wins from five runners for a level-stake profit of £29.85. So look out for JAKARTA (5.15).

## RUGBY LEAGUE



## 'ENGLAND'S TESTS MUST BE TOUGHER'

EXCLUSIVE BY DAVE CRAVEN

WORLD CUP finalist Kevin Brown has slammed England's Test against France, comparing it to an academy fixture and claiming players were short-changed.

There has been a huge backlash to the state of international rugby league after Saturday's massively underwhelming match in Toulouse.

In their only fixture before the autumn series with Samoa, England won 40-8 (Jack Welsby scores a try, above) in front of a tiny crowd, with little build-up, an under-strength side and lots of unanswered questions.

England traditionally struggle to attract meaningful mid-season action given the sport's best teams are on the other side of the world.

But ex-Wigan, Warrington and England stand-off Brown, 39, fired: "It left me really worried.

"It was like an academy game; there was no one there, no atmosphere and it wasn't on TV.

"It was streamed but that started buffering. It looked like a curtain-raiser. It actually was because Toulouse played Featherstone afterwards.



"I was really disappointed. I really felt for the players. I've played France and had some great experiences but that looked really poor.

"I just felt really sorry for the lads who've never had an international experience before. It should be amazing. But, those at the weekend haven't really had an experience that warrants being an England player yet.

"International rugby league should be a step up. But that was a step down from Super League."

Former Huddersfield captain Brown (circle), who won 10 caps, reckons England must fork out to seek better mid-season opposition.

He argued: "There's no real point in players doing what they just did against France. Everyone has had a week off Super League for that and it doesn't seem worth it. We didn't fly our NRL-based players back and we should do so if we're doing it properly. "In 2017, we went to Australia mid-season and that did take us out of our comfort zone.

"We had a Test against Samoa which was brilliant. Our NRL players featured and we faced NRL players.

"If we're not going to do that, bring back a Yorkshire v Lancashire mid-season series as an England trial. There'd be an appetite for that if you had to play to get picked for England."

# RUGBY UNION

NEW ZEALAND v ENGLAND  
SATURDAY, 8.05AM

# PRESSURE? GIVE ME A BREAK

From a shark encounter to throwing shapes on the pitch... Robertson is loving All Blacks hot-seat



**BUSTIN' SOME MOVES**  
Robertson performs his celebratory break dancing routine while coach of Crusaders

FROM ADAM HATHAWAY in Dunedin  
**SCOTT ROBERTSON has faced down a shark - so had no worries about taking the New Zealand head coach's job when it was put on the table.**

The position of All Blacks boss is one of the most scrutinised in sport and in this rugby-mad country he has even more pressure to deliver than Gareth Southgate does in England.

Robertson, 49, had known he would get the gig since March last year and has been in position officially since November but he will coach his first Test match on Saturday against England in Dunedin.

He had the legendary two-time World Cup-winning captain Richie McCaw in to address the squad in Wellington last week to show the players what being a winner was all about.

But with seven Super Rugby titles as Crusaders coach, each celebrated by Robertson break-dancing on the

pitch, the former back row was ready for the big time.

And as a man who has stared at a potentially man-eating shark, while riding the waves as a player in South Africa around 25 years ago, Robertson has no problem with the heat he is under.

"It wasn't a shark attack," he said. "A tiger shark came out. We were a couple of hours south of Durban. I was the last one out, then I saw the shark. It was massive. I looked around and there was no-one there so I just went straight up on my board and straight in, with my feet up.

"I'd just had a little glance over my shoulder, and it was a big thing. It was close enough. That was my little

moment! You are pretty care-free when you are in the surf but that was just a wee sign. I got in and I was like 'phew'.

"I realise, I've still got to perform now, it's all real. The testament at Test level is the result side of it. But I like to think I've got a good connection with the public.

The RFU were interested in bringing Robertson, who won 23 caps as a player, in to coach England when Eddie Jones was due to leave after the 2023 World Cup. As things turned out, Jones was sacked a year before the tournament in France but the New Zealander was sounded out before deciding he would sit it out for the All Blacks job.

He said: "It was time for me to test myself at Test level. And the opportunity and time came here with the All Blacks.

"I did have other opportunities, but my feet are here. My first choice was where I am and I'm pleased I stayed."

## ROWELL WAS RUGBY 'VISIONARY'

STEVE BORTHWICK has led tributes to former England and Bath head coach Jack Rowell following his death at the age of 87.

Rowell coached England from 1994 to 1997, overseeing 21 wins in 29 Tests and a World Cup semi-final against New Zealand.

Players like Will Carling, Jeremy

Guscott and Rob Andrew all flourished under Rowell, with England winning Five Nations Grand Slams in 1995 and 1996.

Ex-Bath captain Borthwick said: "His contribution to English rugby was enormous. A fantastic man."

Bath president John Hall said Rowell was a "visionary leader".

## BEN HOMES IN ON SAVEA

BY ADAM HATHAWAY  
BEN EARL has been asking for extra homework as he prepares to face the world's best No.8 on Saturday.

Saracens back row Earl (below) will line up against New Zealand's Ardie Savea in Dunedin with both men at the top of their game.

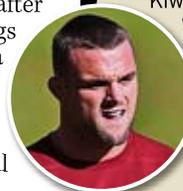
Earl had a breakthrough campaign at France 2023 but

Kiwi Savea was voted World Player of the Year - before the Englishman counter-punched with a brilliant Six Nations campaign. But Earl is still

knocking on coach Steve Borthwick's door asking how to get better as he prepares for the showdown.

Borthwick said: "We meet every week and the thing that pleases me with Ben is he identifies what he needs to work on and improve.

"I sense a hunger in him and a desire to just keep getting better."



## REGAN GRACES WALES SQUAD

Australia v Wales  
Saturday, 10.45am

BY ANDREW BALDOCK

WALES newcomer Regan Grace has been described as "an unbelievable player" after securing a place in Warren Gatland's Australia tour squad.

Despite playing only two senior games of rugby union for Bath, former league star

Grace (left) could pull on the red shirt Down Under.

Whether that is during two Tests against the Wallabies or a July 19 appointment with Queensland Reds, a first Wales appearance looks likely for the 27-year-old wing.

Grace, who scored 89 tries for St Helens during a league career that saw him feature in

three Grand Final-winning teams, is under contract with Bath until the end of next season.

He switched codes in 2022 but ruptured his Achilles tendon ahead of joining French Top 14 club Racing 92 and did not play for them at all after suffering an injury relapse. Grace then linked up

with Bath to continue his rehabilitation and he played in friendlies this year against Leinster and Gloucester as he returned to full fitness.

"If you have watched Regan in league you understand why he has been called up," said Wales wing Rio Dyer. "He is an unbelievable player who has so much talent."

# TOUR DE FRANCE

# MARK OF HISTORY

## Cavendish overtakes Merckx - and everyone else - to claim record for Le Tour stage wins



**KING OF THE ROAD**  
Cavendish, the greatest of all time, takes his 35th Tour stage win

BY **MIKE WALTERS**  
@MikeWaltersMGM

**KNIGHT rider Sir Mark Cavendish rolled away the stone and made it look easier than pushing a hoop downhill.**

At 39, the Manx Missile did not just sprint into Tour de France history and join Britain's all-time greats with his record 35th stage win.

Cavendish blew a raspberry at Old Father Time himself with a sporting feat for the ages which beggars belief.

Sprinters aren't supposed to claim the blue riband prizes for speed and power when they are one candle away from checking into Forty Towers on their birthday cake.

But nobody can hold a candle to Cavendish now, and he will always cherish the 165th win of his career, which took him past Belgian legend Eddy Merckx as the man who breasted the tape more often than any rider in 121 years on Le Tour.

A knighthood in last month's Birthday Honours almost seems insufficient - because Cav is Britain's undisputed king of the road.

Tour race director Christian Prudhomme's tribute was pitch-perfect. He said: "Everyone has a smile today - even Eddy Merckx."

"Everybody thought it was too late but him. It is a wonderful story. He is the Yellow Jersey of the

sprinters." Stanley Matthews scored for England aged 41, Geoffrey Boycott compiled his final Test century at 40 and Steve Redgrave won Olympic gold, for the fifth Games in a row, as a 38-year-old.

But Cavendish may have topped them all because his chance to join the immortals appeared to have gone.

Just four days earlier, he was throwing up in punishing 95-degree heat on the lung-bursting 127-mile Grand Depart from Florence to Rimini.

And as the sprint trains lined up for the final dash after the 110-mile trek from Saint-Jean-de-Maurienne to Saint-Vulbas, all the big guns were there - including Jasper Philipsen, the rival who had denied him on the line in Bordeaux last year.

When Cavendish crashed out of the race with a broken collarbone 24 hours later, his appointment with destiny seemed to have disappeared.

That was supposed to be his last Grand Tour, but his

Asstana-Qazaqstan team offered him a one-year extension because they didn't want Cavendish to end his career in the back of an ambulance - and their benevolence was inspired.

Down the years, he had overcome depression, the debilitating Epstein-Barr virus, having bottled urine thrown at him, multiple crashes, being dropped by Team Dimension Data and a terrifying armed robbery at his Essex home in 2021. His encore was pure gold.

"Maybe your life changes if you cross that line first, maybe it doesn't if you don't - that is the nature of this race and what makes it so beautiful," said Cavendish after dissolving into tears.

He has now done it 35 times, more than anybody else, and he is so respected in the peloton that his rivals are almost reluctant to chase down his record.

Current race leader Tadej Pogacar, who has 12 stage wins to his name so far, grinned: "Incredible - a 35th victory for Mark. He came to me and said, 'Don't break the record' - but I don't think I can."

And Geraint Thomas, the 2018 Tour de France champion, said: "I'm super-happy for him. Everyone says you get slower when you get older but he's proved that wrong."

"It's unbelievable what he does and it's great that he holds that record alone now and doesn't have to share it with anyone else. I wouldn't put it past him to win another one."

### TOUR DE FRANCE, ALL-TIME STAGE WINNERS

(Year of first win to year of last win)

<b>MARK CAVENDISH</b>	(GBR)	<b>35</b>	(2008-24)
Eddie Merckx	(BEL)	34	(1969-75)
Bernard Hinault	(FRA)	28	(1978-86)
Andre Leducq	(FRA)	25	(1927-38)
Andre Darrigade	(FRA)	22	(1953-64)

### THE YEARS CAVENDISH WON HIS STAGES

After a short-lived Tour debut in 2007, Cavendish started winning a year later and the victories came in floods.

- 2008- four
- 2009- six
- 2010- five
- 2011- five
- 2012- three
- 2013- two
- 2015- one
- 2016- four
- 2021- four
- 2024- one



## JAMES WADE

THE VIEW FROM THE OCHE

## Luke lost and I'm off to seaside!

KISS me quick... I'm headed to Blackpool! I can't describe the ups and downs of the qualification race to the World Matchplay, but I somehow made it.

We ended up with two days of Players Championships left to decide the final places, and it was clear that a couple of off days and you would be watching on TV rather than competing.

I figured that I needed to win seven or eight matches over the course of the two days. As it transpired six was just enough - although it came down to the wire.

I should have sealed it on the first day by winning the event but ran out of steam and went out in the quarter-finals.

The good news was that left me in the provisional places and gave me the consolation that it was in my hands yesterday.

I won my first two, and at the same time Andrew Gilding and Kevin Doets had fallen by the wayside, so winning my last-16 game would have seen me comfortable.

Obviously, it was me so that didn't quite happen!

That left me waiting on results which is never a good place to be, and when Luke Humphries (top) missed match darts and Cameron Menzies, who would have overtaken me if he won the event, went on to beat him, I started to think that the darting gods were against me.

I've always liked Jonny Clayton (inset) and I like him a bit more now after he ended Cameron's run and finally put me out of my misery. Jonny went on to win the whole thing.

The great thing is that I am playing really well, and being in a tournament means I have a chance to win.

I have been in the Matchplay 18 times and on one third of those occasions I have reached the final - not a bad return one that I hope keeps going this time around.

See you in Blackpool!  
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### GOLF THE OPEN

## ROSE IS IN IT TO WIN IT

BY **SAM FROST**

**JUSTIN ROSE** believes he is a contender to win The Open Championship at Royal Troon.

The 2013 US Open champion and former world No. 1 (left) has slipped to 66th in the rankings after a frustrating season.

But he showed his mettle as the star name in final qualifying at Burnham and Berrow in Somerset, finishing in a tie for

first at eight-under-par with amateur Dominic Clemons.

It seems farcical that a member of the winning Ryder Cup team in Rome in October did not have an exemption.

But Rose said: "I want to be at The Open; I still believe I can win. You don't want to do this day. With only four spots, you have to play well no matter how good of a player you are."

### FORMULA ONE BRITISH GRAND PRIX

## LANDO HOPE & GLORY

BY **DANIEL MOXON**

**LANDO NORRIS** has warned Max Verstappen he is ready to take their battle to the limit on the track at Silverstone.

The pair clashed at Sunday's Austrian Grand Prix when the McLaren man was battling his Red Bull rival for the lead.

The coming together saw both drivers pick up

punctures, with Norris forced to retire and Verstappen coming home in fifth place after picking up a 10 second penalty.

But Norris (left) heads into his home race on Sunday full of belief. "We're fighting, we both want to win and we're going to push it to the limits - some slightly more than others," he said.



CRICKET COUNTY ROUND-UP

# Record bid is all tied up



GLAMORGAN finished one run shy of a world-record run chase as they tied with Gloucestershire in an astonishing finish in Division Two.

Having been set a mammoth target of 593, Glamorgan got to within touching distance in the final couple of overs at Cheltenham thanks to 187 from Sam Northeast (top) and Marnus Labuschagne's 119.

Mason Crane levelled the scores with one ball to go, but in a final twist, Jamie McIlroy was out to the final ball from Ajeet Singh Dale, caught behind by James Bracey going for a big shot.

Surrey extended their lead at the top of Division One with a 145-run win as Tom Lawes took four for 26 on the final day to bowl rivals Essex out for 215, despite 60 from Dean Elgar.

# WIMBLEDON 2024



# THERE'S NO ESCAPE FROM ALCARAZ!

## Carlos sets up repeat of blockbuster with Tiafoe



**BRING IT ON, FRANCES**  
American star Tiafoe is next up for champion Alcaraz



CRICKET ENGLAND WOMEN

# BELL'S TOLL ROUNDS OFF THE SERIES

LAUREN BELL claimed a maiden five-wicket haul as England wrapped up a 3-0 series win over New Zealand.

Bell took 5-37, including the key wickets of Amelia Kerr and Sophie Devine, to restrict New Zealand to 211-8 from 42 overs in a rain-affected clash.

England cruised home in the end, reaching the target five wickets down with 20 balls to spare, but it was not all easy.

The hosts fell to 33-3 in Bristol before Nat Sciver-Brunt's unbeaten 76, including a partnership of 90 with Amy Jones, guided England to victory.

"They built partnerships really well, but I was clear about what was needed on this wicket," said Bell (circle). Captain Heather Knight added: "We handled the pressure well after the Kiwis bowled really well in the powerplay."

GOLF BMW INTERNATIONAL

# Langer's farewell to Tour



TWO-TIME Masters champion Bernhard Langer is braced for a "very emotional" farewell appearance on the DP World Tour in this week's BMW International Open in Germany.

Langer (top) will make his 513th and final appearance on the circuit at Golfclub Munchen Eichenried, 50 years after his debut.

The 66-year-old German has won 42 times on the DP World Tour across five decades and continues to enjoy success on the seniors circuit, but has decided to call time on his appearances on his home tour.

"I have a feeling it's going to be very emotional," he said. "It means a great deal just to play in front of the home crowd and hopefully I can make the cut."

BY MIKE WALTERS  
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**CARLOS ALCARAZ won't be in any mood to send in the clowns after lining up a blockbuster reunion with Frances Tiafoe.**

The defending Wimbledon champion outgunned Aussie Aleksandar Vukic (circle) on Court No.1 to set up a repeat of his US Open semi-final thriller against Tiafoe and then warned: "I'm going for him!"

The American has slipped down the rankings since that five-set marathon at Flushing Meadows and admitted he has been "losing to clowns" during a rollercoaster 2024.

Good news, Frances: Alcaraz won't be turning up in a red nose, curly wig, baggy trousers and jumbo shoes in the third round. And the bad news? The Spanish phenomenon is playing beautifully, so there may be no escape from Alcaraz again.

The No.3 seed edged a

tight tiebreak before powering past Vukic 7-6 6-2 6-2. Alcaraz is the new darling of Wimbledon crowds after his 4hr 42min epic denied Novak Djokovic a fifth consecutive title in the final 12 months ago.

At 21, he has already completed the surface Grand Slam by winning majors on grass, clay and hard court.

He said: "Frances is a great player, a great person, always smiling, always seems like he's enjoying his time on the court."

"It's going to be a really fun match to watch. I'm going for him! We played a really good match in the US Open and I know he is a really talented player."

"But I'm ready to take on that challenge, put on a show, play a really high level of tennis."

Alcaraz revealed he has been spending less time fiddling with his phone and turning in for more early nights to help deal with the burden of being a

champion. He admitted: "I've been changing a little off the court, going to bed early, eating well, staying focused 24 hours on tennis."

"I try to use the phone less, but it has been difficult for me! I'm dealing with those things, trying to respect the hours of sleep. Hopefully if I keep winning, I'm going to find the same level as last year. Already I'm

### MATCH STATS

Alcaraz		Vukic
3	Sets	0
11	Aces	2
2	Double Faults	2
66%	1st Serves In	62%
82%	Win% on 1st Serve	59%
56%	Win% on 2nd Serve	42%
42	Total Winners	19
15	Unforced Errors	22

feeling that I'm playing great tennis again.

"If you can stay positive, you can stay calm in the toughest situations."

Tiafoe, who has only won back-to-back matches at two of the 15 tournaments he has entered this season, knows he faces an uphill

task. He beat Croatia's Borna Coric in straight sets, but admitted his 2024 has been "brutal" with too many highs and lows.

Tiafoe said: "This week last year I was No.10 in the world and now I'm barely seeded here. I've been losing to clowns. I took the game for granted and got a little too comfortable."

"You stop having fun with it and you find yourself in a weird position. Then you kind of forget what you were doing to win."

World No.1 Jannik Sinner came through a late night epic against fellow Italian Matteo Berrettini. Under the Centre Court roof, Sinner sealed a 7-6 7-6 2-6 7-6 win at 10.32pm.

"We are very good friends, we play Davis Cup together, sometimes we practise together," Sinner said. "It's very, very tough that we had to face each other in the second round of an important tournament."

"Thank you for the support, it's been amazing, I know it's quite late, so thanks for staying."



# MED SURVIVES 'CRAZY' GOOF

BY NEIL McLEMAN  
DANIIL MEDVEDEV recovered from going a "little crazy" and getting the score wrong to beat Frenchman Alexandre Muller.

The Russian (left) sat down thinking he had lost the first set

tiebreak - but it was only 3-6. He lost both points the world No.102 served underarm before battling back to win 6-7 7-6 6-4 7-5

The 2021 US Open champion said: "I got really, really frustrated with myself, the

situation, the match, the set. All this dropped on my head in this tiebreak. So I went a little crazy. I thought the set was gone."

On Muller's two cheeky efforts, he added: "First serve, you're kind of surprised"

# SONAY THE CENTRE OF ATTENTION

## Kartal could fulfill dream on show court versus Coco

BY CHRIS MCKENNA  
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**SONAY KARTAL will live out a childhood dream if she books a Centre Court date with Coco Gauff.**

The Brighton native beat Frenchwoman Clara Burel in three sets 6-3 5-7 6-3 to set up a third-round showdown with American favourite Gauff tomorrow.

The 22-year-old became just the second British woman to reach the third round as a qualifier in the Open era and the first since Karen Cross in 1997.

But now she will step up in class to

take on US Open champion Gauff and will be waiting nervously to see if she is on Centre Court, where she once watched matches as a child.

Kartal said: "Those are the moments you dream of as a little kid. If it is Centre Court, yeah, I'll be super excited, super proud to be on that court. It's a really special thing.

"I've got a picture in my room, I have an older brother, with my mum and my dad, we were on Centre Court.

"We got lucky, we had really good tickets. I think I was seven maybe. Yeah, obviously grew up coming here as a kid.

"To be able to walk on to one of those

courts will be a dream come true."

Gauff (below) admits tackling a home favourite at Wimbledon will be a challenge as she looks to get past the third round at SW19 for the first time.

After sailing past Anca Todoni 6-2 6-1, American Gauff said: "It will be tough to face a Brit obviously, especially on grass.

"I think that they always do really well, but especially in this environment."

Gauff, who took time in her press conference to pay tribute to Andy Murray and the work he's done for equality in tennis, headed to the theatre last night to relax.

She has been spending her other free time reading or watching the TV series 'The Bear' - but could face the roar of the home support tomorrow.

She said: "I don't know if they have 'The Wiz' here, I don't know. I'll have to look. Either that or something I've never seen before.

"I think they have 'Lion King', but I've already seen that, like, six times. I can make it seven."

MATCH STATS	
Kartal	Burel
2	1
0	3
1	8
64%	55%
68%	59%
54%	50%
22	36
23	61

## OSAKA LOOKS TO PARIS AS SHE CRASHES OUT

BY NEIL McLEMAN

FORMER world No.1 Naomi Osaka lost in the second round on her Wimbledon return in only 59 minutes - and then said she would have more time to prepare for the Olympics.

The four-time Grand Slam champion made 16 errors as she went down 6-4 6-1 to American Emma Navarro (circled, right).

And the hardcourt specialist has

yet to get beyond the third round at Wimbledon in four attempts.

"I don't think it was the greatest from my end," said Osaka (left).

"I didn't feel like I was playing that well. I'm a little disappointed because I wanted to do really well. I feel like I put a lot of time into it. There's always next year." She missed Wimbledon in 2021

to deal with mental health issues and was injured in 2022.

The Japanese No.1 only returned to the tour in January following a 15-month maternity break.

The Olympic tennis starts at Roland Garros on July 27.

"I really want to take the time and train for the Olympics because I do want to do well," Osaka said.

## RESULTS DAY THREE

**Men's Singles 1st rnd:** E Ruusuvoori (Fin) bt M McDonald (USA) 7-6 (8-6) 4-6 5-7 7-6 (8-6) 6-3, A Rinderknech (Fra) bt K Nishikori (Jpn) 5-7 6-4 6-7 (2-7) 6-3 6-2, (24) A Tabilo (Chi) bt D Evans (Gbr) 6-2 7-5 6-3, T Machac (Cze) bt D Goffin (Bel) 3-6 3-6 6-4 6-1 7-6 (10-5), R Safiullin (Rus) bt (26) F Cerundolo (Arg) 6-7 (5-7) 3-6 7-5 6-3 6-4, T Kokkinakis (Aus) bt (17) F Auger-Aliassime (Can) 2-6 5-7 7-6 (11-9) 6-4 6-4, L Pouille (Fra) bt L Djere (Ser) 3-6 7-6 (7-4) 3-6 6-3 6-1, Q Halys (Fra) bt C Eubanks (USA) 6-4 6-4 6-2, (21) K Khachanov (Rus) bt A Karatsev (Rus) 6-3 6-7 (4-7) 7-6 (13-11) 2-0 ret.

**Men's Singles 2nd rnd:** M Kecmanovic (Ser) bt (27) T Griekspoor (Ned) 4-6 7-6 (9-7) 1-6 6-2 6-3, J Struff (Ger) bt (32) Z Zhang (Chn) 5-7 6-3 7-6 (7-1) 7-6 (10-8), (5) D Medvedev (Rus) bt A Muller (Fra) 6-7 (3-7) 7-6 (7-4) 6-4 7-5, (3) C Alcaraz (Spa) bt A Vukic (Aus) 7-6 (7-5) 6-2 6-2, (29) F Tiafoe (USA) bt B Coric (Cro) 7-6 (7-5) 6-1 6-3, B Nakashima (USA) bt J Thompson (Aus) 6-3 6-2 6-2, (16) U Humbert (Fra) bt B Van de Zandschulp (Ned) 7-6 (11-9) 6-1 6-3, (12) T Paul (USA) bt O Virtanen (Fin) 4-6 6-3 5-7 7-5 6-4, (23) A Bublik (Kaz) bt A Cazaux (Fra) 6-4 7-6 (7-1) 6-4, R Bautista Agut (Spa) bt L Sonego (Ita) 6-3 3-6 6-3 6-4, F Fognini (Ita) bt (8) C Ruud (Nor) 6-4 7-5 6-7 (1-7) 6-3.

**Women's Singles 1st rnd:** (11) D Collins (USA) bt C Tauson (Den) 6-3 7-6 (7-4), M Camila Osorio Serrano (Col) bt L Davis (USA) 6-3 6-1, (20) B Haddad Maia (Bra) bt M Frech (Pol) 7-5 6-3, (31) B Krejickova (Cze) bt V Kudermetova (Rus) 7-6 (7-4) 6-7 (1-7) 7-5, K Volynets (USA) bt M Lourdes Carle (Arg) 6-2 7-5, J Niemeier (Ger) bt V Golubic (Swi) 6-2 6-1, (21) E Svitolina (Ukr) bt M Linette (Pol) 7-5 6-7 (9-11) 6-3.

**Women's Singles 2nd rnd:** L Sun (Nzl) bt Y Starodubtseva (Ukr) 4-6 6-3 6-2, L Zhu (Chn) bt (25) A

Pavlyuchenkova (Rus) 6-4 6-3, E Raducanu (Gbr) bt E Mertens (Bel) 6-1 6-2, (9) M Sakkari (Gre) bt A Rus (Ned) 7-5 6-3, (28) D Yastremska (Ukr) bt V Gracheva (Fra) 3-6 6-4 7-6 (10-5), D Vekic (Cro) bt (3) E Andreeva (Rus) 6-2 6-3, (7) J Paolini (Ita) bt G Minnen (Bel) 7-6 (7-5) 6-2, B Andreescu (Can) bt (26) L Noskova (Cze) 6-3 7-6 (7-5), D Shnaider (Rus) bt S Stephens (USA) 6-1 6-1, (19) E Navarro (USA) bt N Osaka (Jpn) 6-4 6-1, S Kartal (Gbr) bt C Burel (Fra) 6-3 5-7 6-3, (2) C Gauff (USA) bt A Todoni (Rom) 6-2 6-1.

**Men's Doubles 1st rnd:** (12) N Lammons (USA) & J Withrow (USA) bt M Giron (USA) & A Michelsen (USA) 6-3 6-2, (8) K Krawietz (Ger) & T Puetz (Ger) bt L Darder (Ita) & F Romboli (Bra) 6-4 6-2, H Heliovaara (Fin) & H Patten (Gbr) bt (5) S Bollelli (Ita) & A Vavassori (Ita) 6-3 6-4, P Martinez (Spa) & J Munar (Spa) bt D Lajovic (Ser) & S Nagal (Ind) 6-2 6-2, R Matos (Bra) & M Melo (Bra) bt J Fearley (Gbr) & J Pinnington Jones (Gbr) 6-4 7-6 (7-5), N Barrientos (Col) & F Cabral (Por) bt (10) I Dodig (Cro) & A Krajicek (USA) 7-6 (7-4) 7-6 (8-6), C Frantzen (Ger) & H Jebens (Ger) bt P Kotov (Rus) & C Rodriguez (Col) 7-6 (7-3) 7-6 (7-3), (2) R Bopanna (Ind) & M Ebdon (Aus) bt S Arends (Ned) & R Haase (Ned) 7-5 6-4.

**Women's Doubles 1st rnd:** M Kato (Jpn) & S Zhang (Chn) bt A Moratelli (Ita) & N Podoroska (Arg) 6-2 7-6 (7-2), L Fernandez (Can) & E Shibahara (Jpn) bt H Guo (Chn) & X Jiang (Chn) 2-6 7-6 (7-4) 6-3, (16) U Eikeri (Nor) & I Neel (Est) bt C Rosatello (Ita) & L Samsonova (Cze) 6-3 6-7 (2-7) 6-3, C Garcia (Fra) & K Mladenovic (Fra) bt X Yu Wang (Chn) & S Zheng (Chn) 6-2 6-4, (10) M Bouzkova (Cze) & S Sorribes Tormo (Spa) bt E Avanesyan (Rus) & O Kalashnikova (Geo) 6-3 6-7 (1-7) 6-2, (2) G Dabrowski (Can) & E Routliiff (Nzl) bt M Andreeva (Rus) & A Potapova (Rus) 6-2 7-5.

## ORDER OF PLAY DAY FOUR

All courts 11.30am start except Centre (1.30pm) and No1 (1pm).

**Centre Court:** J Fearley (GB) v (2) N Djokovic (Ser), (1) J Swiatek (Pol) v P Martic (Cro), R Hijikata (Aus) & J Peers (Aus) v A Murray (GB) & J Murray (GB).

**Court 1:** (32) K Boulter (GB) v H Dart (GB), (28) J Draper (GB) v C Norrie (GB), M Giron (USA) v (4) A Zverev (Ger).

**Court 2:** (7) H Hurkacz (Pol) v A Fils (Fra), (10) O Jabeur (Tun) v R Montgomery (USA), (4) E Rybakina (Kaz) v L Siegemund (Ger).

**Court 3:** J Munar (Spa) v (9) A De Minaur (Aus), X Wang (Chn) v (5) J Pegula (USA), (11) D Collins (USA) v D Galfi (Hun), E Ruusuvoori (Fin) v (11) S Tsitsipas (Gre).

**Court 4:** C Bucsa (Spa) v J Bouzas Maneiro (Spa), L Darder (Ita) v (25) L Musetti (Ita), D Shnaider (Rus) & E Vesnina (Rus) v Y Putintseva (Kaz) & C Tauson (Den), H Dart (GB) & M Lumsden (GB) v (5) S Errani (Ita) & M Paoletti (Ita).

**Court 5:** M Frech (Pol) & K Kawa (Pol) v A Danilina (Kaz) & Y Xu (Chn), M Demoliner (Bra) & D Medvedev (Rus) v G Escobar (Ecu) & A Nedovyesov (Kaz), E Navarro (USA) & D Parry (Fra) v L Bronzetti (Ita) & V Gracheva (Fra), A Eriler (Aut) & L Miedler (Aut) v (9) N Skupski (GB) & M Venus (Nzl), A Blinkova (Rus) & M Sherif (Egy) v E Hozumi (Jpn) & M Uchijima (Jpn).

**Court 6:** V Cornea (Rom) & F Marozsan (Hun) v A Mies (Ger) & J Smith (Aus), N Balaji (Ind) & L Johnson (GB) v (4) M Arevalo (Esa) & M Pavic (Cro), (13) G Olmos (Mex) & A Panova (Rus) v M Kostyuk (Ukr) & E Ruse (Rom), I Gamarra Martins (Bra) & B Haddad Maia (Bra) v I Khromacheva (Rus) & K Rakhimova (Rus), (6) S Gonzalez (Mex) & E Roger-Vasselin (Fra) v D Evans (GB) & H Searle (GB).

**Court 7:** T Mihalikova (Svk) & O Nicholls (GB) v (6) D Schuurs (Ned) & L Stefani (Bra), (7) C Dolehide (USA) & D Krawczyk (USA) v S Aoyama (Jpn) & A Krunic (Ser), X Wang (Chn) & L Zhu (Chn) v E Appleton (GB) & Y Miyazaki (GB), C Bucsa (Spa) & N Hibino (Jpn) v T Maria (Ger) & A Rus (Ned), H Baptiste (USA) & A Parks (USA) v M Ninomiya (Jpn) & F Wu (Tpe).

**Court 8:** (31) B Krejickova (Cze) v K Volynets (USA), T Machac (Cze) v R Safiullin (Rus), T Kokkinakis (Aus) v L Pouille (Fra), G Minnen (Bel) & H Watson (GB) v (14) S Kenin (USA) & B Mattek-Sands (USA).

**Court 9:** S Grey (GB) & T Moore (GB) v (3) N Melichar-Martinez (USA) & E Perez (Aus), A Bublik (Kaz) & A Shevchenko (Kaz) v Y

Bhambri (Ind) & A Olivetti (Fra), F Martin (Fra) & M Middelkoop (Ned) v T Griekspoor (Ned) & B Stevens (Ned), (1) M Granollers (Spa) & H Zeballos (Arg) v A Fils (Fra) & U Humbert (Fra), M Linette (Pol) & P Stearns (USA) v A Bogdan (Rom) & J Cristian (Rom).

**Court 10:** (15) A Muhammad (USA) & A Sutjiadi (Ina) v I Begu (Rom) & M Trevisan (Ita), J Clarke (GB) & M Willis (GB) v (15) M Purcell (Aus) & J Thompson (Aus), (4) K Siniakova (Cze) & T Townsend (USA) v R Masarova (Spa) & L Noskova (Cze), N Bains (GB) & A Rajeci (GB) v T Babos (Hun) & N Kichenok (Ukr), M Kolodziejova (Cze) & A Siskova (Cze) v L Davis (USA) & K Zimmermann (Bel).

**Court 11:** (3) R Ram (USA) & J Salisburg (GB) v W Blumberg (USA) & C Ruud (Nor), (30) T Etcheverry (Arg) v A Popyrin (Aus), (16) S Dombia (Fra) & F Reboul (Fra) v O Crawford (GB) & K Edmund (GB), K Piter (Pol) & V Tomova (Bul) v C Burel (Fra) & M Osorio Serrano (Col), C Eubanks (USA) & E King (USA) v L Broady (GB) & B Harris (GB).

**Court 12:** Y Wang (Chn) v (12) M Keys (USA), (10) G Dimitrov (Bul) v J Shang (Chn), (13) T Fritz (USA) v A Rinderknech (Fra), C Wozniacki (Den) v (30) L Fernandez (Can).

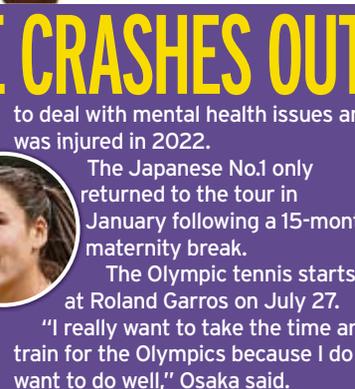
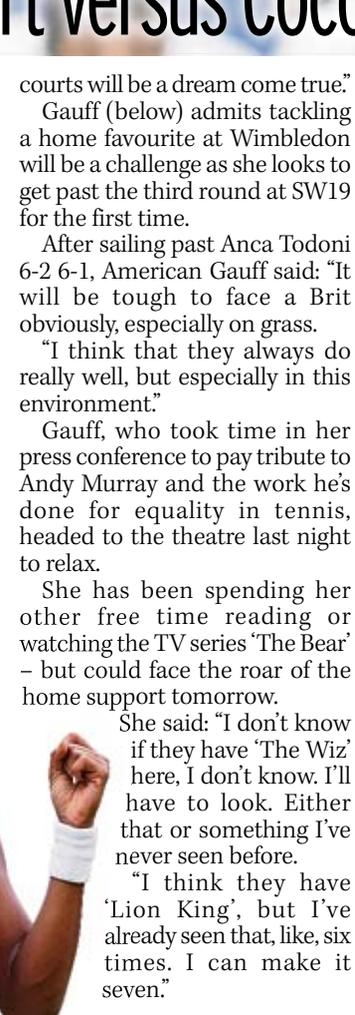
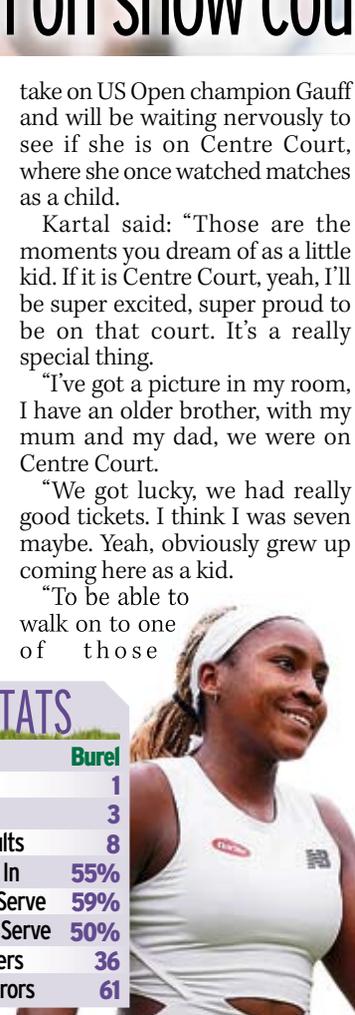
**Court 14:** (18) M Kostyuk (Ukr) v D Saville (Aus), F Coliboi (Ita) v (24) A Tabilo (Chi), G Mpetshi Perricard (Fra) v Y Nishioka (Jpn), (1) S Hsieh (Tpe) & E Mertens (Bel) v A Barnett (GB) & F Christie (GB).

**Court 15:** Y Putintseva (Kaz) v (27) K Siniakova (Cze), M Osorio Serrano (Col) v (20) B Haddad Maia (Bra), (17) A Kalinskaya (Rus) v M Bouzkova (Cze), Q Halys (Fra) v (21) K Khachanov (Rus), T Machac (Cze) & Z Zhang (Chn) v A Behar (Uru) & A Pavlasek (Cze).

**Court 16:** F Comesana (Arg) v A Walton (Aus), D Snigur (Ukr) v (13) J Ostapenko (Lat), (23) C Garcia (Fra) v B Pera (USA), (9) L Kichenok (Ukr) & J Ostapenko (Lat) v D Saville (Aus) & Y Yuan (Chn), F Coria (Arg) & M Navone (Arg) v (7) W Koolhof (Ned) & N Mertic (Cro).

**Court 17:** P Badosa Gibert (Spa) v B Fruhvirtova (Cze), D Shapovalov (Can) v D Altmaier (Ger), J Niemeier (Ger) v (21) E Svitolina (Ukr), (11) C Gauff (USA) & J Pegula (USA) v (11) A Kalinina (Ukr) & D Yastremska (Ukr).

**Court 18:** (14) D Kasatkina (Rus) v Y Miyazaki (GB), L Harris (USA) v (14) B Shelton (USA), (15) H Rune (Den) v T Seyboth Wild (Bra), E Avanesyan (Rus) v (15) L Samsonova (Rus).



# WIMBLEDON 2024



## OUR SW19 LIONS AND LIONESSES

Here's the guide to the 19 Brits at Wimbledon this year...

### THEY'RE STILL ROARING

**EMMA RADUCANU** WIN  
bt E Mertens 6-1 6-2

**SONAY KARTAL** WIN  
bt Clara Burel 6-3 5-7 6-3

**STILL IN** **DARIA KASATKINA v LILY MIYAZAKI**  
Today No.3 Court 11am

### DAY TWO

**JACK DRAPER** WIN  
bt E Ymer 3-6 6-3 6-3 4-6 6-3

**KATIE BOULTER** WIN  
bt T Maria 7-6 7-5

**JACOB FEARNLEY** WIN  
bt A Moro Canas 7-5 6-4 7-6

**HARRIET DART** WIN  
bt Z Bai 6-4 6-0

**CAMERON NORRIE** WIN  
bt F Acosta 7-5 7-5 6-3

### THEY'RE COMING HOME

**DAN EVANS** OUT  
lost to Alejandro Tabilo 2-6 5-7 3-6

**ANDY MURRAY** OUT  
withdrew from event before match against T Machac

**BILLY HARRIS** OUT  
lost to J Munar 4-6 4-6 6-3 3-6

**JAN CHOINSKI** OUT  
lost to L Darder 5-7 6-4 6-2 5-7 2-6

**PAUL JUBB** OUT  
lost to T Seyboth Wild 6-1 6-3 6-7 4-6 5-7

**HENRY SEARLE** OUT  
lost to M Giron 6-3 3-6 4-6 4-6

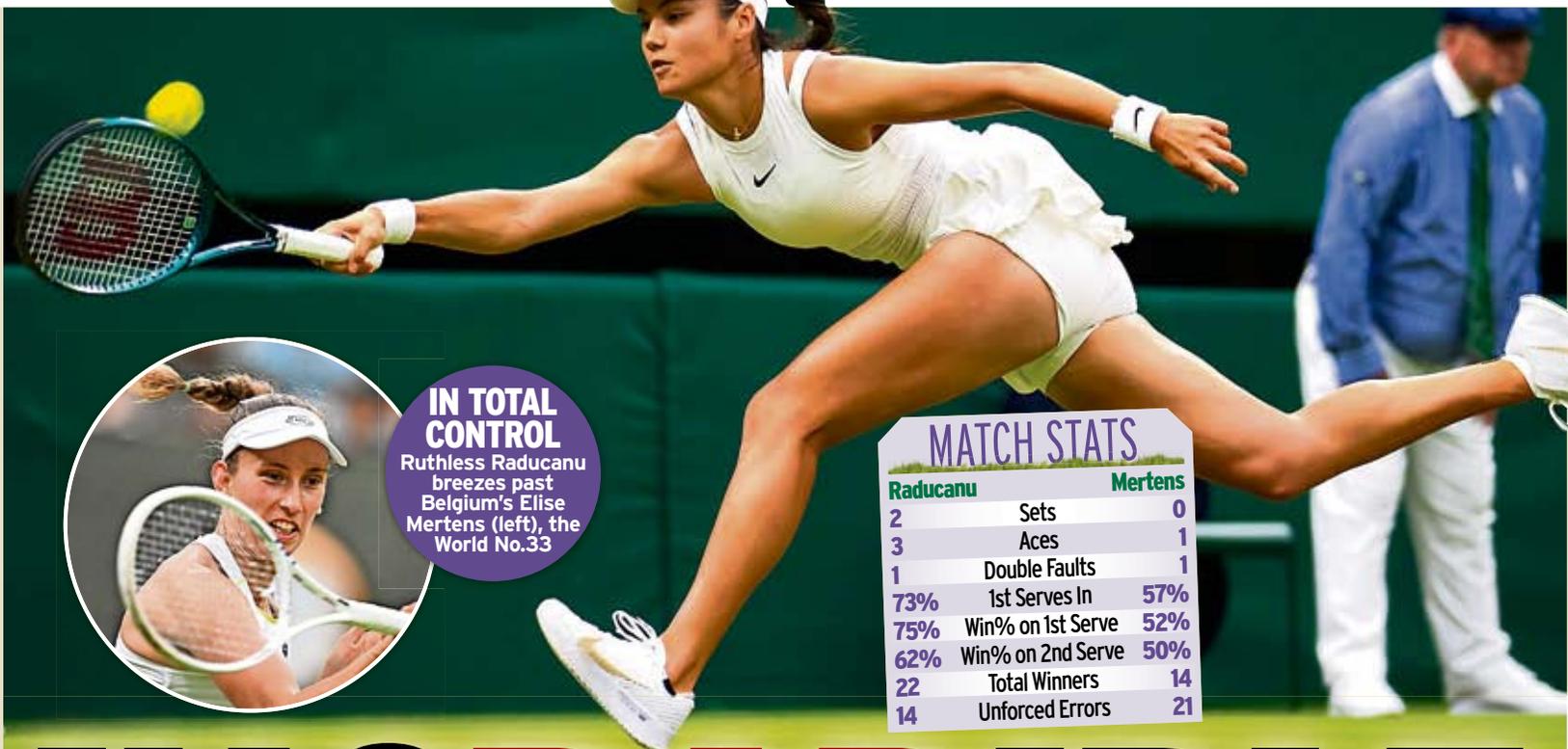
**FRAN JONES** OUT  
lost to P Martic 6-3 1-6 2-6

**HEATHER WATSON** OUT  
lost to G Minnen 7-5 6-4

**CHARLES BROOM** OUT  
lost S Wawrinka 6-3 7-5 6-4

**ARTHUR FERY** OUT  
lost to D Altmaier 6-4 6-7 6-1 3-6 1-6

**LIAM BROADY** OUT  
lost to van de Zandschulp 6-2 4-6 6-3 6-2



**IN TOTAL CONTROL**  
Ruthless Raducanu breezes past Belgium's Elise Mertens (left), the World No.33

MATCH STATS		
Raducanu		Mertens
2	Sets	0
3	Aces	1
1	Double Faults	1
73%	1st Serves In	57%
75%	Win% on 1st Serve	52%
62%	Win% on 2nd Serve	50%
22	Total Winners	14
14	Unforced Errors	21

# INCREDIBLE

## Emma storms into the third round after blowing away Mertens

**BY CHRIS MCKENNA**  
**NOT since Emma Raducanu won the US Open in 2021 has she been victorious in two games in a row at a Grand Slam.**

The British star disagreed that it was her best performance since she lifted that title three years ago.

But the confidence and swagger will give a glimmer of hope to those craving home glory at SW19 this summer.

Raducanu, 21, breezed past Belgium's Elise Mertens and into the third round at Wimbledon for just the second time with a straight sets win of 6-1 6-2.

"I played very well, but I don't think it was my best match since the US Open," she said.

"I've played a few matches that I was personally probably happier with.

"But, of course, today I'm very pleased with, again, how I handled situations. I mean, it's always a lot of fun, but it's never

easy stepping out on to a massive court and, yeah, playing in front of the home crowd. It's not straightforward.

"The way I handled that, the first game going 0-30, then regrouping, finding a good rhythm, I'm very pleased with that, but I wouldn't say it was my best performance."

The British star may have shown some nerves in her opening win of the tournament against lucky loser Renata Zarazua.

But she was in total control here from the off. Romeo

## DREAM DOUBLES PAIRING

**FROM BACK PAGE**

young girl watching the Olympics. Andy's a hero to us all, so for me it's a real gift and a real honour.

"We messaged her coach Nick Cavaday and he said it was worth asking, so I did. Thankfully I got quite a quick reply! It was after 9pm so I was worried she might have been in bed. She said, 'Yeah, let's do it'. That was it."

Murray, who played mixed doubles with Serena Williams here in 2019, said: "I am pumped. To

Beckham watched on under the roof of Court No.1.

His dad David saw her in action earlier in the week. Who knows who will be there for the next round from the Beckham clan?

A superb shot across court with a forehand to make it 4-0 was arguably the highlight of some fine tennis on her way to the first set against the world No.33.

Raducanu also agreed to team up with Andy Murray for the mixed doubles and there will be a dream scenario that she helps the Scot bow out of Wimbledon with

get the opportunity to play with her will be brilliant. It's my last chance to do it with Emma.

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a title next week. But she may also have her own focus in the singles draw if this form continues.

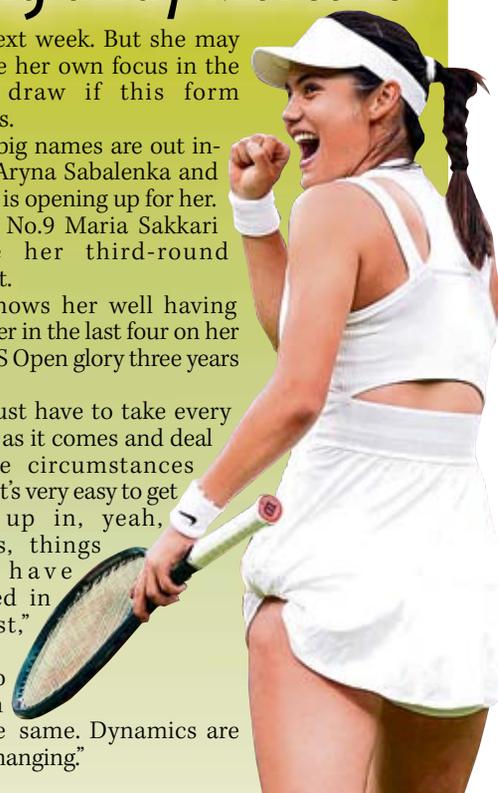
Some big names are out including Aryna Sabalenka and the draw is opening up for her.

World No.9 Maria Sakkari will be her third-round opponent.

She knows her well having beaten her in the last four on her way to US Open glory three years ago.

"You just have to take every moment as it comes and deal with the circumstances because it's very easy to get caught up in, yeah, parallels, things that have happened in the past," she said.

"But no situation is the same. Dynamics are always changing"



## EVANS AT ODDS WITH OFFICIALS OVER 'UNSAFE' COURT



**BY CHRIS MCKENNA**

**DAN EVANS** hit out at the officials for insisting he continued to play on an 'unsafe' court after he crashed out yesterday.

The British No.3 was beaten 6-2 7-5 6-3 by Chile's Alejandro Tabilo after a weather and light-delayed first-round match. Evans, 34, had to come back yesterday

to finish after it was called off on Tuesday night due to fading light.

But Evans (left), who suffered a knee injury at Queen's last month when he slipped, wanted it pulled earlier on Tuesday because he felt the surface was too wet on Court 12 after a day of rain delays.

He got into a heated exchange at the time before the match was

eventually halted just before 9pm but it did not get any better for him yesterday as he went out in straight sets.

Evans said: "It's sort of the second time it's happened over the grass where I've ended up going on pretty late because of the weather, which has been, yeah, frustrating. It's just part and parcel of it. Obviously, my

first concern is to be safe after what happened.

"That grass court wasn't safe where I slipped, I don't think.

"I didn't think the court was playable last night for the large majority of the time we were on court.

"The powers that be in the fancy jackets didn't agree with me and we carried on."

BY NEIL McLEMAN  
@NeilMcLeman



**JAMIE MURRAY has hailed the "refuse-to-lose attitude" of his brother Andy before the Scottish siblings play their first - and maybe last - men's doubles match together at Wimbledon.**

And the doubles specialist hopes the "fun experience" will be another memory on his long journey on Centre Court.

Andy yesterday announced he will also partner Emma Raducanu in the mixed doubles here.

So defeat this evening will not signify the end of his final home Grand Slam appearance.

The Murray brothers have been given honour of playing the first men's doubles first round match on Centre Court this century when they face Australian pair John Peers and Rinky Hijikata.

"It's something we wanted to do at some point," said Jamie, the former doubles world No.1 who has won seven Grand Slam titles.

"Hopefully it's a fun experience for us both.

"And I guess we can appreciate what we have been able to do on the court for the last 15 years or so.

"It is unique to do high level sport with your brother. For me, it's a cool thing to be able to do with him, regardless of how it goes.

"I am hoping it is a nice experience - not that we go out like a damp squib.

"His determination probably more than anything overrides most things that people think of him. Like his refuse-to-lose attitude. That is what makes me most proud of him.

"In this country, he took a lot of people on a journey with him. People that he would have never met or know him, how much they followed his career over the years is quite remarkable."

The first time the Murray brothers played a pro doubles match together, Jamie had to retire with an injury in Nottingham in June 2006. Now it is Andy battling to be fit after undergoing spinal surgery to remove a cyst on June 23.

"I think that was maybe the only time I actually retired mid-match," recalled Jamie. "I jarred my knee or something. I couldn't move my leg."

Andy pulled out of the singles competition on Tuesday but spent another two hours on the practice courts yesterday getting ready for doubles.

The Murrays played a practice set with Joe Salisbury and Rajeev Ram, the Anglo-American pair who have won the last three US Open titles.

Andy was the only player not to have won a Grand Slam doubles title yesterday - and it will be the same today against their Aussie opponents.

# BROTHER'S PRIDE

Jamie hails Andy's determination and refuse-to-lose attitude



**HE'S ONE OF A KIND**  
Jamie (left) praised his brother (right) and the unbelievable journey he has been on



## New No.1 ready for backlash

BY CHRIS McKENNA  
JACK DRAPER believes Cameron Norrie will be fired up to topple him now he has taken his British No.1 crown.

The powerful left-hander admits there will be no love lost when they face each other in a battle of Britain showdown today in the second round.

Draper, 22, (above) moved into the top spot after winning his first ATP event in Stuttgart last month and then beat Carlos Alcaraz at Queen's. Now he is Britain's new hope at SW19 after Andy Murray's withdrawal from the singles. He said:

"Obviously he won't like the fact that I'm British No.1 now.

"I'm a lot younger. Obviously we have got Dan Evans and Cam (inset), Andy might be stopping soon. Dan and Cam definitely probably won't like seeing me being the British No.1.

"I think that creates a really healthy rivalry and environment. We all have great respect for each other.

"We all want to see each other succeed and do well.

"It's nice to practice with him when I can.

"For sure, we're all competitors. We want to win.

"We want to do the best we can.

"I think it's going to be a really competitive match. Yeah, there won't be any love lost, for sure."



## DON'T KID WITH SCOT FEARNLEY... HE'S BEATEN THE BEST

BY NEIL McLEMAN  
NOVAK DJOKOVIC has swotted up before facing "local hero" Jacob Fearnley in the first match on Centre Court today.

The seven-time champion admitted he knew little about the Wimbledon wildcard after setting up their second round clash. The Scot, 22, beat

future superstars Carlos Alcaraz and Jannik Sinner as a junior before spending five years at Texas Christian University. He earned the invite to SW19 by winning the Rothesay Open in Nottingham last month.

And speaking after practice yesterday, the Serbian superstar (left) said: "I have

watched some of the videos this morning of his first round match. He has a really complete game.

"Big serve, aggressive style. He loves to come to the net as well. British players also grow up being exposed to the grasscourts. They know the surface

"They know how to play,

they know how to move. They love quick conditions on the court.

He added: "A British player playing in Britain is always a tough task."

Fearnley (right) lacks big-match experience but the Scot will have the backing of the Centre Court crowd as a warm-up act for the Murray

brothers later. Fearnley beat future Grand Slam champions Sinner and Alcaraz in the juniors when he was 15.

"Obviously those guys, their careers went in a totally different way than mine," he said. "I went to college and those guys are the best in the world. It's still a pretty cool thing to tell people."





## TOP CAT REGIS HAS BIG PLANS FOR JOBE & CO

BY SIMON BIRD

SUNDERLAND boss Regis le Bris vowed to buck the trend of managerial sackings on Wearside after becoming their eighth coach in four years.

The Frenchman insists he has a clear plan to get the best out of stars Jobe Bellingham and Jack Clarke but says he needs time to develop a young squad.

Le Bris (top) was boss of French side Lorient, who he led to a 10th-placed finish before they sold players and were relegated last season.

At Sunderland he has been ordered to add value and performances to the Stadium of Light outfit, who could yet be raided by the Premier League with both Clarke and Bellingham, a target for Crystal Palace, in demand.

Le Bris, speaking perfect English, said: "This job is unstable. We need results, confidence and support to achieve our goals. It is uncertain. I believe in the vision so I am confident and we need to be lucky sometimes and we need to work hard."

"I can't read the future. It is better to provide a long-term view. We also need to deal with the pressure.

"I think we have a shared goal, and a shared methodology. When the head coach changes a lot for the players and their development, they have many consequences.

"Development needs time and nurture. Players will have experiences. We will have a game plan and model."

Le Bris gave his first speech before training on Monday and yesterday outlined the identity he wants including hard work, industry and intensity.

He added: "The identity of the team must be linked with the whole club. The region. The fans. We need gain their energy. We want to be a proactive team. Being proactive is having an idea in every phase: defense, attack, pressing, counter pressing and so on."

## DO NOT BET ON IT DIEGO

BY DAVID ANDERSON

LEEDS have told Real Betis to increase their offer for Diego Llorente after rejecting their cheeky £5.1million offer for the centre-half.

Llorente, 30, who has 10 Spain caps, spent the last 18 months on loan at Roma and Betis tried to pick him up on the cheap.

However, Llorente (top) has two years left on his Elland Road contract and the Championship side have told Betis to offer more.

Leeds have a good working relationship with Betis and they agreed a deal with them for Spanish midfielder Marc Roca to make his loan move permanent.



# EVERTON NEW SENEGAL STAR

# GREAT TO JOIN MY GOODI PAL

## Ndiaye's joy at Everton switch and link-up with friend Gueye

BY CHRIS MCKENNA

**ILIMAN NDIAYE has revealed that Senegal team-mate Idrissa Gueye helped lure him to Goodison Park.**

Everton confirmed the signing of the Marseille forward after completing the £15million transfer.

Ndiaye, 24, has signed a five-year contract as boss Sean Dyche and director of football Kevin Thelwell bolster the squad's attacking options.

Gueye also played a role in bringing Ndiaye to the club, with the new arrival saying: "The main reasons I wanted to join were how big the club is, its history and the part I can play in helping the team in the forward direction it is going.

"I'm so excited and can't wait to get going. Kevin Thelwell and the manager both spoke to me and made me feel wanted.

"My Senegal team-mate Idrissa also played a part and spoke highly of the club."

Ndiaye scored just three league goals last season in France, but he did enjoy a fruitful spell in the Championship with Sheffield United (right) the previous campaign to help

them to promotion with 14 goals and 11 assists.

He said: "As a player, I like to dribble, show skills and get the fans out of their seats.

"I want to score goals and get assists, but I also like to work hard. I love running, chasing the ball, getting the team high up the pitch.

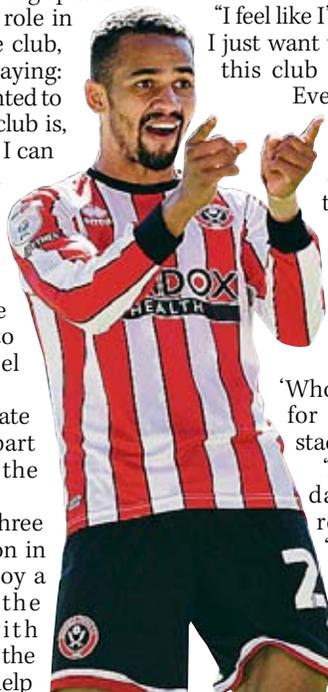
"As a striker, you're the first defender. I love doing that bit.

"I feel like I'll be ready to help and I just want to give it my all to get this club higher up the table."

Everton face their final season at Goodison Park, but Ndiaye is also eyeing the move to Bramley-Moore. He said: "Someone said to me, 'Imagine you scoring the first goal at the new stadium'.

"It would be a quiz question for so long, 'Who scored the first goal for Everton at the new stadium?'.

"At that moment, my daughter, who can't really talk yet, said, 'Dada! Great answer! That's my target. I'll be very proud to be part of the last season at Goodison Park, too. There's history here."



### A WORD IN HIS EAR

Gueye (right) played a big part in getting Senegal team-mate Iliman Ndiaye to Goodison

## PARKER FOR CLARETS

BY DAVID ANDERSON

**SCOTT PARKER is poised to succeed Vincent Kompany as Burnley boss.**

The Clarets have turned to the promotion expert, who took Fulham and Bournemouth up, after an exhaustive search of coaches in Europe.

They spoke to a long list of managers over the last few weeks before deciding on Parker (right), ahead of acting head coach Craig Bellamy, Frank Lampard and Carlos Corberan,

because they feel the former England midfielder has the right CV.

Parker, 43, achieved promotion with Fulham in 2020, winning the play-off final, and Bournemouth two years later. Burnley chairman Alan Pace hopes he can do the same for them.

Parker must hit the ground running as Burnley's first players reported back for pre-season training last week under the guidance of Bellamy and coach Mike Jackson.



## KANE'S NEW BAYERN PAL

BY DANIEL ORME

**BAYERN MUNICH** are closing in on a deal for Joao Palhinha - a year after missing out on the Fulham midfielder.

The German giants have struck a deal worth up to £47.4million for the

Portuguese midfielder (left). Bayern will pay an initial £43.2m with

£4.2m in add-ons. Palhinha, 28, is set to put pen to paper on a four-year contract to join up with Harry Kane's team in Bavaria. He was close to joining Bayern last summer but saw a switch collapse late on deadline day.

Fulham signed Palhinha from Sporting Lisbon in 2022. He made 72 appearances for the club.





# MANCHESTER UNITED

# DAN ON A MISSION

## New sporting chief Ashworth ready to start squad shake-up...and he will be targeting Old Trafford outgoings as much as incomings

BY DAVID McDONNELL  
@DiscoMirror

**WITH sporting director Dan Ashworth now in his new role, Manchester United can start to reshape their squad ahead of the season.**

United were already working on targets before a compensation package was agreed with Newcastle for Ashworth.

But with Ashworth having begun his role with immediate effect, United can step up their squad overhaul, with Erik ten Hag and his players back in for pre-season training next week.

This summer is the first transfer window tackled by Sir Jim Ratcliffe and his newly-assembled football operations team, comprising Ashworth, technical director Jason Wilcox and new CEO Omar Berrada, who will start work next week.

A measure of realism, as outlined by Ratcliffe, is required for this summer's window, with United, like all clubs, constrained in terms

of their spending by the Premier League's Profit and Sustainability rules (PSR).

In past summer windows, United have been able to spend hundreds of millions, but against the backdrop of PSR, that figure has been dramatically reduced, with the current budget around £50million.

United must therefore use the revenue generated from player sales to supplement their initial budget, which is why Ashworth (above) and his team are as much focused on outgoings as incomings.

United are looking to move on as many as seven players to raise funds for upgrades, with three positions - centre-back,

midfielder and striker - priorities in this window.

United will listen to offers for a number of their squad, with the exception of Andre Onana, Diogo Dalot, Lisandro Martinez, Kobbie Mainoo, Alejandro Garnacho, Rasmus Hojlund and Amad Diallo. United will even consider a sizeable offer for skipper Bruno Fernandes, although he is expected to sign a new deal.

Seven players United want to offload are Casemiro, Victor Lindelof, Harry Maguire, Christian Eriksen, Antony, Jadon Sancho and Mason Greenwood, with the dream scenario for United being able to sell all of them to raise around £200million, giving

them a transfer spend of £250m, including the original £50m budget.

They will have to take a hit on several of them, in particular Antony, who cost £85m, and Sancho, who cost £73m. As for signings, United have made an initial bid of £35m plus £8m in add-ons for Everton centre-back Jarrad Branthwaite. With Everton demanding £70m, United are looking elsewhere - a £55m move for Bayern Munich defender Matthijs De Ligt.

Midfield needs a new partner for Mainoo and Brazil international Joao Gomes of Wolves and Benfica's 19-year-old rising star Joao Neves have been scouted. Paris Saint-Germain midfielder Manuel Ugarte is also on the radar.

They want to ease the goalscoring burden on Rasmus Hojlund and have focused their search on Bologna's Dutch striker Joshua Zirkzee.

**UNITED GO DUTCH**  
Holland defender Matthijs de Ligt is a top target for transfer chief Ashworth



## Jim axes club staff

BY DAVID McDONNELL  
MANCHESTER UNITED are axing 250 staff under radical cost-cutting plans by Sir Jim Ratcliffe.

The job losses - around a quarter of the workforce - will affect every department of the club with the exception of the Manchester United Foundation.

The club hopes the millions saved can be ploughed back into improving Erik ten Hag's under-performing squad, who finished in eighth place last season, their worst-ever Premier League showing.

Ratcliffe (above) spent £1.3billion on a 28.8 per cent stake in United earlier this year.



FOR SALE Casemiro, Maguire, Antony and Sancho

## ENDO SLOTS BACK IN

NEW Liverpool head coach Arne Slot has received a boost ahead of the start of pre-season training after midfielder Wataru Endo was left out of Japan's squad for the Olympics.

The national team wanted to include the 31-year-old (left) as one of their three over-age players in a predominantly under-23 squad for the Paris Games, which start later this month. However, head coach Go

Oiwa told a press conference in Tokyo the "restrictions" the Japanese Football Association had to work under in relation to European players - as the Olympics does not fall in FIFA-designated window - had influenced their selection with no over-age players selected.

Liverpool return to training tomorrow, when Slot will host his first press conference since being named Jurgen

Klopp's successor. The players returning will be a mixture of senior and fringe players, due to Euro 2024 and Copa America involvement, but among those expected are Mohamed Salah - whom Egypt wanted for the Olympics but are increasingly resigned to being disappointed - Endo and Curtis Jones, who was cut from England's extended squad.



## NOU JOB PHIL?

BY RYAN TAYLOR  
BARCELONA are interested in Hull winger Jaden Philogene who is also wanted by West Ham, Everton and Ipswich. The Tractor Boys are understood to have made an offer worth £30million for both Philogene (left) and defender Jacob Greaves. But Barcelona have reportedly offered to take Philogene on loan at the Nou Camp with a purchase option of £17-20m.



## RESULTS & FIXTURES

**Copa America Group D**  
BRAZIL (1).....1 COLOMBIA (1).....1  
Raphinha 13 Munoz 45  
Att: 70,971  
COSTA RICA (2).....2 PARAGUAY (0).....1  
Calvo 4 Sosa 56  
Alcocer 8

**CRICKET**  
Third One Day International  
England Women v New Zealand Women

BRISTOL: England Women beat New Zealand Women by five wickets  
NEW ZEALAND WOMEN  
S Bates c Jones b Cross .....24  
G Plimmer run out .....7  
A Kerr lbw Bell .....57  
S Devine b Bell .....43  
M Green lbw Cross .....5  
B Halliday c Jones b Bell .....31  
I Gaze c Sciver-Brunt b Bell .....4  
L Down c Sciver-Brunt b Bell .....14  
H Rowe not out .....9  
M Penfold not out .....1  
Lb5 w7 nb4 .....16  
Total (8 wkts., 42 overs).....211  
Fall: 21, 41, 109, 116, 181, 182, 194, 208.

Bowling: Cross 9-0-46-2, Bell 9-0-37-5, Dean 8-0-39-0, Sciver-Brunt 8-0-31-0, Glenn 5-0-40-0, Capsey 3-0-13-0.

ENGLAND WOMEN  
T Beaumont lbw Rowe .....0  
M Bouchier c Gaze b Penfold .....19  
H Knight c & b Rowe .....9  
N Sciver-Brunt not out .....76  
S Dunkley c Gaze b Kerr .....15  
A Jones c Gaze b Halliday .....50  
A Capsey not out .....35  
Lb1 w5 nb2 .....8  
Total (5 wkts., 38.4 overs).....212  
Fall: 0, 29, 33, 72, 162.

Bowling: Rowe 9-0-38-2, Penfold 8-1-45-1, Devine 6-4-0-29-0, Kerr 7-0-44-1, Carson 4-0-26-0, Halliday 4-0-29-1.

Umpires: A Harris & R White.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP - DIVISION ONE - Hampshire v Kent (The Rose Bowl): Hampshire 505-8dec. (130.0 overs; J M Vince 211, B C Brown 110; J D M Evison 4-83) and 180-4 (22.1 overs; L A Dawson 56no). Kent 343 (99.3 overs; J A Leaning 118, F I N Khushi 53; K H D Barker 4-85) and 340 (118.2 overs; B G Compton 92, H Z Finch 84; K J Abbott 5-89). Hampshire (23pts) beat Kent (4pts) by 6 wickets.

Lancashire v Nottinghamshire (Southport): Lancashire 353-9dec. (97.0 overs; K K Jennings 187no; L W James 4-61). Nottinghamshire 126 (44.4 overs; B T Slater 64no; J M Anderson 7-35) and 270-4dec. (102.0 overs; J M Clarke 115no). Lancashire (14pts) drew with Nottinghamshire (11pts).

Somerset v Warwickshire (Taunton): Warwickshire 412 (109.1 overs; M G K Burgess 147, E Barnard 92, W M H Rhodes 63; M Pretorius 5-104) and 281-8dec. (83.2 overs; J Bethell 66, R M Yates 57, A L Davies 50; C Overton 4-57). Somerset 284 (83.2 overs; T Banton 78, T B Abell 61; O J Hannon-Dalby 6-56) and 413-5 (91.4 overs; T B Abell 152no, T Banton 81, J E K Rew 57no). Somerset (20pts) beat Warwickshire (7pts) by 5 wickets.

Surrey v Essex (The Oval): Surrey 262 (83.2 overs; J L Smith 100) and 278 (75.0 overs; R S Patel 107, J L Smith 70). Essex 180 (51.3 overs; P I Walter 64) and 215 (61.1 overs; D Elgar 60, P I Walter 56; T Lawes 4-26). Surrey (20pts) beat Essex (3pts) by 145 runs.

DIVISION TWO - Gloucestershire v Glamorgan (Cheltenham): Gloucestershire 179 (44.4 overs; T van der Gugten 5-59) and 610-5dec. (116.0 overs; J R Bracey 204no, C T Bancroft 184, M A H Hammond 121, B J Webster 65no). Glamorgan 197 (61.1 overs; B J Webster 5-17) and 592 (152.0 overs; S A Northeast 187, M Labuschagne 119). Gloucestershire (11pts) tied with Glamorgan (11pts).

CYCLING  
TOUR DE FRANCE, Stage 5 (Saint-Jean-de-Maurienne - Saint-Vulba, 177km): 1 M Cavendish (Gbr) Astana Qazaqstan Team 4h 08m 46s, 2 J Philipsen (Bel) Alpecin-Deceuninck, 3 A Kristoff (Nor) Uno-X Mobility, 4 A De Lie (Bel) Lotto Dstny, 5 F Jakobsen (Ned) Team dsm-firmenich PostNL. General Classification: 1 T Pogacar (Slo) UAE Team Emirates 23h 15m 24s, 2 R Evenepoel (Bel) Soudal Quick-Step at 45s, 3 J Vingegaard (Den) Team Visma | Lease a Bike at 50, 4 J Ayuso (Spa) UAE Team Emirates at 1m 10s, 5 P Roglic (Slo) Red Bull-BORA-hansgrohe at 1:14.

## TODAY'S DIARY

(7.45pm unless stated)  
League of Ireland Prem: Drogheda Utd v Shelbourne, Galway Utd v Bohemians, Shamrock Rovers v Dundalk (8pm), Sligo Rovers v Derry City, Waterford v St Patricks Athletic.

GOLF  
Aramco Team Series (Centurion Club, St Albans).  
USPGA Tour John Deere Classic (Illinois, USA).  
DP World Tour BMW International Open (Munich, Germany).

## EURO 2024

HOLLAND v TURKEY  
SATURDAY, 8PMJOS OUT TO  
END KROOS  
CONTROL

SPAIN v GERMANY TOMORROW, KICK-OFF 5PM (Stuttgart)

BY CHARLIE GORDON

SPAIN striker Joselu wants to send former Real Madrid team-mate Toni Kroos into retirement tomorrow.

He will get the chance when La Roja and Germany do battle for a place in the Euro 2024 semi-finals.

Kroos (top) has already confirmed that his final matches as a professional footballer will come at this summer's tournament.

"It was an honour to have played with Toni," Joselu said. "He embodies Real's values and was an excellent team-mate. I got a lot of advice from him."

That's where the niceties ended from the former Stoke City star. He continued: "We hope to send him into retirement. We must not worry about players from other national teams. As much as I love Toni, Friday's game will be his last."

Kroos, 34, hit back at Joselu after being made aware of the comments. "I

can understand him saying that, but we have a lot to say about it," the German said. "The Spaniards have been playing well so far, but so have we.

"We can look forward to an interesting game. I'll let him have his wish and will do everything I can to prevent it coming true!"

Germany are unbeaten while Spain are the only team to boast a flawless record after winning all three group games before a 4-1 victory over Georgia in the last 16.

Much of La Roja's threat derives from the exciting wing duo of Nico Williams and Lamine Yamal. But Kroos is adamant that 16-year-old Yamal won't be given the same freedom he enjoyed against others.

"The consistency with which he plays at his age is impressive," he said. "We will try to keep him on as short a leash as possible so that he cannot play like he has done so far."

NET ASSETS  
TOP OF THE  
STOPPERS

PORTUGAL v FRANCE TOMORROW, KICK-OFF 8PM (Hamburg)

BY MARK JONES

MISSED penalties and broken noses mean the Euros have not gone to plan for Cristiano Ronaldo and Kylian Mbappe just yet.

But for the men who will be trying to stop them from scoring in Friday's mouth-watering quarter-final, things could scarcely be going better.

Diogo Costa (top) heads into the last eight as Portugal's new hero. His three penalty saves against Slovenia - a first in a Euros shoot-out - have cemented his place in the hearts of his nation... and, indeed, of a grateful Ronaldo after he had dried his eyes.

The Porto stopper, 24, was called "the most hidden secret in European football" by grateful manager Roberto Martinez after his Slovenia heroics.

Quizzed on how he kept out spot kicks from Josip Ilicic, Jure Balkovec and Benjamin Verbic, Costa

gave a very matter-of-fact answer. "I just went with my gut," he said. "I thought I needed to do that and I'm happy I did.

"Goalkeepers sometimes barely touch the ball, but this makes it worth it."

Costa's save when Benjamin Sesko was through one-on-one in extra-time was just as impressive - and France might need something special to beat him.

In the opposition goal will be Mike Maignan, who has conceded just one goal in four games, a tournament record among the ever-present goalkeepers.

'Magic Mike' was trusted to take the gloves from long-time No.1 Hugo Lloris, who played for Les Bleus in the last two World Cups.

"He works so hard," said former Nottingham Forest goalkeeper Brice Samba, now at Lens.

Mbappe and Ronaldo - you have been warned!

CODY'S GOT  
MAGIC  
DUTCHKop ace Gakpo in flying form  
after Klopp heart-to-heartFROM RYAN TAYLOR in Munich  
HALF of Cody Gakpo's 12 international goals have come at major tournaments.

Only Holland's all-time leading goalscorer at World Cups, Johnny Rep, boasts a more potent ratio.

The red-hot 25-year-old joined Dennis Bergkamp, Robin van Persie and Memphis Depay in an exclusive club of Dutch players to have scored three goals at both a World Cup and European Championships when he netted in Tuesday's 3-0 demolition of Romania.

"He has been playing at a very high level for a year," Oranje captain and Liverpool team-mate Virgil van Dijk said.

"I see him every day and know what kind of development he is going through."

It has not been all good news for Gakpo as he struggled to nail down a starting berth at Anfield. He was forced to endure savage criticism on social media when he became a scapegoat as Liverpool's promising season fell apart.

Jamie Carragher wrote on X after the Reds' dramatic 4-3 FA Cup defeat to Manchester United: "Gakpo plays like the game is in slow motion."

Now the tables have turned - and the Dutchman is flying. He was name-checked by Ronald Koeman as Holland's "best player" at Euro 2024 so far.

Crucially, it was a private, heart-to-heart chat with now-departed Liverpool boss Jurgen Klopp at the back end of last season that appears to have galvanised Gakpo.

On Liverpool's 'Reds Roundtable' podcast, Klopp said to his former player: "We had a conversation four or five weeks ago and it was the turning point. You said you've had problems before, will have problems in the future, but how do you

get out of it? Sometimes as human beings we have to accept it's out of our hands.

"You tried to prove something that I didn't ask you to prove and when you stopped that, you were yourself again immediately. The next game you came on and it looked completely different."

Koeman made it clear after the Romania win that Gakpo's best position is left-wing - a role where opportunities have been limited at Liverpool.

However, on the basis of his pulsating Euros form, he will have every chance of pipping Luis Diaz to a starting spot under new boss Arne Slot.

No Dutch player has scored more goals, created more chances from open play, had more touches of the ball in the opposition box or shots at goal than Gakpo.

Only France's Kylian Mbappe has scored more goals (nine) than the Dutchman at the past two major tournaments - quite the statistic.

**I'M JUR MAN!**  
Gakpo has flourished since chat with Klopp (below)

MERT BANKS  
ON TURKS TO  
WIN EUROS

BY SIMON MULLOCK

MERT GUNOK insists his 'Save of the Century' will mean nothing to him if Turkey are not crowned European champions.

The 35-year-old Besiktas keeper, who reduced Austrian midfielder Christoph Baumgartner to tears by diverting his injury-time header around the post to take his country into a quarter-final meeting with Holland in Berlin, admitted he felt blessed in that match-winning moment.

But he already has his sights set on returning to the German capital for the Euro final on Sunday week after revealing how Vincenzo Montella's men believe they are gathering unstoppable momentum.

Turkey's 2-1 victory over Austria on Tuesday was a classic encounter settled by two goals from defender Merih Demiral and a moment of Gunok genius (top) that immediately earned comparisons to Gordon Banks' breathtaking save to deny Pele at the 1970 World Cup (below).

Gunok said: "Because it was the national team, and considering the emotions I experienced, of course I can rank the save as the best I have ever made.

"We made it to the last eight. We are very happy and proud - but our work is not over yet.

"We will enjoy this victory, but we need to focus on our next match.

"We fought very well as a team. There were times when we could not play well, but we were able to get through this round.

"We need to have our feet firmly on the ground. From this level on, the opponent does not matter. All matches will be difficult.

"Now, with both the self-confidence and the joy we experienced from this match, we aim to prepare well for the next match and go all the way.

"This victory raised our morale to a higher level."





# EURO '24



ENGLAND v SWITZERLAND  
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# EURO '24 RESULTS



**HANDLE WITH CARE**  
Toney & Southgate in training after Sunday's bench strop against Slovakia

# 'I was annoyed... but we are friends again'

## TONY & SOUTHGATE HAVE MADE UP AFTER LATE SUBSTITUTION

FROM **ANDY DUNN** in Erfurt  
@andydunnamirror

**WHEN Gareth Southgate said Ivan Toney "had the hump" over being introduced into the Slovakia game four minutes into added-time, it was the understatement of the tournament.**

Ask any striker how they feel about being thrown on in desperation with only moments of a match left and they will tell you it feels like a kick in the teeth.

Toney, after playing a decisive role in the remarkable comeback in Cologne, was all smiles back on the England training ground but it is clear he was seething with Southgate on Sunday evening.

He said: "You're excited to come out to a tournament - you want to get minutes and come on. In the dying moments, it's like, 'When am I going to come on?'"

"You're looking at the clock thinking, 'Now, now'. I have seen it plenty of times when you're on the touchline ready to come on

and the ball doesn't go out and the final whistle goes. I think my face said it all!

"The manager has been there before. I'm sure there's been a time when he's come on in the 90th-odd minute and you just want to be on earlier.

"If I wasn't annoyed sitting on the bench, then I see it as you wouldn't have the right attitude and don't really want to play football.

"But everything is sorted now, we're friends - not like we weren't friends - but we're friends again, we're happy now and concentrating on the next game."

Southgate certainly should be friendly with Toney after the Brentford striker produced the assist for the Harry Kane goal that earned England a quarter-final tie against Switzerland on Saturday.

And while the manager is likely to stick with a formation that has Kane as a lone striker, Toney outlined a convincing case for why a forward pairing could be Southgate's secret

weapon. He went on: "Obviously I would like to be playing as a two... we've played with each other and we've watched each other plenty of times and we know each other.

"I feel like you just put yourself about when there's two upfront and then it gives the opposition more to think about.

"Like I said before (about Sunday), I'd knock it back to H and he could just pick up seconds and he was able to do that."

And while Toney might have been raging with Southgate for leaving it so late, the half-hour in Cologne still ranks as a highlight of the 28-year-old's career.

"It was probably one of the best feelings in my career," he declared. "It's the dying seconds and we're close to heading home and Jude (Bellingham) does that. "Then I play a part to head it into H... It's got to be up there."

Now Toney says he wants to see a lot more action.

And if things are not going well in Dusseldorf this weekend, expect to see him earlier than the 94th minute.



## THROW-NEY IS RARING TO GO

BY **ANDY DUNN**

IVAN TONEY was in fine form off the pitch as he stepped in for media duties at the England camp yesterday.

And the Brentford striker (with Mirror Sport's Andy Dunn, above) was such a good sport, as he took on a darts challenge with yours truly.

It was sheer fortune that my last dart hit the treble 20, leaving Toney a target of 92.

Toney hit the post as he just missed the 20-bed, but you can be sure that he will hit the bullseye if given a chance against Switzerland.

# ZUBI'S BUHLED OVER BY SWISS

EXCLUSIVE FROM **JOHN CROSS**

PASCAL ZUBERBUHLER could be forgiven for having a foot in both camps.

Zuberbuhler (right) won 51 caps for Switzerland and has great memories from his time in England with Fulham, West Brom and Derby.

But the ex-goalkeeper, 53, admits he would not like to be in Gareth Southgate's shoes ahead of Saturday's

showdown. Zuberbuhler, who now works as a pundit on Swiss TV and for FIFA, said: "I would not like to be a head coach playing against this Switzerland team.

"This tournament is so difficult. You have to be better than the opposition and Switzerland are very difficult to predict because they have made changes, played different teams and really come together. There

is almost an expectation in Switzerland that it will be a different starting XI each time and that they will win.

"England expect to see amazing attacking football because they have Bellingham, Kane, Foden and so on. I always want to see England do well because I had such a fantastic time there and it's such a fantastic country." Zuberbuhler, nicknamed

Zubi, has seen Switzerland grow as a team - and that is the danger for the Three Lions in Dusseldorf.

He said: "This team had problems in qualifying, some rumours of problems between the players and the coach, too many captains and personalities on the pitch, but they have sorted it out and got stronger.

"You now have a brilliant atmosphere in the camp."



## ROUND OF 16

<b>GAME 37</b>	GERMANY	2-0	DENMARK
Havertz 53 pen, Musiala 68 (above)			
<b>GAME 38</b>	SWITZERLAND	2-0	ITALY
Freuler 37, Vargas 46			
<b>GAME 39</b>	SPAIN	4-1	GEORGIA
Rodri 39, Ruiz 51, Williams 75, Olmo 83 Le Normand 18 og			
<b>GAME 40</b>	ENGLAND	2-1 (aet)	SLOVAKIA
Bellingham 90+5, Kane 91 ET (below) Schranz 25			
<b>GAME 41</b>	PORTUGAL	0-0 (aet)	SLOVENIA
PORTUGAL win 3-0 on penalties, after extra time			
<b>GAME 42</b>	FRANCE	1-0	BELGIUM
Vertonghen 85 og			
<b>GAME 43</b>	ROMANIA	0-3	NETHERLANDS
Gakpo 20, Malen 83, 90+3			
<b>GAME 44</b>	AUSTRIA	1-2	TURKEY
Gregoritsch 66 Demiral 1, 59			



## QUARTER-FINALS

<b>GAME 45</b>	SPAIN	V	GERMANY
Stuttgart Arena <b>TOMORROW, KICK-OFF 5PM</b> (Stuttgart)			
<b>GAME 47</b>	NETHERLANDS	V	TURKEY
Olympiastadion Berlin <b>SATURDAY JULY 6, KICK-OFF 8PM</b> (Berlin)			
<b>GAME 46</b>	PORTUGAL	V	FRANCE
Volksparkstadion Hamburg <b>TOMORROW, KICK-OFF 8PM</b> (Hamburg)			
<b>GAME 48</b>	ENGLAND	V	SWITZERLAND
Düsseldorf Arena <b>SATURDAY JULY 6, KICK-OFF 5PM</b> (Dusseldorf)			

## SEMI-FINALS

<b>GAME 49</b>	W45	V	W46
Munich Football Arena <b>TUESDAY JULY 9, KICK-OFF 8PM</b> (Munich)			
<b>GAME 50</b>	W47	V	W48
BVB Stadion Dortmund <b>WEDNESDAY JULY 10, KICK-OFF 8PM</b> (Dortmund)			

## FINAL

<b>GAME 51</b>	WINNER 49	V	WINNER 50
Olympiastadion Berlin <b>SUNDAY JULY 14, KICK-OFF 8PM</b> (Berlin)			



# LET'S ROLL THE SWISS CLOSE TO

# JUDE'S LATE GOAL SAVED ME FROM NAPPY DUTY

## Foden relief at Bellingham's heroics against Slovakia as it kept England in the tournament and Phil from baby care



## COLE: I WON'T SWERVE ROLE IN SHOOTOUT

FROM **ANDY DUNN** in Erfurt  
ICE-COLD Cole Palmer admits the pressure of taking a spot-kick in a major shoot-out will be at a very different level to what he normally feels.

The Chelsea star has clearly thought about the prospect of being one of Gareth Southgate's go-to players if the quarter-final against Switzerland comes down to penalties.

Palmer, who scored nine times in nine attempts from the spot in the Premier League last season, explained: "It is so different. I was talking about this the other day with someone.

"When you know you are going to take a penalty in a shootout, you start thinking. And then there is the coin toss and everything. You have to stand there and watch everyone else take it, the pressure builds up and up and up.

"In a game, if you miss there is still time to do something, to score.

"Once you miss in a shootout, there isn't time to redeem yourself. If you miss and everyone scores, it's all your fault. It's just more pressure."

Not that Palmer (scoring from the spot against Bosnia & Herzegovina last month, top) will shy away from taking responsibility if he needs to.

"I'd be nominated on the pitch and wouldn't have a choice, but would take one," he said. "I've only taken two penalties in shootouts and missed one in the Youth Cup, but I was a baby."

Southgate has plenty of

penalty specialists at his disposal and would almost certainly try to make sure Palmer and Ivan Toney are on the pitch if it comes down to a shootout.

Palmer is a big admirer of the Brentford striker's famed penalty prowess.

Palmer said: "I like watching him take penalties because he's different. He's like a five-a-side player when the ref says, 'One step'.

"He just walks up to it and puts it in. You just know he is going to score."

Palmer made a significant impact when he came on as a 66th-minute substitute during the dramatic 2-1 win over Slovakia in Cologne.

And there is a growing clamour for the 22-year-old to be given a starting role by Southgate.

Palmer (below) said: "Obviously I want to start. Everyone wants to start, but if I don't start, I've got to make enough impact from the bench to give the manager a decision to make."



BY **JOHN CROSS**  
Chief Football Writer  
in Erfurt  
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**PHIL FODEN admitted he feared the worst before Jude Bellingham saved England from a Euros disaster.**

Manchester City star Foden has already been back home once in this tournament and did not want to fly back to England again.

He had a grandstand view of Bellingham's spectacular 95th-minute equaliser against Slovakia as he had just been substituted and was walking round the edge of the pitch.

"I thought I'm 30 seconds away from doing baby feeds at home... so thanks to Jude for that, thanks for doing it, saved me there," laughed Foden.

"No, honestly, it's unbelievable, what he did, yeah, just sums Jude up, he never gives up until the end."

Foden, 24, went on a whistle-stop return home last week when his partner Rebecca Cooke gave birth to their third child. The

England forward explained that the birth was pre-planned, in the diary and he was full of praise for Gareth Southgate accommodating his wish to be back for the birth of their son.

They have a name but Foden did not want to reveal it publicly yet. He also has a sense of unfinished business at this Euros. There have been flashes of his brilliance but getting the best out of him, Harry Kane and Jude Bellingham together as an attacking force has been a struggle.

Foden said: "I don't know for the others you have mentioned but I have been a little frustrated. I am not going to lie.

"I want to try and score, do better things for England and... it is

about keeping a good mentality. I have not been the best player in the Premier League to come here and not show it. I feel like every game I am moving forward and hopefully I can put on some good performances and that has always been my aim for England.

"I have shown this season for City that I have moved more centrally and the goals have gone up and I have influenced more games. I have been honest about my position and I have always seen myself as playing midfield.

"Even though I have started on the left, I have drifted into those positions. It is more how we have been on the ball and not been able to find me because of the way the games have been." And

the accusation that he and Bellingham cannot play together?

"No I don't agree with that. We do work well together," said Foden. "I keep saying it but it is true, just the way the games have gone sometimes and the way football works.

"In the last game we did build on it really well in terms of keeping the ball a lot more. We piled pressure on at the end and I feel like hopefully it can click together in the next game."

Foden stressed that the manner of the win over Slovakia – snatching glory from the jaws of defeat – could have a galvanising effect. He also said the tournament is still wide open for a team like England to go and win.

He said: "The way we won the Slovakia game... It's given us so much more belief now, going into the next games.

"It's just the quality of teams. Every year, everyone gets stronger, I look around now at every team, they've got world-class players everywhere.

"Every game is difficult, I saw the other night, the problems that Portugal had, so it just shows the level of teams."



**CHEERS JUDE!**  
Bellingham buries his leveller and everyone stays on in Germany

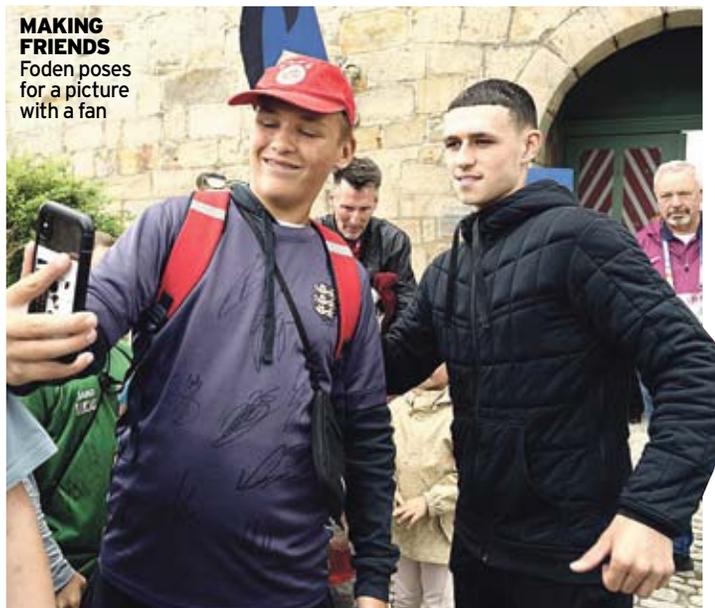
# CRUNCH TIME



ENGLAND v SWITZERLAND  
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**MAKING FRIENDS**  
Foden poses for a picture with a fan



## Southgate's Three Lions at the back

BY **JOHN CROSS** in Erfurt  
GARETH SOUTHGATE could be ready to make a tactical change for England's Euros quarter-final with Switzerland.

England worked on using a back-three formation in training yesterday - three days ahead of the showdown in Dusseldorf.

It could be in preparation to face the Swiss because their national boss, Murat Yakin, is renowned for being flexible with his selections.

Switzerland have also used a back three and England had mannequins in that formation ready for an open training session before they closed it off to the public.

Southgate (above) could use Kyle Walker, John Stones and Ezri Konsa as the three in that system as centre-back Marc Guehi is suspended.

The England boss has been unable to find a formula in this tournament and has struggled to get the best from attacking trio Phil Foden, Jude Bellingham and Harry Kane.

The Three Lions have also been without a conventional left-back as Luke Shaw has not played since February and came to the Euros as a wildcard.

Shaw even decided not to do a press conference yesterday so as not to tempt fate and Southgate may be looking for different solutions.

He made a huge success of using a back three in the 2018 World Cup and that carried England all the way to the semi-final.

Ahead of the Euros he said that they had not thought about returning to a back three but they are clearly considering it now.

Southgate has been reluctant to change his team, despite the slow start, with Kobbie Mainoo and Conor Gallagher the only changes in midfield.

But now a switch of system could be on the cards as Southgate needs a change in fortunes and uplift in performances to live up to the pre-tournament expectations for the Three Lions.

## 'BLAME PLAYERS TOO'

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up to their tag as pre-tournament favourites.

England go into Saturday's quarter-final with Switzerland in Dusseldorf as favourites but the fans have been increasingly frustrated with Southgate.

Manchester City star Foden said: "I feel like the players have got to take some of the blame. There has to be some leaders to get together and find out a solution to why it is not working.

"There is only so much the manager can do. He sets you up in a system and tells you how to press.

"If it is not going like that you have to... you never decide when a person is going to drop deep, as well. Maybe change the formation you are not used to.

"The players have to adapt to what the other team is doing to be better. It is something we have definitely spoken about recently and going forward, hopefully you will see a different side to us pressing-wise." Three Lions boss

Southgate was booed after the final Group match with Slovenia, then many fans left before the end and missed the dramatic late fightback against Slovakia in the last 16.

Southgate has been left bearing the brunt of criticism - particularly from former players like Gary Lineker and Alan Shearer - for England's slow start.

But Foden says the manager does want his players to attack and play a pressing game and sets up to go on the front foot in training.

"I feel sorry for Gareth," said Foden. "In training he has been telling us to press and be high up on the pitch and I feel like sometimes, it has to come from the players.

"We have to be leaders and in those games we could have got together a little bit more and worked out a solution.

"We have spoken about it and if it happens again in a game, we can get together and find a solution and see where it is going wrong and adapt our press."

## IT'S PHIL THE POWER

FROM **JOHN CROSS** in Erfurt  
PHIL FODEN has revealed he is the king of the darts board in the England camp - and has even scored three 180s.

England manager Gareth Southgate has made darts a big part of every camp since the 2018 World Cup to try to lighten the mood.

Back in the days of Roy Hodgson as Three Lions boss, his assistant Gary Neville wanted to keep everything a state secret and players even refused to discuss the darts.

Foden might not be at the level of darts legend Phil "The Power" Taylor, but he has made the board his own in this Euros and says his closest challenger Ebereche Eze

cannot get close to him. Foden (below) said: "I love darts. I've been having a few games with the lads here. No one's beat me yet.

"I've been playing Eze a lot. The more I beat him, the more he tries to play me. Which I like because that's the mentality I've got. When I'm losing I always want to play again and that's what he's like. Every time I beat him he's like, 'get your darts, we go again'.

"I've played since I was about eight or nine. I always had (a dart board) up in the house and when people would come round I'd play whoever, so it's from there.

"I've had three 180s on this camp, which I'm proud of."



### HE'S NOT KIDDING

Foden is back from the birth of his child and focused on winning with England

## SIR MARK CAVENDISH ... KING OF THE TOUR

Sprint ace sets record for stage wins SEE PAGE 57



## 2 DAYS TO ENGLAND v SWITZERLAND

# WE'LL SHARE BLAME

### Foden: Performances not just down to the boss, players must take responsibility

FROM **JOHN CROSS** in Erfurt **PHIL FODEN** insists it is unfair for Gareth Southgate to shoulder all of the blame for England's poor performances.

Man City star Foden says the players should also take responsibility for their lacklustre efforts in the Euros as they have struggled to live

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**STAND BY THE GAFFER**  
Phil Foden says it is unfair for Southgate to take all the flak for England's displays



**MIXING IT UP** Grand Slam stars Raducanu and Murray

## Em's dream double date with Murray

BY **NEIL McLEMAN**  
EMMA RADUCANU admitted she could not refuse the "once in a lifetime opportunity" of playing mixed doubles with her "hero" Andy Murray at his final Wimbledon.

The two British Grand Slam champions are set to kick off a Super Saturday of sport before England play Switzerland at Euro 2024.

Raducanu last night reached the third round of a Grand Slam for the first time since her 2021 US Open triumph. But she has only played one Tour-level doubles match - in Washington in 2022.

That did not stop Murray's camp approaching her coaching team on Tuesday night - before the Scot texted the British No.3.

Raducanu said: "My doubles record is not the longest, but I couldn't say no. It's a once in a lifetime opportunity. It's been a dream of mine since I was a

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# PUZZLES



## Speedbreaker

**Target time: 16:44 mins**  
 Test your codecracking skills against us! We took 16 minutes and 44 seconds to complete this puzzle – can you do better? We've taken a completed crossword puzzle and replaced each letter in the grid with the same number throughout. The completed grid will include all letters of the alphabet. If you find it hard to get going, call the Extra Letter line where you will also find a little bit of extra help. Remember, none of the answers are proper nouns.  
**Solutions in Saturday's Daily Mirror**

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## Just a bit of fun

Which one of our three definitions is correct?

### OROLOGY

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- 2 Study of mountains
- 3 Study of stones

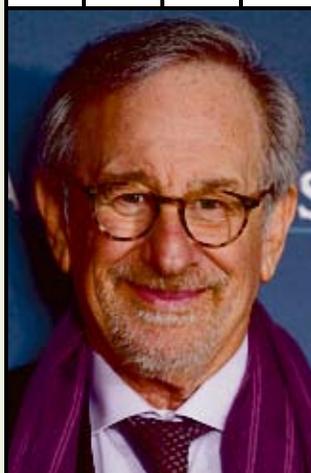
Solutions in tomorrow's Daily Mirror

Scribble pad

## Arrow Word

Arrow Words are like crosswords, but the clues are printed inside squares on the grid. Write your answers in the blank squares in the direction indicated by the arrows.  
**Solutions in tomorrow's Daily Mirror**

Cavity TV series, _ Who	Needle-case	Of bears	Unwell	Gambling place Fish type	Landed property				
			Jumps						
Star sign	_ Farrow, actress	Profession of selling			Excellent				
			Consumed	_ Kudrow, pictured					
Windpipe	King	Vehicle	_ Hampshire, US state		Pistachio, e.g.				
					Fail to win				
				Long bounding stride					
Additional	Source of wood	Unreturned serve in tennis	Also		Gaelic		For every Strong rush of wind	Port in SW Scotland	Remain
			Speeds up	Rank of NCO Shade of brown					
Canadian province	Forearm bone	English city Foundation						Animal of the horse family	
				Lyric poem	Work hard	Synthetic fibre	Beam of light Sofa		
Meadow		Things contained in something						Romanian monetary unit	Moose
Put money away	Plant ovule		Clear a path!	Plug or bung	Otherwise				
		Make laws						Pictured, Spielberg	
		Metal with the symbol Fe	Singing voice			Elephant's tooth Moved slowly			
				On one occasion			Single sheet of glass in a window	Ultimate	
		Hotpot	Hiatus		Ward off				
				_ in the sky, saying			Gardner, former actress		
		Catch sight of	Beer type		Years				
				Groove			Ear, nose, and throat (abbr.)		



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Su-doku corner

EASY SU-DOKU

9x9 grid for Easy Su-doku with some numbers filled in.

The rules for Su-doku couldn't be easier. All you have to do is fill the empty squares so that each row, column and 3x3 block contains all the numbers 1 to 9.

Solutions in tomorrow's Daily Mirror

SU-DOKU TOUGHIE

9x9 grid for Su-doku Toughie with some numbers filled in.

The rules for Su-doku are easy, but this one's a toughie! Each number from 1 to 9 must appear only once in each horizontal and vertical line, and only once in each 3x3 grid.

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KILLER SU-DOKU

9x9 grid for Killer Su-doku with numbers in some cells and dots in others.

Killer Su-doku 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 squares must be filled with numbers that add up to that in the left corner.

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FUTOSHIKI

5x5 grid for Futoshiki with numbers and comparison symbols (>, <).

Insert the numbers one to five in each row and each column, making sure that no number is repeated. The only symbols to guide you are the "greater than" (>) and "less than" (<) signs.

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Word Ladder

Word ladder puzzle starting with FOIL and ending with VEIL, with words in between.

Brickwork

Brickwork puzzle with numbered layers and clues to form words.

Bingo

Bingo card for Thu Jul 4 2024 Game 25 Day 4 with numbers and winning conditions.

Wordsearch

Can you find all the listed keyboard instruments in the grid? Solutions in tomorrow's Daily Mirror

Wordsearch grid containing letters for finding keyboard instruments.

- List of keyboard instruments: ACCORDION, AUTOHARP, CARILLON, CELESTA, CLAVICHORD, CLAVIER, DULCITONE, HARMONIUM, HARPSICORD, HURDY-GURDY, KEYBOARD, MELLOTRON, PIANO, PIPE ORGAN, PUMP ORGAN, SPINET, SYNTHESIZER, VIRGINAL

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

QUIZWORD ACROSS: 3 Mantovani, 8 Arno, 9 Hirvonen, 10 Hingle, 13 Limey, 14 Lucille, 15 Cam, 16 Reunion, 17 Roche, 21 Motmot, 22 Addition, 23 Miros, 24 Bluegrass. DOWN: 1 Bachelors, 2 Anonymous, 4 Ashes, 5 Terbium, 6 Viol, 7 Neem, 11 Blackmail, 12 Deception, 14 Lan, 15 Courier, 18 Emnes, 19 Idol, 20 Pike.

CROSSWORD ACROSS: 3 Vandalism, 8 Eden, 9 Pub crawl, 10 Global, 13 April, 14 Pulsate, 15 Bus, 16 Home run, 17 Abyss, 21 Ration, 22 Downside, 23 Stye, 24 Afternoon. DOWN: 1 Geography, 2 Aerodrome, 4 Apple, 5 Dubious, 6 Lard, 7 Sewn, 11 Labyrinth, 12 Personnel, 14 Pun, 15 Bullion, 18 Credo, 19 Loaf, 20 Once.

TWO-SPEED COFFEEBREAK ACROSS: 1 Ruby, 4 Club, 6 Alto, 8 Acid, 11 East, 13 Lateral, 14 Hat, 16 Moron, 18 Wafer, 21 Norse, 22 Feral, 24 Bee, 25 Deliver, 28 Drag, 30 Nero, 31 Oral, 32 Tact, 33 Hole. DOWN: 1 Real, 2 Bait, 3 Gleam, 4 Cos, 5 Bent, 7 Talon, 9 Carafe, 10 Deter, 12 Thor, 15 Answer, 17 Robin, 19 Feed, 20 Radar, 23 Legal, 24 Bust, 26 Veto, 27 Rope, 29 Rot.

TUESDAY'S SPEEDBREAKER 1=Q, 2=T, 3=D, 4=P, 5=L, 6=Z, 7=K, 8=A, 9=C, 10=H, 11=M, 12=G, 13=Y, 14=W, 15=F, 16=X, 17=B, 18=N, 19=R, 20=E, 21=I, 22=S, 23=J, 24=O, 25=V, 26=U.

ARROW WORD grid with letters and arrows indicating word directions.

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WORDSEARCH

Wordsearch grid for finding words.

NAME GAME

RAGING BULL 1R, 2B, 3I, 4G, 5N, 6A, 7U, 8L, 9L, 10G.

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**Aries** March 21-April 20  
Something you see or hear makes you question your trust in a friend. You suspect they are keeping something from you but are you letting your thoughts run wild? It's possible that most of this is just your imagination playing tricks on you. Keep your suspicions to yourself.

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**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
Don't worry if you become the focal point of a family or marital conflict that arises. You should not feel you have to apologise for something you didn't do just to please others. After a stressful morning, any hurt feelings regarding a workplace issue will appear insignificant.

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**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
Workmates are at odds, each blaming the other for being difficult and for making a problem worse. You will prefer not to get involved as from your perspective, both seem to be equally as responsible for having caused this tense situation. Just keep a diplomatic distance.

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**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
You always treat other people's feelings with the utmost respect. There have been times in the past when you've poured your heart out only to have it backfire on you. This makes you hold back and keep your own thoughts to yourself when someone close is hoping you will open up to them.

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**Leo** July 24 - August 23  
Working at a steady pace will lead to greater productivity than anticipated this morning. Unexpected setbacks in work or health may arise during the early afternoon. Alternatively, you might be asked to fill in for an ill co-worker despite feeling overwhelmed with your current responsibilities.

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**Virgo** Aug 24 - Sept 23  
If you've had a disagreement with a partner or if you're feeling resentful towards a friend, consider taking the first step to mend things. Offering an olive branch might help mend relationships and open the door to forgiveness, even if this cannot totally erase the past.

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**Libra** Sept 24-Oct 23  
When life starts getting you down seek out a peaceful haven where you can relax and find inner peace. Stay mindful of your surroundings. Being fully present in the moment will help you to avoid unnecessary stress. To find inner tranquillity, start by calming your mind.

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**Scorpio** Oct 24 - Nov 22  
Be cautious if your boss or a seasoned professional seems overly friendly or cooperative - they may have hidden motives. Investigate any unusual suggestions before making a long-term commitment. Ambitious plans could fail without enough practical support.

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**Sagittarius** Nov 23 - Dec 31  
Are you willing to put in the time and effort to reach your goals? Taking shortcuts will only be cheating yourself and will compromise your authenticity. If you want to establish new habits or start a new project, make this a part of your routine. Steady effort can lead to impressive progress.

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**Capricorn** Dec 22 - Jan 20  
After some recent changes you have sensed a void in your life. One solution to fill this emptiness is to locate the missing piece. The true test lies in finding someone you can confide in and depend on. To establish such a strong bond, you need to build mutual support and understanding.

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**Aquarius** Jan 21 - Feb 19  
Your enthusiasm carries you forward and this positive energy will benefit everyone around you. Embrace this momentum by considering new opportunities like applying for a new job or seeking a promotion. Get ready to inspire others with your expertise and skills.

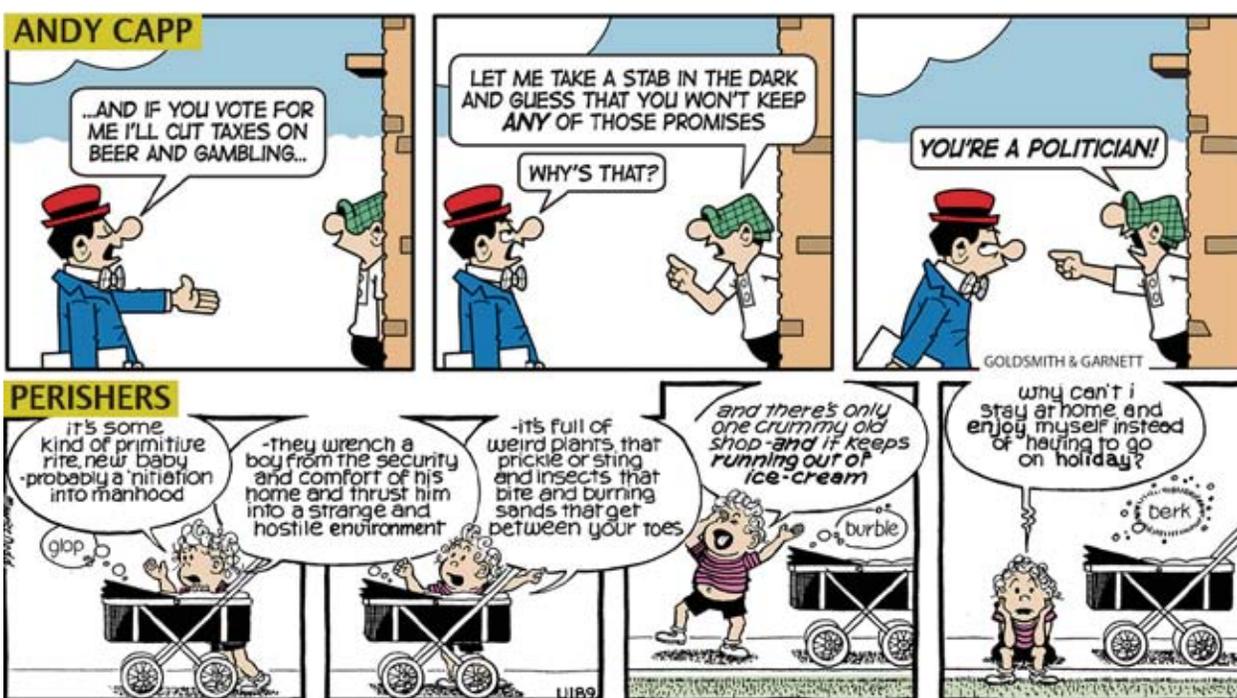
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**Pisces** Feb 20 - Mar 20  
It's not easy having all eyes on you. Taking on new commitments makes you the focus of attention. You might wish you hadn't volunteered for the job. Keeping your emotions in check will be a big challenge. A close friend's changing situation will have more impact on you than they realise.

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# CARTOONS



## Picnic treats Good Food daily recipe to collect

# Cheese & bacon turnovers

*These moreish pastries are ideal for lunch, a picnic or buffet. They'll keep for up to three days*

**PREP: 10 MINS  
COOK: 14 MINS - 24 MINS  
EASY  
SERVES 6**

- 1 sheet ready-rolled puff pastry
- 3tbsp soft cheese
- 1tsp Dijon mustard (optional)
- 6 rashers dry-cured smoked bacon
- 100g mature cheddar, gruyère or Swiss cheese, grated
- 1 egg, beaten

1 Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6 or if using an air-fryer, heat to 180C for 4 mins. Unravel the pastry on the sheet of baking parchment it comes with, and cut into six squares. Mix the soft cheese with the mustard, if using, and a good grinding of black pepper. Divide between the middles of the pastry squares, and smooth over in a diagonal line from one corner to the opposite side.

2 Lay a bacon rasher over the soft cheese, then scatter over the cheese. Brush the two exposed corners of pastry with beaten egg, and fold over the top of the filling to join together. Brush the tops with more egg, then slide the baking parchment on to a baking sheet and bake for 15-20 mins until the cheese has melted and the pastry is golden. Or, if using an air-fryer, put the turnovers in the air-fryer basket and cook for 10-12 mins until the cheese has melted and the pastry is golden. You may need to do this in two batches.

3 Transfer to a cooling rack for 5-10 mins before serving warm. Will keep chilled in an airtight container for two-three days.



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