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## WE'RE ALL GETTING SMELLIER THAN EVER

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### FROM THE EXPERT WHO PREDICTED THE QUEEN'S DEATH AND BREXIT..



### Joey Barton in the dock over Tweets

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# Asparagus psychic: Next prez will be

by KATE NELSON  
THE next president of the United States will be a rather surprised Michelle Obama, according to the world's only asparagus psychic.  
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# MICHELLE OBAMA!!!

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### Dogs smell our stress and get sad

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# TODAY'S WEATHER

**TODAY:** Any showers will clear in the south and east of England through the morning. For the rest of England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland, a bright or sunny start with sunshine developing for all in the afternoon. Light winds.

**OUTLOOK:** A fine day for many with sunny spells. Some cloud building for Scotland and Northern Ireland later, with thunderstorms in the south. Bright spells but showery for Thursday.

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## Concern as Tories dying off

A SURPRISING number of Tory voters are likely to have died before the next election.

By 2029, one in six (1.2million) people who backed the Conservatives this month will have popped their clogs, says Office for National Statistics figures.

But Labour's younger demographic base means just one in 19 who voted red will have croaked it.

Sam Bidwell, director of the Next Generation Centre at the Adam Smith Institute, said the Tories face "an existential challenge".

He added: "If this continues, the party is at risk of dying out."

## NHS in IT health warning

PHARMACIES and the NHS warned of delays and services "slower than usual" as they recover from the global IT outage.

The health service said patients with appointments this week "should continue to attend unless told not to".

Nick Kaye, head of the National Pharmacy Association, asked people to "be patient" as they "catch up on the backlog of prescriptions".

Across England, GP surgeries had reported being unable to book appointments.

An NHS spokesman said systems were back online but "there still may be some delays".

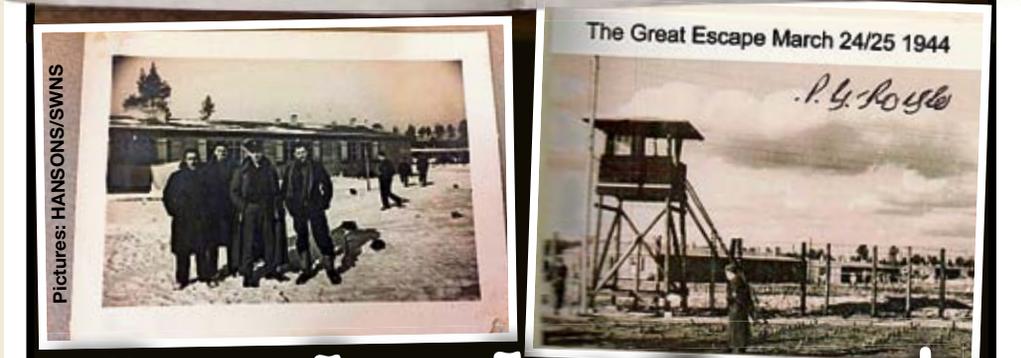
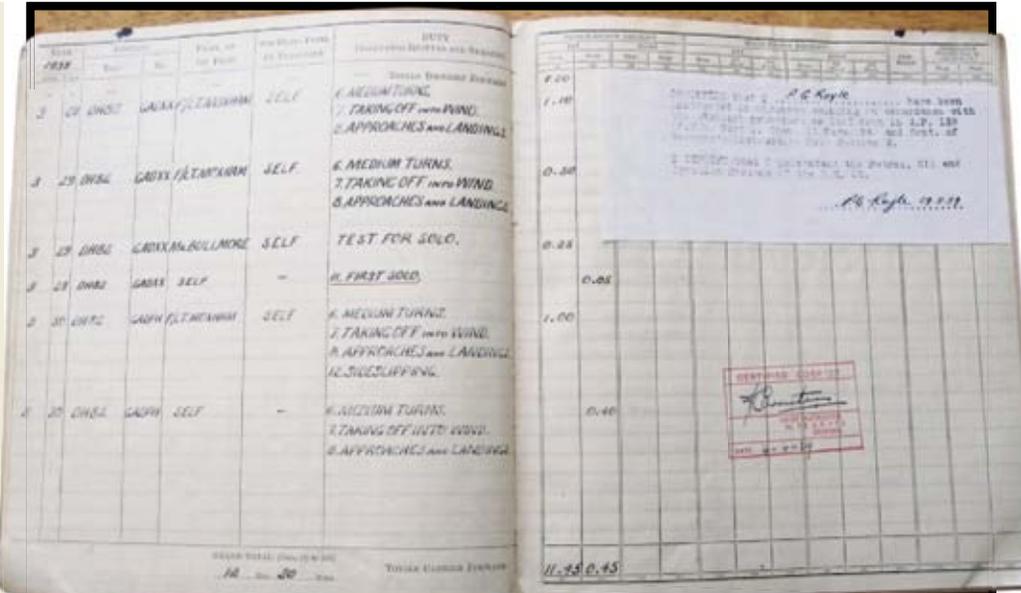
## Talks on for junior doc pay

THE Health Secretary will open formal talks with junior doctors with a view to ending their long-running dispute over pay.

Wes Streeting is set to meet their British Medical Association committee today after a series of strikes.

He previously described the move as "a crucial step forward, as we work to end this dispute and change the way junior doctors are treated in the NHS".

Dr Vivek Trivedi and Dr Robert Laurens, co-chairmen of the BMA's junior doctors committee, also hailed the meeting as a "positive first step".



# Book dug out

★ A POCKET book owned by a Great Escape hero is set to fetch hundreds of pounds at auction. RAF Flight Lieut Paul Gordon Royle, right, was part of the 1944 tunnel break immortalised by the hit film. ★ Hansons Auctioneers said the journal, found in a house in Notts, was "an amazing discovery".

# MINISTER: KIDS CAP COULD GO

## Re-think to ease child poverty



SCRAPPING the controversial two-child benefit cap will be "considered" by the Government, a Cabinet minister has said.

Education Secretary Bridget Phillipson said it would be looked at "as one of a number of ways" to lift kids out of poverty. It comes as new PM Sir Keir Starmer was last night facing the threat of his first backbench

revolt over the benefit cap that affects 1.6million children. Ms Phillipson said scrapping it will be studied by a new taskforce she is leading with Work and Pensions Secretary Liz Kendall. She said: "There are a range of measures that we will need to consider in terms of how we respond to this."

TASKFORCE: Phillipson

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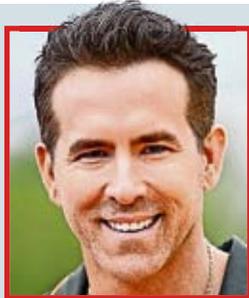
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MOVIE: Reynolds

# Taylor's Ryan tip for role

RYAN Reynolds thinks Taylor Swift should replace him as Deadpool.

The 47-year-old reprises his role as Wade Robson and his wise-cracking alter ego in upcoming film Deadpool And Wolverine.

He said: "If anyone ever were to take over the role of Deadpool, actually Taylor would be very good."

"Because that's a super-power I don't know that she shows everyone too often - she's one of the funniest people I've ever met."



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**Hot TV**  
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**ALL THE TOP TELLY NEWS**  
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THEME: Bez & Shaun

# Shaun's dying to beam up

SHAUN Ryder reckons he has only got about "10 years left" to live.

But the Happy Mondays star says he is relieved best pal Bez has planned his UFO-themed funeral.

Shaun, 61, said filming new Channel 4 reality show Celebrity Send Off changed his mindset.

He said: "I don't know if I'd have a quiet one or a party. I've never even thought about a funeral or dying. I've got 10 years left, maybe 15, so I should be thinking about it."

He referred to his dad's death at 74 and brother Paul's aged 58.

# Buzzzz off, Jezz

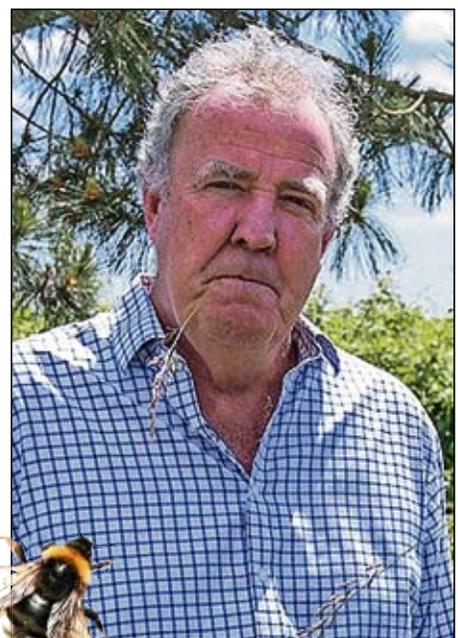


Sophia

- ★ SOPHIA is a country girl at heart.
- ★ The 23-year-old Cheshire lass adores being out in the fresh air.
- ★ She says: "I love being down on the farm. I'm even dressed for it. Yee haw!"
- ★ Well Sophia, looking like that we don't think there's a farmer around who would demand you get off their land!

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HIVE MIND: The telly presenter

# CLARKSON'S BEES LEAVE THE LOCALS IN A FRENZY

by CARLY HACON  
**CREEPY** Jeremy Clarkson has left locals buzzing with a bid to use bees to keep nosy visitors away.

The former Top Gear star is said to have put 11 hives behind a hedge at the entrance to a lane leading to his Diddly Squat Farm.

The rising popularity of Amazon's Prime series Clarkson's Farm has led to fans using the public footpath to have a look at his gaff.

But residents don't seem too happy with Jezza's tactic to swat them away.

One local stung near Clarkson's home in Chipping Norton, Oxon, said they were left "sore for quite a few days", adding: "I don't go up there any more."

"I understand Jeremy doesn't want fans walking onto his land but it seems a bit dangerous to have so many beehives close to a public lane."

Farmer Gerald Cooper, who helps Clarkson on his farm, defended the hives site and said: "It's the summer, there are a lot of bees."

"These bees are not dangerous. I don't know what people are moaning about."

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# Andy on diet

SIR Andy Murray wants to avoid "eating junk" and gaining flab when he retires.

The 37-year-old tennis star will hang up his racquet after the Paris Olympics.

Andy wants to avoid a repeat of his experience during the Covid pandemic.

He told OK! mag: "I put on weight during Covid when I wasn't training as much and eating junk. I didn't really like it."



### BLAST: Ms Cooper '£700m asylum waste'

THE Tory Rwanda scheme has already cost £700million despite only four volunteers being sent to Kigali, Yvette Cooper said.

The Home Secretary branded the policy the "most shocking waste of taxpayer money I have ever seen".

She accused the previous Conservative government of creating an "asylum Hotel California", where people arrived in the system but never left.

In a statement to the Commons, Ms Cooper also warned that high levels of small boat crossings in the English Channel could persist over the summer, blaming the weak border control system Labour "inherited".

PM Sir Keir Starmer confirmed his administration was axing the stalled Rwanda scheme, which he and the Home Secretary have said is a "gimmick".

Ms Cooper said the £700m bill included £290m paid to Rwanda, "chartering flights that never took off" and "detaining hundreds of people and then releasing them".



### HOLIDAY HELL: Ross Brit Ben turns up

A TRAINEE barrister who had gone missing in Majorca has been found.

Ben Ross, 26, arrived at the British Consulate in Palma yesterday "tired and drained but alive".

His family revealed he lost contact with his mum Felix 12 days ago after a "series of unfortunate events" including having his possessions stolen while out for a swim.

Ben, from Wigan, Gtr Manchester, has now been reunited with her.

Felix said: "I'm grateful for all the help and support we've received. Everyone has been truly incredible. "We are so relieved."



# 'TRUMP DOESN'T

# SPEAR WE



Picture: GETTY IMAGES

## Harris a huge hit



WRITE ON: Mag. Above, Harris

★ SWATHES of A-listers have come out in force to throw their support behind US vice president Kamala Harris.

Democrats raised \$81million (£63m) in the hours since President Joe Biden's withdrawal.

★ Former House speaker Nancy Pelosi endorsed Ms Harris for president with "enthusiastic support".

Actor George Takei wrote on X: "Now let us unite behind Kamala Harris and defeat Donald Trump!"

★ Jamie Lee Curtis said: "She is trusted and tested." The cover of Time Magazine showed Ms Harris replacing Mr Biden.



'MR AND MRS PRESIDENT': Michelle 'will match Barack win'

## Asparamancer says Mrs Obama will be Prez & odds tumble

THE odds on Michelle Obama being the next US president are tumbling after the world's only asparamancer fortune teller predicted she will win.

Jemima Packington, nicknamed Mystic Veg, conjures her prophecies by flinging spears on the floor to see what shapes they make. The "asparamancer" says her crop clearly shows neither Donald Trump nor Kamala Harris will win the race for the White House in November.

She revealed: "It's a lady beginning with M - Michelle Obama. She's going to be the one that gets the presidential nomination. Trump doesn't stand a chance."

The orange manbaby is heading for a huge fall, according to the psychic. She said: "His reading is really, really messy. I see lots of

EXCLUSIVE ■ by KATE NELSON

in-fighting and one spear which is going off on the left hand side. That shows Trump out of the picture."

The mystic, from Bath, used asparamancer to correctly predict Brexit and the late Queen's death.

And last week she said a woman will win the US election - days before bumbling Joe Biden, left, quit the race. The wife of ex president Barack is now just 14-1 - down from 20-1 in a day.

Meanwhile Mystic Veg also confirmed that aliens exist - but predicts that we won't end up at war with Russia.

On the sporting front she sees agony for Team GB at the Olympics and an ongoing blank for the England men's football team - but more glory for the women's team.

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## ALL THE TOP

We are not going to war with Mad Vlad so don't bother stocking up

Aliens exist and they are already here

Picture: SWNS

# STAND A CHANCE'



# GO MICHELLE



GREEN VOTE: Mystic Jemima says her veg clearly shows Obama victory



TRUMPED UP CLAIMS: Republican hopeful. Below, online rants

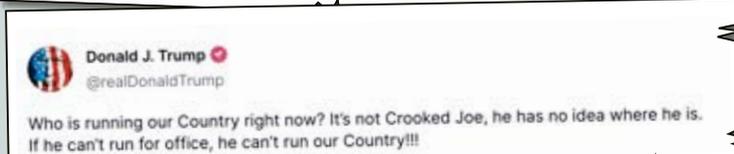
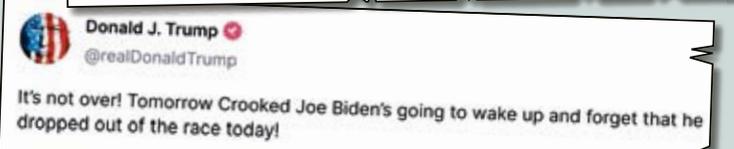
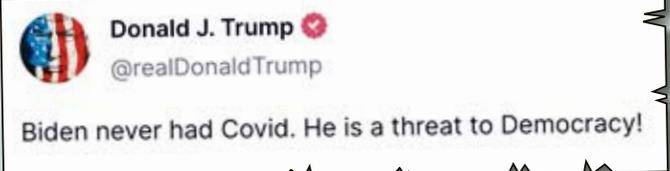
## MANBABY'S MELTDOWN

**ORANGE manbaby Donald Trump ranted that Joe Biden's positive Covid test was a fake.** ■ by KATE NELSON

White House hopeful Trump said Biden "has no idea where he is" and demanded he resign immediately. The ailing President announced he was ending his bid for re-election as he recovers from coronavirus. Trump raged on his Truth Social account: "Biden never had Covid. He is a threat to Democracy!" He urged the US leader to quit, saying: "Who is running our country right now? It's not Crooked Joe, he has no idea where he is. If he can't run for office, he can't run our country!" The Republican nominee added that Biden was "going to wake up and forget that he dropped out of the race". He also issued an ultimatum to his likely opponent Kamala Harris over the next scheduled telly debate. He insisted the September face-off must be broadcast on right-wing Fox News instead of the "very biased ABC". Meanwhile, it emerged Trump previously donated thousands of dollars to Ms Harris's campaigns.

● **SECRET** Service director Kimberly Cheatle said the roof from which a gunman shot Trump earlier this month was identified as a security weak spot days earlier. She called it the agency's "most significant operational failure" in decades.

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## ASPARAGUS TIPS

*Team GB heading for heartbreak at Paris Olympics*

*No cup in sight for Three Lions*

*But the brilliant Lionesses will roar to more glory*

# DAILY STAR Says

## Spears of destiny..

**SCEPTICS** like Wikipedia may claim that asparagus is just a perennial flowering plant species native to Eurasia, widely cultivated as a vegetable crop.

But what's quickly becoming clear to us here at the Daily Star and the wider world is that it is so much more.

And we don't just mean that it makes your wee hum like something has died inside your toilet.

Seen through the right psychic mind, these knobbly spears actually have the magical power to predict the future with an extraordinary degree of accuracy.

The world's only asparamancer, Jemima Packington, has been getting major world events bang on for years now.

Just look at her incredible shout a week before Joe Biden resigned.

*This Mystic Veg predicted that the next president of the United States would still be a woman even though the tussle was at that point between two geriatric fellas.*

The only bad news for Democrat front-runner Kamala Harris is that it ain't her Jemima sees in the Oval Office.

No, she actually reckons Michelle Obama will make a sensational comeback and beat Trump.

It may sound a long-shot. But far stranger things have happened in recent years.

**And who are we to doubt the power of the asparagus!**

## Proud to be pongy

**SOAP is officially on the ropes.**

Sales of the hygiene essential are plummeting as the nation embraces its smellier side.

Shock figures show we're also buying less shampoo and even toothpaste than we were in 2019.

And the boffins and boffinesses have crunched the numbers to discover that makes us 11% whiffier than we were pre-pandemic.

No doubt this will strike horror into the hearts of more odour-conscious folk.

*But at the end of the day, they're our bodies. And if we want to pong, then we're allowed to.*

**It could do wonders for clothes peg sales too!**

## Jez's sting

**CREEPY** Jeremy Clarkson has irritated locals by putting bee hives at the entrance to his farm.

*Sounds like he's trying to stir a hornet's nest as usual!*

# WEIRD FACTS ABOUT THE UNITED STATES

# Gun-believable



★ **SO sleepy** Joe Biden has dropped off the ticket for the White House. Now Vice President Kamala Harris might be picked as the new nominee to go head-to-head with the wounded orange manbaby. If

the roller-coaster of US politics is leaving you baffled, you're probably not alone.

★ But the presidential race is hardly the only thing that's bemusing about the nation to us Brits, as **JAMES MOORE's** freaky facts reveal...



■ **RIFLE RANGE:** You can buy a gun at a US supermarket. Right, Popeye with his green superfood

**SON-OF-A-GUN:** You have to be aged 21 to buy an alcoholic drink in the US, but in many states it's possible to buy an AR-15 rifle - like the one recently used to try to assassinate Donald Trump - at 18. You can even buy firearms at the grocery store.

**GIVE US A BREAK!** Legally Americans aren't entitled to any paid holiday at all. In reality, most companies do offer some, yet the average Yank employee only gets 10 days' paid leave each year.

**BIT BATTY:** Their baseball championship is called the World Series, despite the fact that only teams from the US and Canada take part. Ironically, historians



reckon the sport originated in the UK.

**LAW'S AN ASS:** America has the biggest collection of crazy edicts on its statute books. For example, it's illegal to drive blindfolded in Alabama, send someone a surprise pizza in Louisiana or put donkeys in Arizona's baths.

**GOB-SMACKING:** Americans have some eccentric food habits, favouring loads of sugar in their bread, eating spray cheese from a can and drinking sweet root beer, that isn't beer. Portions are gut-busting and they call their main course an entrée. Everywhere else it's the first course.

**SUPERSIZE ME:** It's not just the food that's big. US men weigh, on

average, 15lbs more than Brit blokes. Their cars are 20% bigger too. Starbucks rolled out a 30oz (887ml) drink size called the Trenta, bigger than the human stomach capacity.

**NUTTY ATTRACTIONS:** Everywhere has to "big" itself up too. For instance, Ashburn, Georgia, boasts the "world's biggest peanut", while Alma, Arkansas, is the "world's spinach capital" with a statue of Popeye. Cottonwood, Idaho, has the globe's biggest hotel in the shape of a dog.

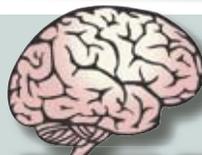
**TOTALLY CAR-AZY:** The car-obsessed nation has a "drive-thru" for everything from banks and pharmacies to wedding venues, liquor stores, funeral parlours, nativity shows, prayer booths and sex shops.

**LOONY LINGO:** They will insist on calling jam jelly, trousers pants and talk about "rain checks" for "an-

other time". Don't even mention those fanny packs. Oddly, they pronounce the state Kansas as "Kansas", but Arkansas as "aa-kuhn-saw".

**WACKY INVENTIONS:** Americans use alien gadgets like kitchen garbage disposal units for waste food. Perhaps we shouldn't be surprised by a nation that once toyed with putting atomic cars on the roads and, thanks to one of Thomas Edison's lesser-known inventions, concrete furniture.

**STRANGE TRADITIONS:** As well as constantly tipping with cash that's all confusingly the same colour, they insist on writing the date backwards, month before day. To us, it also seems bird-brained that they have a turkey-eating celebration called Thanksgiving, just weeks before doing it all over again at Christmas.



# THE BRAINBOX

## BRAINS OF BRITAIN

We asked you to name a Formula 1 racing team:

- 1 McLaren
- 2 Red Bull
- 3 Williams
- 4 Ferrari
- 5 Mercedes
- 6 Brawn

7= Tyrrell, Benetton, Brabham, Bugatti, Stewart, Walter Wolf Racing, Hesketh, BMW, Marlboro

Join the BoB panel. Email StarLetters@dailystar.co.uk to get the next batch of questions

- 1 Which US sitcom would you associate with the word Bazinga?
- 2 Who is the excitable footballer featured in the picture?
- 3 Which singer won six awards at this year's BRITs,

- including album and song of the year?
- 4 How long did it not take Rome to be built according to the proverb?
- 5 Which colour is closest to the bottom on the flag of the Netherlands?

## ASK US ANOTHER

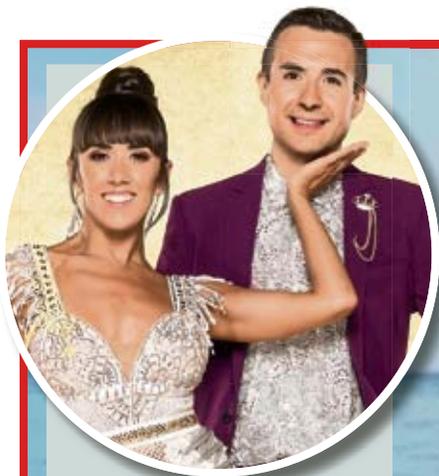
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ANSWERS:

(1) The Big Bang Theory; (2) Jordan Pickford; (3) Raye; (4) A day; (5) Blue.



SAFE HANDS: Who is he?



INJURY: Janette and Will

## Call out to 'rest' dance contest

SCANDAL-struck Strictly could be dropped after yet another complaint about the show emerged.

Paralympian table tennis player Will Bayley, 36, claimed he re-did a jump after pro dancer Janette Manrara, 40, allegedly branded it "rubbish" - and that it sparked a "lifelong injury" in 2019.

A BBC spokesperson for It Takes Two said the professional had "never received any complaints" about her training methods.

And a representative for Janette added: "Her celebrity partner's safety and enjoyment was always a priority."

BBC bosses are said to have thought tougher welfare measures for celeb dancers, including giving them a chaperone during rehearsals, would stop the series imploding.

But there are fears the Beeb will struggle to attract fresh famous faces to compete.

Insiders also say its hosts Claudia Winkleman, 52, and Tess Daly, 55, will be under pressure to defend the show.

A TV source said: "The culture of silence has broken... the wholesome, family brand is tarnished."

Another telly insider added: "The bravest option to save the brand would be to rest Strictly this year."

"It would protect Claudia and Tess from having to defend the show, and remind viewers what they're missing."

Dancer Graziano Di Prima, 30, has been dropped by the BBC, while Giovanni Pernice, 33, has also left the show.



DANCER: Pernice



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## Strictly stress free for Zara

★ REALITY telly beauty Zara McDermott laps up fun in the sun away from the Strictly scandal. The 27-year-old's getaway with pals comes after Italian dancer Graziano Di Prima was fired by the Beeb following

■ by AARON TINNEY claims he hit, spat at and kicked the former Love Island star in rehearsals. ★ Zara's Instagram snaps of her break by the sea in Bulgaria were liked by former Strictly pro Giovanni Pernice.

# Brits whiff 11% worse



SMELL-BY DATE: Brits pong more than in 2019

## OUR PITS AND BITS GO DIRTY

BRITS are shunning soap and are smellier than they were five years ago.

Sales of soap bars have slumped by 15% and liquid soap numbers have also dropped by 13% since 2019.

The amount of shampoo bottles flogged in the same five-year time period - 2018/19 compared to 2023/24 - is down 10%. And toothpaste sales fell by 4% in that time.

All of which makes us 11% smellier than we were in 2019, the study by market research gurus Kantar said.

The poll found more Brits no longer seemed "to care" about personal hygiene.

Psychologist Barbara Santini, from Oxford University, said the Covid pandemic changed our thinking when it comes to scrubbing up.

She said: "The pandemic has profoundly influenced our daily behaviour, particularly in personal hygiene."

"There's the psychological impact of it, the work from home paradigm, change in social norms, plus economic considerations."

She added: "Office environments necessitate a certain level of grooming."

■ by NADEEM BADSHAH

With the home becoming the new workplace, the pressure to maintain these standards has lessened.

"Comfortable clothing, such as pyjamas, has become the norm, leading to a more relaxed attitude towards grooming."

Thomas Bonner, 45, from Edinburgh, said he "couldn't be bothered" showering every day as he worked from home three days a week.

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## Violent threat to jails

DANGEROUS criminals are being transferred to lower-security prisons because of overcrowding.

Prisons are being destabilised by the transfer of offenders from high-security jails elsewhere in the UK, watchdogs warned.

The Independent Monitoring Board said the action "leads to an increase in violence".

# Barton in the dock



## CHARGED ON 'MALICIOUS' ENI TWEETS

■ by NADEEM BADSHAH  
**JOEY Barton was charged by police yesterday over his tweets about football pundit Eni Aluko.**

The ex-Manchester City star, 41, is accused of alleged malicious communications after an investigation by Cheshire Police.

In January, Barton, left, compared the 37-year-old and fellow pundit Lucy Ward, 50, to serial killers Fred and Rose West.

He is due to appear at Warrington Magistrates' Court in Cheshire on July 30.

Responding to the charges, he wrote on X: "I'm up for 'malicious communications' at Warrington Mag for Eni Aluko tweets. Crazy times we're living in. Haven't the police got enough on their hands?"

Barton launched an online attack on the duo after they covered Crystal Palace's FA Cup clash with Everton in January for the BBC.

He wrote on X: "Your coverage of the game EFC last night, took it to a new low. Eni Aluko and Lucy Ward, the Fred and Rose West of football commentary."

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## George at 11, by Mum



- ★ PRINCE George is pictured in a new photograph taken by mother Kate to celebrate his 11th birthday.
- ★ The future King looks smart and grown up in the black-and-white shot captured by the Princess of Wales, right, at Windsor earlier this month.





**OLLIE: Ell of a goal**  
**Watkins match winner**

ENGLAND Euros hero Ollie Watkins and his girlfriend Ellie Alderson announced their engagement yesterday.

The Aston Villa ace, 28, and his now-fiancée have been enjoying a trip away in Lake Como following the Euro 2024 final defeat.

Ellie, also 28, announced the happy news with a series of Instagram snaps.

Ollie is seen down on one knee proposing to Ellie, another picture shows the couple embracing while a third shows off the stunning location for the proposal.

Ollie posted: "Future wifey!! It was only right."

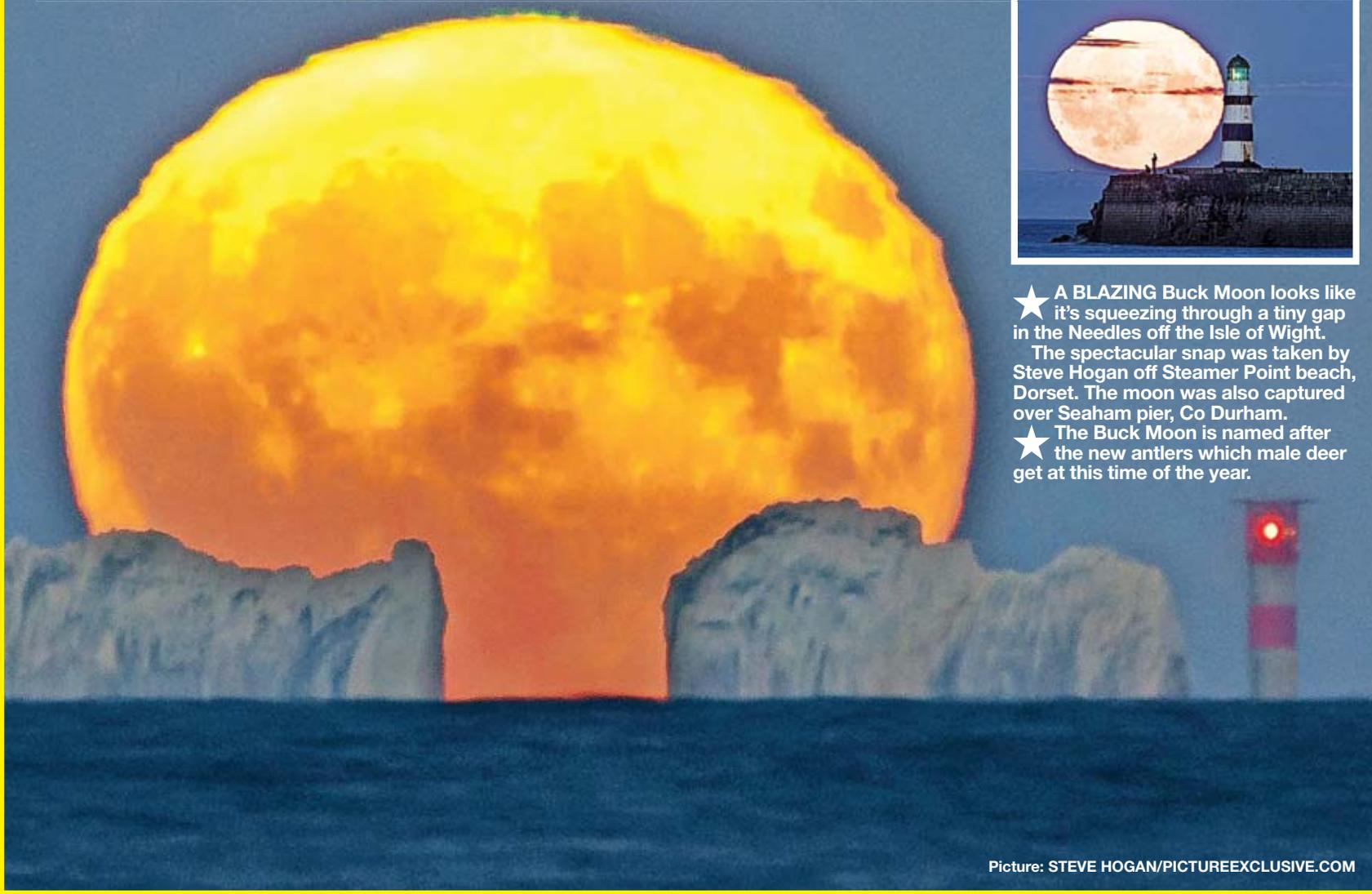
The couple have two kids - daughter Amara, two, and son Marley, one.

**WORD OF**

**HELIOPHOBIA:**  
 The fear of the Sun, sunlight, or any bright light.

**THE DAY**

# Eye of the Needles..



★ A BLAZING Buck Moon looks like it's squeezing through a tiny gap in the Needles off the Isle of Wight.

The spectacular snap was taken by Steve Hogan off Steamer Point beach, Dorset. The moon was also captured over Seaham pier, Co Durham.

★ The Buck Moon is named after the new antlers which male deer get at this time of the year.

Picture: STEVE HOGAN/PICTUREEXCLUSIVE.COM

## Double the fun

HOLIDAYMAKERS plan to enjoy double summer fun this year as one in three will take an overseas and a UK break.

They expect to spend £2,804 across the summer on international trips, research for American Express found.

Nearly two-fifths will spend more on overseas holidays than last year. And 39% of those going abroad plan at least two international trips before the end of September.

## Sunbed vid nasty

SUNBED wars are already raging across Europe.

A video posted on TikTok from the Hotel Village on Spain's Costa del Sol showed guests rushing for loungers.

One user quipped: "Half are overweight Brits who should be doing laps in the pool."

Another online clip featured similar scenes in Tenerife this week. The footage is accompanied by tune Eye Of The Tiger.

# HOL FLIGHTS PRICE FIGHT



SUNSEEKERS: Cheaper holidays are up for grabs

## Summer plunge in airfares

BRITS are set to enjoy cheaper summer holidays after Ryanair revealed airfares will be "materially lower" than last year.

It comes as the budget airline reported plummeting quarterly profits.

Ryanair said prices over spring pushed profits down 46% to £303million for the three months to June.

Chief executive Michael O'Leary said: "While demand is strong, pricing remains softer than we expected, and we now expect fares to be materially lower than last summer."

The average ticket price fell 15% to £35

by NADEEM BADSHAH

year-on-year, while passenger numbers rose 10% to 55.5million.

Experts say holidaymakers are waiting longer than usual to go on their summer jollies due to the cost-of-living crisis.

Earlier this month, Jet2 said there would only be "modest" price increases this summer amid a wave of later bookings to European destinations.

Lufthansa also pointed to "negative market trends", while Air France-KLM warned fewer people than expected booked flights to Paris for the Olympics.

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## Don't be a 'duck shuffler'

WACKY nicknames workers have for colleagues have been revealed.

They include a "duck shuffler", who messes things up when the office has all its "ducks in a row".

A "meanderthal" never gets to the point, while a "negatron" is always gloomy. Know-alls are "testiculators" who wave their hands around while talking nonsense, a poll for office meeting platform Meeting Canary found.

# Luke's big time win



ON THE MONEY: Nuke

by NADEEM BADSHAH

**LUKE Littler returned to winning ways by scooping £1,000 at a social club.**

The teenage sensation, 17, stunned locals by turning up to play in The Cheshire Open at the weekend.

He paid the £20 entry fee to take part at The Coppenhall Club.

And unsurprisingly he bagged the men's

## DARTS CHAMP NETS NICE LITTLER EARNER

singles' prize to pocket the cash in Crewe. Luke the Nuke wrote on Instagram: "Some weekend."

"Winning the warm-up men's event and the Cheshire Open

men's singles, good to see my fellow team-mates from Cheshire."

And arrows fans joked on social media about his involvement.

One wrote: "If Luke Littler

turned up at your local darts tournament, you'd go home." Another wrote: "Love that you've still got time to play grassroots stuff."

The star had a free weekend after losing 10-6 to Dutchman Michael van Gerwen, 35, in the first round of the World Matchplay in Blackpool last week.

Last week, Luke announced he had split up with Eloise Millburn, 21, after 10 months together.

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**BLIND BARBIE A DOLLIGHT**

- ★ THE first blind Barbie doll has been created. The unique toy, which comes with a white cane with a red band, has special features that help children with sight loss play with it.
- ★ It is the latest edition in Mattel's collection of inclusive dolls. Broadcaster Lucy Edwards, who has been blind since she was 17, said the Barbie was "incredible".

Picture: PA



TRAGEDY: The teen

## Parents to return with Jay

JAY Slater's heartbroken parents are preparing to make "the hardest journey of their lives" as they return home with his body.

Debbie Duncan and Warren Slater, from Oswaldtwistle, Lancs, are working with Spanish authorities in Tenerife.

A source said: "Taking Jay's body back will be the hardest journey of their lives."

"But they know it's something they have to do."

"Their focus is to give Jay the most fitting send-off possible and to celebrate and remember his life."

The 19-year-old's body was found in a ravine 29 days after he disappeared on the island.

### FACT OF

**THE world's longest sausage was a whopping 39 miles long and was made in Ploiesti City, Romania, in 2014.**

### THE DAY



DELAY: Westwood

## DJ sex report 'ready'

AN independent inquiry into former Radio 1 DJ Tim Westwood's conduct is complete, but an "ongoing police investigation" has delayed its publication.

Barrister Gemma White KC was appointed in 2022 to look at the veteran hip-hop DJ's work at the BBC in the wake of sexual misconduct allegations against him.

The Corporation said it wanted to be sure publication would not "have a negative impact on any ongoing police investigation."

Westwood "strongly denies all allegations of inappropriate behaviour" and wrongdoing.

# GIRL, 11, LOSES ENTIRE FAMILY IN CAR CRASH

## Her mum, dad and two sisters die as motorbike hits their Ford Focus



ROAD TRAGEDY: Sisters

■ by IZZY HAWKSWORTH  
**THOUSANDS of pounds have poured into a fundraiser for a girl orphaned when her parents and sisters died in a horror crash.**

More than £100,000 has been donated to help support 11-year-old Poppie Roller after her mum Shannen Morgan and dad Shane died in the accident on Sunday.

Her sisters Lillie and Ruby also died in the crash, which happened after the family's Ford Focus collided with a motorbike on the A61 in West Yorkshire.

Poppie had chosen not to go for a Sunday stroll with her family and asked to stay at a pal's house.

Her parents and sisters died in the horror crash minutes into their drive home from the walk.

A GoFundMe page was set up by family friend Paul Hepple, who said the money would go towards school fees, counselling and living expenses.

The dad-of-four from Barnsley added: "Her mum contacted us and asked if we could watch Poppie because she didn't want to go on the walk."

"She's best mates with our daughter. She was having fun."

"And on their way home, that's when the accident happened."

"Despite her unimaginable loss, she shows incredible strength every day."

"With her family gone, she needs support to ensure she has a stable, loving environment where she can heal and grow."

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■ SAD LOSS: Roller family



■ HORROR: Scene

Pictures: SWMS

★ **THINGS** could become very hairy for **Timothée Chalamet** after he was tipped to star in Disney's rumoured Tangled live-action remake.

Hollywood's hottest (and curliest) leading man received the go-ahead from **Zachary Levi**, who voiced dashing Flynn Rider in the animated version of the Rapunzel-inspired tale.

★ "I mean, he's already getting every other job," Levi said. "Unfortunately, I feel I'm a little old - and I don't know all of the younger actors that could be that guy."

Hopefully, **Timmy** doesn't already have too much on his plate - or plait!



★ **MADISON Beer** addressed fan concerns that new single **15 Minutes** has not been popular with streamers. Defending the catchy track - which now has over one million streams - the singer insisted she doesn't pay attention to the stats.

★ **Madison** wrote: "Fearing' that a single debuted with 700k-800k streams is just so jaded to me. Those are numbers I'd be proud of. 'I love and appreciate you guys wanting songs to do insane things... but that isn't why I make music.'"

WIRED

**EMINEM** is facing competition from **Olivia Rodrigo** for No1 this week. Liv's LP **Guts** is getting a chart boost following the physical release of the deluxe version and is now just 200 sales behind the rapper in midweeks.

WIRED

**SHAWN Mendes** hasn't released an album since 2020's **Wonder** - but it looks like he's strumming up with something new. The pop star posted a clip on social media of him jamming with friends. What a tease...

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# Robbie's return to clubbing DJ roots



## LUFTHAUS MUSIC

**ROBBIE Williams** is targeting the dancefloor again with new music ahead of his big **Creamfields** debut.

The pop star returns with dance banger **Where Do We Come From** by his DJ side project **Lufthaus** - a collaboration with Kenyan singer **Sofiya Nzau**.

Rob and producers **Tim Metcalfe** and **Flynn Francis** conceived the dance project during lockdown and after dropping a number of surprise tunes, they released debut album **Visions, Vol 1** last October.

Now they're returning this week with the new anthem aimed at getting clubbers in the mood for their huge **Creamfields** arena gig in Cheshire over the August 22-25 weekend.

Rob will be hoping it goes better than an awkward **Lufthaus** DJ set in **Ibiza** at 528 back in 2022.

He recalled: "I just thought I was gonna be the **Bez** of this project, wander around, vibes, you know."

"What actually happened when I

turned up to the first gig was 2,000 people facing the stage and just looking at me, barely any movement. It was so awkward, so awkward."

The latest **Lufthaus** track features Dutch producer **Don Diablo** and **Sofiya**, who teamed up with Brazilian DJ **Zerb** for the viral tune **Mwaki**.

Previously discussing his motivation to form **Lufthaus**, Robbie said it comes from his love of 90s house music: "It's always been part of my life in one way or another. In 1990 acid house was a big phenomenon and I was part of that culture with my friends. We pretty much left school and partied our asses off."

"I always go back to when I first fell in love with **808 State, A Guy Called Gerald, Lil Louis** - acts like that. But I also loved electro hip-hop from the early 80s too."

Meanwhile, Rob received the seal of approval from **Damon Albarn** for his recent live cover of **Blur's Parklife** with **Danny Dyer**.

He praised the version: "It's good."

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# BREAK ICE FOR RITA

LIFE is more of a freeze than a breeze for **Rita Ora** after taking the plunge to deal with her anxiety issues.

Speaking to Marie Claire Spain, the singer revealed that she has brrr-aved a new ritual and learned to chill out.

Rita said: "I suffer from panic attacks and I have discovered that ice helps me control them.

"Now I know what they are and they can be trained.

"It feels like you're about to die. There are moments when you feel tingling in your hands. You feel hot and you feel pressure in your chest.

"There are many tricks that my therapist teaches me, like ice.

"Cold therapy is actually a game changer."



Pictures: MARIE CLAIRE SPAIN



★ **LILY Allen's** hubby **David Harbour** may want to avert his eyes – the singer paid him a rather backhanded compliment after sharing that she isn't drawn to conventionally attractive people.

Going through her list of turn-ons, she said the *Stranger Things* actor ticked the boxes.

★ "I like a beard and back hair. I need a big bear of a man," spilled Lily, adding that she is also keen on "a slightly gormless-looking man, a bit thick, needs some help and guidance." We're sure Dave will love to hear that!

The star hinted that she might go under the knife, too.

★ She said: "I constantly think about what surgery I can get done to improve the way that I look – face lift, neck lift."

You look great as you are, Lil.



## CIRCA FIRED UP

**TWISTED** fire starters **The Prodigy** turned into **Twisted** festival savers last weekend.

Flights were cancelled due to the IT breakdown last week, causing the band **Circa Waves** to almost miss their slot at Deichbrand Festival in Germany.

Fortunately **The Prodigy** stepped in, letting the band

travel on their private jet at the last minute and saving the day.

The Circa boys said: "Like our guardian electronic angels, **The Prodigy** flew in and picked us up in a private jet. Without them we would've been stuck in Heathrow and missed our show, we can't thank them enough! "Long live **The Prodigy**."



★ **THE** sky was the limit for **Billie Eilish** when she was banned from doing a parachute jump ahead of this year's Oscars.

The superstar's idea to leap from a plane didn't go down well with awards bosses, who had booked her and brother **Finneas** to perform at the bash.

★ **Billie** said: "It was right before the Oscars. It was like, 'Can you hold off till afterwards!'"

But the singer hit new heights this week when she scaled the roof of the **O2** with **Radio 1's Greg James** and said: "I've had the climb of my life!"

★ **TATE** **McRae** was mortified when **Justin Bieber** reminded her that she danced for him as a kid.

Before finding fame, the pop star performed at Justin's concert in Canadian city **Calgary** for the **Purpose** world tour in 2016 – as documented on her **Wiki** page.

★ **Tate** said: "I was 12 and it's this whole **Wikipedia** thing. He did bring it up and I was so embarrassed. I was like, 'Please never bring that up again.'" Sounds like another **Wikileaks** situation!



## Web of hatred

INFLUENCERS like Andrew Tate could lead to extreme misogyny, a police chief has said.

Dep Chf Con Maggie Blyth said the influencing on young boys is "quite terrifying" and the Online Safety Act needs to go further.

She said: "We're talking about really harmful things that I just don't think enough people are taking seriously."

# 3k ATTACKS ON WOMEN EVERY DAY

## 'Epidemic of violence'

VIOLENCE against girls and women is a "national emergency", with nearly 3,000 crimes recorded every day.

More than one million violent crimes against women and girls were recorded by police in 2022/23, says a report for the National Police Chiefs' Council and College of Policing.

The report estimates at least one in every 12 women will be a victim each year - with the exact number thought much

higher due to the many crimes that go unreported.

The College of Policing's deputy chief said the violence was at "epidemic levels" in England and Wales and called for Government action on an "overwhelmed" criminal justice system.

Dep Chf Con Maggie Blyth, inset, said society must "no longer accept violence against women and girls as inevitable".

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# Amanda boat-iful

- ★ AMANDA Holden shows off her incredible figure on a boat while enjoying a holiday in Greece.
- ★ The Britain's Got Talent judge, 53, wore a blue bikini, shirt, sun hat and shades as she perched on the side during her latest sunshine getaway.

# Man in hole lot of pain

A BEACH-walker was injured after falling into a deep hole dug in the sand.

The young man didn't spot the hole left on the family beach - and crocked his back when he dropped inside.

Coastguards rescued him and got him to hospital after the fall in Llandudno, North Wales.

A Llandudno Coastguard spokesperson warned: "If you do dig any holes please don't leave them unattended and fill them in before you leave."



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# Blood clues to disease

PROTEINS in the blood could offer clues about a person's risk of developing more than 60 diseases.

Boffins say just one drop of blood could flag up the chance of serious illnesses.

Prof Claudia Langenberg, from Queen Mary University of London, said scientists are "extremely excited".

She said they can identify "markers for screening and diagnosis from the thousands of proteins circulating and now measurable in human blood".

Pictures: ABDUL GAPUR DAYAK/SOLENT NEWS



# BUG'S LIFE? LEAF IT OUT

★ THESE insects look like they're auditioning for a part in classic animation movie A Bug's Life as they peer through holes in leaves. The tiny damselflies were

snapped by Abdul Gapur Dayak in Indonesia.

★ He said: "I often see them perched on leaves, flowers, wood, or grass as they rest or wait for prey."



# The Sunday roast has had its chips



BAD TASTE: Roast is being replaced by fish and chips

## CLASSIC DISH IS OFF THE MENU

THE traditional Sunday lunch is changing.

by FRANCESCA TUCKEY

Millions are now opting for alternative menu options with steak, fish and chips and even lasagne more popular.

A recent study found 46% are more likely to choose something other than a roast dinner when

eating out on a Sunday. Burgers, pie and mash, plus chicken tikka masala were also among the alternative dishes being chosen.

And 27% feel the roast dinner is "overrated", while 19% think alternative options are better from a health perspective. A spokesman

for Payit by NatWest, which commissioned the research, said: "Even something as fundamental to British life as a Sunday roast might not be around forever - it's a reminder Brits embrace change."

"There are people who are open to exploring new options."

# 'LET US ALL ENJOY FUN AND GAMES'

■ by **JERRY LAWTON** in Paris  
**BOSSSES** should let their workers watch the Olympics, job experts say.

Firms are being urged to be flexible when allowing staff time off to watch the Games.

Susan Clews from conciliation service Acas said: "Paris 2024 will be an exciting event for many sports fans."

"Employers should have a set of simple workplace agreements in place before the starting gun goes off. These agreements can help ensure businesses remain productive while keeping staff happy too."



**GOLDEN DAYS: Olympics**

## Laura's career on track

DAME Laura Kenny said she was warned against cycling at school.

The six-time Olympian, 32, told the Big Issue magazine: "We got sat down. And they said to me, what do you want to do? And I said, I want to be a professional cyclist."

"And someone said, but that's not a proper job."

# COUNTDOWN TO



■ **GOING FOR GOLD:** Seonaid McIntosh. Top, Chantelle Reid at her dad's gym. Above, Max Whitlock with mum Madeleine, and Kye Whyte

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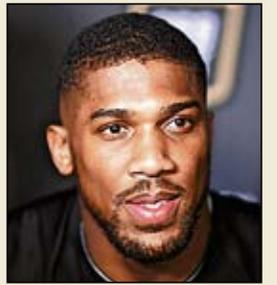


# THE OLYMPICS – THREE DAYS TO GO

**WET AND WILD:** Tom Dean with mum Jacquie. Right, Tom and Emily Ford with their parents Christine and Paul



## Tom pools resources



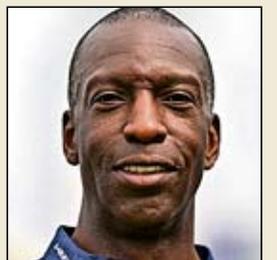
### CHAMP: Anthony Joshua warms to fight

OLYMPIC champion boxer Anthony Joshua took up the sport so he could train indoors in the warm. Joshua, 34, a two-time unified heavyweight world champion, said boxing gave him focus from getting into trouble as a teen.

He said: "The two things I loved about boxing is that I was fighting and everyone was patting me on the back.

"There was massive contrast – one end of it I was getting in trouble and the other end I was getting praised.

"Secondly I was indoors so I could box all year around without worrying about being freezing."



### SHOCK: Johnson Michael stroke of luck

OLYMPIC icon Michael Johnson said his stroke was so "unexpected" he nearly died by thinking he could sleep it off.

The 56-year-old said he felt no major discomfort when it happened in 2018 and instead just a "strange sensation" and thought "this is not right".

Speaking on the High Performance podcast, the four-time Olympic champion said: "That has probably been the most unbelievable unexpected experience of my life.

"When I had my stroke, it was a crazy experience.

"I could have very well just tried to sleep it off and I probably wouldn't be here today."

by JAMES CAVEN

★ TEAM GB star Tom Dean gets ready to make a splash at the Olympics as he stands in a paddling pool with mum Jacquie looking on.

The swimmer, 24, is not the only one looking to strike gold in Paris as gymnast Max Whitlock, 31, boxer Chantelle Reid, 26, climber Toby Roberts, 19, and BMX hopeful Kye Whyte, 24, also appear in the Radio Times Olympic special, above.

★ Sibling rowers Tom, 31, and Emily Ford, 29, athlete Jake Wightman, 30, and Seonaid McIntosh, 28, who is in the shooting team, featured too.

## Festival fan freak death

A MUSIC fan died of head injuries after he was hit by a Ferris wheel at a Black Eyed Peas gig.

Carlos Lopez, 25, died at the three-day Boombastic music festival in Llanera, Spain.

## Rap star is fatally shot

A RAPPER was shot dead in front of fans while opening a beauty store.

Alliauna Green, 27, aka Tan DaGod, was allegedly killed at the shop in Oakland, California, after an "earlier disagreement".



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# PLANT POTTY

★ AN office plant potted 15 years ago has grown into a 300ft beast nicknamed "Audrey II" from The Little Shop Of Horrors.

Bosses Allie Brennan, 52, and husband Des, 58, bought the ivy from B&Q for their bathroom.

But due to the plant's "rapid growth" they were left with "no

■ by LAUREN BEAVIS other option" but to take it to work to give it more space.

★ Now the plant has grown to "well over" 300ft long with new shoots sprouting "every day" at Protective Solutions Ltd in Stonehouse, Glos.

MD Des said: "The ivy goes wherever it wants to."

# Arena bomb fake claimer stands trial



BOOK: Hall



INJURIES: Martin

## 'SECRET FILM OF TERROR VICTIMS'

THE Manchester Arena attack affected a victim's life "in every conceivable way", a court heard at the trial of a man who claims the bombing was faked.

Terror attack survivors Martin and Eve Hibbert are suing self-described journalist Richard Hall for harassment and data protection at the High Court in London.

The father and daughter were at the Ariana Grande concert in May 2017 and suffered life-changing injuries. Mr Hibbert was left with a spinal cord injury and Eve suffered severe brain damage.

Mr Hall has claimed the attack, in which Salman Abedi detonated a home-made rucksack bomb in the crowd of concert-goers, killing 22, was faked by government agencies with "crisis actors" used.

Mr Hibbert and Mr Hall appeared at the High Court yesterday for the first day of the trial, with around 20 members of the public watching the proceedings.

He is being sued over

## Handy chat for chimps

CHIMPS “talk” with their hands just like humans.

Scientists say the primates gesture back and forth quickly as people do during conversations.

They explained that when humans are chatting, they rapidly take turns speaking and sometimes even interrupt each other.

Dr Gal Badihi, of the University of St Andrews, said: “We found that the timing of chimpanzee gesture and human conversational turn-taking is similar and very fast.”

This suggests “similar evolutionary mechanisms” are behind the interactions, she added.

### THE GOLDEN YEAR

Can you guess the year from these five clues?

1. Three Lions striker Harry Kane wins the Golden Boot at football's World Cup.
2. US President Donald Trump meets North Korean leader Kim Jong-un in Singapore.
3. TV presenter Dale Winton, dies aged just 62.
4. Prince Louis, the third child of Prince William and Kate Middleton, is born.
5. Russian agents launch an Novichok nerve agent attack on dissidents in Salisbury.

No Googling! Answer in tomorrow's paper. Yesterday's year: 1970

## Jumbo speak is deep

BULL elephants signal “let's go” with deep rumbles, says a new study.

Boffins claim their the “surprising” discovery is a major step closer to the idea of elephant language.

Male elephants were documented using specific trunk calls to signal the start of group departures from the Mushara waterhole in Etosha National Park, Namibia.

Study lead Dr Caitlin O'Connell-Rodwell, from Stanford University in the US, said: “We were astonished to find that male elephants engage in such sophisticated vocal coordination to trigger action.”

# DOGS CAN SNIFF OUT OUR STRESS



## Shaz lifts the mood

★ SHARON Stone takes the lift and shows off her incredible figure and tanned legs in a thigh-skimming dress.

The Basic Instinct star, 66, teamed the outfit with high strappy sandals at the Taormina Film Festival in Italy.

★ One fan commented on her Instagram post: “Beauty, intelligence, style and bravery all in one!”



DOWN BOY: Pooches get anxious

## Pets smell if we're worried ..and get sad

■ by STEPHEN BEECH  
DOGS can smell if we're stressed – and it makes them miserable too.

Our four-legged friends experience “emotional contagion” from the scent of human stress, say boffins.

The pooches then make more “pessimistic” choices.

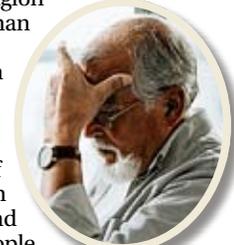
Previous evidence suggests the scent of a stressed person can affect the emotions and choices of other people nearby – we can smell when someone is agitated.

But the Bristol University-led study is the first to test how human stress odours affect the moods of pets.

Dr Nicola Rooney said it was “an important consideration for dogs in kennels and when training companion dogs and dogs for working roles, such as assistance dogs”.

Researchers recruited 18 canines and owners to take part in a series of trials.

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## TREATS A THREAT...

DOG owners are being warned to stop “treating” their animals to popular Puppuccinos – as it could kill them.

The trend for buying dogs the small cups of whipped cream made for them at Starbucks is booming.

But dog nutritionists say they could pose potentially deadly risks to the animals' health.



# Geordie sure to like rosé

BRITAIN'S biggest fans of rosé wine have been revealed.

Some 87% of people in the north east love a glass or two of the pink vino.

They were followed by rosé drinkers in Wales, and Yorkshire & Humber.

Millennials are the biggest fans, with 94% saying they love the tippie.

That compares to 90% of people aged 35-44, 87% of Gen Zers, and 80% of those aged 45-54.

# ETHICS COP A SEX PEST Sacked Sgt wolf-whistled women

by JERRY LAWTON  
Chief Crime Correspondent

A POLICE ethics champion was sacked after wolf-whistling women while on duty.

Sgt James Endean made comments about his sexual prowess and the size of his truncheon, a disciplinary panel heard.

His conduct was "intentional, deliberate and targeted" and continued despite him attending a reflective practice meeting.

The officer had worked for Thames Valley Police for 22 years. He was made an ethics champion in 2022 and last year appointed as an ambassador for women and girls.

But the panel was told by his colleagues he would "rate" women's attractiveness while on patrol and told them some were "asking for it".

His lawyer said some colleagues "may have all colluded to exaggerate" claims or lied.

But the panel found Endean abused his position and his comments created a "hostile, offensive and degrading" environment.

Endean was sacked for gross misconduct.

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# J.LO NO RING A POSER..

★ JENNIFER Lopez poses without her wedding ring amid claims her marriage to Ben Affleck is over. The Jenny From The Block singer was all smiles in the Instagram snap. ★ It comes after J.Lo's 55th birthday bash in New York without Ben, 51.

DAILY STAR TOPS FOR TELLY DAILY STAR TOPS FOR TELLY



# Fun in sun for Maya

■ by KATE NELSON  
 ★ MAYA Jama sizzles in a red-hot bikini as she gets over her heartbreak.  
 The Love Island host, 29, soaked up the sun after revealing she had split from rapper Stormzy, 30.  
 ★ She shared the stunning snap from her recent girls' trip to Ibiza on her Instagram page.

## A whine for Dan

DANNY Dyer splashed out £140,000 on a lavish "all inclusive" holiday only to later find out the wine wasn't free.

The ex-EastEnders actor said he was furious with extra charges on the Maldives trip.

Danny, 46, said: "It was a lot of dough... but it turned out the wine wasn't f\*\*\*\*\*g free."

## 'Flashy' Friends

LISA Kudrow says she drove a cheap car when her Friends co-stars bought fancy motors - as "I didn't like flashy".

The actress, 60, said: "I got an Acura Legend. Because I didn't know how long the show was gonna go. I wanted to be sensible."

Show Time: Centre Pages

# BATTLE TO SAVE BEEB FROM BIG STREAMERS

## 'Team with ITV to beat Netflix'

■ by ANDREW JAMESON  
THE BBC will have to merge with ITV, Channel 4 and Channel 5 to compete with the big streaming services, an-ex TV boss claims.

Former ITV chairman Sir Peter Bazalgette said the public service broadcasters would need to band together to rival the likes of Amazon Prime, Netflix and Disney+.

He said it wasn't possible to go up against these sites as "one small streaming service".

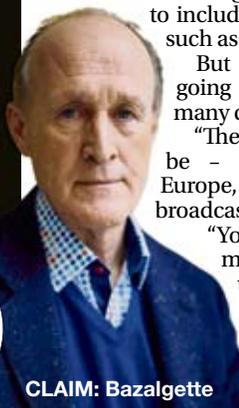
Sir Peter told the Beeb Watch podcast he was optimistic about the future of public service broadcasting - where channels have to include types of programmes such as news and kids' shows.

But he added: "There are going to have to be many, many changes."

"There are going to have to be - across the whole of Europe, in terms of domestic broadcasts - many mergers."

"You need a bigger commissioning pot of money to make programmes people want to go to your service for."

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CLAIM: Bazalgette

# FLORENCE HAIR'S A SNIP AT £3.5K

by DOUGLAS WHITBREAD

A LOCK of Florence Nightingale's hair has sold for over £3,500.

The snipping from the mane of the iconic nurse – famed for treating soldiers in the Crimean War – was snapped up by a private collector.

Removed in 1883 when she was 63, the hair sold for £3,606 at Tennants Auctioneers, North Yorks.

It went alongside items including a leather-bound copy of the order of service for her 1910 funeral.



MEMENTO: The strands

## Bell ringers have a ball

A BOOM in bell-ringing saw a record number of teams in the Ringing World National Youth Contest.

The Yorkshire Tykes won as their striking and accuracy were judged an extremely rare 10 out of 10.

## Park snake police hunt

WALKERS alerted police after spotting a 6ft snake slithering on a footpath.

The runaway pet, a non-venomous boa imperator, was rounded up by reptile experts at Colwick Country Park near Nottingham.



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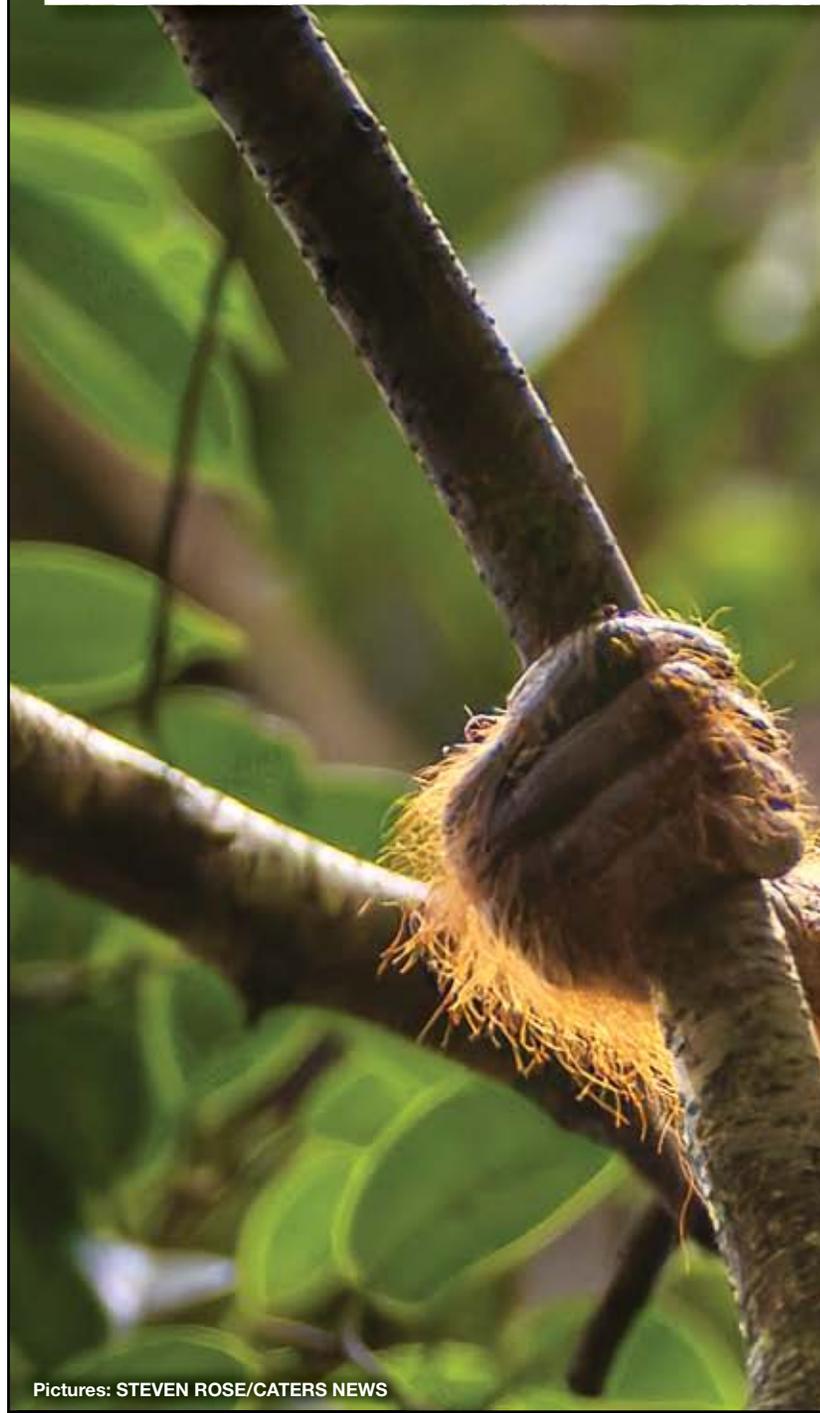
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# Climb of its life..

■ by MIKEY JONES

★ THIS mischievous little orangutan looks down on the rest of the jungle as it hangs around in the trees. The cheeky ape was also spotted nuzzling up to its mother while taking in the sights, inset.

★ Steven Rose, who snapped the images at Gunung Leuser National Park in Indonesia, said: "The orangutans were amazing to follow in the jungle going about their daily lives."



# IT WAS A HIT FANTASY MOVIE IN THE 80S, SO WH

★ THE 1980s classic movie *Time Bandits*, starring Sir Sean Connery, John Cleese and Sir Michael Palin, is coming back as a TV series.

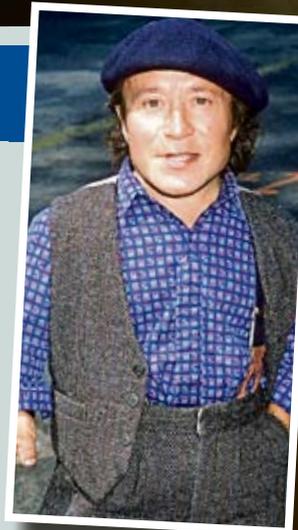
Terry Gilliam's 1981 film told the story of a young boy called Kevin who ends up time-travelling through history with a band of treasure-seeking robber dwarves – and battling super-villain Evil.

★ The new show on Apple TV+ will follow a similar plot but features a new era-trotting gang, starring the likes of *Friends* actress Lisa Kudrow.

But what happened to some of the stars of the original adventure flick? Here **JAMES MOORE** reveals their triumphs and tragedies...



**ON THE ROB:** John Cleese and the band of dwarfs



**DAVID RAPPAPORT (Randall)**

THE 3ft 11in star, son of a London taxi driver, played the leader of the people of short stature. He'd go on to star in TV shows like *The Young Ones* and *LA Law*, but suffered with depression and took his own life in California in 1990, aged 38.



**KENNY BAKER (Fidget)**



**BEST-known** for his role inside the R2-D2 robot, of the *Star Wars* movies, the 3ft 8in Brummie actor also appeared in films like *Willow* and *Flash Gordon*. But the married father-of-two said *Time Bandits* was his favourite film. He suffered from a lung condition and died, aged 81, in 2016.

**JACK PURVIS (Wally)**

THE London-born star's movie credits also included 1988's *The Adventures Of Baron Munchausen*. But his car collapsed on top of him while he was repairing it in 1991, leaving him paralysed from the neck down. He died, aged 60, in 1997.



**SHELLEY DUVALL (Pansy)**

**MOST famous** for her role as Wendy in the 1980 horror movie *The Shining*, the American star quit acting in 2002 after she said people in Hollywood "hurt her". She suffered from mental illness, often living off-grid in Texas. She died with diabetes, aged 75, earlier this month.



**MALCOLM DIXON (Strutt)**

**AS well as** playing the comical character in *Time Bandits*, the 4ft 1in Brit starred as an Oompa-Loompa in the 1971 movie *Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory* and later as an Ewok in *Star Wars* movie *Return Of The Jedi*. He died, aged 86, in 2020.



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# WHAT HAPPENED TO THE TIME-TRAVELLING STARS?

MODERN TIMES: Lisa Kudrow with her co-stars



# When a long Time Bandits coming



**MIKE EDMONDS (Og)**

IN *Time Bandits*, he famously gets turned into a pig. Among the Essex-born actor's other roles were starring as an Ewok in *Star Wars* and operating Jabba the Hutt's tail. He also appeared in two

Harry Potter movies. The 4ft 4in star is now aged 80 and is the last of the dwarf gang still alive.

**TINY ROSS (Vermin)**



ANOTHER of the *Time Bandits* actors, who also appeared in movies like *Flash Gordon*, Tiny was born Walter John Ross Skudder in Cornwall and died in Wales, aged 84, in May 1994.

**CRAIG WARNOCK (Kevin)**



STARRING as the wide-eyed 11-year-old boy hero of the film, Craig, now 54, has had few other acting roles since *Time Bandits*, where he was awed to be acting alongside Sean Connery. He has since played keyboards in bands like *These Animal Men*.



**DAVID WARNER (Evil)**



BRILLIANTLY cast as the camp arch-villain, David had already starred in films

like *The Omen* and would go on to appear in 1997's *Titanic* and *Mary Poppins Returns*. Twice married and divorced, he died of a cancer-related illness in 2022, aged 80.

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'3-CHORD WONDER': Keith

# Time for old Keef to hang up his guitar

Most Rolling Stones "hits" were 3 chord wonders so if Keef didn't know his lead guitar parts he should do a Joe Biden, leave the stage and let a younger man take over!! **Jimi Peters DISS**

Have you noticed how now tv soap scriptwriters write never ending storylines? Guess it gives them time to think things up. **ZIGGY**

People would probably get off Owain Wyn Evans back if he stopped trying to use any means to seek stardom. **Angie D**

BBC top for live sport? At same time as climax of Open golf & test match, what was their live offering? **HURLING!!!!!! Dave, Dud**

what do you call a golfer who attempts to retrieve a ball from an alligators mouth? An ambulance. **tony worksop**

Crossy column about Klopp, you are forgetting too many things mate. Having superstar foreign managers in the past didn't work out too good did it? And Klopp couldn't win the PL this season either. His Liverpool side were on a roller coaster of form so it's no guarantee that he'd win anything for England. And what if we draw the Germans? Will he try his hardest to beat his own kind? I don't think so. **Bedford Boy**

Sam Saunders Walsall - you said you can do Man U job. Well England job out for tender ru going to apply? **Dave**

I was always taught to give %100, next week this will be difficult as I am giving blood for the first time. **The Nige Pompey**

I must remember that when i'm cleaning the toilet and singing along to the radio that the toilet brush is not a microphone. **LEO, LEEDS**

Haven't seen Alicia Witt for ages but noticed she's in new horror film Longlegs. Pic please. **Joe, Stoke**



# Wake-up call for Trump now Sleepy Joe out

Trump says Kamala Harris easier to beat than Biden, then drops out of planned televised debate with (likely) her as nominee. Some leader! Reminds me of a blond British PM. Americans apparently wanted anyone else but Trump/Biden. Now we'll see. **Dido**

Trump's humility didn't last long after brush with a bullet. Back 2 spouting vitriolic talk... **ANGST.**

Trump brings in Hulk Hogan, hulkamania runs wild and now Biden can't run, looks like hulkamania is still the most powerful force in the universe, or it could be that Biden is old, nah hes running scared brother! **RR**

After almost four years of embarrassing gaffes, stumbles, etc Sleepy Joe has finally decided that it's time to go to bed. Biden has been one of the worst USA Presidents, and in recent months his health seems to have deteriorated. There are many people who would say that he wasn't fit for office in the first place. **Dave Pinfold, Stockport**

Reading about the Spanish "activists" against tourists it made me laugh. Among the things they are demonstrating against are no homes for the Spanish, losing their national identity, and the high costs of living. Some "activists" have escalated it to chucking water over people who are visibly foreigners and intimidation. All this made me laugh because if it were here and some right wing party did the same, the cries of "racist, nazi, fascist" etc would be ringing out all over the land. It's a debate worth exploring. **BB**

re banterman, grow up and face logical reality? what like wear a mask in a pub until you sit down, and eat a scotch egg, and an airborne virus only travels two metres, and take a vaccine that's hardly tested to protect everyone else, as if that is how vaccines work? we're living in an age when we're not allowed to talk about it, logical reason, what the hell does that even mean in 2024? There are more flat earthers now than in the middle ages, you've had the age of reason now is the age of narrative driven insanity. And ed i know you won't print this, all about the narrative isn't it? just nod. **john challenger**

People making crop circles again. Well that's the farmers' profits gone. **LAURENCE**

William, the next British king, thinks that homeless can be stopped and everyone wishes that was true but how? Even for those with steady work it can be difficult to find rental properties both because of cost and a limited supply. As to buying a house, that is almost impossible at the moment and probably for the foreseeable future. Many of the other causes of homelessness, drugs, mental health concerns, the need to flee a dangerous situation have been a societal problem for decades, if not centuries, in some form or another and no solutions have really worked. A prominent leader, with the best of intentions, will bring more attention to the issue and then hopefully some progress will be made but it will need everyone involved not just an individual. **Dennis Fitzgerald**

In response to Norman from Norwich. Obviously, you never read my text properly, I referred to dangerous criminals. If you had not resorted to demeaning name calling I would have ignored you. **Gordon, Sunderland**

A poll of 2,000 people finds that many of us Brits secretly admire the French, and like their food and lifestyle. There has always been a lot of banter between the British and our Gallic neighbours, and long may this continue. **DP, Cheshire.**

Just got the sack from my hospital porters job, they said they were sick of me pushing people around. **The Wasp**

## JOKE OF THE DAY

Just spent £300 on a limousine and discovered that the fee doesn't include a driver. Can't believe I've spent all that money and I have nothing to chauffeur it. **Ken, Stockport**

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Millie's joined a band. **TONY**

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# HOT TV

## ALL THE TOP TELLY NEWS

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MR MAN: Mohammed

### Nick's tour de farce..

**TED Lasso** and **Taskmaster** star Nick Mohammed is going on tour.

The comic will bring back his hilarious alter-ego Mr Swallow, a regular in Dictionary Corner on **8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown**.

Nick said: "Once bitten, twice shy! It is with the deepest pride that I subject the nation to another bout of Mr Swallow."

"And this time, I won't even be doing the whole thing on roller skates!"

The UK tour kicks off in April 2025.



TV TALE: McGovern

### Steph's reality check

TELLY host Steph McGovern has penned a crime novel set in the world of daytime TV.

Deadline will be out in 2025 and follows a young broadcaster who is controlled by a villain who kidnapped her family.

Steph said: "Deadline is a book idea I've had since my early days on breakfast TV."

"The high-profile, high-profile environments I've worked in, and the colourful characters I've met, have all fed into my own invented dark story of power, corruption and lies."



Picture: WWD/GETTY

## KIM NOT LIKE THAT AGAIN



**KIM Cattrall** has ruled out an **And Just Like That...** return.

Despite making a cameo appearance in the second series finale of the **Sex And The City** spin-off, Kim says rumours of her permanent return as fan favourite Samantha are false.

Replying to a fan on social media, who shared an article suggesting she would be back on the show, Kim said: "Aw that's so kind but I'm not."

The third season of **And Just Like That...** is currently filming in New York and is set to return to screens in 2025.

# Steve's new tale comes to the boil

## SHOW HOT TAKE

**STEPHEN Graham** and **Ashley Walters** are teaming up for a unique new crime drama.

**Adolescence** tells the story of how a family's world is turned upside down when 13-year-old Jamie Miller is arrested and charged with the murder of a teenage girl who goes to his school.

Stephen (**Boiling Point**) will play Jamie's father, while Ashley (**Top Boy**) will take on the role of Detective Inspector Luke Bascombe.

Newcomer Owen Cooper will make his screen debut as the troubled teen at the centre of the storyline, while Erin Doherty - best known as the young Princess Anne in **The Crown** - will play the clinical psychologist who is assigned to Jamie's case.

The drama will be filmed as a continuous shot, taking viewers on a journey in "real time" as events unfold.

The four-part series will air on Netflix with a release date to be announced later this year.



SHOT ONE: Walters and Graham



YORKSHIRE TEACH: Staff

### Telly school break's over

**EDUCATING Yorkshire** is set to return next year.

Ten years since the nation first met the students and staff of Dewsbury's Thornhill Community Academy, the cameras will once again fill the corridors and classrooms of the school.

The series is set to look at new issues impacting kids.

These range from rising teenage anxiety to the impact of mobile phones and social media.

Turn back a page for today's HOT TV news

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

film ratings

★★★★★ Brilliant  
★★★★ Very Good  
★★★ Good  
★★ Average  
★ Bad

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### BBC One

**6.00am Breakfast** News headlines.  
**9.30 Rip Off Britain** (R)  
**10.15 Expert Witness** (R)  
**10.45 Close Calls: On Camera** (R)  
**11.15 Homes Under the Hammer** Featuring properties in Shropshire and Burnley.  
**12.15pm Bargain Hunt** Christina Trevanion presents the show from Oswestry, Shropshire. (R)  
**1.00 BBC News at One; Weather**  
**2.00 Rick Stein's Cornwall** Rick boards the King Harry ferry. (R)  
**2.30 Animal Park** Ben Fogle and Kate Humble meet a new pancake tortoise. (R)  
**3.00 Escape to the Country** Steve Brown helps a newlywed couple looking to move to Cumbria. (R)  
**3.45 The Repair Shop** Items include a pair of racing boots, a 1960s electric organ and a grandfather clock. (R)  
**4.30 The Finish Line** Quiz. (R)  
**5.15 Pointless** Quiz show, hosted by Alexander Armstrong and Stephen Mangan. (R)  
**6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather**  
**6.30 Regional News; Weather**

### BBC Two

**6.30am Bargain Hunt** A special show about film, TV and theatre collectibles. (R)  
**7.15 Escape to the Country** A retired couple want to move closer to their family. (R)  
**8.00 Sign Zone: The Great British Sewing Bee** (R)  
**9.00 BBC News** Headlines.  
**12.15pm Politics Live** Updates.  
**1.00 Impossible Quiz**, hosted by Rick Edwards. (R)  
**1.45 Make Me a Dealer** Contestants from Essex and Shropshire take part in the antiques challenge. (R)  
**2.30 LIVE The Hundred** Oval Invincibles Women v Birmingham Phoenix Women (start-time 2.45pm). Coverage of the opening match of the season, which comes from The Kia Oval, London. The Invincibles won this title in 2021 and 2022, but failed to progress beyond the group stage last year. Birmingham will be looking to improve this time around after finishing bottom of the table without a win in 2023.

### ITV1

**6.00am Good Morning Britain** A lively mix of news, current affairs and lifestyle features.  
**9.00 Lorraine** Entertainment 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 Cooking with the Stars** Chris Eubank, Jason Watkins, Claire Richards and Indiyah Polack turn their attention to Indian cuisine. Presented by Emma Willis and Tom Allen. (R)  
**3.00 Tenable** A team of five siblings take on a series of top 10 list questions. (R)  
**3.59 Regional Weather**  
**4.00 Tipping Point** Quiz show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R)  
**5.00 The Chase** Contestants from London, Leeds, Kent and Hertfordshire take part. (R)  
**6.00 Regional News; Weather**  
**6.30 ITV Evening News**

### Channel 4

**6.25am Cheers** Double bill. (R)  
**7.15 Everybody Loves Raymond**  
**9.05 Frasier** Four episodes. (R)  
**11.05 Paris 2024 Paralympics: Meet the Athletes** (R)  
**11.10 Undercover Boss USA** (R)  
**12.05pm Channel 4 News**  
**12.10 A New Life in the Sun** (R)  
**1.10 Car S.O.S** Tim and Fuzz restore a Peugeot 106 Rallye.  
**2.10 Countdown** Katharine Merry is in Dictionary Corner.  
**3.00 A Place in the Sun** Sarah and Justin seek a holiday home on Greece's south-west Peloponnese peninsula. (R)  
**4.00 The Great House Giveaway** Chris and Jorrell transform a three-bedroom detached house in Wednesbury.  
**5.00 A New Life in the Sun: Where Are They Now?** A family in Portugal making the most out of their village. (R)  
**6.00 Come Dine with Me** Civil servant Luke is the second to host in Swansea. (R)  
**6.30 The Simpsons** An eccentric loner saves Bart from the school bullies. (R)

### Channel 5

**6.00am Milkshake!** Children's TV.  
**9.15 Jeremy Vine** Discussion.  
**11.30 Storm Huntley** Debate.  
**12.45pm Friends** Double bill. (R)  
**1.40 5 News at Lunchtime**  
**1.45 Home and Away** Felicity's concerned when Cash reveals he's not going to the funeral. (R)  
**2.15 FILM When Mum Becomes a Murderer** (2024, PG) Premiere. After her friend's death, a teen discovers her mum isn't who she says she is. She must solve her friend's murder before she's next. Thriller, starring Matreya Scarrwener. ★★★  
**4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun** Essex boy Colin is determined to live a healthier life on the Costa Blanca. He ropes in his mate Pete, trying to convince him to join him for a walk and a visit to the mud baths. (R)  
**5.00 5 News at 5** Headlines.  
**6.00 Police Interceptors** A driver tears across the pavement and takes off towards Nottingham city centre. (R); 5 News Update



10.40pm, TOWN OF STEEL



6pm, THE HUNDRED: Sam Billings



4pm, TIPPING POINT: Ben Shephard



10pm, FUGITIVE: THE MYSTERY OF THE...: Ruja Ignatova



7pm, OUR GREAT YORKSHIRE LIFE: Julian Norton

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**7.00 The One Show** Topical stories, with Alex Jones.  
**7.30 EastEnders** Elaine becomes concerned for Linda, and Chelsea asks Penny to run a night at Peggy's when she finds out about her previous promotional work.

**6.00 LIVE The Hundred** Oval Invincibles Men v Birmingham Phoenix Men (start time 6.30pm). Coverage of the match which takes place at The Kia Oval, London. The visitors won this meeting last year as they produced an impressive 41-run victory at Edgbaston. Birmingham made 160-8 in their 100 balls, before dismissing their opponents for 119 with a ball to spare to take the points, but it was the Invincibles who went on to win the title by beating Manchester Originals.

**7.30 Emmerdale** Cain and Charity head to Wales in search of Belle and Tom, Laurel approaches Jai with a request, while Tracy is fed up with her lot, and Ella is in her firing line. Drama from the Dales, starring Emma Atkins and Jeff Hordley.

**7.00 Channel 4 News** A round-up of all the latest headlines, interviews and analysis of political developments and current affairs. Plus, sports.  
**7.55 Paris 2024 Paralympics: Meet the Athletes** With Canoeist Hope Gordon.

**7.00 Our Great Yorkshire Life** Julian Norton meets three peak park Ranger Ian Colledge as they head up Wharfedale. Journalist Christa Ackroyd investigates the life and mysterious death of Louis Le Prince; 5 News Update

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**8.00 Sort Your Life Out with Stacey Solomon** The team help another family declutter, laying out their belongings in a warehouse only to find they own 521 odd socks, 75 Barbies and 28 games controllers. (R)

**9.30 Mock the Week** Dara O Briain and Hugh Dennis try to recollect the previous seven days with guests Angela Barnes, Ed Byrne, Sean McLoughlin and Glenn Moore in the comedy panel show. (R)

**8.00 Midsomer Murders** An organic bakery in the newly restored Larkton's Mill causes resentment in Lower Blissingham, with many of the old village businesses struggling, traffic having increased and rumours that owners Tom and Chrissie Larkton are planning to expand. The complaints are not taken too seriously until several people are dosed with a dangerous hallucinogenic, with Barnaby and Winter called in to investigate. Crime drama, starring Neil Dudgeon.

**8.00 Worst House on the Street** Scarlett and Stuart face one of their biggest challenges to date as they help husband and wife Ian and Steph renovate a derelict house on the Isle of Sheppey that has been empty for nearly two decades.

**8.00 The Yorkshire Vet: At Home with the Greens** Jean gets to see her farm from above when Peter Wright takes her on the helicopter ride of a lifetime. Plus, Steve and Jean are busy chopping firewood with the help of Jean's younger brother.

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**9.00 Death in Paradise** The celebratory launch of a new luxury resort is cut short when a woman is found electrocuted in her bathtub. It looks like a simple case of suicide, but DI Neville Parker finds evidence of suspicious activity. (R)

**10.00 Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps** Janet's new boss makes her life a misery, while Gaz resolves to split the lovely Kate from Jonny. Comedy, starring Sheridan Smith and Will Mellor. (R)  
**10.30 Newsnight** Headlines.

**10.00 ITV News at Ten** A round-up of all the latest headlines and analysis of political developments; Weather  
**10.30 Regional News; Weather**  
**10.45 Goodwood Festival of Speed Highlights** A celebration of motor racing from its beginnings to the present from Goodwood Estate in West Sussex, focusing on the drivers of yesterday and today.

**9.00 NEW The Body Detectives** Following the work of an organisation dedicated to revisiting forgotten cases, giving a name and a story to each unidentified person and giving the families the solace they seek.

**9.00 London '48: How Britain Saved The Olympics** How the 1948 Olympic Games came into being, as the world struggled to cope in the aftermath of the Second World War, and the Games were held for the first time in 12 years.

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**10.00 BBC News; Weather**  
**10.30 Regional News; Weather**  
**10.40 Town of Steel** Tata Steel's plans to return to profitability at its Port Talbot plant, in which jobs are expected to go under a transition from so-called 'virgin steel' to 'greener steel'.

**11.05 FILM Before I Go to Sleep** (2014, 15) A woman who cannot retain her memories tries to piece together her past, and fears her husband is hiding something from her. Thriller, starring Nicole Kidman and Colin Firth. ★★★

**11.40 Made in Britain** A look at craftsmen making acoustic guitars fit for the stars. (R)  
**12.05am Shop on TV 3.00 The Best of Saint & Greavsie.** A look back at some of the most memorable moments from the series, featuring an interview with newly appointed Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson. (R)  
**3.50 Unwind with ITV 5.05-6.00am** Ainsley's Taste of Malta (R)

**10.00 NEW Fugitive: The Mystery of the Crypto Queen** The case of Bulgarian-born German woman Ruja Ignatova, who is wanted by the FBI for orchestrating a \$4.5billion cryptocurrency scam called OneCoin.

**10.30 The Cannibal Next Door** The shocking story of one of the world's most notorious cannibals, Armin Meiwes, who found a willing victim online who agreed to be dismembered and eaten for sexual pleasure. (R)

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**11.40 Paddy & Molly: Show No Mercy** Double bill. Molly tries to make weight for her fight and avoid penalties, and her mum comes to Vegas for an emotional heart-to-heart. Paddy and friends cheer Molly on from home in Liverpool; Molly wins her fight and comes back to Liverpool to see Paddy, who also receives more concerning news about his shoulder injury which could stop his next fight. (R)  
**12.40** Weather for the Week Ahead  
**12.45-6.00am** BBC News. Headlines.

**12.30am Sign Zone: The Turkish Detective.** Double bill. Ikmen and the team investigate one of Istanbul's richest families; Leyla begins to remember things from before her accident. (R) **2.10** Sign Zone: The Bidding Room. With Nigel Havers. (R) **2.55-6.45am** This Is BBC Two

**11.05 NEW Women on Death Row** Shawna Forde was sentenced to death after the murders of Raul Flores and his daughter Brisenia in 2009. Here in this documentary, she and those close to the case reflect on the crime.

**11.30 Crimes That Shook Britain** The circumstances surrounding the murder of 23-year-old Rachel Nickell in July 1992, when she was attacked and killed in front of her two-year-old son Alex on Wimbledon Common. (R)

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midnight

**12.05am Paris 2024 Paralympics: Meet the Athletes** (R) **12.10 Embarrassing Bodies** (R) **1.05 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** (R) **2.00 Car S.O.S** (R) **2.50** Becoming Elizabeth (R) **3.55** Love It or List It Australia (R) **4.50** Frasier: double bill (R) **5.45-6.25am** Countdown (R)

**12.30am Police Interceptors: Pursuit and Capture** (R) **1.25** PlayOJO Live Casino Show **3.25** Christmas Criminals: Caught on Camera (R) **4.15** Inside the Balmoral: Scotland's Finest Hotel (R) **5.05** House Doctor (R) **5.35** Entertainment News on 5 (R) **5.40** Milkshake! **5.45-6.00am** Paw Patrol

**ITV2** Freeview 6

**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** In with a Shout **2.00** Supermarket Sweep **3.00** Charmed **4.00** Dawson's Creek **5.00** Dress to Impress. Connor looks for a date.  
**6.00** **Celebrity Catchphrase** Gameshow.  
**7.00** **In with a Shout** With the Smiths from London and the Taylors from Suffolk.  
**8.00** **The Masked Singer US** The Group C finalists sing life-affirming songs.  
**9.00** **Love Island** The couples face more testing times in the run-up to the finale.  
**10.05** **Extraordinary** Kash's priorities push Carrie towards charming royalty.  
**10.35** **Family Guy** Double bill of fun.  
**11.35** **American Dad!** The second part of the animation's James Bond spoof.  
**12.05am** **American Dad!** **12.35** Shopping with Keith Lemon **1.35** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.15** Unwind with ITV **3.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

**U&Dave** Freeview 19

**7.10am** Whose Line Is It Anyway? USA  
**8.00** Border Force: America's Gatekeepers **9.00** Top Gear **10.00** Extreme Salvage Squad **12.00noon** Storage Hunters UK: four episodes **2.00** James May: My Sisters' Top Toys **3.00** Top Gear **5.00** Gordon's Great Escape  
**6.00** **Rick Stein's Far Eastern Odyssey**  
**7.00** **Would I Lie to You?** With panellists Victoria Derbyshire, Rhod Gilbert, Rosie Jones and Jamali Maddix.  
**7.40** **Richard Osman's House of Games**  
**9.00** **Battle in the Box** Jimmy Carr hosts as Katherine Ryan joins forces with actor and comedian Tom Rosenthal to take on comics and best friends Fatiha El-Ghorri and Josh Jones in the game show.  
**10.00** **Have I Got a Bit More News for You**  
**11.00** **Taskmaster** With Richard Osman.  
**12.00m't** Mock the Week **12.40** Would I Lie to You? **1.20** Big Zuu's Big Eats **1.55** Whose Line Is It Anyway? USA: four episodes **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: double bill  
**6.00** **The Big Bang Theory** Double bill.  
**7.00** **Hollyoaks** Frankie finds a friend.  
**7.30** **Celebrity Come Dine with Me**  
**8.00** **Below Deck** Alissa struggles to forgive Camille for her shortcomings.  
**9.00** **Gogglebox** Opinions on Heartstopper, Made in Chelsea, and The Circle.  
**10.00** **Naked Attraction** Skyla and Zeus are looking for their perfect partners.  
**11.05** **First Dates** A 19-year-old computer enthusiast goes on his first date.  
**12.05am** The Big Bang Theory **1.05** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **2.05** Modern Family **2.55** Below Deck **3.45** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **4.35** The Neighborhood **5.25-6.00am** Brooklyn Nine-Nine

**Variations & S4C**

**WALES** As BBC1 except: **1.35-1.45pm** BBC Wales Today; Weather **6.30-7.00** BBC Wales Today; Weather **8.00** Weatherman Walking: The Welsh Coast. Derek Brockway walks from Porth Neigwl to Abersoch on the Llyn peninsula. **8.30-9.00** Britain's Busiest Mountain: Our Lives. People that work on Snowdon, or Yr Wyddfa, the most popular mountain in Britain. **10.30-10.40pm** BBC Wales Today; Weather  
**MERIDIAN** As ITV1 except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News Meridian **6.00-6.30** ITV News Meridian **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News Meridian  
**CENTRAL** As ITV1 except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News Central **6.00-6.30** ITV News Central **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News Central. Headlines.  
**ITV WALES** As ITV1 except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News Cymru Wales **6.00-6.30** ITV News Wales at Six **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News Cymru Wales  
**WEST** As ITV1 except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News West Country **6.00-6.30** ITV News West Country **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News West Country  
**ANGLIA** As ITV1 except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News Anglia **6.00-6.30** ITV News Anglia **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News Anglia. Reports.

**Telly movies**

**JUMANJI: THE NEXT LEVEL** ★★★★★ (2019) Film4, 9pm Director Jake Kasdan delivers an action-packed sequel to his entertaining 2017 rumble in the jungle/reboot of Robin Williams' fantasy adventure. It has been two years since the group of students escaped from their spell inside a Jumanji video game – but when Spencer (Alex Wolff) goes missing, they rally to his aid. The star-studded cast includes Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart, Danny DeVito and Danny Glover.  
**AUSTIN POWERS IN GOLDMEMBER** ★★★ (2002) 5Star, 12.00m't It's been three years since Austin Powers, that swinging international man of mystery, has faced his arch-nemesis, Dr Evil. But, after the criminal mastermind and his accomplice Mini Me escape from a maximum-security prison, Powers is called to action once more. Beyonce joins the cast as Powers' new sidekick.

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



When London was awarded the 2012 Olympics, people mostly jumped for joy. Sure, there was the odd whinger – isn't there

always? – but generally it was considered great news. So how did that compare to the time before? When London was announced as the venue for the Olympic Games of 1948, was everyone equally euphoric? Er, no – as you'll hear tonight in **LONDON '48: HOW BRITAIN**

**SAVED THE OLYMPICS** (9pm, Channel 5).

Just three years after the Second World War had ended, parts of the capital still resembled one big bomb site. More than 30,000 Londoners had lost their lives. Food was still rationed. And the city was broke. Agreeing to host the Games, many argued, was a terrible idea. But at the same time, people were desperate for something to cheer about at last. By this point, there'd been no Olympic Games for 12 years. And the freshest ones in people's memories had been held in Hitler's Berlin. Lots of swastikas and Nazi salutes

and what have-you. Not great. The Olympics urgently needed to move on.

The documentary tells the story of how, against the odds, London managed to pull it off. The budget was tiny, just a million dollars to stage the entire thing (Hitler had blown 30 times that figure), but somehow it became a remarkable success.

Look out in particular for a bloke called Arthur Elvin. Years earlier, this self-made man had bought Wembley Stadium and saved it from demolition. He was about to show similar vision to keep the first post-war Olympics alive.

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**GB News** F'view 236

**6.00am** Breakfast with Eamonn and Isabel **9.30** Britain's Newsroom **12.00noon** Good Afternoon Britain **3.00** Martin Daubney. Debates.  
**6.00** **Dewbs & Co** Plain-speaking, straight-talking – Michelle Dewberry delivers her take on the day's news.  
**7.00** **Farage** Nigel Farage doesn't hold back in his GB News prime-time show. Hear his views and give your own in an hour of discussion.  
**8.00** **Jacob Rees-Mogg's State Of The Nation** Join Jacob for his unmissable take on the day's news.  
**9.00** **Patrick Christys Tonight**  
**11.00** **Headliners** Join the all-star comedy cast for an intelligent look at tomorrow's headlines tonight.  
**12.00m't** Farage Replay **1.00** Jacob Rees-Mogg's State Of The Nation Replay **2.00** Headliners Replay **3.00** Patrick Christys Tonight Replay **5.00-6.00am** Headliners Replay

**More4** Freeview 18

**8.55am** Food Unwrapped **9.30** 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 **5.50** Chateau DIY  
**6.55** **Car S.O.S** Restoring a Jaguar Mk2.  
**7.55** **Grand Designs** Kevin McCloud follows a couple knocking down an old Thames boathouse and building a cutting-edge home in its place.  
**9.00** **24 Hours in A&E** A teenager is rushed to hospital with a lacerated wrist after putting his hand through a pane of glass, while another patient discusses being diagnosed with a chronic condition.  
**10.00** **Rescue: Extreme Medics** How the Scottish Trauma Network brings life-saving treatment to remote areas.  
**11.05** **24 Hours in A&E** A 52-year-old cyclist is rushed in after being hit by a car.  
**12.10am** 999: On the Front Line **1.15** Rescue: Extreme Medics **2.20** 24 Hours in A&E **3.25-3.55am** Food Unwrapped

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# Sport

## SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

**6.00am** Sky Sports News **7.00** Good Morning Sports Fans. The latest headlines and reports.  
**9.00** **LIVE** **Tennis** Coverage of the day's action on the WTA and ATP Tours, as the season continues with clay and hard-court tournaments.  
**2.15pm** **LIVE** **The Hundred Live** Oval Invincibles Women v Birmingham Phoenix Women (Start time 2.45pm). From The Kia Oval, London.  
**6.00** **LIVE** **The Hundred Live** Oval Invincibles Men v Birmingham Phoenix Men (Start time 6.30pm).  
**9.30** Sky Sports News. Analysis. **10.30** Back Pages Tonight **11.00** Sky Sports News  
**12.00m't** **LIVE** **Tennis** The Atlanta Open. Coverage of day two of the ATP 250 event, a hard-court tournament that takes place at Atlantic Station.  
**4.00-6.00am** Sky Sports News. Headlines.

## SKY SPORTS CRICKET

**6.00am** Every Ball Counts **9.00** The Hundred Bitesize **9.15** The Hundred Bitesize **9.30** The Hundred Bitesize **9.45** The Hundred Bitesize **10.00** Every Ball Counts **11.30** Best of England v Windies **11.40** Every Ball Counts **1.45pm** The Hundred Bitesize **2.00** The Hundred Bitesize  
**2.15** **LIVE** **The Hundred** Oval Invincibles Women v Birmingham Phoenix Women (start time 2.45pm). Coverage from The Kia Oval, London.  
**6.00** **LIVE** **The Hundred Live** Oval Invincibles Men v Birmingham Phoenix Men (start time 6.30pm). Coverage of the match from The Kia Oval, London. The visitors won this meeting last year as they produced an impressive 41-run victory at Edgbaston. Birmingham made 160-8 in their 100 balls, before dismissing their opponents for 119 with a ball to spare to take the points.  
**9.30** The Hundred Bitesize **9.45** The Hundred Bitesize **10.00** The Hundred **5.15am** The Hundred Bitesize **5.30** The Hundred Bitesize **5.45-6.00am** The Hundred Bitesize

## SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

**6.00am** Championship Retro **8.00** Best Goals Of The Carabao Cup 2020/21 **8.30** EFL Trophy Football **9.00** EFL Greatest Games **10.00** EFL Cup **11.00** Best Moments From The Championship Play-Off Final (1993-2019) **11.30** Best Moments From The League 1 & 2 Play-Off Final (1993-2019)  
**12.00noon** Bundesliga Highlights Show **1.00** WSL **1.30** Women's Championship Show **2.00** Scottish Premiership Round-Up **2.30** Championship Season Review **3.30** EFL Goals **5.30** EFL Greatest Games **6.00** Old Firm Derby Best Goals **6.30** Bundesliga Highlights Show **7.30** WSL **8.00** WSL **8.30** Scottish Premiership Round-Up **8.45** Scottish Premiership Round-Up **9.00** Championship Season Review **10.00** EFL Goals **11.45** EFL Greatest Games **12.00m't** EFL **3.00** EFL Greatest Games **4.00-6.00am** Championship Retro

## TNT SPORTS 1

**6.00am** ABB FIA Formula E World Championship Highlights **7.00** ABB FIA Formula E World Championship Highlights **8.00** WRC Review **9.00** WSL: Inside Pro Surfing **10.00** AFL **4.00pm** ABB FIA Formula E World Championship Highlights **5.00** ABB FIA Formula E World Championship Highlights  
**6.00** Major League Cricket Highlights **6.30** Premier League Stories **7.00** Fight Night Live. Nathan Heaney v Brad Pauls. Action from the British Middleweight title bout at Resorts World Arena in Birmingham. **9.00** WWE Monday Night Raw. Wrestling action. **11.30** MLB Lead Off  
**12.00m't** **LIVE** **MLB** New York Yankees v New York Mets (start time 12.05am). Coverage of the inter-league match from Yankee Stadium.  
**3.00** MLB Closer. A review. **3.30** MLB Plays of the Week **4.00** Classic Premier League **4.30-6.00am** Premier League Legends

## TNT SPORTS 2

**6.00am** EuroCup Basketball **5.00pm** Crouchy and Cole. Double bill. Peter Crouch and Joe Cole join fans at Alexandra Palace for The Masters; Joe Cole and Peter Crouch compete to see who has the better futsal skills. **5.30** UEFA Champions League **12.30am** Crouchy and Cole **12.45** Major League Cricket Highlights  
**1.15** **LIVE** **Major League Cricket** Texas Super Kings v Seattle Orcas. Coverage of the T20 match from Grand Prairie Stadium, Texas.  
**5.15** West Indies v England - Cricket Classics **5.45-6.00am** Crouchy and Cole

## EUROSPORT 1

**6.00am** August 4th: An Olympic Odyssey **7.30** Olympic Games: Athletes to Watch **8.00** Olympic Games: Ten Magazine **9.00** Teqball World Series **11.00** Ultra Trail: World Tour  
**12.00noon** Climbing World Cup **2.00** Cycling: Tour de France **3.00** Snooker: Shanghai Masters **4.00** Surfing World League **5.00** Olympic Games: Athletes to Watch **6.00** E Sports World Cup. A round-up of the gaming news from Riyadh. **6.30** Ultra Trail: World Tour. Action from the Lavaredo Ultra Trail event in Italy. **7.30** Simulated Racing: World Series. Virtual driving action from the event in Montreal. **8.30** EWC All Access **9.00** Ultra Trail: World Tour **10.00** Cycling: Tour de France **11.00** Surfing World League **12.00m't** Climbing World Cup **2.00** Ultra Trail: World Tour **4.00-6.00am** Snooker: Shanghai Masters

# Entertainment & Factual

## BBC THREE Freeview 23

**7.00pm** Celebrity MasterChef **8.00** Gavin & Stacey **8.30** Ghosts US **8.50** The Catch Up **8.55** Ryan Tricks on the Streets **9.00** Kyle: The Gunman Who Divided America **10.00** **FILM** The Impossible (2012/12) **★★★★** **11.40** This Country **12.40am** Brickies **1.40** My Mate's a Bad Date **2.00** Sky High Club: Scotland and Beyond **2.30** This Country **3.30-4.00am** Brickies

## BBC FOUR Freeview 9

**7.00pm** Coastal Path **7.30** Railway Walks with Julia Bradbury **8.00** Roy Clarke Remembers Keeping Up Appearances **8.15** Keeping Up Appearances **8.45** Butterflies **9.15** Britain's Forgotten Slave Owners **10.15** Attica: America's Bloodiest Prison Uprising - Storyville **12.05am** Art on the BBC: Constable - The Rural Rebel **1.10** Paris **2.10** Railway Walks with Julia Bradbury **2.40-3.35am** Britain's Forgotten Slave Owners

## 5USA Freeview 21

**9.00am** NCIS **9.55** Entertainment News on 5 **10.00** NCIS **12.00noon** Law & Order **2.55** Entertainment News on 5 **3.00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent **4.55** Entertainment News on 5 **5.00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent **6.00** NCIS **9.00** Law & Order **10.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit **1.55am** Law & Order **2.50-3.35am** Criminal Minds

## ITV3 Freeview 10

**6.00am** Classic Emmerdale **7.00** Classic Coronation Street **8.05** Agatha Christie's Poirot **10.25** The Royal **11.35** Heartbeat **1.40pm** Classic Emmerdale **2.40** Classic Coronation Street **3.50** A Touch of Frost **6.00** Heartbeat **8.00** Long Lost Family **10.00** Unforgotten **11.50** The Royal **12.40-2.30am** Upstairs, Downstairs

## ITV4 Freeview 26

**6.00am** Football League Legends **6.10** Minder **7.10** The Professionals **8.10** Dempsey and Makepeace **9.15** The Champions **10.20** Kojak **11.25** BattleBots **12.30pm** Dempsey and Makepeace **1.35** The Champions **2.40** Kojak **3.45** Minder **4.50** The Professionals **5.55** BattleBots **7.00** The Chase Celebrity Special **8.00** World Superbike Highlights **9.00** World Rally Championship Highlights **10.00** All Elite Wrestling: Rampage **11.10** **FILM** High Plains Drifter (1973/18) **★★★★** **1.15** Auto Mundial **1.40** Motorsport Mundial **2.05** The Protectors **2.40-3.00am** Unwind with ITV

## REALLY Freeview 17

**6.00am** Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Cruise TV with LoveitBookit **8.00** Salvage Hunters **11.00** Antiques Road Trip **12.00noon** Money for Nothing **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Antiques Road Trip **5.00** The Edinburgh Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** Dr Pimple Popper **11.00** Help! My House Is Haunted **1.00am** The Dead Files **2.00** Teleshopping **4.00-6.00am** Salvage Hunters

## SKY ARTS Freeview 36

**6.00am** Classic FM Live: A Film Music Spectacular **8.00** The Joy of Painting **9.00** Tales of the Unexpected **10.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.00** Discovering: Matt Damon **12.00noon** Battle of the Bagpipes

## 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 **3.30** Newsbeat **3.32** Going Home with Vick, Katie and Jamie on Radio 1 **5.45** Newsbeat **6.00** Radio 1's New Music Show with Jack Saunders **8.00** Radio 1's Future Artists with Sian Eleri **10.00** Radio 1's Power Down Playlist with Sian Eleri **11.00** Martha. Bass bangers. **1.00am** Radio 1's Drum & Bass Mix-DNB60 **2.00** Radio 1 Anthems **3.00** Radio 1 Relax in Love **4.00** Radio 1 Pop Anthems **5.00-6.57am** Dean McCullough

## BBC RADIO 2

**88-91MHz** **6.30am** The Breakfast Show **9.30** Gary Davies **12.00noon** Jeremy Vine **2.00** Scott Mills **4.00** Sara Cox **6.30** Sara Cox's Half Wower **7.00** Jo Whaley's Shiny Happy Playlist **7.30** Jo Whaley **9.00** The Jazz Show with Jamie Cullum **10.30** Trevor Nelson's Magnificent **7** **10.30** Trevor Nelson's Rhythm Nation **12.00m't** OJ Borg **3.00** Class of '84 **3.30** Class of '84 **4.00-6.30am** Owain Wyn Evans

## BBC RADIO 3

**90.2-92.4MHz** **6.30am** Breakfast **9.30** Essential Classics **1.00pm** Classical Live **4.00** Composer of the Week: Silvestre Revueltas **5.00** In Tune **7.00** BBC Proms 2024 **8.45** New Generation Artists **10.15** BBC Proms 2024 **11.45** Round Midnight **12.30-6.30am** Through the Night



**Live The Hundred Sky Sports Main Event, 2.15pm**  
 In the women's season opener, Alice Capsey (left), and the Oval Invincibles take on a Birmingham Phoenix line-up including Issy Wong, Amy Jones and Ellyse Perry.

**1.00** Tales of the Unexpected **2.00** Freddie Mercury: Auction Special **3.00** Landscape Artist of the Year Canada **4.00** Discovering: Frances McDormand **5.00** The Joy of Painting **6.00** Tales of the Unexpected **7.00** Painting Birds with Jim and Nancy Moir **8.00** Dickens: Phantoms and Fictions **9.00** The Warhol Effect **11.00** Stephen King on Screen **1.00am** Wonderland: Gothic **2.00** The V&A Presents Alice: Curiouser and Curiouser **4.00-5.00am** Cheltenham Literature Festival

## GOLD

**8.05am** Keeping Up Appearances **9.20** Ever Decreasing Circles **10.00** Are You Being Served? **10.40** Porridge **11.20** Last of the Summer Wine **12.40pm** Keeping Up Appearances **1.20** Ever Decreasing Circles **2.00** Porridge **2.35** Dad's Army **3.20** Are You Being Served? **4.00** Last of the Summer Wine **5.20** Porridge **6.00** Keeping Up Appearances **6.35** Dad's Army **8.00** Blackadder II **8.35** Only Fools and Horses **9.15** The Young Ones **10.10** Victoria Wood as Seen on TV **10.50** Blackadder II **11.25** Only Fools and Horses **12.05am** The Young Ones **12.55** Victoria Wood as Seen on TV **1.35** The Cockfields **2.20** The Two Ronnies **3.00** Hi-de-Hi! **3.30-4.00am** The Fosters

## U&YESTERDAY Freeview 27

**6.10am** Underground Worlds **8.00** Abandoned Engineering **10.00** The Buildings That Fought Hitler **11.00** Secret Nazi Bases **12.00noon** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **1.00** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash **4.00** WW2 - Battles for Europe **5.00** Secret Nazi Bases **6.00** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **8.00** Secrets of the London Underground **9.00** Bangers & Cash. Double bill. **11.00** Abandoned Engineering **12.00m't** Great British Railway Journeys **1.00-3.00am** Secrets of the Railways

## ALIBI

**7.15am** Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** The Doctor Blake Mysteries **10.00** Elementary **11.00** Hudson & Rex **12.00noon** Father Brown **1.00** Death in Paradise **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** Elementary **5.00** Father Brown **6.00** Hudson & Rex **7.00** Elementary **8.00** Death in Paradise **9.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **10.00** So Help Me Todd **11.00** Elementary **12.00m't** CSI: Vegas **1.00** Murdoch Mysteries **3.00-4.00am** Clarice

## SKY MAX

**6.00am** NCIS: New Orleans **7.00** SEAL Team **8.00** The Flash **9.00** Stargate SG-1

# Radio

## CHOICE

**Art That Conquered The World: The Hay Wain**  
**Radio 4, 4pm**  
 Only a handful of artworks have entered popular culture, as fridge magnets, greetings cards and biscuit tins - becoming instantly recognisable all over the world. Here, art historian Dr James Fox tells the story of one such painting - John Constable's The Hay Wain.

## BBC RADIO 4

**FM 92.4-94.6MHz** **6.00am** Today **9.00** The Life Scientific **9.30** Inside Health **10.00** Woman's Hour **11.00** Screenshot **11.45** Child **12.00noon** News **12.04** Call You and Yours **12.57** Weather **1.00** The World at One **1.45** Escape from the Maze **2.00** The Archers **2.15** Drama: The Words **3.00** The Gatekeepers **3.30** Beyond Belief **4.00** Art That Conquered the World: The Hay Wain **4.30** You're Dead to Me **5.00** PM **5.57** Weather **6.00** News **6.30** Rhysearch **7.00** The Archers **7.15** Front Row. Arts show. **8.00** The Today Debate **8.45** In Touch **9.00** Crossing Continents **9.30** The Bottom Line **10.00** The World Tonight **10.45** Book at Bedtime: Yellowface **11.00** Jon Holmes Says the C-Word **11.30** Today in Parliament **12.00m't** News **12.30** Child **12.48** Shipping Forecast **1.00** As BBC World Service **5.20** Shipping Forecast **5.30** News **5.43** Prayer for the Day **5.45-6.00am** Farming Today

**11.00** NCIS: New Orleans **12.00noon** The Flash **1.00** MacGyver **3.00** Hawaii Five-O **4.00** S.W.A.T. **5.00** SEAL Team **6.00** Stargate SG-1 **8.00** Agatha Raisin **10.00** The Walking Dead **11.00** The Force: Manchester **12.00m't** An Idiot Abroad **1.00** The Force: Manchester **2.00** Road Wars **3.00** Hawaii Five-O **4.00-5.00am** S.W.A.T

## SKY ATLANTIC

**6.00am** Fish Town **7.55** Six Feet Under **10.05** Gomorrah **12.15pm** Game of Thrones **1.20** The Sopranos **3.30** Six Feet Under **5.40** Gomorrah **7.50** Game of Thrones **9.00** True Detective: Night Country **10.25** House of the Dragon **11.45** Winning Time: The Rise of the Lakers Dynasty **12.50am** We Own This City **1.55** The Leftovers **3.00** Game of Thrones **4.10-6.00am** Fish Town

## SKY WITNESS

**7.00am** Border Patrol **8.00** Stop, Search, Seize **9.00** Highway Cops **10.00** Send in the Dogs **11.00** Blue Bloods **12.00noon** The Rookie **1.00** Chicago Fire **2.00** FBI: Most Wanted **3.00** Send in the Dogs **4.00** Nothing to Declare **8.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Elsbeth **10.00** FBI: Most Wanted **11.00** Chicago Fire **12.00m't** For Life **1.00** Fire Country **3.00** The Force: North East **4.00** Paramedics Australia **5.00-6.00am** Bondi Rescue

## SKY COMEDY

**8.00am** Will & Grace **9.00** The Conners **10.00** In the Long Run **10.30** How to Make It in America **11.40** Ballers **12.50pm** The Comeback **2.10** How to Make It in America **3.25** Ballers **4.00** Young Rock **4.30** In the Long Run **5.00** Will & Grace **6.00** The Office (US) **7.00** The Conners **8.00** Will & Grace **9.00** **FILM** Micky Flanagan: Peeping Behind the Curtain (2020/15) **★★★★** **10.15** The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon **11.15** Curb Your Enthusiasm **1.30am** Yvonne Orji: Momma I Made It! **2.40** Enlightened **3.50-5.00am** The Comeback

## DISCOVERY

**6.00am** How It's Made **7.00** Deadliest Catch **8.00** Blowing Up History **9.00** How the Universe Works **10.00** Iron Resurrection **11.00** Wheeler Dealers **1.00pm** Treehouse Masters **3.00** Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch **4.00** Flying Wild Alaska **5.00** Salvage Hunters **6.00** Iron Resurrection **7.00** Fish or Die **8.00** Wheeler Dealers World Tour **9.00** Gold Rush: Parker's Trail **10.00** Gold Divers **12.00m't** Chasing Glory: Road to Paris 2024 **1.00** Gold Rush: Parker's Trail **2.00** Gold Divers **4.00-5.00am** Moonshiners

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

**8.00am** Food Factory USA **9.00** Air Crash Investigation: Special Report **10.00** Gordon Ramsay: Uncharted **11.00** Nazi Megastructures **12.00noon** Car S.O.S **1.00** Hitler's Killer Warships: Drain the Oceans **2.00** Air Crash Investigation **3.00** Hitler's Last Stand **4.00** Lost Treasures of Egypt **5.00** Car S.O.S **6.00** Seconds from Disaster **7.00** Air Crash Investigation **8.00** Hitler Youth **10.00** Hitler the Junkie **11.00** Air Crash Investigation **12.00m't** Banged Up Abroad **1.00** Trafficked: Underworlds with Mariana Van Zeller **2.00** Lords of War **2.30** Made in a Day **3.20-4.10am** Food Factory

# Movies

## FILM4

**11.00am** Arthur's Hallowed Ground (1986/PG) Comedy drama, starring Jimmy Jewel. **★★**  
**12.35pm** The Man from Colorado (1948/PG) Western, starring Glenn Ford. **★★★★**  
**2.40** Father Goose (1964/U) Comedy drama, with Cary Grant and Leslie Caron. **★★★★**  
**5.00** An Affair to Remember (1957/U) Romantic drama, with Cary Grant. **★★★★**  
**7.20** Table 19 (2017/12) Comedy, starring Anna Kendrick and Craig Robinson. **★★★★**  
**9.00** Jumanji: The Next Level (2019/12) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Dwayne Johnson and Kevin Hart. **★★★★**  
**11.25** Sick of Myself (2023/15) Premiere. Norwegian drama, starring Kristine Kujath Thorp and Eirik Saether. **★★★**  
**1.20-3.20am** Blood Simple (1983/18) Thriller, starring Frances McDormand. **★★★★★**

## SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

**6.00am** Uproar (2024/12) See 2.00pm for details. **★★★**  
**8.00** Deep Sea (2023/PG) See 4.00pm for details. **★★★**  
**10.00** Anyone But You (2023/15) See 10.00pm for details. **★★★★**  
**12.00noon** Mean Girls (2024/12) See 8.00pm for details. **★★★**  
**2.00pm** Uproar (2024/12) Drama, starring Minnie Driver and Rhys Darby. **★★★**  
**4.00** Deep Sea (2023/PG) Animated adventure, featuring the voices of Brian Flaccus and Angela Malhotra. **★★★**  
**6.00** A Sacrifice (2024/15) Drama, starring Eric Bana and Sylvia Hoeks. **★★★**  
**8.00** Mean Girls (2024/12) adaptation of the cult classic, starring Angourie Rice. **★★★**  
**10.00** Anyone But You (2023/15) Romantic comedy, starring Sydney Sweeney. **★★★★**  
**11.45** The Nun II (2023/15) Horror sequel, with Taissa Farmiga and Jonas Bloquet. **★★★**  
**1.40am** Drift (2023/15) Drama, starring Cynthia Erivo and Alia Shawkat. **★★★**  
**3.20** Manodrome (2023/15) Thriller, starring Jesse Eisenberg and Adrien Brody. **★★★**  
**5.00-6.50am** Aporia (2023/15) Sci-fi drama, starring Judy Greer and Edi Gathegi. **★★★**

## SKY CINEMA DRAMA

**4.00pm** Spotlight (2015/15) Drama, starring Mark Ruffalo and Michael Keaton. **★★★★**  
**6.15** Allelujah (2022/12) Drama, starring Bally Gill and Jennifer Saunders. **★★★★**  
**8.00** Miss Potter (2006/PG) Biographical period drama, with Renee Zellweger. **★★★**  
**9.40** The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry (2023/12) Drama, with Jim Broadbent. **★★★**  
**11.35** Jarhead (2005/15) Drama, with Jake Gyllenhaal and Jamie Foxx. **★★★**  
**1.45am** Phantom Thread (2017/15) Drama, with Daniel Day-Lewis. **★★★★★**  
**4.00-6.15am** Spotlight (2015/15) See 4.00pm for details. **★★★★**

## SKY CINEMA FAMILY

**4.00pm** Big Fat Liar (2002/PG) Comedy, with Frankie Muniz and Amanda Bynes. **★★**  
**5.30** Addams Family Values (1993/PG) Comedy sequel, starring Raul Julia. **★★★★**  
**7.10** The Karate Kid (1984/12) Martial arts drama, starring Ralph Macchio. **★★★★**  
**9.20** Despicable Me 3 (2017/U) Animated sequel, with the voice of Steve Carell. **★★★★★**  
**11.00** Blithe Spirit (2020/12) Comedy, starring Isla Fisher and Dan Stevens. **★★★★**  
**12.45am** Blueback (2022/PG) Drama, starring Mia Wasikowska and Eric Bana. **★★★**  
**2.35** Daphne & Velma (2018/U) Crime comedy, with Sarah Jeffery and Sarah Gilman. **★★★**  
**3.55** Hot Dog Derby (2013/U) Family comedy, starring Jason London and Alicia Witt. **★★**  
**5.20-6.45am** Problem Child (1990/PG) Comedy, starring John Ritter. **★★★**

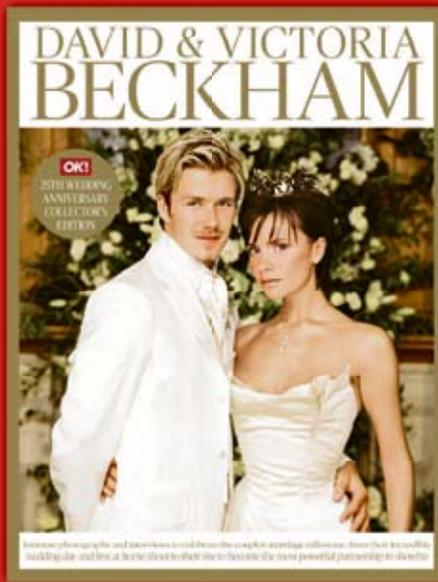
## TALKING PICTURES TV

**4.15pm** Lady in the Fog (1952/PG) Murder mystery, starring Cesar Romero. <

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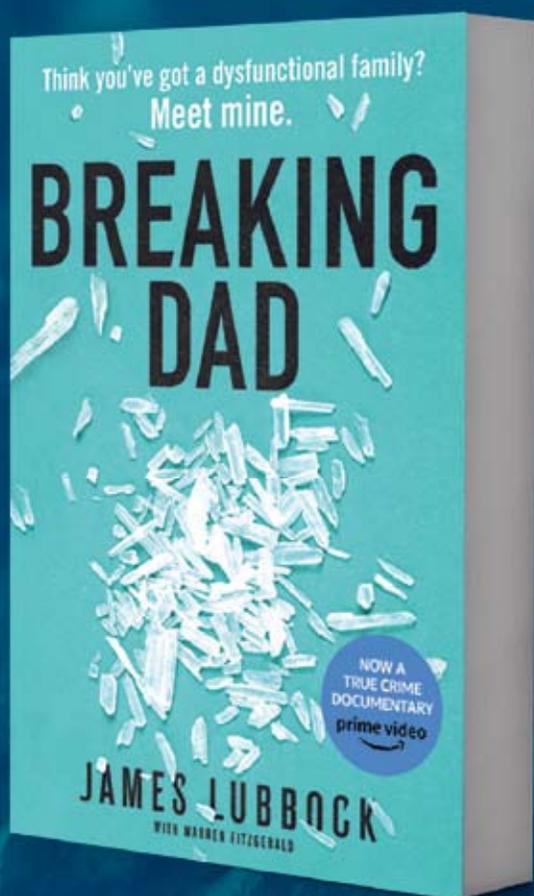


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# JUST JANE



**JANE O'GORMAN SOLVES YOUR PROBLEMS TODAY ... AND EVERY DAY**

## Workpal gunning for me

A FEMALE colleague is unrelentingly rude to me - she never misses an opportunity to make me look bad.

I can only assume she does it to wind me up, humiliate and demoralise me.

But, I've never done anything to her.

She has a lot of influence and power.

People take their lead from her and, as a consequence, I've become a joke figure.

This is affecting my confidence. We have a three-day think tank in September. I already feel sick just thinking about it because I know she'll belittle me. What is her problem?

**JANE SAYS:** *Make a note of everything, then have a word with your immediate boss or your HR department.*

*You can also check out [acas.org.uk](http://acas.org.uk)*

*Places of work are often swarming with political animals and sharks. If this woman has a problem with you, let her spit it out.*

*I suspect she's insecure and terrified that your energy and ideas are in danger of ousting her as Queen Bee.*

*Never allow anyone to crush you or put you down.*

*Do your homework, believe in yourself and smash that September think tank. Show everyone what you're made of.*

# I want a baby but she likes to party

## ENJOYS A LIFE OF LUXURY

MY partner is a dedicated party girl.

She loves dressing up, going out and being adored. She cares more about looking good than solid values like family and children.

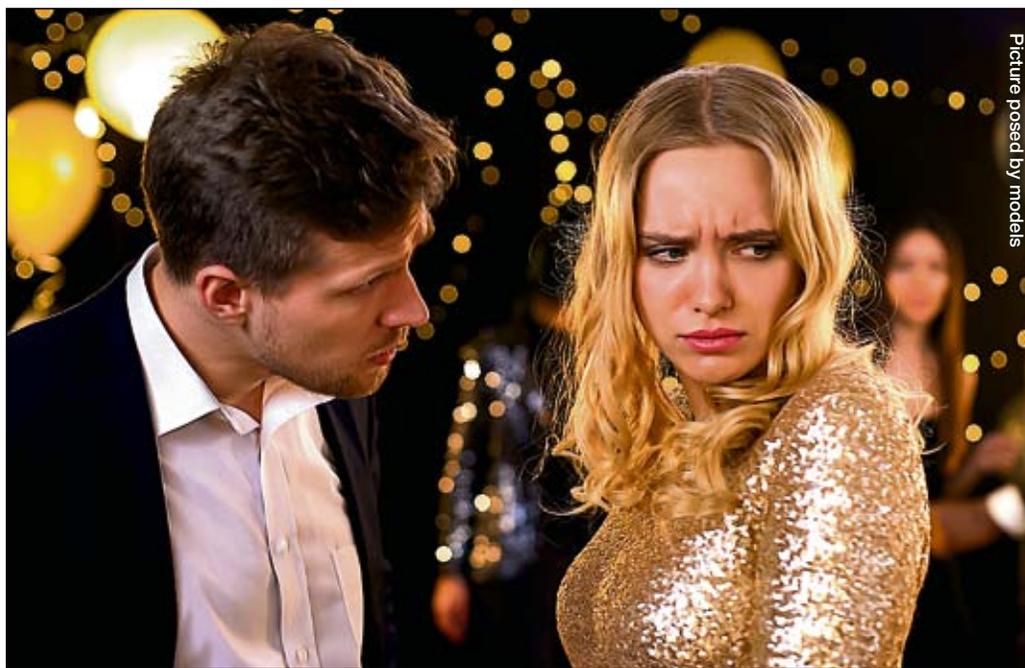
I want us to have a baby. But she's worried that pregnancy will ruin her figure and curb her drinking. I struggle to respect her priorities. I explained that the clock was ticking for me, in 2021, when we first got together. I'm a lot older than she is.

My ex-wife was unable to have children and I was clear about wanting to become a father straightaway. But now we're an item she constantly tells me to "be patient", but I don't want to be an old dad.

Our problem is that she's enjoying my money too much. Because I'm older I'm more established. My business turns a decent profit and I have cash to spend, but I want to spend it on the right things and don't consider designer clothes, expensive booze and luxury holidays to be important anymore.

Sadly, this is where she and I differ. I can tell that she's becoming addicted to the flashier things in life while I'm desperate to settle down.

Our sex life is mainly great but the minute, she says, I get the "re-



Picture posed by models

**TIME RUNNING OUT:** He's desperate to be a dad but she's having fun splashing his cash

productive look" in my eyes she pulls away...

For me, sex ultimately equals pro-creation. Sadly, she doesn't think like that. With her, sex is about fun and excitement. I like to enjoy myself too, but sometimes I find her attitudes immature and shallow. Is she ever going to change and become a more rounded woman - and possible mother?

**JANE SAYS:** *What you have to face up to now is that your partner is not the girl for you. If you want children and a woman who is willing to put her friends, travel plans and*

*social life on hold, then you need to find someone new.*

*She has been frank with you, now you need to start being honest with yourself by moving on. Otherwise, you'll lose all respect for each other, and things may become bitter or nasty. Your girl certainly knows her own mind. She has got her life just as she wants it. That doesn't make her selfish - just true.*

*It would be terrible if she got pregnant with a child she didn't want. What kind of life would that child have? Having a baby and becoming a parent is a massive, life-*

*long commitment. As for your cash, if you begrudge her enjoying your money, then stop splashing it around. You can't blame her for indulging herself if you are generous. Not every woman is the same and if your partner isn't interested in getting pregnant and calming down, then good luck to her. I'm certainly not going to condemn her for telling the truth and being herself.*

*Obviously, fatherhood is something you feel you're ready for so start planning the next stage of your adventure on your own terms.*

## Tired of Mr and Mrs diva

I'M sick of hearing about my friend's fights.

She and her boyfriend are a pair of attention-seeking divas.

He's as vain and ego-driven as she is. They break up and make up all the time.

He winds her up by sleeping with younger women. She gets her revenge with rich, older men.

I'm tired of being their audience - they're exhausting and boring. She rings me up with the latest goss and I just don't care anymore. What can I say?

**JANE SAYS:** *I get the feeling you're being dragged down and used by this self-absorbed pair.*

*Every time something kicks off; your friend is straight onto you to moan/brag. Does she ever listen, or act upon, the advice you give her? I have to wonder how interested she is in your relationships and problems.*

*Can't you see that she's stealing your time and energy? She's an energy vampire and he's a waste of head space.*

*Don't allow her to rob you of another second. Stop responding and claim your life back. Will she even notice - or care - if you're no longer around?*



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## Can't fly from the love birds

MY girlfriend and I can't split up because of our budgies. Our two birds are everything to us - our surrogate children. She works from home, so feeds and cares for them.

But they're what calm me down and keep me sane after stressful business trips. We no longer love each other but can't agree on what's best for our feathered friends.

**JANE SAYS:** *Why can't your girlfriend keep these two birds while you move out and get two more of your own?*

*Be the bigger person; make plans to move on and reclaim your freedom. It sounds to me as if you're using the birds as an excuse. Why stay somewhere you're no longer happy?*

# PHOTO CASEBOOK

## I JUST DON'T CARE ANY MORE

DAY 2

1 Up in the bedroom



Quick, I can't wait

Me neither

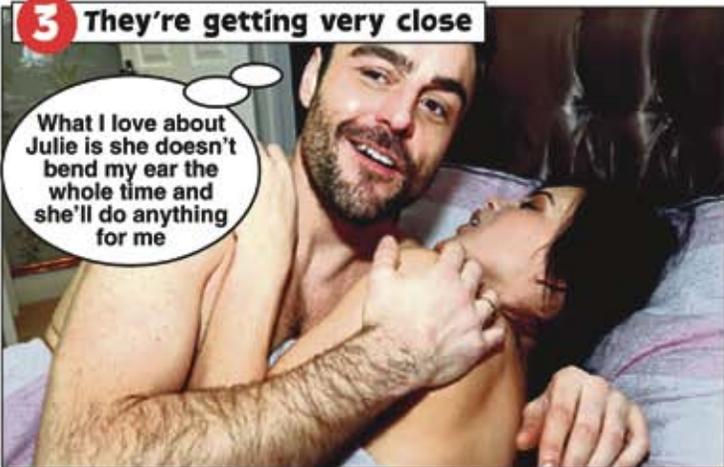
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Wow, you are so fantastic

You too, Gary

3 They're getting very close



What I love about Julie is she doesn't bend my ear the whole time and she'll do anything for me

4 Much later



OMIGOD! Look at the time, there's no point going to work now

Oh Gary, I'm so sorry. Will you be in trouble?

CONTINUES TOMORROW

# RUSSELL GRANT

DON'T MISS RUSSELL EVERY DAY IN THE **DAILY STAR**



### ARIES

March 21 to April 20

**YOU** have an easy-going charm that allows you to get on with people from all walks of life. Yet today you will feel more comfortable being with others who share similar interests, views and beliefs. Getting involved in a charity event can be fulfilling.

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### GEMINI

May 22 to June 21

**YOU'RE** in need of a break. It is time to arrange a short trip and a change of scenery. Once you feel refreshed your family and partner will notice a positive change, and you will soon get back to your normal, fun-loving old self.

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### LEO

July 24 to August 23

**SOMEONE** you are introduced to via a friend of a friend will fascinate you. They know a lot about subjects you're interested in and you want to learn more. If you get the chance to meet up again, you should do so. You will have a lot of fun together.

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### TAURUS

April 21 to May 21

**LETTING** go of old resentments can help you move forward towards a better future but this is easier said than done. If you have been thinking about ending a relationship or long-term commitment, are you clear about your reasons?

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### CANCER

June 22 to July 23

**YOU'RE** having to alter your plans in order to prioritise the needs of your family. Youngsters will respond better to your instructions if you make them sound more like suggestions. Problems with a child-minder may mean you have to work from home.

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### VIRGO

August 24 to September 23

**YOU'RE** tired of watching an adventurous friend fail in the dreams they are pursuing. You'd rather leave them to it while you take a more realistic approach towards your own goals. Grab a chance to get your health back into shape.

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### LIBRA

September 24 to October 23

**YOU'RE** starting to feel stifled by a close relationship. You need a greater measure of freedom. If you find a hobby, a class or a sport that your best friend or partner isn't interested in, this could be the answer you've been looking for.

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### SAGITTARIUS

November 23 to December 21

**AN** unexpected letter, email or text will fill your heart with joy. It will be heartwarming to realise your recent efforts have had a positive impact on someone. Whenever you feel low, all you have to do is read these words again and this will uplift your mood.

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### AQUARIUS

January 21 to February 19

**IT** will feel as if your world has been turned upside down and inside out. This is due to some recent changes. You might be feeling powerless and this makes you uneasy. With all these challenges you need to find a way to take back control.

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### SCORPIO

October 24 to November 22

**YOUR** attention turns to home and family. You won't mind spending time within your own walls. You might enjoy cooking, sprucing up your living space or tidying the garden. Activities like these will bring you comfort and a better work-life balance.

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### CAPRICORN

December 22 to January 20

**YOUR** income and earnings will depend on your productivity, and since you work hard you should be making a reasonable amount of money. It will be disappointing therefore to find your boss wants to reduce your pay or your hours.

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### PISCES

February 20 to March 20

**SOMETHING** is making you anxious about what lies ahead. Don't ignore these feelings. Instead, take a moment to think about what is causing this uncertainty. Arguments in the home or workplace can affect your health and wellbeing.

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**A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z**

EACH grid number in Alphapuzzle® stands for a letter. Every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter or letters – below the main grid – to start. Solution tomorrow.

**Difficulty:** 10/10 **Target Time:** 30 minutes  
**Clue:** Tube so arranged to be blunt.

**EXTRA LETTER CLUES:**  
**0905 817 2648\***

Hear up to six Extra Letters. Deduct two minutes from today's Target Time for each clue letter heard.

**Full Solution:** 0907 181 2594\*

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## KRISS KROSS

To hear the words that appear in the shaded squares call 0901 322 5360. \*Calls cost 75p plus your telephone company's network access charge.

Fit all the listed words into the grid. One word has been placed to start you off.

- 3 letters**  
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- 4 letters**  
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- 5 letters**  
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DISCO  
MOODS  
OBEYS  
SADLY  
SALES
- 6 letters**  
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AUGUST  
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- 7 letters**  
HARMING
- 8 letters**  
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## SUDOKU

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FILL the grid so that every column, row and 3x3 square includes all the digits from one to nine.

**LEVEL:** Moderate, 22 mins  
**YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION**

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2	1	5	4	7	8	9	3	6
9	6	3	5	1	2	8	7	4

**Extra clues: 0901 322 5606** \*Calls cost 75p plus your telephone company's network access charge.  
**Today's Solution: 0907 181 2616** \*Calls cost 80p per minute plus your telephone company's network access charge.

## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

### ARROWORD

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Answers in tomorrow's **DAILY STAR**

## TWO-WAY TEASER

**CALL 0907 181 2623 FOR TODAY'S SOLUTION**

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**TWO sets of clues but the answers are the same...**

### CRYPTIC CLUES ACROSS

- Naturally, it raises awkward points (6)
- Subsidiary office of the Forestry Commission? (6)
- It scatters the foe right away (4)
- Skill in a craft is put to the test (8)
- Supporting, though not coming forward (7)
- Pull together, perhaps, but fall out (3)
- Others acquire their habits from him (6)
- Impede with a basket (6)
- Bit of fun for students (3)
- Refuse to agree to a climb-down, we hear (7)
- It's taken at our leisure (8)
- Come very close to a qualification (4)
- Walk out on the sands (6)

25 Rush about madly calling (6)

### DOWN

- Go in after fish and chips (9)
- Breaking bread over fish (9)
- The last of the coal in the bag? (5)
- Players take their time watching it (5)
- In addition a number's coming to zero (4)
- Load the vehicle and depart (5)
- Exult with a number in the throng (5)
- Batter's prayer before

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION:

**ACROSS:** 1 Short leg, 5 Acts, 8 Rate, 9 Flamingo, 10 Outward, 12 Daily, 13 Tackle, 15 Turner, 17 Newsy, 18 Pressed, 22 Cromwell, 23 Tuna, 24 East, 25 Displace.  
**DOWN:** 1 Sort out, 2 Octet, 3 Lifer, 4 Goal, 6 Consign, 7 Story, 11 Allay, 12 Douse, 14 Cowboys, 16 Radiate, 17 Nacre, 19 Rolls, 20 Sauna, 21 Head.

- digging in? (5)
- Proper way to twist blue taper (9)
- Secret row broadcast? What sauce! (9)
- It's lower in a mathematical scale (5)
- I do it wrongly, being a fool (5)
- Describing a boom in the travel industry (5)
- Break in, being unafraid of human contact (4)

### QUICK CLUES ACROSS

- Prickly plant (6)
- Offshoot (6)
- Vanquish (4)
- Skilled workmanship (8)
- Reversing (7)
- Tier (3)
- Clothes' maker (6)
- Impede (6)
- Scrap (3)
- Disagree (7)
- Holiday (8)
- Adjoin (4)
- Abandon (6)
- Profession (6)

- Woodworker (9)
- Disintegrating (9)
- Loose (5)
- Conductor's stick (5)
- Too (4)
- Freight (5)
- Throng (5)
- Elegance (5)
- Trustworthy (9)
- Midlands county town (9)
- Humiliate (5)
- Fool (5)
- Of sound (5)
- Domesticated (4)

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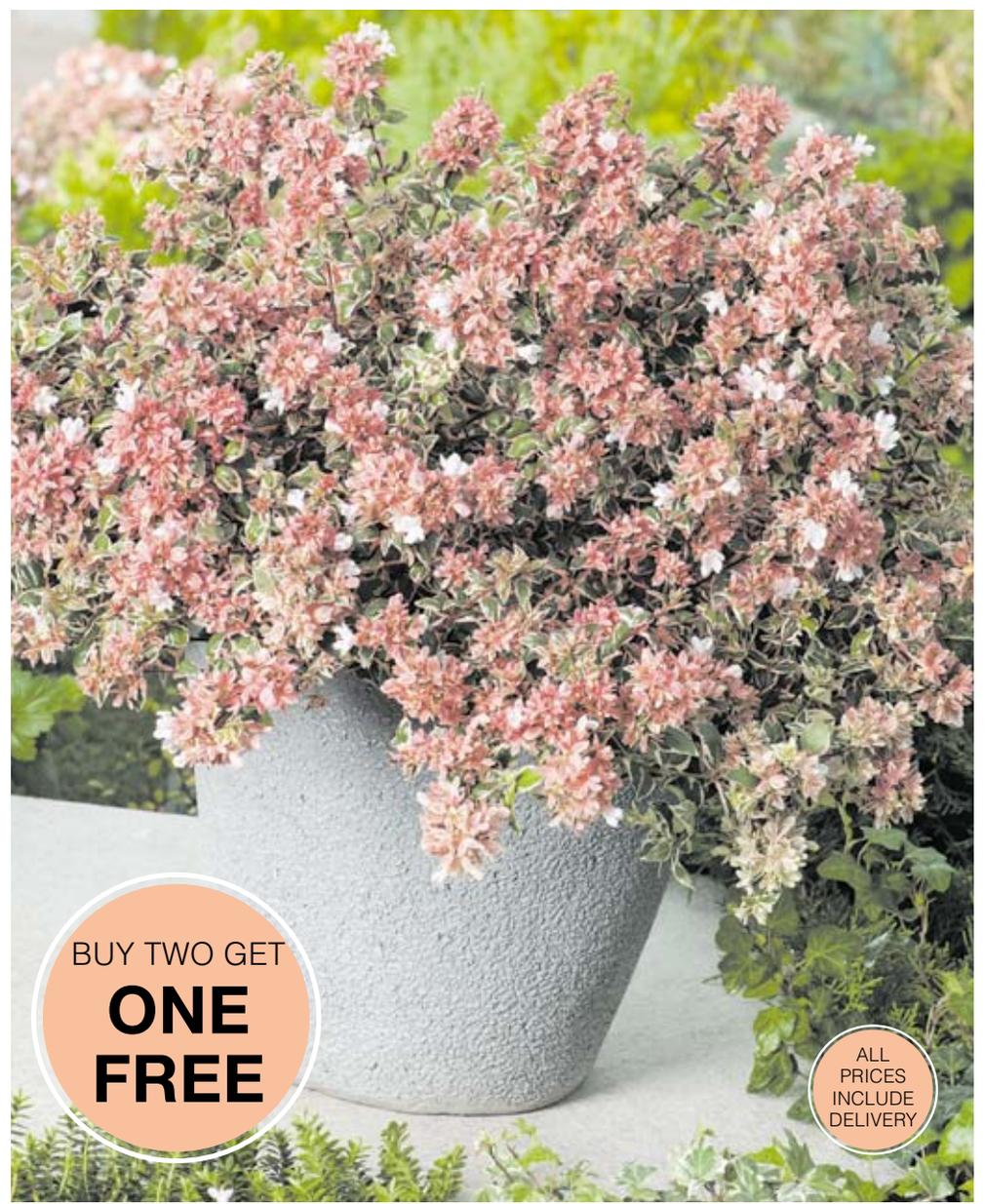
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All-night clubbers

BRITS WILL BE STREET SMART

THE octagon will be in Manchester for the first time since 2016 this Saturday.

While the late start - the early prelims kick-off at 11.15pm with the show set to finish around 6am - may benefit Starbucks more than the fans in attendance, the star-studded card should provide more of a kick than a double espresso.

Here 'The Ultimate Insider' breaks down the three fights across the card not to miss at the Co-op Live - using the Kevin Webster rating system, paying tribute to one of Manchester's greatest cobbled-street brawlers - as

THE ULTIMATE INSIDER

UFC with GARY HITCHCOCK



UFC 304 looks to have more crowd-pleasing hits than Oasis.

Christian Leroy Duncan v Gregory Rodrigues

After some initial teething problems, former Cage Warriors middleweight champion 'CLD' has found his

talented feet in the UFC, enjoying back-to-back stoppage wins.

The Gloucester star was originally set to face Robert Bryczek, but will now take on Brazil's 'Robocop', whose all-action style has helped see the fight promoted to the main card.

KEV'S CALL: ★★★★★ Like a well-timed right-hander in the Rovers, this will keep the crowd on their toes.

Molly McCann v Bruna Brasil

The new 'lean n' mean' McCann will be out to make further waves in the strawweight division, having hit like a tsunami in her debut win at 115lbs in



SORE POINT: Edwards pokes Muhammad in the eye to end their first bout unsatisfactorily

UP NEXT UFC 304, Sunday, 3am. Edwards v Muhammad tops the bill, while Wigan's Tom Aspinall defends his interim heavyweight crown in the co-main in a rematch against Curtis Blaydes.

MONEY MATCH 'The Baddy Show' is back, with Paddy Pimblett (21/20) a good bet to dethrone King Green in Manchester. Odds and full UFC betting available at BetMGM.co.uk.

FINAL SAY "Seven days' notice, up a weight class, but I am ready to go. See you guys in Manchester." West Midlands' Jake Hadley steps up to take on Caolan Loughran at bantamweight at UFC 304.

February, landing a quick armbar on Diana Belbita.

Highs and lows of her UFC run have been documented in her recent BBC reality show and 'Meatball', who looks in the shape of her life shape, will be hoping for some more TV gold against Brasil as she chases the UFC version down the line.

KEV'S CALL: ★★★ A Molly win is something we can all get behind, like me giving Martin Platt a slap.

Leon Edwards v Belal Muhammad

A rematch in name only after their original bout in March 2021 ended

in a no-contest after Muhammad suffered an accidental eye poke, though that incident has led to slow-burning bad blood between the two.

The Chicago native will look to utilize his wrestling-based attack and will test Edwards' welterweight title stock. However, Birmingham's 'Rocky' has long been mixing it with the division's elite and his confidence will be sky high for this show-closing bout.

KEV'S CALL: ★★★★★ This scrap will be tastier than one of Betty's hotpots. Bit of a dream fight, like me taking on Phil Mitchell, and could go either way.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Rating, and other details. Includes names like L-Lingfield, M-Musselburgh, W-Wolverhampton, etc.

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GREYHOUNDS

SHEFFIELD

- 11.01 MINEOLASUPERSTAR (nap) (2).....Silver King (4)
11.18 DROOPYS KNOW HOW (2).....Crystal Impact (6)
11.34 BLUE WEEKEND (3).....Marys Dreaming (6)
11.52 SPORTING PATRIOT (3).....Swift Agenda (4)
12.09 KILGARRAN BELLE (nb) (2).....Idas Spider (1)
12.26 EFFERNOGUE SKY (1).....Paradise Jordan (3)
12.42 MORNING DAWN (5).....Droopys Racer (1)
12.59 NEVER BE BLUE (4).....Marcianos Punch (2)
1.17 LIGHTFOOT SHINE (1).....Darbys Sunset (5)
1.33 SLIPPY SCOTT (5).....Kiki Roo (6)
1.51 GLAISE DOMO (2).....Magna Phoenix (3)
2.07 WILDCAAT MILZA (4).....Thornfield Queen (4)

ROMFORD

- 2.23 HEADFORD RACHEL (6).....Avongate Rhonda (5)
2.41 KNOCKALTON FLY (5).....Granniesslippers (4)
3.01 JEOPARDY PANTHER (1).....Bubbly Cooper (2)
3.19 ESSEX JEWEL (nb) (1).....Ballyloo Charlie (2)
3.38 DROOPYS PAMELA (nap) (3).....Vancouver Port (1)
3.57 CROHANE MAJIC (1).....Deegee Da Blues (3)
4.16 JACKSIES LUCY (5).....Jeopardy Hunter (4)
4.34 GLOSHA BEECH (6).....Puttfor Morette (4)
4.53 HAVERHILL ELLIE (4).....Leaha Patie (2)
5.12 MARINAS VERMONT (1).....Bensourboy (2)
5.31 SHADY BELLE (1).....Cherry Cola (3)
5.49 PINK (3).....Droopys Mettle (1)

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- 2.29 CROSSFIELD TILLY (6).....Uptown Girl (5)
2.48 FLYHIGH ERNIE (2).....Aero Bee (6)
3.07 BANG ON LACIE (nap) (5).....Elderberry Hazel (1)
3.26 SIGNET BATMAN (1).....Bangon Gadget (4)
3.44 DROMBEG CHIEF (4).....Funny Freddie (2)
4.03 CRUYFF TURN (4).....Vixons Lover (3)
4.22 RATTLING BOBBY (4).....Drumdoit Otter (2)
4.41 GLOBAL LAGOON (3).....Emotional Time (2)
4.59 SUPERSTAR ARIA (2).....Bang On Bonnie (4)
5.18 ENUFF SAID (4).....Teacle Sponge (1)
5.37 ZOOS NAOMI (1).....Emerald Sarah (2)
5.56 KILARA HONEY (nb) (2).....Scooby The Duke (3)

PERRY BARR

- 2.36 BAGGIOS STORM (2).....Milktop Polly (4)
2.54 DANNYS GLORY (1).....Roaring Lioness (2)
3.13 RATCHIES SAPHIRE (2).....Noels Spider (4)
3.32 PALLY ALLY (nb) (2).....Bullseye Bob (4)
3.51 ISABELLA RUBY (1).....Malbay Mo Salah (5)
4.09 KILBONANE PRIDE (1).....Ballymac Bar (4)
4.28 TRUMPERS CHACHA (1).....Shortwood Wonder (4)
4.47 COLD KNIGHT (nap) (6).....Knock Voodoo (5)
5.06 WAVE THE FLAG (1).....Porthall Tandon (3)
5.24 DOUG PIRANHA (6).....Snooty Bod (5)
5.43 BARNAGRANE DREAM (4).....Kilowen Beauty (2)
6.02 COLORADO BELLE (5).....Swift Emery (2)

CRAYFORD

- 6.08 NO OVERLAP (4).....Purring (2)
6.26 OLWVNN DASH (1).....Droopys Sunbeam (2)
6.42 COOLEMORE PENNY (2).....Athletic Rooster (5)
6.59 TIAHOE BAMB (4).....Trapstyle Hawk (6)
7.16 GLENCOE (4).....Pennys Silly (6)
7.33 EARLS ROSIE (5).....Choices Shadow (4)
7.49 TEACHERS TEMPEST (nap) (3).....Mikeys Curley (4)
8.07 BUTTS BLOSSOM (2).....Trapstyle Diva (3)
8.24 SOLID HEGGO (1).....Knockna Spud (3)
8.41 PHOENIX VEGAS (5).....Foxglove Bob (3)
8.59 GENEVA CHALKY (3).....Farm Hill Jill (2)
9.16 BECKY KIKI (nb) (4).....Droopys Encore (1)

CENTRAL PARK

- 6.14 JEMMAPOPS (1).....Da Spudbath (3)
6.31 HOLLYOAK BERMSE (1).....Rosstemple Luna (3)
6.48 MOVING PLACES (1).....Tintreach Miley (5)
7.06 LINDAS GRANDKIDS (5).....Clear Mission (1)
7.22 RUN ON KING (2).....Fawkham Lulu (3)
7.39 MOHAWK SPIRIT (nap) (1).....Tuono Bella (2)
7.56 ROSS DIVA (5).....Diegos Zoe (4)
8.13 SANDLING BUNNY (1).....Hollyoak Harriet (3)
8.31 PAWPAW SEAN (nb) (2).....King Marvin (5)
8.47 DROOPYS COMMUTE (1).....Outdoor Cracker (2)
9.04 CINDERELLA GIRL (3).....Swift Yasmin (1)
9.23 BRAIN WASHED (1).....Lostrigg Mack (3)

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- 2.36: Awkward Silence (3) 7-4, Courts Ad Trump (2) 13-8 fav, NR: Eire Darcis (res), bf: £5.10, tri: (3-2-5) £0.00. 2.54: Ballymac Nemo (4) 11-8 fav, Mo Mo Bosh (2) 4-1, bf: £5.40, tri: (4-2-3) £0.00. 3.13: Feora Emily (6) 11-8 fav, Waikiki Maggie (4) 4-1, bf: £9.95, tri: (6-4-1) £40.99. 3.32: Race Void. 3.51: Young Mindy (3) 10-11 fav, Kereight Pat (5) 7-1, bf: £9.50, tri: (3-5-4) £0.00. 4.09: Afiane Bailey (3) 10-11 fav, Havana Skatera (4) 9-4, bf: £3.75, tri: (3-4-1) £0.00. 4.28: Kanel Demon (4) 11-8 fav, Who Hoo (1) 8-1, NR: Hollyoak Peace (res), bf: £14.94, tri: (4-1-5) £0.00. 4.47: Blue Christmas (5) 5-6 fav, Hollyoak Winnie (3) 7-1, bf: £8.87, tri: (5-3-1) £0.00. 5.06: Run Amie (2) 5-1, Canal River (3) 15-8 fav, NR: Olwyn Jess (res), bf: £17.14, tri: (2-3-4) £0.00. 5.24: Ferryforth Sarah (2) 11-8 fav, Stoppers Virus (1) 5-2, NR: Hollyoak Jeff (res), , Hollyoak Mable (res), bf: £5.69, tri: (2-1-4) £0.00. 5.43: Ross Sky (5) 11-10 fav, Franco George (3) 8-1, bf: £13.07, tri: (5-3-2) £37.39. 6.02: Crafty El Paso (6) 6-4, Hollyoak Cindy (3) 5-1, bf: £11.69, tri: (6-3-5) £36.31.

MONMOUTH

- 2.23: Trubbsy Stripes (3) 4-1, Kelseys Princess (2) 15-8 fav, bf: £15.29, tri: (3-2-5) £29.44. 2.41: Skyfall Jester (2) 5-1, Velvet Mini (6) 5-6 fav, bf: £15.55, tri: (2-6-4) £28.62. 3.01: Bloos Boy Kerry (3) 7-4 fav, Who Am I (4) 3-1, bf: £8.13, tri: (3-4-1) £0.00. 3.19: Drumdoit Stella (2) 6-1, Remarkable Hank (6) 7-2, bf: £41.67, tri: (2-6-5) £85.48. 3.38: Drumdoit Jewel (2) 2-1, Mandolin Wind (1) 11-1, bf: £24.02, tri: (2-1-5) £91.43. 3.57: Seven Kisses (2) Evens fav, Logical Lady (3) 4-1, bf: £6.66, tri: (2-3-6) £14.40. 4.16: Red Jellybean (4) 7-2, Gatchells Sky (6) 2-1, bf: £15.19, tri: (4-6-2) £77.44. 4.34: Oakfield Magic (5) 5-1, Outta The Blue (4) 7-4, NR: Halfway Lulu (res), bf: £21.29, tri: (5-4-1) £0.00. 4.53: Vixons Pipsqueak (5) 2-1, Ballinakil May (6) 5-1, NR: Elio Ella Lola (res), bf: £13.85, tri: (5-6-1) £0.00. 5.12: Outdoor Ranger (3) 4-7 fav, Six Sprinkles (2) 4-1, bf: £4.41, tri: (3-2-1) £10.80. 5.31: Ob La Da (4) 8-1, Crossfield Kevin (6) 5-6 fav, bf: £21.77, tri: (4-6-1) £0.00. 5.49: Head and Heart (1) 10-11 fav, Drumdoit Milo (6) 2-1, bf: £3.45, tri: (1-6-5) £9.06.

ROMFORD

- 11.01: Avax Secret (1) 15-8, Last Dance Lydia (4) 13-8 fav, bf: £5.88, tri: (1-4-6) £0.00. 11.18: Heavenly Sent (6) 10-11 fav, Long Dog (3) 9-4, bf: £3.69, tri: (6-3-5) £0.00. 11.34: Magical Ronaldo (3) 11-4, All About Gold (1) 11-4, bf: £12.11, tri: (3-1-4) £0.00. 11.52: Ravestock Buck (1) 5-1, Roberto (6) 7-1, bf: £49.35, tri: (1-6-2) £0.00. 12.09: Orange Mairead (6) 12-1, Pearlthepug (1) 3-1, bf: £57.51, tri: (6-1-5) £156.80. 12.26: Pantone Alley (2) 11-4, Burgess Sharon (3) 4-1, bf: £16.74, tri: (2-3-5) £0.00.

SUNDERLAND

- 2.29: Tullymurry Socks (3) 5-2 j-fav, Annadown King (5) 5-2 j-fav, bf: £10.07, tri: (3-5-4) £32.84. 2.48: Budegs Girls (6) 9-2, Blackberry Elle (1) 8-11 fav, bf: £13.73, tri: (6-1-2) £77.41. 3.07: Vinegarhill Spy (3) 4-1, Da Other One (5) 5-6 fav, bf: £10.62, tri: (3-5-4) £52.34. 3.26: Guilt Trip Alice (4) 9-4 fav, Marinas Mexico (2) 5-2, bf: £10.41, tri: (4-2-1) £21.58. 3.44: Burrow Minstrel (5) 8-1, Corbally Kingdom (6) 5-4 fav, bf: £28.96, tri: (5-6-4) £114.76. 4.03: Ivy Snow (3) 13-8 fav, Young Gawney (5) 12-1, bf: £24.80, tri: (3-5-6) £55.47. 4.22: Dream and Do (3) 8-13 fav, Lukes Dancer (2) 9-2, bf: £5.20, tri: (3-2-1) £8.68. 4.41: Wendy's Monet (7) 2-2, Big Time Davy (4) 11-4 fav, bf: £16.83, tri: (6-4-2) £46.29. 4.59: Shippy Jessie (4) 2-1, Malbay Belle (5) 7-2, bf: £11.33, tri: (4-5-1) £31.53. 5.18: Hemingway Star (4) 9-4 fav, Marinas Macau (6) 12-2, bf: £19.89, tri: (4-6-2) £49.84. 5.37: Ballintemple Bay (2) 9-4 j-fav, Franklyn's Dream (6) 9-4 j-fav, bf: £10.11, tri: (2-6-3) £36.17. 5.56: Private Rosie (6) 4-1, Moonveen Bullet (3) 9-2, bf: £14.80, tri: (6-3-1) £68.33.

SWINDON

- 11.09: Kanturk No (1) 10-3, In It To Win It (2) 5-2, bf: £13.41, tri: (1-2-4) £23.15. 11.27: Catunda Cher (2) 5-2, Laughil Gordon (4) 2-1 fav, bf: £9.50, tri: (2-4-5) £0.00. 11.43: Daniel Maxi (1) 4-1, Ballycleary Lady (3) 11-4, bf: £19.65, tri: (1-3-6) £43.79. 12.01: Mohican Luigi (3) 3-1, Dapper Ruby (2) 4-1, bf: £18.30, tri: (3-2-1) £45.93. 12.18: Distant Ian (5) 9-4, Detroit Sonny (1) 7-2, bf: £11.82, tri: (5-1-2) £0.00. 12.34: Hackattack (4) 11-4, Sporting Marco (2) 7-2, bf: £16.14, tri: (4-2-5) £74.55. 12.51: Mohican Ben (3) 9-4 fav, Charmed Abbie (4) 10-3, bf: £11.27, tri: (3-4-2) £42.62. 1.08: Express Fury (1) 10-3, Mohican Banana (5) 6-1, bf: £30.61, tri: (1-5-6) £80.90. 1.26: Rock It Rambo (4) 11-4, Ballymac Andre (5) 5-1, bf: £18.90, tri: (4-5-1) £0.00. 1.42: Ashway Daisy (1) 4-5 fav, Mohican Bella (3) 14-1, bf: £15.03, tri: (1-3-4) £57.10. 1.59: Ashway Sammy (6) 7-4 fav, Springwood Kane (5) 2-1, bf: £6.63, tri: (6-5-4) £14.09. 2.14: Itmightbeyou (1) 11-8 fav, Keen Interest (4) 7-1, bf: £13.59, tri: (1-4-5) £0.00.

NEWCASTLE SKY SPORTS RACING

- 11.09 (A5) 480m
1 1541 Highview Dusk (r) ro.....29.31
2 2616 Tarryburn Onyx (r) ro.....29.17
3 3512 Blackhouse Star (sa) ro.....29.38
4 4232 ALNWICK MAEBY (nb) (ep) md.....29.39
5 4426 Hury Up Ivy (wd) fw.....29.16
6 5151 My Uncle Bill (wd) ro.....29.41
Star betting: 3 Tarryburn Onyx, Hury Up Ivy, 7-2 Highview Dusk, 9-2 Alnwick Maebly, My Uncle Bill, 5 Blackhouse Star.
11.27 (A6) 480m
1 5525 A Bit Of Betsy (r) ro.....29.30
2 3244 Malbay Nala (r) ro.....29.59
3 3332 WESTFORTH CHA (md) ro.....29.60
4 6616 Coolemore Cavani (md) ep.....29.58
5 4365 Brosna Jet (wd) ep.....29.41
6 4616 Alnwick Girl (md) ro.....29.57
Star betting: 11-4 A Bit Of Betsy, Alnwick Girl, 4 Westforth Cha, 9-2 Coolemore Cavani, 5 Brosna Jet, Malbay Nala.
11.43 (A7) 480m
1 4114 BLOOMING BELLE (NAP) (md) ro.....29.89
2 5536 Remember Lisa (r) ep.....29.60
3 5351 Tomjohnjames (r) ro.....29.91
4 3332 Highview Peek (md) ro.....29.92
5 5363 Emers Vinnie (sa) ro.....29.71
6 1555 Megan On Fire (wd) ep.....29.39
Star betting: 11-4 Highview Peek, 3 Megan On Fire, 7-2 Blooming Belle, 9-2 Emers Vinnie, 5 Tomjohnjames, Remember Lisa.
12.01 (A8) 480m
1 5215 Final Saturn (md) ep.....29.98
2 5233 Ice To See You (r) ro.....29.78
3 5351 Westforth Woody (md) ro.....29.90
4 2214 LISNAFULLA ROSIE (md) ep.....29.86
5 2614 Justice Joste (wd) ro.....29.81
6 2634 Coppice Acie (wd) ro.....29.21
Star betting: 11-4 Westforth Woody, 7-2 Ice To See You, Lisnafulla Rosie, 4 Justice Joste, 9-2 Final Saturn, 11-2 Coppice Acie.
12.18 (A8) 480m
1 6533 Belles On Fire (md) ep.....30.19
2 1465 Onlyfoolrushin (sa) fw.....30.24
3 4652 Chiltern Peach (wd) ep.....30.05
4 6 Westforth Broxi (md) ro.....30.78
5 4626 Megans Freedom (wd) ro.....30.36
6 5424 ALTMORE MIDGET (wd) ep.....30.25
Star betting: 9-4 Chiltern Peach, 11-4 Altmore Midget, 10-3 Belles On Fire, 9-2 Megans Freedom, 6 Onlyfoolrushin, 8 Westforth Broxi.
12.34 (H'cap) 480m
1 2251 WESTFORTH LINDY (11m) (fw) h.....29.47
2 1324 Alnwick Maryn (ep) h.....29.59
3 3546 Crooks Lets Go (8m) (ep) h.....29.59
4 3332 Riffman (7m) (fw) h.....29.85
5 2132 Bramble Floki (8m) (md) h.....29.51
6 1554 Ice Got Rhythm (Scr) (fw) h.....29.34
Star betting: 11-4 Westforth Lindy, Alnwick Maryn, 7-2 Riffman, Bramble Floki, 9-2 Crooks Lets Go, 8 Ice Got Rhythm.
12.51 (A5) 480m
1 3284 Bruno Bruno (r) ep.....29.16
2 2233 Power Station (md) ep.....29.95
3 3425 Crooks Cocco (ep) md.....29.34
4 1226 You Little Anka (md) ro.....29.50
5 5425 Sergeant Pepper (ep) md.....29.44
6 1313 TICKETS BAM (wd) ep.....29.34
Star betting: 11-4 Bruno Bruno, Power Station, 10-3 Crooks Cocco, 4 Tickets Bam, 6 Sergeant Pepper, You Little Anka.
1.08 (H'cap) 480m
1 6434 Good Kardashian (8m) (ep) h.....29.22
2 3451 Lightfoot Richie (7m) (fw) h.....29.27
3 1421 WESTFORTH JAYZEE (6m) (ep) h.....29.14
4 3433 Sporting Setanta (4m) (ep) h.....29.14
5 5412 Bramble Joe Mae (2m) (fw) h.....29.28
6 2155 Blackhouse Conni (Scr) (fw) h.....29.22
Star betting: 3 Westforth Jayzee, Sporting Setanta, 7-2 Lightfoot Richie, 4 Bramble Joe Mae, 9-2 Blackhouse Conni, 11-2 Good Kardashian.
1.26 (A7) 480m
1 2416 Chiltern Amelia (r) ep.....29.61
2 4323 DUNGANNON CANDY (sa) ro.....29.52
3 BUNGANNON FLOCK (r) ro.....00.00
4 3422 Crooks Cindy (md) ep.....29.41
5 6654 Aegis Big Paul (sa) ro.....29.71
6 4525 The Instigator (sa) ro.....29.72
Star betting: 9-2 Dungannon Candy, 5-2 Chiltern Amelia, 7-2 The Instigator, 9-2 Aegis Big Paul, 11-2 Bungle Flock.
1.42 (A6) 480m
1 1446 Ballymena Bullet (md) ro.....29.47
2 5453 Malabar Jack (md) ro.....29.67
3 5234 ALNWICK UNITED (md) ro.....29.15
4 1135 Reef Seven (sa) ro.....29.60
5 3154 Deelish Diva (wd) ep.....29.45
6 2134 John The Joiner (md) ro.....29.70
Star betting: 7-4 Alnwick United, 10-3 John The Joiner, 9-2 Ballymena Bullet, 5 Deelish Diva, 11-2 Malabar Jack, Reef Seven.
1.59 (A8) 480m
1 6263 Eden Pele (r) ro.....29.88
2 16 BLACKHOUSEBROOKE (r) ro.....30.30
3 1334 Westforth Willow (md) ep.....30.07
4 3252 Corinna Star (sa) ro.....29.87
5 2444 Missyulkeazay (ep) md.....29.95
6 4345 Bramble Supermac (wd) ep.....29.70
Star betting: 2 Corinna Star, 10-3 Eden Pele, 4 Blackhousebrooke, Bramble Supermac, 6 Missyulkeazay, Westforth Willow.
2.14 (A7) 480m
1 5465 Private Express (r) fw.....29.89
2 1352 Bramble Sky (md) ep.....29.49
3 4652 A Bit Of Nala (r) ro.....29.54
4 1522 Lightfoot Darlow (wd) ro.....29.55
5 1233 ELIES FLASH (r) ro.....29.61
6 3154 Alnwick Patch (sa) ro.....29.81
Star betting: 7-4 Bramble Sky, 3 Alnwick Patch, 4 A Bit Of Nala, 9-2 Private Express, 6 Elies Flash, Lightfoot Darlow.

# Sun ready to shine for Jim

JIM GOLDIE fired in 78 winners last year and has a good chance of topping that total in 2024. The Scottish trainer already has 40 winners and has his team in good form. He could be in for a decent day at Musselburgh where TROJAN SUN (4.50, Nap) stands out. The four-year-old made rapid strides when upped in trip to two miles on his latest start when a strong finishing second. Goldie also has sound claims with LANG TOON LAD

by JASON HEAVEY (2.15, trb) who showed promise on his latest run, CLASSY AL (3.45) who has a good draw and RORY (5.25). HOORNBLOWER (5.00, nb) was a decisive winner over the course and distance 24 days ago and a 5lb rise in the weights should not stop him scoring again at Lingfield. He looks a better horse than his current rating. REVE DE MAGRITTE (8.10) looks a good bet at Wolverhampton with Oisín Murphy in the saddle.



## WOLVERHAMPTON sky sports racing

JASON HEAVEY	STAR TIP
Take A Pull 5.10	Zariela
Suanni 5.40	Restricted
Dillydingdillydong 6.10	Dillydingdillydong (nb)
Pfingsberg 6.40	Liberated Lad
So Obsessed 7.10	So Obsessed (nap)
My Kind Of Girl 7.40	Diligencia
Reve De Magritte 8.10	Alibi Warning
Poles Apart 8.40	Sovereine

### GOING: STANDARD

**JACKPOT AND PLACEPOT FIRST SIX RACES**  
**TRACKFACTS** Left-handed, very tight Tapeta all-weather track of 1m, with a 330yd run-in. Races over 6f and 7f start on separate chutes. Stalls today 7f Outside; Remainder Inside. **TOP TRAINERS** (with runners) A Carroll 85 winners, (8.9% strike rate), -£198.99, M Appleby 74, (11.5%), +£35.18, G Boughey 53, (15.4%), -£55.23, A Watson 48, (13.1%), -£107.19, J Butler 44, (9.5%), -£15.13, R Fahey 42, (9.8%), -£96.36, M Botti 39, (10.9%), -£50.04, D M Simcock 37, (16.4%), -£41.45, I Furtado 35, (11.5%), -£91.85, H Palmer 35, (17.8%), +£28.04, R Carr 32, (12.8%), +£40.13, S Dixon 30, (6.4%), -£112.50.

### 5.10 FILLIES' RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES Class 5 7f (7 runners) £3,942

1 (7) 1 TAKE A PULL (16)(D,A) Watson 3 9 9..... H Doyle *82	2 (2) 1L PLACEHOLDER (29)(B,F,A) G Boughey 3 9 7..... Billy Loughnane 71
3 (2) FIBONACCI SEQUENCE 6 Scott 3 9 2..... C Shepherd 71	4 (3) ANAMIKIA (T) M Botti 3 9 0..... O Murphy 71
5 (1) 0 GO WILD (13) M Appleby 3 9 0..... Rossa Ryan 75	6 (5) 04 THUNDERSTORM KATIE (31) Brian Toomey 3 9 0..... S De Sousa 62
7 (6) 5623 ZARIELA (20)(P) S Woods 3 9 0..... R Havlin 81	

Star Betting: 6-4 Take A Pull, 3 Zariela, 4 Placeholder, 7 Anamikia, 12 Fibonacci Sequence, 16 Go Wild, 25 Thunderstorm Katie. 2023: No corresponding race.

### 5.40 RACEDAY-READY.COM CLASSIFIED STAKES Class 6 5f (11 runners) £2,983

1 (3) 66-0 BATTLE POINT (29)(D,A) M Atwater 5 9 9..... J Bryan 51	2 (7) 0L-1 BLUE JAY WAY (49) J Riches 4 9 9..... S B Kirrane 36
3 (6) L063 EMBLA (20)(C,D,A,P) A Brown 6 9 9..... Dale Swift 54	4 (9) 0003 GOLDEN GAL (34)(C,D2,A,S) O Pears 5 9 9..... H Russell 57
5 (1) 4L01 NEXT SECOND (15)(C,D,A) R Carr 5 9 9..... JP Sullivan *59	6 (4) L66L PINK STRIPES (6)(T) L Williamson 4 9 9..... Mark Winn (3) 45
7 (11) L3L5 STRYDER (14) M Attwater 4 9 9..... R Havlin 54	8 (1) 636L SUANNI (26)(C,D2,A,G)(B,T) Darryll Holland 5 9 9..... Rossa Ryan 56
9 (9) 2350 WE'RE REUNITED (6)(C,D,A,G)(P) M Blake 7 9 9..... R Hornby 56	10 (10) 4L50 ZING UP (24)(D,A) T Ward 4 9 9..... H Doyle 53
11 (5) 2202 RESTRICTED (15) C Banham 3 9 5..... J Haynes 58	

Star Betting: 11-4 Restricted, 3 Next Second, 6 Golden Gal, 15-2 Emla, 10 Zing Up, 12 We're Reunited, Suanni, Stryder, 14 others. 2023: No corresponding race.

STARFORM: TAKE A PULL DANGER: Placeholder

STARFORM: NEXT SECOND DANGER: Suanni

### 6.10 RACEDAY READY HANDICAP Class 6 1m 4f (12 runners) £2,983

1 (3) 0300 THE PUG (24)(A)(P) S Kirk 4 9 11..... Sharif Mohd (7) 71	2 (1) -505 ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL (21) I Furtado 4 9 11..... Elle-May Croot (7) *74
3 (4) -L03 ORIENTAL ART (41)(D,A) D M Simcock 6 9 10..... C Shepherd 70	4 (8) 0602 THE BAY WARRIOR (13)(A) M Usher 6 9 9..... J Bradman (7) 67
5 (10) 430L ROSE DONNELLY (38)(T) H Palmer 4 9 8..... O Murphy 72	6 (7) 3444 CHAGALL (41)(D,A,G,S) Jack Jones 8 9 8..... J Peate (3) 69
7 (9) 206- TORRELLINO (33)(D2,A,G) K Jewell 8 9 7..... R Havlin 69	8 (6) 3-11 SEXY REXY (41)(C,D,A,P) G Harris 4 9 4..... Billy Loughnane 69
9 (9) L54L MR BOSON (16)(H,T) Mir W Kotton 4 9 2..... Dale Swift 70	10 (12) 0040 BAY OF NAPLES (57)(C,D2,A,S)(P) T M Herrington 8 9 2..... D Hogan 69
11 (11) 1-04 ASSEMBLED (41)(C,D,A,G,S)(T) M Rimell 8 9 1..... R Hornby 70	12 (2) 3612 DILLYDINGDILLYDONG (7)(C,D,A)(P) J Owen 6 9 0..... S De Sousa 71

Star Betting: 5-2 Dillydingdillydong, 4 The Bay Warrior, 7 Oriental Art, Chagall, 10 Assembled, 12 Bay Of Naples, 14 others.

STARFORM: SEXY REXY DANGER: Dillydingdillydong

### 6.40 RACEDAY READY APP HANDICAP Class 6 1m 6f (10 runners) £2,983

1 (1) 1241 LIBERATED LAD (17)(D2,A,G)(P) B Brookhouse 6 9 9..... J Gilligan 69	2 (8) -040 MASTER GREY (27)(C,D2,D3,A,G,S)(P) B Millman 9 9 9..... L Edmunds 67
3 (1) 0313 PEARL FORTY (25) D M Simcock 4 9 5..... C Shepherd 68	4 (8) 4203 VIRTUAL HUG (22)(C,D2,A) N Evans 6 9 5..... Billy Loughnane 68
5 (10) 0005 ANNA OF SAXONY (13) W Kotton 4 9 2..... Rossa Ryan 64	6 (7) 0-4 FOND FAREWELL (13)(S) O Greenall & J Guerrero 5 8 13..... R Hoyal 68
7 (6) 6306 CASA LUNA (22)(C,D,A) P Kirby 5 8 10..... H Doyle 68	8 (3) -052 KINGDIRL (11)(T) A Ralph 6 8 10..... R Hornby *72
9 (4) 0000 OCEANA ORANGE (J15) A West 4 8 9..... M Ghiani 65	10 (9) 6LLO KITTEN'S DREAM (22)(C,D,A,G)(P) S Dixon 7 8 9..... J Haynes 66

Star Betting: 5-2 Liberated Lad, 7-2 Pingsberg, 6 Anna Of Saxony, Kingdirl, 15-2 Virtual Hug, 10 Master Grey, 12 others.

STARFORM: LIBERATED LAD DANGER: Pingsberg

### 7.10 RACEDAY-READY.COM HANDICAP Class 5 3YO 5f (6 runners) £3,716

1 (2) 53L4 AIDAN ANDABETTIN (19)(A)(B) R Spencer 9 9..... Billy Loughnane 76	2 (6) 0L62 COURT DRIVE (9)(C,A) G Kelleway 9 9..... M Turner 80
3 (4) 1211 SO OBSESSED (29)(C,D,D3,A,G) M Botti 9 4..... O Murphy 77	4 (5) 2110 LOCHABER (37)(D,G)(P) S Dixon 9 4..... Mikkel Mortensen (7) *81
5 (1) 611L UNAVAILABLE (83)(D,A)(P) C Banham 9 3..... J Haynes 78	6 (3) L0-1 SPIRIT LA ADELITA (7)(M) C Wallis 8 11..... JP Sullivan 76

Star Betting: 6-4 So Obsessed, 9-4 Court Drive, 9-2 Aidan Andabettin, 6 Unavailable, 12 Lochaber, 3 Spirit La Adellita.

STARFORM: UNAVAILABLE DANGER: So Obsessed

### 7.40 CLASSIFIED STAKES (DIV 1) Class 6 6f (9 runners) £2,983

1 (2) L00L GLORY CALL (26)(C,D,C,A) O Pears 4 9 9..... H Russell 49	2 (3) 0L5L HARD SOLUTION (5)(C,D6,A,G,S)(V) R Carr 8 9 9..... S Feilden (7) 47
3 (8) 6040 INDEPENDENT BEAUTY (11) Williamson 6 9 9..... Mark Winn (3) 47	4 (4) 5202 MY KIND OF GIRL (21) Carroll 4 9 9..... Rossa Ryan 56
5 (5) 4-03 PERFECT FOCUS (15)(2) C Wallis 7 9 9..... JP Sullivan 57	6 (7) 0335 REBEL REDEMPTION (8)(C,D2,D5,A,G)(B) S Dixon 7 9 9..... Mikkel Mortensen (7) 54
7 (1) -L025 GLORIA (95)(H) R Ingram 3 9 4..... Rhain Ingram (3) 55	8 (9) -4005 DILIGENCIA (13)(P) E J Houghton 3 9 4..... Georgia Doble (3) 58
9 (6) 5000 VENUS SLIPPER (15)(P) M Murphy & Keady 3 9 4..... C Sherman *61	

Star Betting: 15-8 My Kind Of Girl, 7-2 Perfect Focus, 6 Damia, Rebel Redemption, 10 Diligencia, Hard Solution, 14 others.

2023: One For The Ladies 5 9 9, Shane Gray 15-2 (M & D Easterby), drawn (6), 12 ran.

STARFORM: PERFECT FOCUS DANGER: My Kind Of Girl

**TOP JOCKEYS** (with mounts) Rossa Ryan 123 winners, (20.4% strike rate), +£103.31, Hollie Doyle 99, (15.6%), -£145.68, Callum Shepherd 60, (12.7%), -£159.15, B Loughnane 58, (17.3%), +£5.43, Oisín Murphy 52, (26.4%), +£0.07, Robert Havlin 35, (15.4%), -£67.77, Marco Ghiani 35, (14.4%), -£11.77, Jason Watson 33, (15.3%), -£27.74, Joey Haynes 29, (8.6%), -£125.15, Rob Hornby 29, (12.3%), -£36.22, Lewis Edmunds 28, (10.4%), -£18.24, Trevor Whelan 24, (13.0%), -£47.53, James Sullivan 22, (7.0%), -£119.50, D E Hogan 22, (10.4%), -£18.63.

### 8.10 CLASSIFIED STAKES (DIV 2) Class 6 6f (9 runners) £2,983

1 (3) 1335 COAST (8)(C,D2,D3,A,G) S Dixon 5 9 9..... Dale Swift *61	2 (6) 5L05 KANGAROO (15)(T,V) P McEntee 4 9 9..... Billy Loughnane 51
3 (7) 3000 MIDNIGHT FLAME (6) Joe Ponting 4 9 9..... W Cox 54	4 (9) LL40 MY BOY JACK (15)(C,D,A,B) K Frost 5 9 9..... Rossa Ryan 49
5 (2) 3052 REVE DE MAGRITTE (15) E De Giles 5 9 9..... O Murphy 56	6 (8) 5053 ALIBI WARNING (8) R Fahey 3 9 4..... C Murltag 54
7 (1) 5468 CALL ME THE BREEZE (20)(T) T Ward 3 9 4..... R Hornby 51	8 (4) 4640 SASSY SOPRANO (7)(H) Mrs A Durfield 3 9 4..... Z Wheatley (3) 53
9 (5) 0456 WAR ZONE (15)(P) C Banham 3 9 4..... J Haynes 53	

Star Betting: 2 Coast, 7-2 Reve De Magritte, 4 Alibi Warning, 10 Sassy Soprano, Call Me The Breeze, 14 others.

2023: No corresponding race.

STARFORM: ALIBI WARNING DANGER: Reve De Magritte

### 8.40 RACEDAY-READY.COM HANDICAP C6 3YO 1m 1f 104yds (13 runners) £2,983

1 (5) 5L05 CERULEAN SUMMER (8)(B,T) D Cunha 9 11..... R Clutterbuck 65	2 (9) 4063 SOLO SOLATAIRE (13) M Appleby 9 11..... Rossa Ryan 62
3 (8) -003 SOVERAINE (8) C Johnston 9 9..... Billy Loughnane 61	4 (6) 2110 BITCOIN PROFIT (54)(C,D,A) M Young 9 9..... R Hornby 64
5 (13) 0630 GARDEN VIEW (23) M Usher 9 8..... Jason Watson 63	6 (1) 4443 NEWFANGLED (13)(P) J Portman 9 5..... T Whelan *66
7 (10) 0L4L POLES APART (13) H Morrison 9 5..... O Murphy 60	8 (12) 0044 SIGNATURE BLUE (13) J Osborne 9 2..... C Shepherd 64
9 (3) 3620 KEEN INTEREST (17)(P) Alice Haynes 9 0..... C Howarth (3) 61	10 (4) 2050 LIGHTNING BAY (15)(T) J Butler 9 0..... S De Sousa 64
11 (7) 00L TRIP TO VENICE (14)(P) J Dunlop 9 0..... R Havlin 52	12 (2) 6036 EXCEPTIONALITY (36) S Dixon 9 0..... Mikkel Mortensen (7) 54
13 (11) L-0L SNOW EAGLE (128)(P) M Blake 9 0..... L Edmunds 40	

LONG HANDICAP: Snow Eagle 8-13.

Star Betting: 7-2 Newfangled, 9-2 Poles Apart, 11-2 Sovereine, 7 Solo Solataire, 8 Cerulean Summer, 10 Garden View, 12 others.

2023: No corresponding race.

STARFORM: SOLO SOLATAIRE DANGER: Poles Apart

**KEY TO THE CARDS:** our racecards are designed to give you a better, easier to understand guide to the runners. Brackets after the racecard number indicate the draw in Flat races. In the form figures, an 'L' indicates the horse finished in last place and a # indicates Bumper form. Figures in brackets after each horse's name indicate the number of days since the horse last ran. (C) indicates a course winner, (D) indicates a winner over the same distance as today's race, (B) or (V) indicates that the horse wears blinkers or a visor, (T) indicates that the horse wears a tongue strap, \* indicates if wearing blinkers or visor for first time, (P) indicates that the horse is wearing a Check Piece, (BF) stands for beaten favourite, (F) is winner on firm going, (G) on good going, (S) on soft going and (A) on the all weather. The figures in the last column after the jockey's name is an exclusive Clockform rating giving a guide to the horse's chance. The highest figure denotes the top rated, which is also pinpointed by a \*.

## YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

**AVR**  
 2.30: 1, IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU (S Feilden 5-1); 2, Desert Quest (4-1); 3, Tilsit (3-1 fav), 7/4, 2/1, 7 ran. J Candlish. Total: £6.00; pl £2.10, £2.40. Exacta: £17.70. Trifecta: £59.50. CSF: £24.58.

3.05: 1, STRONG WARRIOR (Oisín Orr 6-5 fav); 2, Hammer The Hammer (9-4); 3, Managing Director (3-1), 3l, 1l, 4 ran. R Fahey. Total: £8.50; Exacta: £4.40. Trifecta: £6.00. CSF: £4.24. NR: Motawahij.

3.40: 1, TAYGAR (P Mulrennan 15-2); 2, Classy Clarets (15-2); 3, Lady Of The Garr (9-1), 2-1 fav La Boo. 1/4, 1/4, 8 ran. M Dods. Total: £8.50; pl £1.90, £1.90, £2.70. Exacta: £63.40. Tricart: £514.25. Trifecta: £549.70. CSF: £61.96.

4.15: 1, ETERNAL SUNSHINE (P Mulrennan 9-4 fav); 2, Ramon Di Loria (7-2); 3, Wild Mountain (13-2), 1/4, 1/4, 8 ran. J Goldie. Total: £2.60; pl £1.10, £1.20, £1.70. Exacta: £6.19. Exacta: £15.54. Trifecta: £23.60. CSF: £5.64. NR: Jkr Cobbler, Novello Lad, Novello Lad Rule 4 applies to All Bets, deduct 25p in the pound.

4.50: 1, PEMBROKEHIRE (A Mullen 5-1); 2, Braes Of Doune (3-1 fav); 3, End Zone (15-2), hd, nk, 12 ran. I Jardine. Total: £6.00; pl £2.10, £1.30, £2.70. Exacta: £20.60. Tricart: £115.84. Trifecta: £122.70. CSF: £20.20. NR: The Gay Blade.

5.25: 1, HALE END (S B Kirrane 6-1); 2, Helter Skelter (10-3); 3, Hey Lyla (8-1), 11-4 fav Alpine Sierra. 1/4, nk, 7 ran. M Dods. Total: £7.00; pl £1.80, £1.90. Exacta: £24.90. Trifecta: £159.00. CSF: £25.15. QUADPOT: £16.40. PLACEPOT: £104.40

**CARTMEL**  
 1.40: 1, SECRET SECRET (Charlotte Jones 3-1 fav); 2, Skyjack Hijaek (6-1); 3, Defence Witness (6-1), 5l, 11l, 9 ran. J Moffatt. Total: £4.00; pl £1.40, £2.10, £2.40. Exacta: £20.00. Tricart: £99.20. Trifecta: £123.20. CSF: £20.96. NR: Balkotic.

2.10: 1, THE NAVIGATOR (D McMenamin 5-1); 2, Restandbethankful (7-2 fav); 3, For Three (15-2), 5l, 6/4, 8 ran. D Sayer. Total: £6.00; pl £2.00, £1.60, £2.60. Exacta: £24.60. Tricart: £128.23. Trifecta: £130.60. CSF: £22.72. NR: Lucky Lover Boy, Shuil Donn.

2.45: 1, CAVERN CLUB (S Bowen 6-5 fav); 2, Raincloud (200-1); 3, A Day To Dream (15-2), 2/4, 11l, 8 ran. James Owen. Total: £2.20; pl £1.10, £1.30, £1.80. Exacta: £187.30. Trifecta: £2145.10. CSF: £178.32. NR: Flexi Lady, Reach For The Moon, Ready To Shine, Storm Spirit.

3.20: 1, CITY DERBY (Sean Quinlan 5-1); 2, Dynamite Kentucky (15-2); 3, Shantou Sunset (14-1), 4-1 fav Boomslang, 4l, hd, 10 ran. Lizzie Quinlan. Total: £6.00; pl £1.60, £2.40, £3.60. Exacta: £30.00. Tricart: £492.71. Trifecta: £420.60. CSF: £42.05. NR: Lady Mendoza, Native Fighter, Saint Bibiana, Townhill.

3.55: 1, CUZCO DU MATHAN (Charlotte Jones 7-2); 2, The Gypsy Davey (9-4 fav); 3, Carcaei Castle (3-1), 5l, 5l, 5 ran. J Moffatt. Total: £4.50; pl £2.10, £1.40. Exacta: £12.10. Trifecta: £33.50. CSF: £12.09. NR: Lipa K.

4.30: 1, ILIKEDWAYRTHINKIN (R McLernon 5-4 fav); 2, Motion In Limine (9-1); 3, No Regrets (16-1), 1l, 3/4, 7 ran. B Haslam. Total: £2.25; pl

£1.40, £3.70. Exacta: £12.00. Tricart: £123.57. Trifecta: £120.80. CSF: £13.23. NR: Coqolino, Happy Du Mesnil, Where's Bunny.

5.00: 1, THE KING OF MAY (Craig Nichol 11-2); 2, Bensini (11-1); 3, Dr Sanderson (11-4 fav), 3/4, 1l, 9 ran. B Ellison. Total: £6.60; pl £1.80, £3.10, £1.30. Exacta: £70.00. Tricart: £199.59. Trifecta: £231.70. CSF: £60.42. NR: Grand Souffle, Into The Sunset, Sean Og.

QUADPOT: £15.50. PLACEPOT: £67.40  
**BEVERLEY**  
 6.00: 1, SENSORIUM (R Clutterbuck 11-8 fav); 2, Bonnie's Boy (11-4); 3, Novamav (16-1), 3/4, 1/4, 12 ran. D Cunha. Total: £2.38; pl £1.10, £1.60, £4.30. Exacta: £6.90. Trifecta: £62.60. CSF: £4.71.

6.30: 1, REFUGE (B Garrity 7-1); 2, Opal Storm (12-1); 3, Lotus Rose (15-2), 4-1 fav Golden Rainbow, 1l, 2l, 12 ran. M & D Easterby. Total: £8.00; pl £2.20, £3.60, £2.40. Exacta: £80.30. Tricart: £654.49. Trifecta: £547.80. CSF: £87.33.

7.00: 1, GRESSINGTON (C Rodriguez 7-2); 2, Tropez Power (11-2); 3, Enola Grey (40-1), 10-3 fav Park Street, 1/4, 2/4, 10 ran. E Bethell. Total: £4.50; pl £1.80, £2.00, £6.40. Exacta: £24.10. Tricart: £674.93. Trifecta: £481.00. CSF: £22.17. NR: Distinction.

7.30: 1, ALICE'S IMPACT (J Hart 6-1); 2, Clotherholme (5-2 fav); 3, Rum Runner (3-1), ns, shd, 9 ran. J & S Quinn. Total: £7.00; pl £1.70, £1.30, £1.30. Exacta: £21.90. Tricart: £53.71. Trifecta: £68.30. CSF: £20.95. NR: Gordonstown.

8.00: 1, KING SHARJA (JP Sullivan 5-2); 2, Twilight Jazz (7-4 fav); 3, Marton Heads (9-1), nk, 1/4, 7 ran. R Carr. Total: £3.50; pl £1.70, £1.40. Exacta: £75.00. Tricart: £30.20. Trifecta: £36.20. CSF: £6.98. NR: Bestie, Tigla.

8.30: 1, CHICAGO GAL (B Garrity 2-1 fav); 2, Jamih (12-1); 3, Dr Rio (10-1), 1/4, nk, 11 ran. M & D Easterby. Total: £3.00; pl £1.40, £3.10, £2.40. Exacta: £28.40. Tricart: £204.30. Trifecta: £189.10. CSF: £29.26.

9.00: 1, PRINCESS NIYLA (R Scott 8-1); 2, Dr Foster (6-1), 3, Mount King (8-1), 16-5 fav Cakewalk, 2/4, 1/4, 9 ran. A Brown. Total: £9.00; pl £2.40, £2.10, £2.40. Exacta: £47.80. Tricart: £398.28. Trifecta: £255.00. CSF: £54.92.

QUADPOT: £8.70. PLACEPOT: £124.90  
**WINDSOR**  
 5.18: 1, RUFF JUSTICE (E Greatrex 6-1); 2, Countess Ciara (11-2); 3, Balzarini (7-1), 9-2 fav John's Dragon, 1/4, nk, 10 ran. W Greatrex. Total: £7.40; pl £2.50, £2.00, £2.40. Exacta: £39.80. Tricart: £237.25. Trifecta: £229.00. CSF: £38.75.

5.50: 1, FLEETWATER (Billy Loughnane 5-1); 2, Castro Aurora (12-1); 3, Heaven Knows (20-1), evens fav Star Of Mehamas, 1/4, 1/4, 13 ran. J S Moore. Total: £6.00; pl £1.80, £2.90, £4.20. Exacta: £59.70. Trifecta: £732.10. CSF: £61.53. NR: Dubai Magic, Kylie Of Lochalsh, Little She.

6.20: 1, CALUMET (O Murphy 5-6 fav); 2, Glendower (11-4); 3, Upton (80-1), 9l, 3/4, 9 ran. M Botti. Total: £1.84; pl £1.10, £1.30, £9.90.

QUADPOT: £23.20. PLACEPOT: £265.60

## 5 FOR FUN

- Which world champion won the 2007 Shell Donegal International Rally?
- Glasgow Warriors beat Bulls by what score in the 2024 United Rugby Championship final?
- Which golfer shot an 11-under-par 59 in the 2024 Travelers Championship 3rd round?
- When did Boston Celtics claim the first of their 18 NBA Finals wins?
- Which comic book character inspired Belgium's away strip, a light blue top and brown shorts, at Euro 2024?

ANSWERS: Page 40

## SPORTWORD

ACROSS	DOWN
1. Sergey ....., 1988 Olympics pole vault gold medalist (5)	1. Drew ....., 1973-79 Heart of Midlothian attacker; 1982-84 Queen of the South player-manager (5)
4 and 16 Down. 2024 European Championships women's 3,000m steeplechase gold medalist (5,5)	

MUSSELBURGH Racing TV

JASON HEAVY STAR TIP table with columns for race name, time, and jockey.

GOING: GOOD

TRACKFACTS Right-handed oval track of 1m 2f, which joins the straight 5f course half a mile from home.

2.15 APPRENTICE HANDICAP Class 6 1m 1f (6 runners) £3,664

Race results for 2.15 Apprentice Handicap.

2.45 JOIN RACING TV NOW NURSERY Class 6 2YO 5f (7 runners) £3,664

Race results for 2.45 Join Racing TV Now Nursery.

LINGFIELD sky sports racing

JASON HEAVY STAR TIP table for Lingfield.

GOING: STANDARD

TRACKFACTS (AW) Left-handed all-weather Polytrack of 1m 2f run-in.

2.00 RACEDAY-READY.COM FILLIES' HANDICAP Class 5 6f (9 runners) £3,716

Race results for 2.00 Raceday-Ready.com Fillies' Handicap.

2.30 FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) Class 3 6f (9 runners) £7,668

Race results for 2.30 Fillies' Novice Stakes.

WHO'S HOT, WHO'S NOT

TERRIFIC TRAINERS: (Most wins last 14 days) T Easterby 9; J & T Gosden 7.

LONGEST TRAVELLERS

Giorgio M (5.25 MUS) 350miles; Never No Trouble (3.15 MUS) 238miles.

HANDICAP BLOT

SUANNI (5.40 Wolverhampton) drops into 0-50 company and now looks very well-treated.

HEAVEY'S NAP

TROJAN SUN (4.50 Musselburgh) should continue the strong recent form of Jim Goldie and Paul Mulrennan.

3.15 CLASSIFIED STAKES Class 6 1m 4f 104yds (8 runners) £3,664

Race results for 3.15 Classified Stakes.

3.45 HANDICAP Class 5 5f (10 runners) £7,851

Race results for 3.45 Handicap.

STARFORM LE BEAU GARCON 3-1fav (9-9) Tracked leaders, pushed along to lead over 1f out.

STARFORM TWISTED TIARA 9-2 (8-11) Mid-division, pushed along, switched right and narrowly over 2f out.

3.00 GET RACEDAY READY NURSERY Class 5 2YO 5f (10 runners) £3,716

Race results for 3.00 Get Raceday Ready Nursery.

3.30 CLASSIFIED STAKES Class 6 1m 4f (12 runners) £2,983

Race results for 3.30 Classified Stakes.

STARFORM MAYSONG DANGER: King Of Scotia

4.00 CLASSIFIED STAKES Class 6 1m 2f (10 runners) £2,983

Race results for 4.00 Classified Stakes.

STARFORM TWISTED TIARA DANGER: Triumph of Peace

3.00 GET RACEDAY READY NURSERY Class 5 2YO 5f (10 runners) £3,716

Race results for 3.00 Get Raceday Ready Nursery.

3.30 CLASSIFIED STAKES Class 6 1m 4f (12 runners) £2,983

Race results for 3.30 Classified Stakes.

STARFORM MAYSONG DANGER: King Of Scotia

5.00 RACEDAY READY APP HANDICAP (DIV 2) Class 5 1m (9 runners) £5,234

Race results for 5.00 Raceday Ready App Handicap.

4.15 EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) Class 5 5f (5 runners) £3,780

Race results for 4.15 EBF Restricted Maiden Stakes.

4.50 RACING TV HANDICAP Class 6 2m (7 runners) £4,187

Race results for 4.50 Racing TV Handicap.

STARFORM ACHNAMARA 12-1 (9-6) Chased leaders, pushed along into 2nd over 2f out.

STARFORM LUCAS ICE CREAM HANDICAP Class 5 7f (10 runners) £4,187

Race results for 5.25 Lucas Ice Cream Handicap.

4.00 CLASSIFIED STAKES Class 6 1m 2f (10 runners) £2,983

Race results for 4.00 Classified Stakes.

4.30 RACEDAY READY APP HANDICAP (DIV 1) Class 5 1m (10 runners) £5,234

Race results for 4.30 Raceday Ready App Handicap.

5.00 RACEDAY READY APP HANDICAP (DIV 2) Class 5 1m (9 runners) £5,234

Race results for 5.00 Raceday Ready App Handicap.

STROLL IN THE PARK FOR ALEX

SIR ALEX Ferguson broke his own racing transfer record yesterday to add unbeaten Regent's Stroll to his squad.

The Manchester United legend and friends forked out £660,000 for the impressive winner of two National Hunt flat contests.

Trained by 14-time champion Paul Nicholls, the bay gelding was sold by departing owner Chris Giles at Goffs in Doncaster.

He is taking a break from the sport after winning some of its biggest races, including two editions of Kempton's King George VI Chase with Silviniaco Conti.

The popular performer ran in three Cheltenham Gold Cups and Nicholls hopes Regent's Stroll will become a leading contender in time.

"We didn't want to be losing him, did we?" he said yesterday. "Sir Alex Ferguson, John Hales, Ged Mason and Neil and Alfie Smith are part of a team of owners we have put together."

Ferguson and the group previously paid more for any jumps horse in history when they secured Grade One hurdler Caldwell Potter.

The £633,000 grey is also stabled at Nicholls' Ditchat yard, where other Giles-owned horses from the sale will be returning.

They include 2023 Albert Novices' Hurdle hero Stay Away Fay (below), a £325,000 purchase for new owners and last season's Elite Hurdle winner Rubaud (€200,000).

AMATEUR jockey Alice Procter remains in intensive care after a serious fall at Cartmel on Saturday.

Following the incident in a female jockeys' handicap hurdle, the 21-year-old was airlifted to the Royal Preston Hospital.

"Surgery to stabilise her thoracic spinal fracture was successful, although there are indications of some damage to the spinal cord. The Procter family are very grateful for all messages of support," said an injured jockeys' Fund statement.



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RECORD: Regent's Stroll is sold at Goffs

THIS WEEKEND'S POOLS

Table listing various pool bets and odds for the weekend.

# FORMULA ONE

**WAKE-UP CALL:** Max Verstappen gets too close to Lewis Hamilton and flips up



# COUNTING BLEEPS

**REST IS HISTORY:** Max Verstappen and (inset) Helmut Marko will both be staying at Red Bull next season

**RED BULL** have rubbished accusations of unprofessionalism towards Max Verstappen after the Dutchman's bad-tempered Budapest outbursts.

Verstappen finished only fifth after moaning constantly about his car, the team's "s\*\*t" strategy and then Lewis Hamilton following their collision while he pushed for the podium.

Angry radio messages are hardly out of character for the triple F1 champion, but his complaints in Hungary even saw race engineer Gianpiero Lambiase snap back at him more than once.

Sky Sports commentator David Croft pointed out that Verstappen had been up until 3am the night before sim racing in the virtual 24 Hours of Spa.

He suggested that the lack of a good night's sleep might have made the Dutchman especially grouchy.

Pundit Nico Rosberg agreed and pointed out the difference between Verstappen's preparations and those of title rival Lando Norris, who finished second.

The 2016 world champion said: "[Norris'] bed time was 11:05 not 11, 11:05. Wake-up was 8:05am. Breakfast

by DANIEL MOXON

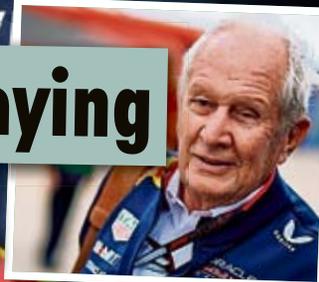
was already set, exactly what to eat. So he was hyper professional, which was nice to know.

*"In contrast, you have Verstappen, who until 3am was sim racing. That's a bit disappointing, isn't it? It just shows that he's too used to his ease of domination."*

It is not the first time this season Verstappen has stayed up late for a virtual race the night before the real thing.

But, as Red Bull adviser Helmut Marko pointed out, when he did it at Imola in May, he still went on to win the

## Red Bull put game-playing Mad Max row to bed



race. The Austrian said: "He was up even longer in Imola, I don't know where the sleeping times came from again, and won the race.

"Max has a different rhythm to me or other people. The time he went to bed is nothing out of the ordinary for him.

"He didn't even wake up at 10 o'clock in Zandvoort when the helicopters flew over his motorhome. He's got his sleep quota. That's rubbish."

Meanwhile, Red Bull have acted to close the loophole which would allow Verstappen to walk away from his contract.

Marko used his position as a Red Bull

racing director to insert a contract addendum allowing the 26-year-old to quit if he ever left the team.

**But the Austrian has now signed another document agreeing to at least see out his current contract, which runs to the end of 2026.**

It is a fatal blow to whatever slim hope Toto Wolff still had that he might be able to convince Verstappen to join Mercedes for next season.

Teenager Kimi Antonelli remains the favourite to replace Ferrari-bound Hamilton. However, the 17-year-old F2 driver said: "I don't know if I will be ready, to be honest."

# STAR SHORTS

## Evans in Jag jibe

FORMULA E

JAGUAR are set for civil war after Mitch Evans accused his own team of blindsiding him and costing him the world championship.

Both Evans and team-mate Nick Cassidy lost out to Pascal Wehrlein for the title.

Evans said: "I feel a bit blindsided, compared to what was discussed before the race. It doesn't look good."

## Marketa pulls out

TENNIS

OLYMPIC silver medallist Marketa Vondrousova has withdrawn from the Paris Games with a hand injury.

The Czech star, 25, won Wimbledon last year despite being unseeded and was the runner-up at the 2019 French Open - played at Roland Garros, the same venue hosting the matches at the Games.

## ANSWERS

**YESTERDAY'S SPORTWORD**  
Across: 1. Bednarek; 7. Aaron; 8. Carpi; 9. Sahithi; 10. Pene; 12. Haka; 14. Monkou; 17. Lunge; 18. Silas; 19. Thegala.

Down: 1. Birch; 2. Donati; 3. Arce; 4. Earle; 5. Marschall; 6. Pinehurst; 11. Doors; 13. Kinch; 15. Kalla; 16. Mele.

**FIVE FOR FUN ANSWERS**  
1. Sebastian Loeb, 2. 21-16, 3. Cameron Young, 4. 1957, 5. Tintin

## Youngs' heart op

by DARREN WELLS

ENGLAND star Ben Youngs revealed he underwent heart surgery after collapsing during an open training session.

Leicester scrum-half Youngs says he is "on the mend" and hopes to be fit for the new season, which begins in mid-September.

Youngs, 34, had been diagnosed with a type of irregular heartbeat that can cause the heart's upper chamber to beat fast or erratically.

He had a two-hour operation in Birmingham following the episode earlier this year.

"We had this open training session at Leicester and basically I collapsed," Youngs told the For The Love Of Rugby podcast he co-hosts with Dan Cole.

"Well, not collapsed, but I had to stop and lay down as my heart was pounding away... and I thought, 'This is it, this is how I'm gonna go. I am on the mend, I am recovering."

"I'll be fine for the start of the season."

# ITAUMA TRADED BOOKS FOR BOUTS

MOSES ITAUMA would have been a doctor if his dad got his way but his love of avoiding schoolwork ensured he's on track to become a master of the sweet science.

Born in Slovakia to Nigerian and Slovakian parents, Itauma is the teenage heavyweight sensation who has everyone in British boxing talking.

The heavy-handed 19-year-old, who grew up in Kent, steps up against veteran Mariusz Wach this weekend on the undercard of Joe Joyce against Derek Chisora at the O2 in London.

Itauma (right) has world and European youth golds already under

by CHRIS McKENNA

his belt with the aim of becoming the youngest world heavyweight champion since Mike Tyson.

But it is a journey which started when St Mary's ABC in Chatham was the place to avoid the books.

"At first I just did it because I was bored at home," said Itauma. "I wanted to get away from my parents."

"It was either book work or go to the gym. My dad, every African parent wanted their son to be a doctor."

"If I was in the house I'd be made to study or read books, so I would do anything to get out of doing that."

Itauma is now nine bouts into his paid career in a sport which ravishes on knockout stars.

But now stands a roadblock in Wach, the 44-year-old Pole who has shared a ring with Wladimir Klitschko.

"This is a chance for me to show (promoter) Frank Warren I can do the rounds,"

added Itauma.

WATCH Itauma v Wach on TNT Sports this weekend as part of Joe Joyce v Derek Chisora.



## UFC'S TOP COLUMN

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GOLF

THE OPEN  
CHAMPIONSHIP

SUSPENDED: Harrison

## Wolves ace two miss out

■ by ROSS HEPPENSTALL

WARRINGTON forward James Harrison has been banned for two games after being sent off during last Friday's win at St Helens.

He was handed the punishment by the Rugby Football League's Match Review Panel following a disciplinary meeting.

Harrison has been charged with 'Grade D Head Contact' for the incident, meaning he is automatically out of the Wolves' next two games.

Harrison is the only player suspended this week in the Super League, with three other players having been charged.

Leigh Leopards centre Ricky Leutele was fined £250 after being charged with 'Grade B Dangerous Contact' following an incident in the win over London Broncos.

London forward Sadiq Adebisi also got the same charge and fine for an incident in the same game.

Meanwhile, former Leeds boss Rohan Smith says he is keeping his coaching options open.

The Aussie was axed by the Rhinos last month but remains based in England.

Smith said: "I'm looking for whatever comes next and wherever it is."

"I've served a lot of different roles at different clubs, so I know I can add a lot of value to a new place sometime soon."

## Pog just feels flat

TADEJ POGACAR has withdrawn from the Olympic Games following his Tour de France win due to "extreme fatigue".

The Slovenian, 25, romped to victory in the time trial on stage 21 of the Tour on Sunday to collect his third yellow jersey and become the first man in 26 years to also win the Giro d'Italia in the same season.

Pogacar was set to take part in the road race on August 3 in Paris but Slovenian Olympic cycling coach Uros Murn said the Tokyo bronze medallist will now not participate in the Games.

"I need a little rest after the Tour and I'm not sure what I'll be doing next," said Pogacar.

# GOAL IN ONE

## Xander eyes Slam but he could have been USA's soccer saviour says dad

**NEW Open champion Xander Schauffele had the talent to "save" the USA football team, his father has claimed.**

The Californian has won two Majors in three months and will now seek to defend his Olympic golf title.

But the new world No.2's family already has a rich European sporting heritage, with two of his great-grandfathers having played professional football.

Johann Hoffman represented Austria and won the league title for clubs in his homeland, Czechoslovakia, and France. And Richard Schauffele, who was 6'8", played for Stuttgart before becoming a track and field star.

The Ryder Cup player inherited the sporting genes - and he could have helped the American team during their recent Copa America shambles.

His father Stefan, whose athletics career was wrecked by a drunk driver, said: "He was an excellent soccer player. It was astonishing when I first saw the talent. When he was four, half-volleys, both legs, left and right."

**"I never trained him. I played for the first team of my club and I thought he would come to the rescue of the American soccer team because, oh my God, they need help."**

"When he was 14, he had been promised by a soccer team in Southern California that he would be allowed to play offensive midfielder when he was always sweeper.

"The new season came around and the coach - my buddy, a Brazilian guy - comes running across the field and said, 'Quick, you have to speak to Xander'. And he was behind him and he said, 'I just quit. They lied to me!'"

"He was just 14. And I said, 'What are you going to do now?' And he said, 'I am going to play on the PGA Tour.' That literally came out of his mouth."

■ by NEIL McLEMAN

Schauffele Sr, who is half French and German, and sports a Panama hat and a ponytail, is a larger-than-life character while his son is less expressive.

But the father added: "He's very emotional. He's not as stoic and as boring as you might think. But on the golf course, this is business. He's very disciplined at everything."

**So after a winless 2023, Schauffele added 10 pounds of muscle and started working with swing coach Chris Como.**

Stefan had previously been his coach and manager but he and wife Chen Ping-Yi, who was born in Taiwan and grew up in Japan, moved to Hawaii to allow the new golfing relationship to "breathe" and give the 30-year-old more freedom.

Schauffele Sr and family were not in Valhalla two months ago as he won the US PGA but they were all in Scotland. "It is better to be here," he laughed.

Now from being the best player without a Major, Schauffele is only one behind Rory McIlroy and Jordan Spieth in the race to complete a career Grand Slam.

"It's up to you guys to take a look at the statistics and see who has the greatest potential of being the next career Grand Slammer, because I think he's the one who has the game," Schauffele Sr added.

"Of course, I'm being subjective but I think objectively you will arrive at the same conclusion."

**His caddie Austin Kaiser said: "After he won the PGA, I said: 'Let's go for the Grand Slam in the next three. Let's do it!'"**

"The US Open held us back but he has played well at Augusta and the US Open, so I can definitely see him achieving that, no problem."



**FAMILY AFFAIR: Xander Schauffele gets a hug and handshake from dad Stefan while (left) he proudly displays the Claret Jug**



## CADDY BACK JUSTIN TIME TO END RIFT

**A PHONE call from Justin Rose's wife played a pivotal role in his stellar performances at The Open and the Ryder Cup.**

Rose split from long-time caddie Mark 'Fooch' Fulcher in 2019, but they were reunited last summer and the 43-year-old (left) played a talismanic role in the win over the United

■ by SAM FROST

States in Rome before a valiant showing at Royal Troon.

Rose was beaten to the Claret Jug by two shots as Xander Schauffele cemented his status as a modern great.

Rose tied for second place with Billy Horschel and had to fight back tears coming off the 18th green as this chance to win the title he covets the most was snatched away from him by the world No.2.

The Englishman, a former US Open and Olympic champion, is sure more big victories are on the horizon, and having his old ally Fooch back on the bag has made the world of difference.

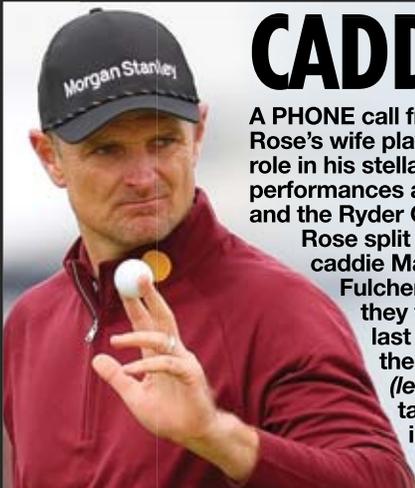
But it took a phone call from Rose's wife, Kate, to Fulcher's partner, Adrienne, to end the rift between the former world No.1 and his trusted bagman.

Fulcher said their reunion would "absolutely not" have

been possible without the wives' intervention.

"Does Fooch fancy coming back? The old boy's a bit miserable," Fulcher recalled of Kate's plea. "And I think my wife was saying, 'My old boy's a bit miserable, he's drinking too much wine and sitting on the couch', so why not come back?"

"I'm grateful to come on board with that journey with him again. He's certainly stronger than I've ever seen."



# STOREY ISN'T QUITE FINISHED



**DAME Sarah Storey** will become the first British athlete to compete at nine Paralympic Games after being named in a 17-strong cycling team for Paris 2024.

The 46-year-old surpassed former swimmer Mike Kenny as GB's most successful Paralympian at Tokyo 2020 by winning a trio of golds to take her career total to 17.

Fellow reigning Paralympic champions Kadeena Cox, Jody Cundy, Lora Fachie, Neil Fachie, Jaco van Gass

■ by KEITH WEBSTER

and Ben Watson are also in a squad containing six Games debutants.

"Competing in nine Games is a dream I didn't ever have," said Storey (left), who will defend her C5 time trial and C4-5 road race titles in France.

"As a teenager, I wanted to be an athlete for as long as I possibly could but always assumed I'd be too old by 46!

"I've got such a great support around me, led by my brilliant husband

Barney and I am very excited to pull on a ParalympicsGB kit again."

World title holders Archie Atkinson, Fran Brown, Blaine Hunt, Lizzi Jordan and Daphne Schrager will make maiden Paralympic appearances, in addition to fellow newcomer Matt Robertson.

Two-time Paralympic champion Steve Bate, Tokyo silver medallists Fin Graham and Sophie Unwin and Commonwealth champion James Ball complete the selection.

# OLYMPICS



■ **FLAG BEARERS:** Emma Finucane continues war hero Paddy's (inset) legacy



# FLYING EMMA

## Fast Finucane hopes to add to family history

**EMMA FINUCANE will reach for the skies in Paris - just like her great uncle, a wartime hero fighter pilot in the Battle of Britain.**

Sprint sensation Finucane heads to the Olympics as the fastest woman on two wheels and with Team GB legend Dame Laura Kenny tipping her to achieve an unprecedented hat-trick of gold medals.

But the 21-year-old Welsh flyer has an even more exciting family tree - as a descendant of Paddy Finucane, who was dubbed the 'Shamrock Spitfire' after becoming a scourge of the Luftwaffe almost 85 years ago.

Born in Dublin, the youngest man ever to hold the rank of wing commander in the Royal Air Force moved to Britain with his family aged 16. Until his death in 1942, the Shamrock Spitfire was responsible for destroying 30 Nazi aircraft.

*His great niece knew little of his exploits until researchers came calling. But she is now on the brink of fame in her own right as the new queen of Team GB's blazing saddles.*

Last year, in Glasgow, Carmarthen-born Finucane became only the third Briton to win a world championship sprint title. And five-time Olympic champion Kenny thinks she could become the first British woman to win three gold medals at the same Olympics: team sprint, keirin and

### EXCLUSIVE

■ by MIKE WALTERS

individual sprint. During the flying 200m sprint qualifying, she set a new British record and a new sea level record time of 10.234secs.

*If Finucane has flown under the radar on the road to Paris, she must have acquired the art of stealth from her decorated ancestry.*

"It's true - I am related to Paddy Finucane," she said. "I believe he was my grandad's brother and there's going to be a Netflix film or something coming out about him, which is really cool. I've only recently learned about his story, but it's nice that his part in the war is being documented.

"He was a bit of a hero by all accounts and I'm glad to fly the flag for the family name."

Finucane will ride the team sprint with individual Rio bronze medallist Katy Marchant and Sophie Capewell, with Lowri Thomas as the reserve rider. The same line-up took European gold in January.

And what of Dame Laura's outlandish prediction that Finucane could get a golden hat-trick in Paris?

Team GB have topped the cycling medals table at every Olympics since 2008, and Finucane added: "This is my first Olympics.

"I have never done this before and I want to be realistic about it."

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**TENNIS**  
**ATP GENERALI OPEN** (Austria) — **1st rd:** Y Hanfmann (Ger) bt J Munar (Spa) 6-3 6-4; N Moreno De Alboran (USA) bt A Collarini (Arg) 6-4 6-4; T Seyboth Wild (Bra) bt J Schwaerzler (Aut) 6-2 7-6 (8-6); S Nagal (Ind) bt L Klein (Svk) 6-4 1-6 7-6 (7-3); L Djere (Ser) bt V Kopriwa (Cze) 7-6 (8-6) 6-3.  
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### TODAY'S DIARY

(7.45pm unless stated)  
**UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SECOND QUALIFYING ROUND FIRST LEG:** Dynamo Kiev v Partizan Belgrade (7pm), Lugano v Fenerbahce (7.30), FCSB v Maccabi Tel-Aviv (6.30), Panevezys v Jagiellonia Bialystok (4.30), Lincoln Red Imps v Karabakh (5pm), Shamrock Rovers v Sparta Prague (8pm), Santa Coloma v Midtjylland (7pm), Ferencvaros v The New Saints FC (7pm), Bodo/Glimt v Rigas FS (4pm), Apoel Nicosia v Petrocub (6pm), Malmo v KI Klaksvik (6pm).  
**PREMIER SPORTS CUP—Grp A:** Aberdeen v Airdrieonians (Live on Premier Sports), East Kilbride v Queen of the South. **Grp B:** Buckie Thistle v Dundee Utd (8pm), Stenhousemuir v Ayr. **Grp C:** Kelty Hearts v Peterhead, Queen's Park v Elgin. **Grp D:** Dundee v Annan Athletic, Inverness CT v Arbroath. **Grp E:** Cove Rangers v Livingston, Spartans v Forfar. **Grp F:** Alloa v St Johnstone, East Fife v Brechin. **Grp G:** Montrose v Edinburgh City, Partick v Clyde. **Grp H:** Hamilton v Ross C, Stirling v Stranraer.  
**FRIENDLY MATCHES:** Doncaster v Hull, Bristol R v Bromley (11pm), Bristol City v Newport Co (12pm), Mamelodi Sundowns v Cardiff (3pm), West Brom v Blackpool (3pm), Chelsea XI v Mansfield (6.30), Boston Utd v Peterborough (7pm), Harrogate Tn v Sheffield Utd (7pm), Nottingham Forest v Millwall (7pm), Stevenage v Coventry (7pm), Barrow v Stockport Co (7.30), Chorley v Bolton (7.30), Crewe v Stoke (7.30), Woking v Reading (7.30), Alfreton Tn v Rotherham, Altrincham v Salford City, Dartford v Gillingham, Hungerford Tn v Cheltenham, Shrewsbury v Leicester.

**CRICKET**  
**The Hundred** (The Oval): Oval Invincibles v Birmingham Phoenix (Women 2.45, Men 6.30).

# THE BIG BASHIR

■ by NEIL MOXLEY  
**SHOAIB BASHIR** says he is growing into the job as Ben Stokes' front-line spinner.

The 20-year-old, who became the youngest England bowler to take a five-wicket haul in a home Test with his heroics against the West Indies, is getting taller.

Already standing at six feet four inches, the Somerset off-spinner believes he is still shooting upwards.

*And, much like the job he's doing for Stokes following his match-winning 5-41 performance at Trent Bridge, he is going to get bigger and better.*

He said: "I'm six four, I'm still growing. I'm grateful for that, it's a nice attribute to have.

"The extra bounce helps. We saw it in the second innings. If you land the ball in the right areas, a few will bounce and a few will skid on.

"But there's so much to learn. I'm only 20, I'm still learning the tricks of the trade. In cricket, you'll never completely know the game."

Bashir had to be sent on loan to Worcestershire to continue his first-class education this season after Jack Leach blocked his pathway at Taunton.

The youngster profited from going on tour to India but came back and found that he was struggling for game time.

He added: "It's all part of my journey. Going on loan was a decision I had to make to play at a high level. I just want to be playing as much cricket as I can.

*"It's always a learning curve. Cricket is tough, I'm still learning, still developing."*

Bashir initially came to the attention of England's hierarchy when Stokes spotted him bowling at former England skipper Alastair Cook.

He was drafted in for the tour of India, taking five wickets in the

## Tall guy Shoaib is still hitting new heights

second Test, and has done himself no harm with his efforts in Nottingham.

He said: "I'm still trying to comprehend what happened. It helped it was spinning towards the end and changes of pace are quite marked.

"I wasn't too happy with the way I bowled in the first innings, I was leaking boundaries quite frequently, but at the same time I was still trying to take a wicket.

*"Bowling spin in England is tough, but you reap your rewards later as the Test goes and it was nice to cash in during the second."*

And he received a few words of encouragement from Leach (pictured with Bashir, inset), who is still keeping him out of the Somerset team.

Ahead of the third Test at Edgbaston, which starts Friday, he added: "Leachy is understandably getting in the team ahead of me.

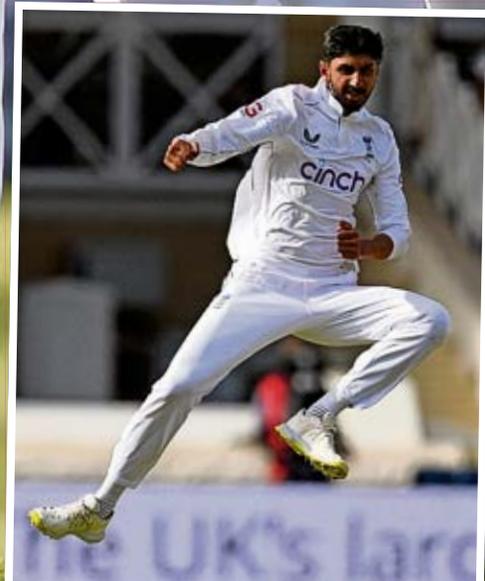
He's played more cricket than me and is a class spinner. I've learned a lot off him.

"We had a chat and he was over the moon for me.

"I experienced the Barmy Army in India and that was special. But at the start of the day with Jerusalem playing in the background, it was special to make my home debut."



MR BIG STUFF: Shoaib towers over Ben Duckett as he enjoys another wicket (below)



## King of Cassell

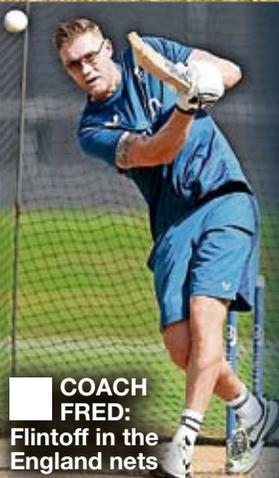
CHARLIE CASSELL broke the record for the best debut bowling figures in men's one-day international history after taking 7-21 in Scotland's eight-wicket win over Oman.

The fast bowler eclipsed the 6-16 that Kagiso Rabada took for South Africa on his ODI bow against Bangladesh in 2015 after a remarkable individual display in the Cricket World Cup League 2 clash at Forthhill, Dundee.

Oman were 49-2 when Cassell was introduced in the 12th over and he made a stunning impact, taking wickets with his first two deliveries and another with his fourth.

He added four more scalps, passing Rabada and West Indies paceman Fidel Edwards as the only players with six wickets on ODI debut. The Scots won with 196 balls to spare.

## BROAD BELIEVES IN FLINTOFF EFFECT



COACH FRED: Flintoff in the England nets

STUART BROAD thinks Freddie Flintoff can help inspire the next generation of English cricket stars by coaching in The Hundred.

Flintoff will lead the Northern Superchargers after dipping his toe into the water by notably coaching with England.

The 46-year-old has returned to cricket after recovering from a terrifying 130mph crash while filming for Top Gear in December

■ by FELIX HEATH  
 2022. Flintoff will work with England star Harry Brook as the latter tries captaincy for the first time, while Ben Stokes is available to play the second half of the group stage. Broad will be on punditry duty for Sky Sports for The Hundred and he saw what his former team-mate had to offer last summer with England.

Ahead of the competition starting today, he said: "The

players I have spoken to when Freddie has been involved in the coaching staff have loved him. He's at that great age where the players he's now coaching, he's probably their hero.

"The aura that Freddie had, to now go into a changing room with him and hear him speak about the style they want to play and him lead the group is really exciting. We know that he's got a brilliant cricket brain

and that he's a cricket fan. He was at a lot of the Ashes games last year just supporting us and it was brilliant to know that he was around and doing that.

"I think having someone like Freddie Flintoff involved is only going to inspire the next generation."

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## Branthwaite to get new deal with United lurking

**BIG BIDS:** Everton hope to keep Branthwaite in Blue and out of the Reds

**EVERTON are preparing a new contract for Jarrad Branthwaite – but still fear Manchester United could bid again for the defender.**

■ by CHRIS McKENNA

The Toffees have told United they will not entertain offers below their £70m valuation of the England centre-back.

They have already rebuffed two bids from the Old Trafford club, with the second worth up to £50m.

United have since gone out and splashed the cash on French teenager Leny Yoro, while they are also trying to secure a deal for Dutchman Matthijs de Ligt from Bayern Munich.

**But the Toffees are not totally confident there will not be another move for Branthwaite.**

There is still concern at the club that the withdrawal of the Friedkin Group from buying out Farhad Moshiri could lead to financial trouble.

Everton are now again open to more bidders, with Kevin Malone, the former general manager of the LA Dodgers, leading one consortium who are considering a bid in the coming weeks.

Vici Private Finance are another firm interested in buying the club and so they're not short on suitors.

But the problem could remain the outstanding £200m

debt to 777 Partners, which is why Friedkin Group walked away.

Effectively, Everton could be unsellable until the Miami-based group sort their legal issues out.

Despite this, director of football Kevin Thelwell still wants to secure the long-term future of Branthwaite within the resources available.

He is also looking at sorting out some incomings which are close to being completed, including the signing of Leeds winger Wilfried Gnonto (*inset*).

Branthwaite, 22, is contracted to the club until 2027, which has given Everton a strong footing when it comes to dealing with United's continued interest.

**They want to extend that agreement and also increase his salary to show their admiration to the player for showing loyalty by not asking to leave the club so far.**

But if United do return with a third bid, then there could be issues on both fronts.



## Amadou for £50m

**From Back Page** Douglas Luiz, who has joined Juventus.

Villa Park's new recruit departs Everton two years after arriving in a £35m move from Lille.

He is already Unai Emery's eighth signing of the summer, following the deals for Ross Barkley

from Luton, Juventus pair Samuel Iling-Junior and Enzo Barrenechea, Sheffield United's Cameron Archer, Ian Maatsen from Chelsea, winger Jaden Philogene from Hull and Everton forward Lewis Dobbin.

The sale of Luiz has helped Villa stay within Premier League Profit and Sustainability Rules, while the deal for Onana boosts Everton's finances for a player who struggled towards the end of last season.

Onana said: "There's a healthy atmosphere here to grow as a player and as a man. The team played very attractive football last season with loads of goals and will now be playing in the Champions League.

"I will be playing in the Champions League again and that's very exciting.

"We also have a manager who is one of the best in the business and he can take my game to the next level.

"Youri (Tielemans) played a big part in me being here, because he told me lots of good stuff about the club."

# TOFF LOVE FOR JARRAD



## LEVI'S FOUND THE PERFECT FIT IN ENZO

LEVI COLWILL is itching for the season to start so that Chelsea fans can see what new manager Enzo Maresca is all about.

The Italian, who came through the coaching ranks at Manchester City under Pep Guardiola, led Leicester to the Championship crown last season.

But he left the Foxes to succeed Mauricio Pochettino three weeks ago and defender Colwill has been hugely impressed by what he has seen in training so far, as they prepare for their league

■ by KEITH WEBSTER

opener – a mouth-watering prospect at home against champions City on August 18. "He's on the pitch all the time," said Colwill (*left*). "He's proper hands on.

"If I was a coach, I think it's the best way to be because you know how you want to play and you can envisage it perfectly.

"So, if you're there to inflict it on the team, I think it would work the most.

"He seems amazing so far and hopefully he can help us win more games and achieve

more things as a team." Maresca's preparation continues this week at a pre-season camp in America

and Colwill is raring to go. "It's my third time there," said the central defender of the US trip.

"So far they've all been good and I can't wait to be back out there to see the Chelsea fans in America and have very good games out there for them."

Meanwhile, the Blues have completed the signing of USA left-back Caleb Wilely in a deal worth £8.5m. The 19-year-old

arrives from MLS side Atlanta United on a six-year contract with the option for a further year.

Wilely has been a regular for Atlanta for the last three seasons and earned his senior international call-up last October.

He is due to represent the US in the Olympic Games in Paris, with their first match scheduled tomorrow against hosts France.

The Blues could yet opt to send Wilely out on loan to Strasbourg, who are also part of BlueCo's football network.

## FOOTIE FLASHES

● LEEDS and Ipswich are leading the race for Blackburn's Sammie Szmodics, who netted 27 league goals last season.

● BRIGHTON are yet to receive a fresh offer from Napoli for midfielder Billy Gilmour after rejecting their opening £8m bid.

● BOURNEMOUTH owner Bill Foley is not expecting any clubs to meet Dominic Solanke's £65m release clause.

● MILLWALL have signed goalkeeper Liam Roberts on a free transfer from Middlesbrough.

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# THANK GORD

## Howe relief at keeping hold of star Anthony

**ANTHONY GORDON will be "welcomed back with three arms" by Eddie Howe after having his head turned by Liverpool.**

The Anfield giants are interested in pinching the £60m-rated England winger from Newcastle this summer.

A deal was briefly explored at the end of June as the Geordies scrambled to raise £65m of cash to avoid falling foul of Premier League Profit and Sustainability Rules and receiving a points deduction next season.

Toon boss Howe has warned the emergency sell off situation must "never happen again" and says the rules "forced Newcastle to do things we didn't want to do".

Gordon was one of several big names Newcastle feared losing, as well as Alexander Isak, as panic ensued in the boardroom with just 48 hours to plug their financial hole.

But they avoided losing any of their blue-chip stars by selling youngsters Elliot Anderson and Yankuba Minteh for more than £60m.

Scouser Gordon was believed to be interested in a switch to Champions League-bound Liverpool, with the drama unfolding while he was on England Euros duty.

Howe is adamant, however, that a line has been drawn under the possibility of Gordon's exit.

**Asked if he will be settled when he returns to Tyneside after his two-week break following the Euros, Howe said: "I welcome him back with three arms if I had them!"**

"He's such an important player for us, we didn't want to lose anybody. Why would we want to lose our best players?"

"We fought really hard to make the right decisions. In those last few weeks it was very, very difficult.

"He's an integral part of what we're doing. He needs a bit of a break. By the time he comes back he's ready to go."

Gordon has had a remarkable year, helping England Under-21s to the Euros title just over 12 months ago.

He became a major player for Howe with 12 goals and 10 assists - equal third best in the top flight - during a total of 48 club appearances.

He was arguably player of the year as the Toon claimed seventh spot and

■ by SIMON BIRD

narrowly missed out on Europe. Gordon, after 12 months of continuous football, will get a break before Newcastle go to Japan next week for a two-game tour, as will Bruno Guimaraes, who has been with Brazil on Copa America duty.

Howe added: "I do feel it is important for players like Bruno, Anthony and Kieran (Trippier) that they get some time away.

**"The biggest danger for them is you bring them back too early and there's no freshness to them and that can really damage their season."**

"But we have a game looming very large against Southampton (on August 17) that we have to get them ready for as well, so it's a very delicate balance."

Newcastle chiefs have brought in sporting director Paul Mitchell to keep an eye on the long term and avoid the behind-the-scenes chaos of their PSR scramble.

Howe has revealed his feelings over the touting of his stars, admitting it was "a very difficult last couple of weeks of June".

He said: "The rules forced us to do things we didn't want to do. I want to make that clear: we didn't want to sell any of the players we sold.

"In the end it's been as good as we could have hoped for in terms of us not being hit with a points deduction. But we need to make sure we're not in that position again."

■ ARMS RACE: Howe will be happy to embrace Gordon after fearing he had his head turned (below) on England duty



## TOUGH AT TOP FOR LLOYD

**LLOYD KELLY has vowed to take his career to new levels in his second spell working with boss Eddie Howe.**

The free transfer was also signed by Howe when he was Bournemouth head coach and made 54 appearances in three seasons, partly hampered by injury.

Kelly (right) says he will challenge to be first choice left-back or centre-half and can move up a gear as he looks to fulfil his potential after

■ by SIMON BIRD  
England Under-21 honours. Kelly said: "Joining the boss played a part in my decision. It definitely helped knowing the coaching staff and the way they want to play and what they expect of the players coming in.

"Over the years, the gaffer has changed his playing style and philosophy a little bit from when he was at Bournemouth, but the same principles of working hard, giving it

your best, being that sponge and wanting to learn are the things that stay.

"I've had my injury problems in the past, but the Premier League is so tough on the body and it's changing every year.

"The game is probably getting faster and faster, so teams are going to have to adapt in terms of what they do to strengthen in those areas to be able to withstand the games.

"That's an area that I want to improve."



WELCOME: Bompastor

## Sonia to kick-off new era

■ by KEITH WEBSTER

CHELSEA will begin their post-Emma Hayes era and the defence of their Women's Super League crown against Aston Villa at Kingsmeadow.

The Blues are bidding for a sixth straight title under new manager Sonia Bompastor, after Hayes ended her 12-year spell at the club to become manager of the United States women's team.

Manchester City were pipped to the title by Hayes' side on goal difference on the final day and will begin their fresh attempt to topple the champions at fellow contenders Arsenal.

The match will see City's new striker Vivianne Miedema face her former club after she swapped North London for Manchester following the expiry of her contract at Arsenal. Elsewhere, FA Cup winners Manchester United will play West Ham, while Liverpool face Leicester and Brighton welcome Everton.

Newly-promoted Crystal Palace will make the trip to Tottenham in their first-ever game in the top flight.

The matches will be played over the weekend of September 21 and 22.

## Gers get big date

■ by DARREN WELLS

RANGERS will face Dynamo Kyiv or Partizan Belgrade in the third qualifying round of the Champions League.

Philippe Clement's side, runners-up in the Scottish Premiership last season, will launch their campaign in the away leg on August 6-7, with the return on August 13.

Rangers were one of the draw's seeded clubs in accordance with the revamped competition's 'league path'.

Welsh Premier winners The New Saints will face Santa Coloma or Midtjylland in the third qualifying round if they beat Ferencvaros.

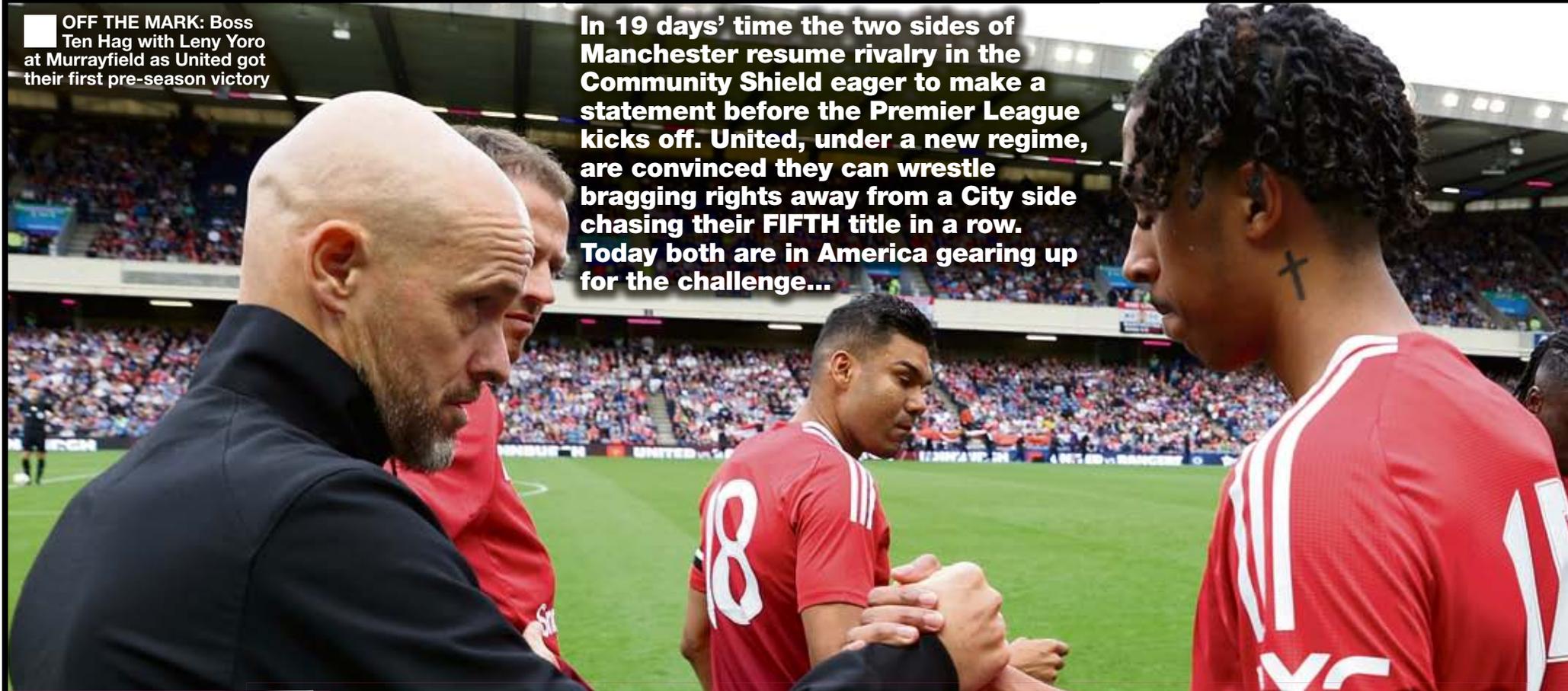
League of Ireland's Shamrock Rovers, who face Sparta Prague in the second qualifying round, will battle with Romania's FCSSB or Maccabi Tel-Aviv if they progress.



# SPECIAL REPORT ON THE STAR-SPANGLED

OFF THE MARK: Boss Ten Hag with Leny Yoro at Murrayfield as United got their first pre-season victory

In 19 days' time the two sides of Manchester resume rivalry in the Community Shield eager to make a statement before the Premier League kicks off. United, under a new regime, are convinced they can wrestle bragging rights away from a City side chasing their FIFTH title in a row. Today both are in America gearing up for the challenge...



DEBUT DELIGHT: Yoro in action and (below) Ten Hag with new coaching staff



# Red Devils on right track as they enter the City of Angels

## TEN HAG 'ENJOYS' HIS NEW-LOOK UNITED

**ERIK TEN HAG** takes his Manchester United squad to the USA tomorrow admitting he is finally liking what he sees after the turmoil of last season.

United limped home in eighth place, their worst finish of the Premier League era, although their campaign was somewhat salvaged by victory over Manchester City in the FA Cup final.

That Wembley win saw the Red Devils snatch a Europa League place, after a season wrecked by persistent injuries and off-field issues, leaving Ten Hag reflecting on his toughest campaign as a manager.

But after Saturday's 2-0 win over Rangers at Murrayfield, in which new £52m defender Leny Yoro made a competent debut, Ten Hag said something he and United fans could not claim last season.

"That was enjoyable to watch," the Dutchman said. "Pre-season is about friendlies and I want to win every

from **DAVID McDONNELL** in Los Angeles

game, so I was very disappointed on Monday (a 1-0 defeat to Rosenborg), especially with the performance.

"That is even more important in pre-season, the performance. You want to grow and that is what we saw in comparison with Monday, which was a low standard.

*"This was much better, especially in the prospect of aggressiveness, which was much better. We were much more on the front foot and it was a team effort in both halves, so yeah, it was enjoyable to watch."*

United land in Los Angeles tomorrow, where they will have a few days of preparation at their training camp at the UCLA campus, before taking on Premier League rivals Arsenal at SoFi Stadium in the early hours of Sunday.

After that, they fly to San Diego to

face Spanish side Real Betis, before flying back across America for a showdown with arch rivals Liverpool in North Carolina, in the final fixture of their three-game US tour.

With Yoro and another summer signing, £34m striker Joshua Zirkzee, on board, with more to come before the start of the season, and a new football executive structure in place, there is a mood of optimism at Old Trafford in contrast to the doom and gloom of last season.

With a proper football structure in place above Ten Hag - comprising new CEO Omar Berrada, sporting director Dan Ashworth and technical director Jason Wilcox - under minority owner Sir Jim Ratcliffe, there is a belief at United that they can make significant progress in the new season.

Ten Hag, also boosted by two new additions to his coaching staff in

former United striker Ruud van Nistelrooy and former Go Ahead Eagles manager Rene Hake, wants his players to hit the ground running when the new season starts, which is why a strong pre-season is so vital in terms of preparation.

"First, we have to make a very good training week - a hard training week," said the former Ajax boss.

*"There is travel to Los Angeles that will take one day and then also we have to acclimatise to a new time."*

"But then we will play against Arsenal, another step, but before that we have to work very hard for our fitness, for our game model, so we have a lot to do."

If that hard work ends in an improved Premier League showing, it will be just what the doctor ordered for United and their fans.



DRESS TO IMPRESS: Joshua Zirkzee

# MANCS READY TO LOCK HORNS AGAIN



ON HIS WAY: Calafiori

## Riccardo Gunning for move

by RYAN TAYLOR

RICCARDO CALAFIORI has been left out of Bologna's squad for their pre-season training camp as the defender nears a move to Arsenal, with the fee expected to be in the region of £42m.

Calafiori's former club Basel will receive a 50 per cent cut of any transfer, as per a sell-on clause included in the deal which took him to Bologna.

Numerous other clubs expressed an interest in the Italian, including Chelsea, but the centre-back, 22, only wanted to join the Gunners.

And as he prepares to settle in at the Emirates, Marseille are working on a loan deal for Gunners striker Eddie Nketiah that includes an obligation to buy.

The English forward, 25, is part of Arsenal's travelling party for their pre-season tour of the United States but his future remains in doubt.

Marseille made an opening offer for Nketiah (*inset*) last week to kick-start negotiations but they're yet to find an agreement with the Gunners, who are open to business.

The French side have already landed Mason Greenwood from Manchester United, while Denmark midfielder Pierre-Emile Hojbjerg has signed on an initial loan from Tottenham with an obligation to buy for £17m.

Meanwhile, Real Sociedad are resigned to losing Arsenal target Mikel Merino this summer after failing to tie the 28-year-old midfielder down to a new contract.

Euro 2024 winner Merino, formerly of Newcastle, has less than 12 months remaining on his deal and it appears he will not be signing fresh terms.

A host of top European clubs, including Arsenal, Barcelona and Atletico Madrid, are interested in striking a cut-price deal.

However, it's understood Sociedad are looking for at least £25m in order to sanction his exit, despite accepting the player's future now likely lies away from the La Liga club.

# LEWIS IS PAVING THE WAY

## Rico backs Pep's young stars to get their chance

TWO years ago tonight, in an American sporting mecca, Erling Haaland announced himself in typical fashion to Manchester City supporters.

With his trademark long blond locks tied up, the Norway striker took his place in the starting line-up for his debut - albeit a pre-season one - under Pep Guardiola at Lambeau Field in Green Bay, where once another coaching legend in Vince Lombardi prowled the touchline.

As an insight to what was to follow that season, Haaland settled the friendly against Bayern Munich after just 12 minutes when Kevin De Bruyne found Jack Grealish, who crossed for the new boy to slide home the only goal.

With everyone's attention distracted by Haaland's arrival, another pre-season debutant that night went almost unnoticed when 17-year-old City academy graduate Rico Lewis came on with nine minutes to play.

As City return to America for the first time since then, Lewis' career has gone from academy to first team to 50 games to an England call-up.

*They take on Brendan Rodgers' Celtic tonight in North Carolina and defender Lewis has urged other City youngsters to grab their chance, because he is living proof that you never know where it might lead.*

"I can't wait [to play]," said the 19-year-old, who joined City as a seven-year-old in July 2012.

"It's nice to be away but after a while you want to get back out there. Training is good, but there's nothing better than

by KEITH WEBSTER

playing in a game. It's a massive chance and opportunity for them [City's academy stars], but the main thing is you have to enjoy it.

"It's not a normal thing for them to be in a first-team environment, especially at the level of City.

"First of all, they need to enjoy it and appreciate that they are here, but work as hard as they can and be fully honest with themselves.

*"I'm sure there's so much quality in them that a few of them will get their big chance."*

This season, Lewis can confidently take his place among the star names that City field - from Haaland to Spain's Euros hero Rodri.

But his last visit to America was a much more tense affair, as he revealed the conversation he had with Guardiola just before making his entry in Green Bay, where he struck a post in a game twice suspended because of fierce lightning storms.

"I was very nervous, I almost didn't want to come on because of the nerves," he joked.

"But the manager came over and told me I was coming on to play. That's what basically kickstarted my career.

"Looking back, it was just something that was meant to happen. I was meant to be on the trip, I was meant to be on the bench and then come on for those last few minutes. It was amazing.

"It could've easily been called off so many times, but the game was just meant to happen. That game will forever be in my memory."

STAR BOY: Rico Lewis wants more young players to shine at City



ALL SMILES: Erling Haaland enjoys scoring one of his first Man City goals with Rodri against Bayern Munich in America two years ago

## Ashworth says Erik will get tools

From Back Page Omar (*inset*) and his new leadership team, we will not rest until we achieve it."

Ashworth insists the club will give boss Erik ten Hag what he needs to achieve that as they strengthen across departments this summer.

Ten Hag was on the brink of the sack after United slumped



to eighth in the Premier League and crashed out of the Champions League at the group stages.

They won the FA Cup but United still deliberated before extending the Dutchman's deal.

Ashworth said: "Our first big decision of the summer was to extend Erik ten Hag's contract as men's

first-team manager to June 2026. Reflecting our strong belief in him as one of Europe's top coaches and the partner we want to continue working with to get the team back to the levels expected.

"By winning the FA Cup in such a fashion, our players and staff showed what they are capable of when everyone pulls together and performs to their potential."

## Eze on City's eye

From Back Page contract in front of Belgian ace Kevin De Bruyne.

Eze, who made cameo appearances for England at Euro 2024, also has admirers at Tottenham.

However, should City follow up their interest, the North Londoners would struggle to compete.

Eze has three years left on his contract at Palace

and a release clause of £60m plus add-ons.

The South London club will not allow him to leave for any less, especially after losing another of their rising stars, Michael Olise, to Bayern Munich.

The defending champions are particularly impressed by Eze's low maintenance temperament and his versatility.



# £50m Amadou

ASTON VILLA have splashed out £50m to complete the capture of Amadou Onana from Everton. The Belgian international midfielder (left)

by CHRIS McKENNA has penned a five-year deal at Villa Park. The 22-year-old, who featured for Belgium at Euro 2024, is seen as the ideal replacement for Turn to Page 44



# EZE ON CITY EYE

MANCHESTER CITY are considering a move for £68m-rated Crystal Palace playmaker Eberechi Eze. Pep Guardiola's serial title winners are weighing up their

by DARREN LEWIS options and Eze (right) is among them. Their interest has been fired because Saudi side Al-Ittihad are dangling a lucrative Turn to Page 47



## DIRECTOR DAN'S PLEA TO UNITED BOSS ERIK



# Guv, lift us up where we belong

NO PRESSURE: United bosses say they will not rest in bringing the good times back to Old Trafford under coach Erik ten Hag



by CHRIS McKENNA DAN ASHWORTH claims Manchester United won't rest until they're back among the best in the world.

The new sporting director at Old Trafford has vowed to ensure "one of the biggest clubs in the world" is now able to compete with the best on the pitch too.

Ashworth, 53, arrived at United last month, while Omar Berrada has started as chief executive and Jason Wilcox was appointed technical director in a bid to revolutionise the club's sporting structure.

United have not won the Premier League since Sir Alex Ferguson's final campaign in 2013, while they're without a European Cup since 2008.

Ashworth (inset, right) said: "This remains one of the biggest football clubs in the world.

"But that is not our measure of success. The focus is on getting back to being among the best on the pitch. It won't happen overnight, but, together with

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# WE'LL GIVE TEN HAG TOOLS TO ROCK THE WORLD ONCE MORE VOWS ASHWORTH

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