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■ by ADELA WHITTINGHAM
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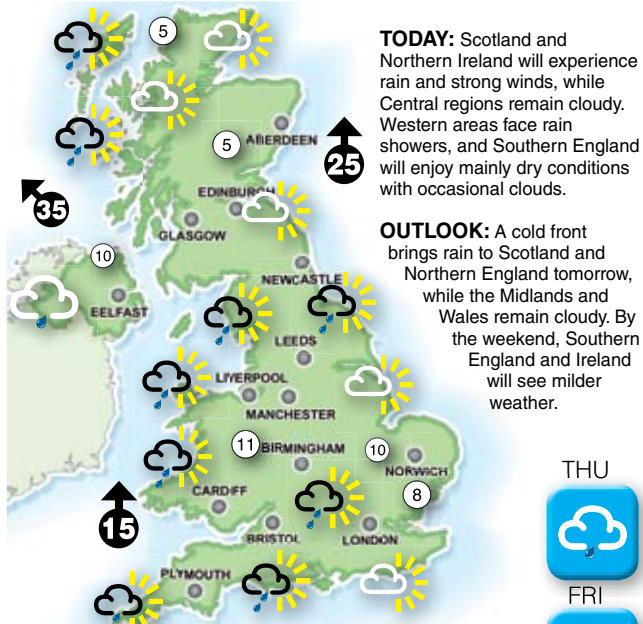


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GENERATION JIMJAMS

TODAY'S WEATHER



TODAY: Scotland and Northern Ireland will experience rain and strong winds, while Central regions remain cloudy. Western areas face rain showers, and Southern England will enjoy mainly dry conditions with occasional clouds.

OUTLOOK: A cold front brings rain to Scotland and Northern England tomorrow, while the Midlands and Wales remain cloudy. By the weekend, Southern England and Ireland will see milder weather.

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THUNDERBALL, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18: 10, 14, 22, 26, 38 T'BALL: 02

Khan in blast at Brexit

SADIQ Khan says "Brexit was a mistake" and stronger ties with the EU would help offset Donald Trump's threatened tariffs.

The London mayor told EU diplomats that Britain's withdrawal from the EU "continues to have a negative impact".

Sir Sadiq said he was "strongly in favour of a new youth mobility scheme" to "give young Londoners and EU citizens important life experiences".

He added: "I'm a proud European and of the view that Brexit was a mistake that continues to have a negative impact".

Energy bills to rise 5%

HOUSEHOLD energy bills will rise again in April, it is claimed.

Energy consultancy Cornwall Insight said it expects regulator Ofgem to reveal that the typical household energy bill would increase by 5%, or £85, to £1,823.

The company's Dr Craig Lowrey said: "Households have been hit hard over the past few months and with bills set to rise for a third consecutive time the pressure is not letting up."

Mr Lowrey said the rise was because of an increase in wholesale gas prices across Europe.

Met set to lose 1k cops

BRITAIN'S biggest police force may have to axe over 1,000 cops.

Met Commissioner Sir Mark Rowley warned in December the force needed to slash jobs due to a £450million shortfall.

The Government and Mayor of London Sir Sadiq Khan have since pledged to inject extra cash.

But yesterday a Scotland Yard spokesman said: "While this new funding decreases our original funding gap, it leaves us with a £260m shortfall and we will have to make substantial tough choices, reducing our size and services."

AMY'S GONG

★ **STRICTLY** pro Amy Dowden shows off her MBE after getting the honour from the King.

She spoke about the "impact of chemotherapy" with Charles at Buckingham Palace.

★ Amy, 34, who was treated for cancer and Crohn's disease, said the visit was like an "out-of-body experience".



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PINOCCHIO IS CAUGHT AT IT AGAIN

Reeves' essay 'lie'



RACHEL Reeves wrongly claimed to have had work published in a world-leading economics journal.

It marks a fresh twist in the Chancellor's "CV-gate" scandal.

She came under fire after boasting about working at the Bank of England "for the best part of a decade" - when her LinkedIn page listed just six years at the institution.

And now her entry in Who's Who lists her as a contributor

■ by AARON TINNEY

to the Journal of Political Economy. But the publication has no record of the article.

The Chancellor instead published a 2007 paper in a far less well-regarded publication.

Sir Richard Barnett, an emeritus professor at Ulster University, said she "must know the difference between the two".

The Daily Star has contacted Mrs Reeves for comment.

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LAST GIG: Rocker

Ozzy: I'll do show my way

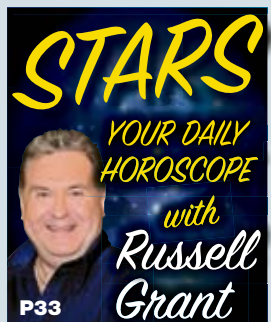
OZZY Osbourne says he will perform at Black Sabbath's final reunion concert on his own terms.

He has given fans more details of the farewell gig set to take place on July 5 at Villa Park in Birmingham.

Ozzy, 76, who has Parkinson's, said: "I am trying to get back on my feet."

"When you get up in the morning, you just jump out of bed. I have to balance myself, but I'm not dead. I'm still actively doing things."

He has said he will not do a full set at the gig but "bits and pieces where I feel comfortable".



RETURNING: Ball

Beckett out and Zoe's in

ROB Beckett will step down from his BBC Radio 2 slot as Zoe Ball returns to the station for a weekend programme.

Comedian Beckett, 39, will continue to appear on the station as a cover presenter after he leaves his Sunday 5pm to 7pm slot in April.

He said: "I've had such a laugh each Sunday getting to know the listeners, but as my tour schedule heats up, I've decided to step away from a weekly show."

"But you won't get away from me that easily as I'll be back presenting shows on Radio 2 later in the year."

Spandau lolly



Maxie

★ MAXIE'S so committed to her Page 3 job, she headed down to a chilly seaside town for this photoshoot.
★ The 26-year-old Londoner said: "It may be Freezing February but I'm at Camber Sands to show my fans how dedicated I am!"
★ Now that's what we call a Maximum effort! You're certainly a model, er, model.

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RECORD LAPELS: Band in 80s heyday

GARY'S PLEA TO TONY: END OUR FEUD & MAKE GOLD

by DAVID O'DORNAN

GARY Kemp has offered a gold-plated olive branch to Tony Hadley to reform Spandau Ballet and make a fortune.

The guitarist and songwriter says "good offers" are on the table and the 80s pop giants have unfinished business after a bitter fall-out.

Gary, 65, said: "What makes me unhappy is the unresolved sides of Spandau Ballet, how we've tried to get back together over the years and tripped up... that we didn't say goodbye properly or leave the door open."

"It'd be nice to finish Spandau on a good note. I'm not angry with Tony in any way, and I know there are some good offers for shows."

The last gig with Tony, 64, was a motor racing event in Hong Kong in 2015 which "wasn't the right farewell".

Gary, who has just released a new solo album said: "The minute we got on stage, I knew it was wrong."

"I gritted my teeth, as my brother (Martin) and I looked at each other and said, 'We're not doing this again.'"

"It never felt right, and I haven't seen Tony since."

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OFFERS: Gary



FRONTMAN: Tony

Hugh is not ruling it Out

HUGH Dennis would "never say never" to a new series of Outnumbered.

The comedian, 63, right, returned after eight years for the recent Christmas special.

When asked about another series, Hugh said: "Who knows? It was great doing it"



Beware of 'werewolf' dog chews



DODGY TREAT FEAR

DOG chews from China could turn a friendly pup into a "howling werewolf", experts warn.

The imported treats are feared to have been contaminated with chemicals.

So far 15 pet pooches have died and over 50 have been affected in Europe. Symptoms

by **JERRY LAWTON**
Chief Reporter

include howling, crying and extreme aggression.

Tina Potter, from the Food Standards Agency, said: "We are advising owners to avoid feeding the affected chews to dogs as a precaution."

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SNOW WILL BLAST WINTER IS



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SPRING SHAM: Deer in Suffolk at sunset and, left, Steph Crozier with lambs in Hawick, Borders

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BACK AFTER WARMER SPELL COMING.. AGAIN!

Brits to batten down hatches for new storm

■ by ALEXANDRA SNOW

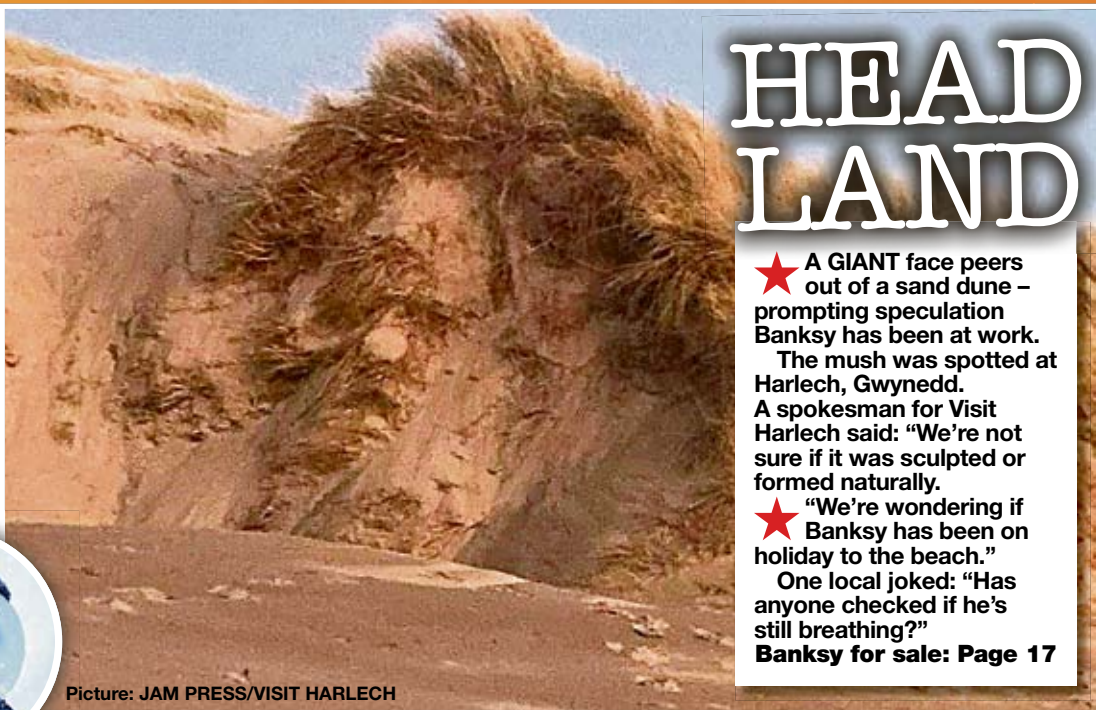
BRITS will get only a brief respite from winter chills before more snow and cold weather arrive.

Temperatures could reach 17C on Friday but will plunge as a storm sweeps in next Tuesday, bringing the white stuff and rain.

Scotland may be blanketed in snow, with everywhere from Inverness to Southampton getting a dusting, maps from WXCharts show.

The Met Office warned Atlantic frontal systems are "likely to spread".

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HEAD LAND

★ A GIANT face peers out of a sand dune – prompting speculation Banksy has been at work.

The mush was spotted at Harlech, Gwynedd.

A spokesman for Visit Harlech said: "We're not sure if it was sculpted or formed naturally."

★ "We're wondering if Banksy has been on holiday to the beach."

One local joked: "Has anyone checked if he's still breathing?"

Banksy for sale: Page 17

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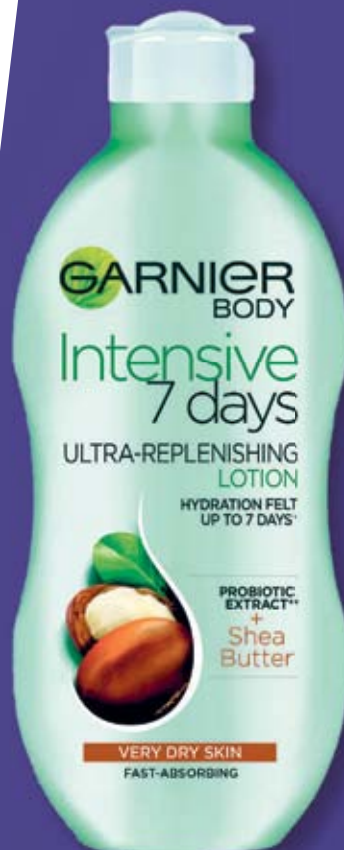


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DAILY STAR Says

Pyjamas nightmare

WE live in a divided nation.

A quick look on social media will tell you that.

Politics, sport, television, the weather – we like to disagree on pretty much everything.

And it seems that also applies to wearing pyjamas!

Traditionally they've always been what you put on when you get into bed.

But slowly over the years they have – to many – become a staple for indoor wear at all times.

The Covid lockdowns are probably to blame.

Dressing like a slob doesn't really matter if you never have to meet anyone outside the people you live with.

Now six out of 10 people reckon it's fine to always get into your jimjams the moment you walk through the front door.

While the others firmly believe that during the day time you should be in daytime clothes.

Just so long as we're not all wearing rabbit onesies all the time it'll probably be OK!

The Snick of time..

CHANGE is hard, we get that.

That being said, it's clear from the results of a new poll that some people need to learn how to move on.

Apparently, there are still millions angry about things that happened decades ago – like the change from shillings to pounds and pence or the 1990 renaming of Marathon bars to Snickers.

There's nothing wrong with being a traditionalist and nostalgic – although we would recommend folk learn to let these things go and move on with their lives.

It's just healthier.

Still, probably best no one tells them what they're calling Emmerdale Farm these days just yet...

Mel beef

MEL B has embraced living a farmer's life in the countryside.

It's what she really, really wants.

SIZZLING FACTS ABOUT SAUSAGES



★ GEN Z have ushered in the age of the sausage by ditching their vegan diets, as the Daily Star revealed yesterday. Skint youngsters are turning back to meat to save money on pricey alternatives.

They're called bangers as during World War One added water and bread made them explode.

★ But how much do you know about these tasty tubes of nourishment? Here MEG JORSH salutes them with 15 sizzling facts...



1 They've been around for 5,000 years. Remnants of a sausage called mombar mahshy – made by stuffing cow intestines with lamb, beef, rice and cardamom – have even been found in ancient Egyptian tombs.

2 The ancient Greeks were also partial to a banger. They show up in Homer's *Odyssey*, written in around 850BC, and playwright Epicharmus wrote a comedy called *The Sausage* some 350 years later.

3 The Romans loved a sausage too – they were eaten at their early pagan festivals. So much so that, when Christian emperor Constantine the Great came to power in AD324, he banned them and created a thriving black market.

4 During the Middle Ages, giant bangers were often unveiled on special occasions. A massive one made from 81 hams was presented to the people of Königsberg, Prussia, (now Kaliningrad, Russia) on New Year's Day 1601.

5 The people of Kazakhstan have eaten horse meat sausages for centuries. They believe the bangers boost their athletic power. Some athletes even tried to import them to Britain for the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

6 Speaking of unorthodox fillings, fish sausages were popular in Britain until the end of the 19th Century. Made with haddock, mackerel and kipper, they were often served during Lent.

7 Cumberland sausages were traditionally made from a breed of pig – the Cumberland – that has been extinct since the 1960s. Boffins genetically engineered a sow in 2008, but sadly she proved infertile.

8 In Taipei, Taiwan, "sausage gambling" has been part of the culture since World War Two. Rather than just buying a banger from a street trader, you play a dice game to try and win one.

9 Depending on who you ask, frankfurters were invented in either Frankfurt, Germany, or Vienna, Austria. Residents of the latter point out they are often called "wieners".

10 The disputed bangers were exported to the US in the 1860s, where street vendors sold them in buns. They were called "dachs-

hund sausages" because of their shape, eventually becoming "hot dogs".

11 The word sausage comes from the Latin "salscius", meaning "prepared by salting". It first appeared in English in the 15th Century.

12 But the adjective "sausagey" was coined by novelist D.H. Lawrence in his 1921 travel book *Sea And Sardinia*. He used it to describe a cathedral in the city of Cagliari.

13 Since the mid-1990s, US baseball team the Milwaukee Brewers have held a "sausage race" at every home game. Competitors come dressed as giant bangers from around the world.

14 The longest sausage in history measured a ludicrous 39 miles and weighed 45 tons. It was made by supermarket workers in Ploiesti City, Romania, on December 1, 2014.

15 Brit Leah Shutkover, above, holds the world record for the most sausages eaten in one minute. The competitive eater demolished 10 in Birmingham on June 7, 2020.



THE BRAINBOX

BRAINS OF BRITAIN

We asked for a musical instrument you associate with jazz and the coolest one came last:

- 1 Trumpet
- 2 Saxophone/sax
- 3 Piano
- 4 Clarinet
- 5 Double bass
- 6 Drums
- 7 Flugelhorn

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

- 1 Which Green was the name of a 1966 puppet show narrated by Brian Cant?
- 2 Who did Manchester United beat to win the Champions League in 1999?
- 3 Who is the musician in the picture?

- 4 Which actor, known for his role in *Taxi Driver*, is being touted as the next US President, according to a recent report in your Daily Star?
- 5 Which Brit became WBC heavyweight world champion at Wembley in 1995?

ASK US ANOTHER

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ANSWERS:

(1) Camberwick; (2) Frank Bruno; (3) Bayern Munich; (4) Robert De Niro; (5) Gene Simmons



MADE UP: Who's the rocker?



LEGEND: Buckler

The Jam ace Rick dies, 69

THE Jam drummer Rick Buckler has died, aged 69, after a short illness.

He joined the band in the early 1970s and stayed until they split in 1982.

Singer Paul Weller said: "I'm shocked and saddened by Rick's passing."

"I'm thinking back to us all rehearsing in my bedroom in Stanley Road, Woking."

"To all the pubs and clubs we played at as kids, to eventually making a record."

"What a journey! We went far beyond our dreams and what we made stands the test of time."

"My deepest sympathy to all family and friends."

Bruce Foxton, who played bass in the band, said: "I was shocked and devastated to hear the very sad news today."

"Rick was a good guy and a great drummer whose innovative drum patterns helped shape our songs."

Rick is survived by his wife Lesley and their two children.

FACT OF

PJs are named after the Hindi word pae-jama, meaning leg clothing or garment – which explains why it has different spellings.

THE DAY

Pope is battling asthma

POPE Francis has got pneumonia in both lungs, the Vatican said yesterday.

The 88-year-old is suffering asthmatic bronchitis which is being treated with cortisone antibiotics.

They added: "Laboratory tests, chest X-ray, and the Holy Father's clinical condition continue to present a complex picture."

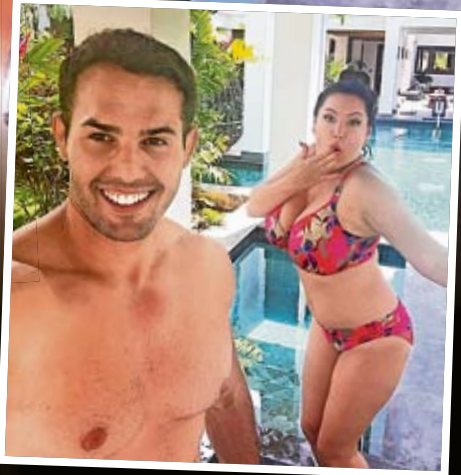
But Vatican spokesman Matteo Bruni said the Pope was in good spirits and had revealed he is grateful for all the prayers for his recovery.

Yesterday the Vatican said papal audiences at the weekend had been cancelled and would be taken by other representatives.



Kelly hot on hols

- ★ KELLY Brook shows off her curves in a flowery bikini as she continues to sun herself with husband Jeremy Parisi.
- ★ The model, 45, flashed the flesh in her latest set of snaps from the Caribbean break with her 39-year-old partner.



Why don't we slip into something a bit more COMFY



BED CHIC: Most of us love putting on pyjamas

PJ TIME WHEN WE GET HOME FROM THE JOB

■ by ADELA WHITTINGHAM

MILLIONS of people slip into their pyjamas the minute they get home each day.

A probe into clothing habits behind closed doors found the majority of workers ditch their suit or fancy work dress straight away and don their favourite "comfies".

And a naughty majority of those will strip down to their underwear to carry out household chores, with a hardy smaller group willing to go completely naked once the working day is done.

Overall, the study found six in 10 put their pyjamas on as soon as they get home.

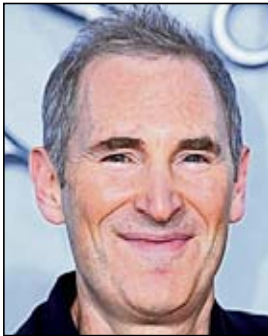
And more than a third of PJ-lovers say they would dress in nightwear all the time if it was socially acceptable. But only 9% admitted they have worn them on the school run.

However, not everyone feels the same, with 39% spending their evenings in the clobber they wore to the office.

A spokesman for Safestyle, which ran the study, said: "This revealing data shows how relaxed the nation is when it comes to going about their daily routines in the comfort of their own home."

"What's particularly eye-opening is that over two thirds don't seem to mind who sees them through their window."





THREAT: Jassy

Bosses in knife jail fear

AMAZON chief Andy Jassy could be caged if his company sells any more knives to under-18s.

Bosses of knife retailers will be held accountable for sales to minors under legislation announced by the Home Office today.

It follows the murders of three girls by teen Axel Rudakubana, inset,

in Southport, Merseyside, last summer.

The then-17-year-old,

who was jailed for 52 years, bought the knife he used off Amazon after using encrypted software to pass the age verification checks.

Home Secretary Yvette Cooper said: "It is horrifying how easy it is for young people to get hold of knives online. We will pursue every possible avenue to save young lives."



BOOSTED: Wages

Pay of workers is rising

EARNINGS growth has accelerated to an eight-month high.

It comes despite further signs of strain in the jobs market, as vacancies tumble.

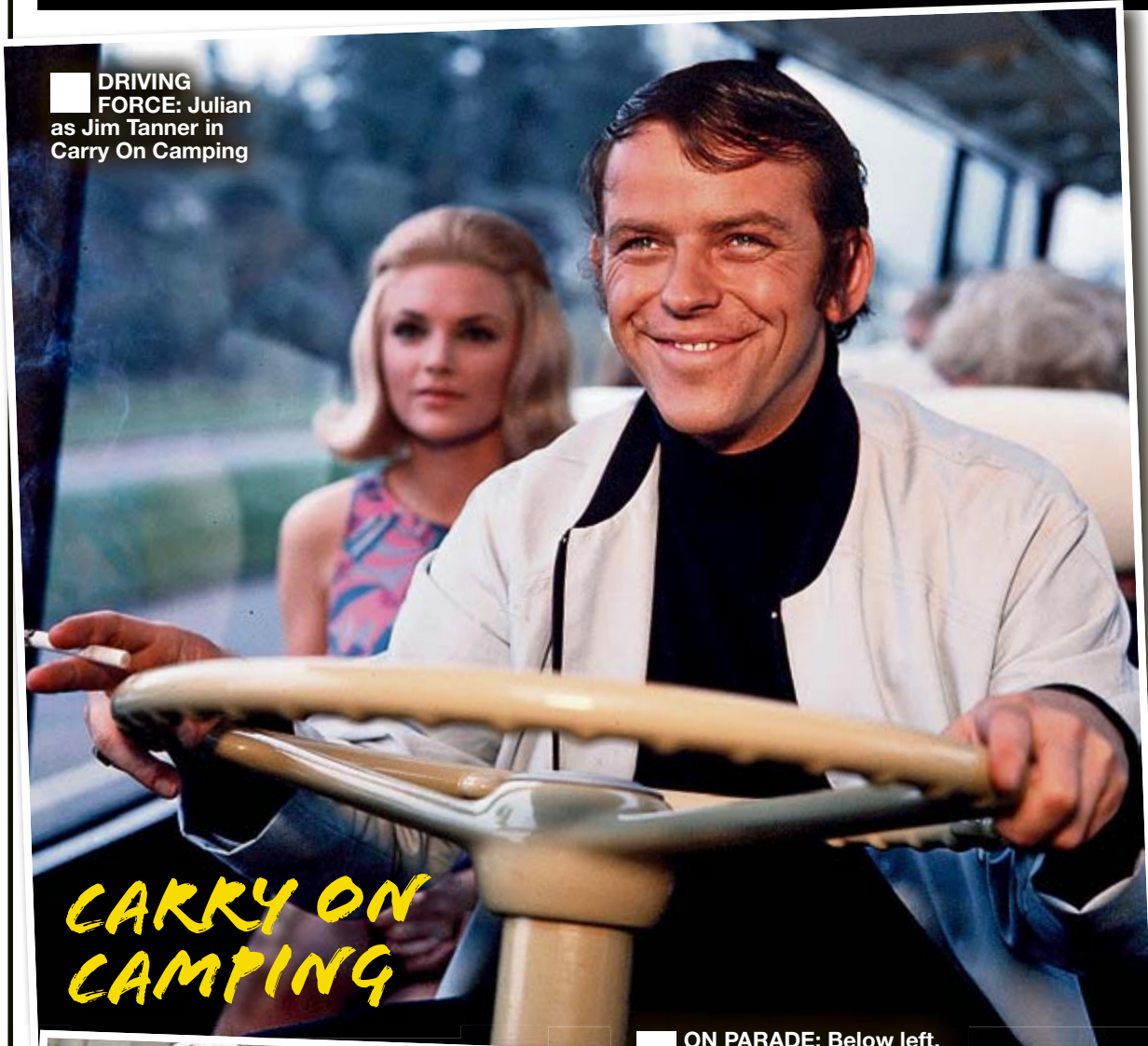
The Office for National Statistics (ONS) said average regular pay surged 5.9% in the three months to December.

It was up from 5.6% in the previous three months and the fastest growth since the three months to April last year.

In a further encouraging sign, the ONS estimated that the number of UK workers on payrolls rose by 21,000 during January to 30.4million.

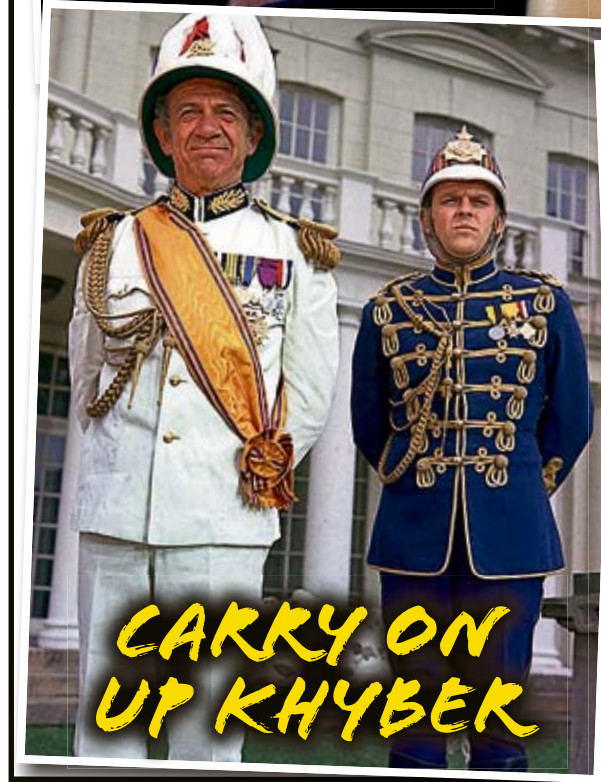
Julian Holloway 1944-2025

Carry On hero was the wittiest of men



DRIVING FORCE: Julian as Jim Tanner in Carry On Camping

CARRY ON CAMPING



CARRY ON UP KHYBER



ON PARADE: Below left, in Carry On Up The Khyber, and on stage in London's West End with Britt Ekland in 1978. Inset, as Sir Thomas in Carry On Henry



'WONDERFUL': Actor with Sophie Dahl

ONE OF THE LAST COMEDY CLASSIC STARS DEAD, 80

by CHARLOTTE McLAUGHLIN

CARRY On star Julian Holloway has died aged 80.

The British actor appeared in a string of the iconic comedy films and on stage.

He played Major Shorthouse in Carry On Up The Khyber, Jim Tanner in Carry On Camping and Adrian in Carry On Loving.

Theatrical agency Sharkey & Co said he died on Sunday at the Royal Bournemouth Hospital in Dorset after "a brief illness".

In tribute actress Miriam Margolyes wrote: "Wonderful man." And pal Sarah Douglas, who played Ursa in Superman I and II, said: "Julian was the wittiest of men."

Holloway's daughter is supermodel Sophie Dahl.

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CARRY ON HENRY

Call for round knives

ROUND-ended blades are safer than sharp-pointed kitchen knives and could save lives, say boffins.

They tested 1,200 repeated stabbing motions on everyday clothing and found 10 different safety knives did not cut through the fabric.

De Montfort University's forensic scientist Leisa Nichols-Drew - who is leading the research - said: "It's safer to have these safer round-ended knives, they will still have the utility function that you'd want from a kitchen tool."



Lunchtime is fun time

RECKON you're a quiz supremo, or just want to waste time at work? Every weekday the Daily Star will bring you a fun quiz to make lunchtime less boring. Monday's a personality test, and on Tuesday you get to fill in the headline. Wednesday is name that footballer while on Thursday we challenge you to match the mugshot to the crime. To finish the week Friday is our big pub quiz. Head to dailystar.co.uk and see if you can beat our brainteasers.



Scan me

Pub kill suspect rang pal

THE man suspected of killing his wife outside a pub told a friend "she's dead" less than two hours later.

Edvard Stockings called Leslie Thompson after Lisa Smith, 43, was shot dead at the Three Horseshoes, in Knockholt, Kent, on Valentine's Day.

He told him: "She's dead, I love you. I'll see you on the other side."

Police believe Stockings then drove to the Queen Elizabeth II Bridge, near Dartford, and entered the River Thames. His body has still not been found.

Picture: SIMON DAWSON/NO 10 DOWNING STREET



Meanwhile.. EU is 3,600 miles away

★ PRIME Minister Keir Starmer and EU leaders attend an emergency summit on Ukraine in Paris - as the US and Russia hold peace talks thousands of miles away without them.

MANBABY'S ULTIMATUM



SHAKE ON IT

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio shakes Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov's hand at the talks in Saudi yesterday.

Picture: SPA/AFP/GETTY

Trump's £400bn metals demand: Ukraine may do deal.. or may be Russian one day

■ by JERRY LAWTON, Chief Reporter
DONALD Trump has been accused of acting like a gangster after unveiling the ultimate protection racket in return for shielding Ukraine from Russia.

The US President has demanded £400billion of its rare earth metals - crucial for the development of future technologies - to keep Mad Vlad Putin at bay.

Trump, right, said of Ukraine: "They may make a deal. They may not make a deal."

"They may be Russian some day or they may not be Russian some day"

Former British diplomat Ian Bond said Trump and his cronies are "behaving like an organised crime syndicate".

It came as UK Defence Secretary John Healey said decisions made in the next few weeks will define "the security of our world for a generation".

● RUSSIA and the US yesterday met for preliminary talks in Saudi Arabia to end the Ukraine war.

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky, left, said it came as a "surprise".



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Gen Z go with flow

GEN Zers are fuelling a boom in cruises.

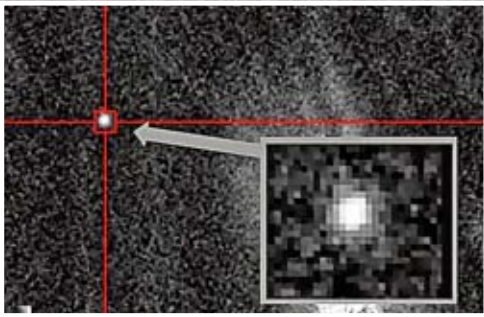
Youngsters in their early to late 20s are abandoning party holidays in Ibiza for breaks typically packed with pensioners.

Mike Graham, from travel agent Destination2, which held the poll, said: "Luxury cruises aren't just for retirees".

OTTER SPOTTER JOY

A MOTHER otter and pup have been spotted at Ewhurst Park in Hampshire - the first sighting there for more than 70 years.

STARMAGEDDON



Asteroid hit '500 times Nagasaki'

A FORMER astronaut is warning an asteroid's impact would be 500 times more powerful than the Nagasaki bomb.

Chris Hadfield called 2024 YR4 "a bullet zeroing in on Earth from deep space". He said a collision would create a blast equivalent to 7.7 megatons of TNT and a 3,000ft crater.

The Canadian, 65, said: "It's about 500 times more powerful than the

by DAN GRENNAN

biggest bomb we exploded during World War Two.

"So think of the destruction we wrought on each other in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. This is 500 times more powerful than that."

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One hole of a problem!

THIS gaping sinkhole opened up on a high street, forcing residents to be evacuated and businesses to close.

A cordon is in place at the 62ft long and 10ft wide chasm which formed after a water main burst. One resident in Godstone, Surrey, said on social

media: "All the local shops are out of water in the area."

A spokeswoman for SES Water said: "We are working at pace with partners including UK Power Networks, SGN and emergency services to ensure we can safely repair the main as soon as possible."



COSTLY: Smartphone

Snub to refurbished phones

LESS than half of Brits are willing to buy a refurbished mobile phone – despite 83% believing new smartphones are too expensive.

A poll of 2,000 adult found the main concerns about buying a pre-loved phone include poor battery life (61%).

The likely condition of the device was off-putting to 55% of folk while 48% worried about lack of warranty.

Other common worries include fear of potential viruses or malware (43%) or that the phone may have been stolen before being re-sold (34%).

On the flipside, 43% said keeping costs down was a major motivator for buying second-hand as opposed to a brand-new device.

WORD OF

HORNSWOGGLE:
To deceive or trick.

THE DAY



SINK HOLE: plunger

Feeling sore on chores

IGNORED chores and hairs clogging sinks and showers are Brits' most hated flatmate habits.

Dumping soggy towels on the floor and leaving a trail of crumbs also feature in the list of "cleaning fails".

Research from the Ideal Home Show also revealed nearly a third of Brits have cancelled guests as their home was too mucky.

And 35% confessed they delayed basic tasks until houses grew "disgusting".

Giles Perry, Ideal Home Show chief, said: "Nearly all of us are annoyed by an unclean habit."

Bey does it in denim

★ **DOUBLE** denim is normally one to be avoided but for Queen Bey – anything goes.

This cowgirl went for triple blue denim in sexy snaps uploaded to social media, with one fan gushing: "Good JEANS in more ways than one. Girl slay!"

★ Bey, 43, posed for a Levi's campaign a week after tickets went on sale for her Cowboy Carter UK tour.



Just gimme a Marathon & packet of Opal Fruits!

BRITS HATE CHANGE

IT'S official: Brits hate change and are still struggling with Marathon bars being called Snickers.

We are creatures of habit and still can't grasp why it was really necessary to switch the chocolate bar's name in 1990, or why Opal Fruits are now Starburst.

Most of us don't see the need to change things, a poll found, with one in five still reeling over Opal Fruits' rebrand in 1998.

And most of us are still struggling to switch to singing "God Save Our Gracious King" instead of Queen after Elizabeth II's death in 2022.

Four in 10 stay with the same bank for decades – even if we hate the service.

Psychologist Dr Becky Spelman said: "As human beings, we

are wired to seek stability. Familiarity provides a sense of security, and when something we've known for a long time – whether it's a brand, a routine, or a cultural tradition – changes, it disrupts that sense of stability."

She said change can lead to "discomfort or resistance" but added: "Given time, our brains adjust, and what once felt unfamiliar eventually becomes second nature."

Seven in 10 stubborn folk find change so hard they refuse to call something by its new name after it has changed, the Virgin Media study found. One in 20 have always had the same GP – even if they don't like them.

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TOP 10 STRUGGLES

1. Singing King, not Queen – 33%
2. Twitter to X – 18%
3. Opal Fruits to Starburst – 18%
4. Lbs and ounces to kilos and grams – 16%
5. Marathon to Snickers – 14%
6. Red passports turning blue – 11%
7. Millennium Stadium to Principality – 10%
8. Shillings out – 10%
9. Arsenal's Highbury to Emirates – 10%
10. Jodie Whittaker leaving Dr Who – 9%

JACK'S BASH BATH

GOING, going, gong... **Jack Whitehall** will treat himself to a soothing sound bath before hosting the BRITs.

Pictured here clutching this year's trophy, the comedian revealed his pre-show rituals. Jack, 36, said: "It's quite zen backstage when I'm trying

to get ready. I don't want to get too over-excited..."

"I'll probably be in there just doing a sound bath, or humming, or trying to do some breath work to keep myself nice and calm."

The awards bash takes place at London's O2 on March 1.



WIRED

BILLY Idol is set to rock it out the park all over again as he announces an epic UK show - his first here since 2022. The 69-year-old plays the OVO Wembley Arena on June 24. Tickets on sale on Friday.

WORLD

WIRED

JAMES Bay completes the BRITs Week War Child line-up with a gig at London's 100 Club on March 5. Fans who enter the charity prize draw will also get the chance to attend the singer's soundcheck before.

WORLD



Fright night in Rio for rockers

THE Wombats were given a fright after getting on the wrong side of scary gangsters in Rio de Janeiro.

Events took a terrifying turn while the indie-rockers cut loose in the Brazilian city.

Frontman **Matthew Murphy** told me: "We got chased in Rio by a gang. We were out, someone said the wrong thing, we were doing the wrong thing."

"Somebody - I won't say who

- got into an argument with this other guy, and didn't realise who he was, or what he was in."

"And then our taxi was chased back to the hotel by these two Land Rovers. I ran up to my hotel room, and our tour manager had to diffuse the situation."

The band, completed by **Dan Haggis** and **Tord Øverland Knudsen**, are making waves with sixth album *Oh! The Ocean*, expected to crash the top three this week. However, Murph, from

Liverpool, found himself in choppy waters after writing about the soap opera-style lives of his LA neighbours on a song called **Kate Moss**.

Lyrics include: "He works in tech and drives an electric car / She sells pictures from her phone / He's got a temper hotter than a star / She's got men that aren't her own / All we ever seem to find is mayhem / And you look like Kate Moss from back in 1993."

The 40-year-old received a slap

on the wrist from his harshest critic, missus **Akemi**, for crossing the line.

Murph added: "That track's kind of getting me into a bit of trouble now with my wife."

"She's like, 'Why do you have to bring our actual friends into your songs? What are you doing? This is awkward.'"

"Everyone was going through a lot of stuff, and I decided it would be wise to put it all to music and release it without their consent!"

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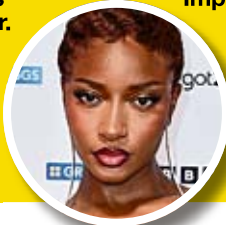
All week

with TOM STICHBURY

★ **THAT'S** a rap! **Central Cee** made history when he claimed his seventh win at the Mobo Awards last night.

The 26-year-old was named Best Male Act for the second consecutive year and now ties **Stormzy** as the show's most-decorated rapper.

★ Nigerian singer **Ayra Starr**, inset, 22, scored a double whammy as Best International Act and Best African



Music Act, the first woman to scoop the prize in 16 years.

Other notable honourees were **Bashy** for Best Album and Best Hip-Hop Act, and **Vybz "King of Dancehall"** **Kartel**, who collected the Impact trophy.

★ Duo **Krept and Konan**, **Nova Twins** and **Shola Ama** performed at the event at Newcastle's Utilita arena.



CHARLI'S RATTLED

CHARLI XCX had to deal with a slippery – or rather, sss-lithery – customer while *Down Under*.

A shock was in store for the star when she ran into a reptilian resident during her run of shows in Oz.

Posting a picture of a snake, Charli, 32, spilled: "Had the best time in Australia... can't believe I nearly stepped on a python."

She joined pal **Claire** on stage for a rendition of the latter's ditty *Sophia* at Laneway festival in Melbourne.

And the performance inspired Chaz to rethink the direction she might go in for the follow-up to *Brat*.

She mused: "What if we made a record with guitars, or strings, or both. **Lou Reed** era, maybe."



An Oasis of calm

LIAM Gallagher reckons he doesn't miss trading blows with **Oasis** sidekick **Noel** – and we Definitely Maybe believe him.

Over the years the now not-so-estranged brothers have thrown various colourful insults at each other.

Taking to his socials, Liam, 52, responded to a fan who asked if a small part of him is itching to trash-talk his older bro.

He insisted: "No. When I did, it made me feel awful. I'd break out in a rash.

"Couldn't eat or drink. It was not good for my spiritual breakthroughs."



BRI GUITAR'S SPACED OUT

SAFE to say that **Queen** legend **Sir Brian May** still possesses plenty of pluck.

The 77-year-old has partnered with Gibson guitars to create a model – the SJ-200 12-String.

It's adorned with an astronomy-themed design

– a tribute to the late, great **Freddie Mercury**.

May gushed: "Gibson was able to put the universe on it in a figurative way, and the planet Mercury is here – and that is a little nod to a friend of mine."



Pictures: RAFAEL PAVAROTTI

SOUTH African star **Tyla** looks absolutely spot-on. Gracing the cover of *British Vogue*, she stuns in a yellow polka-dot two-piece.

In the mag, Tyla, 23, recalls being driven dotty by the backlash she received at last year's MTV VMAs after asking pal **Lil Nas X** to help hold her award.

● Read the full feature in the March issue, out February 25.



PUNKS IN GAZ SNUB

WELSH faves **Punk Rock Factory** failed to strum up a collab with **Take That's Gary Barlow** – maybe they need a little, erm, Patience.

On latest LP *All Hands On Deck*, currently sitting at No.6 in the mid-weeks, they cover 1995 classic *Back For Good*.

Main man **Peej** told me: "We have tried, man. [Gazza] won't

answer our calls... we've tagged him in stuff on socials and whatnot."

The band – including **Benj**, **Ryan** and **Kob** – are living the dream after quitting their day jobs to pursue music.

Ryan added: "I was working as a team leader in a benefits centre for the DWP [Department for Work and Pensions]. It was s***. I hated it!"



LADY KILLER

MOTHER Monster wasn't kidding when she said her comeback album would be a return to her dark roots.

Diehard devotees were given a sneak peek at some of the songs from seventh LP *Mayhem*, out March 7.

If you click on 38-year-old **Lady Gaga's** website, random clusters of letters flash on screen before forming sentences.

One lyric reads: "I'll burn a hole right through your eye". And another commands: "Tap on my vein, suck on my blood diamond" – yeesh!

Snacks in shop recall..

CRISPS are being pulled from shelves in fears they could cause diarrhoea.

Boundless' Sour Cream and Onion Flavour Chips were found to have undeclared milk in them.

Stores are displaying recall notices with pack codes and customers can return them for a refund.

The Food Standards Agency said they could pose a risk for those with a milk allergy or intolerance.

Schuey family fury



PHOTOS: Michael

by WILL SCHOFIELD

MICHAEL Schumacher's family have slammed the "far too lenient" sentence given to their former bodyguard over a £12million blackmail plot.

Markus Fritsche, 53, was accused of conspiring with Yilmaz Tozturkan, 53, and Daniel Lins, 30, to steal photos and medical records from a computer.

Fritsche was handed a two-year sus-

SHOCK AT BLACKMAIL TRIO'S PUNISHMENT

pending prison sentence in Wuppertal, Germany, last week.

The Schumachers released a statement, saying: "We have appealed against what we consider to be the far too lenient sentence for Mr F."

Tozturkan and his son Lins, both of Wuppertal, were accused of demanding £12million from the family. Tozturkan got three years while Lins received a six-month suspended term.

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BODYGUARD: Fritsche

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Dancing on the ceiling

★ THIS new attraction will have the blood rushing to your head.

The mind-bending Upside Down House has opened in Bristol, leaving some confused as to what is happening. As its

name suggests, everything is the wrong way up, with beds, tables and even the loo hanging above guest's heads.

★ It's only when any photos are flipped that the magic of the house is revealed.



AWARD: Champ Littler

Citizen's honour for Luke

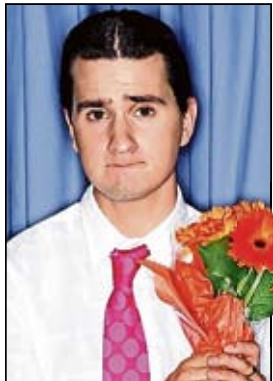
DARTS superstar Luke Littler is set to be honoured for by his home town.

At just 18 Littler, nicknamed "The Nuke", is the youngest ever World Darts Champion.

Now Warrington in Cheshire is to recognise his achievements by granting him honorary citizenship of the borough.

Labour's Cllr Hans Mundry proposed the young darts champ should receive the award, with councillors ready to approve the proposal.

In a statement the council mentions Luke's sporting and charitable achievements, including helping raise over £1million for Prostate Cancer UK.



ROMANTIC: Fella

Blokes in hurry to love

MEN are more romantic than women, a study has found.

Boffins found they fall in love faster and more often and are quickest to say: "I love you".

Blokes also suffer more mentally after a break-up, which they are less likely to initiate than women.

A Humboldt University of Berlin study concluded there were evolutionary reasons for this because mating carries bigger consequences for women.

Lead author Iris Wahring said: "Men often rely heavily on their romantic partners for emotional support, making the presence of a partner more psychologically significant."



Pictures: KENNEDY NEWS/DAD LOVES FOOD

★ A DAD tucks into "the UK's biggest bacon sarnie" with a staggering 100 rashers.

Craig Harker said staff couldn't believe it when he placed his £60 order at a Greggs in Stockton-on-Tees, County Durham.

★ The food blogger managed 38 rashers before giving the rest to his family.

WEIGHT BRITAIN

UK's lazy ways hurting life expectancy

■ by ADELA WHITTINGHAM
BRITAIN is lagging behind other European countries when it comes to life expectancy.

Experts have blamed "couch potato" lifestyles and poor diets for the slump as waistbands grow.

England experienced some of the highest risks for heart disease and cancer deaths.

And life expectancy slowed to an average increase of just 0.07 years between 2011 and 2019.

Study lead Prof Nick Steel, of University of East Anglia, said: "We are not doing well with heart disease and cancer. There isn't a quick fix."

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Jail guard sex texts

A PRISON officer sent 4,369 racy messages during a sexual relationship with a lag.

Toni Cole, 29, was working at superprison HMP Five Wells, Northants.

At Northampton Crown Court, she admitted misconduct in public office and was jailed for 12 months.

SHE'S INK-REDIBLE

GREAT-gran Hilda West, from Kenilworth, Warks, became the UK's oldest person to get a tattoo, for her 100th birthday.

WORK'S A TURN-OFF

We're too stressed for nookie after day on duty

WORK stress could be killing our sex lives, say boffins.

Nearly a third of workers admit their job makes them stressed, and half feel burned out as they struggle to separate their work and home lives.

Scientists have found chronic stress can cause the body to release the hormone cortisol, which not only wrecks havoc on our sleep, but also suppresses the production of sex hormones.

■ by ADELA WHITTINGHAM

The survey by YouGov also found eight in 10 of us check our emails outside work while over half feel pressured to respond to calls or emails after hours.

Hannah Shore, of MattressOnline, said: "Making small changes such as setting boundaries and prioritising emotional connections can help improve your sleep and relationship."

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Gold star

★ MAYA Jama makes sure all eyes are on her as she slips into a racy gold dress for the Love Island: All Stars final.

★ The TV presenter, 30, got glammed up for the big night on Monday, which saw Gabby Allen and Casey O'Gorman crowned the winners.

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Dreams so clear for kids

YOUNG people are more likely to remember their dreams.

But older people are more likely to experience "white dreams" – a sensation of having dreamt without recalling any details, say scientists in Italy.

They also found seasonal variations, with participants reporting lower dream recall during winter compared to spring.

Study author Prof Giulio Bernardi said: "Dream recall is a reflection of how personal attitudes and sleep dynamics interact."



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Ageism 'normal' in Britain

AGEISM is "widespread and culturally embedded" in the UK and discrimination laws are "failing" older people, MPs have said.

The Women and Equalities Committee concluded that the UK has a "pervasively ageist culture" which is seen as less serious and harmful than other kinds of discrimination.

Caroline Abrahams, charity director at Age UK said: "Ageism is so normalised that many of us may not even recognise it, but older people do and feel belittled as a result."

A Blinkin' Banksy..

★ THIS Banksy painting owned by Blink-182 star Mark Hoppus is to go to auction – where it is expected to fetch between £3million and £5m.

★ Named *Crude Oil (Vettriano)*, it will headline Sotheby's Modern And Contemporary Evening Auction in London on March 4.



Picture: PA

Scary Spice: I wannabe a farming girl

GOATS & CHICKENS AT £2M COUNTRY PILE

by DAVID O'DORNAN

SCARY Spice Mel B has ditched her glam showbiz lifestyle to become an animal-loving country landowner.

The singer – real name Melanie Brown – moved from the Hollywood hills to a £2million farm in her native Yorkshire.

Mel, 49, said: "I've never been a city person and up here it's very rural, rustic and relaxing."

"I'm completely secluded in my own land which I feel very fortunate to have."

"I've got three goats, 12 chickens, three ducks and two Rottweilers. I take my dogs on walks into the forest when I want to hug some trees, and I get eggs from the chickens."

The Wannabe hit-maker said she feels more at home in the country but still can't resist keeping her trademark leopard print decor in her rural pile.

She added: "I've always been more of a homebody which is the complete opposite to how I am on stage where I become the one and only Miss Leopard Print, Scary Spice herself. It's like yin and yang."

"I just finished decorating my front room and it's all leopard print wallpaper! It sounds like a nightmare but it's so cosy."

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We are rubbish at trash recycling



DUMPED:
Brits are
bad at recycling

WASTE STILL PUT IN WRONG BINS

BRITS are still baffled when it comes to recycling – with 47% struggling to tell what to put in which bin.

Four in 10 admit getting confused, with many putting glass jars, tin cans and plastic takeaway containers in general waste bins.

Broken glass and aerosol cans also regularly end up in the bin when they could be recycled.

Roger Wright, waste strategy and packaging manager at Biffa, which set up the research, said: "Clear and accessible recycling information is key to helping individuals make more sustainable choices."

"We can see from these findings that there are clearly good

■ by **FRANCESCA TUCKEY**

intentions when it comes to recycling.

"People care about the environmental impact of their rubbish. However, there is still a lot of confusion as to what can and can't be recycled."

The research comes ahead of the Simpler Recycling legislation, where all businesses with 10 or more full-time employees will have to separate plastic, paper, card, glass, metals and food waste from March 31 or risk a fine.

Roger added: "It's crucial we all play our part in helping the public understand what can and can't be recycled."

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Can I or can't I?

- 1. Polystyrene/Styrofoam** – General waste.
- 2. Dirty pizza boxes** – Chuck bits covered in cheese or other food in general waste, recycle the rest.
- 3. Plastic bottle lids** – Recyclable but only when put back on bottle.
- 4. Plastic takeaway containers** – Recycle. Empty and rinse them first.
- 5. Aerosol cans** – Recyclable once completely empty.
- 6. Batteries** – Recyclable at special disposal points.
- 7. Glass jars** – Recyclable. Empty and rinse.



Fangs.. but no thanks

★ A LIONESS bares her teeth as she brutally rejects a potential love interest.

The big cats got their claws out in Kenya's Masai Mara.

★ Snapper Olav Thokle said: "The male tried approaching several times, but she remained indifferent. "Then, suddenly, the situation exploded when the female lion made a violent lunge at the male."

£1.25bn steel arc project

STEEL giant Tata has welcomed approval for its plans for changes to steel-making at its biggest plant.

Neath Port Talbot Council gave the go-ahead for Tata to switch to electric arc furnaces which will cut on-site CO2 emissions by 90%.

Almost 2,000 jobs will be lost at the South Wales site, but the firm and the Government plan to help people find new ones.

Rajesh Nair, of Tata Steel UK, said: "We are pleased to have secured approval.

"This £1.25billion investment is the most significant in the industry in decades."

Business and Trade Secretary Jonathan Reynolds said: "This will secure a long-term future for steel."

Folk in the red on rise

THE number of people becoming financially insolvent in England and Wales jumped 12% in January compared with the same month a year earlier.

Some 9,706 people entered insolvency last month, 3% lower than in December, said the Insolvency Service.

Personal insolvencies are made up of bankruptcies, debt relief orders and individual voluntary arrangements.

The 3,847 DROs registered in January 2025 was 82% higher than the long-term (2014 to 2023) monthly average of 2,114, but the record is 4,336 seen in June 2024.

Teen is held on chilli rap

A TEENAGER was arrested after shoppers were attacked with homemade "chilli spray".

Ten people were treated for stinging eyes.

One shopper posted online: "There was a chemical attack on someone and the police were treating it as a terrorist attack.

"I and 100+ people got locked in and weren't allowed out while they looked into it."

A boy was arrested at Costco in Avonmouth, Bristol, on suspicion of attempting to cause grievous bodily harm and administering a noxious substance after the incident on Monday evening. He remains in police custody.

Fin-tastic flounder

A FEARLESS sunseeker has been filmed pulling a beached shark back out to sea with his bare hands.

Footage shows the man crouching and grabbing the predator by the tail.

As the shark thrashes around the beach-goer pulls it into deeper waters on Caleta Abarca Beach in Vina del Mar, Chile.

CHICKEN PINNER

FIREFIGHTERS rescued a 78-year-old man who got pinned between two walls trying to save a chicken in Contagem, Brazil.

VAMPIRE TICKS



■ by AARON TINNEY

VAMPIRE ticks are infecting unsuspecting Brits with a horror film-style deadly brain disease.

The pests spread a tick-borne encephalitis virus (TBEV) - which can cause brain swelling, paralysis and devastation of the central nervous system.

Until now it had only occurred overseas - but boffins revealed a 28-year-old Brit is now suffering from the potentially fatal illness, caught in the UK.

He received multiple tick bites while walking near Loch Earn in the Scottish

Warning: Bitey UK pests carry killer brain disease

Highlands and is still suffering headaches and dizziness two months later.

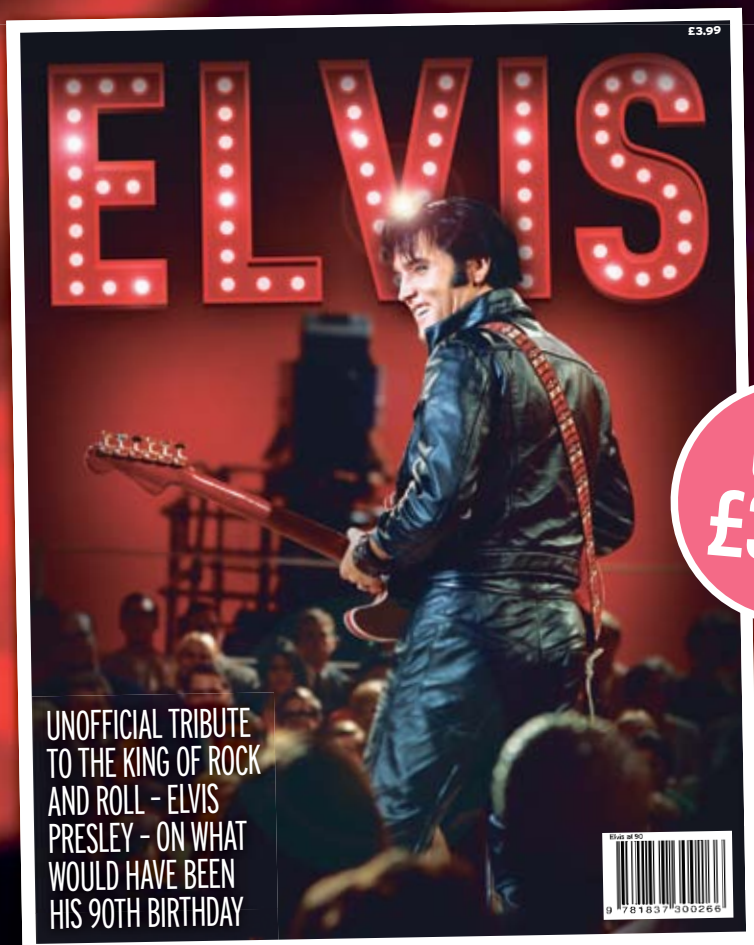
A study in the Eurosurveillance journal warned: "This paper confirms domestically acquired TBEV in the UK, reporting the first PCR-confirmed case

with no history of foreign travel. Public health campaigns must encourage everyone to be tick aware."

Vaccines are available but only work for a limited time and there is no cure.

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ROB IS BRAWN AGAIN

★ **BARRISTER** Rob Rinder looks like a whole new man as he reveals what's beneath his courtroom robes.

The TV personality, 46, was showing off his impressive gym results.

★ He captioned the Instagram shot: "Bless my godkids for stealing my phone and posting a thirst trap."



KILLED: Bin Laden

Soldier in weed market

THE former US Navy Seal who shot dead Osama bin Laden has launched a new career – selling cannabis.

Robert O'Neill, 48, started Operator Canna Co after seeing his fellow veterans suffer with PTSD – and will sell his brand of state-licensed marijuana in New York City pot shops.

He said: "I wanted to get into the cannabis business through my experience in the military. It's a good way to take the edge off. It helps to get rid of the noise."

The Montana native was a part of the team which took out the 9/11 organiser in Pakistan back in 2011.



Can you guess the year from these five clues?

1. Singer Christina Aguilera makes her chart debut with a No.1, *Genie In A Bottle*.
2. The Mummy, starring Brendan Fraser and Rachel Weisz, is released.
3. The Grimleys, a new comedy series on ITV starring Amanda Holden, debuts.
4. JK Rowling's book *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* is published.
5. England football manager Glenn Hoddle is sacked over controversial interview comments.

No Googling! Answer in tomorrow's paper. Yesterday's year: 1961

A lav-ely purchase

A SET of public loos has sold for almost three times the guide price.

The stone-clad detached building in Penryn, Cornwall, had a guide price of £10,000 to £15,000.

Marketed as having potential for other uses, they fetched a whopping £28,000 at auction.



Burning questions over lost fire fleet

FIRE vehicles too clapped out to help with fighting LA's killer wildfires are packed into a maintenance yard.

As January's fires ravaged the city, claiming 29 lives, dozens of engines were sitting abandoned

■ **by AARON TINNEY** after the number of companies that build and repair them fell to three.

Some departments are said to have waited years for replacements and order backlogs have ballooned to billions of dollars.



Pictures: GETTY

I'M ON MISSION TO SAVE BOND..

Mega fan's bid to run 007 franchise



NAME GAME: Kleindienst

A JAMES Bond fan has vowed 007 will Die Another Day after bidding to buy the rights to his name.

Austrian billionaire property developer Josef Kleindienst is trying to buy the trademark.

The Dubai-based businessman has filed several claims

■ **by ISOBEL DICKINSON** challenging the owners of the multibillion-pound spy franchise over trademark "non-use".

Josef said he was "disappointed" with how the franchise was being treated by movie bigwigs, adding: "James Bond will not die on our watch. We and many,

many more fans are disappointed to see and understand how James Bond is being treated.

"Our concern is certainly to ensure that the James Bond as we know him stays alive and that there are further experiences with him."

The trademarks are officially

registered to US-based company Danjaq, which owns and controls the rights to global James Bond merchandising, alongside Eon.

The last Bond film starring Daniel Craig as 007 was *No Time To Die* released in 2021.

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ACCUSED: Charles Hanson promise

BARGAIN Hunt's Charles Hanson "promised not to hurt wife again" before he was arrested, a jury heard.

The TV auctioneer, 46, is on trial accused of using a decade of violence against his wife Rebecca from 2012. Derby Crown Court yesterday heard WhatsApp messages written just prior to his arrest in June 2023.

Hanson, of Derby, said: "I promise I will never ever lay a finger on you... ever again. Let's just give it a go."

One of his partner's responses said: "Fed up with this, you will never change."

The trial continues.

FLAMING CHEEK

SEVEN in 10 smokers and admit they've had a "cheeky puff" in forbidden places such as work, a poll Two Wombats revealed.

FLIPPING HELL



WINDOW FEAT: Lucky fliers are helped from the plane after the accident

Passengers in fireball plane miracle escape

by SIAN HEWITT

PASSENGERS have told of their incredible escape after their plane, burst into flames, flipped and slid along a snow-covered runway.

Amazingly all 80 people on board survived after they were left dangling by their seatbelts - although 21 were injured.

Footage of the crash-landing in Canada shows some clambering out of windows.

Passenger Pete Koukov said: "All of a sudden I remember being fully sideways.

"I was looking down and just seeing sparks and flames and whatever was grinding against the ground."

Another, John Nelson, said: "I was able to just unbuckle and sort of fall and push myself to the ground."

It is not yet known what caused the incident as the Delta Airlines jet was landing at Toronto's Pearson Airport on Monday.

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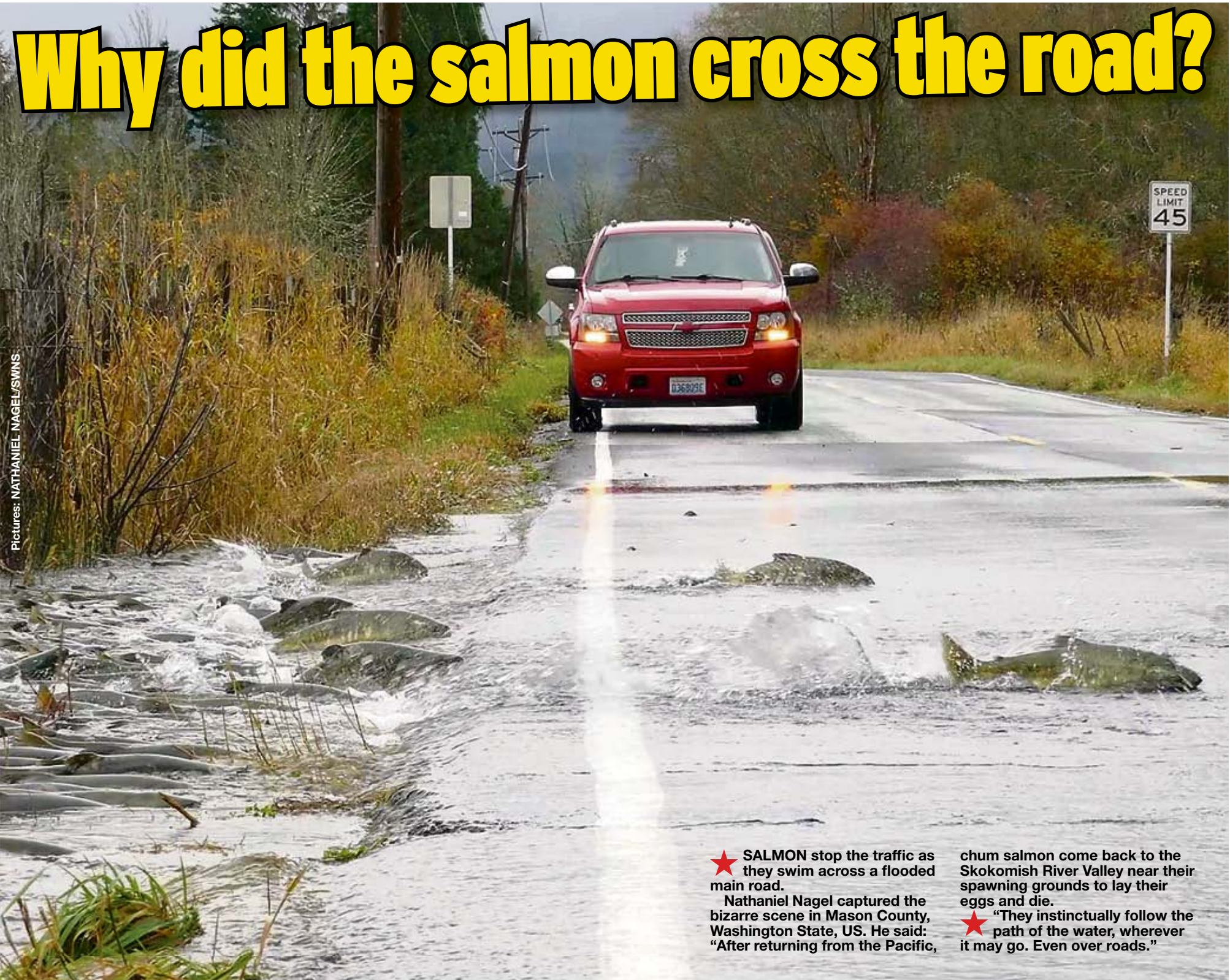
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★ **SALMON** stop the traffic as they swim across a flooded main road. Nathaniel Nagel captured the bizarre scene in Mason County, Washington State, US. He said: "After returning from the Pacific,

chum salmon come back to the Skokomish River Valley near their spawning grounds to lay their eggs and die. ★ "They instinctually follow the path of the water, wherever it may go. Even over roads."



Dying bill ‘shortage’

PSYCHIATRISTS have warned there may not be enough experts to cover proposed assisted dying legislation. Labour MP Kim Leadbeater, who proposed the Bill, put forward changes last week involving the scrapping of a High Court judge in favour of a three-person

panel made up of social workers, lawyers and psychiatrists. But Prof Gareth Owen, of King's College London, said it was "probably not" workable for every case to receive psychiatric assessment due to the "current workforce" in the NHS.

★
STAR
DONKEYS are taking the lead role in a new degree course at the University of Exeter. It will look at how films like Shrek have tried to portray them.
★
BURST

Gay soldier apology

A FORMER soldier has received an apology from the British Army – 35 years after he was dismissed for being gay. Martin Diver, 58, joined the military at 17 in 1985 and went on to serve as a rifleman for the Royal Anglian Regiment. But he was kicked out and court-

martialled after coming out as gay in 1990, leaving him feeling suicidal. Col Guy Foden, who gave him a letter of apology, said he had displayed courage, determination and support for others, all "hallmarks of a good soldier". The forces' "gay ban" ended in 2000.

DANNY: SPICE UP YOUR CHIPPY TEA

DANNY Dyer wants us to chuck hot pepper sauce over our fish and chips.

The EastEnders actor, 47, says dousing the favourite with a spicy dressing is "proper naughty".

He said: "Nothing beats a proper chippy tea - it's a timeless British classic we all know and love... but when you add Frank's RedHot into the mix, blimey, it's something else! It

by SIAN HEWITT

adds the perfect touch of flavour and heat without blowing your head off."

Last year he suggested adding the condiment to pints down the boozier.

He added: "I had a lot of fun introducing the Flager, so I'm buzzing to be back for round two as 'The Godfather' to show everyone how to kick their fish and chips up a notch."



SAUCY: Dyer

Less of a Premium

FEWER big-money Premium Bonds prizes will be available from April.

The prize fund rate is being cut from 4% to 3.8% but the odds of winning a prize are the same, NS&I said.

Pyjamas get smart

SMART pyjamas could soon be monitoring disorders such as sleep apnoea.

The garments - with a sensor on the collar - are being developed at Cambridge University.

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FROM J.LO TO



★ **WHAT** do Billie Eilish and Donald Trump have in common? The singer and the Orange Manbaby are just two of the stars making millions from flogging their own signature perfumes.

★ **Due out in the UK this spring**, Billie's fourth scent - called **Your Turn** - is expected to fly off the shelves. And The Donald propped up his presidential campaign with fragrances like **Victory and Fight Fight Fight**.

★ **But why do so many people want to smell like a Trump?** Here **MEG JORSH** takes a look at the history of celebrity fragrances...



HEAVEN SCENT

IT all started in 1953, when Audrey Hepburn met French designer Hubert de Givenchy. He fell head over heels for the young star when she visited his Paris workshop to choose clothes for movie Sabrina.

Givenchy was so smitten with his new fashion muse he decided to create a signature perfume to be worn only by her.

But he changed his mind a few years later and asked if he could flog it to the public.

Audrey reportedly told him: "Je vous l'interdit," meaning: "I forbid you."

When she finally relented in 1957, it was released as "L'Interdit" - or "The Forbidden".



POP LOLLY



BRITNEY Spears pumped out a blockbuster perfume at the height of her pop fame in 2004.

Curious was developed with Elizabeth Arden and marketed squarely at her teenage fans.

Cheap enough to buy with pocket money, it was the start of a £1.2billion fragrance empire.

Britney now has a range of 42, including 2005 follow-up Fantasy, one of the biggest-selling celeb scents of all time.

Like most VIP perfume moguls, she often puts out "flankers" - slight variations to cash in on the success of the original brands.

They include Curious: In Control, released just before her public meltdown of 2007.

REALITY CHEQUES

HOTEL heiress Paris Hilton joined the perfume bandwagon in 2004 with her self-titled first release.

She was best known at the time for The Simple Life - and her fellow reality stars soon followed suit.

The already loaded blonde now has a collection of 29 scents worth an estimated £2.4billion.

But Big Brother star Jade Goody, who later died tragically from cervical cancer, was limited to 2006 debut Shh.

The stars of Towie topped fragrance sales charts in 2011 with Dazzle, for women, and Be Reem, for men. It's not clear whether either smelled of fake tan.

And Kim Kardashian is said to have made a million dollars a minute when she launched scent Kimoji in 2017.



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THE SWEET SMELL OF SUCCESS



ITALIAN bombshell Sophia Loren launched the first true celebrity fragrance with Sophia by Coty in 1981.

Then, six years later, Brit Liz Taylor started building her empire.

The actress, inset, understood the commercial potential for a scent linked to one of the world's most famous faces. Her first release, *Passion*, was an instant hit in 1987 - then in 1991, she followed it up with *White Diamonds*.

She earned more from that perfume alone than she ever did from her Hollywood career.

Thanks in part to an iconic 90s ad campaign, it was still raking in around £50million a year when she died in 2011.



SHE'S GLOWING UP

SCREEN siren Jennifer Lopez kicked things up a notch in 2002 with her first perfume *Glow* by J.Lo.

It was launched at a lavish bash at New York's Trump Tower.

Attended by the then-US *Apprentice* host himself it included a firework display that

spelled out "GLOW" over the Hudson River.

It went on to make more than £80million in its first year, sparking a boom that would see every star and their dog promoting a scent.

J.Lo now boasts a range of 33, which have earned her an estimated £1.6billion.



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LAUGHABLE: Emmerdale

'Comedy' smash is car-crash television

□ Congratulate Emmerdale on the best comedy car crash ever. Need to sack the writers as all wrong. Two villagers driving with no limo test or insurance. As for crash people killed but no damage to cars. As I say comedy at its best. **patternman**

□ absolutely heartbreaking passing of 24 yr old jockey Mikey O'Sullivan. Sincere condolences 2 family & anyone who knew the tragic young man. RIP MIKEY. **Bantaman**

□ Yes I was plagued with whitlows as a child have many school pics hiding a bandage on a finger or thumb. **Lynn Andover**

□ Yes I Can Remember This Saying. We Used to Called them WICKLOWS. They Could be Really Sore. **Barnsley Tyke**

□ East London Spurs: I always remember my mum referring to them as wicklows, but looking in my old, and I mean oolllldddd, dictionary a whitlow is a suppurating sore affecting your nails. Doesn't sound at all pleasant! **The Earl of East Yorkshire**

□ In yesterdays Star you reported that women are ditching thongs and opting for Bridget jones style big pants. This is because most women these days are fat. Walk down your local high street, fatso's are spilling out of greggs stuffing sausage rolls down their gullets. Looking back at 70's photos there's are very few fatties in them. Too much fast food muck, not enough home cooked food. **Di from derby**

□ JUST ASKING...If you're handed a flyer on the street and you take it home and fold it into a paper aeroplane, will it go through the air better than any normal piece of paper because it's a flyer? **Rob Charles**

Charging ambulances in ULEZ zones is a disgrace

□ Can we have a pic of Gracie Abrams please? **Gordon**



□ Councils have to remember their council tax pays for having emergency services available to those living in their jurisdictions. How would it go down if the emergency services stopped or threatened to stop entering any of the ULEZ zones if they were to be charged?? **Mike**

□ i dont beleave it now emergency vehicles are to be charged for entering u.l.e.z zones - just goes to show that all this greedy, uncaring government wants is to take every citizen for every penny they have. Shame on them. Disgraceful bunch of theaves. **Hunter**

□ So the Department of Transport has commissioned a study to understand why motorists are being blinded by headlight glare. Talk about wasting taxpayers money on bleeding obvious. **Little Ern**

□ So Leicestershire police are cutting tv and radios in stations to save money. I bet the lowlife prisoners still get tvs and radio licences for nothing. More thought given to criminals than anyone else in today's world. I would give them porridge and water and make them work. **Stockton jeff**

□ I find it staggering that with a population of approximately 7 billion the fate of the world can potentially be decided by 2 people putin and the man baby we are all just sheeple to them. **Lee Otty**

□ The US blank cheque for Ukraine has been ripped up. 8 NATO countries pay less than 2% of GDP (minimum required). Portugal and Italy both pay 1.5% Spain only 1.3%! UK pays 2.3% needing 2.5%. US paid 43% of all amounts to Ukraine. TRUMP said ZELENSKY turned up in the US 'a wonderful salesman' leaving with 50 billion

from BIDEN. UK/Europe concerningly see the chickens come home to roost needing to kick the a** of Nato countries. A serious situation. Art of the deal! **Brian Linford Pontefract**

□ Putin is concerned over nato expansion, nato promised it would not go one inch closer to russian territory, they lied, does starma really think putting british troops on the ground as peace keepers will be tolerated, vlad will rightly see it as an aggressive force with a foothold on his border, the real question is why send troops to ukraine when we can't stop the daily invasion across the channel. **john challenger**

□ see starmer wants to send soldiers to ukraine this prat saying put boots on the ground is he trying to get our soldiers killed like tony the idiot blair did for no reason. **billy**

□ Dont be too quick to put the U.S.A. down because at the moment we could not win a boxing match never mind a war. **EBG**

□ starmer must not let trump do what bush done to blair by putting our troops into ukraine, if he does he will have blood on his hands and it always has to be uk first. **taf**

□ if Trump and the usa is no longer prepared 2 back up or support europe then he and them r no longer the leaders of the west or the free world and starmer should tell him next week. **Joss Mc**

□ So Starmer says he will put British troops on the frontline between Ukraine and Russia in a peace deal well Mr Starmer your our leader please lead the way and go in first. **Geoff Newcastle**

□ You think a little thing like the American Constitution would stop Trump, BB? It's been amended before, to limit presidents to two terms, and it's not beyond him to amend it again. After all, he did tell his supporters during the election that if they voted for him they'd never have to vote again. **RedLeader**

□ thank u ed for the photo of starmer with the red nose i stuck it on the gas fire to stop the grandson getting frost bite. **bill**

□ Anyone who has a tattoo is scum. **Dave from coppull. The team discussed this a lot yesterday. What do readers think? Ed**

□ I found that taking a quarter of a Viagra stops me from peeing on my foot. **The Nige Pompey**

JOKE OF THE DAY

Two monkeys got in a bath together. One says to the other, "Ooh oohah ah". The other one says, "Well put some cold water in then." **Grant Hatley**

SNAP HAPPY


Wildflowers in Malton. Nick

SEND us your photos of anything you like - It can be you with a top celeb, some funny looking food, a fantastic view, or maybe your artistic side is coming out? Email with details of what's going on in the pic, who you are and where you're from.



This little fella enjoys a cracker most days. Sylvia

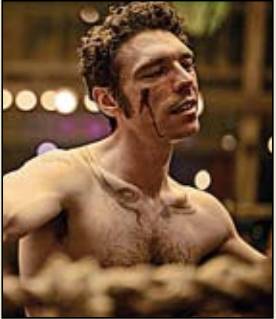
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FIT: Nelson-Joyce

James' Blow to training

JAMES Nelson-Joyce admits he barely did any training for boxing scenes in new drama **A Thousand Blows**.

The actor, who plays fighter Edward "Treacle" Goodson, said: "I'd started working with the trainer roughly two weeks before filming, which was a little difficult because Stephen, Malachi and Francis had all spent quite a bit more time preparing, so I felt like I was coming in a bit late."

"But my first boxing scene was the second week of filming, so it was good to just jump quite quickly in and do a number of big fight scenes."

● **The series will stream on Disney+ from Friday.**



CHIEF: Mortimer

Em is a Suspect

EMILY Mortimer has landed a role in a drama about the shooting of Jean Charles de Menezes.

The Paddington In Peru actress will play police chief Cressida Dick in the Disney+ series **Suspect**.

It will chart how police mistakenly thought electrician Menezes was a terrorist and shot him at a tube station in 2005.

The cast will also include Daniel Mays, Russell Tovey and Max Beesley.



WALLACE'S GRAVY BOAT

WHAT a cracking idea... a Wallace & Gromit restaurant has opened.

It's on board a canal boat in London as a nod to the **Vengeance Most Fowl** climax.

As you can see, favourites Wallace and Gromit have popped in along with villain Feathers McGraw.

Fans will get to enjoy a slap-up dinner – but only for the next two days.

It's being staged by food giant Bisto, so the entire menu features gravy – even cocktails and desserts.



Amanda lands second series

PLEASED AS PUNCH..



HILARIOUS: Stars Philippa, Lucy and Joanna

AMANDALAND is set to return for a second series.

Execs at the BBC have agreed to commission another run of the **Motherland** spin-off after it became a ratings sensation.

A show insider said: "Almost five million Brits are hooked on Amandaland. It's become a massive hit."

"Top brass at the BBC want another series because they think it has the potential to become a mega hit. They think it could soon

become even more popular than be back along with Philippa Motherland."

Filming on the new series is due to kick off later this year.

Work has already started on scripts for six episodes.

Star Lucy Punch has signed up to reprise her role as Amanda for the new run.

Dame Joanna Lumley, who plays her mum Felicity, will also

be back along with Philippa Dunne as Anne. The insider added: "The cast are keen to do more. They're excited to get started on the new episodes."

Beeb chiefs are said to be thrilled at the show's success.

A source said: "This show has a lot of potential. Everyone thinks it's likely to rack up some big awards and bumper ratings."

ANOTHER series of BBC One's Michael McIntyre's Big Show has been commissioned for next year.

Turn back a page for today's HOT TV news	BBC One 6.00am Breakfast News headlines. 9.30 Morning Live Magazine. 10.45 Critical Incident (R) 11.15 Homes Under the Hammer The gardens of a terrace in Southampton are tamed with a smart interior to match. (R) 12.15pm Bargain Hunt Danny Sebastian hosts from Ecclestone, Lancashire. (R) 1.00 BBC News at One; Weather 2.00 The Big Idea Works Jen presents her idea to help pushchair users navigate stairs. 2.30 Rick Stein's Food Stories The chef visits Kent. (R) 3.00 Escape to the Country A couple look for a countryside escape in Scotland. (R) 3.45 Antiques Road Trip Irita Marriott and Danny Sebastian hit the shops of Oxfordshire. 4.30 The Repair Shop on the Road The team helps save Britain's oldest wooden ship. 5.15 Pointless Quiz show. 6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather 6.30 Regional News; Weather 6.55 Party Political Broadcast By the Liberal Democrats. (R)	BBC Two 6.30am Antiques Road Trip Danny Sebastian and Irita Marriott head to the West Country. (R) 7.15 The Repair Shop on the Road Dominic Chinaea and Will Kirk discover the sport of pram racing in Sussex. (R) 8.00 Sign Zone: Celebrity Antiques Road Trip Duncan James and Antony Costa hunt for antiques around the Cotswolds. (R) 9.00 BBC News Headlines. 1.00pm Impossible Quiz show. (R) 1.45 Bridge of Lies Quiz show. (R) 2.30 The Tournament Quiz. (R) 3.15 Dynasties Footage of lions on Kenya's Masai Mara. (R) 4.15 Secret Britain An exploration of Kent. (R) 5.15 Flog It! From Capesthorpe Hall in Cheshire. (R) 6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games With Chris Bisson, Danielle Harold, Katharine Merry and Robert Webb. 6.30 Robson Green's Weekend Escapes Joe McElderry joins Robson on a two-day trip into the wilds of Northumberland.	ITV1 6.00am Good Morning Britain A lively mix of news, current affairs and lifestyle features. 9.00 Lorraine Entertainment and the latest fashion news. 10.00 This Morning Topical daily magazine, featuring a mix of celebrity chat, showbusiness news, advice and discussion. Including Local Weather. 12.30pm Loose Women Celebrity interviews and topical debate. 1.30 ITV News; Weather 1.55 Regional News; Weather 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal David Dickinson assess items at the RAF Museum in north London. 3.00 Lingo Contestants compete in another battle of words. (R) 3.59 Regional Weather 4.00 Tipping Point Quiz, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R) 5.00 The Chase Liam from Derbyshire, Katy from the Isle of Wight, Qahir from Bromley and Anne from Manchester take part. 6.00 Regional News; Weather 6.25 Party Political Broadcast By the Liberal Democrats.	Channel 4 6.25am Cheers Triple bill. (R) 7.45 Everybody Loves Raymond Triple bill of the sitcom. (R) 9.10 Frasier Four episodes. (R) 11.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA There are problems at Cafe Kingston in Pasadena, California. (R) 12.05pm Channel 4 News 12.10 Sun, Sea and Selling Houses Double bill. (R) 2.10 Countdown Colin Jackson is in Dictionary Corner. 3.00 A Place in the Sun A couple seek a holiday home in southern France. (R) 4.00 A New Life in the Sun Renovations reach a milestone at Tom and Terry's B&B. 5.00 Four in a Bed Pamela hosts the third visit of the week at Cairngorms Glamping. 5.30 Come Dine with Me Medical trainer Jen hosts a pink-themed party in Leeds. 6.00 A Place in the Sun Lee Juggurnauth helps childhood sweethearts Sue and Albert from Chatham find a holiday home in Benalmadena, Spain.	Channel 5 6.00am Milkshake! Children's TV. 9.15 Jeremy Vine Discussion. 11.30 Storm Huntley Storm Huntley carries on the discussion and takes your calls to discuss the biggest stories of the day. 12.45pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors A patient struggling with stiffness and neck pain visits the surgery. (R) 1.40 5 News at Lunchtime 1.45 Home and Away Abigail teeters on the edge. (R) 2.15 FILM The Girl Before (2022, 12) A young woman lands an assistant job with a major fashion designer, who is not what everybody thinks she is. Thriller, starring Maeve Quinlan and Revell Carpenter. ★★ 4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun Cameras focus on Essex grafter Jacqueline. (R) 5.00 5 News at 5 Headlines. 6.00 Our Great Yorkshire Life Emmerdale's Dean Andrews takes his co-star pal Liam Fox to York to investigate the city's illustrious Roman past. (R); 5 News Update
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7	7.00 The One Show With Clara Amfo and Lauren Laverne. 7.30 EastEnders An hour-long episode. A disaster engulfs Albert Square, leaving lives in peril. Linda is on a mission to help a friend in need and Denise faces a huge decision.	7.00 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip Actors Michael Brandon and Glynis Barber join experts Roo Irvine and Izzie Balmer in their yellow Ford Thunderbird, as they head off on the treasure-hunting challenge from Kendal to Keswick.	6.30 ITV Evening News A round-up of the headlines; Weather 7.30 Emmerdale Drama from the village in the Dales. There is chaos at the hospital as villagers are admitted, times are harrowing for some, and Noah's situation is worrying.	7.00 Channel 4 News A round-up of all the latest headlines, in-depth interviews and analysis of political developments and current affairs. Plus, the day's leading sports stories and up-to-the-minute weather reports.	7.00 GPs: Behind Closed Doors Schoolgirl Ayesha needs treatment for a rash on her hands and Ryan has a painful lump in his throat. Benjamin talks to Dr Chris Harris about his anxiety and depression. (R); 5 News Update
8	8.30 Wynne & Joanna: All at Sea Wynne Evans and Joanna Page travel from Carmarthenshire Bay to the charming town of Tenby in Pembrokeshire, where they receive a warm welcome from the local male voice choir.	8.00 Great British Menu Chefs from the north east of England and Yorkshire compete over mains and desserts, which celebrate great Britons of the past. Plus, a chef cooks a sugar-free layered dessert, celebrating William Wilberforce.	8.00 Coronation Street Drama from the street as Ryan overhears Bobby arranging to pick up some cash, Lisa is questioned about Rob, Abi bumps into a familiar face at therapy, and Todd persuades Billy to attend a singles event.	8.00 Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer head to Stevenage, where Steven and Adeola are seeking an intervention to resolve their three-year debate on whether to renovate or sell their house.	8.00 Supermarket Own Brands: The Big Taste Test A look at how supermarkets are trying to compete with big brands. Lifestyle vlogger Sochima is joined by a panel of ordinary punters to see if they can tell brands from the own brands.
9	9.00 Amandaland Amanda gets a job at Kichen's Kitchens and Bathrooms and Della and Fi launch their new restaurant. 9.30 Am I Being Unreasonable? Worried about the effect of their separation on Ollie, Nic and Dan try couples therapy.	9.00 Murder Case: The Hunt for Mary McLaughlin's Killer Detectives take on a decades-long mystery when they reinvestigate the murder of Mary McLaughlin. A new suspect comes to the fore, but it raises more questions than answers.	9.00 Grantchester Alphy is stunned to discover that a young woman he knows has gone missing, and soon after, an aspiring student journalist is found dead. Meanwhile, Leonard is concerned about Sam's influence over Daniel.	9.00 George Clarke's Building Home George meets Kazal and Eleena, who are taking on the challenge of restoring and extending a run-down house in a street near their home after spending 14-years living in Dubai.	9.00 Surgeons: A Matter of Life or Death Rupesh Bhatt and David Bartlett prepare to operate on Edward, who has kidney cancer. Plus, a cardiac surgeon receives news of a potential donor heart for a mother of three.
10	10.00 BBC News at Ten A round-up of today's headlines. 10.30 Regional News; Weather Local news reports. 10.40 UEFA Champions League MOTD Gabby Logan presents action from the play-off round second-leg matches, including Bayern Munich v Celtic at Allianz Stadium, Real Madrid v Manchester City at the Bernabeu and PSV Eindhoven v Juventus at Philips Stadion, as the line-up for the last 16 was confirmed.	10.00 The Cockfields Simon goes on a bike ride with Larry while Esther spends the day with Sue, fielding questions about the wedding. Esther helps David get ready for his date. 10.30 Newsnight The day's events with Victoria Derbyshire.	10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather 10.30 Regional News; Weather 10.45 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Celebrity Special Jeremy Clarkson hosts a celebrity version of the big-prize quiz in which Steph McGovern and Dion Dublin answer questions to win cash for their chosen charities. (R) 11.40 Made in Britain A look behind the scenes at British brands, including Dr Martens footwear and Wagon Wheels biscuits. Narrated by Jimmy Nail. (R)	10.00 Dubai: Buying the Dream Double bill. Marcy bids to impress a prominent investor in the Jumeirah Islands and secure direct access to prime real estate by showcasing a contemporary villa with a French-inspired design. Michael and Nia have a fight on to get to the top of the board in the commission-only Dubai property market; the agents race to get sales over the line in time to win Broker of the Year with Karolina, Evelyn and Noa working on closing high value deals. Last in series.	10.00 999: Emergency Call Out Emergency service workers help a woman who has been flung from a horse, attend the scenes of two separate road collisions and assess a man left unconscious from alcohol consumption. (R)
11		11.05 Unspun World with John Simpson The BBC's world affairs editor reflects on the week's global news stories. 11.35 Gaza: How to Survive a Warzone The experiences of four people trying to survive the Israel-Hamas war. (R)			11.05 FILM Bridget Jones's Diary (2001, 15) A woman begins a new year by resolving to find love and give up her bad habits. Romantic comedy based on Helen Fielding's novel, with Renee Zellweger and Hugh Grant. ★★★★★
12 midnight	12.00m't Who Do You Think You Are?. EastEnders star June Brown delves into her family history, exploring one ancestor's role in the shadowy underworld of 19th-century bare-knuckle boxing. (R) 1.00 Weather for the Week Ahead 1.05-6.00am BBC News. The latest headlines.	12.35am Sign Zone: Great British Menu. Four chefs from Scotland cook canapes, starters and fish dishes that celebrate great Britons of the past. They're judged by Michelin-starred chef Aktar Islam. (R) 1.35 Sign Zone: Death in Paradise. Detective drama. (R) 2.35-6.30am This Is BBC Two	12.05am Shop on TV 3.00 Ainsley's National Trust Cook Off. Ainsley is joined by chefs Briony May Williams and Gaz Oakley at Tyntesfield in Somerset to see who can create and cook the Dish of the Day. (R) 3.50 Unwind with ITV 5.05-6.00am Wheel of Fortune. Gameshow. (R)	12.05am Gogglebox (R) 1.00 FILM The Secret of Marrowbone (2017, 15) Horror, starring George MacKay and Anya Taylor-Joy. ★★★★★ 2.45 FILM While We Watched (2022, 15) Documentary. ★★★★★ 4.20 Jamie's One-Pan Wonders (R) 4.30 Frasier (R) 5.45-6.25am Countdown (R)	1.00am PlayOJO Live Casino Show 3.00 Tony Robinson's History of Britain. The actor explores the Edwardian era. (R) 3.50 Million Pound Motorhomes (R) 4.40 House Busters (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS (R) 5.35 Entertainment News 5.40 Paw Patrol (R) 5.50-6.00am Pip and Posy (R)

ITV2

Freeview 6

6.00am CITV **9.00** World's Funniest Videos
10.00 Secret Crush **12.00noon** Dinner Date **1.00** Deal or No Deal **2.00** Supermarket Sweep **3.00** Charmed **4.00** Gilmore Girls **5.00** Dinner Date

6.00 **Celebrity Catchphrase** With Sair Khan, Jordan North and Lisa Snowdon.

7.00 **Deal or No Deal** Stephen Mulhern hosts as Gemma takes on the Banker.

8.00 **Gordon Ramsay's Food Stars USA** The contestants face a live TV challenge.

9.00 **Georgia Harrison: Porn, Power, Profit** Georgia Harrison tries to find the people behind deepfake porn sites and nudifying apps while also investigating how much this industry is worth.

10.00 **Olivia Attwood: Getting Filthy Rich** Documentary series. Olivia meets people that have monetised their XL body types.

11.00 **Family Guy** Double bill.

12.05am American Dad! **1.05** Bob's Burgers **2.05** The Emily Atack Show **2.45** Unwind **3.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

U&Dave

Freeview 19

6.00am Teleshopping **7.15** Hairy Bikers Everyday Gourmets **8.00** Cops on the Rock **10.00** Trawlermen: Hunting the Catch **12.00noon** American Pickers **2.00** The Boat That Guy Built **3.00** Top Gear **5.00** Hairy Bikers' Best of British

6.00 **Rick Stein's Long Weekends** The chef heads to Palermo, Sicily.

7.00 **Would I Lie to You?** With guest panellists Charles Dance, Stephen Mangan, Isy Suttie and Gok Wan.

7.40 **Richard Osman's House of Games** Double bill of the quiz-based games.

9.00 **QI XL** With Josh Widdicombe, Stephen K Amos and Cally Beaton.

10.00 **Have I Got a Bit More News for You** Kirsty Young hosts the satirical quiz.

11.00 **Taskmaster** The celebrities face an egg cup challenge. Greg Davies hosts.

12.00m't Mock the Week. Comedy panel show. **12.40** Would I Lie to You? **2.00** Richard Ayoade's Question Team **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

E4

Freeview 13

6.00am Hollyoaks **6.55** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **7.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **8.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **9.00** Young Sheldon **10.00** The Big Bang Theory **11.00** Modern Family **12.30pm** The Big Bang Theory **2.00** Young Sheldon **3.00** Modern Family **4.00** The Simpsons **5.00** The Big Bang Theory

6.30 **The Simpsons** Principal Skinner rediscovers the joy of teaching.

7.00 **Hollyoaks** With a secret threatening to expose Vicky, she turns to an unlikely ally.

7.30 **Modern Family** Comedy.

8.00 **The Simpsons** Double bill.

9.00 **Celebrity Gogglebox** The Baby, and Million Pound Pawn are appraised.

10.00 **Gogglebox** More TV opinions.

11.05 **First Dates** Dating series.

12.10am Naked Attraction **1.15** Celebrity Gogglebox **2.15** Gogglebox **3.15** Teen First Dates. Dating series. **4.10** Abbott Elementary **4.35** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **5.30-6.00am** The Goldbergs

Variations & S4C

WALES As BBC1 except: **1.35-1.45pm** BBC Wales Today; Weather **6.30** BBC Wales Today; Weather **6.55-7.00** Party Political Broadcast. By the Welsh Liberal Democrats. **10.30** BBC Wales Today; Weather **10.40** Scrum V Top 5s **11.10** UEFA Champions League MOTD. Action from the play-off round second-leg matches. **12.30am** Who Do You Think You Are? **1.30-6.00am** BBC News

MERIDIAN As ITV1 except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News Meridian **6.00-6.25** ITV News Meridian **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News Meridian

CENTRAL As ITV1 except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News Central **6.00-6.25** ITV News Central **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News Central

ITV WALES As ITV1 except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News Cymru Wales **6.00-6.25** 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 **6.00-6.25** ITV News West Country **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News West Country

ANGLIA As ITV1 except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News Anglia **6.00-6.25** ITV News Anglia **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News Anglia

Telly movies

AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER ★★★★★ (1957), Film4, 1.35pm Nickie (Cary Grant) and Terry (Deborah Kerr) meet and fall in love on a cruise bound for New York, but they're both involved with other, richer people. To make sure they're not throwing their relationships away for a holiday romance, they agree not to contact each for six months. If once the time has elapsed, they still feel the same way, they will meet on top of the Empire State Building.

THE FATHER ★★★★★ (2020), Film4, 9pm Octogenarian patriarch Anthony (Anthony Hopkins) lives in a plush apartment in Maida Vale with an elevated view of the capital. He is visited by his doting daughter, Anne (Olivia Colman), who is moving to Paris with her husband Paul. Anthony repeatedly misplaces a wristwatch and becomes agitated when a different woman (Olivia Williams) enters the flat claiming to be Anne.

GB News

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

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

7.00 **Farage** An action-packed hour of topical discussion and debate.

8.00 **State of the Nation** Join Matt Goodwin for his unique and unmissable take on the day's news.

9.00 **Patrick Christys Tonight** The latest topical discussion and debate.

11.00 **Headliners** An all-star comedy cast take an insightful look at some of tomorrow's headlines tonight.

12.00m't Farage Replay. An action-packed hour of topical discussion and debate. **1.00** Dewbs & Co **2.00** Headliners Replay **3.00** Patrick Christys Tonight Replay **5.00-6.00am** Headliners Replay

More4

Freeview 18

8.55am Kirstie's Handmade Treasures **9.15** A Place in the Sun **10.05** A New Life in the Sun **11.05** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **1.05pm** Car S.O.S **2.05** Four in a Bed: five episodes **4.50** Chateau DIY **5.50** Car S.O.S. Tim and Fuzz rescue the rusting wreck of a rare Talbot Sunbeam Lotus.

6.55 **Car S.O.S** Fuzz Townshend and Tim Shaw travel to Kent to restore a very tired 1991 VW T4 Campervan belonging to a man who has recently developed cancer.

7.55 **Grand Designs** A cutting-edge home by the River Thames.

9.00 **Griff's Great Australian Rail Trip** Griff Rhys Jones rides the Indian Pacific for 3000km across the Nullarbor Plain.

10.00 **Car S.O.S** Fuzz Townshend and Tim Shaw restore a 1962 TVR Grantura.

11.05 **24 Hours in A&E** An elderly woman is admitted with two severe leg fractures.

12.10am 24 Hours in A&E. Documentary. **1.15** Emergency Helicopter Medics **3.25-3.50am** Food Unwrapped

HotTV CHOICE With Mike Ward



Let me make a prediction.

Half way through tonight's hour-long, 40th anniversary episode of **EASTENDERS**

(7.30pm, BBC One), in which Albert Square is struck by tragedy and lives look likely to be lost, you're going to think to yourself: "Yeah, I'm sure this is all very sad and that, but the thing I want to know is: who makes the best doughnuts – Lidl, Sainsbury's or Krispy Kreme?".

Fortunately, the people at Channel 5 are aware that many viewers will be asking that very question at that very moment, and have kindly arranged to have it answered for you, should you care to switch over, by means of a highly scientific comparison test.

The programme on which you can watch this carried out is this week's episode of **SUPERMARKET OWN BRANDS: THE BIG TASTE TEST** (8pm). And the "highly scientific" part of it? OK, so that was the bit I made up. It's actually just three members of the public – examining, fondling and biting

into each of these three rival versions – saying stuff like: "Nice bit of squeeze there" and "It's like a party in my mouth" (or, less favourably in one case, "It's a bit of a brick" and "My saliva is doing overtime...").

But be honest, you're gagging to know the winner, right? Course you are! Same as you're desperate to know whose Bakewell slices, croissants and Pringle lookalikes come out on top, which the programme will also be revealing.

Oh, and it's also going look at vegan sausage rolls. Personally I'd agree that's the best thing to do with them.

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Sport

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT	
6.00am	Sky Sports News. Round-up of reports.
7.00	LIVE Tennis The WTA Dubai Tennis Championships. Day four of the event that takes place at Aviation Club Tennis Centre.
8.30	LIVE ICC Champions Trophy Cricket Pakistan v New Zealand. Coverage of the Group A match from National Stadium in Karachi, Pakistan. This is the first time that this tournament has taken place since 2017, when Pakistan won the title thanks to a huge 180-run victory against rivals India at the Oval in London. The hosts made 338-4 in their 50 overs with Fakhar Zaman scoring 114 off 106 balls before India were bowled out for just 158 inside 31 overs.
5.30pm	LIVE Tennis The WTA and/or ATP Tours.
7.30	LIVE Tennis The ATP Rio de Janeiro Open. Coverage of day three of the ATP 500 event, a clay-court tournament that takes place at Jockey Club Brasileiro in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
2.00-6.00am	Sky Sports News. Headlines.
SKY SPORTS CRICKET	
6.00am	Best of ICC WT20 6.30 History of the ICC Champions Trophy 7.30 ICC Men's T20 World Cup. Pakistan v England in the 2022 final.
8.30	LIVE ICC Champions Trophy Cricket Pakistan v New Zealand. Coverage of the Group A match from National Stadium in Karachi.
5.30pm	Best of ICC WT20. England v India from 2007. 7.00 ICC Champions Trophy Cricket
8.00	WPL 9.00 ICC Champions Trophy Cricket
10.00	WPL 11.00 ICC Champions Trophy Cricket 12.00m't ICC Men's T20 World Cup
1.00	WPL 4.40 Ashes Greats 5.00-6.00am IPL
SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL	
6.00am	EFL Cup Retro 8.45 EFL Greatest Games
10.00	Championship Season Review 11.00 EFL Cup Highlights 11.30 EFL Trophy Football
12.00noon	WSL 12.30 Scottish Premiership Round-Up 12.45 SPFL Highlights 1.00 EFL Highlights 2.00 Bundesliga Highlights Show
3.00	EFL Highlights 4.30 Scottish Premiership Round-Up 4.45 SPFL Highlights 5.00 WSL
5.30	EFL Highlights 6.45 WSL 7.15 Scottish Premiership Round-Up 7.30 SPFL Highlights
7.45	EFL Highlights. Stevenage v Burton Albion in League One. 8.00 Bundesliga Highlights Show
9.00	EFL Trophy Football 9.30 EFL Highlights 9.45 EFL Highlights 10.00 WSL 10.30 EFL Highlights 10.45 EFL Highlights 11.00 EFL Highlights 11.30 EFL Greatest Games 12.00m't Dundee United – Champions 83 12.30 Championship Retro 2.30 EFL Greatest Games 4.00 EFL Cup Retro 4.30-6.00am EFL
TNT SPORTS 1	
6.00am	ABB FIA Formula E World Championship Highlights 7.00 ABB FIA Formula E World Championship Highlights 8.00 Premier League Netbusters 8.30 Premier League Stories 9.00 Isuzu A-League Highlights 9.30 Ninja A-League Women Highlights 10.00 Fishing: On the Bank 11.00 The Pioneers 11.15 What I Wore 11.45 Sign Up – Into Football 12.30pm The Football's On 1.30 Original Documentary 3.00 Premier League 4.30 Premier League Netbusters 5.00 Premier League Stories 5.30 Premier League Reload 5.45 What I Wore 6.00 The Football's On
7.00	LIVE UEFA Champions League Real Madrid v Manchester City (kick-off 8.00pm). Coverage of the knockout phase play-off second-leg tie.
10.30	UEFA Champions League Highlights 11.30 Original Documentary 1.00am Ultimate Pool 2.30 TNT Sports Reload 3.00 Formula E Unplugged 3.30 Formula E Unplugged 4.00 The Football's On 5.00-6.00am Fishing: On the Bank
TNT SPORTS 2	
6.00am	UEFA Champions League 9.00 UEFA Europa League & Conference League Magazine 10.00 UEFA Champions League 1.00pm UEFA Europa League & Conference League Magazine 2.00 UEFA Champions League Highlights Show 2.30 Ninja A-League Women Highlights 3.00 Isuzu A-League Highlights 3.30 What I Wore 4.00 Ultimate Pool 5.30 UEFA Champions League Highlights Show 6.00 Between the Lines
6.30	LIVE Premier League Aston Villa v Liverpool (kick-off 7.30pm). Coverage from Villa Park.
10.00	Match Officials Mic'd Up 10.30 Fight Night 11.30 UFC 2.30am U'DC The Ultimate Fighter 5.30-6.00am Premier League Legends
EUROSPORT 1	
6.00am	Alpine Skiing 7.00 Biathlon 8.00 Australian Open Tennis 9.00 Cyclo-Cross 9.30 Show Jumping 11.00 Snooker: Welsh Open
12.55pm	Biathlon. The World Championships.
1.50	LIVE Biathlon The men's 20km individual event at the World Championships in Lenzerheide.
4.00	Alpine Skiing 6.00 Show Jumping 7.00 Biathlon 8.00 Masters Snooker 10.00 Australian Open Tennis 11.00 Cycling: Tour of Andalucia 12.00m't Cycling: Men's UAE Tour 1.00 Cycling: Tour of Algarve 2.00 Biathlon 3.00 Alpine Skiing 4.00 Cycling: Tour of Algarve 5.00-6.00am Cycling: Men's UAE Tour
BEST OF THE REST – LIVE SPORT	
7.35-9.45pm	LIVE EFL Luton Town v Plymouth Argyle (kick-off 7.45pm). The Championship match at Kenilworth Road, as the teams meet for the second time this season. (Sky Sports +)

Entertainment & Factual

BBC THREE Freeview 23	
7.00pm	Top Gear 8.00 Glow Up: Britain's Next Make-Up Star 9.00 Hunting the Catfish Crime Gang 10.00 Disclosure: Matched with a Predator 10.30 Normal People 11.35 Starstruck 12.45am Top Gear
1.45	Zen Motoring 2.00 Disclosure: Matched with a Predator 2.30 Normal People 3.05-3.50am Boarders
BBC FOUR Freeview 9	
7.00pm	The Architecture the Railways Built 7.45 The Flying Gardener 8.00 Himalaya with Michael Palin 9.00 Secrets of Size: Atoms to Supergalaxies 10.00 Vivien Heilbron Remembers – Cloud Howe 10.15 Cloud Howe 2.05am The Flying Gardener
2.20-3.20am	Himalaya with Michael Palin
5USA Freeview 21	
9.00am	NCIS 10.55 Entertainment News on 5 11.00 NCIS 12.00noon Law & Order 4.55 Entertainment News on 5 5.00 Law & Order 6.00 NCIS 9.00 Criminal Minds 10.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 1.55am Law & Order 2.50 New York Undercover 3.35-4.00am Car Pound Cops
ITV3 Freeview 10	
6.00am	Classic Emmerdale 7.00 Classic Coronation Street 8.10 Inspector Morse 10.35 The Royal 11.40 Heartbeat 1.40pm Classic Emmerdale 2.40 Classic Coronation Street 3.40 Inspector Morse 5.55 Heartbeat 8.00 Grace 10.00 Endeavour 12.00m't Trial & Retribution 2.05-2.30am Unwind with ITV
ITV4 Freeview 26	
6.00am	Minder 7.05 The Professionals 8.10 The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes 9.20 Magnum, PI 10.20 Kojak 11.25 BattleBots 12.30pm The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes 1.35 Magnum, PI 2.40 Kojak 3.45 Minder 4.50 BattleBots 5.55 Beat the Chasers 7.00 The Motorbike Show 8.00 FILM Diamonds Are Forever (1971/PG) ★★ 10.25 All Elite Wrestling: Collision 12.25am Dark Side of the Ring 1.15 BattleBots 2.10 Auto Mundial 2.35-3.00am Unwind with ITV
REALLY Freeview 17	
6.00am	Fantasy Homes by the Sea 7.00 Cruise TV with LoveitBookit 8.00 Salvage Hunters 10.00 Money for Nothing 12.00noon Escape to the Country 2.00 Antiques Road Trip 5.00 The Yorkshire Auction House 7.00 Antiques Road Trip 9.00 Body Bizarre 11.00 Dr Pimple Popper 12.00m't Help! My House Is Haunted 2.00 Teleshopping 4.00-6.00am Salvage Hunters
SKY ARTS Freeview 36	
6.00am	Cirque du Soleil: Volta 8.05 Watercolour Challenge 9.05 Tales of the Unexpected 10.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 11.00 Discovering: Anthony Quinn 12.00noon Portrait Artist of the Year 2020 1.00 Tales of the Unexpected 2.00 Laurie Lee: The Lost Interview 3.00 Discovering: Joan Crawford 4.00 Guy Garvey: From the Vaults 5.00 Portrait Artist of the Year 2020 6.00 Tales of the Unexpected 7.00 The Alfred Hitchcock Hour 8.00 Landscape Artist of the Year 9.00 Artist of the Year: Masterclass 10.00 Bill Bailey's Master Crafters: The Next Generation 11.00 Michael Caine: The
BBC RADIO 1	
97.6-99.8MHz	6.58am Newsbeat 7.00 Radio 1 Breakfast with Greg James 10.30 Newsbeat 10.33 Rickie, Melvin and Charlie 12.45pm Newsbeat 1.00 Matt and Jerry 3.30 Newsbeat 3.33 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 Pop with Maia Beth 10.00 Radio 1's Power Down Playlist with Sian Eleri 11.00 Benji B 1.00am Radio 1 Dance Presents 1.30 Radio 1 Dance Presents 2.00 Radio 1 Anthems 4.00 Radio 1 Pop Anthems 5.00-6.58am Radio 1 Early Breakfast with Dean McCullough
BBC RADIO 2	
88-91MHz	6.30am The Scott Mills Breakfast Show. A blend of music and guests. 9.30 Vernon Kay 12.00noon Tina Daheley. Tina Daheley sits in for Jeremy Vine. 2.00 Trevor Nelson 4.00 Sara Cox 6.30 Sara Cox's Half Wower 7.00 Jo Whaley's Shiny Happy Playlist 7.30 Jo Whaley 8.45 Radio 2 Piano Room 9.00 The Folk Show with Mark Radcliffe 10.00 The Good Groove with DJ Spoony 12.00m't Phil Williams 3.00 Dance Sounds of the 90s with Vernon Kay 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 3.30 Choral Evensong 4.00 Composer of the Week: Britten 5.00 In Tune 7.00 Classical Mixtape 7.30 Radio 3 in Concert 9.30
U&GOLD	
7.35am	Last of the Summer Wine 8.10 The Vicar of Dibley 9.30 The Green Green Grass 10.10 Are You Being Served? 10.50 The Vicar of Dibley 11.25 Last of the Summer Wine 12.40pm The Green Green Grass 1.20 The Good Life 2.00 Dad's Army 2.40 The Vicar of Dibley 3.20 Are You Being Served? 4.00 Last of the Summer Wine 5.20 The Green Green Grass 6.00 Are You Being Served? 6.40 Dad's Army 8.00 The Good Life 8.40 The Vicar of Dibley. Double bill. Geraldine tries her hand at fundraising; election fever hits the village. 10.00 The Cleaner 10.35 The Good Life 11.15 The Vicar of Dibley 12.35am The Cleaner 1.15 Toast of London 1.50 The Black Adder 2.35-4.00am The Outlaws
U&YESTERDAY Freeview 27	
6.10am	Antiques Roadshow 8.00 Secret Nazi Bases 9.00 Living with Hitler 10.00 The Architecture the Railways Built 12.00noon Joanna Lumley's Trans-Siberian Adventure 1.00 Antiques Roadshow 2.00 Bangers & Cash 4.00 Secret Nazi Bases 5.00 Living with Hitler 6.00 Antiques Roadshow 7.00 How Britain Worked 8.00 Great Coastal Railway Journeys 9.00 Great Canal Journeys 10.00 Bangers & Cash 11.00 Abandoned Engineering 12.00m't Joanna Lumley's Trans-Siberian Adventure 1.00-3.00am Secrets of the London Underground
U&ALIBI	
7.10am	Murdoch Mysteries 9.00 Father Brown 10.00 The Doctor Blake Mysteries 11.00 Hudson & Rex 12.00noon The Mentalist 1.00 Death in Paradise 2.00 Murdoch Mysteries 4.00 The Doctor Blake Mysteries 5.00 Hudson & Rex 6.00 Father Brown 7.00 The Mentalist 8.00 White Collar 9.00 Death in Paradise 10.00 Father Brown 11.00 The Mentalist 12.00m't White Collar 1.00 CSI: Vegas 1.55 So Help Me Todd 2.55-4.00am Murdoch Mysteries
SKY MAX	
6.00am	S.W.A.T 8.00 The Flash 9.00 Stargate SG-1 11.00 Supergirl 12.00noon The Flash 1.00 S.W.A.T 3.00 NCIS: Los Angeles 4.00 Magnum P.I 5.00 Manifest 6.00 Stargate SG-1 8.00 Freddie Fries Again 9.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks
Live UEFA Champions League	
TNT Sports 1, 7pm	Real Madrid host Manchester City at the Santiago Bernabéu. Erling Haaland (left) and the Citizens will need to be at their best against the reigning champions.
SKY ATLANTIC	
6.00am	Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets 8.05 True Blood 10.15 Billions 12.20pm Game of Thrones 1.25 Big Love 3.35 True Blood 5.45 Billions 7.55 Game of Thrones 9.00 The White Lotus 10.10 Homicide: Life on the Street 11.10 Succession 1.40am Band of Brothers 2.55 Game of Thrones 4.00-6.00am Fish Town
SKY WITNESS	
6.00am	Stop, Search, Seize 7.00 Motorway Patrol 8.00 Border Patrol 9.00 Send in the Dogs 10.00 Border Security: Canada's Front Line 10.30 Border Security: America's Front Line 11.00 The Good Doctor 12.00noon FBI 1.00 FBI: International 2.00 FBI: Most Wanted 3.00 Stop, Search, Seize 4.00 Nothing to Declare 8.00 FBI: Most Wanted 9.00 The Equalizer 10.00 Elsbeth 11.00 The Rookie 12.00m't Law & Order: Organized Crime 1.00 FBI: Most Wanted 2.00 The Good Doctor 3.00 The Rookie: Feds 4.00 Highway Patrol 5.00-6.00am Road Wars
SKY COMEDY	
8.00am	Bored to Death 9.15 The Conners 10.15 Hung 11.35 High Maintenance 1.05pm Curb Your Enthusiasm 1.45 Hung 3.05 High Maintenance 4.30 Bored to Death 5.50 The Office (US) 6.50 The Conners 7.50 Mr Mayor. Arpi and Neil meet in the televised mayoral recall debate. 8.20 Curb Your Enthusiasm 9.00 SNL50: Beyond Saturday Night 11.25 Kevin Hart: Reality Check 12.35am Entourage 1.45 High Maintenance 3.45-5.00am Flatbush Misdemeanors
DISCOVERY	
6.00am	How Do They Do It? 7.00 Building Off the Grid 9.00 Bitchin' Rides 11.00 Wheeler Dealers 1.00pm Alaska: Homestead Rescue 3.00 Gold Divers 5.00 Deadliest Catch 6.00 Wheeler Dealers 7.00 Salvage Hunters. Drew Pritchard visits a 900-year-old abbey in Somerset. 8.00 Kindig Customs 9.00 Gold Divers. Vernon's crew attempts their first dive, but tempers explode. 10.00 America's Backyard Gold 12.00m't Street Outlaws: Locals Only 1.00 Gold Divers 2.00 America's Backyard Gold 3.00 Iron Resurrection 4.00-5.00am Moonshiners
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC	
6.00am	World of Cruising 6.30 Teleshopping 7.00 Cruise TV with LoveitBookit 8.00 Food Factory 9.00 Air Crash Investigation: Special Report 10.00 World War II: Secrets from Above 11.00 Airport Security: Rome 12.00noon Car S.O.S 1.00 Rocky Mountain Railroad 2.00 Air Crash Investigation 3.00 Raiders of the Civil War: Drain the Oceans 4.00 Murder in the Skies: Who Downed MH17? 5.00 Car S.O.S 7.00 Air Crash Investigation 8.00 Murder in the Skies: Who Downed MH17? 11.00 Air Crash Investigation 12.00m't Construction Fails 1.00 Mysterious Islands 2.00 Lords of War 2.30 Made in a Day 3.20 Food Factory 4.10-5.00am Exotic Animal ER: Double Dose



Live UEFA Champions League

TNT Sports 1, 7pm Real Madrid host Manchester City at the Santiago Bernabéu. Erling Haaland (left) and the Citizens will need to be at their best against the reigning champions.

Becoming of a Hollywood Star 12.15am The Ghost of Richard Harris 2.25 David Baddiel: The Not the Trilogy – Trolls: Not the Dolls 3.40 Life & Rhymes 5.10-6.00am Auction

7.35am Last of the Summer Wine 8.10 The Vicar of Dibley 9.30 The Green Green Grass 10.10 Are You Being Served? 10.50 The Vicar of Dibley 11.25 Last of the Summer Wine 12.40pm The Green Green Grass 1.20 The Good Life 2.00 Dad's Army 2.40 The Vicar of Dibley 3.20 Are You Being Served? 4.00 Last of the Summer Wine 5.20 The Green Green Grass 6.00 Are You Being Served? 6.40 Dad's Army 8.00 The Good Life 8.40 The Vicar of Dibley. Double bill. Geraldine tries her hand at fundraising; election fever hits the village. 10.00 The Cleaner 10.35 The Good Life 11.15 The Vicar of Dibley 12.35am The Cleaner 1.15 Toast of London 1.50 The Black Adder 2.35-4.00am The Outlaws

6.10am Antiques Roadshow 8.00 Secret Nazi Bases 9.00 Living with Hitler 10.00 The Architecture the Railways Built 12.00noon Joanna Lumley's Trans-Siberian Adventure 1.00 Antiques Roadshow 2.00 Bangers & Cash 4.00 Secret Nazi Bases 5.00 Living with Hitler 6.00 Antiques Roadshow 7.00 How Britain Worked 8.00 Great Coastal Railway Journeys 9.00 Great Canal Journeys 10.00 Bangers & Cash 11.00 Abandoned Engineering 12.00m't Joanna Lumley's Trans-Siberian Adventure 1.00-3.00am Secrets of the London Underground

7.10am Murdoch Mysteries 9.00 Father Brown 10.00 The Doctor Blake Mysteries 11.00 Hudson & Rex 12.00noon The Mentalist 1.00 Death in Paradise 2.00 Murdoch Mysteries 4.00 The Doctor Blake Mysteries 5.00 Hudson & Rex 6.00 Father Brown 7.00 The Mentalist 8.00 White Collar 9.00 Death in Paradise 10.00 Father Brown 11.00 The Mentalist 12.00m't White Collar 1.00 CSI: Vegas 1.55 So Help Me Todd 2.55-4.00am Murdoch Mysteries

6.00am S.W.A.T 8.00 The Flash 9.00 Stargate SG-1 11.00 Supergirl 12.00noon The Flash 1.00 S.W.A.T 3.00 NCIS: Los Angeles 4.00 Magnum P.I 5.00 Manifest 6.00 Stargate SG-1 8.00 Freddie Fries Again 9.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks

Radio

CHOICE Radio 3 In Concert Radio 3, 7.30pm Shostakovich's 6th Symphony is the top of the bill in this performance by the BBC National Orchestra of Wales, along with a Gavin Higgins premiere (A Monstrous Little Suite from The Monstrous Child), and Weinberg's Trumpet Concerto featuring Håkan Hardenberger. Ryan Bancroft conducts.

Facing the Music 10.00 Night Tracks. Late-night listening. 11.30 'Round Midnight 12.30-6.30am Through the Night

FM 92.4-94.6MHz 6.00am Today 9.00 Sideways 9.30 Word of God 10.00 Woman's Hour 11.00 Putin's Blood Feud 11.45 Book of the Week: Under a Metal Sky 12.00noon News 12.04 You and Yours 1.00 The World at One 1.45 You Do Not Have to Say Anything 2.00 The Archers 2.15 Drama: Undercover – The Fury 3.00 Money Box Live 3.30 Mouth Organ 4.00 The Media Show 5.00 PM 5.57 Weather 6.00 News 6.30 ReincarNathan 7.00 The Archers 7.15 Front Row 8.00 AntiSocial 8.45 NatureBang 9.00 The Life Scientific 9.30 Inside Health 10.00 The World Tonight 10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Glassmaker 11.00 Bunk Bed 11.15 Jamie MacDonald: Life on the Blink 11.30 The Grand House: Boom or Blight? 12.00m't News 12.30

Movies

FILM4 11.00am The Long Ships (1963/PG) Viking adventure, starring Richard Widmark. ★★ 1.35pm An Affair to Remember (1957/U) Romantic drama, with Cary Grant. ★★★★★ 3.50 Anzio (1968/PG) Second World War drama, starring Robert Mitchum. ★★ 6.10 Independence Day (1996/12) Sci-fi adventure, starring Will Smith. ★★★★★ 9.00 The Father (2020/12) An old man gradually succumbs to dementia as his daughter contemplates starting a new life in Paris. Drama, starring Anthony Hopkins and Olivia Colman. ★★★★★ 10.55 Fury (2014/15) Second World War drama, starring Brad Pitt. ★★★★★ 1.35-4.00am Shayda (2023/15) Premiere. Drama, starring Zar Amir Ebrahimi. ★★

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE 6.25am Chuck Chuck Baby (2024/15) Drama, starring Louise Brealey. ★★ 8.15 Turn Me On (2024/15) See 4.55am. ★★ 10.15 The Garfield Movie (2024/U) See 6.15pm. ★★ 12.00noon The Line (2023/15) See 10.35pm. ★★ 2.00pm A Place Called Silence (2024/15) Thriller, starring Eric Wang. ★★ 4.10 The Bikeriders (2023/15) Drama, starring Tom Hardy and Jodie Comer. ★★★★★ 6.15 The Garfield Movie (2024/U) Animated adventure, featuring the voices of Chris Pratt and Samuel L Jackson. ★★ 8.00 Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (2024/15) A warrior seeks vengeance against a biker horde led by the crazed Dementus. Fantasy adventure, starring Anya Taylor-Joy. ★★★★★ 10.35 The Line (2023/15) Drama, starring Alex Wolff and Lewis Pullman. ★★ 12.25am The Killer (2024/15) Thriller, starring Nathalie Emmanuel and Omar Sy. ★★ 2.40 A Place Called Silence (2024/15) See 2.00pm. ★★ 4.55-6.55am Turn Me On (2024/15) Fantasy comedy, starring Luke Kirby. ★★

SKY CINEMA DRAMA 6.10pm Bob Marley: One Love (2024/12) Drama, with Kingsley Ben-Adir. ★★★★★ 8.00 Lady Bird (2017/15) An artistic teenager endures a difficult relationship with her mother while growing up in California. Comedy drama, starring Saoirse Ronan. ★★★★★ 9.45 The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas (2008/12) Drama, with David Thewlis. ★★★★★ 11.25 To Olivia (2021/PG) Drama, with Hugh Bonneville and Keeley Hawes. ★★ 1.10am Cicada (2020/15) Drama, with Matthew Fifer and Sheldon D Brown. ★★ 2.55 Manodrome (2023/15) Drama, with Jesse Eisenberg and Adrien Brody. ★★ 4.40-6.30am What If (2013/15) Drama, with Daniel Radcliffe and Zoe Kazan. ★★★★★

SKY CINEMA HARRY POTTER 6.20pm Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (2002/PG) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Daniel Radcliffe. ★★★★★ 9.05 Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (2004/PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Daniel Radcliffe. ★★★★★ 11.30 Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (2005/12) Fantasy adventure, starring Daniel Radcliffe and Rupert Grint. ★★★★★ 2.10am Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (2007/12) Fantasy adventure, starring Daniel Radcliffe. ★★★★★ 4.35-7.15am Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (2009/12) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Daniel Radcliffe. ★★★★★

TALKING PICTURES TV 4.45pm The Life and Legend of Wyatt Earp 5.20 The Adventures of Jim Bowie 5.55 The Texan Bill discovers a dead body, and is accused of killing the man. 7.00 Z Cars Vintage police drama. 8.00 Manhunt Second World War drama. 9.05 Maigret The inspector investigates the death of a harbourmaster. 10.55 In Suspicious Circumstances Two women fall victim to a serial bigamist. 12.00m't Maigret Drama. 1.05am Ruth Ellis and the Mystery Lover 2.40 House on Haunted Hill (1959/12) Horror, starring Vincent Price. ★★★★★ 4.15-5.30am Bindle (1966/U) Comedy, starring Alfie Bass and Johnny Wade. ★★

GREAT! MOVIES 5.00pm Lost Letter Mysteries: Second Chances (2014/PG) Drama, starring Eric Mabius and Kristin Booth. ★★ 7.00 Perception Daniel requires surgery. 8.00 Perception Moretti goes undercover to investigate an animal rights group. 9.00 Six Days Seven Nights (1998/12) Adventure, starring Harrison Ford. ★★ 11.10pm It Could Happen to You (1994/PG) Romantic comedy, with Nicolas Cage. ★★★★★ 1.25am The Nanny Betrayal (2018/PG) Thriller, starring Michelle Borth. ★★ 4.00-6.00am A Deadly Lullaby (2020/PG) Thriller, starring Katie Leclerc. ★★

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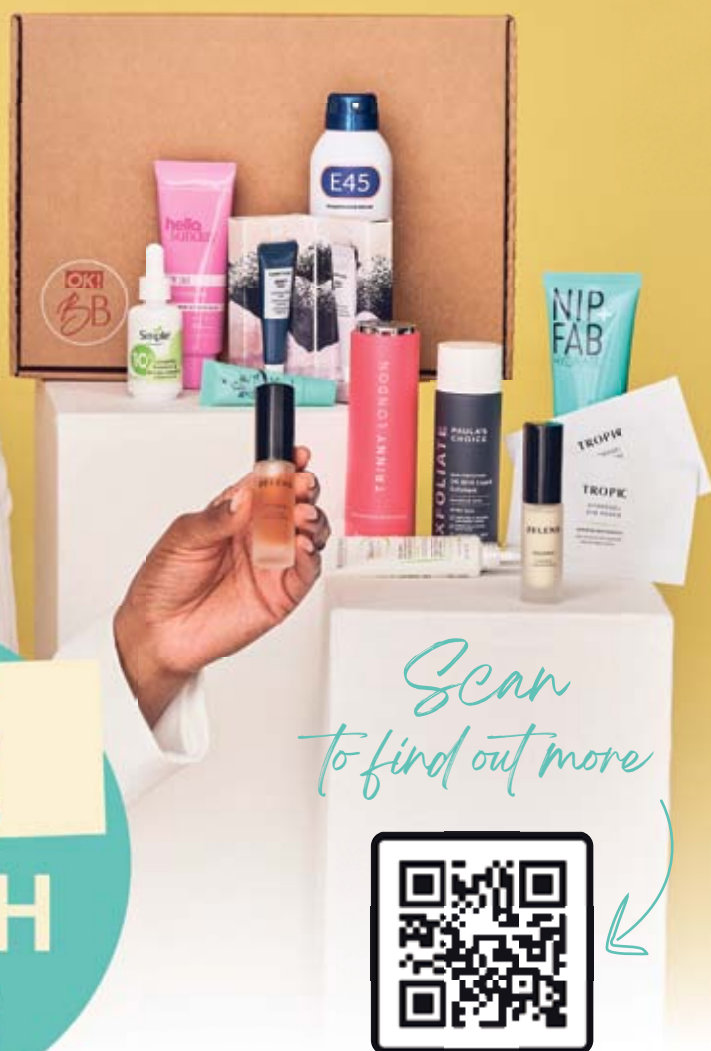
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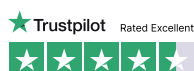
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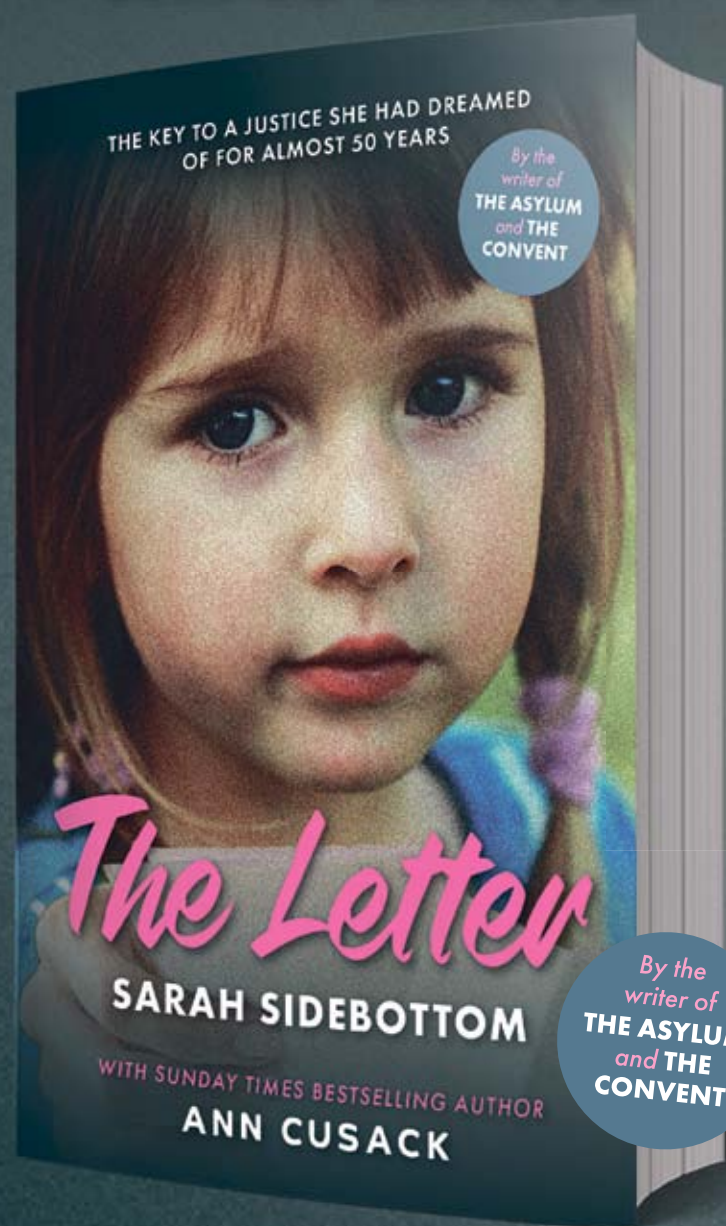
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Misery of baby talk pair

I'M being driven mad by my flatmate's "baby talk".

Months ago, she asked if her boyfriend could move into her room. We agreed that he would contribute significantly towards the rent and bills, which has benefitted me enormously.

I like the guy, he's tidy and clean and cooks great meals. But I can't stand how they talk to each other.

It's beyond cringey. He calls her "Puffy Pops" and he's "Fluffy Tail". He asks if she wants a "widdle bath" or a "teeny tup of tea".

My teeth are permanently on edge. Dare I say something?

JANE SAYS: *The problem (for you) is that as long as your flatmates are behaving themselves – are clearing up and treating you respectfully – then they can talk how they like.*

They may be annoying but they're not being nasty or rude.

Are you inclined to mention to her that their baby language sometimes makes you feel uncomfortable and excluded? Can they tone it down and keep the saccharine monikers for the bedroom? Ultimately, you need to live where you feel comfortable.

Mum's cheating ruined childhood

IT MADE ADULTS HATE ME

I HATED school. I always felt like an outsider.

One teacher ruthlessly picked on me and the school secretary gave me a hard time. I felt that other parents looked down on me and I was never invited to classmates' houses to play.

Now I've discovered why. My late mother went through the male staff like a dose of salts.

Not only did she have a long-running affair with the headmaster, but she also had flings with a PE teacher, the school caretaker and the head of the Governors.

She hung around the school on the pretence of organising fund-raisers and caused havoc.

The school secretary was obliged to hold calls and bar visitors when Mum was in the headmaster's office "having a meeting" – and deeply resented me for coming from a "dirty family".

It was the same story with the teacher who picked on me. She had a crush on the headmaster and saw my mum as her rival.

My poor dad was out at work or doing all the housework at home, oblivious to the fact that his wife was having her wicked way with half the staff.

I've been left with feelings of insecurity and inadequacy all my life. I've always felt that I'm stupid and unlikeable. Bosses and colleagues have bullied me, and



Picture posed by models

MOTHER'S RUIN: People held her parent sleeping around with teachers against daughter

I've been in several disastrous relationships.

I've allowed others to treat me like dirt, purely because I've never thought anything of myself. The cruel teacher did irreparable damage and my mother badly let me down. I feel so ashamed.

Mum died last year and the truth only came out after her funeral. Is it too late for me to make something of myself?

JANE SAYS: *Life dealt you a very bad hand during your formative years, but you have to remember that you can be anything you want to be.*

What are your dreams and

goals? Can you re-train or go back into education? Open University students don't need any formal qualifications in to join a course. This might be something you could check out.

You might also speak to a health professional regarding your childhood experiences and mental health today.

Keep an open mind and look at your options. You owe it to yourself to rise up and grab your life by the throat.

It could be that your father knew exactly what was going on between your mother and various other men but was

too embarrassed or humiliated to confront her.

The reality is that your mum, and all the other nasty adults, are out of your life now and you still have your best years ahead of you.

Ask good friends and trusted family members for support and guidance.

Whatever happens, you need to remember that nothing that went down was ever your fault.

You didn't come from a "dirty family" and you are not second rate. You are just as deserving of a dazzling future as the next person.

His sex drive's surging

WHAT constitutes a normal sex life?

My husband and I are at odds about this. He is currently experiencing a "sex surge" – he wants it all the time.

He's got so much energy and lust for life, it's unreal.

I fancy him and enjoy sex but sometimes feel as though he's using me for his gratification.

He instigates intercourse two or three times a night and I struggle to keep up.

What can I do when I'm just not as driven as he is?

JANE SAYS: *Couples in your position often consider a sex contract.*

These usually work by you deciding whether you have sex on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, while he gets Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Sunday is either a day of rest or up for grabs.

Could this be something that might work for you?

It's wonderful that you both fancy each other and prioritise intimacy but boundaries are important too.

All relationships are a work in progress. The fact is that there is no "normal" because you are unique and so are your circumstances.



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Boss asked that I work for free

I'VE worked 25 hours a week in a local shop for 10 years. Now the owner has asked if I'll turn up for free.

He knows that I've inherited some money and don't necessarily need to work. But meeting the customers and being busy is my life. I'd be depressed without this job.

How dare he insult me?

JANE SAYS: *Is there a compromise to be reached? Could you do fewer hours for less money?*

Talk to your employer. Times are tough for small business owners but, clearly, you don't wish to be taken advantage of. Yet, if you enjoy the work and would be lost without a daily purpose, then do you need to weigh up the pros and cons?

PHOTO CASEBOOK

I THINK I'M IN LOVE

DAY 3

1 He looks round the pub



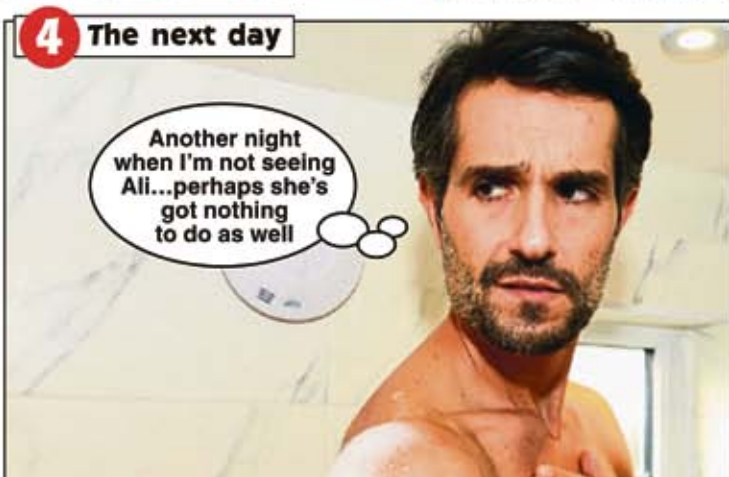
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3 Alone in his bed...



4 The next day



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ARIES

March 21 to April 20

SHARING your dreams could spark an interesting experience, particularly when a friend helps you view them in a new light. If you think there's a deeper meaning, take a moment to dig a little more and find out what your subconscious is trying to tell you.

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GEMINI

May 22 to June 21

INTUITION guides you towards the path you need to be on at this time. Trust you are precisely where you need to be. Emotional wounds will not mend quickly or easily. A more profound, supportive approach is needed for genuine healing.

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LEO

July 24 to August 23

PEOPLE view you in a positive light and hold you in high regard. As a result, you shouldn't be surprised when friends and colleagues reach out for assistance and support. Your sensitivity is strong and this inspires you to respond positively to their requests.

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TAURUS

April 21 to May 21

WHILE you feel a strong sense of responsibility and a need to get things done, you can't ignore a growing need to enjoy the company of friends. Both at home and in the workplace you feel a strong urge to share your thoughts and opinions.

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CANCER

June 22 to July 23

BE diplomatic in official meetings and professional settings. What's going on now could work for you or against you but don't get too anxious about it. Just go with the flow and accept any help that is offered. These difficulties will not last much longer.

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VIRGO

August 24 to September 23

YOU could get lost in daydreams as your imagination is particularly vivid. Your dealings with others will feel more meaningful partly due to your heightened intuition. You will pick up on unspoken feelings and thoughts of those around you.

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September 24 to October 23

YOU have a kind, caring nature and feel particularly keen to encourage a spirit of togetherness within a group setting. This makes you sensitive to the needs of those around you and eager to lend a helping hand if anyone might need one.

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SAGITTARIUS

November 23 to December 21

IF you're finding certain people or situations are affecting your well-being, now is the perfect time to make a change. It is possible to adjust your habits when it comes to exercise and nutrition. Alter your lifestyle to support healthy choices.

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AQUARIUS

January 21 to February 19

LEARNING to say no is crucial. Agreeing to do favours for loved ones or taking on more responsibilities could lead to an overwhelming burden. While volunteering might seem like a good idea at first, it could disrupt your personal life.

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SCORPIO

October 24 to November 23

YOU could be welcoming new team members into your workplace or a new friend to your social group. Your positive attitude inspires those around you. Financially, things are promising. Is it time to do some home renovations or even to move?

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CAPRICORN

December 22 to January 20

YOUR days are speeding up and your schedule is set to get even busier. You will juggle errands and appointments. Chats with relatives will be equally as lively – you want some feedback on your ideas from those around you.

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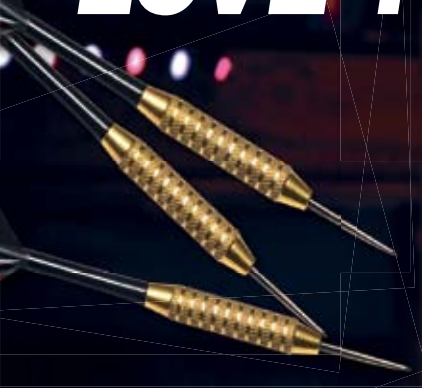
February 20 to March 20

YOU'RE seriously considering your life and what's important – as well as what is not. This is an ideal time to distance yourself from anyone or anything that might hinder your progress. If some friendships aren't working for you anymore, rethink them.

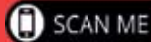
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IT'S often the little things in life that make a big difference – and the same applies to our health. Scientists are finding that simple tweaks to daily habits can transform everything from our waistlines to the risk of developing killer diseases. Here **JAMES MOORE** shows how to reap the rewards through a typical 24 hours...

7am – Be lazy: Don't make your bed. Researchers at Kingston University discovered that dust mites, which can trigger things like allergies, cannot survive in the drier conditions found in an unmade one.

7.15am – Mirror, mirror! When you look in the mirror in the morning, smile and give yourself a bit of a pep talk. It can boost self-esteem and reduce anxiety through the day, according to a study published in The Journal Of Positive Psychology.

7.30am – Splashing tip: Try turning the temperature down a bit in the shower and seeing how long you can last. Studies show this can stimulate the body's immune system. Or sing while you wash. Boffins say it reduces stress and inflammation.

8am – Go to work on an egg: Try having some eggs for breakfast. Scientists at the University of Missouri in the US found a high-protein breakfast could help make you feel fuller.

8.30am – Brisk it to win it: Whether you're late for work or not, up your pace a bit when walking. Faster walkers live longer than dawdlers, according to a study in the journal Progress In Cardiovascular Diseases.

10-11am – Tea up benefits: Have your morning cuppa builder's style. Be patient and let it brew for around four minutes – it means you get a bigger dose of the illness-fighting antioxidants that can help battle heart disease.

1pm – Take a break: Make sure you take your full lunch break. Studies show it can reduce stress and make you more productive at work.

1.30pm – Do a puzzle: People who regularly do puzzles like a crossword and sudoku have better brain function, according to a study by the University of Exeter and King's College London.

3pm – Move it: If your job involves sitting down all day, try to get up and move around a bit for five minutes, every 30 minutes. A study published in the journal of the American College of Sports Medicine found this lowers blood pressure and counteracts the harmful effects of sitting.

4pm – Snack attack: Ditch the chocolate bar or crisps and have nuts instead. Eating just 20g every day can reduce your chances of cancer by 15% and an early death by 22%, a study showed.

5pm – Call a pal: A study published in the journal JAMA Psychiatry found chatting for just 10 minutes to a loved one could reduce anxiety and depression.

5.30pm – Do the plank: No time for the gym? Do a one-minute plank. This simple exercise has been shown to lower blood pressure, reducing your chances of suffering a stroke or heart attack.

6pm – Get fruity: If you're popping to the shops for dinner, eat an apple first. This simple act can boost the amount of healthy fruit and veg you buy by 25%, a US study found.

7pm – Chew it over: Munching your food for longer and eating at the dinner table have been shown to make you more mindful and eat less. And make sure you eat by 8pm. A study from the University of Surrey showed people who did were less hungry the next day.

8.30pm – Critter-cal thinking: Looking for a good telly show? Try a nature programme. A study published in the Journal Of Environmental Psychology suggests they are top choice for boosting your mood.

10pm – Do the floss: Flossing as little as once a week can lower your risk of a stroke, according to an American study. And set a timer to make sure you brush your pegs for two whole minutes. This removes 26% more plaque than doing it for the average 45 seconds.

11pm – List it: A good night's kip is vital for good health. Writing a to-do list for the next day can help you get to sleep quicker, according to researchers at Baylor University in the US.



HER TONIC: Doctor

What's **GOOD** for you..

WOMEN DOCS: Being seen by a female medic might be better for you, according to a US study. It found that, on average, they pay better attention to their patients and spend more time on writing up notes and looking at records.
SOBER DATING: Quitting alcohol might not just be good for your body – it could even help you find a partner. With one in four 18 to 24-year-olds now teetotal, a new app created specifically for alcohol-free singles, called Sober Dating, is launching in March.



ILL POWER: Work

What's **BAD** for you..

SHUNNING SICKIES: More than two thirds of employees feel pressure to continue working while unwell, according to a survey by UK Meds. Fewer than half report feeling comfortable about discussing health problems with colleagues.
CHEST ALARMING: Pain and worrying about going topless are two of the reasons women avoid mammograms, according to a new survey. It comes as NHS England launch a new campaign to boost attendance at vital breast cancer screenings.



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Difficulty: 10/10 Target Time: 30 minutes

Clue: Brush off rolls back.

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Down: Neurotic, Drone, Cannery, Thirsty, Ogre, Saffron, Trim (clue), Bonanza, Kingpin, Adapt, Windfall.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Rational, 5 Spur, 8 Mark, 9 Victoria, 10 Leopard, 12 Handy, 13 Dinner, 15 Supper, 17 Remit, 18 Compact, 22 Mistress, 23 Diva, 24 Nose, 25 Resident.

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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
7 Oral bard worked like a dog (8)
8 Authentic sort of earl (4)
9 Rush into a job (6)
10 Some tableware turns sodium pink (6)
11 Air of invention (4)
12 Getting covered in plaster (8)
14 Deliver a few that are attractive (8)
18 Attentive to the wrong part (4)
20 Stress on dialect (6)
22 Guide to the editorial (6)
23 Wager with a Greek character (4)
24 Dim piece displayed rapid development (8)

DOWN
1 Order a drape in March (6)
2 Stopped and apprehended (8)
3 Liked to bother socialist (6)
4 Canter off in a daze (6)
5 Snare inside contraption (4)
6 Helping traitor on a charge (6)
13 Ribbon right inside old ship (8)
15 Sportsman sent car to that woman (6)
16 Unacceptable, getting ready to start (6)
17 A relic in the form of a cake (6)

QUICK CLUES
ACROSS
7 Breed of dog (8)
8 Genuine (4)
9 Profession (6)
10 Serviette (6)
11 Gap, opening (4)
12 Putting clothes on (8)
14 Good-looking (8)
18 Engrossed, spellbound (4)
20 Emphasis (6)
22 Chief, boss (6)

DOWN
1 Procession (6)
2 Taken into custody (8)
3 Loved, cherished (6)
4 Hypnotic state (6)
5 Ambush (4)
6 Share, allotment (6)
13 Long narrow flag (8)
15 Sagittarius symbol (6)
16 Beginning (6)
17 Small cake (6)
19 Summary of a text (6)
21 Dutch cheese (4)

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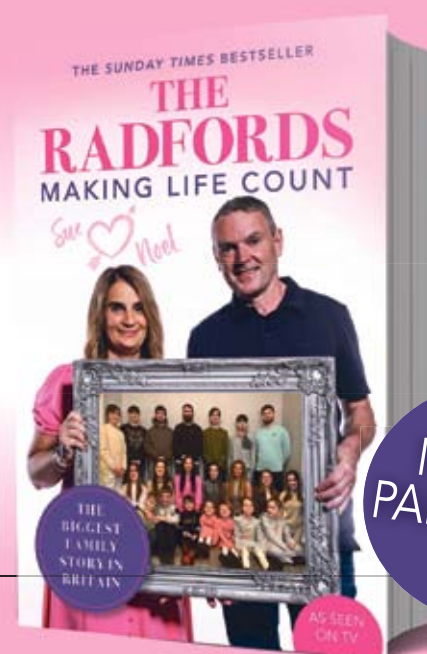
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TOP NOTCH: James Owen has great faith in Burdett Road

STILL ON ROAD FOR BIG PRIZES

JAMES OWEN is still keen to head to the Cheltenham Festival with Burdett Road but also has an eye on a return to the Flat for the Melbourne Cup in November.

The smart dual-purpose performer narrowly lost out to Golden Ace in Wincanton's Kingwell Hurdle, going down by three-quarters of a length under Sam Twiston-Davies on good to soft ground.

Owen (right) felt morning rain worked against him, while also a mistake two out hindered his cause further in the closing stages of the race. "He made that error two out. He's absolutely fine but the set up of the race didn't help," the trainer said.

"It rained in the morning which made the ground very loose and while he can cope with it on the Flat, he's an explosive horse over his hurdles and he never really got into that fluent rhythm.

"He's got a high cruising speed and we

■ **by JASON HEAVEY** couldn't really use it. I'm not taking anything away from the filly, she outbattled us in the end.

"We looked the winner turning in, made a mistake two out which opened the door and we couldn't close it.

"I'm proud of how he ran, it opens the door so he's having an entry in the County Hurdle and we'll see what the Champion Hurdle picture looks like closer to the time."

Having won a Listed race on the Flat in September, a return to that discipline is also very much on the agenda with his ultimate target already identified.

Owen added: "We're still very keen to go to Cheltenham and we're still very keen to have a Flat campaign with this horse as well, ending up hopefully at the Melbourne Cup, for which he's got a lovely mark.

"We know he likes fast ground and the track will be perfect. We'll go to some big places with him and have a lot of fun."



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4.25 HANDICAP (DIV 1)	Class 6	6f	(9 runners)	£3,140
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1 (8) 0-0 ROMAN EMPEROR (98)(D,A)(P) J Ryan 4 9 9..... Laura Pearson 60	2 (1) 30-1 ZEPARELLA (35) W Mur & C Grassick 4 9 9..... F Larson 66
3 (4) 0-16 MOND (30)(A)(H) C Wallis 7 9 8..... J Haynes *75	4 (7) 0-32 EL HIBRI (30)(CD,D3,A) Williams 6 9 7..... R Kavanagh (5) 67
5 (3) 0-44 SMASHER (22)(D3,A)(P) M Attwater 5 9 5..... W Carson 72	6 (9) 63-0 THE COLA KID (7)(CD,C,D5,A,G)(B,T) G Harris 8 9 3..... Jordan Williams (5) 70
7 (6) -346 PHOENIX STAR (18)(CD4,A,G,S)(P) Jessica Macey 9 9 0..... J Peate 67	8 (1) 03-1 DON'T FIGHT IT (35)(G)(B) J & S Best 5 8 9..... A Brookes (3) 69
9 (5) L-04 LUPSET FLOSSY POP (9)(D,A)(P) G Brown 5 8 9..... Warren Fentiman (7) 69	

LONG HANDICAP: Don't Fight It 8-8, Lupset Flossy Pop 8-8, Star Betting: 15-8 El Hibri, 4 Smasher, 5 Phoenix Star, 13-2 Roman Emperor, 8 The Cola Kid, 10 Lupset Flossy Pop, 16 others. 2024: No corresponding meeting.

STARFORM: EL HIBRI DANGER: The Cola Kid

4.55 HANDICAP (DIV 2)	Class 6	6f	(7 runners)	£3,140
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1 (3) 0/03 MIGHTY GURKHA (30)(CD2,D2,A,G)(B,T) T Faulkner 7 9 9..... Taylor Fisher (3) 65	2 (8) 0L-5 ARLECCHINO'S GIFT (12)(D8,A,G) M Usher 6 9 9..... G Bass (3) 70
3 (1) -025 MAN ON A MISSION (19)(CD2,D,A)(P,T) P Charalambous & J Clutterbuck 6 9 8..... G Wood *71	4 (7) 0-66 SHALAA ASKER (16)(D5,A,G)(P) C Wallis 7 9 6..... J Haynes 61
5 (4) 64-0 KENTO (17) A Carroll 4 9 5..... DOUBTFUL	6 (4) -331 RADIANT ANGEL (22)(T) Joe Ponting 4 9 3..... N Currie 70
7 (5) LL-1 TILSWORTH TURF (46)(D2,S) J R Jenkins 5 8 9..... Ethan Jones (5) 70	8 (2) -061 MIDNIGHTATTHEOASIS (25)(D,A)(P) P McEntee 5 8 9..... Grace McEntee 62

LONG HANDICAP: Midnightattheoasis 8-8, Star Betting: 9-4 Mighty Gurkha, 5-2 Man On A Mission, 7-2 Arlecchino's Gift, 6 Shalaa Asker, 12 Radiant Angel, 14 others.

STARFORM: MAN ON A MISSION DANGER: Arlecchino's Gift

5.30 EBF MAIDEN STAKES	Class 5	6f	(7 runners)	£4,320
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1 (4) 0 WILD NEPHIN (8) R Potter 6 10 2..... Jordan Williams (5) 48	2 (2) COSMIC SPIRIT B Case 3 9 1..... G Downing -
3 (3) 05 DOUBLE MOCHA (11)(H) H Palmer 3 9 1..... J Peate 57	4 (6) 5-34 MASSIMO BLUE (6) P McEntee 3 9 1..... Grace McEntee 64
5 (1) RUPERT THE PRINCE P Butler 3 9 1..... S W Kelly -	6 (7) 2-16 TARGET MAN (19)(B,T) G Boughiey 3 9 1..... Warren Fentiman (7) *72
7 (5) RAJWA K R Burke 3 8 10..... P-L Jamin -	

Star Betting: Evens Rajwa, 15-8 Target Man, 13-2 Massimo Blue, 12 Double Mocha, 20 Rupert The Prince, 25 Cosmic Spirit, 200 others.

STARFORM: RAJWA DANGER: Target Man

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

★ **THE City of York** Stakes at the Ebor meeting and the Long Distance Cup at Ascot on Champsions Day have been upgraded to Group One status. It means Champsions Day in October will become the first British race day to stage five Group One races.

MARKET RASEN

1.50: 1, LUNDI NOIR (S Sheppard 11-10 fav); 2, Wallquartari (10-3); 3, Miners Gamble (13-2). 4l, 1/4l. 8 ran. T. Lacey. Tote: £2.10; pl £1.10, £1.30, £1.30. Exacta: £5.80. Trifecta: £22.70. CSF: £5.21.

2.20: 1, BLUEY (B R Jones evens jtfav); 2, Sioe Geal (evens jtfav); 3, Future Fortune (9-1). 7/4l, 8l. 5 ran. E. Lavelle. Tote: £2.00; pl £1.10, £1.10. Exacta: £2.30. Trifecta: £2.70. CSF: £2.38.

2.50: 1, CAMINO ROCIO (S Bowen 3-1); 2, Mythe Bridge (6-1); 3, Jessmae (7-2). 7-4 fav Express Surprise. 4/4l, 6/4l. 6 ran. J & S Best. Tote: £4.00; pl

£1.80, £2.60. Exacta: £15.60. Trifecta: £56.90. CSF: £19.67. NR: Groom De Cotte.

3.20: 1, MISS CYNTHIA (T Cannon 11-4); 2, Lavidia Adiva (11-8 fav); 3, Gilbertina (9-2). 1/4l, 3l. 6 ran. L. Wadhams. Tote: £3.75; pl £1.60, £1.30. Exacta: £7.10. Trifecta: £20.40. CSF: £6.97.

3.52: 1, BURROWS HALL (D McMenamin 2-1); 2, Belvedere Blast (9-2); 3, Geordie Night (13-8 fav). 1/4l, 9l. 7 ran. J Parkinson & S Smith. Tote: £3.00; pl £1.70, £2.30. Exacta: £10.90. Trifecta: £24.20. CSF: £12.36.

4.27: 1, CAPTAIN IVAN (Craig Nichol 8-1); 2, Onesoe (evens fav); 3, Ballywood (8-1). 1/4l, 5l. 5 ran. Ewan Whillans. Tote: £9.00; pl £2.70, £1.10. Exacta: £18.50. Trifecta: £59.20. CSF: £17.43.

5.02: 1, UN SENS A LA VIE (S Twiston-Davies 5-2); 2, Espresso Milan (4-1); 3, Forward Thinking (evens fav). 3/4l, 3/4l. 7 ran. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £3.50; pl £1.60, £1.60. Exacta: £10.90. Trifecta: £15.70. CSF: £12.25.

QUADPOT: £9.70
PLACED: £13.10

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2.05: 1, HOLESOT (A Johns 5-2); 2, Don't Tell Rosie (5-1); 3, Mahler Moon (8-1). 13-8 fav Ask Me Another

5 FOR FUN

- Who won the 2025 Australian Open tennis tournament women's doubles title?
- Which Lowland League team were 2024-25 Scottish Challenge Cup semi-finalists?
- Who is to ride with compatriot Fabio Di Giannantonio for the VR46 Racing Team in the 2025 MotoGP Championship?
- Which Super League XXX club have signed prop Caius Faatili?
- Who made 108 for Hobart Hurricanes in the recent Men's Big Bash Final against Sydney Thunder?

ANSWERS: Page 43

GOING: STANDARD

JACKPOT AND PLACEPOT FIRST SIX RACES

6.00 HANDICAP	Class 6	3YO	7f	(9 runners)	£3,140
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1 (6) 50-4 CRISTALINO (50) K P De Foey 9 9..... Warren Fentiman (7) 68	2 (8) 35-2 PARTY BEAR (39)(BF) K R Burke 9 8..... P-L Jamin *71
3 (5) 05-4 DR ALI (30) J R Jenkins 9 8..... G Wood 67	4 (3) 6-03 COSMIC FORCE (30)(BF)(B,T) G Boughiey 9 7..... T Jakes (5) 69
5 (2) 340 MISTER KNOCKOUT (79)(V) P Evans 9 4..... Jordan Williams (5) 69	6 (4) 2-13 BURNING HOT (16) M Attwater 9 3..... R Kavanagh (5) 68
7 (1) 2-23 PENELOPE VALENTINE (29)(BF) Alice Haynes 9 3..... D Costello 70	8 (7) 050 DOVEY MOON (67) P Evans 9 2..... G Downing 64
9 (9) 5-06 HELAALI (18)(P,T) Alice Haynes 9 0..... S W Kelly 69	

Star Betting: 9-4 Party Bear, 3 Cosmic Force, 5 Penelope Valentine, 10 Cristallino, Helaali, 12 others.

STARFORM: PARTY BEAR DANGER: Cosmic Force

6.30 RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (DIV 1)	Class 5	7f	(10 runners)	£4,320
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1 (10) EMERALD DOWNS(T*) Lemos Souza 3 8 13..... F Larson -	2 (4) BENNY THE BOUNCER M Attwater 3 8 11..... T Greatrex -
3 (1) FULFORD CROSS D M Simcock 3 8 11..... J Haynes -	4 (6) PAPA OSCAR(H) Harry Charlton 3 8 11..... D Costello 73
5 (5) 3 LUNANOVA (50)(H) A Perrett 3 8 8..... Jack Dace (7) 37	6 (2) L METAMORA (20) S C Williams 3 8 8..... Laura Pearson 37
7 (5) WISE STARS B Millman 3 8 8..... G Wood 37	8 (7) 0-4 CHAMPAGNE BELLE (47) P Chamings 3 8 6..... T Heard *80
9 (9) L MIRAFLORES (21) R Cook & J Bridger 3 8 6..... Grace McEntee -	10 (8) 0- THREE ON THURSDAY (218) D Cunha 3 8 6..... Ethan Jones (5) 72

Star Betting: 13-8 Papa Oscar, 11-2 Lunanova, 6 Champagne Belle, 15-2 Fulford Cross, 8 Wise Stars, Emerald Downs, 10 others.

STARFORM: FULFORD CROSS DANGER: Lunanova

7.00 RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (DIV 2)	Class 5	7f	(10 runners)	£4,320
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1 (2) CRITICAL ACCLAIM R Hughes 3 8 13..... S W Kelly -	2 (3) AVIANO(T*) M Botti 3 8 11..... Warren Fentiman (7) -
3 (8) 0 DIOS DE LA GUERRA (90) S Dow 3 8 11..... Josephine Gordon 76	4 (6) 500- TUO SALAMANCA (117) Ollie Sangster 3 8 11..... N Currie 73
5 (5) 2-53 ENCHANTED WAY (12)(B,T) A Watson 3 8 8..... Laura Coughlan (3) *89	6 (4) MAGNA GRECIA STAR J Tate 3 8 8..... P-L Jamin -
7 (1) TERRITOT C Allen 3 8 8..... C Planas (3) 85	8 (7) 5 AMBER HONEY (12) E Dunlop 3 8 6..... Grace McEntee 70
9 (10) NABA LADY M Usher 3 8 6..... T Heard -	10 (8) 0- QUEEN SANS (97)(BF) S C Williams 3 8 6..... J Haynes 70

Star Betting: 10-3 Enchanted Way, 7-2 Magna Grecia Star, 6 Amber Honey, 7 Queen Sansa, Critical Acclaim, Aviano, 10 Dios De La Guerra, 12 Tuo Salamanca, 25 others.

STARFORM: AMBER HONEY DANGER: Enchanted Way

7.30 HANDICAP	Class 4	6f	(8 runners)	£6,281
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1 (6) 2-1 MESAAFI (25)(D,A)(B) S Pearce 4 9 9..... W Carver 84	2 (1) L3-1 SHALLO (30)(CD,D2,A) R Spencer 4 9 9..... G Wood 83
3 (4) 14-6 SUPREME KING (37)(D2,A,S) P Evans 5 9 9..... Jordan Williams (5) *87	4 (3) 00-1 INVINCIBLE SPEED (7)(D2,A) M Loughane 4 9 9..... J Peate 84
5 (2) 1-31 GRENNHAM BAY (14)(CD4,D4,A,S)(B) A Balding 5 9 7..... N Currie 85	6 (5) 2-53 HIATUS (14)(CD,D4,A,S) C Allen 5 9 5..... C Planas (3) 85
7 (7) 4-65 G'DAY MATE (17)(B) M Appleby 4 9 4..... F Larson 84	8 (4) 5-06 G'DAAY (14)(A,G) P Parr 7 9 3..... J Haynes 86

Star Betting: 11-4 Grenham Bay, 3 Shallow, 4 Mesaaffi, 13-2 Hiatus, 8 Supreme King, 10 G'day Mate, 12 G'day, 20 Invincible Speed.

STARFORM: GRENNHAM BAY DANGER: Hiatus

8.00 HANDICAP

Class 3 1m (9 runners) £8,374

1 (8) 531- LOCAL HERO (63)(CD2,C,A) R Hannon 4 9 11..... Alec Volkhansky (3) 98	2 (1) 01-5 STERLING KNIGHT (32)(D2,A,G,S) E Dunlop 6 9 7..... J Peate 97
3 (4) 16-4 SILENT AGE (292)(CD,A) I Williams 4 9 7..... R Kavanagh (5) 92	4 (6) 04-2 CRACKING GOLD (12)(BF,C,A)(P) C Cox 4 9 7..... D Costello 96
5 (2) 10-1 SILENT MOVE (39)(D2,G,S) R Fahey 4 9 6..... O McSweeney (3) 96	6 (7) 6643 BRASIL POWER (7)(C3,A)(B,T) G Boughiey 6 9 2..... T Jakes (5) 99
7 (5) 04-1 ROAD TO WEMBLEY (22)(A)(H) R Hughes 4 8 13..... S W Kelly 96	8 (9) 00-1 RHYTHM N ROCK (32)(CD,A,S) J Butler 7 8 10..... Grace McEntee *102
9 (3) 63-4 ZOFFANDIA (21) K Burke 4 8 8..... Josephine Gordon 98	

Star Betting: 5-2 Local Hero, 11-4 Cracking Gold, 9-2 Brasil Power, 6 Sterling Knight, 10 Zoffandia, Silent Age, 20 Silent Move, Road To Wembley, 25 Rhythm N Rock.

STARFORM: CRACKING GOLD 2-1fav (9-2) Took

hold in touch, headway 2f out, soon ridden, went 2nd towards finish, no chance with winner, 2nd of 12, 4l behind Symbol Of Light (9-8) at Southwell 1m hcp 0-95 (3). Brasil Power 13-2 (9-9) Held up in rear, pushed along 2f out, headway over 1f out, kept on final furlong, went third final strides, 3rd of 9, 3/4l behind Follow Your Heart (9-6) at Kempton 7f app hcap (4) pol.

Local Hero 4-1 (9-8) Tracked leaders on inside, angled out over 2f out, switched right and ran on between horses inside final 2f, went 2nd over 1f out, ridden to lead inside final furlong, ran on well, won at Kempton 1m hcp 0-90 (3) pol in Dec beating Altmore (9-7) by 1 1/2l, 12 ran.

Sterling Knight 12-1 (9-9) Off the pace in last trio, headway out wide over 1f out, stayed on inside final furlong, never going pace to reach leaders, 5th of 12, 2 1/4l behind Dembe (8-13) at Lingfield 1m hcap (3) pol in Jan.

STARFORM: CRACKING GOLD DANGER: Brasil Power

8.30 HANDICAP	Class 6	3YO	1m 4f	(7 runners)	£3,140
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1 (1) 20L- ANTELOPE (51)(BF)(P*) R Hannon 9 9..... Alec Volkhansky (3) 68	2 (5) 043 BOUBOULE (13) D & C Kubler 9 9..... P-L Jamin 65
3 (6) L3L- HI YA MAL (104) A Balding 9 7..... G Wood 68	4 (2) 5-06 RAY GUN (39)(T) J Osborne 9 5..... W Carver 71
5 (7) 00-1 BRUCE BANNER (35)(CD,A)(P) Ollie Sangster 9 2..... N Currie 69	6 (4) 0L-2 SYDNEY WHISTLER (16) J S Moore 8 11..... Warren Fentiman (7) *72
7 (3) L00- CAPTAIN BRETT (144)(H) D M Symcock 8 6..... J Haynes 63	

Star Betting: 3 Bruce Banner, 4 Sydney Whistler, 9-2 Bouboule, 11-2 Hi Ya Mal, 6 Ray Gun, 8 Captain Brett, Antelope.

STARFORM: SYDNEY WHISTLER DANGER: Antelope

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CSF: £4.19. NR: Lakota Warrior, Viva Lavilla.

QUADPOT: £3.60
PLACEPOT: £9.10

WOLVERHAMPTON

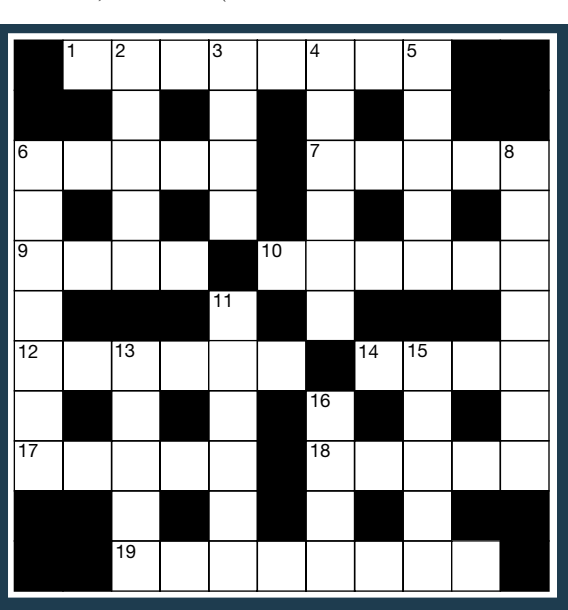
4.20: 1, ANGEL OF RAIN (G Wood 9-1); 2, Enola Holmes (8-13 fav); 3, Nad Alshiba Rain (18-1). 11.11 ran. B. Millman. Tote: £3.25; pl £1.30, £1.20. Exacta: £6.10. Trifecta: £14.30. CSF: £5.59.

7.30: 1, CCONUT BABY (Millie Wannacott 9-2); 2, Wedgewood Sapphire (12-1); 3, Ustath (15-2). 11-4 fav Dandy Lichious. 3/4l, 1/4l. 10 ran. T. Davidson. Tote: £5.50; pl £1.60, £4.10, £2.70. Exacta: £62.50. Trifecta: £513.60. CSF: £58.54. NR: Grecian God, Match Anthem.

8.00: 1, MARINER (G Wood 7-2); 2, Charlatan (7-2); 3, Mr Fustie (1-1). 7-4 fav Waistcoat. hd, 3/4l. 8 ran. J. Candlish. Tote: £4.50; pl £1.30, £1.50, £1.80. Exacta: £44.30. Trifecta: £71.53. Trifecta: £72.20. CSF: £16.77. NR: Morning Suit.

8.30: 1, SENSE OF WORTH (Dale Swift 9-2); 2, Starfighter (12-1); 3, High Court Judge (10-11 fav). 1/4l, 1l. 8 ran. S. Spencer. Tote: £5.50; pl £1.40, £2.40, £1.10. Exacta: £44.30. Trifecta: £88.43. Trifecta: £91.20. CSF: £54.80.

JACKPOT: £37,866.60
QUADPOT: £5.70
PLACEPOT: £18.60



SPORTWORD

ACROSS	DOWN
1. 1970 and 1971 French Open and 1973 Wimbledon Championships men's singles tennis tournament winner (3,5)	2. Bruce, San Jose Earthquakes head coach and sporting director (5)
6. Colour of the snooker ball worth three points (5)	3. Harry, England forward; 2018 FIFA World Cup Golden Boot Award winner (4)
7. Tony, 2006-13 London Broncos and 2014-21 Wigan Warriors prop (5)	4. Danny, 1993-97 QPR forward (6)
9 and 10 Across. Ivory Coast and Manchester United winger (4,6)	5. Andy, 2007-13 Saracens, 2013-15 Newcastle Falcons and 2015-17 Yorkshire Carnegie flanker (5)
12 and 19 Across. 2006-07 Rotherham Titans, 2007-08 Cornish Pirates and 2008-20 Exeter Chiefs fly-half (6,8)	6. 2014 and 2026 Commonwealth Games host city (7)
14. Massimo, 2002-08 Italy defender; 2015-17 Pescara and 2019-20 Perugia boss (4)	8. Nigel, English rider who appeared in eight Speedway World Championship Finals (7)
17. See 18 Across.	11. David, cricketer; 1975 BBC Sports Personality of the Year Award winner (6)
18 and 17 Across. 1987-99 Scotland, 1985-92 Celtic, 1992-97 Middlesbrough and 1997-2002 Aberdeen defender (5,5)	13. Jose Antonio, 2003-06 Spain and 2004-07 Arsenal attacker (5)
19. See 12 Across.	15. Gabriella, 1984 Olympics 1,500m gold medalist (5)
	16. Greg, former Castleford, Huddersfield, Hull KR and Featherstone wing/full-back (4)

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DONCASTER sky sports racing

JASON HEAVEY

Calimystic 2.15
Snowy Clouds 2.50
So Ladylike 3.20
Touchwoodexpress 3.58
Gwennie May Star (nap) 4.33
Valence D'Aumont 5.03

STAR TIP

Queens Wish
Hidalgo De L'isle
Lady Harriett
Touchwoodexpress
Kally Des Bruyeres
Valence D'Aumont

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

PLACEPOT FIRST SIX RACES

2.15 VIRGIN BET NOVICES' HURDLE

(4) (10 flights) 2m 3f (6 runners) £4,066

1 3021 BRODERICK (34)(S) J Candlish 5 11 12.....Sean Quinlan 110
2 BANDERAS (26) N Henderson 6 11 5.....J England -
3 22 CALIMYSTIC (26) N Henderson 6 11 5.....J Bowen+125
4 KIT THE CHRISTIAN N Kent 5 11 5.....C Hammond -
5 00 NEPTUNE HOUSE (18) L Horstall 5 11 5.....M G Nolan -
6 1-1 QUEENS WISH (34)(S) D Skelton 6 11 5.....H Skelton 111

Star Betting: Evens Queens Wish, 11-4 Calimystic, 4 Broderick, 10 Banderas, 25 Neptune House, 33 Kit The Christian.
2024: No corresponding meeting.

STARFORM: QUEENS WISH DANGER: Broderick

2.50 HANDICAP CHASE

(4) (12 fences) 2m (6 runners) £4,700

1 242F HIDALGO DE L'ISLE (67)(D,G,S) D McCain 8 12 0.....B Hughes 124
2 31L0 GLORY AND HONOUR (18)(C,A,G,S)(T) S England 9 11 11.....J England 125
3 L-30 GALLIC GEORDIE (18)(D4,S) S Drinkwater 12 11 6.....N Fox (3)*126
4 254S GOD'S OWN GETAWAY (106)(G) D Skelton 7 11 6.....H Skelton 123
5 1F-P SNOWY CLOUDS (67)(D,G,S) N Richards 9 11 6.....Sean Quinlan 124
6 2-25 TOMMY CULLEN (27)(B,F) M Richards 7 11 1.....J Quinlan 124

Star Betting: 10-3 God's Own Getaway, 7-2 Gallic Geordie, 4 Hidalgo De L'Isle, 9-2 Snowy Clouds, 6 Glory And Honour, Tommy Cullen.

STARFORM: GLORY AND HONOUR 11-1 (11-7) Mid-division, pushed along after 5 out, soon in rear and outpaced, never dangerous after, 7th of 12, 31l behind Real Stone (11-11) at Wetherby 2m 3f hcp chs 0-125 (3) sft.

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STARFORM: GLORY AND HONOUR DANGER: Hidalgo de L'Isle

LUDLOW Racing TV

JASON HEAVEY

John Barbour 2.00
Keel Strand 2.30
Current Mood 3.05
Leloopa 3.35
Kelce (nb) 4.10
Dunstall Rambler 4.43
Super Sabre Sam 5.13

STAR TIP

No Questions Asked
Pike Road
Game On For Glory (nap)
The Hardest Geezer
Kelce
Haafback
Midnight Ginger (nb)

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

PLACEPOT FIRST SIX RACES

2.00 EBF 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICES' HURDLE

(4) (9 flights) 2m (10 runners) £4,357

1 1312 NO QUESTIONS ASKED (13)(D,G,S) B Pauling 7 12 0.....B R Jones+131
2 L CAPTAIN TRIGGER (12) R L Llewellyn 5 11 2.....Charlie Price (3) 82
3 L FALCAO (39) E Williams 5 11 2.....A Wedge -
4 05 FOLLOWING CHAPTER (48) A Ralph 5 11 2.....Claran Gethings 95
5 314 JOHN BARBOUR (48)(G)(T) F O'Brien 6 11 2.....J Burke
6 6L03 TRACKING TREASURE (14) M Sheppard 5 11 2.....S Sheppard 105
7 0-65 WELCHESTON WARRIOR (10) C Boulbee-Brooks 5 11 2.....R Patrick 103
8 04 AMBERELLI (25) M Keighley 5 10 9.....S Bowen 87
9 0 KERSHAW COUNTY (50) H Daly 5 10 9.....S Twiston-Davies
10 LLO THE DANCING LASS (26) Mrs M Rowley 5 10 9.....C Deutsch 82

Star Betting: 1-3 No Questions Asked, 7-2 John Barbour, 14 Tracking Treasure, 25 Welcheston Warrior, 33 Following Chapter, Kershaw County, Falcao, Amberelli, 100 others.

2024: No corresponding race.

STARFORM: NO QUESTIONS ASKED DANGER: John Barbour

2.30 LUKE WATSON MEMORIAL MAIDEN HURDLE

(4) (12 flights) 3m (7 runners) £4,357

1 2223 BOLD RECRUIT (65) Billy Aphrahman 6 11 6.....G Sheehan 112
2 55 DOCTOR MIDAS (69) N Henderson 5 11 6.....N De Boynville 89
3 204 KEEL STRAND (64) P Nicholls 5 11 6.....H Cobden 101
4 04 LOCH FRISA (23) B Pauling 5 11 6.....B R Jones 120
5 0225 PIKE ROAD (19) M Keighley 6 11 6.....S Bowen+79
6 QUEENSLAND BOY (F52)(P) Williams 5 11 6.....C J Todd -
7 40-5 SWIFT JET (26) R Phillips 7 11 6.....S Twiston-Davies 118

Star Betting: 7-4 Pike Road, 15-8 Bold Recruit, 5 Keel Strand, 8 Doctor Midas, 14 Swift Jet, 16 Loch Frisa, 33 Queensland Boy.
2024: Monks Meadow 6 11 6, Thomas Bellamy Evens Fav (E Lavelle), 10 ran.

STARFORM: PIKE ROAD DANGER: Doctor Midas

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2024: No corresponding race.

STARFORM: NO QUESTIONS ASKED DANGER: John Barbour

WHO'S HOT, WHO'S NOT

TERRIFIC TRAINERS: (Most wins last 14 days) V Williams 10; D Skelton 9; J Candlish 7; A Carroll 6; A Balding 6; P Nicholls 6; M Loughnane 5; E Williams 5; B Pauling 5; I Williams 4; M Appleby 4; J Butler 4.

SUFFERING STABLES: (Runners since last win) George Howell 139; J R Jenkins 57; S-J Davies 59; F Murtagh 57; P Butler 42; N Kent 38; R Cook & J Bridger 37; M Attwater 33; Sheila Lewis 33; Sara Ender 33.

HOT JOCKS: (Most wins last 14 days) Sean Bowen 7; Charlie Deutsch 7; Sean Quinlan 7; Ben Jones 6; Harry Cobden 6; Brendan Powell 6; Harry Skelton 6; Conor O'Farrell 6; Danny McMenamin 6.

RIDE OUT OF LUCK: (Rides since last win) Laura Pearson 49; Connor Planas 43; Tabitha Worsley 36; Tom Broughton 32; Ryan Kavanagh 30; Daire Davis 28; James Best 26; Finn Lambert 23; Tommie Jakes 22.

BEST EACH-WAY

GLORY HIGHTS (3.20 Doncaster) showed he had ability when getting off the mark in a 3m handicap at Carlisle in November and place chances here also based on a fourth-placed finish at Wetherby last time out.

HEAVEY'S NAP

After an impressive win in handicap company at Newcastle five weeks ago, the improving Dan Skelton-trained **GWENNIE MAY STAR** (4.33 Doncaster) can defy the handicapper's 8lb penalty.

STARFORM TREBLE

NAP: MAN ON A MISSION (4.55 Kempton)
NB: GLORY AND HONOUR (2.50 Doncaster)
TREBLE: DUNSTALL RAMBLER (4.43 Ludlow)

3.20 HANDICAP HURDLE

(5) (11 flights) 3m (16 runners) £3,248

1	-PP0 CONISTON CLOUDS (67)(S) N Richards 9 12 0.....D McMenamin 75
2	P43P ALLTAKNOACTION (27)(P*) Easterby 5 11 13
Mr William Easterby (3) 91	
3	0-50 JUKEBOX FURY (62) N Henderson 6 11 12.....J Bowen 94
4	0501 FARMER JIMMY (7)(S) M Walford 5 11 11.....J Hamilton+101
5	5124 GLORY HIGHTS (27)(S) C Grant 9 11 10.....William Mags 5
6	0-50 LUCKY SOLDIER (22)(T) N Alexander 7 11 9.....B Lynn 100
7	P084 GOOD BYE (16)(C,A,G)(B) Sara Ender 10 11 6.....H Bannister 92
8	LL65 CA PLANE POUR MOI (50)(BF)(P,T) N Mulholland 7 11 4.....C O'Farrell 88
9	3-00 ON WE GO (14)(D,G,S) G Boanas 12 11 2.....Sean Quinlan 68
10	P35P TOUCAN SAM (8)(P,T) A B Hamilton 7 11 2.....A Doyle 5
11	10P3 LADY HARRIETT (16)(S)(P) P & M Bowen 6 11 1.....S Fenelon 96
12	0L-P LIZZIE REY (64) R Phillips 8 10 13.....F Lambert (3) -
13	6-14 SO LADYLIKE (27)(G,S) N Alexander 11 10 8.....N Cookson (7) 92
14	P253 MACKIE DEE (85)(G) R Armon 13 10 7.....P Armon (3) 96
15	P253 TURGEON DU BREUIL (53)(B*) F Murtagh 7 10 6.....L Murtagh 96
16	-046 SKIN FULL (64)(BF) D Pipe 6 10 5.....J Tudor 84

Star Betting: 4 Farmer Jimmy, 5 Skin Full, 6 Lady Harriett, 8 Mackie Dee, Ca Plane Pour Moi, 10 others.

STARFORM GLORY HIGHTS 10-1 (11-6) Mid-division, not fluent 9th, headway after 9th, 4th and no extra when mistake late, 4th of 11, 16l behind The Big Breac (10-11) at Wetherby 3m hcp hdl 0-100 (5) sft in Jan.

Farmer Jimmy 12-1 (11-9) Held up in rear, niggled along 5 out, ridden and headway after 4 out, led after 2 out, kept on well run-in, won at Wetherby 2m 4f hcp hdl 0-100 (5) sft beating Royal Rhythm (12-0) by 2 1/2l, 8 ran.

Skin Full 6-5fav (10-3) Chased leaders, pushed along to lead before 3 out, headed before 2 out, weakened soon after, 6th of 8, 11l behind Dunstall Rambler (11-7) at Wincanton 2m nov hcp chs 0-100 (5) gs in Dec.

STARFORM: GLORY HIGHTS DANGER: Farmer Jimmy

3.58 HANDICAP CHASE

(5) (19 fences) 3m 2f (10 runners) £3,248

1	-4L4 FAIRLAWN FLYER (16)(S)(P) P & M Bowen 9 12 0.....J Bowen 96
2	3333 SUPER CITIZEN (28)(G,S)(P) Lucinda Hughes 11 11 13.....B Hughes 107
3	2L4F JESSIE LIGHTFOOT (14)(D2,G,S) Henry Oliver 11 11 11
Miss Imogen Mathias (7)*109	
4	124F TOUCHWOOD EXPRESS (51)(G)(P) N Twiston-Davies 6 11 9.....J Brace 5
5	PL36 C'EST QUELQU'UN (24)(G,S) A B Hamilton 8 11 6.....A Doyle 5
6	33P0 DUSAUTOR (16)(BF,S)(B,T) O Greenall & J Guerriero 7 11 5.....H Brooke 106
7	P-54 UNBLINKING (51)(G,S)(T) R Bevis 12 11 2.....F Lambert (3) 96
8	001L GETTHEPOT (136)(G,S)(P,T) D Killahena & G McPherson 10 11 1
K Woods 101	
9	4L05 JAMESIECONN (53)(T*) S England 6 11 1.....J England -
10	L-6P STREAMSFORTH LAB (14)(T) O Greenall & J Guerriero 7 10 8
DOUBTFUL	
11	L-LP LADY PACIFIC (15)(S)(B*) George Howell 7 10 2.....Tabitha Worsley (3) 103

Star Betting: 3 Super Citizen, 4 Touchwoodexpress, 9-2 Dusaotor, 7 Jamesieconn, 15-2 Fairlawn Flyer, 10 Unblinking, Jessie Lightfoot, GetthePot, 20 others.

STARFORM: TOUCHWOOD EXPRESS DANGER: Super Citizen

3.05 MARES' HANDICAP CHASE

(3) (16 fences) 2m 4f (8 runners) £6,865

1	2P42 SACRE COEUR (25)(C,D,G,S) D Skelton 9 12 0.....Harry Atkins (7) 132
2	-41U GAME ON FOR GLORY (33)(CD,G,S)(P) J Wadhams 9 11 9.....T Cannon 131
3	6P6- HAPPY D'EX (432)(G) Sheila Lewis 8 11 0.....Sean Houllihan -
4	0FLP HEREWEGOHONEY (55)(G,S) F O'Brien 9 10 13.....T Broughton 5
5	4146 REGAL RENAISSANCE (11)(D,S) H Daly 7 10 12.....S Twiston-Davies 132
6	1150 OSTRAVA DU BERLAIS (13)(C,G,S)(H) Williams 7 10 8.....C Deutsch+139
7	1324 CURRENT MOOD (14)(C,G,S)(P) E Williams 10 10 2.....A Wedge 133
8	4450 RIVER ROBE (14)(G,S) S Davies 8 10 2.....J Best 117

LONG HANDICAP: River Robe 8-11.

Star Betting: 7-4 Sacre Coeur, 11-4 Game On For Glory, 5 Current Mood, 6 Ostrava Du Berlais, 8 Regal Renaissance, 14 Herewegohoney, 25 Happy D'ex, 66 River Robe.

2024: No corresponding race.

STARFORM OSTRAVA DU BERLAIS 9-1 (10-13) Mid-division on inside, losing place when not much room 12th, soon behind, tailed off, 7th of 11, 36l behind Telepathique (12-3) at Fakenham 2m 5f (2) gd in Jan.

Regal Renaissance 16-1 (11-5) Soon tracking winner, hit 12th and lost 2nd, weakened quickly before next, tailed off, 6th of 11, 33l behind Telepathique (12-3) at Fakenham 2m 5f (2) gd in Jan.

Sacre Coeur 7-2 (11-7) Led, ridden before omitted 2 out, soon headed narrowly, stayed on, no extra final 110 yards on flat, 2nd of 4, 1/2l behind Lime Drop (10-11) at Uttotterex 2m mrs hcp chs (3) gs in Jan.

Game On For Glory 10-1 (11-5) Midfield, jinked and unseated rider 8th, in a race won by Panic Attack (11-4) at Windsor 2m 4f hcp ch (2) sft in Jan, 7 ran.

Current Mood 11-2 (10-13) Led or disputed lead until before 3 out, no extra next, 4th of 8, 9l behind Looking As You Are (11-13) at Ludlow 2m 5f mares hcp hdl 0-125 (3) gs.

Herewegohoney 20-1 (11-3) Held up in rear, pulled up 14th, in a race won by O'Connell (11-2) at Market Rasen 3m 4f hcp chs 0-130 (3) gs in Dec, 9 ran.

Happy D'ex 200-1 (11-13) Held up, pushed along 5 out, mistake next, ridden and headway 2 out, weakened before next, 6th of 12, 33l behind La Malmason (12-1) at Cheltenham 2m 5f (3) sft in Dec '23.

STARFORM: OSTRAVA DU BERLAIS DANGER: Regal Renaissance

3.35 HANDICAP HURDLE

Class 4 (9 flights) 2m (9 runners) £4,753

1	-451 THE HARDEST GEEZER (42)(D,S)(H) P Hobbs & J White 6 12 0.....Sean Houllihan 113
2	11-4 MOON CHIME (108)(D,G,S) D Killahena & G McPherson 7 11 12
T Cannon 123	
3	124P HORS JEU (22)(S)(T) C Boulbee-Brooks 5 11 9.....R Patrick 94
4	4411 CHIEF SUNDAY (35)(D,S) N Twiston-Davies 5 11 9.....S Twiston-Davies 119
5	4211 LELOOPA (59)(D2,G)(T) F O'Brien 5 11 6.....T Broughton (5) 107
6	1366 THANKYOU'RUCKYSTAR (45)(CD,G) A Ralph 9 11 4.....T Durrell (3) 121
7	26-0 WASTHATOK (15)(H,T) Kerry Lee 11 7 13.....L Harrison 102
8	20-6 RASCAL (265)(G) T R George 7 11 1.....J Burke+124
9	1PR CONTINUANCE (64)(G)(H) M Keighley 4 10 3.....S Bowen 122

Star Betting: 5-2 Leloopa, 10-3 The Hardest Geezer, 5 Chief Sunday, Continuance, 8 Moon Chime, 12 Rascal, Thankyou'ruckystar, 25 Hors Jeu, Wasthatok.

2024: No corresponding race.

STARFORM: CHIEF SUNDAY DANGER: The Hardest Geezer

WIND SURGERY

DONCASTER: None.
KEMPTON: 6.00 Mister Knockout (E J-Houghton to P Evans), 6.30 Champagne Belle (Sir M Todd to P Chamings), 8.00 Silent Ace (C Appleby to I Williams), 8.30 Bruce Banner (G Brown to Ollie Sangster).
LUDLOW: 4.10 Champagne Mystery (N George & A Zetterholm to T R George).

DSIST

TOP TRAINERS (with runners) N Henderson 18 winners, (19.4% strike rate), -£3.09, D McCain 17, (13.4%), -£1.00, O Greenall & J Guerriero 15, (19.7%), -£2.00.
TOP JOCKEYS (with mounts) Brian Hughes 22 winners, (12.6% strike rate), +£19.00, Sean Quinlan 13, (14.3%), -£6.00, Henry Brooke 12, (17.9%), -£3.00.

4.33 LIVESCORE BET HANDICAP HURDLE

(4) (10 flights) 2m 3f (9 runners) £4,066

1	-323 DIAMOND KODA (28) N Kent 6 12 0.....C Hammond 109
2	223 BENMORE (34) L Morgan 5 12 0.....B Hughes 107
3	1-0P LUNE DE LA MER (25)(G)(P) O Greenall & J Guerriero 8 11 9.....H Brooke 91
4	0L30 SCOTS POET (18)(G,S)(T) Ewan Williams 9 11 8.....Craig Nichol 111
5	0002 REFORME (19) T R Grettton 6 11 7.....D Noonan 109
6	0501 GWENNIE MAY STAR (34)(S) D Skelton 5 11 7.....H Skelton 106
7	-01P KALLY DES BRUYERES (67)(G)(T) David Dennis 5 11 5.....T Bellamy 108
8	0L3P MAXIBOY DAGROSTIS (27)(T*) R Hobson 6 11 5.....C Mags (5)*115
9	-33L IMPERIAL JADE (64)(BF,S) C Longson 6 10 13.....D Bass 109

Star Betting: 10-3 Diamond Koda, 9-2 Gwennie May Star, 5 Benmore, 11-2 Reforme, 8 MaxiBoy, Dagrostis, Scots Poet, Imperial Jade, Lune De La Mer, 16 Kally Des Bruyeres.

STARFORM GWENNIE MAY STAR 12-1 (11-3) Held up in rear on outside, headway before 6th, outpaced final bend, rallied from 3 out, led last, hung left flat, stayed on, won at Newcastle 2m 1f hcp hdl 0-105 (5) gs in Jan beating Soldier's Leap (10-10) by 3/4l, 11 ran.

Lune De La Mer 10-1 (10-10) Mid-division, not fluent 1st, pushed along and dropped away after 4 out, pulled up, in a race won by Jilajilone (11-13) at Uttotterex 2m 4f hcp hdl 0-120 (4) gs in Jan, 9 ran.

Diamond Koda 5-1 (12-0) Held up in mid-division, not fluent 5th or 6th, headway from 7th, stayed on flat, went 3rd towards finish, 3rd of 12, 3/4l behind Comedy Kicks (11-13) at Catterick 2m 3f hcp hdl 0-110 (4) gs in Jan.

Benmore 5-1 (11-10) Led until slow 1st, led before 2nd, not fluent and headed 3rd, led next, not fluent 5th, headed before 3 out, 3rd and no impression before last, 3rd of 10, 8l behind The Gray Ghost (11-10) at Newcastle 2m 4f mdn hdl (4) gs in Jan.

STARFORM: GWENNIE MAY STAR DANGER: Lune De La Mer

5.03 LIVESCORE BET HANDICAP CHASE

(5) (16 fences) 2m 4f 115yds (5 runners) £3,248

1	60-P KAP AUTEUIL (111)(G,S)(V) T Laves 10 12 0.....T Bellamy -
2	PP31 PILGRIMS KING (14)(C,G,S)(B,T) P & M Bowen 9 11 7.....DOUBTFUL
3	33L1 VALENCE D'AUMONT (19)(G,S) J Parkinson & S Smith 11 11 2
D McMenamin 100	
4	32L0 COOLMOYNE (53)(S) Sara Ender 9 10 12.....H Bannister+103
5	LF15 BRAVETHEWAVES (3)(BF,S)(T) O Greenall & J Guerriero 8 10 10
T Wynne (3) 100	
6	L-P6 GREAT BALLINBORIS (84)(B*,T*) M Hammond 9 10 7.....C O'Farrell 81
7	6225 ROBINS FIELD (63)(T) H Dickinson 10 12 0.....DOUBTFUL

Star Betting: 11-8 Valence D'Aumont, 3 Bravethewaves, 9-2 Coolmoynne, 7 Great Ballinboris, 12 Kap Auteuil.

STARFORM: BRAVETHEWAVES DANGER: Valence D'Aumont

4.10 AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP CHASE

(3) (19 fences) 3m (6 runners) £7,450

1	L31P BALLYCAMUS (33)(D,S) N Twiston-Davies 8 12 0
Mr T McCain-Mitchell (3) 124	
2	03U3 BACK ON THE LASH (28)(CD,G,S)(P) M Keighley 11 11 11
Mr Freddie Keighley (7)*139	
3	-00L CHAMPAGNE MYSTERY (94)(G,S)(H*,T) T R George 11 11 10
Mr Thomas O'Brien 133	
4	221F KELCE (55)(BF,D,S)(P) N Mulholland 7 11 7.....Miss G Andrews 120
5	6-2U SUPERVISOR (9)(CD,S) Williams 1



RUGBY UNION



FULL MARCUS

THERE was a moment at the end of England's one-point home victory over France that said everything about the competitive side of Marcus Smith.

They had just taken the lead and needed to negotiate a final restart to end a run of seven straight defeats to tier-one sides.

France kicked the restart short and it was not gathered initially, instead squirting loose to give the visitors a chance to regather and try to snatch the win.

However, Smith – the smallest England player on the pitch – reacted fastest to dive on the loose ball and allow Fin Smith to kick it out and seal the win.

It was instinct and dates back to battling with his brothers, Luc and Tomas, long before he dreamed of playing for his country.

“We always talk about things that take no talent, like desperation to get back,” said Smith, speaking at Allianz Stadium.

“I’ve got two younger brothers and a very competitive dad and mum. So whenever we were at home, we always competed, whether it was Monopoly, Xbox or sport.

“I see all those moments as a competition, and it’s part of my job.”

Against France, Smith started at full-back, the fourth time he has done so for England, having played almost all of his senior rugby at fly-half. That allowed Fin Smith, the

Smith showed fighting spirit with match-winning moment

by PAUL EDDISON

Northampton fly-half, to make his first Test start, earning man-of-the-match honours for his performance, while he also took over goal-kicking duties from Marcus Smith.

It was a selection which worked as both players will start from those positions on Saturday when England battle Scotland for the Calcutta Cup at Twickenham.

The emergence of two young fly-halves has created an interesting selection conundrum for coach Steve Borthwick, with Marcus admitting his preferred position remains fly-half.

But while the idea of becoming a full-back was not something he had ever considered as a youngster, there is precedent for a diminutive hot stepper in the England backfield.

Smith said: “When I was younger, I never

had a thought of playing full-back. All through the age groups and schoolboy rugby, I never played 15. Jason Robinson was one of my favourite players, though.

“For me, personally, I’d like to think I’m a team-first man. Wherever I’m needed, I’ll very happily play. I’m truly honoured and grateful every time I get the chance to play for England.”

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BACK TO FUTURE: Marcus Smith says he is happy to play No 15

K - Doncaster	Boubole	K 8.30	Cosmic Force	K 6.00	El Hibri	K 4.25	Glory Heights	D 3.20
K - Kempton - Ludlow	Brasil Power	K 8.00	Cosmic Spirit	K 5.30	Electric Jet	L 4.43	God's Own Getaway	D 2.50
Alltalknoaction	Bravestwaves	D 3.20	Cracking Gold	K 8.00	Emerald Downs	K 6.30	Good Bye	D 3.20
Amber Honey	Broderick	D 2.15	Cristalino	K 6.00	Enchanted Way	K 7.00	Great Ballinbris	D 5.03
Amberlily	Bruce Banner	K 8.30	Critical Acclaim	K 7.00	Fairlawn Flyer	D 3.58	Grenham Bay	K 7.30
Antelope	C'Est Quelqu'un	D 3.58	Current Mood	L 3.05	Falcao	L 2.00	Gwenie May Star	D 4.33
Arlecchino's Gift	Ca Plaine Pour Moi	D 3.20	D'jo Dela Barriere	L 5.13	Farmer Jimmy	D 3.20	Haafbaick	L 4.43
Aviano	Callimystic	D 4.33	Diamond Koda	D 4.33	Following Chapter	L 2.00	Halondo	L 5.13
Back On The Lash	Captain Brett	K 8.30	Dios De La Guerra	K 7.00	Fulford Cross	K 6.30	Happy D'ex	L 3.05
Balkardy	Captain Trigger	L 2.00	Doctor Midas	L 2.30	G'day	K 7.30	Hazard Collonges	L 4.43
Ballycamus	Champaign Belle	K 6.30	Don't Fight It	K 4.25	G'day Mate	K 7.30	Helalai	K 6.00
Banders	Champaign Mystery	L 4.10	Double Mocha	K 5.30	Gallie Geordie	D 2.50	Herewegohoney	L 3.05
Benmore	Chief Sunday	L 3.35	Dovey Moon	K 6.00	Game On For Glory	L 3.05	Hi Ya Mal	K 8.30
Benny The Bouncer	Coniston Clouds	D 3.20	Dr Ali	K 6.00	Gettup	D 3.58	Hiatus	K 7.30
Berning Hot	Continuance	L 3.35	Dunstable Rambler	L 4.43	Glimpse Of Glory	L 4.43	Hidalgo De L'isle	D 2.50
Bold Recruit	Coolmoyn	D 5.03	Dusauf	D 3.58	Glory And Honour	D 2.50	Hors Jeu	L 3.35

TODAY'S ABC

Mackie Dee	D 3.20	On We Go	D 3.20	Rhythm N Rock	K 8.00	So Ladylike	D 3.20	Tilsworth Turf	K 4.55
Magna Grecia Star	K 7.00	Ostrava Du Berlais	L 3.05	River Robe	L 3.05	Sterling Knight	K 8.00	Tommy Cullen	D 2.50
Man On A Mission	K 4.55	Papa Oscar	K 6.30	Road To Wembley	K 8.00	Stone's Throw	L 5.13	Toucan Sam	D 3.20
Massimo Blue	K 5.30	Party Bear	K 6.00	Robins Field	D 5.03	Streamforth Lad	D 3.58	Touchwoodexpress	D 3.58
Maxiboy Dagrostis	D 4.33	Penelope Valentine	K 6.00	Roman Emperor	K 4.25	Super Citizen	D 3.58	Tracking Treasure	L 2.00
Mesaafi	K 7.30	Phoenix Star	K 4.25	Rupert The Prince	K 5.30	Super Sabre Sam	L 5.13	Tuco Salamanca	K 7.00
Metamora	K 6.30	Pike Road	L 2.30	Sacre Coeur	L 3.05	Supervisor	L 4.10	Unblinking	D 3.58
Midnight Ginger	L 5.13	Pilgrims King	D 5.03	Saunter Surf	L 5.13	Supreme King	K 7.30	Valence D'Aumont	D 5.03
Midnighttheoasis	K 4.55	Queen Sansa	K 7.00	Scots Poet	D 4.33	Swift Jet	L 2.30	Voix De Bocelli	L 4.43
Mighty Gurkha	K 4.55	Queens Wish	D 2.15	Seren Y Teigr	L 4.43	Sydney Whistler	K 8.30	Wasthatok	L 3.35
Miraflores	K 6.00	Queensland Boy	L 2.30	Shalaa Asker	K 4.55	Target Man	K 5.30	Welchston Warrior	L 2.00
Mister Knockout	K 6.00	Radiant Angel	K 4.55	Shallow	K 7.30	Territot	K 7.00	Whatsupwithyou	L 5.13
Mond	K 4.25	Rajwa	K 5.30	Silent Age	K 8.00	Thankyourluckystar	L 3.35	Wild Nephin	K 6.30
Moon Chime	L 3.35	Rascal	L 3.35	Silent Move	K 8.00	The Cola Kid	K 4.25	Wise Stars	K 6.30
Napa Lady	K 6.30	Ray Gun	D 3.20	Skin Full	D 3.20	The Dancing Lass	L 2.00	Zacany Rebel	L 5.13
Neptune House	D 2.15	Reform	D 4.33	Smasher	K 4.25	The Hardest Gaezer	L 3.35	Zapparella	K 4.25
No Questions Asked	L 2.00	Regal Renaissance	L 3.05	Snowy Clouds	D 2.50	Three On Thursday	K 6.30	Zoffandia	K 8.00

GREYHOUNDS

MONMORE	NOTTINGHAM
11.01 HURL IT OUT (nap) (4).....Winterfield Coco (1)	11.09 HEADFORD HAPPY (5).....Burrow Cent (1)
11.18 DA BLUE FLASH (6).....Light Up Lucy (1)	11.27 TRILLER (3).....Cape Island (5)
11.34 OFFICIALIDENTITY (1) ..Bobsleigh Return (3)	11.43 SARACEN (nap) (2).....Cherry Blossom (1)
11.52 OLDCASTLES STAR (3).Holycross Fusion (1)	12.01 SWIFT WAGER (nb) (1) Platinumheatwave (2)
12.09 TOMMYS BOLT (1).....Blarney Castle (4)	12.18 SWIFT PIPER (6).....Baby Sade (3)
12.26 HIGHWAY BLUE (4).....Elderberry Rocco (5)	12.34 UNIQUE CHARM (3).....Hundredacrebrazer (1)
12.42 DYNAMIC STAR (nb) (2) ..Winterfield Soot (1)	12.51 RACKETHALL NIFTY (1)..Mossrich Frazer (3)
12.59 EXCITED (3).....No Problemo (2)	1.08 MAIZIES SMILE (5).....Beaming Elle (4)
1.17 MOORSTOWN BRAE (1).....Endless Lily (2)	1.26 SKYFALL MAYBE (2).....Sambar Googoo (4)
1.33 WINTERFIELD JACK (2).....Hitthelids Lolly (1)	1.42 CLONKEEN LUCA (6).....Marmalade Bear (4)
1.51 SUGAR GIRL KATIE (3).....Sporting Queen (4)	1.59 LEELAD (4).....Petite Alfie (3)
2.07 DRUMGEELY JOY (2).....Elderberry Love (1)	2.14 PETITE PIPPA (3).....Clonkeen Fox (1)
HOVE	NEWCASTLE
2.23 BURROWS DIAMOND (nb) (6)Garys Angels (3)	2.29 RUSSO ON FIRE (5).....Watermill Luca (4)
2.41 BATTLE STONES (2).....Mahomes Magic (1)	2.48 WESTFORTH LINDY (3).....Another Biro (1)
3.01 ROWANS EXPRESS (6).....Gorgeous Girl (4)	3.07 ALNWICK TOMMY (1).....Blackhousewillow (6)
3.19 UNANIMOUS ALI (1).....Punk Rock Avohai (5)	3.26 APPLE OF MY EYE (2).....Lightfoot Richie (6)
3.38 YOUNG FINN (nap) (3).....Kippagh Direct (6)	3.44 EMERS VINNIE (4).....Altmore Melody (6)
3.57 ONLY IF (4).....Knockard Bobby (6)	4.03 WATERMILL EMARA (nap) (5).....Broсна Fancy (1)
4.16 ANNADOWN JACOB (4).....Magical Oscar (2)	4.22 ALNWICK AVA (3).....Blackhouse Flock (5)
4.34 GOOD HARVERTZ (2).....Pocket Darcey (3)	4.41 EMERS CIAN (4).....Ice Cool Annie (1)
4.53 KERRS CAGNEY (3).....Hopes Candy (2)	4.59 STACKEMUP JACK (2).....Deelish Woody (6)
5.12 ETTIES MY GIRL (2).....Clairkeith Rayna (6)	5.18 WATERMILL MINNIE (1).....Emers Fireman (3)
5.31 INSANE SANTA (3).....Island Jet (2)	5.37 WATERMILL TINK (2).....Turn On Phrase (6)
5.49 STHENO (3).....Punk Rock Thief (2)	5.56 ALNWICK PICKLE (nb) (1) ..Coolavanny Wally (2)
SUNDERLAND	YARMOUTH
2.36 SCALDY ROSE (nap) (5)..... Evolution Elvis (2)	6.14 FULL CONTROL (nap) (4).Kildallon Sydney (6)
2.54 SLOWDOWN SEAMUS (3) Tullymurry Dejay (4)	6.31 MOANING EMPRESS (1)..... Faith Matters (5)
3.13 MY BOY KAI (1).....Parkview Duke (5)	6.48 ROMAN RAZZLE (4).....Lissatouk Blake (2)
3.32 DACHEEKYONE (4)..... Autumn Time (3)	7.06 DIVINE GRACE (3).....Mattsluprincess (5)
3.51 WITTON BABS (2).....Sleepy Meg (5)	7.22 SCANIA LAD (3).....Moaning Mojito (6)
4.09 RUBIK CUBE (4).....Crafty Doro (5)	7.39 DRUMDOIT NALA (nb) (1) ..Farneys Mabel (2)
4.28 BALLINTEMPLE BAY (2).....Choctaw Hushi (5)	7.56 RAINDROPS (6).....Rapido Maria (4)
4.47 LAURENS BRUNO (3).....Danielle Be Fast (2)	8.13 HECROSSEDTHESEA (3)..... Jess Blue (2)
5.06 GALLI PAIDIR (3).....Corbrack Amigo (1)	8.31 PUCKANE SYDNEY (1).....Moaning Rossi (3)
5.24 CANYA MARY (3).....Roaming Jet (1)	8.47 PLENTY OF TREND (2).....Mandela (5)
5.43 GROUP GOLDIE LOX (nb) (1).....Classy Cutie (3)	9.04 MOANING SAKA (1)..... Moaning Martini (4)
	9.23 KIRA (1).....Moss Row Colly (3)

BAGS WINNERS AND PRICES

MONMORE

2.29: **Hollywell Flash** (3) 10-3, **Tewmax Aussie** (1) 4-1, bf: £19.50, tri: (3-1-5) £49.70. 2.48: **Ranches Chancer** (1) 7-2, **Gallant King** (5) 15-8 fav, bf: £13.99, tri: (1-5-4) £80.29. 3.07: **Bridefort Lady** (1) 7-2, **Ballymac Odin** (3) 7-2, bf: £19.08, tri: (1-3-5) £65.45. 3.26: **Bengarth Blaise** (5) 10-3, **Bang On Kelsie** (6) 14-1, bf: £43.61, tri: (5-6-4) £188.67. 3.44: **Angleseyparadise** (6) 5-1, **Fearsome Star** (1) 6-4 fav, bf: £18.28, tri: (6-1-2) £31.12. 4.03: **Silverspring Sue** (1) 9-2, **Seomra Stella** (3) 5-1, bf: £35.75, tri: (1-3-6) £74.78. 4.22: **Aero Optional** (1) 2-1, **Unlock Queen** (5) 5-1, bf: £14.58, tri: (1-5-2) £28.56. 4.41: **Ace Impact** (5) 3-1, **Sporting Bandit** (6) 11-4, bf: £13.91, tri: (5-6-3) £37.42. 4.59: **Velvet Mini** (6) 10-11 fav, **Darver Dolly** (3) 11-4, bf: £4.53, tri: (6-3-2) £25.11. 5.18: **Bang On Lacie** (6) 6-5 fav, **Looks Alert** (1) 11-1, bf: £16.47, tri: (6-1-5) £35.99. 5.37: **Glenside Flo** (2) 7-2, **Aero Peart** (5) 20-1, bf: £91.82, tri: (2-5-6) £171.11. 5.56: **Longacres Apollo** (6) 5-1, **Crossfield Milo** (5) 5-2, bf: £21.98, tri: (6-5-2) £70.92.

NEWCASTLE

11.09: **Bruno Bruno** (1) 8-1, **Swift Enjoy** (6) 7-2, bf: £52.38, tri: (1-6-5) £181.28. 11.27: **Townsend Tyler** (1) 2-1 fav, **Ranchers Lucy** (3) 5-2, bf: £8.39, tri: (1-3-2) £16.83. 11.43: **Alnwick Nidge** (3) Evens fav, **Romeo Rockstar** (1) 12-1, bf: £16.68, tri: (3-1-4) £31.27. 12.01: **Alnwick Beach** (3) 11-10 fav, **Blackhousemavrik** (2) 3-1, bf: £5.74, tri: (3-2-6) £10.27. 12.18: **Aegis Judy** (5) 3-1, **Shelone Glory** (1) 9-4 fav, bf: £13.41, tri: (5-1-6) £48.35. 12.34: **Smurfs Baby** (3) 9-2, **Halo Molly** (4) 4-1, bf: £31.19, tri: (3-4-2) £120.96. 12.51: **Knockalton Bono** (2) 9-2, **Private Express** (1) 4-1, bf: £25.07, tri: (2-1-6) £137.97. 1.08: **Bramble Rolo** (2) 5-1, **Freedom Ellie** (5) 15-8, bf: £22.38, tri: (2-5-3) £58.53. 1.26: **A Bit of Betsy** (1) 7-2, **A Bit of Noah** (2) 4-1, bf: £17.58, tri: (1-2-5) £50.90. 1.42: **Alnwick River** (6) 11-4, **Slaheny Eighty** (4) 4-1, bf: £17.08, tri: (6-4-3) £40.06. 1.59: **Wraybury Wisp** (3) 9-1, **Fabulous News** (6) 3-1 co-fav, bf: £49.22, tri: (3-6-5) £158.93. 2.14: **A Bit of Ebony** (4) 3-1, **Tickets Gangster** (3) 3-1, bf: £15.15, tri: (4-3-5) £49.75.

OXFORD

10.32: **Savana Monster** (5) 9-1, **Swift Quail** (3) 11-4, bf: £56.54, tri: (5-3-4) £134.83. 10.48: **Savana Dingle** (6) 6-5 fav, **Savana Gilbert** (4) 28-1, bf: £44.88, tri: (6-4-3) £140.64. 11.04: **Savana Legacy** (3) 7-4 fav, **Savana Raquel** (2) 5-2, bf: £7.86, tri: (3-2-1) £31.04. 11.21: **Foulscourtstorm** (5) 5-2, **Alanas Eske** (4) 11-2, bf: £18.98, tri: (5-4-3) £0.00. 11.38: **Snoozing Cow** (3) 11-4, **Savana Brendo** (5) 11-4, bf: £13.82, tri: (3-5-2) £0.00. 11.54: **Airlie Wave** (4)

11-4, Savana Sparky (1) 2-1 fav, bf: £10.90, tri: (4-1-3) £0.00. 12.12: Decent Jeff (6) 7-2, Savana Tir Nanog (4) 5-2, bf: £16.60, tri: (6-4-1) £0.00. 12.29: Savana Rodney (2) 7-2, Chatterbox Katy (6) 2-1 fav, bf: £16.76, tri: (2-6-5) £38.52. 12.46: Savana Dakota (2) 2-1, Gunsmith Roger (1) 7-2, NR: Savana Grandad (res), bf: £10.55, tri: (2-1-5) £0.00. 1.03: Swift Quarantine (4) 4-1, Hitthelids Paulo (5) 7-4 jt-fav, bf: £16.03, tri: (4-5-1) £0.00. 1.19: Eden Superb (1) 5-1, Minnies Skippy (2) 2-1, bf: £20.05, tri: (1-2-3) £0.00. 1.37: No Better Boy (2) 6-1, Moneygall Rocky (5) 9-2, bf: £48.71, tri: (2-5-4) £0.00.	PERRY BARR
2.36: Breezer (2) 7-2, Swift Zebu (3) 4-1, bf: £22.33, tri: (2-3-6) £114.36. 2.54: Swift Zilch (4) 11-4, Altesse Heather (3) 4-1, bf: £17.14, tri: (4-3-6) £25.08. 3.13: Drahbeg Derk (3) 5-6 fav, Swift Flock (4) 10-3, bf: £4.88, tri: (3-4-5) £10.19. 3.32: Swift Velma (3) 3-1, Shortwood Nancy (2) 10-3, bf: £16.46, tri: (3-2-5) £37.97. 3.51: Gentle Christy (6) 4-1, Somebody Stop Me (1) 9-2, bf: £23.78, tri: (6-1-3) £96.86. 4.09: Shortwood Franky (3) 11-4 fav, Silverhill Spark (2) 5-1, bf: £18.03, tri: (3-2-1) £55.66. 4.28: Barnagrange Jan (4) 5-2, Pennys Billy (1) 20-1, bf: £46.85, tri: (4-1-3) £162.92. 4.47: Freedom Heart (6) 10-3, Lynnia Storm (2) 3-1, bf: £17.96, tri: (6-2-4) £53.55. 5.06: Cookie (2) 15-8, Shortwood Ally (4) 7-2, bf: £11.63, tri: (2-4-6) £27.35. 5.24: Clagnagh Blue (6) 11-10 fav, Rushmoor Dash (2) 5-1, bf: £8.75, tri: (6-2-3) £20.51. 5.43: Teemore Mac (5) 9-4 jt-fav, Flowerpot Rosie (4) 8-1, bf: £24.38, tri: (5-4-1) £56.39. 6.02: Mercia Bida (2) 8-1, Lasso The Moon (1) 15-8 fav, bf: £30.01, tri: (2-1-5) £126.78.	
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PERRY BARR SKY SPORTS

1	3215 Brookend Robin (r ro)	16.68	5	1626 De Man Smasher (r ro)	16.61
2	2662 Rosstemple Patty (md ro)	16.56	6	1125 Isabella Ruby (sa ro)	16.79
3	2221 SOON SEE (NAP) (wd ep)	16.65	3	6421 HEADFORD SHARK (r ro)	16.81
4	5126 Doubtful Laura (r ro)	16.47	4	351 Society Paddy (md ro)	16.94
5	233 Vaut Lad (md ep)	16.62	5	1654 Berniethebaliff (wd ep)	16.77
6	2363 Katrinas Tinks (wd ro)	16.67	6	3154 Shortwood Pluto (wd ro)	16.64
Star betting: 3 Doubtful Laura, 7-2 Soon See, 4 Brookend Robin, Rosstemple Patty, Vaut Lad, 5 Katrinas Tinks.			Star betting: 3 De Man Smasher, Shortwood Pluto, 10-3 Headford Shark, 4 Isabella Ruby, 9-2 Society Paddy, 11-2 Berniethebaliff.		
6.26	(A5)	480m	8.07	(A9)	480m
1	2162 MERCIA STIORRA (md ep)	29.34	1	2655 Parkers Toby (r ro)	30.18
2	6244 Newwin Lowry (r ro)	29.22	2	5425 RATHDOWN JOLLY (md ro)	30.59
3	5243 Big Time Celi (md ro)	29.16	3	4654 Black Pebble (r ro)	29.98
4	6456 Caseys Ferret (md ep)	29.87	4	562 Heathmill Ruby (md ro)	30.54
5	5434 Knock Voodoo (md ep)	29.28	5	666 Chantilly Blue (md fw)	31.29
6	4155 Toberadora Leona (wd ep)	29.14	6	4544 Scaleric (wd ro)	29.96
Star betting: 3 Toberadora Leona, 10-3 Caseys Ferret, Newwin Lowry, 4 Big Time Celi, 5 Mercia Stiorra, 6 Knock Voodoo.			Star betting: 2 Scaleric, 7-2 Rathdown Jolly, 4 Heathmill Ruby, Black Pebble, 5 Parkers Toby, 6 Chantilly Blue.		
6.42	(D4)	275m	8.24	(A7)	480m
1	6441 BENJI (sa ro)	16.74	1	6624 Streamside Queen (r fw)	29.39
2	5553 Blame Me Not (sa ro)	16.75	2	6541 Kiltaran Queen (r ro)	29.76
3	664 Ridgedale Hoffa (wd ep)	17.36	3	1626 Miss Shirley (md ep)	29.67
4	Saul Goodman (wd fw)	00.00	4	5421 MOYAR SID (wd ep)	29.78
5	5163 Not So Wise (sa ro)	16.87	5	6155 Ardmayle Ghrian (md ro)	29.76
6	3543 Dance Tobl (wd ro)	16.98	6	5323 Hillidun Grip (md ro)	29.44
Star betting: 7-4 Benji, 3 Blame Me Not, 7-2 Dance Tobl, 4 Not So Wise, 8 Ridgedale Hoffa, Saul Goodman.			Star betting: 5-2 Streamside Honey, Hillidun Grip, 9-2 Ardmayle Ghrian, Miss Shirley, 5 Moyar Sid, 6 Kiltaran Queen.		
6.59	(A9)	480m	8.41	(A8)	480m
1	4553 Flyhigh Sienna (r ro)	30.11	1	6222 DA ANGELS FLYER (nb) (r ro)	29.85
2	6455 Kilmuney Peg (r fw)	30.26	2	6433 Lynseys Elsie (r ro)	29.62
3	1 52 HEATHMILL PENNY (wd ep)	29.99	3	1525 Wingates Opal (r ro)	29.54
4	2626 Lanody Rocket (wd ep)	30.39	4	3324 Caseys Mickel (r ep)	29.56
5	5622 Donishall Daisy (wd ro)	29.90	5	3422 Siksnoptions (wd ep)	29.62
6	6146 Rathsilla Gizmo (wd ep)	29.74	6	1554 Flyhigh Barny (wd ep)	29.30
Star betting: 11-4 Heathmill Penny, Rathsilla Gizmo, 3 Donishall Daisy, Lanody Rocket, 6 Kilmuney Peg, 6 Flyhigh Sienna.			Star betting: 5-2 Flyhigh Barny, 7-2 Da Angels Flyer, 4 Caseys Mickel, Wingates Opal, 9-2 Siksnoptions, 11-2 Lynseys Elsie.		
7.16	(A8)	480m	8.59	(A4)	480m
1	4356 Know The Danger (r ro)	30.28	1	2153 Mercia Uthred (r ro)	29.08
2	5444 Bon Cowboy (wd ep)	29.91	2	2615 Ardmayle Realta (md ro)	29.05
3	4164 Porthall Coo (wd fw)	29.98	3	4461 Glenville Ken (md ep)	29.33
4	4362 Heathmill Quartz (r ep)	29.88	4	3533 Revilo Biddy (wd ro)	28.85
5	4232 RATHSILLA VADER (wd ep)	29.76	5	6155 MEMORIES TOWN (r ro)	29.12
6			6	5656 Moyar Lad (sa fw)	28.75
Star betting: 2 Know The Danger, 5-2 Rathsilla Vader, 10-3 Porthall Coo, 7-2 Heathmill Quartz, 9-2 Bon Cowboy.			Star betting: 1 Moyar Lad, 10-8 Memories United, 11-2 Revilo Biddy, Ardmayle Realta, 5 Memories Town, 7-2 Glenville Ken.		
7.33	(A8)	480m	9.16	(A8)	480m
1	3223 CASEYS WANDERSAM (ep r)	29.51	1	2253 Gloscha Range (r fw)	29.71
2	255 Ardmayle Croga (wd ep)	29.56	2	2341 Bit Vay Code (sa ep)	29.98
3	3431 Midlife Bullet (md fw)	29.76	3	2164 Blazeway Tee (md ep)	29.87
4	226 Radiant Style (md ro)	29.41	4	5563 Flyhigh Pebbles (md ep)	29.86
5	3353 Swift Emery (sa md)	29.50	5	4533 Taffy Disney (sa ep)	29.90
6			6	5331 RATHSILLA WILMA (wd ro)	29.86
Star betting: 9-4 Radiant Style, 5-2 Caseys Wandersam, 10-3 Swift Emery, 7-2 Ardmayle Croga, 9-2 Midlife Bullet.			Star betting: 6-4 Gloscha Range, 7-2 Rathsilla Vader, 5 Taffy Disney, Flyhigh Pebbles, 11-2 Bit Vay Code, 6 Blazeway Tee.		

RUGBY LEAGUE



STAR SHORTS

Chris now right man

■ CRICKET

CHRIS SILVERWOOD is back at Essex after eight years away and feels he is a better coach for his experiences in charge of England and Sri Lanka.

Silverwood, 49, had a difficult spell as England head coach, which included a Covid-hit 4-0 Ashes hammering.

The Yorkshireman said: "Has it helped me grow as a person? Yes. Has it helped me grow as a coach? Definitely. Essex is home and it has been for a long time."

Six bliss for Ryan

■ DARTS

RYAN SEARLE claimed his sixth Players Championship title in Rosmalen before vowing to "put a bit more effort" into his career.

The 37-year-old - nicknamed 'Heavy Metal' - beat Cameron Menzies 8-3 in the final in the Netherlands and said: "I want to push forward and do more than what I've done in the past."

"That's not just win titles but to put a bit more effort into my game."

Murray's a stayer

ANDY MURRAY will stay on as Novak Djokovic's coach through to the French Open - and possibly for Wimbledon.

The pair first teamed up in the build-up to last month's Australian Open.

"We had a chat the day after I finished the tournament and reflected on the period we spent together," said Djokovic.

"We agreed he was going to see if he decides to keep working. I expressed my desire to continue, so I am really glad he did accept."

"It is indefinite but we agreed most likely in the States and some clay-court tournaments. We will see how it goes after that."

Emma Raducanu burst into tears on her way out of the Dubai Championships last night after a 7-6 6-4 second-round defeat to Karolina Muchova.

The British No.2 appeared to be crying as she hid behind the umpire's chair and called the trainer at 2-0 down.

She lost her first tie-break in seven before a gutsy effort brought her within touching distance of drawing level.

TO HULL AND BACK

Rovers prop Whitbread relishes Wakefield return

JAI WHITBREAD is delighted to see former club Wakefield back in the big time - but there is no room for sentiment tomorrow.

The powerful Hull KR prop makes his first return to Trinity since leaving them for Rovers following their relegation at the end of 2023.

Wakefield were in dire straits then but multi-millionaire Matt Ellis took over and breathed new life into them.

They surged to Championship glory last season and, with plush new facilities at Belle Vue, comfortably racked up enough IMG points to secure their place in Super League.

Trinity marked their return with a fine 14-12 opening win at derby rivals Leeds on Saturday and next comes their long-awaited first home outing.

But Aussie Whitbread, who played last year's Grand Final with Rovers and helped them to a golden point win over Castleford on Friday, hopes to spoil their party.

"Watching how Wakey went last year, I always kept an interest," said Whitbread, having been a standout with them in two seasons at Trinity.

"I'm still mates with lots of the boys there like Renouf Atoni and Mason Lino but this fixture was definitely one I was looking forward to. It's good for the game that they're back."

"They're a club rich in terms of heritage and being part of a club like that at its lows, it's hard. Everyone was

■ by DAVE CRAVEN

WAKEFIELD v HULL KR

TOMORROW, 8pm, Sky Sports

putting in effort - blood, sweat and tears - so for them to come straight back up and do so well after the relegation, it's pretty cool to see.

"They've recruited well and, from watching that game at Leeds, they move the ball a lot and have threats all over the park."

"They were very physical as well, so we're expecting another tough battle. We'll have to be on high alert."

The former Gold Coast forward excelled for Willie Peters' Robins last season as they finished second and fell just short to Wigan in the club's maiden Old Trafford Grand Final.

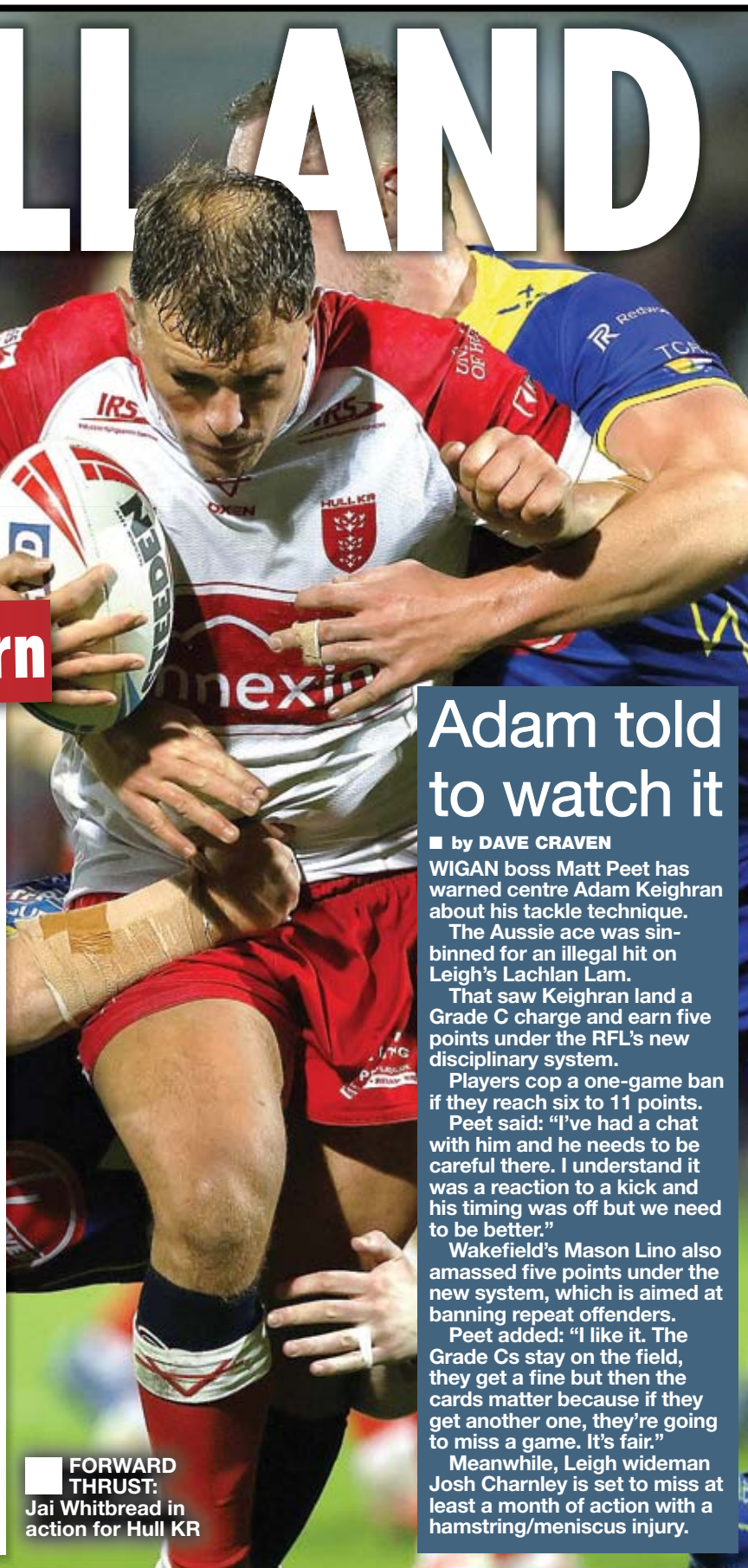
"Last year definitely sparked a new fire in my career," added Whitbread.

"It was unreal. Probably at the start of the season if you'd told me that would happen, I wouldn't believe you."

"But now we've got that belief we can go achieve big things. We've recruited well and we're looking forward to seeing what we can do."

He is also looking forward to seeing Wakefield's new-look changing rooms after the dilapidated sheds he frequented were transformed as part of Ellis' huge investment.

Whitbread said: "It was eye-opening, but you make do. But it's great now they've had new owners take over and put some money in."



FORWARD THRUST:
Jai Whitbread in action for Hull KR

Adam told to watch it

■ by DAVE CRAVEN

WIGAN boss Matt Peet has warned centre Adam Keighran about his tackle technique.

The Aussie ace was sin-binned for an illegal hit on Leigh's Lachlan Lam.

That saw Keighran land a Grade C charge and earn five points under the RFL's new disciplinary system.

Players cop a one-game ban if they reach six to 11 points.

Peet said: "I've had a chat with him and he needs to be careful there. I understand it was a reaction to a kick and his timing was off but we need to be better."

Wakefield's Mason Lino also amassed five points under the new system, which is aimed at banning repeat offenders.

Peet added: "I like it. The Grade Cs stay on the field, they get a fine but then the cards matter because if they get another one, they're going to miss a game. It's fair."

Meanwhile, Leigh wideman Josh Charnley is set to miss at least a month of action with a hamstring/meniscus injury.

WOOD WANTS IT HAUL HIS OWN WAY

MARK WOOD is a double World Cup winner who took the wicket that sealed England's last Ashes triumph.

But the fast bowler (right) is craving even more "bucket list" items in a whirlwind next 12 months.

England will seek to regain the urn for the first time since 2015 next winter and before the Australia trip is a home Test series against India.

First is the Champions Trophy - the tournament which starts in Karachi today - with England's campaign beginning against Australia in Lahore on Saturday. Wood is

■ by DAVID CHARLESWORTH set to have an important role in all three pursuits and while he is aware of his body's limitations after several injury setbacks, he wants to add to his medals haul.

"I'm getting a bit older now and in the back of your mind, you're always thinking, 'When will it be it?' I just want to play as much as I can, for long as I can," said Wood, 35.

"I'm not going to play every game but I'd love to play that Test series against India and win it. And the ultimate for any England cricketer is to try and win in Australia. They

would definitely be bucket list things.

"Go to the Champions Trophy, as well, you want to try to be involved in all of it."

England head into their opener this weekend with a squad featuring five of their 2019 World Cup winners.

But their white-ball fortunes have nosedived in the last 18 months and slumping 3-0 in India last week means Jos Buttler's side have lost 16 of their past 23 ODIs.

While Wood insisted he "wouldn't look for excuses", their preparation towards the

end of the tour was scrutinised by former India player and coach Ravi Shastri and ex-England captain Kevin Pietersen.

Because of an exhaustive travel schedule and injury niggles, England did not train before the second and third ODIs, though they practised on multiple occasions during the T20 series.

But cutting corners does not resonate with Durham quick Wood, who added: "I might not be as good as some of the other guys, but I make sure I work hard on all those little one percenters."



Norris is driven

From Back Page a fourth straight title. The Brit heads into the new season as title favourite and said: "After last year, we have no excuses. "In the past, we've had our fair share of honest excuses, but this year we have nothing to hide behind. "We proved last year we have everything that we need and that it takes to fight at the top and to be the best. "If we're not doing so at the beginning of the season, then we're just not good enough and we've not done a good enough job."

Norris, 25, admitted he would prefer to still have underdog status but he must now prove why he has been called a 'world champion in the making'.

He added: "There's more expectation of me to prove I've stepped it up again. "But I'm not just going to be fighting Max - I have to make sure I'm ready to fight everyone and I feel ready to do so."



RED ALERT: Lewis Hamilton arrives at the O2 last night and (inset) the 2025 Ferrari



The red team is faster. Ask Lewis.

Lew can do this

MAX BACKS HAMILTON AFTER FERRARI SWITCH

MAX VERSTAPPEN believes his old rival Lewis Hamilton could be "reborn" at Ferrari. ■ by DANIEL MOXON

But Red Bull boss Christian Horner thinks the seven-time F1 champion could struggle if he fails to hit the ground running with his new team.

Hamilton, 40, is desperate to win the drivers' title again before he retires and the man who denied him that eighth crown in 2021 knows he can still be a threat.

Red Bull ace Verstappen (inset) said: "It's nice for Lewis himself. A different scenery, new motivation. "When you have been with a team for a long time, you have won a lot and then you have a tough season, maybe your motivation is a different? "It's also a bit like being reborn, I guess. A new environment, who knows?"

His boss Horner agrees that Hamilton still has what it takes to be a title contender.

He said: "If he gets off to a good start and gets the team around him, he'll find his confidence and he could very capably be a real contender.

"He seems to be embracing his new environment - I saw a clip of him speaking Italian the other day, or an English version of speaking Italian. "They'll love him if he's quick and he delivers, and he'll feed off that energy. If he doesn't get off to a good start, it will inevitably be harder."

Speaking at yesterday's season launch event at the O2 in London, Verstappen was in no mood for making predictions.

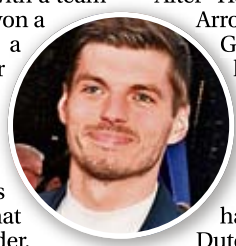
"It's always very difficult to say before you have even driven the real car," he repeated several times.

McLaren head into the season as favourites, while Mercedes will also hope to be in the title conversation along with Red Bull and Ferrari.

After Hamilton's exit, the Silver Arrows will be led on track by George Russell, who ended last season in the midst of a furious feud with Verstappen, which saw both take several public shots at each other.

Russell said yesterday he hadn't spoken with the Dutchman since and that he had no intention of clearing the air ahead of the new campaign.

Verstappen added: "I have no intention of continuing any type of beef in February. "I'm still enjoying my time away from Formula One and just getting ready for the season. I honestly have nothing to say on that subject."



WORLD BOXING

FIGHTING'S
ON THE WALL

Buatsi driven on to be the Croydon poster boy

■ from MARTIN DOMIN in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

JOSHUA BUATSI is determined to be reinstated as boxing's poster boy after his face was wiped from London's streets.

The Briton had his features plastered on a wall in his hometown of Croydon (*top, right*) after winning a bronze medal at the 2016 Olympics.

Now 31, Buatsi was tipped to follow in the footsteps of Anthony Joshua and replicate his amateur success in the professional ranks.

But injury and inactivity stalled a career which looked destined to culminate in world title glory.

A win over Willy Hutchinson last year, however, earned the light-heavyweight an interim belt, which could be upgraded to the real deal if Buatsi beats Callum Smith on Saturday night.

The winner of the all-British clash will be slated to fight either Artur Beterbiev or Dmitry Bivol, who meet again for the undisputed title in the weekend's main event.

But should the king of the division swerve his obligations, Buatsi could be crowned champion by default, which would be enough for him to demand his mural is restored.

"I'm gutted they took it down," he said. "The deal was to have it up for a year. It was up for longer but they took it down in the end, so the aim is to get another one up."

"It was crazy. I was like, 'Why the hell is there a mural of me up?' But it was amazing - coming from Croydon and how we are, you don't imagine these things happening to you."

Four of Buatsi's team-mates from Rio went on to win world titles, while the Londoner retreated into boxing's shadows. But Buatsi is confident he can return to the limelight.

"I care less now, because it is what it is," he added. "This is how I am and I'm not trying to please people."

"Growing up, I always tried to fit in but I never fitted in and the older I got, the more I realised it's a good thing. I love that I don't fit in."

"I'm happy with my career. There are bits I could say, 'I wish this or that' but it's part of the journey and at the end of the day I can say I had a mad

career, I achieved this and I achieved that."

"I'm still undefeated, I've got a good record, I've got an interim title and I'm closer to a world title, so that proves to me I'm on the right path."

■ **WATCH Buatsi v Smith live on TNT Sport Box Office this Saturday. Buy at www.tntsports.co.uk/boxoffice**



AIMING FOR THE TOP: Joshua Buatsi poses in Saudi Arabia before his clash with Callum Smith and (*below*) on the attack against Pawel Stepień two years ago



INFORMATION STATION

UEFA Champions Lge Knock-out Rnd Play-off 2nd Leg

AC MILAN (1).....1 FEYENOORD (0).....1
Gimenez 1 Carranza 73
Att: 54,749

Agg: 1-2; Feyenoord Rotterdam win 2-1 on aggregate.

ATLANTA (0).....1 CLUB BRUGGE (3) 3
Lookman 46 Talbi 3, 27
Jutgla 45

Agg: 2-5; Club Brugge win 5-2 on aggregate.

BYN MUNICH (0).....1 CELTIC (0).....1
Davies 90 Kuhn 63
Agg: 3-2; Bayern Munich win 3-2 on aggregate.

BENFICA (1).....3 MONACO (1).....3
Akturkoglu 22 Minamino 32
Pavlidis 76 (pen) Ben Seghir 51
Kokcu 84 Ilenikhena 81

Agg: 4-3; Benfica win 4-3 on aggregate.

Sky Bet Championship
PRESTON (0).....1 MILLWALL (1).....1
Jakobsen 47 Ivanovic 40
Att: 13,290

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Leeds.....	33	21	9	3	68	20	72
Sheff Utd.....	33	22	6	5	47	23	70
Burnley.....	33	17	14	2	39	9	65
Sunderland.....	33	17	11	5	50	30	62
Blackburn.....	33	15	6	12	39	31	51
West Brom.....	33	11	15	7	42	31	48
Bristol City.....	33	13	8	12	44	41	47
Coventry.....	33	13	9	11	41	37	46
Sheff Wed.....	33	12	9	12	46	50	45
Watford.....	33	13	6	14	43	48	45
Middlesbrough.....	32	12	8	12	50	43	44
Norwich.....	33	11	11	11	51	45	44
QPR.....	33	10	11	11	39	41	44
Millwall.....	33	10	12	11	33	34	42
Preston.....	33	9	15	9	35	39	42
Oxford.....	33	9	11	13	34	47	38
Swansea.....	33	10	7	16	34	46	37
Portsmouth.....	33	9	9	15	41	55	36
Stoke.....	32	8	11	13	31	40	35
Cardiff.....	32	7	11	14	35	54	32
Hull.....	32	7	9	16	32	43	30
Derby.....	33	7	8	18	33	46	29
Plymouth.....	32	6	10	16	34	66	28
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Sky Bet League One
CRAWLEY (1).....1 WIGAN (1).....1
Barker 42 Taylor 39
Att: 3,733

MANSFIELD (0).....0 LINCOLN (1).....3
O'Connor 9
Clucas 83
Jefferies 89
Att: 8,326

SHRWSBURY (0).....0 HUDDERSFIELD (0).....1
Koroma 82
Att: 6,862

STEVENAGE (0).....0 BURTON (1).....1
Webster 45
Att: 2,801

WREXHAM (1).....1 L ORIENT (1).....2
Rathbone 15 Kelman 30
Donley 50
Att: 11,703

WYCOMBE (0).....2 BRISTOL R (0).....0
Humphreys 51
Udoh 59
Att: 4,419

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Birmingham.....	29	21	6	2	51	19	69
Wycombe.....	31	18	9	4	58	31	63
Wrexham.....	31	17	7	7	46	27	58
Stockport City.....	32	16	9	7	49	30	57
Huddersfield.....	31	16	7	8	44	27	55
Leiston Orient.....	31	16	5	10	48	28	53
Charlton.....	31	14	8	9	40	30	50
Bolton.....	31	15	5	11	50	48	50
Reading.....	31	14	7	10	46	43	49
Lincoln City.....	32	11	10	11	41	38	43
Barnsley.....	31	12	7	12	43	43	43
Blackpool.....	31	9	14	8	45	44	41
Stevenage.....	31	11	8	12	29	32	41
Rotherham.....	31	10	8	13	35	37	38
Mansfield.....	31	11	5	15	38	44	38
Wigan.....	30	9	8	13	28	31	35
Exeter.....	30	10	5	15	34	46	35
Bristol Rovers.....	31	10	5	16	32	48	35
Northampton.....	31	8	9	14	29	47	33
Peterborough.....	31	8	7	16	47	58	31
Burton Albion.....	32	6	11	15	33	48	29
Crawley Town.....	31	7	8	16	35	55	29
Shrewsbury.....	32	7	6	19	33	54	27
Cambridge.....	31	5	8	18	30	56	23

Sky Bet League Two
FLEETWOOD (0).....0 AFC WIMB'DN (0).....0
Att: 2,106

MORECAMBE (0).....0 DONCASTER (1).....1
Street 3
Att: 2,951

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Walsall.....	31	19	6	6	59	34	63
AFC Wimbledon.....	31	16	8	7	43	20	56
Doncaster.....	32	16	7	9	46	39	55
Notts County.....	31	15	9	7	48	30	54
Bradford.....	31	15	9	7	40	28	54
Port Vale.....	30	14	10	6	39	32	52
Crewe.....	32	12	13	7	36	31	49
Salford City.....	31	13	9	9	38	30	48
Grimsby.....	31	15	3	13	44	47	48
Chesterfield.....	30	11	9	10	49	37	42
Colchester.....	31	9	15	7	36	31	42
Bromley.....	30	10	12	9	41	40	42
Fleetwood.....	30	10	11	10	39	36	41
Cheltenham.....	30	11	8	11	40	43	41
Newport City.....	31	11	7	13	41	47	40
MK Dons.....	31	11	6	14	44	44	39
Swindon.....	32	9	11	12	46	48	38
Barrow.....	31	10	7	14	34	36	37
Gillingham.....	30	9	7	14	26	33	34
Harrogate.....	32	9	6	17	26	42	33
Accrington.....	30	7	9	14	34	48	30
Tranmere.....	31	6	10	15	22	49	28
Morecambe.....	32	7	5	20	29	49	26
Carlisle.....	31	5	7	19	23	49	22

Vertu EFL Trophy Semi-final
BIRMINGHAM (1).....2 BRADFORD (0).....1
Stansfield 45 Pointon 52
Dykes 88

Vanarama National League
AFC FYLDE (1).....1 BOSTON UTD (2).....2
Haughton 43 (pen) Hazel 15, 26

BARNET (1).....3 YORK (0).....1
Oluwo 17 Walcott 90
Ndlovu 52
Hartigan 58

EBBSFLEET (0).....0 FOREST GRN (0).....0
GATESHEAD (2).....4 SUTTON UTD (1).....3
Roles 17, 81 Davies 45
Malcolm 36 Kirk 50
Hannant 75 Simper 58

HARTLEPOOL (0).....1 ALTRINCHAM (0).....2
Featherstone 90 Linney 88
Weaver 90

OLDHAM (0).....0 MAIDENHEAD (0).....1
McCouslsky 65

SOUTHEND (0).....1 ALDERSHOT (0).....1
Husin 53 Scott-Morris 72
Hargreaves 79

YEOVIL (0).....2 TAMWORTH (1).....1
Cooper 50 Maher 29
Nouble 60

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barnet.....	33	21	7	5	66	32	70
York.....	31	19	6	6	60	29	63
Forest Green.....	32	17	12	3	50	25	63
Oldham.....	32	15	11	6	49	33	56
Gateshead.....	30	15	7	8	55	37	52
Altrincham.....	31	14	10	7	52	36	52
FC Halifax.....	31	14	9	8	38	30	51
Rochdale.....	27	13	5	9	39	23	44
Hartlepool.....	33	10	14	9	39	40	44
Southend.....	31	11	10	10	37	33	43
Solihull Moors.....	31	12	6	13	47	45	42
Sutton Utd.....	30	11	9	10	40	38	42
Yeovil.....	32	11	9	12	37	39	42
Eastleigh.....	30	10	11	9	40	38	41
Tamworth.....	32	10	9	13	37	31	39
Woking.....	31	8	11	12	32	44	35
Dag & Red.....	31	8	10	13	44	44	34
Braintree Tr.....	31	9	7	15	31	42	34
Maidenhead.....	31	9	6	16	37	57	33
Aldershot.....	29	6	12	11	42	50	30
Wealdstone.....	30	6	11	13	34	47	29
AFC Fylde.....	31	8	5	18	37	62	29
Boston Utd.....	29	5	8	16	26	46	23
Ebsfleet.....	23	1	11	21	21	69	14

William Hill Scottish Championship
MORTON (1).....2 HAMILTON (0).....0
Adeloye 28
Lyall 79
Att: 1,541

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Falkirk.....	24	15	5	4	47	23	50
Ayr.....	24	14	6	4	40	20	48
Livingston.....	24	13	7	4	32	17	46
Partick.....	25	10	6	9	31	31	36
Morton.....	23	7	10	6	25	27	31
Raith.....	23	9	3	11	26	31	30
Queen's Park.....	24	8	5	11	26	28	29
Hamilton.....	24	7	3	14	29	45	24
Dunfermline.....	24	6	5	13	24	32	23
Airdrieonians.....	23	3	4	16	18	44	13

TENNIS
ATP QATAR EXXONMOBIL OPEN
(Doha)—1st rd: A de Minaur (Aus)

bt R Safiullin (Rus) 6-1 7-5; L Nardi (Ita) bt Z Zhang (Chn) 6-4 6-3; B van de Zandschulp (Ned) bt A Shelbayh Jordan 7-5 6-3; N Borges (Por) bt O Virtanen (Fin) 7-6 (8-6) 6-3; Z Bergs (Bel) bt R Bautista Agut (Spa) 6-4 7-6 (7-4); T Griekspoor (Ned) bt J Struff (Ger) 7-6 (7-5) 7-6 (9-7); A Rublev (Rus) bt A Bublik (Kaz) 6-3 6-4; D Medvedev (Rus) bt K Khachanov (Rus) 4-6 7-5 6-3; F Auger-Aliassime (Can) bt Q Hays (Fra) 4-6 6-4 7-6 (7-2) M Berrettini (Ita) bt N Djokovic (Ser) 7-6 (7-4) 6-2.

WTA DUBAI DUTY FREE CHAMPIONSHIPS (UAE)—2nd rd: P Badosa (Spa) bt E Mertens (Bel) 6-2 6-1; J Paolini (Ita) bt E Lys (Ger) 6-2 7-5; E Rybakina (Kaz) bt M Uchijima (Jpn) 6-3 6-2; L Noskova (Cze) bt D Shnaider (Rus) 7-6 (10-8) 4-6 6-3; S Kenin (USA) bt M Kostyuk (Ukr) 5-7 7-6 (9-7) 7-6 (7-5) J Pegula (USA) bt L Samsonova (Rus) 6-0 6-4; I Swiatek (Pol) bt V Azarenka (Blr) 6-0 6-2; D Yastremska (Ukr) bt A Potapova (Rus) 6-2 6-3; M Kessler (USA) bt C Gauff (USA) 6-4 7-5; A Sabalenka (Blr) bt V Kudermetova (Rus) 6-3 6-4; K Muchova (Cze) bt E Raducanu (Gbr) 7-6 (8-6) 6-4.

TODAY'S DIARY

(7.45pm unless stated)

UEFA Champions Lge Knock-out Rnd Play-off 2nd Leg
B Dortmund (3) v Sporting Lisbon (0) (5.45).
Paris SG (3) v Brest (0) (8pm).
PSV Eindhoven (1) v Juventus (2) (8pm).
Real Madrid (3) v Man City (2) (8pm).....

(Live on TNT Sports 1)
Premier League
Aston Villa v Liverpool (7.30).....
(Live on TNT Sports 2)

Sky Bet Championship
Luton v Plymouth.....
Vanarama National League
Braintree Tr v Wealdstone.....
Eastleigh v Dagenham & Redbridge.....
FC Halifax v Rochdale.....
Woking v Solihull Moors.....

CRICKET
ICC Champions Trophy—Group A:
Pakistan v New Zealand (Karachi, 9am).

ANSWERS
YESTERDAY'S SPORTWORD

Across: 1 James; 4 Femke; 7 Oli; 8 Gekas; 9 Tiger; 10 Roll; 11 Zohore; 14 Hajduk; 15 Sels; 18 Yebda; 20 Lazio; 21 Rae; 22 Split; 23 Blixt.
Down: 1 Jager; 2 Mikolaj; 3 Sosa; 4 Fitton; 5 MCG; 6 Earle; 12 Oledzki; 13 Tueart; 14 Heyes; 16 Short; 17 Hleb; 19 Bol.

FIVE FOR FUN
1 Katerina Siniakova and Taylor Townsend; 2 East Kilbride; 3 Franco Morbidelli; 4 Wakefield Trinity; 5 Mitchell Owen.



TARGET MAN: Farke

Leeds to keep on top of it

■ by DAVID ANDERSON

DANIEL FARKE has set Leeds a 20-point promotion target to sidestep their play-off curse.

The Whites returned top of the Championship after their sensational last-gasp 2-1 win over promotion rivals Sunderland on Monday night and are seven points clear of Burnley in third place.

Farke has told his players he wants to take at least 20 points from their remaining 13 games to secure a top-two place.

Leeds have failed in all six of their play-off attempts and the manager wants automatic promotion.

They finished third last season with 90 points and Farke believes 92 should be enough to do the trick.

"Yes, there's a gap and that's definitely, definitely good," he said. "But sadly there are more than just four or five games to go. Sadly, we have still many, many games to go."

"If we were to stop now on 72 points, we'd perhaps make it into the top six, but it's not guaranteed."

"In order to be there in the top two with automatic promotion, yeah, we need to win 20 more points."

Riis is on the heat

PRESTON 1
MILLWALL 1

PRESTON and Millwall shared the spoils in a classic mid-table show-down punctuated by two stunning goals last night.

It was 14th against 15th in the Championship at Deepdale as both clubs battled to give their faint hopes of gatecrashing the play-offs a kick-start.

Lions boss Alex Neil returned to Preston, where he spent the best part of four seasons from 2017-2021, achieving two top-10 finishes.

But neither side was able to propel themselves into the hunt for the top six after Emil Riis's bouncing half-volley cancelled out Mihailo Ivanovic's textbook free-kick.

Both sides had chances to nick it, but each had to settle for a point.

SERIOUSLY football PREMIER LEAGUE

Even great champs can't play fantasy football all the time



SLOT WILL SCRAP FOR POINTS

SOME see it as Liverpool starting to wobble – but Arne Slot does not think it is anything out of the ordinary.

In fact, it is something the Dutch boss (*above*) believes even Pep Guardiola's great Manchester City side suffered on their way to four titles in a row.

That is not being perfect for 38 games a season. There will be more than a few bad performances.

The Reds head to Aston Villa tonight on the back of arguably two of their worst displays of the season as well as a shock FA Cup exit to Plymouth with a much-changed side.

Of course, it should be pointed out that Slot's side emerged from those games against Everton and Wolves with four points.

Just a week ago they were six points clear of Arsenal. With two games less to play in the Premier League, they are seven clear.

This is hardly a crisis or some sort of crash but, because of high standards this season, there has been a clear drop-off in the last two league outings.

Liverpool managed just four shots on target across 90 minutes



■ by CHRIS MCKENNA

against Everton in a 2-2 draw, while they failed to register a single effort on goal in the second half against Wolves on Sunday despite winning 2-1.

Players such as Ryan Gravenberch and Alexis Mac Allister (*inset*), two who have been excellent all season, have also looked below their best.

But Slot, who led Feyenoord to the Eredivisie title in 2023, remains calm as they prepare to face a Villa side looking to reignite their hopes of qualifying for the Champions League again.

"What I've learned, if there's any experience I've learned of winning a league title, is in general in a season if there are 38 games to be played, don't expect you have 38 times fantastic football," said Slot.

"If you are a very good team and a very special team, you play 20-25 very good games. Then you play a few mediocre ones and you play a few very bad ones."

"But it is more about the results in the mediocre or bad ones than the 20-25 because they are ones you will probably win. It is normal in a season

that it is not 38 times the best football that is ever played.

"Not in the history of Liverpool, not in the four years City won the league and not this time with us, or Arsenal, or City or Chelsea."

"We all have a certain amount of games that we play really well."

"Because we have to play so many games as well, you can't expect them to be every time outplaying every single opponent."

Slot has yet to respond to the FA charge following his sending-off after last week's Merseyside derby when he confronted the officials over decisions late in the game.

The Kop boss has until tonight to respond and will then face a hearing, meaning he will be on the touchline for the clash with Villa and Sunday's game with Manchester City.

Liverpool will need an upturn in performance this week if they are to maintain their lead over Arsenal, though.

Because, as good as Everton have been in their resurgence under David Moyes and the threat of Matheus Cunha with Wolves, this is a step up in opponents they face away in the space of four days.

Then there is the visit of Newcastle at Anfield next Wednesday, making it three huge games in eight days.

"I am, indeed, calm except for maybe the minute after we conceded the 2-2 (against Everton)," said Slot.



DERBY DESPAIR: Arne Slot and Mo Salah (*above*) show their agony after (*below*) James Tarkowski strikes in the last minute



■ **SCRATCHY PERIOD:** Ryan Gravenberch's high standards have dropped recently

GIVE US A MO

Emery urges Rash to follow Salah's lead

■ by NEIL MOXLEY

UNAI EMERY believes Mo Salah is hitting peak performance – and wants Aston Villa's Marcus Rashford and Marco Asensio to follow suit.

The Villa boss was gushing with praise for the Egyptian, who he says is "unique".

Emery hinted at a start for Rashford against Liverpool tonight after he provided one of the bright sparks in the 1-1 draw with Ipswich.

Asensio's wait may be longer but there was no doubting Emery's message to the two loanees – nor his admiration for Salah.

The Spaniard said: "His career has been amazing – I think he's playing his best football."

"He's hitting huge numbers, scoring goals and assists, gaining confidence. When his team-mates have a player like him, everyone is more comfortable."

"Salah is unique. He's feeling comfortable – playing in his best moment. Marcus has done it at that level. And Marco as well."

"My challenge for them both is to get the best of them. Each has their qualities. Salah is someone who assists and scores goals more than anyone else."

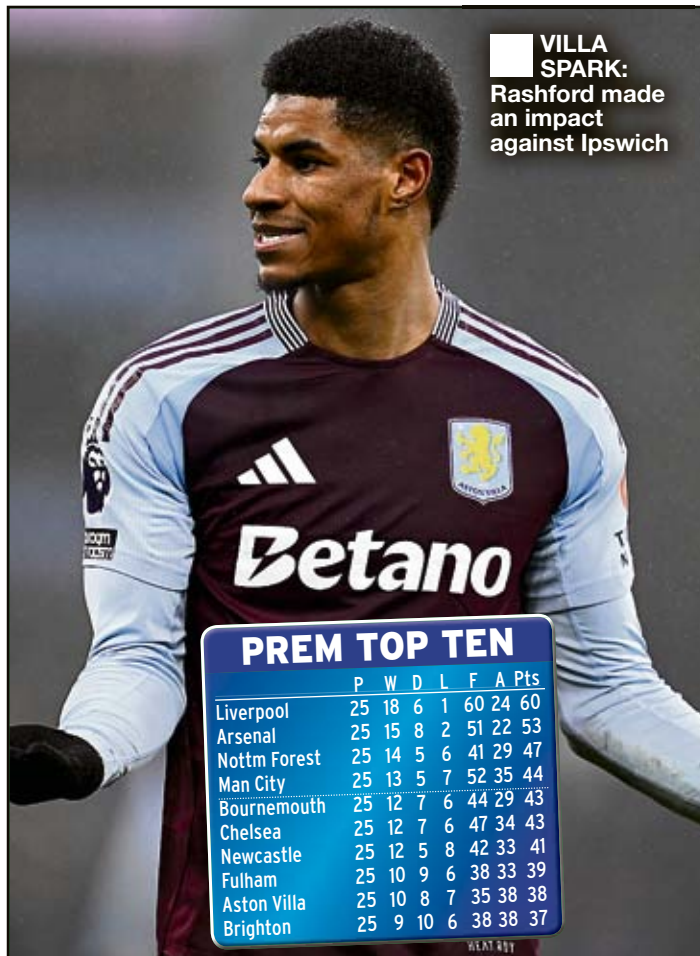
"The players we have possess different qualities. They are not huge scorers. They don't provide huge assists – they can do both."

"But Salah is someone who is doing double. Not with goals but with assists, over 20, and that's at the highest level in football."

Salah has 28 goals this season in all competitions with 19 assists.

Villa have struggled in front of goal but in Asensio and Rashford, who could replace Jacob Ramsey

■ **VILLA SPARK:** Rashford made an impact against Ipswich



tonight, have added undoubted firepower.

Emery said: "They are in an individual process of getting fit."

"Tactically we're changing with them, and we have to practise with them in training sessions as well as practising while they are playing."

"We are working every day and we are having some meetings trying to show them it."

"Now they are getting better and understanding more and are closer to starting."

Emery has yet to taste victory over the Reds since taking charge at Villa Park.

He said: "Liverpool have a very

high level of performance this year – more than in the last two years."

"Jurgen Klopp did fantastically but Arne Slot is doing even better."

"But huge managers, different in ways. With Slot, they are organised with and without the ball."

"They are playing tactically. But Klopp was amazing. How they performed and won trophies and with their energy."

"Now they are confident with their quality and structure. They are dominating and getting points easily."

"I think it's a huge challenge for us. I'm positive we can respond, but we need to do it."

Kop boss can see the home straight

From Back Page difference in the upcoming two games. If not, then we are on equal terms because we have played a lot of similar games and there are still 11 games to go.

"The positive thing is that, after these two games, we've got seven home games and

four away. And we all know how much Anfield can help."

"Whatever the result is from the upcoming two games, we do know that seven home and four away afterwards."

Liverpool will face a Villa side pushing to get back into Champions League contention, while Manchester

United loanee Marcus Rashford will also be looking to show what he can do.

Slot is wary of the England striker who has a point to prove.

He said: "Rashford is one of the best attackers that England has in my opinion, if he plays to his ability."

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There's no holding our Harry back



RUDE JUDE HAS CLASS BYPASS

LIKE Man United's dismal form, Jude Bellingham's arrogance knows no bounds.

With all the class of a Tuesday afternoon at a Blackpool strip club, he was sent off after telling a La Liga ref to "f*** off", days after bellowing "f*** you" in the ear of a linesman like

some under-sparked brat throwing a tantrum in Poundstretcher because mum told him to put the Haribo back.

He's got more holier-than-thou energy than Greta Thunberg at a climate summit, and struts around like footballing royalty, convinced he

can bark at 'the plebs' just because he's bagged a few tap-ins for a club with more disproportionate wealth in Spain than Jeff Bezos at a car boot sale.

But, of course, in his mind he's the victim in all this.

He whinged about the decision and claimed in a statement, "there was no insult", which is

like Chelsea claiming "there is no goalkeeping crisis".

He's not just drinking the entitlement Kool-Aid, he's chugging it down like Jack Grealish at a lockdown party, and is at the throbbing, narcissistic heart of the growing attitude problem at Real Madrid.



LET'S AXE RED DEVIL NEVILLE

GARY NEVILLE needs to be taken off Man United commentary like Wayne Rooney needs to be taken off puddings.

After James Maddison scored Tottenham's winner on Sunday, G-Nev sulked in silence for about 30 seconds, then spent the rest of the broadcast moaning like Roy Keane being forced to watch a TikTok dance.

He's incapable of working a match without his Man United goggles on. It's not that he's biased per se; he's just too self-absorbed to realise that people might fancy hearing

about the other team every now and then.

Given that he gets paid to commentate for a national audience, it's ridiculous that he's about as impartial as a vegan reviewing a steakhouse. It's all

energy and enthusiasm when United score, and mumpish grumbling about 'bad defending' when they concede.

If I wanted to listen to Gary squirm, I'd just stick on that episode of Have I Got News For You where Ian Hislop shredded him over his Qatar hypocrisy.

X@HarryBrent



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by LEE PHELPS,
William Hill
spokesperson

THESE midweek match nights are great, offering a real mixed bag for fans.

Tonight it's the second legs of the Champions League play-offs, including Real Madrid versus Man City, a Premier League cracker as Aston Villa face Liverpool and Luton meeting Plymouth in the Championship.

I'm going with a Bet Builder, using Impact Sub



- so if your player goes off the man replacing him keeps your bet on.

City have to score and we know Real Madrid seldom fail to hit the back of the net.

So let's go over 2.5 goals for the Spanish giants as it'll be end to end. I've also got Vinicius Jr (above) to score or assist.

Erling Haaland is always worth a look but he's also very short in the betting, so I'm going to take Omar Marmoush to have at least one shot on target.

And finally Bernardo Silva to be carded - I can see him having to chuck a 'tactical foul' in.

That's 10/1 and you can add more, take some away or do your own in shop, online or on the William Hill app.

SERIOUSLY football



CHAMPIONS LEAGUE PLAY-OFFS

AGE BEFORE

Pep tells old guard to grab last

chance of Euro prize



PEP GUARDIOLA knows some of his ageing stars will be drinking in the last-chance saloon in Madrid tonight.

And he has called on the likes of Kevin De Bruyne, John Stones and Bernardo Silva to show the courage required if Manchester City are to avoid drowning their Champions League sorrows.

City head to the Bernabeu under the cosh like never before, with their European hopes hanging by a thread.

City trail Carlo Ancelotti's European kings 3-2 from the first leg of a play-off to see which one of these giants will make it through to the knockout stage.

Something has to give - and Guardiola appreciates it could be the last chance for some of his 30-somethings to win the biggest club prize of all on behalf of the English champions.

Guardiola is expected to overhaul his squad in the summer and said: "It will be at the end of the season (if we lose)."

"We still have a lot to play for,

from JEREMY CROSS in Madrid

to qualify for the Champions League next season, we are still in Europe, the FA Cup and the Club World Cup.

"But if we don't go through, this is the last chance. If we do go through, we have another one."

"In terms of the decisions on the futures of the players, it hasn't been made because it depends what happens until the end of the season."

The size of the task ahead of City is enormous.

And Guardiola is under no illusions about how brave his players need to be in the white-hot atmosphere of one of football's truly great stadiums.

The ex-Barcelona player and manager added: "I have incredible memories of this stadium, sometimes good ones, sometimes not so good, but it has never been easy."

"It has always been tough. The history is here. We have to do it and we will see how we behave."

"We have to play with courage. Be yourself. Play to win the game."

Bernardo Silva admits he's still struggling to come to terms with the fact City's season has been so bad, at home and abroad, that they now find themselves in such a deep hole.

The Portuguese star said: "It's

very disappointing, for sure. I wouldn't believe you if you'd told me we would be playing Real in a play-off, and not the latter stages.

"We've put ourselves in this situation and we deserve it. If things don't go our way, it's a lesson for the future. We still have a chance, but it's a lesson."

"I don't think my teammates need a lot of motivation against this opponent."

"But in terms of what it represents to us after so many bad results, to still have the opportunity to stay in this competition knowing we can't win the Premier League..."

"We're in a worse place than when the tie started, but we know it's still possible."

"We believe that we can come here and try and maybe give this Real team some problems."

Silva was left devastated last season when he missed a penalty in a quarter-final shoot-out that saw City crash out to Real.

But if the same scenario presented itself tonight, he wouldn't think twice about taking another spot-kick.

He added: "Definitely, I would put my hand up. You can only miss a penalty if you take it."

"The keeper was waiting for it down the middle. I have no regrets. If it has to go to penalties, we'll do our best and qualify."

PLAY-OFFS, 2ND LEG

REAL MADRID (3)

VS MAN CITY (2)

REAL MADRID (4-3-3): Courtois; Valverde, Rudiger, Asencio, Mendy; Camavinga, Tchouameni, Bellingham; Rodrygo, Mbappe, Vinicius Jr.

MAN CITY (4-2-3-1): Ederson; Nunes, Dias, Ake, Gvardiol; Stones, Silva; Marmoush, De Bruyne, Foden; Haaland.

KO: 8pm, TNT Sports 1 REF: Istvan Kovacs (Rom)

HE'S SNOOD UNDER: Jack Grealish trains in the chilly Manchester sun

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2ND LEG

BOOTY



IN THE LINE OF FIRE: Gvardiol, Khusanov, Marmoush and Gundogan get ready to take on Real

Perfect stormers

From Back Page from the first leg at the Etihad last week.

City suffered a late collapse to leave themselves with a mountain to climb.

And Guardiola knows everything will have to go right for his stars if City are to stay in the Champions League.

The Spaniard said: "You have to make an almost perfect game."

"The result (from the first leg) is not good. We

always came here before with more or less a good result – and a bad result is not good in this situation.

"We have to attack, we have to score goals."

"The pressure is there, which is more than welcome. If you don't perform well with the pressure, it is what it is."

"It depends how we play, how we handle the big moments in these stadiums. Here, Barcelona, Milan, Anfield, you have to suffer there. Try to reduce those as much as possible."



LATE SHOW: Alphonso Davies celebrates

BREN'S OH 'SO CLOSE

BAYERN MUNICH
CELTIC

BAYERN WIN 3-2 ON AGG

by DARREN WELLS

BRAVE Celtic bowed out of the Champions League as Bayern Munich rode their luck into the last 16.

Brendan Rodgers' men headed to the Allianz Arena needing to overturn a 2-1 defeat from the first leg.

And it was a case of what might have been as they fell to a heartbreaking stoppage-time equaliser by Alphonso Davies.

If only Celtic had taken their first-half chances, then a place in the last 16 would have been all but assured.

Harry Kane then hit the crossbar for Bayern before being replaced by Kingsley Coman at the break.

More tenacious pressing from Celtic finally paid off in the 63rd minute as Nicolas Kuhn pounced on some shocking defending to slot the ball past Manuel Neuer.

But right at the death, Leon Goretzka's header was brilliantly saved by Kasper Schmeichel, only for Davies to bundle the ball over the line.

AC Milan crashed out 2-1 on aggregate to Feyenoord, Atalanta lost to Club Brugge 5-2 on aggregate and a 3-3 thriller in Lisbon was enough to see Benfica through 4-3 at the expense of Monaco.



WANTED: Lammens

Ruben's summer Senn-ing

by MATTHEW COOPER

MANCHESTER UNITED target Senne Lammens has admitted being linked with a potential transfer to Old Trafford is "special".

The Royal Antwerp goalkeeper is rumoured to be on United's radar after the Premier League club sent scouts to Belgium to watch him in action.

United boss Ruben Amorim is believed to be weighing up a move for the 22-year-old next summer to provide more competition in goal.

Speaking about United's reported interest, Lammens told Belgian outlet Gazet van Antwerpen: "The first time I heard it, I thought, 'Wow, a world team that follows you. That is special!'"

"Of course, I was also spoken to about it a lot and when I made a save in training, it was, 'United this', 'United that'. Funny, I would do it the other way around too. But you can't dwell on it for too long."

"They are still just rumours. Those top clubs have so many scouts and follow so many players. It doesn't have to mean anything yet."

"It will only become clear in the summer whether anything comes of it."

Dyche in the dosh

by CHRIS McKENNA

SEAN DYCHE will land a six-figure sum if Everton beat the drop.

The former Toffees boss is in line for a deferred payment from his severance deal struck with the club when he was sacked last month.

It is understood the figure is worth hundreds of thousands of pounds and will be paid once Everton are mathematically safe.

That won't be too long, after his replacement David Moyes led the club to four wins in six games.

Dyche managed just three Premier League wins all season prior to that.

The club's new owners, The Friedkin Group, approved the deal, with Dyche agreeing to an initial lump sum with the rest to come if the Toffees stayed up.

They are now 13 points clear of the drop zone.

CITY ODDS ARE REAL CAR-LO

CARLO ANCELOTTI has laughed off Pep Guardiola's claim that Manchester City have a "one per cent" chance of getting past Real Madrid in the Champions League.

Guardiola's side travel to the Spanish capital needing to overturn a 3-2 play-off deficit from the first leg at the Etihad last week.

The odds are stacked against them, with Guardiola insisting City have almost no chance of going through to the last 16.

But Real boss Ancelotti is not fooled and is having none of it.

The Italian believes Guardiola is deliberately underestimating his English champions.

He said: "He (Guardiola)

from JEREMY CROSS in Madrid

doesn't really think so. We don't think we have a 99 per cent chance. We have a small advantage, and we have to take advantage of it.

"We have to play the same game as in the first leg, because it went well, but we have to take into account the difficulties. We are trying to prepare well."

Ancelotti is relieved to be dealing with UEFA officials instead of domestic ones, having claimed to be on the wrong end of some bad decisions in La Liga in recent weeks.

These include last weekend's controversial red card shown to England superstar Jude Bellingham (pictured training yesterday

with Ancelotti) for alleged foul and abusive language during Real's 1-1 draw at Osasuna.

Ancelotti, who is boosted by the return of defender Antonio Rudiger, revealed Real have appealed against Bellingham's sending off.

He said: "We hope he won't be banned."

"We are not happy with what happened against Osasuna and Atletico (Madrid). Games in which we were disadvantaged – and I do not understand it."

"In the last few games they have made some pretty clear mistakes."

"The statistics speak for themselves. In Europe there is less controversy. In the Champions League the best referees from each country

officiate and the quality is very high."

Real captain Federico Valverde has urged Bellingham not to change or lose that edge to his game and attitude.

Valverde said: "What I want is players who leave their soul out on the pitch."

"In this case, with Jude in the last game, I always want him to be like that."

"Jude is a player who shows character, who always wants to win, who always wants to fight."

"This time he got a red card, but I like that he's giving everything, his spikiness... we have to stay united as a team."



Lando hopes of glory is bigger now



■ by DANIEL MOXON
LANDO NORRIS insists McLaren will have "no excuses" if they fail to taste more Formula One title success this year. They head into the 2025 campaign as the defending constructors' champions. But Norris (left) missed out on the drivers' crown last year as Max Verstappen proved too strong en route to landing
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ARNE SLOT thinks Liverpool will be on the "home" straight if they navigate two tricky away days at Aston Villa and Manchester City. The Reds travel to Villa Park tonight knowing victory will put them 10 points clear

■ by CHRIS McKENNA of Arsenal in the title race. They then visit defending champions Manchester City on Sunday. Head coach Slot (left) is thankful that they then play seven of their remaining 11 games at Anfield – which

could be a huge advantage in the run-in. He said: "So these two games we are going to play now have already been played by Arsenal – Villa away and City away. "Then we can make a
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REAL MADRID v MAN CITY

TONIGHT, 8PM, TNT SPORTS



TOO MANY PEOPLE TAKE SECOND BEST, BUT PEP WON'T TAKE ANYTHING LESS, IT'S GOT TO BE, YEAH...



LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO PLAY SILLY GAMES: Pep Guardiola addresses the media

PERFECT

City boss is determined to get it right against Madrid

■ from JEREMY CROSS in Madrid
PEP GUARDIOLA insists Manchester City will have to be "perfect" against Real Madrid tonight to keep their Champions League dream alive. City need a minor miracle to reach the knockout stages at the expense of the 15-time winners. Guardiola's men head to the Bernabeu trailing 3-2
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EIGHT PAGES FULL OF GAMES AND TEASERS

**TRY TO
FIND...**

the doughnut

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**PUZZLE
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PUZZLE PLANET

THE PICTURE ZONE



WHAT
HAPPENS
NEXT?

What happened next in this picture? A child is doing a somersault on a trampoline. Choose one of the four options. **Solution next week**

1. His dog jumps up through the open door and the boy lands on the dog.
2. The trampoline rips and he falls through to the floor.
3. He bounces right out of the open door.
4. He bounces so high at the end of his somersault he goes over the netting.



PICTURE QUIZ

Can you name these cities? Write down your answers on the right.
Solution next week

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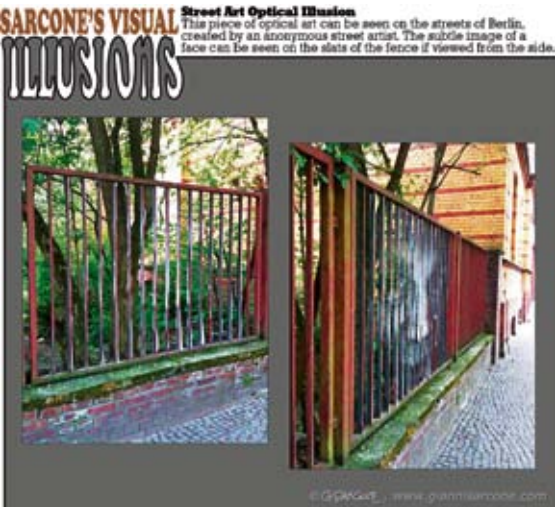
Spot six differences between the picture of Lottie Moss on the left and right
Solution next week

OPTICAL-ILLUSION

Look carefully at these two optical illusions.

Can you work out the answer to each one?

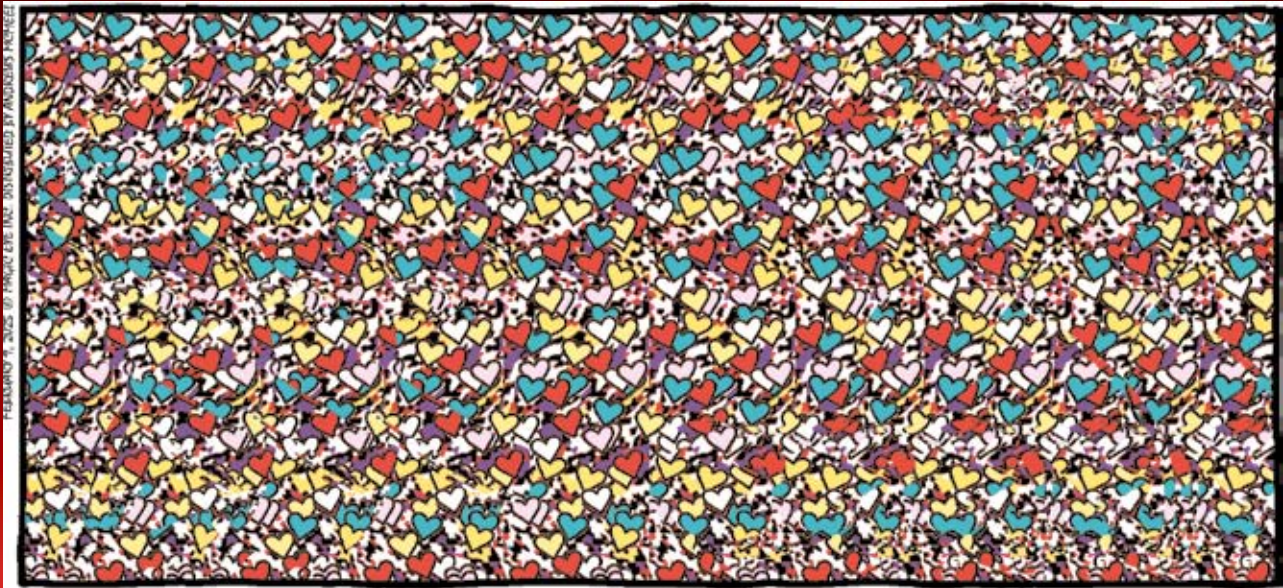
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Hold the image right up to your nose: it will be blurry. Focus and slowly move the image away from your face. Keep your eyes focused beyond the image, do not focus on the actual image.

The image will start to form a fuzzy 3D shape. Stop here, focusing beyond the image and the 3D shape should appear.
Clue: Love bugs
Solution next week



We have removed the football from this picture. Have a bit of fun with your mates – or even a little bet – to see if you can guess which section the ball was in. Using the grid, choose a row (A-M) and a column (1-19). **Solution next week**



THE THINKING ZONE

Fill the grid so that every column, row, and 3x3 square includes all of the digits from one to nine. **Solutions next week**

SUDOKU

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MEGA ALPHA PUZZLE

Alphapuzzle® tests your logic and word power. Each grid number represents a letter. Each letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter or letters – below the main grid – to start. Can you beat the Target Time? Call for an Extra Letter Clue if you get stuck. **Solution next week.** **DIFFICULTY: 10/10** **TARGET TIME: 30 minutes**

Thinking Space

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SMALL X-WORD

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ACROSS

- 2 Intensify the negative aspects of (8)
- 9 Overseas (6)
- 10 Throws in a high arc (4)
- 11 Strikes (4)
- 13 Thespian (5)
- 14 Mail-order book (9)
- 16 Suggest (5)
- 19 Do as told (4)
- 20 American state (4)
- 21 Some point above ground level (6)
- 22 Sent sops (anag.) (8)

DOWN

- 1 Pernicious (9)
- 3 Planet's path (5)
- 4 Nearly all (4)
- 5 Palsy (9)
- 6 Single entity (4)
- 7 Still batting (3,3)
- 8 Ignore (9)
- 12 Chess opening (6)
- 15 Complain, informally (5)
- 17 ___ Sampras, tennis great (4)
- 18 Public pool (4)

Solution next week

Stuck on today's Small X-word? For today's solution call:

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- 1 On which river does Bedford stand?
- 2 Which naturalist and wildlife painter, son of an explorer, founded the Wildfowl Trust at Slimbridge in Gloucestershire?
- 3 In what country was chewing gum first patented?
- 4 What was the pen name of British author Eric Blair?
- 5 Keeley Hawes, left, stars in which recent BBC drama as the sister of a famous author?
- 6 Which North American rodent is also known as a musquash?
- 7 With which musical instrument is Mstislav Rostropovich chiefly

PUB QUIZ

Solution next week

associated?

- 8 What name is given to the branch of zoology that involves the study of birds?
- 9 Who wrote the novels Shirley and Villette?
- 10 What is the title of the first No.1 single by singer-songwriter Lola Young?
- 11 Which Welsh port has a ferry connection with Rosslare in the Republic of Ireland?
- 12 Which wife of Henry VIII was the mother of Mary I?
- 13 What is the lowest female

- singing voice?
- 14 What are the organs of locomotion and balance in fish called?
- 15 What is the title of the Channel 4 quiz hosted by Claudia Winkleman, right?
- 16 What name is given to the domesticated form of polecat used to hunt rabbits and rats?
- 17 In which US state did Disneyland open in 1955?
- 18 Which French word meaning 'rebirth' describes the period in European cultural history that began in Italy in the 14th century?



- 19 Who wrote The Executioner's Song?
- 20 What is the title of Pamela Anderson's upcoming film in which she plays a seasoned performer facing changes?
- 21 In which county is the cathedral city of Wells?
- 22 How many hulls does a trimaran have?
- 23 Which Irish adventurer attempted to steal the crown jewels from the Tower of London in 1671?
- 24 What name is given to a device that converts an alternating current from one voltage to another?

- 25 What is the title of Lady Gaga's upcoming studio album, due to be released in March?
- 26 Which instrument used in aircraft measures height above sea level?
- 27 What name is given to a wheel turned by foot power used in prisons in the 19th century?
- 28 To which king of Israel is the Old Testament book Proverbs ascribed?
- 29 What name is given to the fossilised resin of coniferous trees which is used for jewellery?
- 30 Of which US state is Providence the capital?

CROSS

1 Young fish, especially a salmon or trout that is still attached to the yolk sac (6)
4 British novelist whose *The Sea, The Sea* won the Booker Prize in 1978 (4,7)
6 & 7 Down Foremost artist of the German Renaissance, born in Nuremberg in 1471 (8,5)
9 Snooker player who won the 2019 World Championship (4,5)
11 Nautical exclamation derived from Dutch, meaning 'stop' or 'cease' (5)
12 Person entitled to bear heraldic arms; originally, a squire who carried a knight's armour (7)
14 'The love of money is the ____ of all evil' (1 Timothy 6:10) (4)
17 6th-century Chinese philosopher traditionally regarded as the founder of Taoism (3-2)
18 Lorenz ____, US lyricist who wrote 28 stage musicals with composer Richard Rodgers between 1919 and 1943 (4)
19 1963 historical drama film starring Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton (9)
21 Japanese art of decorative flower arrangement, originating in the 7th century (7)
22 Reptile genus of the family Trionychidae to which the African softshell turtle belongs (7)
23 Semitic people living in present-day Jordan who were often at war with the Israelites (9)
27 Any of a number of species of flying insects in the dipterid suborder Nematocera (4)

BIG X-WORD

28 Jawaharlal ____, first prime minister of the Republic of India (1947-64) (5)
29 In billiards, a foul stroke in which the cue ball is pocketed without having hit another ball (4)
31 & 33 Payment, often nominal, made to confirm a contract (7,5)
36 2019 Elton John biopic starring Taron Egerton and Jamie Bell (9)
37 Communist-led independence movement formed in Vietnam in 1941 to fight against French rule (8)
38 English actress who played Elizabeth I in the films *Fire Over England* (1937) and *The Sea Hawk* (1940); made a DBE in 1960 (5,6)
39 Mexican dish of heated tortilla chips covered with melted cheese, peppers, spices etc. (6)
DOWN
1 Of an air current or wind, rising up a slope (8)
2 1999 science fiction horror film starring Jamie Lee Curtis and William Baldwin (5)
3 Chief resort of the French Riviera; capital of the Alpes-Maritimes department (4)
4 & 13 Down Italian football club that plays its home games at the San Siro stadium (5,5)
5 Any large spiny fish of the family Acipenseridae, valued as a source of caviar and isinglass (8)
6 1954 radio drama by Welsh poet Dylan Thomas set in the fictional fishing village of Llareggub (5,4,4)

7 See 9 Across
8 City in SW Brazil, capital of the state of Mato Grosso do Sul (5,6)
13 See 4 Down
15 Alternative name for the pangolin of Asia and Africa; order Pholidota, family Manidae (5,8)
16 Tenth part of a Roman legion, consisting of 480 to 800 men (6)
18 In classical tragedy, excessive pride, arrogance etc. that leads to a hero's downfall (6)
20 1992 drama film directed by George Miller and starring Nick Nolte and Susan Sarandon (8,3)
23 Of food, fried quickly and lightly in a little hot fat; French, 'jumped' (5)
24 Metrical foot consisting of two short syllables between two long ones (8)
26 Crafty king of Corinth in Greek mythology, described by Homer in both the *Iliad* (Book VI) and the *Odyssey* (Book XI) (8)
30 Gambling card game with numerous variants, including stud and draw (5)
32 Ninth month of the Jewish civil year, falling between Iyar and Tammuz (5)
34 Member of a Native American people who lived in Mexico before the Mayas, c.1200-400 BC (5)
35 Any long-winged aquatic bird of the subfamily Sterninae, related to but smaller than the gulls (4)

Stuck on the Big X-word? Call **0905 789 4199** to hear today's solutions


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ARROW WORD

Arrow words are like crosswords, but the clues are printed inside squares on the grid. Write your answers in the blank squares in the direction indicated by the arrows.
Solution next week

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			Fairy king Killer of Cleopatra		Elite army regiment (1,1,1)				
ects	Spanish wine	Bother		Com- pensate	DeGe- nieres, US talk show host	Sicilian volcano			
			Gamble Cry of surprise			"Ta-tal"	Guns, as an engine		
or body ver- re		Relating to mail				Breezy Outdoor (2,6)			
		Language expressing scorn	Unclear	Portable set of stairs					
a		In a little while		Biblical priest		Antenna	Giggle		
	Under- garments	Party, informally							
				Tall grass	Landmass	Feel sorry for	Previously		
	Ethics	Wrong- doing				Heavenly person			
	Hinder	Keepsake				High card			
						Tanker			



WORD SEARCH

Find all the European capital cities listed below in the grid.
Solution next week

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SUMMIT UP

If the number in each triangle is the sum of the two below, what is the top number?

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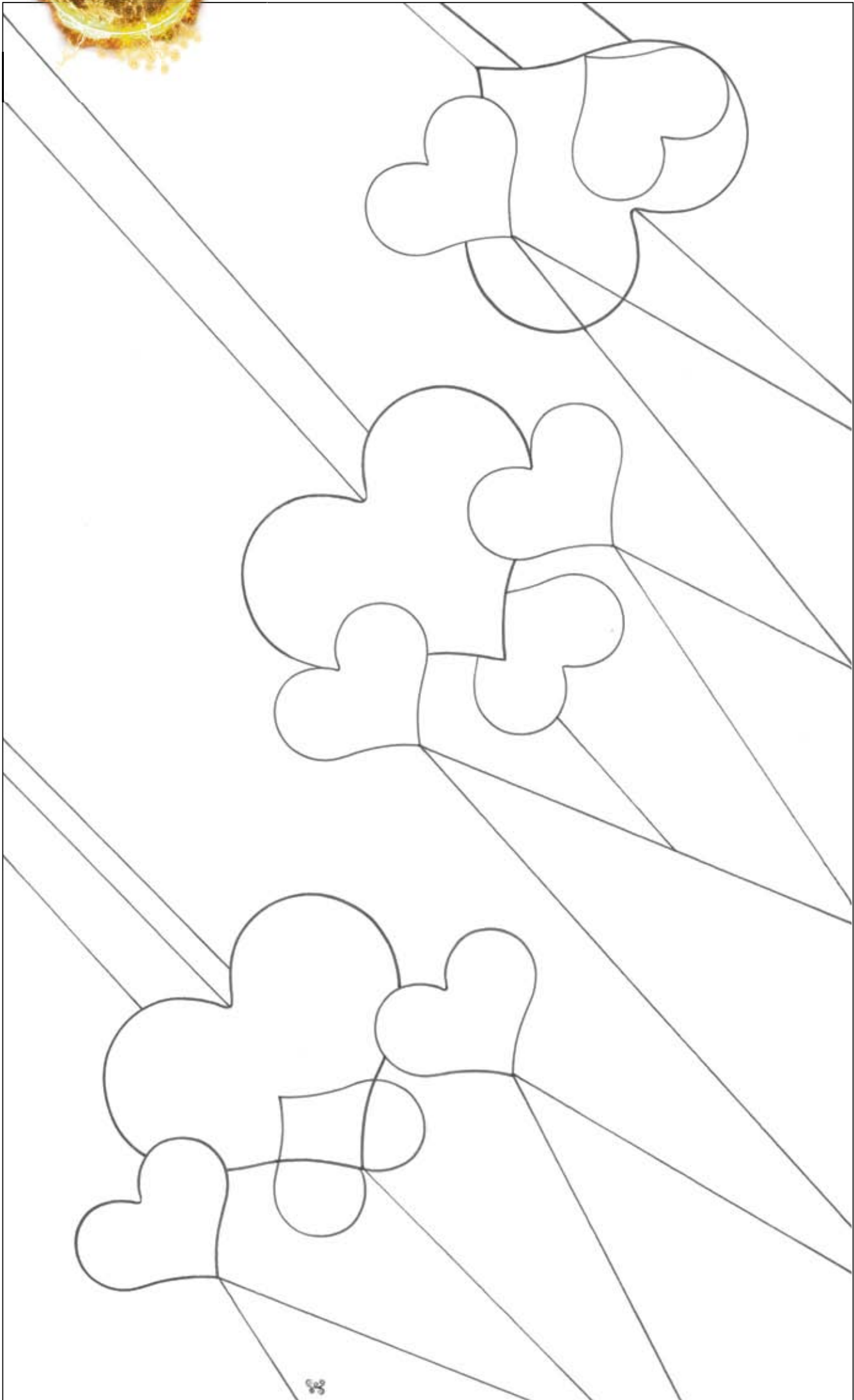
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THE CREATIVE ZONE

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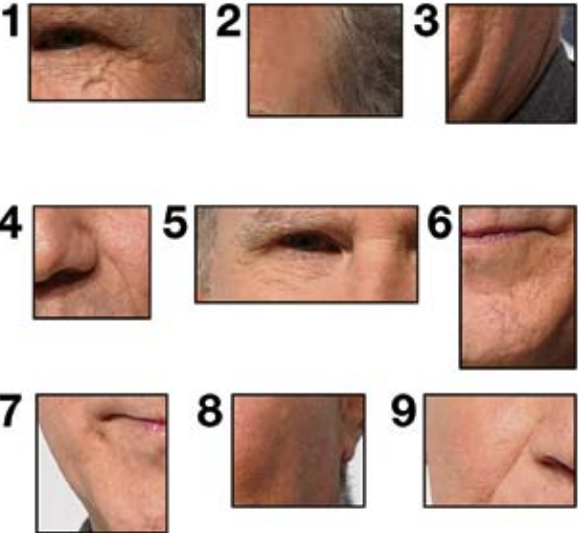
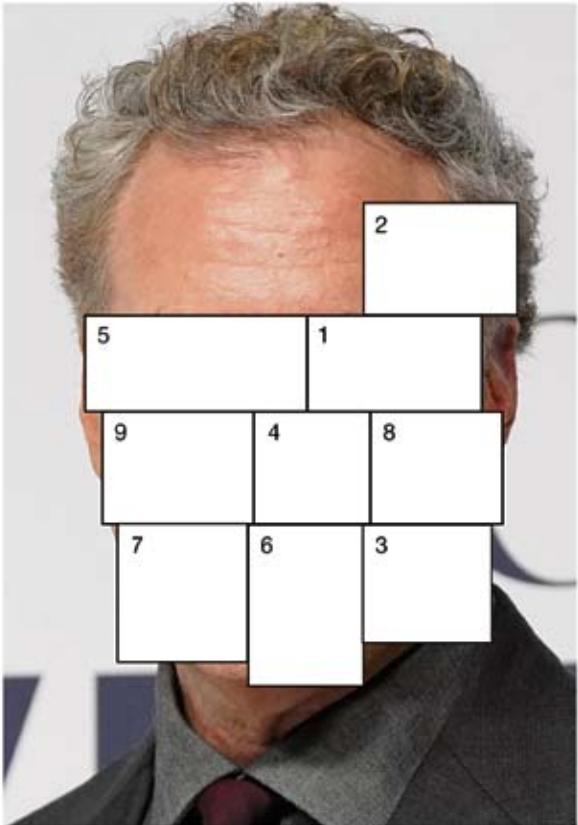


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COLOUR ME IN

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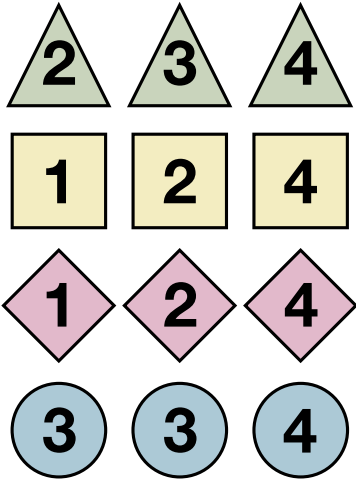
1) Sue has written postcards for her aunts, but she can't remember how to address them. Neither Enid nor Ethel live in England. The aunt in Berlin isn't called Erin or Enid. Edna doesn't live in Bristol or Belfast. One of them lives in Brighton. Where does each aunt live?

2) Which two words meaning 'swindle' and 'foot part' combine into one meaning 'comfort'?

3) Find the Elvis hits in these anagrams:
a) Lush Cookie Jar,
b) Worse Inventor,
c) Rather Hate Bloke.

4) Ian is hopeless at darts. Every time he throws a dart he has a 50% chance of scoring nothing at all. He has absolutely no chance of hitting a treble, a double or any part of the bullseye. If he's equally likely to hit any of the sectors, what's his average score with three darts?

Place the remaining tiles into the grid so that four different numbers and four different shapes appear in each row and column. **Solution next week**



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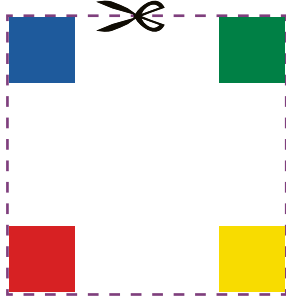
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Open the Barmi Origami one way, then the other to spell out the chosen colour (eg: Y E L L O W).

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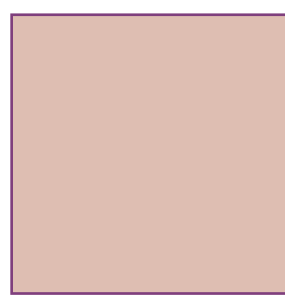
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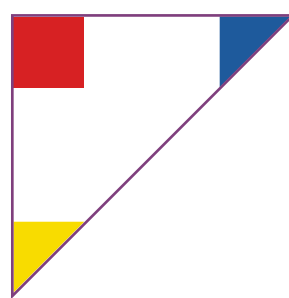
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the words. Your friend must carry out the request. Take care if it is a physical challenge!

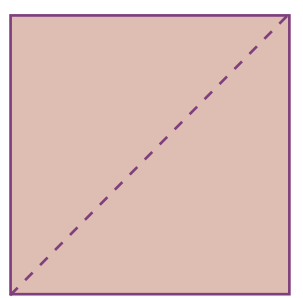
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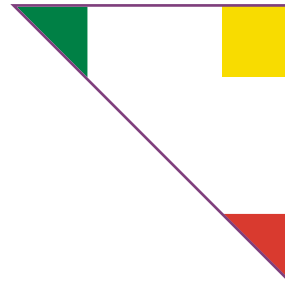
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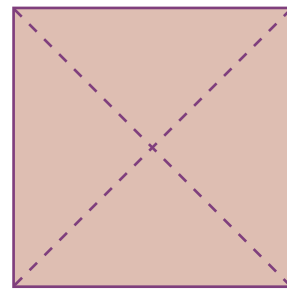
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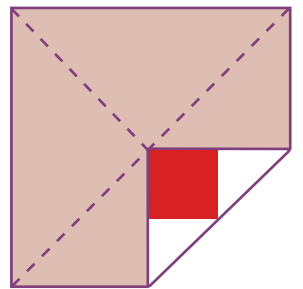
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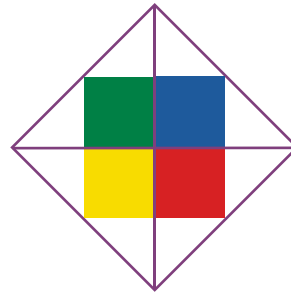
6. Unfold back to a square



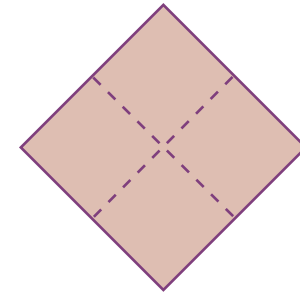
7. Fold a corner to the centre



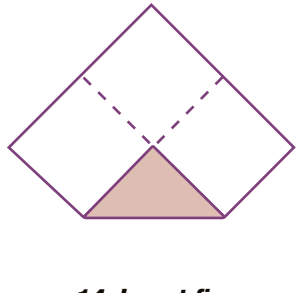
8. Fold the rest of the corners in



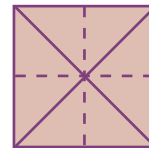
9. Turn over



10. Fold a corner to the centre



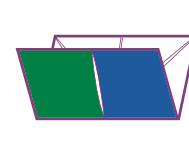
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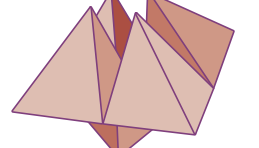
12. Turn over



13. Fold in half



14. Insert fingers making sure the coloured squares are on top



DOT-TO-DOT CHALLENGE

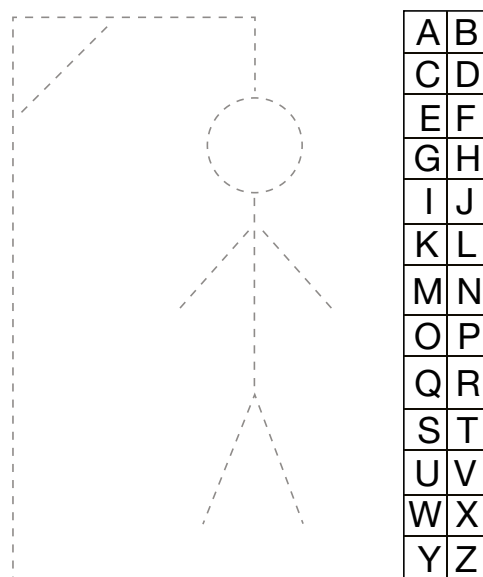
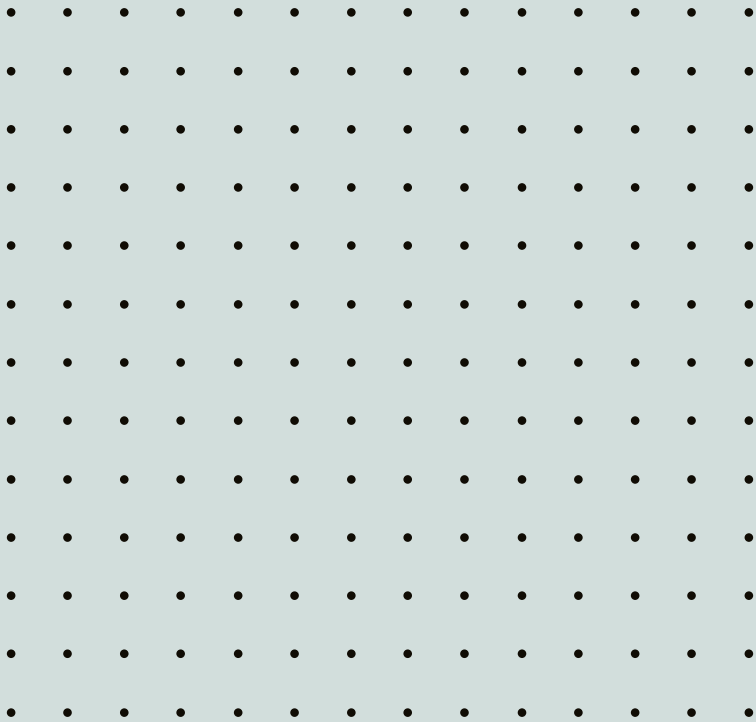
Brush up your fine motor skills by joining up the dots from number 1. Try gliding smoothly from dot to dot without taking your pen or pencil off the paper.

Join the dots to reveal something relaxing!



SQUARES

This game requires two or more players. The first player draws a line from any dot to any vertically or horizontally adjacent dot. The next player does the same, and the players continue to take turns drawing lines in this way. The object of the game is to form a square by joining four dots. When a player draws a line that closes a square, she writes her initials inside the square and gets a bonus turn. When all possible lines have been drawn, the player with the most initialled squares is the winner.

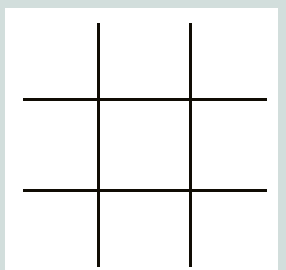
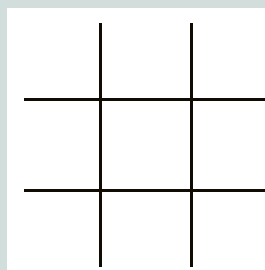
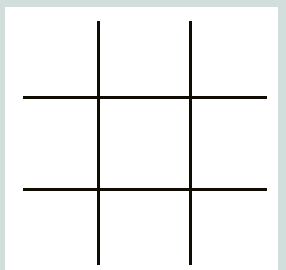
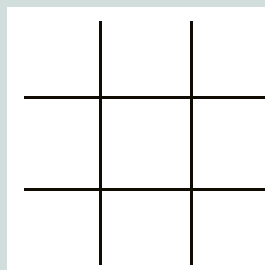
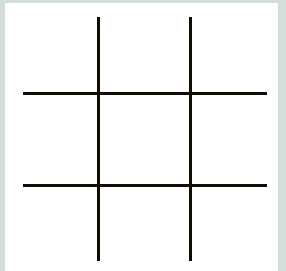


HANGMAN

Think of a farm animal, then in the blue box above, draw dashes to represent the number of letters in the word. Then the person you're playing against starts to guess letters. If the letter is in the word, write it on the corresponding dash. If the letter is not in the word then draw a line on the hangman and cross off the letter on the alphabet chart.

NOUGHTS & CROSSES

A game for two people. Each player takes it in turn to place their **X** or **O** into one of the empty squares in the grid. To win the game get three of your symbols in a line horizontally, vertically or diagonally. Take it in turns to start; best of 5.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

FIND THE SMILING FACE



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

2. The ball hits a Barcelona player in the head and he scores a goal without meaning to. The year was 2025.

PICTURE QUIZ

A. Fruit pastilles, **B.** Wine Gums, **C.** Chocolate Limes, **D.** Humbugs, **E.** Jelly Babies, **F.** Peardrops, **G.** Jelly Beans, **H.** Cola Cubes, **I.** Rhubarb and Custard,

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



MAGIC EYE PICTURE

A bunny skiing

SPOT THE BALL

The ball was in square C 7

SUDOKU

Easy

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

Medium

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

Difficult

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

MEGA ALPHA PUZZLE

Across: Yokel, Calypso, Dungeon, Fjord, Lady, Paw, Wear, Gambit, Touchy, Zinc, Hut, Fang, Laird, Neutral, Scenery, Funny.

Down: Yodel, Guzzles, Kingdom, Naive, Lief, Fix, Idle, Canvas, Quinsy, Lift, Box, Buff, Probe, Chagrin, Orderly, Gully.

SMALL X-WORD

Across: 1 Nashville, 7 Abloom, 9 Meal, 10 Lapse, 12 Ease, 13 Lemon drop, 14 Eden, 16 Suede, 18 Bite, 19 Celebs, 20 Deforests.

Down: 1 Nameless, 2 Slam, 3 Hold on, 4 Volunteer, 5 Lip, 6 Lesson, 8 Deepness, 11 Deduce, 12 Edible, 15 Ties, 17 Elf.

PUB QUIZ

1 Time, 2 Joe DiMaggio, 3 Helicopter, 4 Cannes, 5 BBC Radio 4's Shipping Forecast, 6 Spring, 7 Handwriting, 8 Robbie Williams, 9 Jane Austen, 10 Rushmore, 11 Lot, 12 Blubber, 13 Isaac Hayes, 14 Herbert George, 15 Prime Target,

16 Sherry, 17 Cheese, 18 Oliver Twist, 19 The Bangles, 20 Amandaland, 21 Danish, 22 Florida, 23 Plato, 24 Bingo, 25 Captain America: Brave New World, 26 Dog, 27 Natalie Imbruglia, 28 Nineteenth, 29 Islam, 30 1960s.

BIG X-WORD

Across: 1 Temple of Artemis, 10 Leinster, 11 Galbraith, 12 Isotron, 13 Costa, 15 Kyat, 16 Iona, 17/27 Margaret Mitchell, 18 Mufti, 20 Epode, 22 Halle, 25 Mimsy, 28 Bath, 30 Orne, 32 Lycee, 33 Lakshmi, 35 Christina, 36 Socrates, 37 Weir of Hermiston.

Down: 2 Epigastrium, 3 Latex, 4 Orrery, 5 Augustine, 6 Tolkien, 7 I Want You, 8 Glaucoma, 9 Chennai, 14 Apathy, 15 Knell, 18 Mescal, 19 Fidel Castro, 21 Oxide, 23 Echo Beach, 24 Clueless, 25 Matlock, 26 Sous-vide, 29 Akihito, 31 Nasser, 34 Sochi.

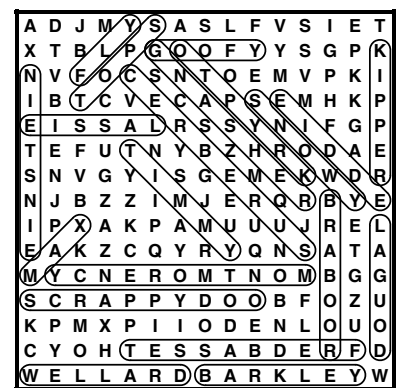
OPTICAL ILLUSIONS

Visual experiment: Initially, the two gratings on the right appear identical. However, by scanning the red bar between the gratings on the left, your eyes adapt. This adaptation varies because the top grating has a lower spatial frequency than the bottom one, which has a higher spatial frequency. After 60 seconds of adaptation, when you refocus on the right-hand gratings, they are likely to no longer look identical. This difference is temporary and is explained by our brain's processing of spatial frequency channels.

ARROW WORD

B	H	S	W	S	B
G	E	M	I	N	I
T	E	T	A	K	E
S	A	N	D	R	A
I	R	E	X	E	R
O	U	T	P	O	S
S	H	I	U	N	I
T	A	M	I	L	D
B	O	N	S	A	I
N	E	E	S	T	E
C	A	I	D	E	L
P	E	E	L	E	A
L	E	S	S	T	S
C	L	E	U	B	F
E	T	U	I	A	Y
O	N	O	R	A	U
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WORD SEARCH



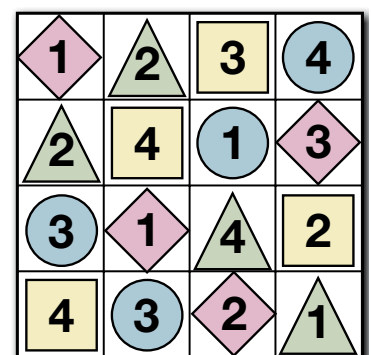
SUMMIT UP
67, 110

DOT TO DOT
A cake stand

STAR SKETCH

The star is Cameron Diaz.

KEIJO



BRAIN TEASERS

1) Butter, batter, bitter, beater. 2) Far-row. 3) a) Some Like It Hot, b) All About Eve, c) The Seven Year Itch. 4) Highest = 28. Lowest = 0.