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'I knew my body couldn't cope for much longer'

EX-BLUES AND ENGLAND STAR ON HOW SHE KNEW WHEN TO QUIT

ELLIE IORIZZA

News Reporter

FORMER Blues and England midfielder Karen Carney said her body "couldn't cope for much longer" as a professional sportswoman, detailing her morning struggle to walk to the toilet.

Carney, who won 144 caps for England and represented Great Britain at the 2012 Olympic Games, described having a "great career" playing for Birmingham City, Arsenal, Chelsea and Chicago as well as her country.

But she made the decision to retire from football in July 2019 when she felt her body had had enough.

Ms Carney, 35, told Runners World UK: "I knew four years ago that my body couldn't cope for much longer.

"I was 31 and when I got up in the morning I'd struggle to walk to the toilet with a bad back, knees and ankles.

"I knew then that I had to stop being a professional sportsperson."

Carney described her move into running after retirement as a "hard shift" from daily football training to "working out to keep fit and maintain good mental health".

Speaking of her running heroes, Solihull-born Carney said: "My all-time athletics hero is Denise Lewis, who's from my part of the Midlands.

"I also had my photo taken with Sir Mo Farah in 2012 when I was part of the Team GB Olympic squad, which was five years after I had first seen him.

"The first time we were at a pre-China World Cup training camp in Macau, and Sir Mo was also preparing there. I remember seeing this amazing athlete doing laps in the blistering heat, which was just incredible."

Since retiring, Carney has become a regular broadcaster for live football for both men's and women's matches, and

recently appeared as part of the England team for Soccer Aid.

She is also leading an in-depth review of women's football to ensure the sustainable growth of the women's game at elite and grassroots level and to build on the Lionesses' success in winning the European title.

■ Read the full Karen Carney interview in the August issue of Runner's World UK, on sale now.

Region hit by earthquake

PEOPLE living in Staffordshire reported "rumbling" and rattling windows and doors as the area was hit by a 3.3 magnitude earthquake.

The British Geological Survey (BGS) confirmed Wednesday's tremor, which had an epicentre 7.3km (4.5 miles) below the village of Tean.

It is the largest of 21 earthquakes to hit the UK in the last two months, comfortably beating two 1.8 magnitude

tremors felt on the Isle of Mull in May.

It falls some way short of the record earthquake in the UK, which the BGS records as a 6.1 magnitude tremor in the North Sea, about 75 miles north east of Great Yarmouth, on June 7 1931.

Fife felt the strongest effects of that earthquake, which was felt as far away as Denmark and Germany.

The BGS says it detects between 200 and 300 quakes in the UK each year.



England's Karen Carney during the World Cup. Inset top, she now works as a TV presenter

Hotspot now in Michelin Guide

A TAPAS restaurant in Birmingham city centre where some plates cost as little as £2.50 has been added to the Michelin Guide.

Plates by Purnell's, the Spanish restaurant by Yummy Brummie Glynn Purnell, was named among the Michelin inspectors' favourite restaurants for June.

The little foodie hotspot on Edmund Street is a fairly new addition to Purnell's portfolio, opening in February. The chef has his Michelin Star-rated fine dining spot in Cornwall Street, as well as The Mount over at Henley. More recently, he launched a bistro in one of Coventry's oldest buildings.

Plates by Purnell's offers small plates that are priced from as little as £2.50 (for the anchovies) and range up to £9 for marinated pork, cod and the grilled octopus options.

Recommending Plates by Purnell's, The Michelin Guide said: "Chef and restaurateur Glynn Purnell has continued to expand his operation across Birmingham and beyond, and this wonderfully realised tapas bar is a fabulous addition to his stable of restaurants.

"Located just around the corner from Glynn's Michelin Starred flagship, there is a more casual atmosphere here in the snaking, rustic dining room."

There are 15 Birmingham restaurants listed in the Michelin Guide.

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E-scooter boy, 12, fell into path of moving bus

STAFF REPORTER

A 12-YEAR-old Birmingham schoolboy riding an e-scooter on a pavement collided with a passenger who had stepped off a bus and then fell into the path of the vehicle, an inquest heard.

Mustafa Nadeem landed beneath the wheel of the bus and was dragged a few metres up the road, it was told.

The tragedy happened in Belchers Lane, Bordesley Green, on December 6, last year.

The "one of a kind" schoolboy, who always had a smile on his face, died at the scene.

Birmingham and Solihull Area Coroner James Bennett said the bus had stopped at a bus stop to let off a passenger.

It then travelled towards a nearby island, as Mustafa was on an e-scooter on the pavement. The boy then collided with a pedestrian and fell into the path of the bus.

Det Sgt Paul Hughes said it happened at 7.58am, based on CCTV timings. Both the bus and the rider

were travelling well below the speed limit. The bus driver said he was travelling at 8mph.

Mr Hughes said Mustafa lost his balance as he attempted to pass the pedestrian.

He fell into the road in front of the bus. He landed beneath the wheel and became trapped. He was dragged a few metres up the road, the officer added.

The hiring of e-scooters was meant for those who have driving licences and scooters should not have been driven on the pavement in that area.

Police investigating how the e-scooter was hired interviewed a friend of Mustafa's under caution.

Mustafa had "persistently" contacted this friend after asking them to unlock the bike so he could ride it.

The friend, who cannot be named for legal reasons, hired the Voi e-scooter using his bank account.

They had taken a bank account from their father's phone and transferred it onto their own phone before adding an under 16s Lloyds bank account on it. This was then used to



Mustafa Nadeem

hire the e-scooter. Police said the friend who unlocked the scooter was not charged with any offence as it was deemed "not in the public interest."

The Voi e-scooter trial in Birmingham ended at the end of February 2023.

Mr Hughes said he had dealt with two fatalities and two other cases involving severe injuries as a result of e-scooters. "The concern for me is the way people chose to ride them, in particular on the pavement," he said.

Prof Adrian Warfield said the boy died from multiple injuries.

Mustafa started secondary school in November 2022 and he had excellent attendance.

Coroner Mr Bennett said a report on educating pupils about the illegal use of e-scooter and road safety indicated Mustafa's death had not seemed to deter pupils using e-scooters.

Jack Samler, regional general manager for Voi Technology UK Ltd, said Mustafa's tragedy had been the first ever Voi e-scooter death out of 100 million rides.

"This doesn't take away from the tragedy of it, but does provide context," he added.

Mustafa's uncle Anis Ali said face verification at the point of unlocking an e-scooter "could save lives."

But Mr Samler said it would be "impractical to do it from a cost perspective." No operator would be able to do put that into effect now – but that might happen in the future.

Area Coroner James Bennett said Mustafa's death was caused accidentally following a road traffic collision.

He then adjourned the hearing to reflect on if he is to issue a prevention on future death report and who he would direct it to.

(Proceeding)

Three arrested after man found dead in apartment

THREE people were last night being questioned on suspicion of murder after a man was fatally stabbed in Birmingham city centre.

Police were called to an apartment in Bradford Street, Digbeth, just after 6am yesterday.

A young man was found with serious injuries and nothing could be done to save him, West Midlands Police said. Two men, aged 18 and 21, and a 20-year-old woman, were arrested on suspicion of murder.

The force said it was in the very early stages of our enquiries and a police presence would remain at the scene.

Anyone with information was asked to contact police via Live Chat on its website, or by calling 101.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Skies will be cloudy today. Afternoon highs will range from 18 to 20C.



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School music room in memory of UB40 ace

STARS OFFICIALLY OPEN DEDICATED SPACE

STAFF REPORTER

News Reporter

GLOBAL reggae stars UB40 have officially opened the Brian Travers Music Room at a Birmingham primary school, in honour of their late bandmate – a passionate supporter of music education for children and young people.

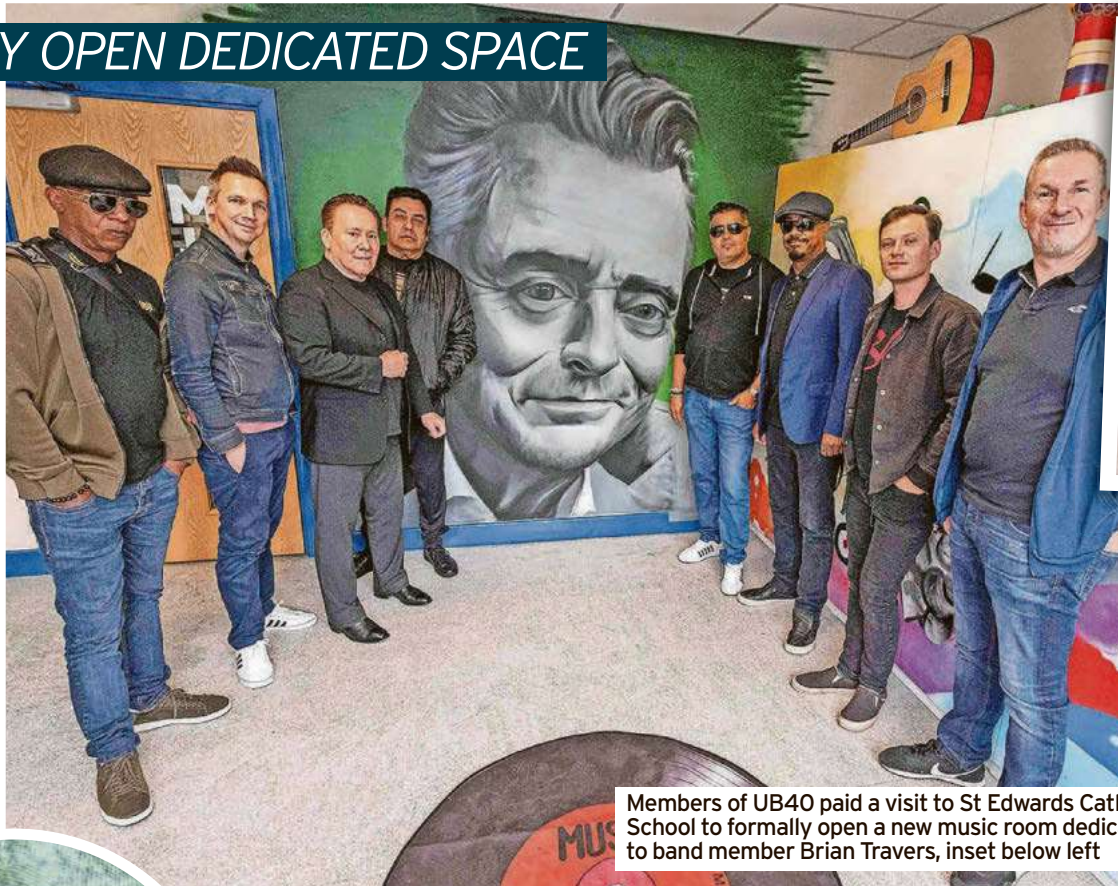
During a ceremony at St Edward's Catholic School to unveil the new resource, founding members Jimmy Brown, Robin Campbell, Earl Falconer, and Norman Hassan paid tribute to their friend and colleague, who died after a battle with cancer.

The dedicated music space at the South Birmingham primary school includes a new bespoke portrait of Brian Travers by city graffiti and street artist VOID alongside musical artwork and murals incorporating QR codes.

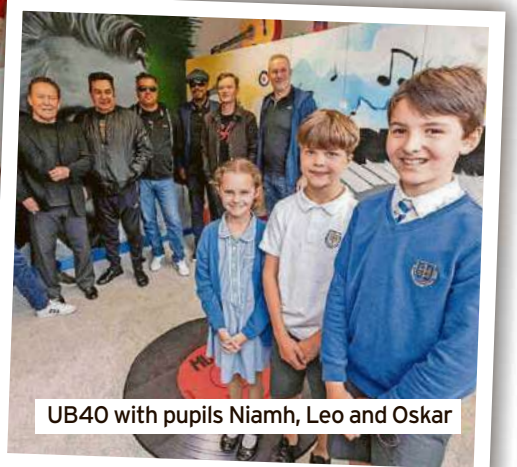
The room is designed to encourage pupils to research and celebrate artists and songs from the Midlands as part of a school-wide initiative to increase music education and improve empowerment and engagement amongst children.

As part of UB40's plans to provide continued sponsorship and support of the Brian Travers Music Room and school, band members presented the first of an annual prize – the UB40 Award – to 11-year-old pianist Oskar Pineau, for his outstanding contribution to the school's music community over the past 12 months.

The band's instrument partner



Members of UB40 paid a visit to St Edwards Catholic School to formally open a new music room dedicated to band member Brian Travers, inset below left



UB40 with pupils Niamh, Leo and Oskar



Roland has also provided new equipment to be used in the Brian Travers Music Room.

Head teacher Natalie Carry said: "We are delighted to welcome UB40 back to

St Edward's on this very special day. We were inspired when we heard about how Brian supported young people to develop their musical talents and felt it was perfect to dedicate our music room to him."

"We are really trying to develop an

innovative, broad and balanced curriculum here at St Edward's and want to ensure that our children are able to develop their creativity.

"We are so proud of Oskar - he is so deserving of this award. Music is such an important part of all our lives, UB40 have and continue to inspire generations and it is fitting for us, a Birmingham school, to celebrate their continued success."

Robin Campbell, guitarist and songwriter with UB40, said: "It was very moving for us all to attend the unveiling of the Brian Travers Music Room and the wonderful tribute that the school has made in his memory."

"Brian's legacy will live on, inspiring children to create and make

music and that is a beautiful thing. We will continue to support St Edward's through the UB40 Award and hope this encourages children keen on music to follow their dreams."

Brian Travers, who died in August 2021 after a battle with cancer, was a founding member of the chart-topping reggae band, playing a crucial role in shaping the sound of UB40 and performing and recording with the group up until his death.

His wife Leslie and daughter Lisa attended the opening. Lisa said: "The UB40 story is so important for Birmingham and its young people, so to see our family's story celebrated here, and my dad's legacy truly continued in the best way fills

my heart. He would have been so honoured and humbled."

With over 100 million albums sold worldwide, 50 UK Top 40 singles and 10 UK Top 10 albums, UB40 are the most decorated and successful Reggae group of all time. Formed in Birmingham in 1978, they proudly wore their working-class roots on their sleeves, championing causes and concerns on songs that tackled political and social issues. On Bank Holiday Sunday 27 August 2023, UB40 will play a homecoming show to thousands at Moseley Park in Birmingham, celebrating 45 years of the iconic UK band.

UB40 have also announced a major UK arena tour for November 2024.

On the move to larger new office in the city centre

THE Birmingham Mail has a new home after it moved to a bigger headquarters across the city.

Journalists and commercial teams from publisher Reach plc in the West Midlands have moved to a new base at Brindleyplace.

Staff working on the Mail, Birmingham Post and Sunday Mercury along with their companion digital brands BirminghamLive and BusinessLive

are now based at Three Brindleyplace.

The new offices have increased desk space, more meeting rooms, a podcast studio, breakout spaces and the latest video and communications technology to enable staff to hold conferences with colleagues across the UK.

The move to Brindleyplace comes after almost five years

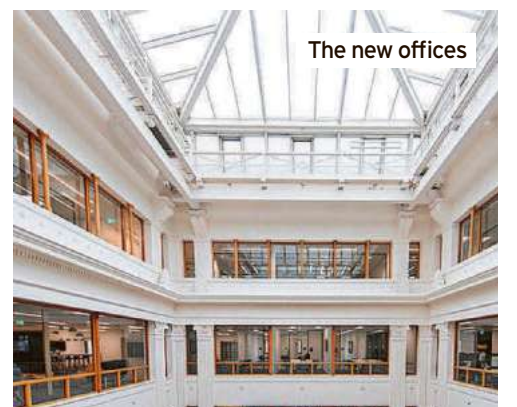
spent in our previous offices, in Church Street, following the 2017 relocation back into the city centre after more than nine years at the Fort Dunlop complex, in Castle Bromwich.

Graeme Brown, BirminghamLive editor and West Midlands editorial director for parent company Reach, said it was a major boost to the operation.

Mr Brown said: "We are very

excited about the move to Brindleyplace. The new office is an ideal location to not only report on Birmingham but also celebrate the best of our city.

"From out of our window, we can see much of what is great about our evolving city centre and we are right in the heart of Birmingham to report on the things that matter to our readers."



The new offices

News

Council rocked by

FINANCIAL CRISIS PUTS VITAL SERVICES IN JEOPARDY

JANE HAYNES

Politics & People Editor

SHOCKWAVES were today reverberating around Birmingham City Council after an equal pay claim liability for £760 million was revealed, throwing its entire budget and every council service into potential jeopardy.

All spending has been brought under strict control and a full review of the entire budget is under way.

It comes after the council revealed it faces an equal pay claims bill of at least £650 million, due immediately – and way beyond what it can pay for from reserves.

Cllr John Cotton, council leader for just a month, said the sums involved meant this was “one of the biggest challenges this council has ever faced.”

“Given the huge sums involved the council cannot afford to pay this from existing resources, including reserves. The council’s entire revenue budget for a year stands in the region of £750 million, which is used to fund services across the city.”

Cllr Cotton, who took over the leadership after former leader Ian Ward was forced out by the Labour Party, added: “We apologise for the failure to get this situation under control.

“It means there will be significantly fewer resources available in the future compared to previous years and we will need to re-prioritise where we spend taxpayers’ money.”

Action has already been taken, he added, including engaging with external auditors. Discussions are under way with officials at the Department of Levelling-Up, Housing and Communities

over next steps. “These discussions remain ongoing as the council looks to explore a number of possible solutions,” he said.

The equal pay issue has been a thorn in the side of the council for over a decade, and has already triggered payouts of more than £1.1 billion. Last year unions GMB and Unison called on the council to act to resolve the issue once and for all, claiming delaying tactics were being used to stop legal claims.

They relate to claims of discrimination over pay and rates of pay for different jobs, lodged mainly by women workers.

The latest announcement indicates the new council leadership has now acted.

A liability totalling between £650 million and £760 million is due as of March this year, they said in a statement. The liability will ‘continue to accrue at an estimated rate of between £5 million and £14 million a month.

“This goes way beyond anything the council has in reserves,” they said.

Enhanced governance will be put in place to monitor the situation, with a panel of councillors, chaired by Cllr Cotton, with the support of an independent expert in local government finance.

Chief Executive Deborah Cadman and her finance chief are working on a budget recovery plan.

Cllr Cotton added: “A values framework will be introduced to inform the difficult choices and the council’s focus will remain on tackling social injustice and inequality. Further updates, including proposed spending controls, will be shared in the very near future.”



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'Mismanagement of our taxes is destroying the future of the city'

THE Conservative opposition said it was a symptom of the council's failings.

Cllr Alex Yip (Con, Sutton Wyld Green), said: “It is deplorable that alongside the financial chaos this Labour administration is presiding over with Oracle (its new and failing IT and HR system), their inability to even sign off their own accounts as the largest council in Europe, we now hear that they need to find £650 million to settle a matter that they said had been dealt definitively with.

“This yet again shows



Cllr Alex Yip

that the council is unable to be trusted with the city's finances and their mismanagement of our taxes and assets is destroying the future of our city.”

One insider said they had reacted to the news with ‘utter shock’. There are now fears for jobs and services, with uncertainty about where cuts will be made to meet the bill.

One outcome could see the council forced to issue a Section 114 notice - this means the council cannot make new spending commitments and must meet within 21 days to discuss what to do next. Previously, most councils in this situation have then passed an amended budget reducing spending on services.

£760m pay claim

Blame, fear - and call for resignations

RESIDENTS REACT TO NEWS OF ANNUAL BUDGET LEFT IN TATTERS

BIRMINGHAM residents and organisations have reacted with fury, fear and concern to the news which has plunged the city council into budget chaos.

The beleaguered authority can't afford to pay the claims, leaving its budget for the year ahead and possibly for years to come in turmoil.

The issue came to light as part of recovery work linked to the council's troubled implementation of a new IT and finance system, Oracle, which has itself run up an unexpected £100 million bill, said the council.

The equal pay issue has locked Birmingham City Council into a financial straitjacket for over a decade, with millions of pounds of taxpayer cash every year poured into settling claims. Originally they focussed on women successfully arguing their roles were underpaid and undervalued compared to men in comparable but different jobs.

Costs of more than £1.25 billion have been run up so far, though it is understood thousands more claims are still active. The reaction to news of the new wave of expected liabilities and the knock-on impact on services has been swift, with demands for urgent action and a rapid solution.

Online, worried residents and groups say they fear services, already 'hanging by a thread', will be further

decimated and impact the worst off and most vulnerable.

Saidul Haque Saeed, a community organiser with Citizens' UK in Birmingham, supporting vulnerable families, was enjoying celebrating Eid with his family when news broke.

He said: "Couldn't get to the end of a religious holiday with my family without epic bad news breaking for all Brum families - especially those who are vulnerable and already struggling!"

It was a concern shared by Dave Rogers, chief executive of Mencap, who commented: "More anxiety and fear for those citizens who rely on already fragile and porous social care services and support."

"To be fair, to this point the council has done everything to protect the services we have left, but I fear that option is now under great threat."

Another man, David said: "This is unacceptable. How can this possibly be a new problem?"

"Wasn't this sorted years ago? The

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David



Council leader Cllr John Cotton and chief executive Deborah Cadman



council has shown time and time and time again that it is not able to govern competently. We need to break the city up into smaller units. The council executive team should resign." Ramdeep Kaur said: "This is my council. Services are already hanging by a thread so this is terrible news for Birmingham residents."

A Tweeting from SEND Parent Action Group said: "Not the first time this has happened either, hence the reserves. Hands off SEND

services. Try cutting some of the extortionate salaries in the city and the other rubbish the city council so heavily commission."

Martin Dalton said answers were needed about why the council had not sorted out the issue of equal pay sooner.

Zeid Hussain had just one word: "Unbelievable."

David Frost asked: "Hot on the heels of the £100m Oracle debacle. Surely bankruptcy has to be on the horizon?"

And Simon Dixon referred to an "absolute clown show".

Several Villa fans expressed their concern that plans for Villa Park would be affected, while the pros-

pect of a new station opening in Witton was described as 'very unlikely now'.

Opac wrote: "I guess we won't be getting that transport infrastructure development money now."

One reader reacted with sarcasm: "Does this mean they're not going to empty the bins properly, or fill potholes, or grit the roads when it snows? How will we know the difference?"

Another added: "This financial challenge eclipses anything faced before. Apologies are offered, but the consequences are clear - fewer resources, re-prioritisation of spending, and a future with even further diminished taxpayer support."

'The people who rely on the council most are the ones who will lose the most'

GREEN Party leader in Birmingham, Coun Julien Pritchard, described the news as 'utterly staggering' and 'gutting and extremely worrying for anyone reliant on vital council services.'

He said: "Brummies are now suffering double whammy of cruelty from Tory austerity cuts and incompetent handling

of this crisis by the council's Labour administration."

Lib Dem councillor Izzy Knowles messaged: "All I can say is it is devastating, as the people who rely on the council most are the ones who will lose the most. I hope it can be sorted out."

Edgbaston Tories tweeted: "Labour have run the city's

finances into the ground and we now face the very real possibility of the council declaring bankruptcy, whilst residents suffer from cut services that were already failing."

Labour councillors also expressed their utter disappointment and dismay. Cllr Jack Deakin (Allens

Cross) tweeted: "This is heartbreaking, something avoidable if the actions of those in the past were different, and the inaction of those who came after them different too. I'm in politics to change lives for the better, that's why I joined UK Labour. Kerry Jenkins (Moseley) added: "This is going to be

devastating in terms of cuts to some of our services."

"Councillors need to be told why we were not advised about the seriousness of the situation before now. Questions have been asked repeatedly about these historic claims and there should have been a plan in place."



Cllr Julien Pritchard

News

Call for police to act on dangerous A45 drivers

AZAAN KHAN, 12, WAS KILLED WHILE RIDING HIS BIKE EARLIER THIS MONTH

ALISON BRINKWORTH
News Reporter

PARENTS have called for harsher penalties from police for drivers jumping red lights, speeding and performing illegal U-turns on the A45 Coventry, after a 12-year-old boy was killed.

BUT West Midlands Police said tackling dangerous driving on one the Birmingham's busiest roads required more than simple law enforcement.

The group of parents claimed they had spent over two years warning police and Birmingham City Council the dual carriageway section through Yardley was "dangerous" and a fatal accident was waiting to happen.

Their worst fears were realised when Azaan Khan, aged 12, died after a collision while riding his bicycle at the junction with Berkeley Road on June 8.

But the force said the solution was more than just using "enforcement", although officers have the power to issue fines, make arrests and proceed with criminal charges for motoring offences.

A police spokesman said: "Encouraging everyone to comply with the speed limits requires engineering, education and enforcement. Enforcement is therefore only one facet.

"The placement of speed cameras is a decision for the local authority.

"West Midlands Police will commit to work with the local authorities to increase schemes in accordance with the pledge of the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner

“Encouraging everyone to comply with the speed limits requires engineering, education and enforcement. Enforcement is only one facet



Pictured angry residents who live near to the busy A45 Coventry Road junction in Hay Mills

Simon Foster."

A Birmingham City Council spokesman previously said: "Our thoughts are with the family and friends impacted by this tragic incident.

"Road safety for all users of our roads is of utmost importance and the council will support the ongoing police investigation to establish facts and respond to any recommendations that may be put forward in due course by either the police or any coroner's

inquest, as we do with any fatal collisions."

Parents called for more police activity and "making an example of bad drivers" in the area.

They have also complained there are no speed cameras that work to stop irresponsible and dangerous driving on the 40mph A45, near Redhill Road and Redhill Primary School, which they would like to see changed to a 20mph or 30mph area.

Families cross several times a day to reach shops, mosques and schools including Holy Trinity School and Redhill Primary.

Parents claimed some children were terrified, screaming about oncoming cars, and they felt they were taking their lives into their hands to get from one side to the other, even with a traffic light crossing.

After Azaan's death, police arrested a 32-year-old man on suspicion of dangerous and drug driving.

He was later released on bail.

Det Sgt Paul Hughes, from the Serious Collision Investigation Unit at West Midlands Police, said: "We are appealing for witnesses and in particular for people with dash cam footage to please contact us."

Walking for Parkinson's

PEOPLE in the West Midlands are being invited to join Parkinson's UK for a fundraising walk to help finance vital research to find better treatments and a cure.

Walk for Parkinson's is the charity's national community fundraising series, and everyone is encouraged to get involved to get active, meet new people, and help fund life-changing research at Sutton Park on Saturday, July 22.

The Walk for Parkinson's event offers distances to suit everyone where you can explore the stunning woodlands and lakes of the park. There are two routes to choose from, a shorter, family friendly two mile route, which is fully accessible, or a six mile route for those wanting to take on more of a challenge.

Walkers will warm up together, walk together, and finish together as they start and finish with other members of the Parkinson's community.

Aaron Coleman, regional fundraiser for West Midlands at Parkinson's UK, said: "Whatever your age or fitness level, we'd love to see you at Sutton Park to Walk for Parkinson's. Take the first step and sign up today.

■ To find out more about Walk for Parkinson's and to sign up to walk or volunteer visit parkinsons.org.uk/get-involved/walk-parkinsons or email walk@parkinsons.org.uk.

City success just the start

RECENT regeneration successes will act as a springboard for Wolverhampton's economic priorities and plans.

Cllr Stephen Simkins, deputy leader and cabinet member for inclusive city economy, says the schemes have boosted the local economy, improved the city's infrastructure, and are expected to deliver further growth, investment, skills and jobs.

They include four key council-led projects, including the i9 office development, Wolverhampton Interchange, i54 and The Halls Wolverhampton.

Popular bakery is halfway to its £20k expansion target

A KINGS Heath bakery, which asked its customers for help expanding into the unit next door, has raised almost £10,000 for the construction work.

Customers of Early Bird Bakery on Kings Heath High Street, have funded the business half of its £20,000 target in two weeks, with 191 people pledging £9,857 on the bakery's crowdfunding page.

The queues to get into Early Bird Bakery on a weekend are well known, with comedian Joe Lycett event pointing it out during his speech at Queens Heath Pride earlier this



month. The bakery said that it would rather expand into an adjoining unit than leave the neighbourhood in search of a bigger place.

It has 4.8 stars out of five on Google Reviews, with customers complimenting its treats like Kinder Bueno pain au chocolat and Turkish

eggs. It launched a crowdfunding campaign in the hopes to getting support in the expansion.

Tim Coward, head pastry chef and co-owner of Early Bird, said he hopes a bigger place will encourage more people to visit Kings Heath.

He said: "We've had great support from our local community and a lot of happy customers since announcing our expansion.

"We really wanted to make it a place that people can be proud of in their local neighbourhood, and a place people feel they can bring their

friends to. Our small space has meant long queues so we're really excited about expanding and hopefully welcoming more people to the area!"

But the expansion project will only be funded if at least £20,000 is raised by July 12. The bakery is offering rewards to donors, including coffee and cake, custom shirts and tote bags, and afternoon teas. Those who pledge £750 will have brunch made at home by the Early Bird head chef for ten people and those who pledge £60 can design a brunch dish to feature on the menu for a weekend.

Dad in wheelchair delays school run over safety fears



Stephen Tyler and his family - wife Irene, and children Isaak, Irene, Seth and Sean - outside the closed gate

HE IS NOW FORCED TO USE A BUSY ROAD AFTER SCHOOL CLOSED A GATE DUE TO 'SAFEGUARDING'

JASBIR AUTHI
News Reporter

A WHEELCHAIR-bound parent is deliberately sending his children to school late after he was forced to use a busy road.

Stephen Tyler used the Tower Road entrance when he accompanied his four children to Mere Green Primary School.

But around a fortnight ago, the school announced it was closing the gate following an 'altercation' and everyone would have to use the entrance on St James Road.

Mr Tyler claimed the road is too narrow, busy and he fears he will be hit by a car.

He and his wife hung a sheet on Tower Road calling for the old gate to be reopened, and now sends his children aged eight, seven, four and three, in at 9.30am instead of 8.45am, to avoid the traffic.

But the school insists closing the gate is right because of safeguarding concerns. It has contacted individual families who may be most affected and supported them with alternative arrangements.

Mr Tyler, 32, said: "I fear being hit by a car, falling into the road,

everything goes through your head as a parent. The entrance at Tower Road was used by many parents as a safe way of getting on to the grounds.

"We all now use St James Road which is not wide. It's very narrow. I'm having to go into the road. Last week, I was nearly hit by three cars. Pupils from Arthur Terry use it, you've got cars using it."

The Tylers draped a sheet with the message "We Want Tower Road Gate Open. We Want It Now", over the gate. He said: "There's a Whatsapp group with around 60 parents in it. Everyone is going completely mad over it. I've emailed the school and CEO. We are calling for a meeting by July 7."

Kristal Brookes, headteacher of Mere Green Primary School, said: "The safety and wellbeing of all children is our priority. We have made the decision to close the Tower Road entrance to ensure appropriate safeguarding.

"We appreciate that our decision has impacted some families, and their views have been considered. We have contacted individual families who may be most affected and have supported them

with alternative arrangements.

"The school is in regular communication with parents, and I am available to discuss any concerns with them. However, the safety of our school is the driving factor for our decision."

A letter sent to parents on June 20 read: "Thank you for your ongoing support and co-operation with the recent changes to the start and end of the school day. As you are aware, last Thursday, there was a serious altercation between parents, on site at Mere Green.

"This incident required us to reassess our current procedures and make some changes to ensure the highest possible level of safeguarding for our school community. The Tower Road entrance has been temporarily closed following this incident.

"However, I write to inform you of the permanent closure of the Tower Road entrance to Mere Green Primary School. The Tower Road entrance will not reopen and will no longer be an entrance point to school. I have consulted with the ATLTP Safeguarding team, Operations and Estates and HR and have their full support."

Thrill seekers come back down to Earth for charity

DAREDEVIL thrill seekers were today descending one of Birmingham's tallest residential buildings to raise money for charity.

It was taking place from the roof of Bank Tower 2 in Sheepcote Street, which is 33 storeys and over 100 metres tall, in aid of local charity Edward's Trust.

The event has been organised by Birmingham commercial property consultancy KWB to help fund Edward's Trust's bereavement services for West Midlands' families.

More than £14,000 has already been raised through sponsorship and donations and KWB are urging people to give as much money as they can.

Jo Spencer, office manager, said: "The event is going to be so much fun, and I want to wish all our abseilers, including KWB staff, the very best of luck!

"I also want to say a huge thank you to those who have donated so far. Edward's Trust does vital work supporting children, young people and families facing loss and surviving bereavement but depend on donations to operate."

Helen Tomblin, communications and marketing manager at Edward's Trust, added: "As one of the abseilers I'm feeling a bit nervous but looking forward to the challenge.

"We're so grateful to KWB for organising this event. We're urging more companies to offer corporate support like KWB do. We are a small team and need help to organise big fundraising events like this."

The abseil is being run by Dolomite Training.

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School club 'a breath of fresh air' at care home

CARE home residents welcomed young visitors from an after school club as they worked together, planting sunflower seeds.

Fountains care home in Shirley, Solihull, was delighted to host Morris Minors after school club last week.

Louise Crooks, activities co-ordinator at the Fountains home, said: "We've all had such a brilliant time with the children,

they were so delightful. There was much chatting and laughter. Together with our residents, they planted sunflower seeds and talked about the flowers and plants.

"This was followed by our young friends enjoying some tea time treats.

"They were a breath of fresh air, our residents thoroughly enjoyed spending time with them and they are welcome back anytime."



Residents and pupils at Fountains care home in Shirley, Solihull



Rachel Martin at home with her guide dog Jamie

Guide dog's owner feels like 'second class citizen'

NATHAN CLARKE
News Reporter

A BLIND woman with a guide dog owner has been made to feel like a "second class citizen" after revealing how she is routinely refused entry into businesses and services.

Rachel Martin, from Birmingham, claimed she is often illegally turned away from taxis, shops and even her local GP because of her trusted companion.

Rachel, 44, is registered blind having been diagnosed with retinoblastoma as a child and has been partnered with her 'life changing' guide dog Jamie for the past three years.

She claimed taxi drivers refuse to pick her up when they see Jamie, leaving her feeling "isolated, stranded and vulnerable".

The law states that it is a criminal offence for a taxi driver to refuse an assistance dog owner - but Rachel said these types of refusals were routine.

Rachel, alongside charity Guide Dogs, has called on the Government to strengthen the law to end the unacceptable discrimination experienced by many guide dog owners.

"It's a basic human right which is being denied," said Rachel.

"I don't think people should be penalised for having a wonderful creature who is an assistance to them - everyone deserves to have their independence and to be treated with dignity.

"Last week I ordered an Uber to take me to work. I stepped out of my front door and the driver immediately said, 'I don't take dogs.'

"I tried to explain that he was a guide dog and that he had a legal responsibility to take me and eventually he agreed, but it was quite stressful because I knew he didn't really want me there."

Rachel has also experienced refusals from shops - even those she has visited before.

"So many times I've walked into shops and we've been stopped by security," she said. "You feel like nobody wants you there - it makes you feel like a second class citizen.

"If I had a wheelchair I wouldn't be expected to leave my wheelchair outside.

"It really puts you on edge and knocks your confidence."

Rachel has been with her guide dog Jamie for the past three years.

"I'm quite an independent person but Jamie has changed my life," she said.

"I'm not saying it's all negative - there's a lot of really good awareness about guide dogs and what they do - but there are a lot of obstacles too which can make the whole process so much more stressful.

"I don't think the law is well understood and it needs to be brought to the forefront - there needs to be more education and awareness campaigns to stop this inequality."

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Former footballer dies after 10-yr MND fight

TRIBUTES POUR IN FOR DAD-OF-TWO WHO HELPED TO RAISE AWARENESS

JOSH SANDIFORD

News Reporter

A MUCH-loved former Midland footballer has died following a decade-long health battle.

Tom Stevenson was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease (MND) in October 2013 and made it his mission to raise awareness of the condition.

In 2014, the Birmingham Mail reported the dad-of-two had celebrity friends "all over the world".

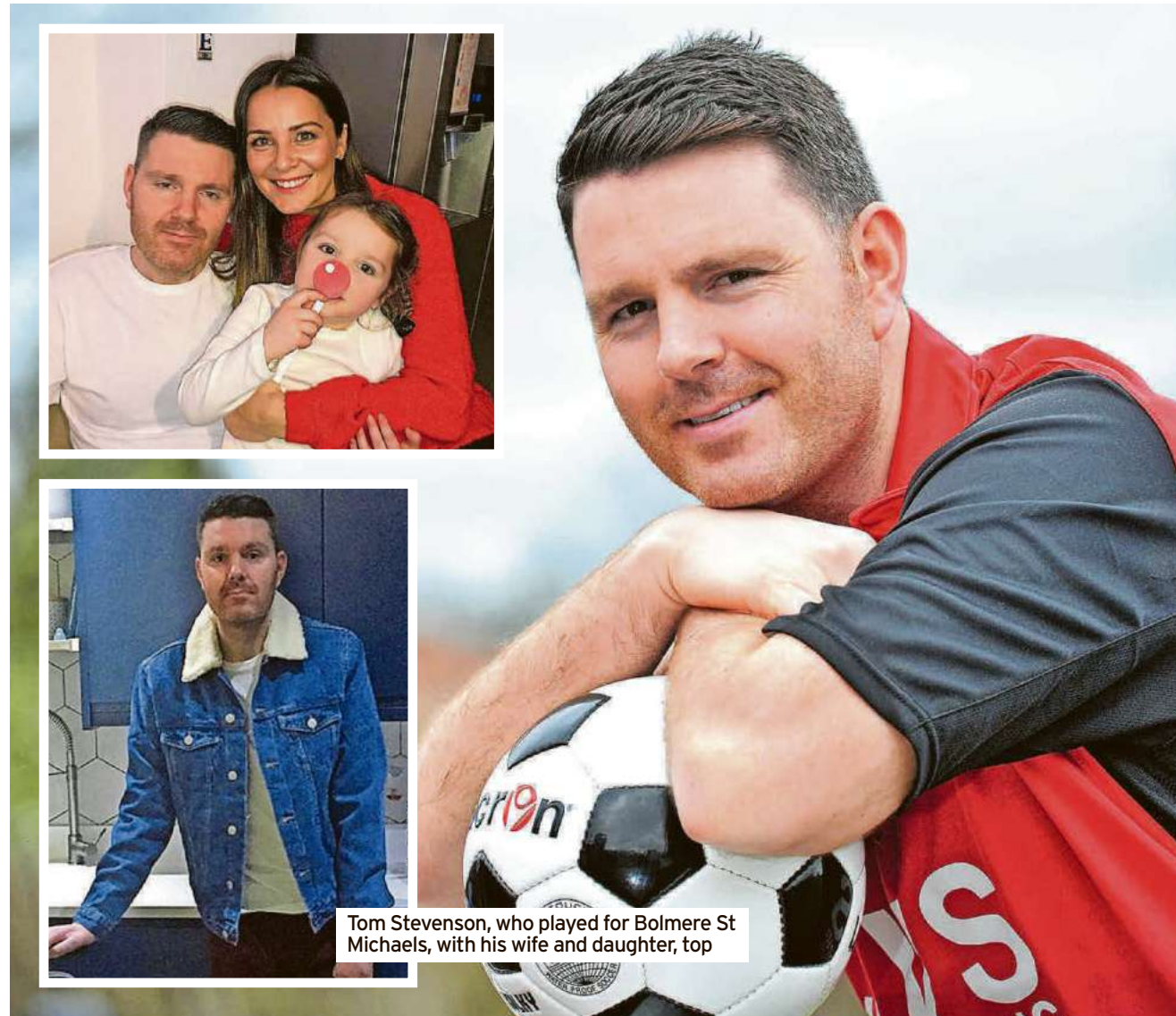
The then Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho, comedian John Bishop and former Aston Villa captains Gareth Barry and Stilian Petrov were among those who supported his 'Global4Stev0' initiative. The latter also played in a charity match to support him following his diagnosis.

At the time, Tom had come up with the idea of creating bright orange t-shirts to increase knowledge of MND. The boyhood Villa fan, from Sutton Coldfield, even put a map of the world on his website marking the far-flung locations his t-shirts had been snapped.

His former clubs included Solihull Borough and Boldmere St Michaels, which he captained. Tamworth Football Club confirmed his death.

A club spokesman said: "We were saddened to hear of the death of former Lambs player Tom Stevenson, who tragically lost his life from Motor Neurone Disease. Tom was with the Lambs for three seasons from 2001 to 2003 stepping up to make four appearances and six substitute appearances.

"Tom went on to play for Bedworth United, Solihull Borough, Racing Club Warwick, Orange County Blue Star (USA) before signing Boldmere St Michaels. He was the Boldmere Captain



Tom Stevenson, who played for Bolmere St Michaels, with his wife and daughter, top

and he achieved considerable success there.

"He skippered the Mikes in the third of their hat-trick of Walsall Senior Cup wins, proudly lifting the trophy at Bescot Stadium. We send our deepest condolences and prayers to Tom's family and friends at this sad time."

Tom worked at PSR Solutions, a construction and built environment recruitment firm. Managing director John Berks

said the former non-league hero had "remained resilient and displayed incredible strength and bravery throughout his journey".

John said: "Stev0, our dear friend and colleague, taught us the true meaning of strength as he faced the daily challenges of MND with unwavering resolve and determination.

"He had a magnetic quality to his personality and in the time we were fortunate to spend with him he would bring laughter to

those around him, light up any room and he was always ready for a good wind-up even in the face of adversity.

"Our hearts and thoughts go out to his family, Lian and his children Theo and Orla, who shared his journey and supported him every step of the way. May Stevo's courageous spirit inspire us all to live each day with gratitude, compassion and love for those who matter most."

Pupils share celebration

PRIMARY school pupils from across the West Midlands came together to celebrate and share ideas for healthier lifestyles.

Eight schools, currently participating in the Health for Life initiative, met at St Andrew's Stadium to demonstrate activities around growing food, healthy eating and exercise, that they have developed since joining the scheme last autumn.

New Oscott Primary School, in Sutton Coldfield, showcased their cooking by creating homemade pancakes with a sweet and savoury twist, which included strawberry and vanilla, raisin and lemon and cheese and chive.

Meanwhile, Penns Primary School put other students to the test on their food and nutrition knowledge by encouraging them to match up the missing nutritional values on a range of spaghetti bolognese jar sauces.

The hands-on activity aimed to highlight the high fat, sugar and salt quantities in pre-made sauces and promote the benefits of making homemade, healthy sauces from scratch.

Health for Life was introduced by Mondelez International in 2011 and has now involved 211 schools across the city.

Kelly Farrell, of Mondelez International, said: "Our annual Health for Life celebration event is always an enjoyable way to celebrate what pupils and staff have achieved."

'Dressing down days' help raise £1,200 for charity

STAFF overseeing housing developments within the West Midlands have raised over £1,200 - by not wearing uniforms.

Employees at Jessup Partnerships, pictured right, who have 14 sites in the West Midlands, have contributed

towards a number of charitable organisations through their Dress Down Friday donations.

With sites in Dudley, Birmingham and Wolverhampton, office staff routinely ditch their formal gear for more casual clothing in exchange for contributing

towards a collective fund. The developer has recently supported charities including Brain Tumour Research, Comic Relief, Breast Cancer Awareness and Macmillan Cancer Support, as well as a £500 donation to YMCA Black Country's homelessness awareness event.



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First look at new railway station for Midlands' 'unhappiest' town



The proposed new Redditch train station at the end of Birmingham cross city line

FIRST images of how Redditch railway station's redevelopment will shape the town for decades to come have been released.

Illustrations show the new glass-fronted two-storey building at the end of Birmingham's Cross City Line.

Revamping the station was one of the county's "most important projects" according to Worcestershire County Council. It is a key part of

transforming the town that was named the 'unhappiest place to live in the Midlands' after a survey by the Office for National Statistics last year.

The accessible station building will include a ticket office, passenger waiting areas, toilets and shops. Emerging designs, shown in these pictures, are described as "sustainable and ambitious" by the Council.

As a fresh gateway into Redditch, it's hoped the new-look station will give a positive first impression of the town. Landscaped areas at the front of the station will also improve the crossing to Unicorn Hill, the bus station and Kingfisher Shopping Centre. You can see nostalgic photos of the iconic Kingfisher building here.

Cyclists also get a boost with improved cycle paths on Unicorn Hill

and new bike storage facilities at the train station. The council now wants to get locals' views on the plans through an online survey, open until August 7 and via community events.

Worcestershire County Cllr Marc Bayliss said: "It will be brilliant to see this planned investment come to fruition, bringing benefits for years to come and becoming a station we can all be proud of."

Top award for site manager

A BIRMINGHAM project manager has been named among the best in the country for quality.

Ian Green, aged 55, senior project manager at David Wilson Homes' Tenchlee Place development in Hall Green, has won a Pride in the Job Quality Award from the National Housebuilding Council (NHBC).

Ian, who has been working for David Wilson Homes for a total of 12 years, and now oversees construction at the Shaftmoor Lane development in Hall Green, has received his 15th Pride in the Job Quality Award, and has also previously won nine Seals of Excellence, and two Regional Awards.

Ian said: "It's always a great feeling to be recognised with an award, and the win for Tenchlee Place, a new site for us in Birmingham, makes it even more special."

The awards rate site managers against key criteria such as technical expertise, health and safety, consistency and attention to detail.

Food boss left city 'to dodge tax bill'

EX-CHINATOWN BUFFET DIRECTOR FAILED TO CLEAR £30K DEBT

ANNABAL BAGDI
News Reporter

THE former boss of an all-you-can-eat Chinese buffet in Birmingham who jetted off to Hong Kong after dodging a £30,000 tax bill has been given a suspended jail sentence.

Patrick Lau was placed on a UK Border alert list after he failed to keep in touch with the Insolvency Service.

The 46-year-old had racked up debts - including an unpaid tax bill - but did not pay them back when his eatery went into liquidation. Instead, Lau and two others pocketed almost £100,000.

Lau was sole director of Big Wok Ltd - which traded as a Chinese buffet restaurant from



Big Wok, in Birmingham, has now closed down

Wrottesley Street, until it went into liquidation in 2018. His company had been insolvent from at least March 2018, the Insolvency Service said.

He 'correctly sought' advice from an insolvency practitioner but then went on to make payments of almost £100,000 to himself and two others. The defendant should have repaid

his debts - which included £30,000 in unpaid tax - as is legally required.

Following an initial investigation by the Insolvency Service, Lau signed a six-year disqualification undertaking which came into effect on December 15, 2020. But he did not engage with the subsequent Insolvency Service investigation and relocated

to Hong Kong. The fraudster was placed on a UK Border alert list due to his lack of co-operation before the Insolvency Service secured an arrest warrant when it heard Lau was flying to the UK in January of this year.

Lau admitted four counts of fraud under the Insolvency Act 1986 and one count of failure to maintain, and keep records at Birmingham Crown Court.

He was given a 16-month sentence, suspended for two years and also ordered to pay £3,000 costs and do 200 hours unpaid work.

John McFadian, chief examiner at the Insolvency Service said: "It causes real hardship to innocent creditors, and has resulted in the public purse being short-changed."



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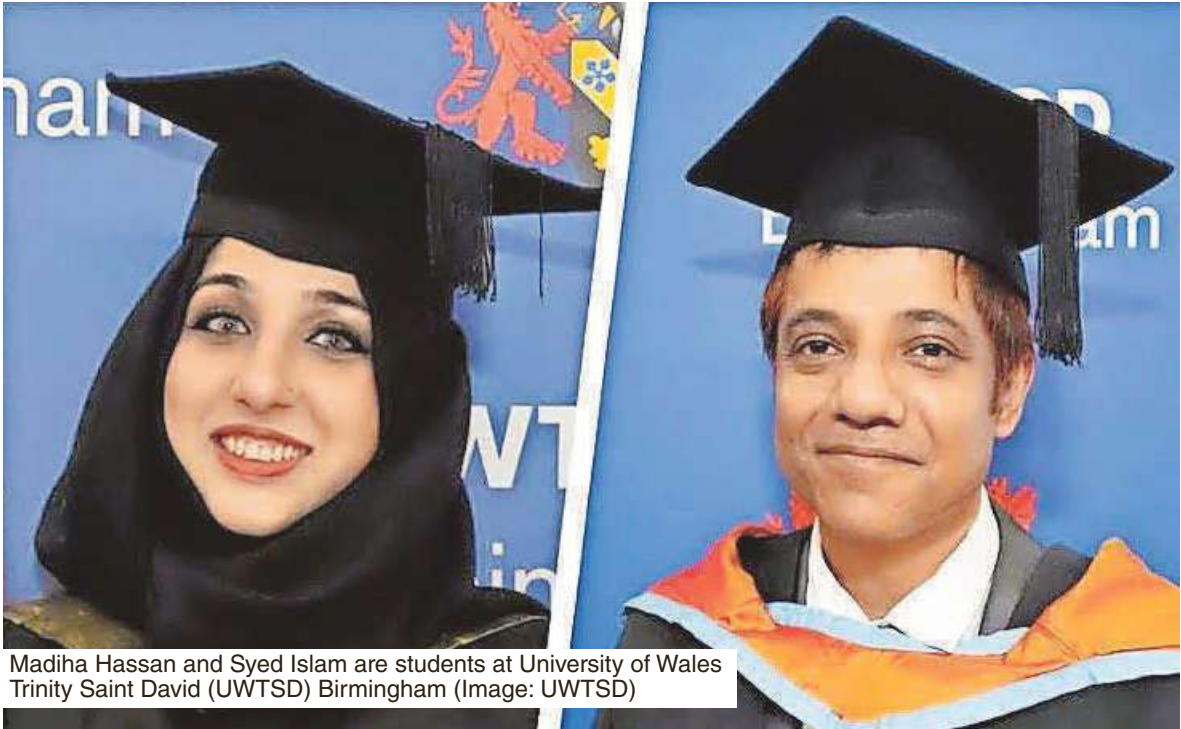
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Students thank UWTSD for helping them accomplish their dreams

UWTSD STUDENTS MADIHA HASSAN AND SYED ISLAM SHARED THEIR INSPIRING STORIES AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY THIS WEEK



Madiha Hassan and Syed Islam are students at University of Wales Trinity Saint David (UWTSD) Birmingham (Image: UWTSD)

TWO hard-working students have thanked University of Wales Trinity Saint David (UWTSD) for boosting their confidence and changing their lives.

Madiha Hassan and Syed Islam shared their inspiring stories at the University of Wales Trinity Saint David (UWTSD) Birmingham graduation ceremony on June 27.



MADIHA HASSAN

Madiha came to the UK from Pakistan for her education at UWTSD Birmingham Campus. But her journey wasn't a smooth one.

She said: "I started from scratch. I left Pakistan and came to university to prove that girls and women from my country can achieve more than what they are led to believe."

"People in my past told me that my role was simply to have children and claim money. It always made my blood boil. So, I did something about it. I arranged to take an exam that would get me into university, and I got accepted."

But getting to the UK turned out to be the easy part...

Madiha continued: "At the start of my time at UWTSD, I lost my home. I had three children, and I was completely heartbroken

and without a roof over my head, so naturally that impacted my mental health.

"Some of the modules on the course actually helped me with that – to understand myself a bit better and ease the mental strain a little by learning about it."

"But my goal was still a burning fire inside me, so I just got on with it. I had to become something, to inspire my daughters and many girls like me, and show them what they can achieve against all odds."

Fast forward a few years and, against all these odds, Madiha did succeed. Now a Bachelor of Science graduate in Health and Social Care, she was awarded a First Class degree which gave her a "wholesome feeling".

Now, Madiha looks to the future: "I'm aiming for a Masters, but it's a step-by-step process, so I'm pleased I've built up the functional skills needed to get me closer to this goal."

"University totally changed me – a girl who, once upon a time, could not even speak to strangers, can now give whole presentations alone. I recommend UWTSD 100% to everyone."

SYED ISLAM

Syed graduated with an MBA in Banking and Finance this week and has already signed up for his next course – a diploma in teaching.

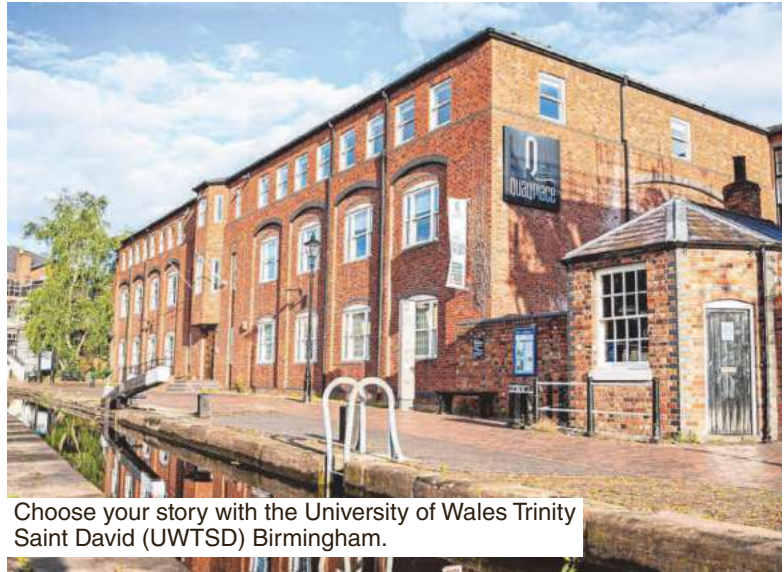


He explained: "My father had an Indian restaurant, so I learnt a lot – from being a chef to learning how to run a business."

"However, it was not enough. I wanted to open my own business."

Syed spent seven years driving a taxi, and then an opportunity came up to open his first Indian Restaurant in Birmingham with a friend.

He said: "Again, I learnt a lot but I still wanted a university degree. In 2018 my business partner told me about the new campus that had opened in Birmingham Sparkhill."



Choose your story with the University of Wales Trinity Saint David (UWTSD) Birmingham.

"I sold my restaurant and enrolled at UWTSD's campus in Birmingham."

Syed chose Leadership and Management Skills for Workplace because he "knew it would add value to my business background".

He admitted: "My first few weeks were very daunting. I felt my fellow students had better communication skills and were more competent. I felt like a fish out of water."

"Nevertheless, I chose to stay and give myself a chance. Encouraged by my lecturers and peers, I overcame my fears, and after nine months, I settled in quite comfortably."

In 2021, Syed graduated with a BA in Leadership and Management, earning a distinction.

He said: "That gave me enough confidence, and I enrolled on the new MBA Banking and Finance programme offered by the university, from which I've just graduated."

"It's very difficult to describe the excitement and how emotional it feels that I have now accomplished my dreams."

He has now enrolled on a teaching course, Diploma in Education and Training (DET.)

He concluded: "My ambition is to become a teacher. I also assist with mentoring students on the Birmingham campus, and I am helping new students with any issues they are facing."

"Ultimately, I want to pass on my newfound wisdom to the next generation and inspire them with my journey."



UWTSD celebrates Birmingham graduates of 2023



THE University of Wales Trinity Saint David's (UWTSD) Birmingham campus graduation ceremony took place at the city's Eastside Rooms on Tuesday (27th July)

With two campuses - Sparkhill Campus on Stratford Road and Quay Place Campus in the city centre - UWTSD Birmingham offers opportunities for people of all backgrounds to enter Higher Education.

Sparkhill and Quay Place combine to form a thriving campus where Home and International students can learn new skills for the workplace, develop existing skills, build confidence, and meet others with similar goals.

Addressing the graduands, Dr John Deane, Dean of UWTSD's Institute of Inner-City Learning Birmingham campus said:

"The graduation ceremony marks the climax in the academic career of our students.

"It is the result of hard work and commitment, but we should also remember the support given by family and friends.

"You all graduate with the skills and attributes you require to make a difference in your chosen career.

"I trust, as you look back at your time as a student at the university, that you take with you the many friendships and happy memories of our time here, and that your experiences at UWTSD will serve you well throughout your life.

"I wish you all success for your future and remind you that, as alumni of this university, we will endeavour to support you and hope that you will continue to stay in touch with us."

It's no wonder that Madiha and Syed were so keen to talk about how UWTSD's friendly and lively atmosphere helps its students develop their potential to the full.

For more information about the Birmingham campus or to discuss the programmes, email birminghamadmissions@uwtsd.ac.uk or call 0121 229 3000. You can also find out more on the website: www.uwtsd.ac.uk/birmingham



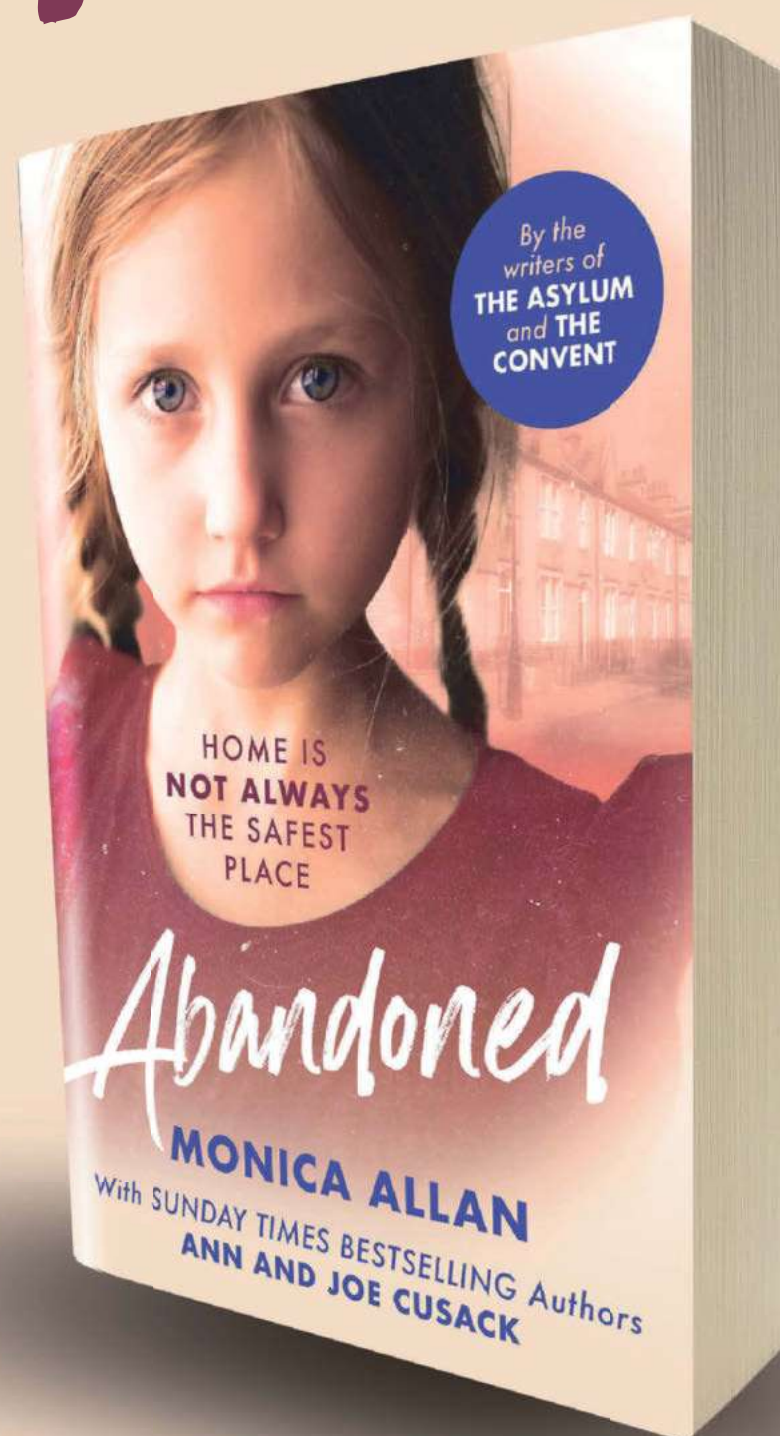
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HIGH-FLYING school students are set to take off in their ambitious project to build a full-size biplane.

A group of Year 9 pupils from Dudley Academies Trust will build a fully working biplane thanks to a substantial STEM grant from the Millennium Point Trust.

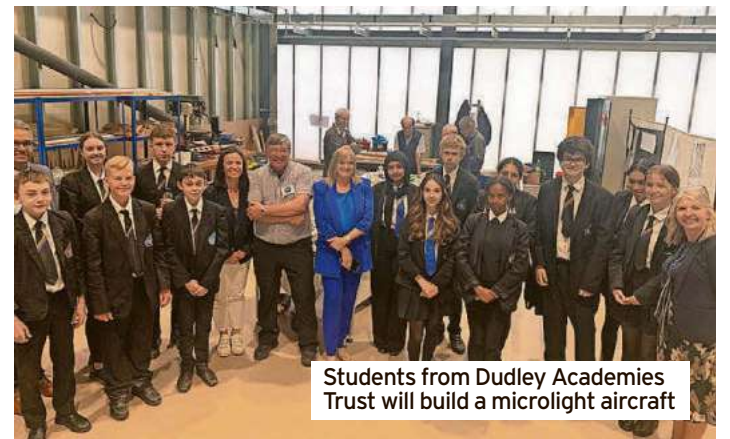
The 24 students are working with the STEM High Fliers (SHF) charity to build a Sherwood Ranger microlight aircraft provided in kit form, funded by a grant

of £19,700 from Millennium Point's annual STEM grants programme, which provides funding annually to not-for-profit organisations, schools, and colleges across the West Midlands.

Two groups of 12 pupils meet every Tuesday on alternate weeks at a 'hangar' at Black Country and Marches Institute of Technology, where the young aeronautical engineers are spending three years building the plane,

with the aim to complete the project before their GCSEs. After the pupils have all been on trips in the aeroplane, the Sherwood Ranger will be sold to fund another similar project for the next group of lucky teenagers.

Jo Higgins, CEO of Dudley Academies Trust, said: "This is the most wonderful opportunity for our young people using a fabulous project which brings the curriculum to life and aligns with one of our core values of 'dreaming big'."



Students from Dudley Academies Trust will build a microlight aircraft

Cops object to shop's bid for alcohol



Soho Road Convenience store and post office in Handsworth

RHI STORER

Local Democracy Reporter

WEST Midlands Police have objected to a Birmingham convenience store applying for an alcohol licence because the surrounding area is blighted by 'anti-social behaviour'.

The force listed its objections to the alcohol licence bid by Soho Road convenience store and post office, in Handsworth, at a Birmingham City Council licensing hearing.

A range of concerns from anti-social behaviour to the prevention of crime and disorder were discussed.

Photographs handed out to councillors showed drunk individuals refusing to give their details to police, street drinkers lying in the street, and the discovery of machetes on intoxicated individuals.

A police representative said the issue of anti-social behaviour was so severe the force had applied for a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) in the area to tackle anti-social behaviour.

The force said: "The granting of another premises license for off sales, in a location saturated with the same provision, and plagued by alcohol-related anti-social behaviour will add

further detriment to the community, with no benefit other than profit to the applicant.

"This will further expand the availability of alcohol in the area and potentially cause more calls for service to the police, to deal with alcohol-related crime at the premises whether inside or directly outside the vicinity."

Greg Lampitt, a police sergeant for the Lozells and East Handsworth neighbourhood team, said this may "cause a strain on police resources".

Another police sergeant, Gavin McGrath, said he had regularly encountered anti-social behaviour, such as 'kerb crawling' for sex workers and drug-taking.

Bappa Limited, the applicant for the licence, took over the store in January 2023. Mahinder Singh, the director of Bappa Limited, said the store has been re-shelved and new refrigeration units installed to "improve the existing convenience store operation."

He said he "recognises the issues facing the area" and the problem of street drinkers, adding: "This application has been drafted with this in mind and on receipt of the police evidence."

The licensing committee will announce a decision shortly.

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News

Johnson's allies facing suspension

BORIS Johnson's staunchest allies, including Nadine Dorries and Sir Jacob Rees-Mogg, could face suspension from Parliament for their roles in a campaign against the committee investigating the former prime minister's partygate lies.

The Privileges Committee highlighted comments by senior MPs including Ms Dorries, Sir Jacob and Dame Priti Patel along with peers including Lord Goldsmith – a serving minister – claiming it was part of a co-ordinated attempt to undermine the panel's work. The committee said MPs should consider whether their actions could be considered a contempt of Parliament and what further action to take.

The Privileges Committee ultimately triggered Mr Johnson's resignation from Parliament in protest at its recommendation that he should face a lengthy suspension for misleading the Commons with his denials of lockdown-busting parties in Downing Street.



Jacob Rees-Mogg
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His supporters frequently attacked the Labour-led but Tory-majority committee as a "witch hunt" and "kangaroo court" – with Mr Johnson found to be complicit in the campaign against the panel investigating him. Other MPs quoted in the report include Mark Jenkinson, Sir Michael Fabricant, Brendan Clarke-Smith and Dame Andrea Jenkyns.

The report said the MPs criticised "did not choose to engage through any proper pro-

cess such as the submission of letters or evidence to our inquiry, but by attacking the members of the committee, in order to influence their judgment".

Their aim was to "influence the outcome of the inquiry", "impede the work of the committee by inducing members to resign from it", "discredit the committee's conclusions if those conclusions were not what they wanted" and "discredit the Committee as a whole", it said.

The report added: "The committee is particularly concerned about attacks mounted by experienced colleagues, including a serving minister of the Crown, a former leader of the House and a former secretary of state for digital, culture, media and sport."

The committee said it will be for the House of Commons to decide "what further action, if any, to take" in respect of the MPs named in the report. The report is provisionally scheduled to be considered by MPs on July 10.

Defra criticised over long-term recycling

A PUBLIC spending watchdog has criticised the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) amid concerns about a lack of long-term planning to tackle waste and boost recycling.

A 56-page report, published by the National Audit Office (NAO), found that household recycling rates in England had "stalled" over the last decade.

It comes after a Government target to recycle 50% of household waste by 2020 was missed, an objective derived from a 2008 EU directive.

Instead, rates settled around 43% to 44% between 2011 and 2018/2019. The NAO also found that four years on from an ambitious 2018 strategy on waste, ministers and officials had failed to develop "effective long-term delivery plans that set out how it will achieve its ambitions".

Cleverly defends trip

FOREIGN Secretary James Cleverly has defended a possible trip to China as he argued that international reforms cannot happen without recognising Beijing's global financial influence.

Mr Cleverly confirmed last week that he is "looking at the options" for a potential visit to China – the first by a UK foreign secretary since Jeremy Hunt went in 2018.

Speaking on Thursday, the Cabinet minister said he believes the UK could exert "influence" over the Chinese Communist Party when it comes to international issues.

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Police spying unit's tactics not justified

REPORT SAYS IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN SHUT DOWN IN 1970S

A SECRET police unit that spied on hundreds of campaign groups over four decades should have been closed down in the first years of its existence, a report has found.

The shadowy actions of the Metropolitan Police Special Demonstration Squad (SDS) were not justified and only three of the groups it spied on were legitimate targets, the first report from a mammoth public inquiry found.

Campaigners who were targeted by the SDS called the findings "devastating" for police, MI5 and the government.

A report focusing on the SDS between 1968 and 1982 was published on Thursday, with future stages set to examine the unit up to 2008, and a successor squad until 2010.

It will examine scandals over women being deceived into sexual relationships, the use of dead children's names without their families' consent and spying on justice campaigns including that for Stephen Lawrence.

Chairman Sir John Mitting concluded that if details of what the SDS was doing had been made public in the 1970s, the unit would have been "brought to a rapid end".

The squad required annual authorisation and funding approval from the Home Office, and in 1976 a group of senior police officers found it should continue work with a minimum of 12 undercover officers.

But Sir John found key issues had not been considered, including long-term undercover deployments meaning intrusion into the personal lives of many hundreds of people, including entering their homes by deception.

Officers accepted positions of responsibility within the groups they were infiltrating and became involved in organising political activity, and their use of dead children's identities should have been referred to the highest ranks of the Met and the Home Office, he concluded.

Sir John said: "If these issues had

been addressed, it is hard to see how any conclusion could legitimately have been reached which would not have resulted in the closure of the SDS."

He said the infiltration of only three of the groups that were targeted at the time could be justified - (Provisional) Sinn Fein and two others that have not been publicly named.

"The principal, stated purpose of the SDS was to assist uniformed police to control public order in London," Sir John found.

"Long-term deployments into left-wing and anarchist groups did make a real contribution to achieving this end, even though this was or could have been achieved to a significant extent by other, less intrusive, means.

"The question is whether or not the end justified the means."

He went on: "I have come to the firm conclusion that, for a unit of a police force, it did not; and that had the use of these means been publicly known at the time, the SDS would have been brought to a rapid end."

Sir John said among 2,600 documents from between April 1975 and May 1978, 1,400 were about people's identities and lives; 1,200 were records of the meetings and activities of groups that were spied on; and 200 were reports on forthcoming events that might have an impact on public order in London.

He said: "It is a striking feature of the reporting of almost all SDS undercover officers that it contained extensive details about individuals - their political views, personality, working life, relationships with others, and family and private life."

This is the first report to come from the Undercover Policing Inquiry, which was set up in 2015 by then home secretary Theresa May in response to outrage over various tactics used by undercover officers.

The inquiry, which has so far cost £64 million, is expected to finish in three years' time.

ADVERTISING FEATURE

ISLAMIC CHARITY INTRODUCES CONVENIENT NEW QURBANI TOOL AHEAD OF EID

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Towards the end of this month, the annual Hajj pilgrimage and the act of Qurbani sacrifice will be in the hearts and minds of over two billion Muslims worldwide.

As two million pilgrims unite at the city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia and circle the Kaaba, another part of this journey is important to share - the sacrifice known as Qurbani (or Udiyah in Arabic).

WHAT IS QURBANI?

Qurbani translates to 'sacrifice', and every year, those Muslims blessed with financial ability participate by sacrificing a sheep, goat or cow.

This follows in the footsteps of the Prophet Ibrahim, also known as Abraham. He was ready to sacrifice his own son, Ismail, to show his love for Allah (God), but at the last moment, Allah replaced him with a ram.

Qurbani meat is shared among those who need it most, with many people looking forward to Eid as the one time in the year they can cook warm meat dishes with their families.

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF QURBANI

The giving of Qurbani is a religious duty on Muslim



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adults and children who have reached puberty, who live comfortably or have a certain amount of wealth.

The meat from the sacrificed animal is divided into three parts. One part for the person giving the sacrifice, one for their friends or family, and one for those who need it the most.

A single person's Qurbani can provide for up to 30 people, many of whom rarely have the chance to eat meat throughout the entire year.

WHEN DOES QURBANI TAKE PLACE?

Qurbani takes place every year on the 10th, 11th and 12th of the Islamic month of

Dhul Hijjah, which also marks the festival of Eid-ul-Adha.

The sacrifice of the animal can only begin after the special Eid prayers on the first day of Eid and can continue right up to the evening of the third day.

For the global Muslim community, Eid represents a period of compassion, gratitude, and collective charity.

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This year, to make it easier for those who must give Qurbani, the charity has introduced 'Schedule Your Sacrifice'.

This tool allows people to conveniently book their Qurbani in advance to ensure it is performed at the correct time, but schedule their payment up until the third evening of Eid-ul-Adha.

To schedule your Qurbani, visit islamichelp.org.uk/schedule-Qurbani

Swan on the line stops trains

SERVICES on a major section of London's £19 billion Elizabeth line have been suspended because of a swan.

Passengers on board trains reported being told the bird was blocking part of the route.

Transport for London's (TfL) website stated there are no services between Heathrow Airport in west London and Abbey Wood in south-east London - via the centre of the

capital - due to "an obstruction on the track" adding that there were "severe delays" on the rest of the line. National Rail Enquiries said there are "animals on the railway".

Passengers reported being held on trains - which do not have toilets - for up to hour due to a swan on the tracks at Paddington.

The Elizabeth Line opened in May 2022 at an estimated cost of £18.9 billion.

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UK-registered charity Islamic Help has launched a new tool to help people schedule the payment for their Qurbani in advance

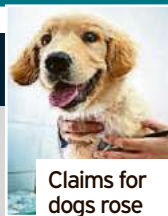
Animal Corner

TELLING TAILS

■ Pet insurance payouts hit a record high in 2022, topping the £1billion mark for the first time as vet costs soared, figures reveal.

The Association of British Insurers (ABI) found 1.3 million claims were made, 28% more than in 2021.

Claims for dogs rose by more than a third to one million, with



Claims for dogs rose by more than a third

payouts up by a quarter to £800million.

For cats, claims rose by a fifth to 269,000, with payouts up 22% to £184million.

■ Lily's Kitchen has launched a limited edition range, in partnership with charity, MindOut, to support

and celebrate LGBTQ+ communities across the UK.

The Love & Pride recipes are packed full of freshly prepared natural ingredients. Love & Pride recipe for dogs is £3.70, cats is £1.25 - 100% of profits from the sales will go to MindOut.



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Our vet offers his advice



Q We have inherited a friendly one-year-old male hamster. My 10-year-old daughter is going to look after him. She wants to know how she can tell her hamster is healthy and what to look for if he becomes unwell.

A I assume this is a golden (Syrian) hamster. When looked after well they are surprisingly hardy, and hopefully your daughter's hamster will live another year and a half or two.

Good quality hamster food, a warm draught-free cage with suitable regularly cleaned bedding, and fresh water at all times are vital for a healthy hamster.

As you have just acquired him, I would suggest a veterinary health check soon. This will give you the opportunity to establish there are no problems such as dental disease, which is quite common at this age, and for general advice.

Having got a clean bill of health, encourage your daughter to spend time observing her hamster's normal behaviour, how active he is, how much he eats, and what normal pellets look like.

Knowing what is normal in health makes detecting signs of ill health much easier. He should, for example, have a glossy coat, be active and inquisitive, eat well and be bright eyed.

Some signs of ill health include weight loss (weigh him regularly), reduced exercise, poor appetite, lethargy, loss of fur, drooling, a hunched posture and diarrhoea.

Sick hamsters can deteriorate very rapidly so any abnormal signs should be investigated by your vet as soon as possible.

Q My 12-year-old male neutered cat seems to have undergone a personality change. He was a loving friendly cat but now refuses to sit on my lap. He growls whenever I go near him and lashed out recently when I picked him up. Can you help?

A Feline aggression has two basic causes - medical problems and behavioural problems. I suspect your cat may have a medical problem that would explain his sudden change in temperament.

This doesn't rule out that he could have been upset by a recent stressful condition, and if that is the case then it is best investigated by a cat behaviourist. However, I recommend a veterinary examination first.

There are some common diseases that cause a change in behaviour in cats.

An overactive thyroid (hyperthyroidism) is common in older cats and can make them anxious, fearful and aggressive.

These cats usually eat a lot yet lose weight, and a blood test is required in order to make a diagnosis.

Alternatively, your cat may be in pain and only shows this when you pick him up or stroke him. Osteoarthritis is a very common cause of pain in older cats, but a cat that is already grumpy because of undiagnosed pain tends to be even worse on the examination table, making locating the pain more difficult.

This is where videos of the cat moving about at home are helpful for the vet to identify possible painful areas that require further investigation.

Dental disease is another very common painful condition.

All the conditions mentioned will usually respond well to treatment, restoring calmness to previously anxious cats.

David Grant MBE was a vet at the RSPCA Harmsworth hospital for animals.

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Opinion

Boris is as deluded as Donald Trump himself

I HAVE not seen such nonsense in a long time as I saw in Peter J Newton's letter (Talkback, June 26).

How on earth can he say that Boris was found guilty of lying to Parliament by a kangaroo court?

The facts are quite clear, he attended at least one party at Downing Street during Covid lockdown, he was found guilty and fined by the police for breaking his own rules!

By paying the fine he admitted his guilt!

Prior to the police investigation he denied to parliament that there were any parties, and that no breaches of the Covid protocols had taken place.

He also told the house that all the gatherings were work related, and social distancing was maintained at all times.

The video that was recently released of one of these work related gatherings was unlike any works gathering I have ever attended!

There were people in paper hats, swigging from beer bottles standing around in groups, and there was even a couple jiving in front of a sign warning about social distancing.

How could any court find him anything less than guilty, let alone a "kangaroo court" made up by a majority of members of his own party!

This is the honourable Member of Parliament who promised us an "oven-ready Brexit"

And then lied about how much money we would save by leaving Europe, and that he would spend the money saved by opening 40 new hospitals.

Where are they?

I believe that Boris is as delusional as Donald Trump!

It amazes me that there are still gullible people who like Peter believe that Boris was hard done by!

Roger Wetton, by email

Sorry to burst the bubble for the hippies

IT was good news for aging hippies. It was time to replenish their stocks of patchouli oil; they were celebrating, because Yusuf Islam/Cat Stevens took to the Pyramid Stage at Glastonbury on Sunday afternoon.

In 1989, Yusuf Islam enthusiastically endorsed the Ayatollah Khomeini's death fatwa against Salman Rushdie. I hate to burst that fantasy bubble of all those deluded hippies, but Cat Stevens got off the peace train a long time ago.

Eddie Sanders, Pheasey Estate

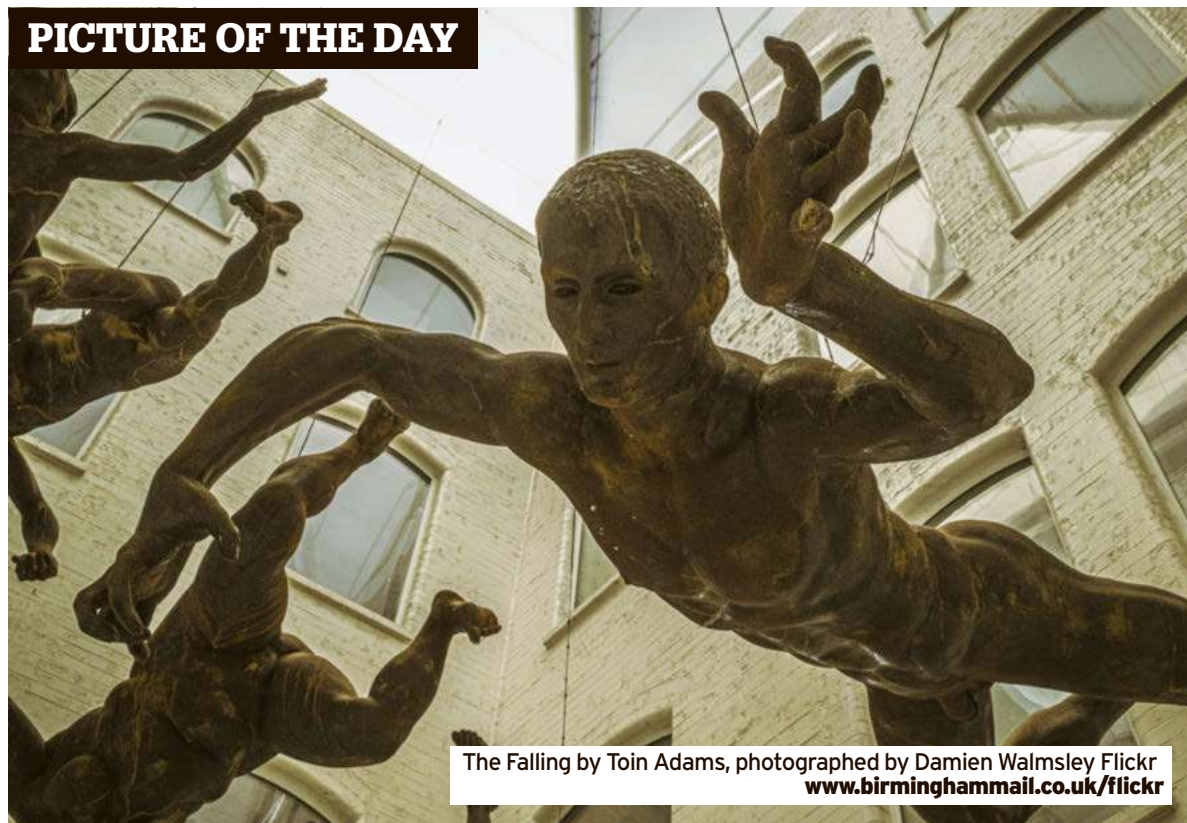
We cannot sort the genuine from the fake

YOUR correspondent points out that asylum seekers can have free taxis to and from NHS appointments, which is true, but he fails to point out that while the majority of people in the UK can't get a NHS dentist.

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TALKBACK

PICTURE OF THE DAY



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service for asylum seekers, they also get free prescriptions, glasses, hearing aids and can even claim PIPs, in fact, everything and more that British taxpayers pay for, they also get £45 per person a week, a free smartphone and wi-fi, yet it illegal for the authorities to take away these phones, and check the calls to find out if the status of the individual is what he/she says, and the Rywanda solution is as dead as a DoDo.

Just millions of pounds wasted on a farcical blue sky dream, the reality is that we do not have a practical solution or the political will, we are tied into human rights charters and I'm afraid the problem is getting worse, not better. Is something wrong with the system? You bet. Genuine asylum seekers should be welcomed and protected, but it seems we just can't sort out the genuine from the cheat.

S T Vaughan, Yardley Wood

We're in dire straits if we come under attack

I TOTALLY agree with your contributor K D Key, Kings Heath, on the subject of defence.

The Romans had a saying, 'if you want peace be prepared for war'.

It is indeed true, Gibraltar is poorly defended and the Spanish Army with Guardia Civil could march in tomorrow without firing a shot.

The same rule applies to Argentina and it's desire to take the Falklands. Unlike 1982, given the poor state of

Britain's armed forces, it is very unlikely a big enough task force could be put together to retake the islands?

It's not just Vladimir Putin of Russia who is in dire straits with his armed forces and who knows his nemesis Yevgeny Prigozhin could end up as President of Belarus or worse in the Kremlin, with 6,500 nuclear weapons to play with.

Rishi Sunak MP, Prime Minister, is in a state of denial. The attitude is if we come under attack, someone else will defend Britain and who could that be? That old fool in the White House.

John A Ridarta, Rednal

An interesting take on the Minsk Agreement

PETER Henrick has an interesting take on the Minsk Agreements (Talkback, June 27).

He suggests that Angela Merkel's remark that the agreements were to buy time for Ukraine proves that it was a fraudulent manoeuvre to blindside Russia while "the West" armed Ukraine.

Well, that didn't go well, did it? And not just because "the West" didn't get round to properly arming Ukraine before the Russian invasion in February 2022.

Russia insisted that it wasn't a party to the agreement and tried to position itself as the arbitrator between Kyiv and the separatists.

Oh, and Point ten (removal of foreign forces) didn't apply to it because, of course, there were no

Russian troops in Donbas or Crimea.
Gerry McMullan, Northfield

Deporting a child is a very sick act indeed

SO, as if the splits in the Conservative party were not bad enough for Rishi Sunak, along comes another one.

This time it's the chairperson of the Women and Equalities Committee and MP for Southampton North and Romsey, Caroline Nokes.

Caroline Nokes has decided to speak out against the deportation of children as part of Suella Braverman's Rwanda Deportation Scheme.

So I congratulate the highly respected Caroline Nokes because any deportation of a child, which is what Caroline Nokes is objecting to, is a very sick act indeed.

Of course it's not the first time Caroline Nokes has taken a stand at the Conservative Party hierarchy. Indeed, between September 3, 2019, and October 29, 2019, Caroline Nokes, described in 2010, by David Cameron as a "hard working young lady" lost the whip for daring to stand up to a certain Boris Johnson.

Caroline Nokes was right then and Caroline Nokes is right now.

Geoffrey Brooking, by email

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ON THIS DAY

1837: A British Act of Parliament abolished punishment by pillory.
1859: The great tightrope walker Blondin crossed Niagara Falls from the US to Canada in just eight minutes. The rope was stretched 1,100ft and suspended 160ft above the Falls.
1894: London's Tower Bridge was officially opened to traffic by the Prince of Wales.
1934: Hitler's rival Ernst Rohm and hundreds of influential Nazis were murdered by the SS in what was dubbed "The Night of the Long Knives".
1936: Margaret Mitchell's *Gone With The Wind* was published.
1960: Norman Bates was



unleashed when Hitchcock's classic chiller *Psycho* (pictured) was premiered in New York.
1974: Mikhail Baryshnikov, Soviet-born ballet dancer, defected while on tour in Canada with the Bolshoi Ballet.
ON THIS DAY LAST YEAR: The Prince of Wales had a "very emotional" first meeting with his granddaughter Lili and a special reunion with grandson Archie during the Duke and Duchess of Sussex's trip to the UK, a royal source said.

BIRTHDAYS

Vincent D'Onofrio, actor, 64;
Rupert Graves, actor, 60; Gary Pallister, former footballer, 58; Mike Tyson, retired boxer, 57; James Martin (pictured), TV chef, 51; Ralf Schumacher, former racing driver, 48; Cheryl Cole, singer, 40.



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WHAT'S ON

LICHFIELD FESTIVAL DIRECTOR **DAMIAN THANTREY** PICKS HIS 2023 MUST-SEES

LICHFIELD Festival (July 6-16) has pulled out all the stops to bring a host of fabulous artists and exciting events to the city next month. Naturally, there's music of all kinds – folk, jazz, musical theatre, classical, world and gospel – to theatre, literary events, community and family performances. Festival director Damian Thantrey selects some of his personal highlights...

LONDON COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR

July 6, Lichfield Cathedral

For the festival's first night in Lichfield Cathedral, it's a thrill to welcome – fresh from their appearance with Elton John at Glastonbury on Sunday – the London Community Gospel Choir. "Britain's favourite choir", as they've been dubbed in the media, have sung at the FA Cup final and collaborated with Madonna, Sam Smith and Paul McCartney. For a feelgood night out, this is definitely not to be missed!

GIRLS WILL BE BOYS

July 7, The Hub at St Mary's

Our mini-season, It's A Drag, looks at the long history of gender and crossing-dressing in the arts. In this show, singer Jessica Atkins and pianist Joseph Atkins take a whistle-stop tour through the cross-dressing traditions of the Victorian music hall and variety performances through to stars like Marlene Dietrich.

NITIN SAWHNEY

July 7, Lichfield Cathedral

One of this year's headliners is Nitin Sawhney CBE. He's such an incredible and versatile musician – a multi-award-winning producer, instrumentalist, singer and club DJ (among many other talents) and a composer whose credits include Mowgli for Netflix and the BBC's epic Human Planet series. He'll take over Lichfield Cathedral with his regular star collaborators on vocals, tabla and violin.

ROALD DAHL'S REVOLTING RHYMES

July 8, Lichfield Cathedral School

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MELISSA ERRICO

July 11, Lichfield Cathedral

In what is her only UK appearance outside London, Melissa will bring Broadway glamour to Lichfield. She shot to fame as Eliza in My Fair Lady on Broadway in 1992. Her show The Life and Loves of A Broadway Baby includes classics from Rodgers & Hart, Lerner & Loewe, Legrand and Sondheim. She'll be joined by a stunning quartet led by Ronnie Scott's artistic director, pianist James Pearson.

TIBETAN MONKS OF THE TASHI LHUNPO MONASTERY

July 13, Lichfield Garrick Theatre

Their history dates to 1447 when the monastery was founded by the first Dalai Lama. Their dazzling show will give an insight into its mystical world, featuring masked dance, music and Tantric ritual with traditional Tibetan musical instruments, the sound of sacred mantras and colourful costumes.

BBC NATIONAL ORCHESTRA OF WALES

July 15, Lichfield Cathedral

There's nothing quite like the sight and sound of a full symphony orchestra and Lichfield Cathedral creates such a splendid backdrop. The BBC National Orchestra of Wales will play Sibelius's popular Swan of Tuonela and exciting Symphony No 5. Polly Leech will join them for Berlioz's Les nuits d'été.

■ Visit www.lichfieldfestival.org

The Lich list!

Opera are back with two interactive stories, Little Red Riding Hood and The Three Little Pigs, perfect for ages 5+. They use music, dance and the spoken word to create a highly original take on classic stories that really capture the imagination.

BOBBY SEAGULL

July 9, Lichfield Guildhall

We all remember him as the star of University Challenge. Since then, Bobby has had his own TV series and become a regular guest on shows such as BBC Breakfast and

Would I Lie to You, He also has his own podcast, Maths Appeal. Along the way, he's amassed a host of amusing stories and anecdotes on his mission to persuade the nation to love maths!

RACEL PODGER & DANIELE CAMINITI

July 9, Lichfield Cathedral

Here's an intriguing combination: Rachel Podger, one of the world's finest Baroque violinists (and recent winner of BBC Music magazine's Record of the Year), and Daniele Caminiti, expert theorbo player. The

theorbo (in case you're wondering) is a long-necked relative of the lute with a beguiling sound. It will take you back in time to hear Bach, Vivaldi and some less familiar early Baroque music

ROMEO AND JULIET

July 10, Lichfield Cathedral Lawn

If you like your festival al fresco, The Lord Chamberlain's Men, with a history stretching back to Shakespeare himself, will present theatre as it would have been seen in the Bard's day – in the open air, with an

Music

It's time to get down 'n' shake your booty

FUNK LEGENDS KC & THE SUNSHINE BAND HAVE A HEADLINING SLOT AT A CITY FESTIVAL. **DAVE FREAK** REPORTS

THOUGH hailing from Florida, America's Sunshine State, it was here, in a chillier climate, that hit-makers KC and The Sunshine Band surprisingly first found fame.

Formed in the early 1970s by Harry Wayne Casey, KC and The Sunshine Band's debut single, Blow Your Whistle, arrived to little fanfare. However, their second release, nightclub anthem Queen Of Clubs, became a surprise break-out hit in Britain, giving Casey his first real taste of success.

As the track climbed into the Top 10 during September 1974, British club promoters demanded live appearances, prompting Casey – whose Sunshine Band was, until that point, merely a group of studio-based musicians operating out of a Florida – to hastily pull together a touring outfit, and fly to the UK for a string of much-anticipated dates.

But, as Casey recalls today, things didn't quite go to plan. "It was a nightmare," he says after a lengthy pause. "It was really crazy."

Days before the start of the hyped debut tour, Casey began to feel unwell. "That week I was throwing up bile and just not feeling great," he shudders.

He told a relative, who was also a registered nurse, how ill he felt, and they insisted Casey seek medical attention.

"She said, 'You should go to the hospital and check in. You should find out what's going on.' I wore green that day and when I got there they said I was the colour of my clothing! So they did some blood work and they realised something was amiss."

Doctors discovered the would-be star was suffering from acute appendicitis.

"I went right into surgery that night [and] the tour was called off."

Yet within weeks of the medical intervention, Casey, and his new Sunshine Band, were heading to the UK for rapidly rescheduled dates – which reportedly included stop-offs at Birmingham Barbarella's and Wolverhampton's Lafayette.

Despite Casey being in recovery, the tour kept to a rigid and arduous 24-day schedule that saw the band play in 48 towns and cities.

"There wasn't a club or audito-

FESTIVAL LINE-UP

BIRMINGHAM'S Mostly Jazz Funk and Soul returns to Moseley Park from Friday, July 7 for three days of grooves, street food, rap and graffiti battles, and more.

Day one sees appearances from New Zealand's Fat Freddy's Drop, Kokoroko, Jungle (DJ Set), Wolverhampton's Goldie (live), Crazy P Soundsystem and Brum rapper TrueMendous, while Saturday finds the festival welcoming London's Ezra Collective, James Brown band leader Fred Wesley, and Newcastle's Smoove and Turrell.

The annual event concludes on the Sunday with KC and The Sunshine Band and Incognito, plus DJ sets from Craig Charles, Norman Jay, Jamz Supernova, and Fun Loving Criminals' Huey Morgan.

For more information, see: mostlyjazz.co.uk

rium that we didn't play in the UK that trip," he says, adding that the race to get from one gig to the next was manic.

"We were going at such speeds from venue to venue to make the next show. We'd do two cities a night. We'd do one place, pack up everything, get in the car, and go to the next venue. And then stay over – [and] back then, accommodations were not the best – you'd check in and find the showers were down the hallway! And it was very cold at night in the UK, and these places would turn the heat off at midnight, and not turn it back on until 6am. Well, we wouldn't get there till after midnight."

Yet the shows themselves were remarkable, giving Casey a taste of what was to come. "It was a very successful tour, but it also opened my eyes."

What Casey saw in the clubs was essentially the early days of disco



Harry Wayne Casey and (left) with his KC and the Sunshine Band in the '70s



Among them were Get Down Tonight, That's The Way (I Like It), Shake Your Booty, and Boogie Shoes, plus ballad Please Don't Go and 1983 chart-topper Give It Up (all of which feature on the recently released three-CD hits package, KC and The Sunshine Band: The Ultimate Collection).

Discussing how his distinctive mix of Motown, R&B, Latin and gospel influences, coupled with his approach to lyrics, and emphasis on uptempo grooves, came to define 'the sound of Miami', and spread globally, Casey says: "I've always been influenced by many, many, different types of music."

"You know, there's nothing really that I don't like. I like a little bit of pretty much something from everyone. And so I would say definitely that you can hear that in my music, and that became what you would call the Miami sound."

"I was just trying to do something that was more energy, high energy."



TRUE STORY OF BUSKER MAKING IT BIG

BIRMINGHAM-born rapper TrueMendous has achieved much since she started busking rhymes on the streets of Britain's major towns and cities.

The first female artist to sign to seminal British hip hop label High Focus Records (which had previously spotted Rag'n' Bone Man), True's career path has seen a steady upwards trajectory.

"A few highlights have been landing advert work on TV with brands such as McVities and Pepsi Max; having one of my songs make it on the Volta soundtrack on FIFA; and being selected to create the opening song for the Women's FA Cup final 2023."

Alongside those successes the rapper, who hails from Handsworth Wood, can also add the BBC-screened Birmingham 2022 showcase Beyond The Bricks of Brum; her inclusion on the first ever all-female hip hop tour, Queens Of Art; and involvement in 2022's Venice Biennale.

Regularly attracting over half-a-million visitors, the Venice Biennale is a huge date in the contemporary art world calendar, and last year saw True (and fellow Brum artist Lady Sanity) collaborate with famed North American multidisciplinary artist Stan Douglas on a new screen-based work entitled ISDN.

Since signing to High Focus (after she was spotted busking), True has released the well-received seven-track Huh? EP, and two albums: 2021's debut, Misdiagnosis of Chyvonne Johnson, and last year's Great. On Purpose. Collectively, the releases show an artist expanding their musical horizons.

"I really don't gain satisfaction from sticking to the same style or genre as it's too easy," True says. "My earlier music was very heavy storytelling-based and a lot deeper, but as I've evolved, I've figured out balance. Not every song has to be a story."

TrueMendous is at Mostly Jazz Funk and Soul Festival on Friday, July 7.

Film

Indiana Jones was just always around...It was almost like he was real

BACK INDY SADDLE: Harrison Ford and Phoebe Waller-Bridge co-star Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny

STARS INCLUDING HARRISON FORD, PHOEBE WALLER-BRIDGE AND MADS MIKKELSEN CHAT TO JESSICA RAWNSLEY ABOUT BRINGING INDY'S FRANCHISE TO A FINISH

HARRISON FORD wasn't sure if he'd ever return to Indiana Jones, the whip-cracking hero he's played for more than four decades, ever since the first film debuted in 1981.

Following the last film, 2008's *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*, "there was a period of time when I didn't think about it at all," Harrison, now 80, admits. "But then I began to think about seeing Indiana Jones in a different way than we'd ever seen him before. And during that period, 15 years passed, and age became either an issue or a benefit."

The latest, and likely last in the venerated franchise, *Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny*, begins with a blast of the Indy we know and love: hunting treasures and whopping Nazis in the face, fedora firmly on his head.

It's 1944. World War II is winding down. Hitler's in his bunker. The end is nigh. Some Nazis are attempting to skulk off with looted art and artefacts, only to be thwarted by a young, digitally de-aged Harrison as Indiana.

Fast forward 25 years and we are introduced to a quite different man: aged and on the precipice of retirement, adrift and unanchored in a new world that has no place for him (or so it appears).

It's 1969 and innovation is everywhere: Moon landings, nuclear fission, glue sticks, the internet. We find Indiana listless in a chair, sozzled and semi-conscious, the Apollo 11 landing flickering on the TV screen before him.

He cuts a solitary figure: his marriage crumbled, his career disintegrating – retiring from a decades-long archaeology professor tenure at New York City's Hunter College. A

man out of time in a world he no longer recognises. His days of far-flung adventure far behind him.

Or are they?

"I thought if we see Indiana Jones at the end of his academic career, sort of down in spirit and having trouble in his family life, it would be a great place to start to build him up again," says Harrison.

"With a new adventure, a new stimulant in the [shape of] character that Phoebe Waller-Bridge plays, and that would give the opportunity to revisit this character one more time and to bring him to the audience with some new aspects of his nature to consider."

Indiana is dragged out of retirement by Helena Shaw, his unpredictable goddaughter, played by Fleabag star Phoebe, who tumbles into his life with a mission in mind.

She's on the hunt for the other half of the artefact that Indiana grabbed in 1944: the Dial of Destiny, a curiosity of ancient Greek lore rumoured to give its possessor the power of time travel.

Its creator, Archimedes, split the device in two, and the film revolves around a race between Indy and his nemesis, Jurgen Voller – played by Danish actor Mads Mikkelsen – to capture both halves. Voller, an ex-Nazi now working for NASA, wants the device for his own nefarious reasons.

All involved in the enterprise were aware of the weight of the franchise's legacy and what this meant for creating the finale.

"I am making the continuing story of this character that Harrison has been playing for 42 years," explains director James Mangold, who also co-wrote the script alongside Jez Butterworth, John-Henry Butterworth and David Koepp.

"So obviously the style, tone of the film, the history of his character, the people he's known, all become the backstory of our film."

"It doesn't require me having a kind of metal detector for nostalgic hot buttons. It's just there. There are all these wonderful characters in his past, all these wonderful stories, all that resonance that just comes into the room with him."

Each of Harrison's co-stars has their own memory of Indy: the first time he flashed onto the screen, and the indelible marks it left on them and their careers.

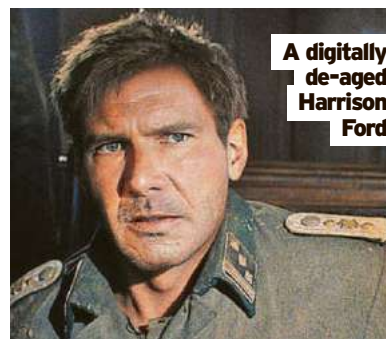
"These movies have always been part of my life and I can't even remember the first time I saw them," says Ethann Isidore, 16, who plays Shaw's side-kick, Teddy.

Phoebe, 38, agrees: "I can't remember the first time I watched it, he was just always around. Indy just existed. It was almost like he was real."

"When you grow up with them [the characters], it's like a place you go. And actually to be able to go to that place like we did, to be in that atmosphere and that world – there's some-



Phoebe Waller-Bridge's Helena is the spur for a final adventure



A digitally de-aged Harrison Ford

thing so specific about the Indy world and the feel of it – made the 10-year-old me high five me, and be like, 'thanks man, you finally did something interesting', she chuckles.

"I wanted to be an actor from when I was five-years-old and it was because of these sorts of movies," Phoebe continues.

"I watched it when it came out because that's how old I am," adds 57-year-old Mads, drily, of his experience of the first *Indiana Jones* adventure. "I rented it on VHS... that one and five other films, and we ended up just watching *Indiana Jones* five times and not the other ones. That's the kind of film it was... You wanted to watch it again and again. Never seen anything like it."

Special effects have come a long way since then, and digitally regenerated footage of Harrison constitutes a significant part of this film.

How did it feel to see his digitally de-aged self?

"Well, first of all, I felt 'wow,' this time I believe it because it's actually my face," remarks the Golden Globe-winning actor. "Not my face photo-shopped or made to look younger but my face at that age."

"Because Harrison has made all these other movies we had a reservoir, a kind of data-bank of him in this character in his late 30s or early 40s, playing this role in all kinds of lighting, high camera, low camera, side camera, silhouette... and so that became an incredible resource for us to draw upon," explains James.

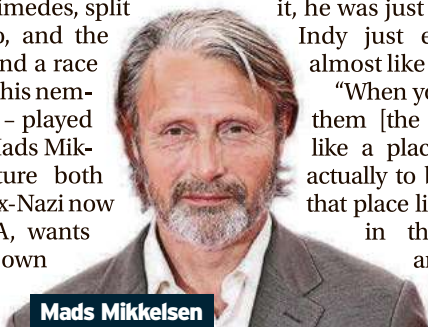
"It's suiting for this kind of film, when we jump in time," adds Casino Royale and *Hannibal* star Mads, who is also digitally de-aged in the movie. "I think we will all be a little reluctant not showing up on set and just make an entire film based on something that they can do on a computer. That's probably not the dream we have. But in this case, I think it's a fantastic job."

Time is the core of the film – the hunt for the time-bending device, Indy's struggle with ageing. Both the heroes and the villains hanker for a time past. And the end, fittingly, addresses the only real way to deal with the past – not in futile attempts to change it, but by remembering and cherishing the good times.

■ Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny is in cinemas now

I felt 'wow', this time I believe it because it's actually my face,

Harrison Ford on the improvements in on-screen de-aging



Mads Mikkelsen

Films

IT'S OK INDY END

AFTER THE DEBACLE OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL, DIAL OF DESTINY IS AN IMPROVED BUT UNINSPIRING LAST HURRAH



RUBY GILLMAN, TEENAGE KRAKEN (PG)
★★★★☆

Shy teenager Ruby Gillman (voiced by Lana Condor) is a kraken who lives on dry land in Oceanside with parents Arthur (Colman Domingo) and Agatha (Toni Collette) and her younger brother Sam (Blue Chapman).

The family has blue skin and gills but tells the coastal community's residents that they look different because they hail from Canada.

Agatha forbids her daughter from going into the sea, scuppering plans to attend the end-of-year prom on a boat with best friends Margot (Liza Koshy), Bliss (Ramona Young) and Trevin (Eduardo Franco).

Ruby tries to convince herself that prom is a "postcolonial, patriarchal construct" but she secretly yearns to ask skater boy Connor (Jaboukie Young-White) to be her date.

A failed prom proposal culminates in Ruby plunging into the sea and she finally learns her destiny to inherit the throne from her imperious Grandmahmah (Jane Fonda).

Historically, krakens are sworn enemies of mermaids, which



Lana Condor voices Ruby

means Ruby can't be friends with sympathetic new girl Chelsea Van Der Zee (Annie Murphy), who also leads a secret life beneath the waves.

Suffocated by tradition, Ruby angrily vows to break free.

DreamWorks Animation's Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken is a gently effervescent yarn that dilutes a wholesome and heartfelt central message of self-acceptance and individuality.

Every facet of Kirk DeMico and co-director Faryn Pearl's fantasy is polished - vocal performances, colour-saturated visuals, composer Stephanie Economou's energetic soundtrack - but it's formulaic and derivative fare that resolves conflict in the flick of a tailfin.

A happily ever after without effort and sacrifice doesn't feel truly deserved.



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INDIANA JONES AND THE DIAL OF DESTINY (12A)

★★★★☆

REVIEWS BY DAMON SMITH

When he's not outrunning giant boulders, cheekily bringing a gun to a sword fight, riding a runaway minecart to the end of the line or surviving an atomic bomb blast inside a lead-lined refrigerator, intrepid archaeology professor Dr Indiana Jones (Harrison Ford) has always had a gift for telling it like it is.

He famously advised a class of students that "X never ever marks the spot", and rued the unfortunate end to his romance with Marion Ravenwood (Karen Allen) by declaring, "I can only say 'I'm sorry' so many times".

In the final chapter of the gung-ho franchise that has, like that boulder, been on a downward trajectory since Raiders of the Lost Ark, Ford's bull whip-cracking alter-ego has another moment of clarity.

Reminiscing with old pal Sallah (John Rhys-Davies) about their previous escapades, Indy tempers expectations for this loopy quest for a device fashioned by Greek mathematician Archimedes: "This is not an adventure. Those days have come and gone."

That's a fair reflection of a lacklustre first instalment without Steven Spielberg in the director's chair.

Instead, James Mangold takes charge, working from a script he co-wrote with brothers Jez and John-Henry Butterworth and David Koepp, which trades heavily in nostalgia.

Twenty-five years after Indy and Brit-

ish professor Basil Shaw (Toby Jones) stole one half of the fabled Archimedes Dial from Nazi Colonel Weber (Thomas Kretschmann) and superstitious doctor Jurgen Voller (Mads Mikkelsen), Basil's spirited daughter Helena (Phoebe Waller-Bridge) gatecrashes Indy's retirement party, convinced she can complete her father's work.

"Why are you chasing the one thing that drove your father crazy?" despairs her grouchy godfather.

Alas, a supposedly reformed Voller, his trigger-happy right-hand man Kluger (Boyd Holbrook) and US government agent Mason (Shaunette Renee Wilson) also seek the relic, which is rumoured to act as a compass for fissures in time.

Antonio Banderas appears briefly as a salty seadog, who is dragged into the globe-trotting hunt for a contraption that can turn back the clock. Perhaps they can use it to spare audiences the bloated 154-minute running time of Mangold's picture.

Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny is a modest improvement on the series-low of Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull.

Action set-pieces, including chases on horseback, two and four wheels, are slick but Ford's hero feels tired – physically and emotionally – and digital trickery that smooths away a quarter of a century from his facial features for 1940s flashbacks is unconvincing.

The eponymous adventurer has outwitted Nazi platoons, booby-trapped temples and an evil cult, but he's no match for the ravages of time.

■ In cinemas now

LA SYNDICALISTE (15)

Preview

Oscar nominee Isabelle Huppert headlines director Jean-Paul Salome's provocative thriller based on true events captured in Caroline Michel-Aguirre's essay.

Set in a cutthroat world of politics and power, *La Syndicaliste* focuses on Irish whistleblower Maureen Kearney (Huppert), who exposes top secret deals in the French nuclear sector.

Her so-called betrayal marks her



WHISTLE BLOWER:
Isabelle Huppert as Maureen Kearney

as an enemy of government ministers and industry leaders.

As a head union representative, Maureen fights to save the livelihoods of more than 50,000 workers while also single-handedly trying to bring

the scandal to light.

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Film

Don't be afraid of embracing what makes you stand out

Stars Lana Condor and Annie Murphy join director Kirk DeMicco to tell **RACHAEL DAVIS** about their new animated movie, *Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken*

HIGH school can be tough, and for sweet, awkward 16-year-old Ruby Gillman, fitting in with the rest of the class is a struggle.

Ruby feels invisible at Oceanside High, partly because she can't hang out with the cool kids at the beach since her over-protective mum has banned her from getting in the water.

It turns out, however, that that's for a very good reason. Ruby is a direct descendent of the warrior Kraken queens, who are sworn to protect the world's oceans from power-hungry mermaids, and touching salt water turns her into a gigantic sea monster – as she discovers when she breaks the rule her mother has set.

In DreamWorks' *Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken*, young Ruby finds herself embroiled in a mermaid-kraken conflict that goes back generations, and discovers how learning to love who you are and not being afraid to stand out from the crowd is the only way to protect the ones you love.

Lana Condor, who's best known for playing Lara Jean Covey in the *To All the Boys* rom-com film series, spent three years recording her performance as Ruby.

As such, she built a strong connection with her character, and even saw the lines begin to blur between herself and her animated counterpart.

"For better or for worse, I think a lot of my personality as Lana has seeped into Ruby," says the 26-year-old star.

"I was really excited to play with (how) she rambles all the time and she gets overwhelmed. I think her thoughts come faster than she can say it, because she's such a rambler, and then she gets really overwhelmed in her head and she just kind of freaks out. That checks out with me, I think.

"I am a classic rambler, over-sharer, and then I'm like, I'm having



Ruby (Lana) with Grandmamah (Jane Fonda) in a scene from the film

a panic attack! So I think that's very Lana."

Lana's not the only one who sees herself in Ruby, however: *Schitt's Creek* star Annie Murphy, who plays Oceanside High's beautiful, popular new girl – and mermaid – Chelsea, says she really related to the film's teenage protagonist.

"I think this movie, something about it, just really, really resonated with me," says Annie, 36.

"I was able to see myself so much in Ruby, in particular. And I think a lot of young people are going to be able to see the same... I had this overwhelming sense of insecurity, and not fitting in, and feeling uncomfortable in my own skin.

"And of course, as you grow older,

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Annie Murphy



Star Lana Condor says there's a lot of herself in Ruby's character



Jane Fonda



Annie Murphy



Toni Collette

it's kind of inevitable that you're going to butt heads with your parents in your search for independence.

"The movie really does take you through all of these very real human life encounters, even though it's set in Oceanside, and it's all very fantastical.

"When I read the script, I thought a lot of people are going to really connect with this."

Creating a relatable character that could carry the torch of self-acceptance was essential for the film's director Kirk DeMicco.

try to be invisible," he adds.

"It's okay, just like guys, to stand big, take up as much space as you want. And shine."

As with many films aimed at children and teenagers, there's also plenty for parents to enjoy about Ruby Gillman, *Teenage Kraken*.

Jane Fonda and Toni Collette star in the film as Ruby's grandmother and mother respectively, and their characters represent a generational conflict that parents and grandparents can find relatable.

Grandmamah, played by Jane, 85, is the Warrior Queen of the Seven Seas and intends to pass the throne down to her granddaughter. Meanwhile, Ruby's mother is struggling to decide when the best time is to tell her daughter everything – a concept that Kirk found interesting as a parent himself.

"What's so lovely (about) the way Toni played it is she's feeling the weight of not knowing if she had the right moment to tell her kid everything, which we all go through... when do you expose them to this, or that?"

"And nobody ever calls you up and says, 'now's the time, tell them everything'. So we all have these feelings," says the director.

"And I think that at the end of the film, Mom knows, well, it's okay not to be perfect, nothing's ever going to be perfect. But what is important is that communication, especially when you're dealing with teenagers."

"As we evolve in our society, I think it's just consistently important for parents to see films and content about parents embracing their kids for who they are," adds Annie.

"And then on a less serious note, I think it's also such a fun movie.

"And there are so many little things kind of sewn in for the parents; I think everyone can get something entertaining out of this movie.

"The animation is so detailed that you can watch it over and over and there's something going on in every corner of the screen all the time.

"So I think no matter how many times you watch it, and I know parents watch things over and over with their kids, I think it's going to stay interesting because there's always something new to discover."

At the heart of *Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken* is a pertinent message for young audiences.

"I think that it says our differences (are) what makes us unique. Our differences are what make us so special," says Lana.

"Don't be afraid of embracing what makes you different. Don't be afraid of embracing what makes you stand out. Own your power. Be proud of who you are, who you want to be.

"I guess I hope that when people watch this film, especially young people, I hope that they're empowered to want to be themselves no matter what."

■ **Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken is in UK cinemas now**



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Game On

CHERYL MULLIN

End Of Level Boss

JUNE has swept past in a blur, and we are staring down the start of July.

We've spent much of the month in a heatwave, trying to find quick and easy ways to cool down.

Apart from a few downpours, rain has been pretty scarce, and some parts of the country are even serving hosepipe bans.

The summer months also mean a bit of a drought of big name releases on the gaming front, and that dry spell is really starting to kick in.

But all is not lost, there is a handful of noteworthy games landing in the coming weeks.

There's the long awaited sequel to Remnant: From the Ashes, Disney's Illusion Island splashes down at the end of the month, and sci-fi series The Expanse gets the Telltale treatment.

Five Nights at Freddy's: Security Breach

(PEGI 12) Switch

Release: July 11

It's been nearly a decade since the first Five Nights at Freddy's landed, and it's since entered the heady halls of pop culture.

Security Breach is the ninth game in the series, but the first asking you to survive just a single night in the company of Freddy and co.

Sounds simple? Think again.

As Gregory, a young boy inexplicably locked inside a large shopping centre, you have to dodge not just the night guard, but a host of murderous animatronics prowling around Freddy Fazbear's Pizzaplex.

This is the first time Switch owners have been able to play this game, and there's a special collectible edition packed with lots of extra goodies available, priced at £119.99.

Exoprimal

(PEGI 16) PS4, PS5, Xbox One,

Xbox X/S, PC

Release: July 15

Giant mechs fighting even bigger beasts are surprisingly in vogue at the moment.

The Transformers are currently in cinemas fighting alongside the Maximals – robots that can transform into animals, like gorillas, spiders, rhinos and tigers.

In Exoprimal you'll get to play as an exosuit-wearing fighter who is pitted against dinosaurs.

Developed by Capcom, this third-person shooter is set on Bikitoa



Mice to see you again, Mickey...

But charming Disney adventure isn't the only game to check out this month



Island, where teams of specially selected fighters have been sent to conduct a live combat test.

You'll face down waves of dinosaurs and prehistoric creatures, and sometimes you'll even be forced to fight each other. Each level will see the team that completes the designated task first, declared the winner.

It will be available from the first day of release on Xbox Game Pass, which you can join from £7.99 a month.

Remnant II

(PEGI 18) PS5, Xbox X/S, PC

Release: July 25

The long awaited sequel to 2019's Remnant: From the Ashes arrives as the month bows out. This third-person shooter pits survivors of humanity against new deadly creatures and god-like bosses.

Often described as "Dark Souls

with guns", Remnant made its name for its fresh approach to the shooter genre, with procedurally generated maps to explore.

Remnant II boasts multiple worlds, each with different types of creatures, weapons, and items to discover.

Early previews are praising the game's much-improved graphics, and some major quality-of-life additions.

Playable in solo and co-op modes, this is shaping up to be a title that should be on your radar.

The Expanse: A Telltale Series

(PEGI 18) PS4, PS5, Xbox One,

Xbox X/S, PC

Release: July 27

It's been a while since a Telltale Series game has piqued my interest.

This latest release is based around The Expanse, and is a prequel to the



TV series, which was itself based on the novels of James S A Corey.

Fan-favorite Camina Drummer is the main focus of the game, voiced by Cara Gee who played the character in the show. The story follows Drummer and her fellow crew members aboard salvage ship The Artemis, when a mutiny breaks out.

Telltale has established itself as the king of episodic gaming, with every decision you make influencing how the story plays out.

New episodes released every two weeks.

Disney Illusion Island

(PEGI 3) Switch

Release: July 28

This new Disney adventure is a Metroidvania with a twist – there's no combat.

Mickey Mouse is on a quest to recover three mystical books from the mysterious island of Monoth.

With trusted pals Minnie, Donald and Goofy in tow you have to explore the lands, gathering keys as you go.

There may be no combat mechanics, but there are plenty of bad guys littering the landscape, who you have to use your jumping skills – and timing – to avoid.

The artwork is authentic Disney, and the orchestrated original score just adds to the charm.

ALL GEEK TO ME

COMICS AND FILM NEWS

LOKI: GOD OF STORIES: OMNIBUS

Is he alive, is he dead? With the God of mischief it's impossible to tell.



This collection of comics shows the 21st-century trickster in all his glorious forms.

As a one-man secret service, Loki is ready to lie, cheat and steal his way through treacherous missions – including a heist at Avengers Tower and locking horns with Doctor Doom.

Then his foray into politics sees him attempt to trick people into voting him in as America's next president.

Featuring issues 1 to 4 of 2004 and 2010's Loki; issues 1 to 17 of Loki: Agent of Asgard; issues 1 to 4 of 2019's Vote Loki, and a host of other tales, Loki: God of Stories: Omnibus is out now priced £110, but those lovely people at Forbidden Planet have it for £75.90.

DEAD BY DAYLIGHT #1

Dead By Daylight is one of the biggest horror games on the market, and it's just made its first foray into the world of comics.



This story is a prequel to the game, laying out the origins of The Legion.

The rebellious Frank is about to explode into the sleepy, dead-end town of Ormond, crashing through the lives of teens Julie, Joey and Susie.

The comic comes with a unique code which allows readers to unlock an in-game charm exclusive.

Dead By Daylight #1 is out now, priced £4.90, with variant covers available.

TOP 10 GAMES

1. The Legend of Zelda: Tears of the Kingdom
2. F1 23
3. Diablo IV
4. God of War Ragnarok (pictured)
5. Hogwarts Legacy
6. Call of Duty: Modern Warfare II
7. Mario Kart 8 Deluxe
8. FIFA 23
9. Star Wars Jedi: Survivor
10. Street Fighter 6

UKIE GAMES CHART (C) COMPILED BY GFK



ADAM Lambert is no stranger to the spotlight, from touring the world providing vocals for the rock band Queen to performing for the late British monarch's Platinum Jubilee.

The singer first found fame after finishing as runner-up on American Idol in 2009 and has since established himself as an international star, releasing five studio albums which featured hit tracks Whataya Want From Me and Ghost Town.

This weekend will see Adam take on one of the most sparkling roles of his career as he headlines Pride In London.

He will top the bill with fellow world-class performers including former The Greatest Dancer judge and singer Todrick Hall and Frozen star Idina Menzel among the line-up for Saturday's event.

"I think Pride is more important now than ever," says Adam, 41, who came out publicly as gay in a 2009 Rolling Stone interview.

"We've come a very long way in the queer community in terms of visibility and equality and representation, but the further we get, the more progress that's made and the more normalised it is, I think the opposition grows stronger as well, unfortunately.

"We have a lot of people out there who, unfortunately, are afraid of what they don't understand and whose egos are a little too sensitive to be able to tell them something that they can't fathom.

"And so, unfortunately, there's a lot of homophobia out there."

However, he feels Pride is a space that allows the LGBTQ+ community and allies to come together.

"I think everybody kind of goes: 'Oh, yeah, we are a big family.'"

"We're also really happy to party and celebrate with our allies as well during Pride, there is room for everybody. So I feel like that's the real meaning."

Over the years Adam has attended Pride events in a lot of other cities, including making a surprise appearance during Christina Aguilera's set in New York last weekend, but he reveals this will be special as he has never made it to London's extravaganza.

"I'm excited to be a part of it this year," the singer adds.

To mark the occasion, he has recorded a cover of Sylvester's 1978 disco anthem You Make Me Feel (Mighty Real) with chart-topping DJ Sigala.

Adam reveals he is a "huge fan"

Pride is more important now than ever

AMERICAN SINGER ADAM LAMBERT TALKS TO NAOMI CLARKE ABOUT CELEBRATING DIVERSITY IN THE MUSIC INDUSTRY AND BEING ABLE TO SING HIS TRUTH



COMPLEX PICTURE: Adam Lambert says that there is still a lot of homophobia out there

of the late US singer Sylvester, who died in 1988.

"I think he was so ahead of his time. Back in the late 1970s, he was unapologetically and unashamedly queer," he says with admiration.

"He's probably what we would call gender fluid now, but they didn't use that term back then. And he was just exactly who he was.

"This song was a hit, so he was really a pioneer to be exactly that gay, one of the first. And so I think he's somebody that I really wanted to honour and celebrate."

The singer says he was also keen to put out a feel-good dance song ahead of summer and to work with Sigala again, and so it became a natural outcome.

"When I had the idea of covering the song, I thought immediately of Sigala, he's brilliant. He is somebody that I've actually done a little writing with in the past, but we hadn't figured out what song to put out or what projects to attach ourselves to so this was the one," he explains.

The track will be added to Adam's recently released album High Drama, which boasts a host of other covers spanning from a glam-rock rendition of Bonnie Tyler's Holding Out For A Hero to a rocky rendition of Lana Del Rey's West Coast.

The record also allowed him to connect with some of the musicians who have influenced him as an artists, including Boy George

when he covered his Culture Club song Do You Really Want To Hurt Me.

"That was really exciting to be able to do my version of it and luckily he approved and liked it, which was great," adds the singer.

"There are a couple of my heroes on there. Sia is someone I look up to a lot. Pink is someone I look up to a lot.

"It's an album where I get to really pay tribute to the people that inspire me."

Since he broke into the music industry more than a decade ago, Adam feels the world has evolved in positive ways for LGBTQ+ artists.

"It's incredible now that the industry is giving full backing and chances to artists that are queer because back in the day, that was a really difficult sell, not only to the industry but maybe to the public," he considers.

"I think now that is shifting, and it's very exciting. I don't necessarily think that it's a different brand of pop, we're making pop music just like everyone else is making pop music, it just so happens that we can sing about things that are real to us. Some of that may be sexuality.

"I mean, sexuality is such a part of music. For someone to say: 'Why does it have to be about being gay?' - well, how many songs out there are about being straight? I could think of a zillion.

"I think the idea of equality is something that needs to be recognised, that everyone should have the opportunity to sing about their truth."

Adam Lambert will perform at Pride In London on Saturday and his official single for the event, You Make Me Feel (Mighty Real), is out now.

COLLABORATIONS: Boy George and Sigala



ALBUM OF THE WEEK

FUNKY NOTHINGNESS

Frank Zappa

★★★★☆

Unearthed from a 1970 recording session, Funky Nothingness

is the latest in a seemingly endless stream of posthumous releases curated by Zappa's son Ahmet and "vaultmeister" Joe Travers.

The 11-song album is supplemented by a raft of extras to make 25 tracks in all, with even the core 11 showing typical Zappa eclecticism

The nine-minute Chunga's Revenge (Basement Version) leads straight into a six-minute Basement Jam, with both adding heavier riffs to the jazz-tinged template.

Sharleena, one of the few songs previously released, is a standout while Khaki Sack sparks a (lengthy) closing double dose of precisely what the album title promises.



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"Why does it have to be about being gay?" - well, how many songs out there are about being straight? I could think of a zillion.

Spotlight

When you hit 50 you think 'What was that all about?'

Stand-up comedian, podcaster, novelist and actress Andi Osho talks to **MARION McMULLEN** about the joys of ageing

It seems a busy time for you with TV roles in *Good Omens*, *Sex Education* and *Blue Lights* and now your new novel *Tough Crowd* is out. How do you find time to do everything?

(Laughs) Yeah, it's been a good couple of years. I think it's all a reaction to being self-employed. When an opportunity comes along you don't necessarily want to pass it by and I've been lucky. (Laughs) I don't really sleep. I'm kidding. Can you imagine?

What inspired *Tough Crowd*?

I was sort of saying goodbye to stand-up, I guess. I had an amazing time when I'd been a stand-up, made some great friends, had some really cool experiences, but it was sort of in my rear view mirror.

But I had such a lot of affection for the world that I wanted to include it in a book and just share a little peek behind the curtains for folks to show what it is like.

There's some artistic licence in there, but it gives you a sense of what it was all about. My editors were like 'Andi, people don't really need to know what it was like to drive up to Liverpool. There's no need to put in EVERY detail.' And I'd be like 'but it's really important'.

But they were right. People don't necessarily see the sausage-making process, they just enjoy the banger at the end.

You've had roles in *Line Of Duty*, *Shazam*, *Blue Lines*, *The Sandman* and *Death In Paradise*. Do you get recognised a lot?

I think I sort of fit into this world of public service person, who is solid, dependable. The charac-

ters are usually more solid and dependable than I am. Like Sandra in [BBC police drama] *Blue Lights*, my friend said 'She's like a wise owl' and I said 'OK, that's not me, but I'm glad that is how she came across'.

People recognise me from *Blue Lights* these days, but I think that is because my hair is quite distinctive. Most of the time people come to me and say 'Excuse me, do you know where the nearest Post Office is?' That's usually what I get. I look like the person who knows where stuff is rather than from a TV show.

And I was twice a winner on *Celebrity Mastermind*, as well. What is wrong with these people?.

Your podcast *Creative Sauce*, which aims to help people in the entertainment industry, has had many famous guests. What is your favourite tip from a guest?

I like the fact that the episodes are timeless, they are not topical. People say they dip in and listen to an episode.

There have been so many great tips as well. I liked what Jason Manford said when we were talking about comparisons. He said when you see what people write or post on social media that is their highlights reel, so



Andi on Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow in 2010. She says she looks back on her stand-up career with affection

don't compare your entire movie to their trailer. I thought that was really good advice.

You turned 50 this year. Have you been celebrating or ignoring the milestone?

I had a real moment of clarity about 50. You can't stop the getting older process, the choices are to hide it or talk about it, so I've decided to celebrate it.

You don't take as much s**t from people and you speak your mind. You know this is the final third, life isn't messing around. How are you going to live this last bit?

When you are really young you think you are invincible, get into your 30s and 40s and you think I've just got to do and do so you put your head down and try and get somewhere. When you get to 50 you think 'What was that all about? Why was I working so hard?'

Now it's like 'It's sunny, I might take a day off and go to the park and walk the dog.'

Any plans for your birthday?

I am doing 50 things at 50, a bunch of things, big and small, that I've wanted to do for a long time and I am working my way through them.

I stopped dying my hair and it is shorter and I love it. I went to Iceland earlier this year as well because I wanted to see the Northern Lights, I've cheered on runners at a marathon and I got a tattoo... Nobody tells you about the pain though. It was so painful I couldn't even speak ... and that says a lot.

■ For more information about Andi's new book, visit andiosho.co.uk, *Creative Sauce With Andi Osho* is available on major podcast platforms.

SHOWBUZZ



Karis Anderson

WE DO NEED ANOTHER HERO

Karis Anderson is sharing the role of Tina Turner with Elesha Paul Moses in the West End production *Of Tina - The Tina Turner Musical* at the Aldwych Theatre in London. Okezie Morro has also joined the cast to play Ike Turner.

Head to tinathemusical.com for booking information.

JASON (BYRNE) RETURNS

Comedian Jason Byrne, pictured, is fired up and ready to shake things up as he prepares to hit the road this autumn with his new stand-up show *The Iron Bionic Man*.

He describes it as his one-man, half-machine show after being "rebuilt" following several health scares and now functioning on six stents. The 34-date tour runs from September 15; he's at Town Hall, Birmingham, on October 8.



STARRY CAST FOR PRATCHETT TALES

Bill Nighy, pictured below, Indira Varma, Peter Serafinowicz and Steven Cree are the star-studded voice cast for the new *Tiffany Aching* audiobooks. Based on the life and adventures of a young witch, the stories were created by Sir Terry Pratchett's as part of his bestselling *Discworld* series.

Available on Audible, Apple Books and all audiobook retailers.



A MEAL WITH ADDED BASIL

Make a summer reservation for *Faulty Towers The Dining Experience*, above. The show, which sees audiences enjoy a three-course meal and five-star comedy, is celebrating August with a fresh menu and new cocktails like the *Faulty Martin*. Offers include a new show and stay package at The President Hotel in London and Summer Sundays - with 10% off all Sunday tickets until September 10.

Residencies have also been lined up for Edinburgh, Birmingham, Manchester and Leicester. Go to interactivetheatre.com.au

OLDER AND WISER: Andi has embraced turning 50

ANIMAL LOGIC

GREAT GADGETS FOR PETS

JUSTIN CONNOLLY

Technology Editor

WHEN it comes to tech, there's absolutely no reason why your pets should miss out on all the fun.

Here are a few gadgets and gizmos that might help them have more fun while at the same time making your life a little bit easier.

FURBO 360° CAMERA

Furbo's camera is a great device if you are often out of the house, but want to keep an eye on and be in touch with your stay-at-home pets.

Specifically designed for dogs, the Furbo 360° is a rotating camera that will allow you to see what your canine pal is up to at home wherever they are in the room.

Not only that but you can talk to them and hear their response.

The killer feature is the ability to toss out a treat from the device that can help keep your dog in the best of moods while you're away

■ £199 at furbo.com

CHEERBLE WICKEDBONE

Cheerble has given the classic dog treat a massive upgrade – the Wickedbone is an app-controlled interactive toy that can help prevent your dog from becoming



Tractive tracker



Furbo 360° Camera



Petkit Fresh Element Solo



Petkit Pura Max self-cleaning cat litter tray

bored, frustrated, or anxious.

It's a bone shaped toy that you can control with the Wickedbone app – there are nine motions that the toy can perform, and there's much fun to be had driving the thing around your house for the dog to chase. It's suitable for use both indoors and outdoors and is

made from safe, durable materials.
■ £49.99 from cheerble.com

PETKIT FRESH ELEMENT SOLO

Another device that's useful when you're away from home is an automatic feeder, and this one from Petkit is exceptionally good.

It'll hold 3l of cat food and you can schedule up to 10 meals per day with 50g of food dispensed each time. That's enough for 15 days of feeding. It's wifi enabled and features a back-up battery if power cuts, and the accompanying smartphone app, of course, lets you feed your cats whenever you like from wherever you are.

■ £79.99 from petkit.co.uk

TRACTIVE TRACKER

As the name might suggest, Tractive makes tracking devices that you can attach to your pet's collar to see, via the smart phone app, where they go on their days out.

This might not be quite so inter-

esting for dog owners, but for the owners of adventurous cats, the GPS tracking in these devices will offer an insight into where they go and how far they get that you probably couldn't get hold of any other way. Both cat and dog trackers are, of course, invaluable should your animals go astray.

■ From £44.99 at tractive.com

PETKIT PURA MAX SELF-CLEANING CAT LITTER TRAY

Anybody who owns an indoor cat will find this automatic cat litter tray indispensable.

The Pura Max features a 7L space, which is suitable for cats that weigh up to 8kg, and can accommodate multi-cat families.

The extra large waste container will give you up to 15 days scooping free with one cat, and the built-in multiple sensors will keep you up-to-date with what's going on with your cats and let you know when you need to clean up.

■ £599 from petkit.co.uk

TECH THAT THE LATEST IN THE DIGITAL WORLD



A Glass TV with Sky Live

SKY LIVE CAMERA ARRIVES

Sky has launched its long-promised add-on camera for its Glass range of smart TVs.

The Sky Live costs £290 and connects to any Glass TV via USB-C and HDMI.

With a camera installed you can watch TV shows simultaneously with other Sky Glass users, make video calls using Zoom, and play games that feature motion controls, tracked by the camera.

If you don't want to pay upfront, the camera is available to buy for £6/month on a 14-month contract, or £12 a month on the 24-month contract.

There are even more savings to make if you buy Sky Live with a new Glass TV.

■ See sky.com/glass

NEW FROM NOTHING

Nothing has revealed its next generation smartphone will launch next month.

The company is set to follow up its first Android device, which came out last year, with a more premium offering, the Nothing Phone (2).

The new device will be revealed at a special event to be held on July 11.

Nothing has also announced a new "Glyph Composer", built in collaboration with electronic music titans Swedish House Mafia.

The new Glyph Composer will allow Phone (2) and Phone (1) users to compose their own Glyph Ringtone, a sequence of sounds and corresponding lights on the back of Nothing's smartphones.

■ Go to nothing.tech

SONY SMARTPHONE SURE TO MAKE PHOTO FANS SNAP HAPPY

REVIEW: SONY XPERIA 1 V

Whether the new Sony flagship smartphone is for you or not will depend on how interested you are in photography and video capture. Sony has pitched its smartphone efforts towards photographers and this year's refreshed Xperia 1 is no different.

I've been testing one for a week and can confirm that if it's great photos and full control over the camera you are after, you won't do much better.

The Xperia 1 looks similar to its predecessor but a new textured glass on the back makes the device less prone to slipping out of your hands. The 21:9 aspect



The Sony Xperia 1 v is perfect for photographers

ratio remains, making this phone slimmer and taller than its rivals.

This design comes into its own when watching widescreen movies – the screen shape offers a cinematic experience, although when using it in portrait mode, the narrow screen can make things feel cramped.

This is offset by the quality of the screen – it's a 4K display

and text and images shine.

The cameras are sensational – bringing in technology from Sony's pro line of DSLRs. The main camera is 50MP with specs that match the best.

There's still a 12MP telephoto camera, which will zoom from 85mm to 125mm, and a 12MP ultra-wide camera, capable of capturing magnificent images.

A basic mode does some processing for you but to get the best out of this system, you need to be operating in pro mode.

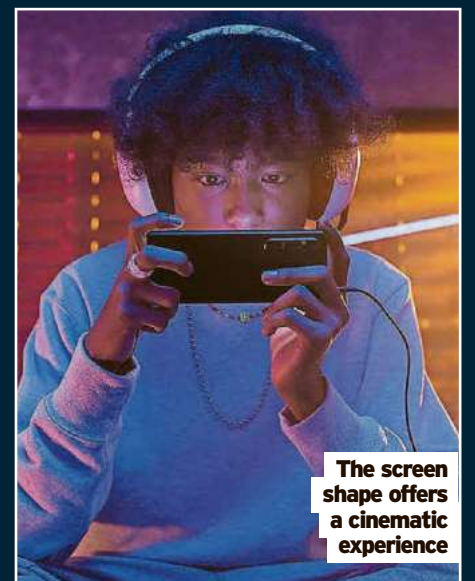
Through the settings and adjustments, you can turn this phone into your personal dream

machine. And that extends to video and stills.

The phone is also a more than decent Android device, featuring Qualcomm's speedy Snapdragon 8th gen 2 chip. The battery is a standard 5,000mAh unit that will see all but the most demanding users through the day.

But then we come to the price. The Xperia 1 v starts at £1,299, which is a touch more than you'd pay for the base-level iPhone Pro or Galaxy S 23 Ultra. That might make it a hard sell for all but the most committed mobile photographers, but if that's you, you won't be disappointed.

■ See sony.co.uk



The screen shape offers a cinematic experience

Memory Lane

TV REPEAT

Ready for a Brucie bonus?

"WHAT a lovely audience! You's so much better than last week."

Sir Bruce Forsyth was at his game show best as the host of ITV's Play Your Cards Right.

The studio audience enthusiastically shouted "higher" and "lower" as contestants tried to guess the value of the giant playing cards presented in front of them before they were turned over.

"You don't get anything for a pair," observed Brucie, "not in this game" responded the audience.

MARION MCMULLEN looks at the finale of Play Your Cards Right 20 years ago

The hit show launched in 1980 and ran for 16 series before the cards were packed away in June, 2003.

Bruce also presented The Price Is Right and The Generation Game, but Play Your Cards Right became one of his longest running shows and spawned catch-



The show featured a simple game of higher or lower with an oversized deck of cards



Bruce with Play Your Cards Right co-hosts Maxine Restall (left) and Charlie (right) in 1999

QUICK FACT

Bruce Joseph Forsyth-Johnson was born into a Salvation Army family in Edmonton, north London on February 22, 1928.

At the age of 14, he left the family home and was touring Britain under the stage name of The Boy Bruce - The Mighty Atom. He made his broadcasting debut in 1942 and was an instant hit. He told one BBC interviewer: "I want to be famous and buy my mum a fur coat."

Bruce as a teenager playing a ukulele circa 1945



phrases like "What do points make? Prizes".

It ran from 1980 to 1987 and couples had the chance to win cash amounts. He returned for a reboot in 1994 - which introduced the idea of a "Brucie Bonus" - and it regularly drew in audiences of 14 million.

One of Bruce's most surprising appearances was hosting an edition of the TV hit show Have I Got News For You in 2003. The show was built round him and included a politically incorrect item called The Iraqi Play Your Cards Right. Team captain Ian Hislop later said that only Sir Bruce could have got away with this - and successfully.

Television presenters Ant and Dec and Vernon Kay have presented Play Your Cards Right specials since, and Alan Carr brought the classic game show back as part of his Epic Gameshow series on ITV.



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Telly

Novak's back for more as Clare Balding holds court at Wimbledon 2023

For romantic poet John Keats, autumn was the 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness', but for tennis fans, two weeks in summer is the season of strawberries and sparkling wine.

Yes, the eyes of the world will be on the prestigious All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in SW19 as the curtain goes up on the 2023 Wimbledon Championship.

As is traditional, the opening day sees the men's and ladies' singles competitions get under way.

First to walk into the cauldron of Centre Court will be Novak Djokovic, who won his fourth consecutive title here and his seventh overall after overcoming fiery Australian Nick Kyrgios in the 2022 final.

Having already won the

SCHEENAGH HARRINGTON looks ahead to some world class tennis from SW19

Australian and French Opens in 2023, and with the US Open in August, Djokovic is aiming to become the first man since Rod Laver in 1969 to win all four Grand Slam events in the same year.

He'll have to triumph at Wimbledon first.



Clare Balding takes over as lead presenter

There's a change in store for this year's tennis tournament too, as veteran broadcaster Clare Balding steps gracefully into the presenting shoes

vacated last year by former player and long-term host Sue Barker.

Clare will lead the BBC's comprehensive coverage, picking up from Isa Guha in the afternoon, and will be joined by some of the most celebrated names in the sport, including John McEnroe,

Martina Navratilova, Billie Jean King and Pat Cash.

Speaking about being unveiled as the new face of Wimbledon, Clare enthused: "It's a huge honour to be given this responsibility but I am very aware that no one person can fill Sue's shoes."

"This will always be a team effort and we're lucky that the BBC line-up includes former professionals with huge insight as well as wonderful reporters and commentators."

"It's my job to bring out the best in them and to help make our viewers feel they have a front row seat on the greatest sporting stage."

It's a long way from Clare's early days as a trainee with BBC National Radio in 1994, but she's become a much-loved, familiar face over the past 29 years.

She has gone from being



Novak Djokovic is aiming for a fifth consecutive title

the BBC's lead horse-racing presenter to covering major sporting events, including the Olympic, Paralympic and Commonwealth Games, before expanding into hosting episodes of Countryfile, fronting Today at Wimbledon

from 2015, and even a Saturday night quiz show, Britain's Brightest. She appears with her wife Alice on Celebrity Gogglebox and even has her own, eponymous sports chat show.

We'll have to wait and see

whether she'll have the eventual winner of Wimbledon 2023 on as a guest when the chalk dust settles in around two weeks' time.

Wimbledon 2023 starts on Monday, BBC1, 1.45pm & 7pm; BBC2 10.30am & 9pm

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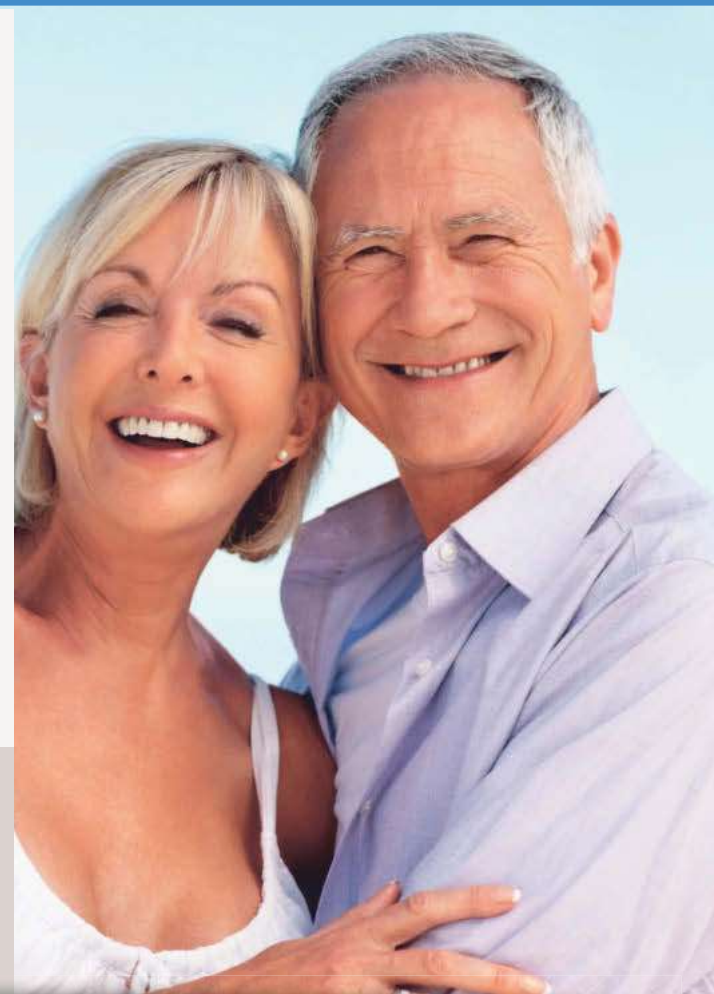
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PICK OF THE DAY

Hugh Quarshie as Stephen

Sarah Niles as Claudia

Deborah Ayorinde as Nina and Emmanuel Imani as Simon

Hermione Norris as Maureen

Cutting-edge drama

SOAPY and addictive, this Succession-meets-Dynasty-style drama follows the exploits of a family with a lot of money and a lot of problems.

First shown on streaming channel ITVX, this glamorous series sees Black British life take the spotlight as we follow the super-successful Richards family, led by London-based business mogul Stephen Richards (Hugh Quarshie).

He's a force to be reckoned with and, as he explains to the journalist interviewing him for a top magazine, his is a home-grown British success story.

A poor African boy, he started with nothing, but built

RICHES
ITV1, 9pm

a vast family-run Black hair and cosmetics empire that is now worth a fortune.

He says: "When I started no one would lend me a penny. I imagine they regret that now. Now everyone is trying to scramble for a piece of the black pound – usually without involving any black people of course."

Racism, cultural appropriation and colourism are tackled here, but mostly this is a binge-worthy saga with backstabbing and betrayal at every turn.

When Stephen dies sud-

denly, the family is completely flooded.

But it's the return of his estranged son and daughter, Simon (Emmanuel Imani) and Nina (Deborah Ayorinde), that really sets the cat among the pigeons.

Their arrival from New York is the catalyst for a messy showdown with Stephen's wife Claudia (Ted Lasso star Sarah Niles) and their children.

Both factions will now vie for control of the family business, Flair & Glory, while others including Stephen's PA (Hermione Norris) and confidante Gideon (Brendan Coyle) are caught in the crossfire.

SOAP WATCH

EMMERDALE
ITV1, 7.30pm

Amelia is freaked out after a man called Lloyd came into the salon and revealed he's her top subscriber to her page.

He demanded one on one time and Amelia was frightened, but she didn't want the police



Wendy

to be involved.

However, when Lloyd manages to get hold of her phone number, Dan puts his foot down and calls the police.

Nate makes a mysterious phone call, unaware intrigued Cain has hung back to listen.

Wendy has a decision to make.



Nate

CORONATION STREET
ITV1, 8pm

Evelyn receives a call from the hospital, but chooses to ignore it. After much soul searching she finally calls back, only to discover that Cassie has discharged herself.

When Tyrone reveals that someone called Cath has come to see her and she sees



Evelyn

Cassie in the living room, Evelyn is thrown into a panic.

When Stephen reveals that it's Canada Day, Elaine forms an idea.

Billy suggests to Paul that he could baptise him, but Paul refuses, adamant it's not for him.



Stephen



BY SARA WALLIS

Tonight's TV

IS IT CAKE, TOO?
NETFLIX

The Netflix sensation that had millions of viewers screaming 'Is it cake?' returns for a second round of sponge-based mayhem.



Mikey Day (pictured) is the hyperactive host of the game show, which sees contestants create cakes that look like common objects in a bid to trick celebrity judges.

Winners of each episode receive \$5,000 and a chance to win more money by guessing which display of cash is real and which is cake.

"We've assembled ten of the best hyper-realistic cake artists in the world," yells Mikey in a trailer. "Their job is to fool the judges who we have invited to spot the fakes."

QUEEN OF OZ
BBC1, 9.30pm

Catherine Tate (pictured) is brilliantly awful as Princess Georgiana, a red-headed party animal and spare to the throne of England – apparently based on no one we know...

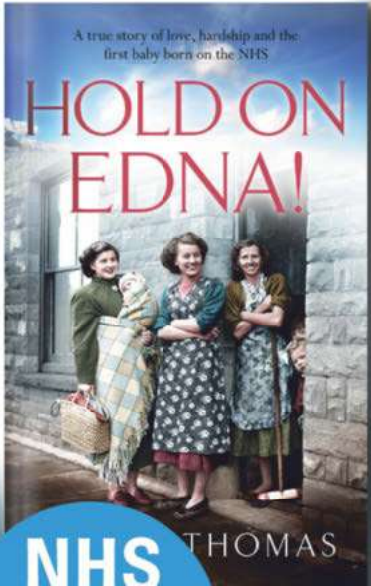
As the new Queen of Australia, Georgie is not doing well so far – she's slept with (and fired) one of her footmen, been ridiculed for her terrible portrait on the \$5 note, accidentally killed a kangaroo and become the new darling of the Aussie tabloids.

Rubbing salt in the wound, her golden child brother, British heir Prince Frederick (Daniel Lapaine) now turns up to do some damage control.



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DAYTIME	BBC1 The One Show, 7.00pm 6.00 Breakfast 9.15 Morning Live 10.00 Close Calls: On Camera 10.30 Countryfile Summer Diaries 11.15 Homes Under the Hammer 12.15 Bargain Hunt Natasha Raskin Sharp presents from Kingston Antiques Centre. 1.00 BBC News at One; Weather 1.30 BBC Regional News and Weather 1.45 Father Brown The priest joins forces with Flambeau to search for a lost treasure. 2.30 Animal Park 3.00 Escape to the Country Nicki Chapman helps a first-time buyer to find a home in Shropshire. 3.45 Garden Rescue 4.30 Antiques Road Trip 5.15 Pointless 6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather 6.30 BBC Regional News and Weather	BBC2 Gardeners' World, 9.00pm 6.15 Homes Under the Hammer Featuring properties in Derbyshire, Essex and Kent. 7.15 Money for Nothing 8.00 Sign Zone: Gardeners' World 9.00 Nicky Campbell 11.00 BBC News 12.15 Politics UK The week's political proceedings. 1.00 Tennis: Eastbourne The Rothesay International Eastbourne Tennis Tournament semi-finals. 5.15 Flog It! Previously unseen finds from the show's travels. 6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games Former winners Maisie Adam, Ivo Graham, Dev Griffin and Zoe Lyons take part. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys Michael Portillo explores RAF Lakenheath, and ends his journey in Cambridge.	ITV1 Coronation Street, 8.00pm 6.00 Good Morning Britain 9.00 Loose Women Topical debate from a female perspective. 1.30 ITV Lunchtime News; Weather 1.55 Local News; Weather 2.00 James Martin's French Adventure The chef visits Saint-Tropez. 3.00 Tenable Five friends take part. 3.59 ITV Local Weather 4.00 Tipping Point Quiz, hosted by Ben Shephard. 5.00 The Chase Bradley Walsh presents as contestants Donnie, Kate, Jack and Nicole answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to take on the ruthless Chasers and secure a prize. 6.00 Local News; Weather 6.30 ITV Evening News; Weather	CHANNEL 4 Celebrity Gogglebox, 9.00pm 6.05 Countdown Maggie Aderin-Pocock is in Dictionary Corner. 6.45 Cheers 7.10 Cheers 7.35 The King of Queens 8.00 The King of Queens 8.25 Frasier 8.55 Frasier 9.25 Frasier 9.55 Find It, Fix It, Flog It 10.55 Couples Come Dine with Me 11.55 Channel 4 News Summary 12.00 Steph's Packed Lunch Weekday magazine show, hosted by Steph McGovern. 2.10 Countdown 3.00 A Place in the Sun A hunt for a holiday home in Lucca, Tuscany. 4.00 Chateau DIY 5.00 Sun, Sea and Selling Houses 6.00 The Simpsons Sideshow Bob and Selma get engaged. 6.30 Hollyoaks Ella opens up to her friends about a conversation with Tony.	CHANNEL 5 The Good Gadget Guide: Shop Smart, Save Money, 7.00pm 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 Jeremy Vine The broadcaster discusses the issues of the day. 11.15 Storm Huntley 12.40 Alexis Conran 1.40 5 News at Lunchtime 1.45 Home and Away Justin and Cash confront Andrew with the photograph of Archie Lawrence. 2.15 FILM Burning Lies (2021) (PG) Thriller, starring Annika Foster. 4.00 Bargain Loving Brits by the Sea People who weave holiday magic for visitors to Skegness and Blackpool. 5.00 5 News at 5 6.00 Eggheads Strangers on a Train try their luck against the Eggheads. 6.30 Eggheads Previous contestants the Harmer Hillbillies take on the experts once more. 6.55 5 News Update
	7 7.00 The One Show Live magazine show, with Alex Jones and Roman Kemp. (S) 7.30 Athletes of the Sky — We Are England Harry from Newcastle embarks on his first pigeon racing season. (S)	7.00 Today at the Test England v Australia. (S)	7.30 Emmerdale Wendy has a decision to make. (S)	7.00 Channel 4 News (S)	7.00 The Good Gadget Guide: Shop Smart, Save Money 10/12. Ortis Deley and Georgie Barrat test Bluetooth boomboxes. (S) 7.55 5 News Update (S)
	8 8.00 Question of Sport 29/36. The conclusion of a two-part special. (S) 8.30 Would I Lie to You? 6/12. With panellists Munya Chawawa, Bob Mortimer, Alice Roberts and Snoochie Shy. (S) (R)	8.00 Grand Tours of Scotland's Rivers Paul Murton explores the upper reaches of the River Dee. (S)	8.00 Coronation Street Evelyn searches for Cassie and finds a nasty shock waiting at home and Owen voices his mistrust of Stephen. (S)	8.00 Five Star Kitchen: Britain's Next Great Chef 4/6. The chefs are tasked with reinventing the Langham hotel's afternoon tea. (S)	8.00 Inside the Steam Train Museum Volunteer Mark takes his miniature traction engine out on a road run. (S)
	9 9.00 Not Going Out 2/7. Lee enters hospital for routine surgery. (S) 9.30 Queen of Oz 3/6. Georgie's brother arrives from London with unwelcome news. (S)	9.00 Gardeners' World Monty Don gives a masterclass on rambling, climbing and shrub roses. (S)	9.00 Riches 1/6. New series. Drama about the glamorous and successful Richards family. (S)	9.00 Celebrity Gogglebox A cast of famous faces comment on the week's TV. (S)	9.00 The Flying Scotsman: Pride of Britain The history of the world's most famous steam locomotive. (S) (R)
	10 10.00 BBC News at Ten (S) 10.30 BBC Regional News; Weather (S) 10.40 FILM The Heat (2013). (15) Action comedy, starring Sandra Bullock and Melissa McCarthy. (S)	10.00 The Fast Show 1/6. First episode of the comedy sketch show. (S) (R) 10.30 Newsnight (S)	10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather (S) 10.30 Local News; Weather (S) 10.45 The 1% Club 3/8. Quiz, hosted by Lee Mack. (S) (R)	10.00 The Last Leg New series. With actress Miriam Margolyes and comedian Kevin Bridges. (S)	10.30 Britain's Favourite 80s Songs 6/10. A look at the biggest-selling singles of 1985. (S) (R)
	11	11.00 Weather Preview of the UK's weather. (S) 11.05 Glastonbury Highlights 2023 A look back at last weekend's festival. (S)	11.40 FILM Rocky V (1990). (PG) Boxing drama sequel, starring Sylvester Stallone. (S)	11.05 FILM Sarah Millican: Home Bird Live (2014). (15) Stand-up show recorded at Newcastle's Tyne Theatre & Opera House. (S)	11.55 70s Greatest Dance Hits A look at 1970s floor-fillers, including Love Train by the O'Jays. (S) (R)
	AFTER 12 12.30 Weather for the Week Ahead A look ahead to the latest forecast. 12.35 BBC News	1.05 Sign Zone: Is China Watching You? — Panorama 1.35 Sign Zone: Once Upon a Time in Northern Ireland The road to the Good Friday Agreement in 1998. Last in the series. 2.40 Sign Zone: Clean It, Fix It 3.25 This Is BBC Two 5.10 This Is BBC Two	1.20 Shop: Ideal World A selection of Ideal World repeat shows. 3.00 The Clinic 4.00 Unwind with ITV Daily escape designed to calm the mind and encourage relaxation and reflection. 5.05 Katie Piper's Breakfast Show	12.10 FILM Footloose (1984) (15) 2.00 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA 2.45 Come Dine with Me 3.10 Come Dine with Me 3.40 Come Dine with Me 4.05 Come Dine with Me 4.30 Come Dine with Me 4.55 Grand Designs Australia 5.45 Find It, Fix It, Flog It	12.55 Entertainment News on 5 1.00 Teleshopping 3.00 Sunny Spain with Alex Polizzi 4.10 GPs: Behind Closed Doors 4.55 Divine Designs 5.20 House Doctor 5.45 Entertainment News on 5 5.50 Milkshake! Monkey's Amazing Adventures

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7.40 Dad's Army Mainwaring tackles a suspected terrorist. (S)
8.20 Dad's Army Mainwaring sets up an observation post in the local lighthouse. (S)
9.00 Blackadder Goes Forth Capt Blackadder hunts for a spy in hospital. (S)
9.40 Blackadder Goes Forth Capt Blackadder pretends to be insane. (S)
10.20 Ghosts Mike makes a discovery among some old relics in the garden. (S)
11.00 Ghosts Mike spends his first night alone in the house. (S)
11.35 Ghosts Heavy snow disrupts plans for the wedding at Button House. (S)
12.15 Gimme Gimme Gimme (S) 2.20 Blackadder Goes Forth (S) 3.20 Desmond's (S) 4.00 Teleshopping

Dave SKY: 111 FV: 19
6.00 Teleshopping 7.10 Modern Wheels or Classic Steals 8.00 Secrets of the Supercars 9.00 Border Force: America's Gatekeepers 10.00 Survivor Australia 12.00 Storage Hunters UK 1.00 Fast Justice 2.00 Top Gear 5.00 Rick Stein's Road to Mexico 6.00 Taskmaster 7.00 Richard Osman's House of Games With Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock, the Rev Richard Coles, Stuart Maconie and Lou Sanders. (S)
7.40 Richard Osman's House of Games With Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock, the Rev Richard Coles, Stuart Maconie and Lou Sanders. (S)
8.20 Not Going Out Lucy considers having a boob job. (S)
9.00 Would I Lie to You? With Dion Dublin, Debbie McGee, Bob Mortimer and Lucy Porter. (S)
9.40 Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing Paul Whitehouse and Bob Mortimer head to Norfolk. (S)
10.20 Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing Paul and Bob fish for brown trout on the river Test in Hampshire. (S)
11.00 Mock the Week With Angela Barnes, Ed Gamble, Rhys James, Milton Jones and Maisie Adam. (S)
11.40 Mock the Week With Maisie Adam, Angela Barnes, Ed Gamble, Glenn Moore and Ahir Shah. (S)
12.20 Taskmaster (S) 1.25 Meet the Richardsons (S) 2.00 Richard Osman's House of Games (S) 3.15 Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing (S) 4.00 Teleshopping

Yesterday SKY: 155 FV: 27
6.10 Secrets of the Railways 8.00 Abandoned Engineering 9.00 The Buildings That Fought Hitler 10.00 World War Weird 11.00 Secrets of the London Underground 12.00 Great American Railroad Journeys 1.00 Great British Railway Journeys 2.00 Bangers & Cash 4.00 The Buildings That Fought Hitler 5.00 Great British Railway Journeys 6.00 Secrets of the London Underground 7.00 Bangers & Cash Derek is auctioning off a two-seater plane. (S)
8.00 The Yorkshire Steam Railway: All Aboard Plans for the annual Gala Festival are jeopardised.
9.00 Great American Railroad Journeys Michael Portillo arrives in Washington, DC. (S)
10.00 Bangers & Cash Dave heads off to collect a stylish Swedish Volvo P1800S from an RAF base in the Midlands. (S)
11.00 Abandoned Engineering Exploring the remains of a pioneering industry town in Ohio. (S)
12.00 Great British Railway Journeys (S) 1.00 Secrets of the Railways (S) 2.00 Forbidden History (S) 3.00 Teleshopping

Drama SKY: 143 FV: 20
6.00 Teleshopping 7.10 Pie in the Sky 8.00 Lovejoy 9.15 Classic Holby City 10.35 Casualty 11.40 The Bill 12.40 Classic EastEnders 2.00 Hamish Macbeth 3.00 Lovejoy 4.10 Peak Practice 5.25 Waiting for God 6.00 Porridge 6.40 Last of the Summer Wine 7.20 Last of the Summer Wine Tom and Smiler are sent on a mission. (S)
8.00 Father Brown The priest investigates when a man is found hanged. (S)
9.00 Sister Boniface Mysteries A bawdy film production comes to Great Slaughter. (S)
10.00 New Tricks The team reinvestigates an abduction.
11.25 Silent Witness Feature-length episode. A child's mutilated body is discovered. (S)
1.55 Call the Midwife 2.55 Classic Holby City 4.00 Teleshopping
BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 Top of the Pops Performances from D:Ream, Doop and Stiltskin. (S)
8.00 Top of the Pops With the Bluebells, Human League and Bob Marley & the Wailers. (S)
8.30 Top of the Pops Wwith John Miles, Hot Chocolate, Jesse Green and Cliff Richard. (S)
9.00 Elton John: Live at Wembley 1977 Coverage of the concert first broadcast in November 1977. (S)
11.05 Blondie in Concert: 1979 (S)
11.45 Manic Street Preachers at Blackwood Miners' Institute (S)
12.20 Texas with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra (S) 1.20 Sparks: 6 Music Festival (S) 2.20 The Making of Elton John: Madman Across the Water (S) 3.20 Blondie in Concert: 1979 (S) 4.00 Close

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 World's Funniest Videos 6.35 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 7.00 Dress to Impress 8.00 One Tree Hill 9.00 Dawson's Creek 10.00 Love Bites 11.00 Dress to Impress 12.00 Celebrity Dinner Date 1.00 Alan Carr's Epic Gameshow 2.00 Chuck 3.05 One Tree Hill 4.00 Dawson's Creek 5.00 Celebrity Dinner Date 6.00 Celebrity Catchphrase 7.00 Alan Carr's Epic Gameshow The comedian hosts an updated version of Child's Play. (S)
8.00 Superstore Jonah throws his hat into the ring for the floor supervisor position. (S)
8.30 Superstore Garrett and Cheyenne search for a mysterious smell. (S)
9.00 Love Island Another week in the villa comes to an end. (S)
10.05 The Stand Up Sketch Show (S)
10.35 Family Guy Double bill. (S)
11.30 American Dad! (S)
12.00 American Dad! (S) 12.30 Superstore (S) 1.30 Deep Fake Neighbour Wars (S) 2.00 Don't Hate the Playaz (S) 2.45 Unwind with ITV (S) 3.00 Teleshopping

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 Classic Emmerdale 7.05 Classic Coronation Street 8.10 George and Mildred 9.15 The Royal 11.35 Heartbeat 1.45 Classic Emmerdale 2.45 Classic Coronation Street 3.55 Agatha Christie's Poirot 6.00 Heartbeat 7.00 Heartbeat A dangerous criminal roams Aidsfield. (S)
8.00 Doc Martin Louisa leaves for Spain. (S)
9.00 Doc Martin A lifeboat training exercise causes problems for the GP. (S)
10.00 Law & Order: UK A man is attacked and his kidney is surgically removed. (S)
11.00 Law & Order: UK Brooks and Devlin investigate the death of a teenager. (S)
12.05 Inspector Morse (S) 2.20 Unwind with ITV (S) 2.30 Teleshopping

ITV4 SKY: 120 FV: 26
6.00 Minder 7.05 The Sweeney 8.05 The Saint 9.10 Dempsey and Makepeace 10.20 Magnum, PI 11.20 The Saint 12.30 Dempsey and Makepeace 1.30 Made in Britain 2.35 Magnum, PI 3.35 The Sweeney 4.40 Minder 5.45 Made in Britain 6.50 BattleBots 7.55 The Motorbike Show Allen Millyard helps Henry Cole with his latest restoration project. (S)
9.00 All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite Hard-hitting action from the world of All Elite Wrestling. (S)
11.05 FILM Death Wish 2 (1981). (18) A former vigilante's home is attacked by thugs, forcing him to return to his crimefighting ways and settle the score. Thriller sequel, starring Charles Bronson and Jill Ireland.. (S)
12.55 Minder (S) 1.55 The Sweeney (S) 2.50 Unwind with ITV (S) 3.00 Shop: Ideal World
(R) repeat, (S) subtitles

RADIO

RADIO 1 97.6-99.8 FM
5.00 Radio 1 Early Breakfast with Gregor Davidson. 6.33 Radio 1's Best New Pop. 6.57 Newsbeat. 7.00 Radio 1 Breakfast with Greg James. 10.00 Radio 1 Anthems. 10.30 Newsbeat. 10.32 Radio 1 Anthems. 11.02 Katie Thistleton. 12.45 Newsbeat. 1.00 Matt and Mollie. 3.00 Radio 1's Party Anthems. 4.00 The Official Chart on Radio 1 with Jack Saunders. 5.45 Newsbeat. 6.00 Radio 1's Dance Party with Danny Howard. 8.00 Radio 1's Future Dance with Sarah Story. Future club music as Radio 1's Friday night party continues. 10.00 Pete Tong. 12.00 Radio 1's Essential Mix. 2.00 Radio 1 Dance Presents. 3.00 Danny Howard. 4.00 Radio 1's Wind Down Presents.

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RADIO 3 90.2-92.4 FM
6.30 Breakfast. 9.00 Essential Classics. 12.00 Composer of the Week: Gershwin. 1.00 Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. 2.00 Afternoon Concert. 4.30 The Listening Service. 5.00 In Tune. 7.00 Classical Mixtape. A sequence of music. 7.30 Radio 3 in Concert. Simon Rattle's final Barbican concert as LSO music director. 10.00 The Verb. Ian McMillan explores new futures in form. 10.45 The Essay: Controversies — American Writing of the 1960s. Michael Goldfarb focuses on Joan Williams and her novel Old Powder. 11.00 Late Junction. A selection of tracks made from, related to or inspired by bones. 1.00 Tearjerker with Jordan Rakei. 2.00 Piano Flow with Gabriels. 3.00 Through the Night.

RADIO 4 92.4-94.6 FM
5.30 News Briefing. 5.43 Prayer for the Day. 5.45 Farming Today. 5.58 Tweet of the Day. 6.00 Today. 8.31 (LW) Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00 Desert Island Discs. 9.45 (LW) Daily Service. 9.45 (FM) Book of the Week: Monsters. 10.00 Woman's Hour. 10.30 (LW) Test Match Special. 11.00 (FM) The Briefing Room. 11.30 (FM) Charles Paris: So Much Blood. 12.00 (FM) News. 12.01 (LW) Shipping Forecast. 12.04 (LW) Test Match Special. England v Australia. 12.04 (FM) Archive on 4: A Brief History of Boomers. 12.57 (FM) Weather. 1.00 (FM) The World at One. 1.45 (FM) Hybrid. 2.00 (FM) The Archers. 2.15 (FM) Drama: The Attendant. 2.45 (FM) Witness. 3.00 (FM) Gardeners' Question Time. 3.45 (FM) For Human Consumption. 4.00 (FM) Last Word. 4.30 (FM) More or Less. 5.00 (FM) PM. 5.54 (LW) Shipping Forecast. 5.57 (LW) Test Match Special. 5.57 (FM) Weather. 6.00 (FM) Six O'Clock News. 6.30 (FM) Dead Ringers. Comedy impressions. 7.00 The Archers. Tom makes a surprising offer and Lynda finds herself a new task. 7.15 Add to Playlist. Groundbreaking techniques on traditional instruments. 8.00 Any Questions? Topical discussion from Northwick Park Hospital in Harrow, north-west London. 8.50 A Point of View.

A reflection on a topical issue. 9.00 Archive on 4: Walls of Sound. The archive of historical recordings at the British Library. 9.59 Weather. 10.00 The World Tonight. News round-up, with Shaun Ley. 10.45 People Who Knew Me. By Daniella Isaacs. 11.00 Americast. Analysis of cultural and social stories breaking in the US. 11.30 Today in Parliament. Political round-up. 12.00 News and Weather. 12.30 Book of the Week: Monsters. 12.48 Shipping Forecast. 1.00 As BBC World Service. 5.20 Shipping Forecast.

RADIO 5 LIVE 693 & 909 MW
5.00 Wake Up to Money. 6.00 5 Live Breakfast. 9.00 Nicky Campbell. 11.00 Chris Warburton. 1.00 Jill Scott's Coffee Club. 1.30 Test Match Special. 2.00 Elis James and John Robins. 4.00 5 Live Drive. 7.00 The Ashes. 7.30 Athletics. 9.30 The Ashes. Ashes analysis from the Test Match Special team. 10.00 Stephen Nolan. 1.00 Anna Jameson.

TALKSPORT 1053 & 1089 MW
5.00 Early Breakfast. 6.00 talkSPORT Breakfast with Alan Brazil. 10.00 Jim White and Simon Jordan. 1.00 Hawksbee and Jacobs. 4.00 talkSPORT Drive with Andy Goldstein and Darren Bent. 7.00 Following On: Ashes Inquest. 8.00 The Transfer Insiders. With Ade Oladipo and Rory Jennings. 10.00 Sports Bar. 1.00 Extra Time with Martin Kelner.

CLASSIC FM 100-102 FM
6.00 More Music Breakfast. 9.00 Alexander Armstrong. 12.00 Katie Breathwick. 4.00 Margherita Taylor. 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. 10.00 Calm Classics. 1.00 Katie Breathwick. 4.00 Sam Pittis.

BBC RADIO WM 95.6 FM
5.00 Jason Rosam. 6.00 Rob Mayor. 10.00 Elise Evans. 6.00 120 Cricket. 10.00 Natalie Graham. 1.00 As Radio 5 Live.

HEART WEST MIDLANDS 100.7 FM
6.30 Breakfast with Jamie Theakston and Amanda Holden. 10.00 Pandora Christie. 1.00 Matt Wilkinson. 4.00 Ed and Gemma. 7.00 Heart's Club Classics with Toby Anstis. 11.00 Rezzy Ghadjar. 1.00 Katrina Ridley.

SMOOTH RADIO 105.7 105.7 FM
6.00 Nigel Freshman. 10.00 Kate Garraway. 1.00 Paul Phear. 4.00 Angie Greaves. 7.00 Smooth Sanctuary at 7 with Gary Vincent. 10.00 The Smooth Late Show with Martin Collins. 1.00 Philip Chrysikos.

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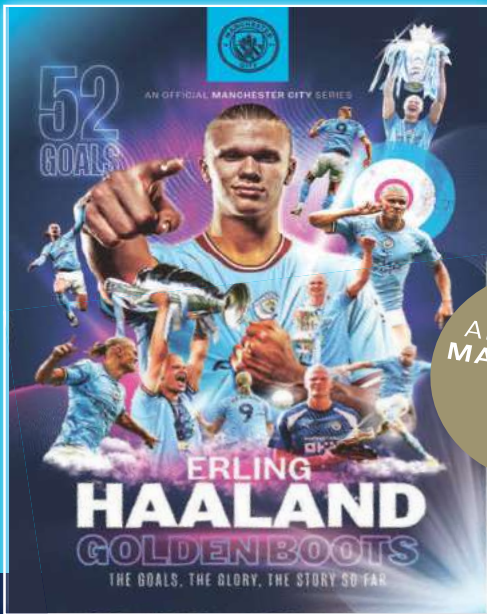
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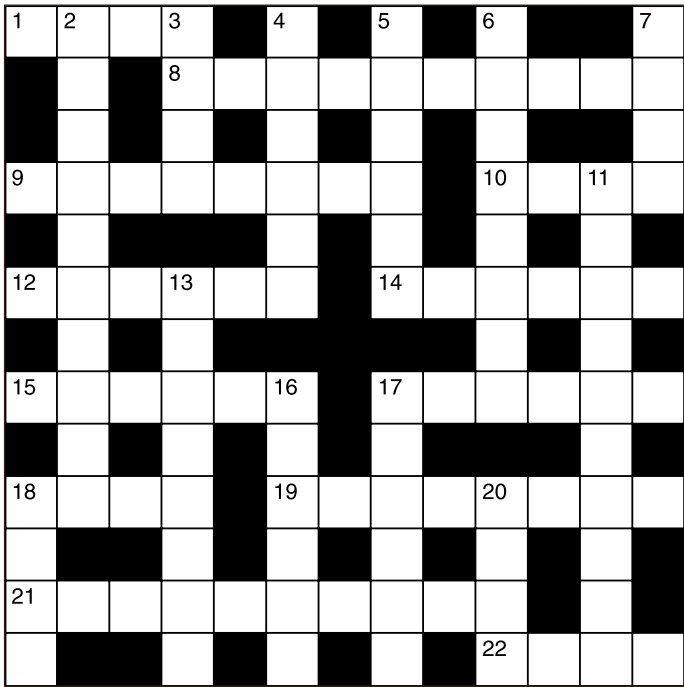
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Cryptic crossword



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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS 30/06/2023

Across: 7 Horse; 8 Ash tree; 9 Dried up; 10 Pinch; 12 Charleston; 15 Enthusiast; 18 Route; 19 And cart; 21 Hectare; 22 Mango.
Down: 1 Sheds a tear; 2 Train; 3 Feed; 4 Sapper; 5 Shoppers; 6 Granite; 11 Hand lotion; 13 Houseman; 14 Staunch; 16 Isabel; 17 Pawns; 20 Dump.

- ACROSS
- DOWN
1. Amusement shown at a concealed fence (2-2)

8. Postman's jacket offering protection (4,2,4)

9. Wrinkle on a newspaper (8)

10. Frank has to start the batting (4)

12. Speak glowingly of a quiet lift (6)

14. When about to round a planet (6)

15. He takes a shot right past the bird (6)

17. A distinguished person is deserving (6)

18. Some asinine Roman (4)

19. Brotherly state shown my monastic headgear (8)

21. Denies film is inaccurate concerning dangerous areas (10)

22. The first tradesman to enquire for a job (4)
2. The look of a soft fruit cane, perhaps (10)

3. Made one's point with very good service (4)

4. The spite I see, say, in a man (6)

5. Five in a man's books (6)

6. I am having a drink with a man bringing goods in (8)

7. Scottish family left in prison (4)

11. Fortifications for factory on this planet (10)

13. I'm becoming unseemly (8)

16. Don't leave the master in control (6)

17. Use devious methods to get the western viewpoint (6)

18. Title upsets eastern fellow (4)

20. A crowd for the party-giver (4)

Codeword

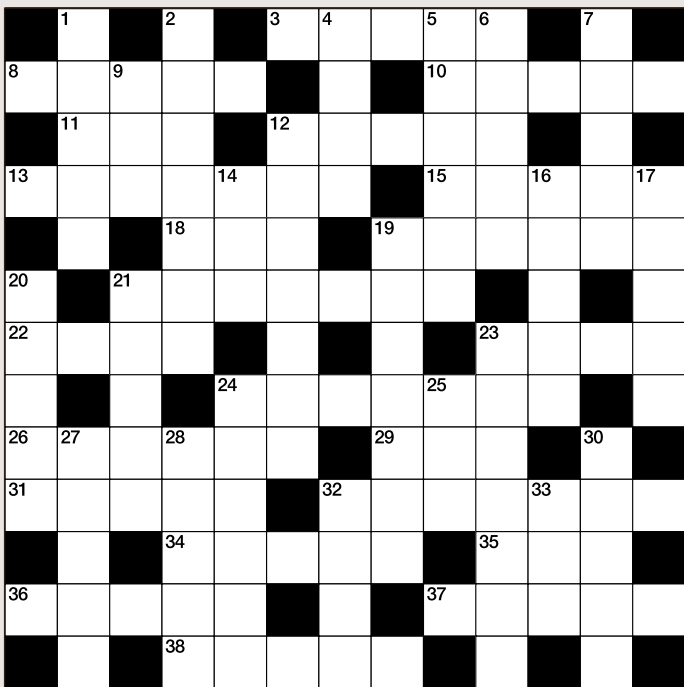
This puzzle has no clues. Instead, every number printed in the grid represents a letter, with the same number always representing the same letter. For example, if 8 turns out to be a V, you can write in V wherever a square contains 8. Using your knowledge of words, complete the puzzle.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
M	B	N	D	I	T	U	O	A	C	W	K	V
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Z	X	G	H	L	P	Q	Y	J	R	S	E	F

Quick crossword



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 3 Staff; 9 Appear; 10 Labour; 11 Dinar; 12 Epic; 15 Tramps; 17 Regular; 19 Art; 20 Lager; 22 Vigil; 24 Rumba; 25 Natal; 27 Pat; 29 Rotates; 32 Enamel; 34 Lime; 35 Roses; 37 Canvas; 38 Roasts; 39 Least.

- ACROSS
- DOWN
3. Eye colour (5)

8. Hector (5)

10. Jacket part (5)

11. Angry (3)

12. Capital of Morocco (5)

13. Driving force or impulse (7)

15. One who steals (5)

18. Mr Lowe, actor (3)

19. Stylus (6)

21. Changed (7)

22. Sacred (4)

23. Repast (4)

24. Slide unsteadily (7)

26. Shrub or small tree (6)

29. Meadow (3)

31. Challenges (5)

32. Boarding place for dogs (7)

34. Book of maps (5)

35. Flatfish (3)

36. Thick (5)

37. Cause to attack (3,2)

38. Made mistakes (5)
1. Baby's pacifier (5)

2. Quite old (7)

4. Unfortunately (4)

5. Very happy (6)

6. Turning tool (5)

7. Gem (5)

9. Single circuit (3)

12. German measles (7)

14. Toddler (3)

16. Loafer (5)

17. Touches (5)

19. Snuggles (6)

20. In front (5)

21. Communion table (5)

23. Flow windingly (7)

24. Female sibling (6)

25. Farmyard bird (3)

27. Provide food (5)

28. Stop, halt (5)

30. Arm joint (5)

32. --- Winslett, actress (4)

33. Consume (3)

Split Decision

Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword grid.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

V	I	D	E	O
O		R		A
T	R	I	P	S
E		L		I
D	O	L	L	S

Gogen

Insert letters to form the listed words, moving between adjacent cells horizontally, vertically or diagonally in any direction.

Insert all the remaining letters of the alphabet (except Z) in the grid so all the listed words are spelt out in this way.

1

FACET

JIG

MAKE

ORC

PROBING

QUICKEN

SHAWM

VOICED

WAXY

WHORL

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

2

AIRED

BRICK

CHOPS

CIRQUE

COMFY

JUTE

RIG

VAULTED

VOWS

WAXEN

WET

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

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

Sudoku

Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

EASY

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

HARD

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

YESTERDAY'S
SUDOKU: Easy

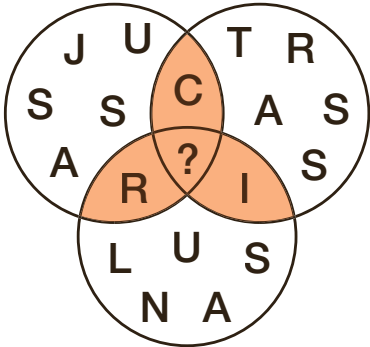
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1	7	2	6	4	9	8	5	3
8	6	3	5	1	2	7	4	9
4	5	7	3	8	1	9	6	2
2	3	9	4	6	7	1	8	5
6	1	8	9	2	5	3	7	4
9	4	5	8	7	3	2	1	6
7	2	6	1	9	4	5	3	8
3	8	1	2	5	6	4	9	7

YESTERDAY'S
SUDOKU: Hard

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

Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within the circle can be rearranged to form words with a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

The letter represented by the question mark is I. Cipriani, Sheridan, Vickery, all English rugby union players.

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

- 523368 gives a mammal;
- 74212 gives a mammal;
- 9258 gives a mammal.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: DECLARING

30/06/2023

Alphamuddle

Rearrange the letters in the top grid to make five words that read both across and down. Five letters have been placed in the bottom grid to start you off.

R	I	E	X	E
A	T	M	I	M
R	C	E	D	A
X	E	T	R	D
I	R	E	C	E
				E
R				
	M			
		D		
			R	

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G	R	A	P	E
R	E	S	I	N
A	S	S	E	T
P	I	E	C	E
E	N	T	E	R

DINGBATS

Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

moonties

www.dingbats.net

Wordsquare

Find as many words as possible using the letters in the grid. Each word must use the central letter and at least 3 others, and letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns, but verb forms ending in 's' are permitted. There is one 9-letter word to be found.

R	S	O
O	F	E
E	H	R

HOW YOU RATE

12 Good; 16 Very Good; 18 Excellent.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

SHRUBBERY

berry, brush, brusher, brushy, burr, burrs, burry, burs, burse, bury, busby, bush, bushy, busy, buyer, buys, byre, ebbs, herb, herby, hubby, rebury, rubber, rubbery, rubs, ruby, shrub, shrubbery, shrubby.

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ARIES
March 21-April 20



LIBRA
Sept 24-Oct 23

You're holding some information back from a partner or housemate because you don't want to make them anxious. At the same time, a direct approach would be more beneficial for your relationship because in being honest with each other, you will both know where you stand.

You're feeling tired, emotional and in need of a little support. If you can't find this at home, go find a motherly mate who always gives good advice, comfort and guidance. They will understand why you are so restless, nervous and in need of a shoulder to lean on.

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TAURUS
April 21-May 21



SCORPIO
Oct 24-Nov 22

After looking at your financial situation you will know how much surplus there is to spend or how much extra you need to keep on top of everyday bills. You want to make your future more secure even though you are desperate to spend some money on something flamboyant.

A partner or housemate will be enjoying some happy fraternising with a friend or neighbour. You on the other hand are up to your eyes in work and responsibility. It seems unfair that those you live with can have so much fun while you have to get on with the hard graft.

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GEMINI
May 22-June 21



SAGITTARIUS
Nov 23-Dec 21

You deserve more money than you are being paid for your hard work. It feels as if you are devoting time and skills to your job or a volunteer project but there is little evidence financially to show for your efforts. If your kindness is being taken for granted, don't feel obliged to keep doing more.

You are breaking new ground, exploring different areas and keeping a lot of what you are doing to yourself. A partner would not understand your goals. At the same time you aren't making life easy for yourself by trying to be one person to one person and another to someone else.

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CANCER
June 22-July 23



CAPRICORN
Dec 22-Jan 20

Discuss your ideas with your boss or a senior colleague and you will be surprised by their very interested response. They will be keen to research this further. If you have any excess energy, why not spend a few hours at your local sports centre or swimming pool? You'll feel better for it.

It will bring you no contentment to agree with those who expect you to continue with your usual chores. You're feeling too restless to patiently settle for anything too routine. Give yourself permission to break out of this rut. Let people know you are ready for a change.

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LEO
July 24-Aug 23



AQUARIUS
Jan 21-Feb 19

If you have been looking for a new place to live you might find property in an area you had not considered before. A tip from a friend will give you a chance to grab an opportunity before anyone else hears about it. Someone at home will grumble about not being kept up to date with goings on.

Professional matters need your attention. You might wish you had dealt with some jobs earlier when you had the chance. Instead you opted to push them aside in favour of having some fun. Now you have even more to deal with and your list of chores is growing by the minute.

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VIRGO
Aug 24-Sept 23



PISCES
Feb 20-Mar 20

Although it may not be your most urgent consideration, it's worth pointing out to a partner or your housemates that money is tight. You are recognising that in some areas you won't only need to take action, you need to deliver. This is what other people are expecting from you.

A creative ability you have been keeping under wraps will be brought out into the open. A new assignment will provide the opportunity you have been waiting for to make better use of your talents. Expect to be praised and applauded for your skills, and you will enjoy the attention.

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LIGHT **Valerie Mary**



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Family flowers only, but donations to the Alzheimer's Society would be greatly appreciated. c/o Stephen & Philip Painter, 213 Yardley Road, Acocks Green, B27 6LZ. Telephone 0121 707 1172

PEDLEY **Mabel**

Late of Stirchley, mother of Colin, Julie and Keith, passed away 15 June 2023, after a short illness, aged 100 years.

Funeral service to take place at
Lodge Hill Cemetery on
21 July 2023 at 12.15.

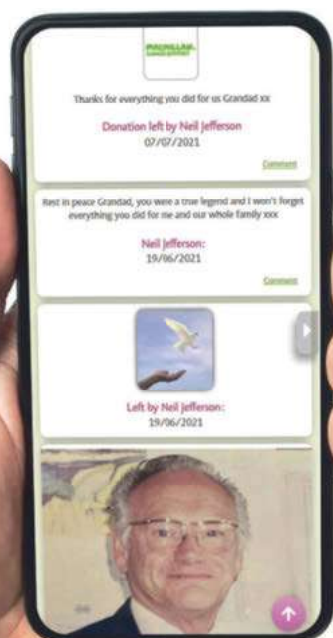
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WHITE **Sheila Mary**

14/7/1934 – 26/5/2023

Sheila Mary White formerly of Bentley Heath sadly passed away on Friday 26th May 2023, aged 88 years. Reunited with husband Michael. A much loved Mum and Granny who will be dearly missed. Service to take place at Redditch Crematorium, B97 6RR on 6th July at 1.15pm. Family flowers only, donations to The Alzheimer's Society thank you.

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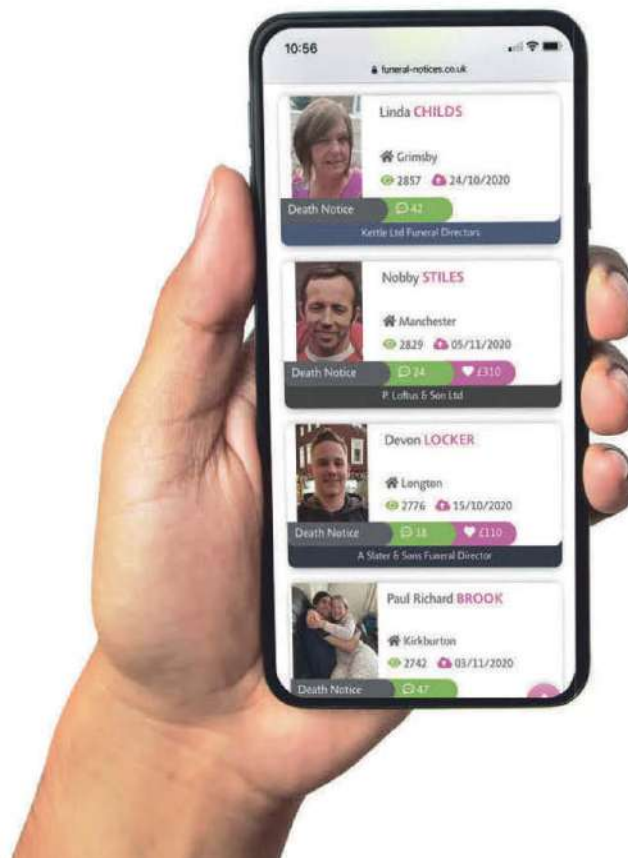
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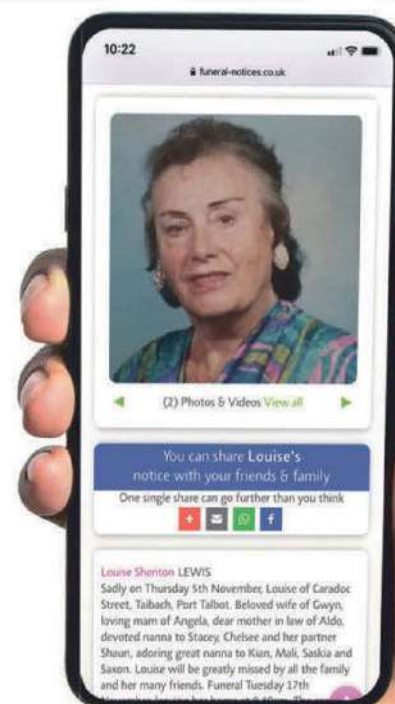
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Traffic & Roads

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED) SECTION 14(2)
(CHARLES ROAD, BORDESLEY GREEN) (T2324142)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2023

NOTICE is hereby given that Birmingham City Council have made an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle from entering or proceeding in either direction along CHARLES ROAD, BORDESLEY GREEN from its junction with Bordesley Green to its junction with Floyer Road.

The Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic is required to allow gas maintenance works in the carriageway to be undertaken in safety.

An alternative route for vehicles affected by this Order will be via Bordesley Green, Green Lane and Coventry Road.

These prohibitions shall apply only during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs prescribed by The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

The Order will come into operation on 3rd July 2023 and will remain in force for a period of TEN WEEKS or until the works are completed whichever is the earlier.

Dated 30th day of June 2023

Phil Edwards, Assistant Director – Transportation & Connectivity, Economy Directorate, Birmingham City Council, 1 Lancaster Circus Queensway, PO Box 14439, Birmingham, B2 2JE (Sat Nav B4 7DJ)

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BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL
(7150836 WALSALL ROAD, PERRY BARR)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2023

NOTICE is hereby given that Birmingham City Council has made an Order the effect of which prohibits any vehicle from proceeding along the south bound carriageway of WALSALL ROAD, from its junction with Queslett Road to a point opposite it's junction with Old Walsall Road, between the hours of 20:00 and 05:00 each day.

The Temporary Order is required to enable highway works to be carried out in safety in the carriageway of the above road.

An alternative route for traffic will be signposted during each phase of the works.

The proposed prohibition and restriction shall apply only during such times and to such an extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs prescribed by The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 3rd July 2023 and will remain in force for a period of FOUR WEEKS or until the works are complete, whichever is the sooner.

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BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL
(7151644 BOWLING GREEN LANE, HANDSWORTH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2023

NOTICE is hereby given that Birmingham City Council has made an Order the effect of which prohibits any vehicle from proceeding in either direction along BOWLING GREEN LANE.

The Temporary Order is required to enable utility works to be carried out in safety in the carriageway of the above road.

The proposed prohibition and restriction shall apply only during such times and to such an extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs prescribed by The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 17th July 2023 and will remain in force for a period of SIX WEEKS or until the works are complete, whichever is the sooner.

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BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED) SECTION 14(2)
(ROMA ROAD, SPARKBROOK & BALSALL HEATH EAST) (T2324151)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2023

NOTICE is hereby given that Birmingham City Council have made an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle from entering or proceeding in either direction along ROMA ROAD, SPARKBROOK & BALSALL HEATH EAST for its entire length.

The Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic is required to allow water maintenance works in the carriageway to be undertaken in safety

These prohibitions shall apply only during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs prescribed by The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

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(CAMBRIDGE STREET, LADYWOOD) (7154084)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2023

NOTICE is hereby given that Birmingham City Council have made an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle to proceed along Cambridge Street within the vicinity of NIA Utility Arena.

The temporary Order is required to facilitate Major Works in Safety.

An alternative route for vehicles affected by this Order will be signed on site.

Access to frontages will be maintained as necessary.

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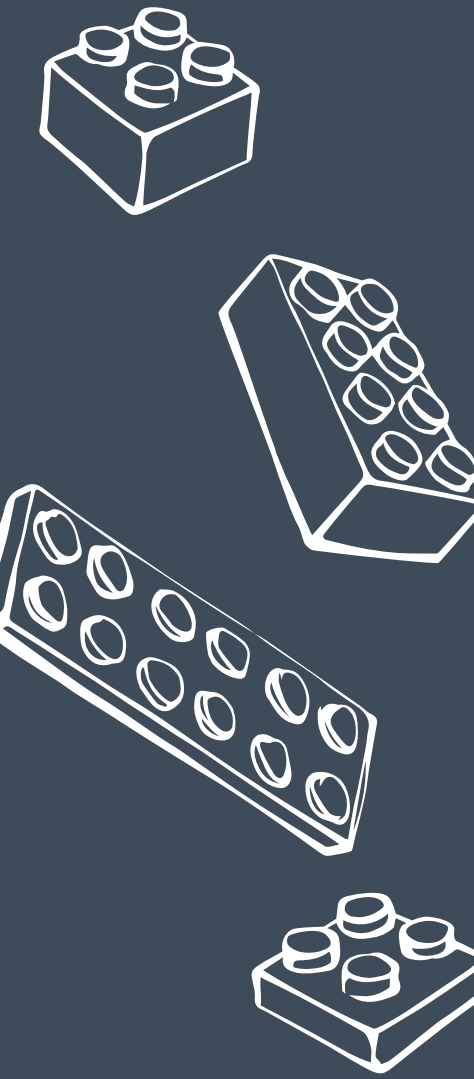
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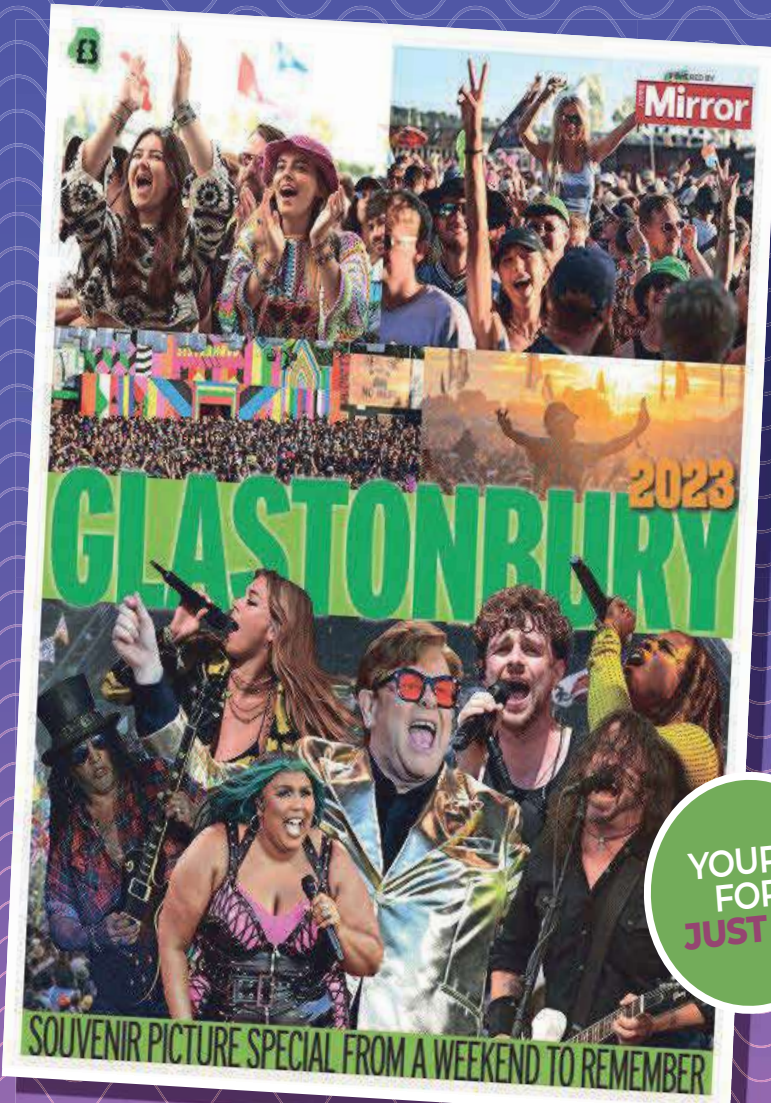


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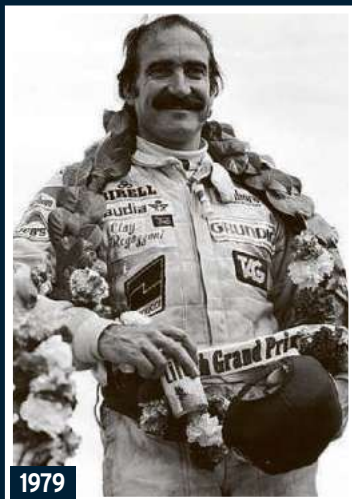


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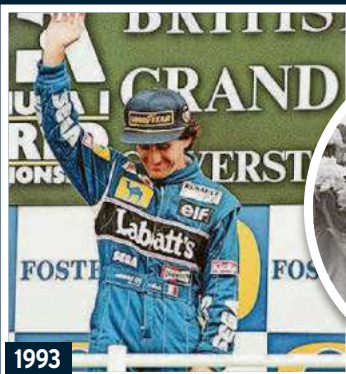
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1979
Clay's day: Swiss racing driver Giancarlo Giuseppe "Clay" Regazzoni won five Grands Prix during his racing career in the 1970s, including at Silverstone in 1979 – the first Grand Prix victory for British team Williams.



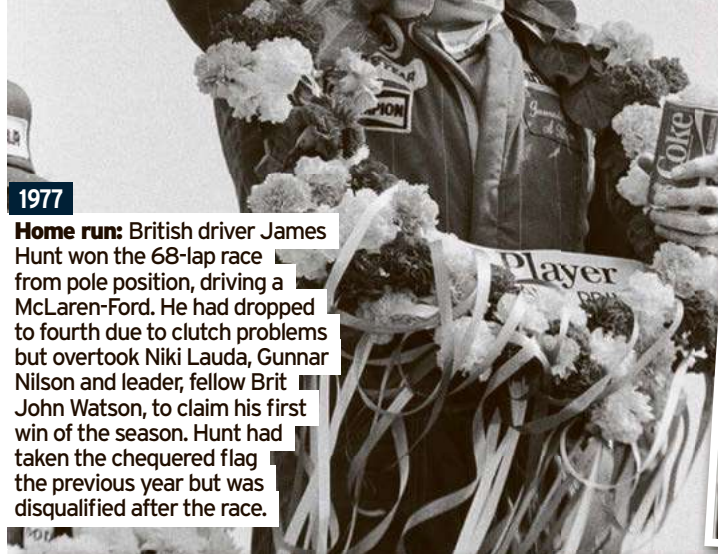
2002
The Red Baron: Seven-time world champion Michael Schumacher was first across the Silverstone finishing line three times during his successful time with Ferrari in 1998, 2002 and 2004, cementing his status as one of the circuit's greatest drivers.



1993
The Professor: Known for his intelligent and tactical driving style, Frenchman Alain Prost won the British Grand Prix five times, in 1983, 1985, 1989, 1990 and 1993. During his career he won four World Drivers' Championships and 51 Grands Prix.

WINNING FORMULA

Go, go, go! As Silverstone prepares to host the British Formula One Grand Prix on July 9, **SHARON GREEN** looks back at the daredevil legends who have made this iconic 3.66 miles of Northamptonshire tarmac their own



1977
Home run: British driver James Hunt won the 68-lap race from pole position, driving a McLaren-Ford. He had dropped to fourth due to clutch problems but overtook Niki Lauda, Gunnar Nilsson and leader, fellow Brit John Watson, to claim his first win of the season. Hunt had taken the chequered flag the previous year but was disqualified after the race.



1951
And they're off: Silverstone hosted its first Formula One Grand Prix in 1950. The following year, José Froilán González won the first of many British Grands Prix for the Scuderia Ferrari team.



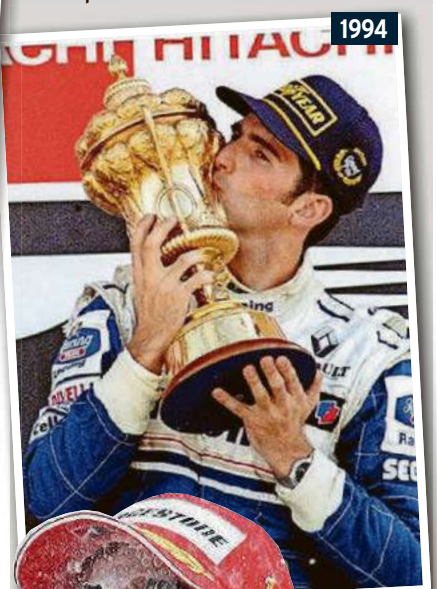
1987
Lionheart: 1992 world champion Nigel Mansell won the iconic race four times, in 1986, 1987, 1991 and 1992. He said the crowd at Silverstone was worth as much as "half a second per lap" to him.



1965
Mister Smooth: Scottish racer Jim Clark, known for his smooth driving style, won at Silverstone five times, including four consecutive victories from 1962 to 1965.



1967
Like father, like son: 1996 Formula One world champion Damon Hill followed in the tracks of his world champion father Graham, who took the title in 1962 and 1968. Damon is pictured at Silverstone with his dad in 1967, above, and, below, 27 years later when he won the British Grand Prix from pole position, pulling off the home-turf victory his father, who finished twice in second spot, never quite accomplished.



2008
All-time great: Sir Lewis Hamilton's success at the British Grand Prix is unparalleled, having won his home race eight times, including four consecutive victories from 2014 to 2017 and back-to-back wins in 2020 and 2021. Here the McLaren driver celebrates his first Silverstone win after cruising to victory by more than a minute from the rest of the field in dreadful conditions.

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5.40 BEAVERBROOKS AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP (4) 7f Winner £5,797 (11 run) SSR

1 (5) -11	METABOLT (11) D Loughnane 4 11-6 (D2)	Miss Becky Smith	62
2 (11)	DANZAN (10) T Easterby 8 11-5 (D2)	Mr William Easterby	67
7 (33)	MATWAKE (19) R Fahey 5 11-2 (D3)	Mr E Cagney	66
4 (8)	BRASIL POWER (25) G Boughey 4 11-1 (BF, D2)	Mr Jack Callan (7)	51
5 (3)	PWAS FOR THOUGHT (34) D McCain 5 11-1 (D)	Miss L M Turner	65
10 (103)	STARSHIBA (17) D O'Meara 6 10-12 (D3)	Mr Matthew Menzies	64
7 (4)	DOLLY GRAY (15) D Loughnane 4 10-9 (BF)	Mr Paul Kavanagh (7)	65
8 (2)	213 KING CABO (15) L Bace 4 10-9 (D)	Mr Jude Fernandes (7)	66
9 (9)	89 ICONIC KNIGHT (8) A Carroll 8 10-6 (D3)	Miss Amy Tucker (7)	19
10 (1)	125 MABRE (15) P Evans 6 10-5	Miss Sophie Bain (7)	65
11 (6)	594 VOLTAK (108) A Carroll 7 9-11 (D)	Miss S Bowen (3)	71

BETTING: 4 Danzan, 9-2 Metabolt, 6 Dolly Gray, 7 Pwas For Thought, Maywake, 8 Brasil Power, King Cabo, 10 Mabre, 12 Otobols.

2022: No corresponding race.

6.15 RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) (4) (2-Y-O) 7f Winner £5,096 (8 run) SSR

1 (8)	INDICATION COURT Craig Lidster 9-7	S James	—
2 (8)	MINAWEKH Alice Haynes 9-7	S Gray	—
3 (3)	RUKAANA Chills 9-7	Jason Watson	—
4 (7)	TIMBER HANNOX 9-7	J Mitchell	—
5 (6)	WITNESS STAND Tom Clover 9-7	D Tudhope	—
6 (5)	WOOTTON'S JEWEL M Bell 9-7	H Crouch	—
7 (1)	DUFRESNE T Dascombe 9-7	A Rawlinson	—
8 (2)	QUICK AWAY Charlie Johnston 8-12	F Norton	—

BETTING: 9-4 Mimi Kakushi, 5 Rukaana, 6 Minawekh, 7 Dufresne, Timebar, 8 Wootton's Jewel, Witness Stand, 12 Indication Court.

2022: No corresponding race.

6.50 HALLIWELL JONES SELLING STAKES (4) (2-Y-O) 7f Winner £9,173 (9 run) SSR

1 (7)	1 ON BORROWED TIME (7) O Pears 9-5 (D)	H Russell (3)	47
2 (3)	7 KENYAN WARRIOR (13) O Greenall 8 J Guerrero 9-4	A Rawlinson	—
3 (8)	784 MAJOR KESSAAR (7) R Menzies 9-4	D Costello	23
4 (5)	722 UP THE JAZZ (14) R Fahey 9-4	D Nolan	58
5 (4)	29 MAKING DREAMS (29) K R Burke 8-13	S James	36
6 (9)	542 MIMI KAKUSHI (7) G Boughey 8-13 (BF)	D Tudhope	53
7 (6)	829 PATASOLA (11) M Hammond 8-13	A Brookes (5)	48
8 (2)	900 PRETENCE (16) Kevin Coleman 8-13	S Gray	31
9 (1)	6 STORM ALICE (2) P Evans 8-13	P Jamin (3)	16

BETTING: 9-4 Mimi Kakushi, 5-2 Up the Jazz, 4 Making Dreams, 6 On Borrowed Time, 12 Patasola, Pretence, 25 Storm Alice, 33 Kenyan Warrior, Major Kessaar.

2022: No corresponding race.

FORM GUIDE: MIMI KAKUSHI 1-4fav Wore hood to post, led and took field to far rail, headed towards finish, 2nd of 7, nk behind On Borrowed Time at Redcar 7f 2yo sfl (6) **gd.** UP THE JAZZ 4-1 Close up, ridden and headway inside final furlong, ran on, not quite reach winner, 2nd of 14, hid behind Celestial Flight at York of 2yo sfl (3) **gf.** MAKING DREAMS 16-1 Prominent, ridden over 2f out, soon beaten, 9th of 10, 7l behind Pretty Crystal at Ripon of 2yo fl nov stks (5) **gf.**

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Going: Good-good to soft in places

1.55 CARTMEL RACES AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m 1f Winner £3,700 (14 run) RTV

1 -36	PALM BEACH (30) J E Dixon 6 12-0	Mr John Dixon (3)	110
2 -P8	WICKLOW FLYER (14) J Wainwright 6 11-9	Miss P Brown (7)	51
3 -52	AMONDO (98) D McCain 7 11-9 (D)	Mr J King	108
4 -35	DEMI SANG (371) Sara Ender 10 11-9 (D)	Mr John Dawson	—
5 -42	PRIME TIME LADY (30) M Rowley 6 11-8 (D)	Mr Murray Dodd (7)	110
6 -P8	A CHEAP THRILL (10) E Mullins (IRE) 6 11-8	Mr C Shine (7)	81
7 -54	CUZZO DU MATHAN (30) J Moffatt 6 11-6	Mr F Gordon (3)	86
8 -64	RHODIA (117) Sarah Hollinshead 7 11-2	Miss Heidi Palin (5)	109
9 -5-1	CALEVADE (30) B Haslam 7 11-1 (D)	Mr A J O'Neill (5)	108
10 -5	IOLANI D Sayer 11 11-4 (D2)	Miss Fern O'Brien (5)	114
11 -6P5	WEE JERRY (12) M McCuskey (IRE) 7 10-11	Mr Paddy Barlow (5)	92
12 -7	FOR THREE (32) M Weatherly 9 10-10	Mr J Dixon	111
13 -0-5	M SUEÑO (18) P Hood (IRE) 4 10-7	Miss A Stevens (3)	93
14 -PP	ARDVIEW BOY (32) S G West 14-10	Mr James Waggott (7)	97

BETTING: 6-2 Dee Star, 2 Jony Max, 13-2 Zumbi, 6 Grange Ranger, 10 Breaking The Ice, 12 Diegoas Way, 14 Palm Beach, 20 Cuzzo Du Mathan, Iolani, 16 Others.

2022: No corresponding race.

2.30 CARK MARET AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP CHASE (4) 3m 1f 107yds Winner £5,148 (8 run) RTV

1 -25	WESTERN RUN (9) R Smith 8 12-0	C O'Farrell	124
2 -51	DEE STAR (32) G Hamner 10 11-1 (D2)	S Bowen	117
3 -28	JONY MAX (33) Christian Williams 8 11-7	E Collier (7)	124
4 -8P	BREAKING THE ICE (208) G Bewley 8 11-6 (D)	J Bewley (3)	126
5 -P-4	ZUMBI (34) J Moffatt 6 11-3 (BF, C)	Charlotte Jones (3)	107
6 -P-5	JELSKI (30) J Moffatt 9 11-3 (C2)	W Shanahan (7)	124
7 -54	DIEGOS WAY (19) J Collins (IRE) 10 10-11	Miss A Stevens (7)	122
8 -543	GRANGE RANGER (5) M Hammond 11 10-11	B Hughes	121

BETTING: 6-2 Dee Star, 2 Jony Max, 13-2 Zumbi, 6 Grange Ranger, 10 Breaking The Ice, 12 Diegoas Way, 16 Western Run, 20 Jelski.

3.05 ST MARY'S HOSPICE HANDICAP CHASE (5) 2m 5f Winner £3,617 (11 run) RTV

1 005	CARNET DE STAGE (21) E O'Sullivan (IRE) 8 12-0	Mr C J Shine (7)	107
2 -9-4	ROXBORO ROAD (24) B Haslam 10 12-0 (D2)	R McLennan	—
3 -PP	RAECIUS FELIX (34) R Menzies 9 11-12 (D)	B Hughes	111
4 -49	BELLS EXPRESS (32) J Moffatt 6 11-9	Charlotte Jones (3)	—
5 -64	THATSY (27) Lizzie Quinlan 9 11-9	Sean Quinlan	106
6 -35	THE ELECTRICIAN (27) R M Smith 7 11-4 (D)	J Hamilton	103
7 -U-3	CASH AGAIN (32) B Haslam 11 11-4	J Hogan (3)	105
8 -P-3	JOEY STEEL (48) Christian Williams 10 11-4	E Collier (7)	102
9 -P-5	HUNGRY TIGER (32) G Bewley 9 11-4	J Bewley (3)	102
10 827	MONOXIDE M McCuskey (IRE) 8 10-12	B P Kennedy (7)	110
11 -46	ONE NIGHT TOWN (13) M Hammond 9 10-5 (D2)	C O'Farrell	103

BETTING: 7-2 Joey Steel, 11-2 Cash Again, 7 The Electrician, 9 Carnet De Stage, 8 Monoxide, Raecius Felix, 10 Hungry Tiger, 12 Bells Express, Thatsy, One Nighttown, 16 Roxboro Road.

2022: MIRACULOUS GETAWAY 7 10.5, Jonathan England 13-2 (S England), 12 ran.

3.40 MOLSON COORS HANDICAP CHASE (5) 3m 1f 107yds Winner £3,617 (9 run) RTV

1 113	LIGHTS ARE GREEN (27) G Bewley 6 12-0 (BF, D)	J Bewley (3)	98
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7.25 BEAVERBROOKS HANDICAP (4) (3-Y-O) 1m Winner £6,115 (10 run) SSR

1 (1)	256 METAHORSE (17) Darryll Holland 9-11 (C)	Jason Watson	73
2 (8)	438 CHASSERAL (13) A Baiding 9-9	H Davies (3)	74
3 (10)	619 SPORADALTA (34) M Walford 9-8 (D)	D Costello	75
4 (9)	210 HEY LYLA (44) Charlie Johnston 9-7	F Norton	77
5 (6)	210 RIVER USK (34) R Fahey 9-4	D Nolan	75
6 (5)	26 FINN RUSSELL (309) J Williams 9-4	S Gray	—
7 (2)	334 TAJALAT (15) R Varian 9-3	J Mitchell	78
8 (3)	260 SUPASPECIALAWESOME (13) H Palmer 9-3	P Jamin (3)	66
9 (7)	286 SEAGRAVE FOX (36) T Easterby 8-11	S James	72
10 (4)	843 PEARLY STAR (20) H Palmer 8-4	A Mullen	76

BETTING: 7-2 Tajalat, 5 Metahorse, 6 Chasseral, 7 Pearly Star, 8 Seagrave Fox, River Usk, Finn Russell, 12 Spioradalta, Hey Lylla, 16 Supaspecialawesome.

2022: DEVASBOY 9 8, Andrew Breslin (3) 20-1 (C & M Johnston), drawn (4), 6 ran.

8.00 EBF FILLIES' HANDICAP (3) 1m 2f Winner £12,740 (8 run) SSR

1 (2)	524 NIGWA (29) E Bethell 4 10-0 (BF, D)	J Mitchell	83
2 (5)	111 SPARKS FLY (46) Loughnane 3-9	Laura Pearson (3)	79
3 (1)	299 GOLDEN MELODY (6) T Easterby 5-9-5 (D)	A Mullen	83
4 (4)	31 MARKET VALUE (40) W Haggas 3-9-4 (D)	D Tudhope	80
5 (3)	122 DUBAI CRYSTAL (19) K R Burke 3-9-4 (D)	S James	81
6 (8)	321 WIND IN YOUR SAILS (27) R Beckett 3-9-3	H Crouch	80
7 (6)	523 ANGELS LANDING (17) J Williams 5-9-2 (BF)	H Davies (3)	82
8 (7)	143 TOTNES (17) A Baiding 3-8-10 (BF)	F Norton	76

BETTING: 11-4 Market Value, 5 Sparks Fly, 5 Wind In Your Sails, 7 Nigwa, Dubai Crystal, 8 Totnes, 12 Angels Landing, 20 Golden Melody.

2022: VAZIRE 3 8 12, David Probert 11-8 Fav (A Baiding), drawn (1), 5 ran.

8.30 EXPLEO HANDICAP (4) (3-Y-O) 1m 2f Winner £6,115 (8 run) SSR

1 (6)	562 THEME PARK (34) N Tinkler 9-11	R Scott	78
2 (8)	331 TAJWAL (25) S & E Crisford 9-9	H Davies (3)	78
3 (1)	-23 BALANCE PLAY (27) R Beckett 9-7	H Crouch	77
4 (4)	422 RAZONI (12) G Boughey 9-4	Jason Watson	79
5 (3)	151 NOODLE MISSION (143) M Bell 9-3	D Tudhope	—
6 (7)	-22 LIL' FRANK (25) R Varian 9-3	J Mitchell	79
7 (5)	182 MANDEGA (95) M Hammond 9-1 (D)	A Brookes (5)	69
8 (2)	-96 GORDON GREY (26) J Williams 8-9	S Gray	77

BETTING: 11-4 Balance Play, 4 Tajawal, 9-2 Theme Park, 5 Noodle Mission, 6 Lil' Frank, 7 Razoni, 20 Mandega, 25 Gordon Grey.

2022: BOX TO BOX 9-5, Cieren Fallon 6-4 Fav (H Palmer), drawn (4), 5 ran.

9.00 REMEMBERING JESS WHALLEY HANDICAP (5) 5f Winner £5,096 (15 run) SSR

1 (4)	323 SOUL SEEKER (18) D O'Meara 6-9-5 (D5)	D Tudhope	77
2 (7)	115 BANG ON THE BELL (53) R Jenkins 4-9-6 (BF, D4)	D Davies (3)	75
3 (14)	424 HAN SOLO BERGER (26) R Cowell 8-9-5 (BF, D7)	A Rawlinson	78
4 (1)	155 BIRKENHEAD (23) P Midgley 6-9-5 (D7)	D Nolan	66
5 (8)	416 STREET LIFE (15) P Morris 6-9-5 (D6)	H Russell (3)	75
6 (13)	218 BRIAN THE SNAIL (15) P Morris 6-9-5 (D3)	P Jamin (3)	74
7 (12)	-47 NOTEABLE (82) Craig Lidster 4-9-1	S James	45
8 (5)	936 HIGH SECURITY (17) N Tinkler 5-9-0 (D3)	R Scott	83
9 (5)	-46 ALBEGONE (23) T Easterby 5-8-13 (BF, D3)	F Norton	80
10 (3)	060 SHOEBOX KING (19) Kevin Coleman 4-8-13 (D)	S Gray	80
11 (9)	417 ASTAPOR (201) J Rides 5-8-12 (D2)	Brandon Wilkie (7)	76
12 (10)	132 THEREGOES (8) R Brisland 4-8-8 (D3)	Shariq Mohd (7)	75
13 (11)	459 RED WALLS (11) W Williams 5-8-8 (D5)	F Egan	—
14 (2)	051 ECCLESIASTICAL (9) T Davidson 6-8-8 (D3)	A Mullen	78
15 (75)	130 LOCO LABO (94) J Williams 5-8-4	Mollie Phillips (3)	—

BETTING: 4 Ecclesiastical, 6 Albegone, 7 Shoebox King, Soul Seeker, 8 Theregoes, 12 Han Solo Berger, Astapor, High Security, Bang On The Bell, 14 Others.

2022: No corresponding race.

CAPTAIN BECHER THE MARQUIS

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JELSKI	2.30	DEE STAR
CASH AGAIN	3.05	RAECIUS FELIX
PRINCE CLENI	3.40	PRINCE CLENI
PRINCE NINO	4.15	BALLYQUIN BAY
BABY SHAM	4.47	FABREZE

Going: Good-good to soft in places

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2 6-P CARRIGREEN KONINI (50) M Hammond 7 11-6 Miss A Stevens (7) 53

3 -21 PRINCE CLENI (18) Christian Williams 5 11-2 Tudor 98

4 -42 WHATABOUTYEH (39) S England 6 10-10 (BF) England 99

5 -P-7 HUMPS AND BUMPS (13) D Brooke 10 10-9 H Brooke 93

6 -P-6 BANG GANGSTA (34) J Moffatt 7 10-5 Charlotte Jones (3) 48

7 -5P TWISTED FIRSTSTAR (102) D Pipe 7 10-2 P Amosson (3) 100

8 -PP ABSOLUTELY DYLAN (13) Sue Smith 10 10-2 Sean Quinlan 91

9 -PP OLD PACE (15) A Sadik 6 10-2 Alison Clarke (7) 103

BETTING: 2 Prince Ceni, 5-2 Lights Are Green, 11-2 Whataboutyeh, 7 Twistedfirststar, 10 Big Gangsta, 12 Carrigreen Konini, 14 Humps And Bumps, 16 Absolutely Dylan, 50 Old Pace.

2022: LARRY LOOBY 9 11 0, Emma Smith-Chaston (5) 6-1 (M Hammond), 9 ran.

4.15 FRED AND EDNA TAYLOR HANDICAP HURDLE (GBB RACE) (4) 2m 6f Winner £3,812 (9 run) RTV

1 -53	BALLYQUIN BAY (38) Mrs A Hamilton 5 11-4	J Hamilton	114
2 -41	BIG IN MILAN (137) J Ewart 6 11-4	B Hughes	98
3 -2-7	LOCAL DRAMA (13) Sue Smith 5 11-4	Conor Rabbitt (5)	72
4 -43	PRINCE NINO (63) Lizzie Quinlan 6 11-4	Sean Quinlan	100
5 -0-0	SLATE LANE (11) M Williams (IRE) 5 11-4	D Meyer	105
6 -40	OUR ZEBO (38) N Kelly (IRE) 4 10-12	S Bowen	99
7 -F-5	NIGHT ON THE TOWN (37) F O'Brien 7 10-11	J Hogan (3)	90
8 -F-1	TIME FOR JOY (53) D McCain 6 10-11	Abbie McCain (5)	—
9 -36	YOU SAY IT'S OVER (5) M Hammond 5 10-11	C O'Farrell	92

BETTING: 5-2 Ballyquin Bay, 4 Night On The Town, 9-2 Time For Joy, 5 Slate Lane, 6 Prince Nino, 10 Big In Milan, 14 Our Zebos, 33 You Say It's Over, Local Drama, 50 Old Pace.

2022: FREE HANDSHAKE 6 11 4, Sean Flanagan 13-8 (G Cornwall), 8 ran.

4.47 ROTHAM MARION MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m 6f Winner £3,248 (12 run) RTV

1 -P-6	ON WE GO (34) G Bonas 10 12-0 (D2)	Sean Quinlan	104
2 -45	SINNDARELLA (69) Sarah Hollinshead 7 11-11	C Ward (3)	104
3 -1-0	AMAZING AMY (46) E O'Sullivan (IRE) 8 11-10	Mr C J Shine (7)	56
4 -P-7	FENNEY BROOK (30) M Daly 7 11-8	R Patrick	100
5 -6-1	FABREZE (8) Sheila Lewis 8 11-6	N Schofield	107
6 -P-7	PUNK ROCK GIRL (13) J Collins (IRE) 5 11-5	B Hughes	75
7 -6-3	BELLA BLUESKY (49) Evan Williams 7 11-5	Craig Nichol	109
8 -7-5	SPECIAL DISTANCING (19) M Whelan (IRE) 6 11-4	B P Kennedy (7)	61
9 -7-7	DOT COTTON (45) R M Smith 6 11-4	R McLernon	96
10 -2P3	MRS KINSELLA (8) R Potter 7 11-2	S Bowen	104
11 -521	BABY SHAM (14) Seamus Mullins 5 11-0	B Nolan	100
12 -6-P	PURE SURF (19) J Jardine 7 10-6	C O'Farrell	—

BETTING: 5-2 Baby Sham, 3 Fabreze, 8 Mrs Kinsella, 10 Punk Rock Girl, Fenney Brook, Sinndarella, 12 Bella Bluesky, 14 Dot Cotton, 16 Others.

2022: No corresponding race.

DONCASTER TODAY

1.35 RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) (5) 1m 2f Winner £4,320 (5 run) SSR

1	(5)	1-	WHISPERING ROYAL (224) A King 3-9-9.....	A Atzeni	—
2	(2)	34	ALA KAIFI (141) I Mohammed 3-9-4.....	James Doyle	64
3	(3)	653	INTERGALACTICAT (66) J Fanshawe 3-9-4.....	O Murphy	68
4	(4)	47	KITTEN'S BAY (25) M Walford 3-9-4.....	B McHugh	48
5	(1)	74	TIMELY ESCAPE (20) C Hills 3-9-4.....	R Hornby	64

NEWMARKET TODAY

5.15 VICTOR VEITCH BRITISH EBF MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (GBB RACE) (4) (2-Y-O) 6f Winner £4,320 (9 run) RTV

1	(8)	8	DAZZLING STAR (23) C Appleby 9-2	—	P Dobbs
2	(2)		HARD TO RESIST W Haggas 9-2	—	T Marquand
3	(7)	5	IDLE ASSEMBLY (15) B Meehan 9-2	—	S M Levey
4	(1)	8	JUMEIRAH BREEZE (27) G Margaronson 9-2	—	T P Queally
5	(5)	5	LOOBY (18) C Hills 9-2	—	K Shoemark
6	(4)	8	MOONFIRE C Appleby 9-2	—	W Buick
7	(6)	6	PERIANTH (31) Mrs P Sly 9-2	—	S W Kelly
8	(3)	2	ROYAL ELYSIAN (15) J Ferguson 9-2	—	D Muscatt
9	(9)	8	SCARLET ROSIE (22) P McEntee 9-2	—	Molly Presland (7)

BETTING: 5-4 Moonfire, 5-2 Hard To Resist, 6 Royal Elysian, 14 Looby, Dazzling Star, 16 Perianth, 20 Idle Assembly, 25 Jumeirah Breeze, 33 Scarlet Rosie.

5.50 MINZAAL BRED AT RINGFORT STUD FILLIES' HANDICAP (5) 1m 2f Winner £4,187 (10 run) RTV

1	(10)	112	MOONLIT CLOUD (6) D Ivory 5 10-2 (BF, D3)	—	Jefferson Smith
2	(4)	7-6	MELERI (74) J Boyle 4 10-0 (CD)	—	Rhain Ingram (3)
3	(2)	886	FLOWER OF THUNDER (26) C Dunnett 6 9-13 (D5)	—	R Kingscote
4	(5)	825	SWING TO THE STARS (16) J Williams 4 9-10	—	W Buick
5	(3)	313	FLASH BARDOT (72) Jack Channon 3 9-6 (D)	—	G Bass (3)
6	(8)	-04	CONTROL (8) J Butler 4 9-5	—	David Egan
7	(9)	-22	RAGOSINA (17) J Ferguson 3 9-5	—	D Muscatt
8	(7)	-49	LETHAL TOUCH (133) Joseph Parr 4 9-5 (D)	—	Dylan Hogan
9	(6)	455	MANILA MIST (50) K Jewell 3 9-1	—	R Havlin
10	(1)	-73	FOLK STAR (25) D M Simcock 3 8-13	—	T Marquand

BETTING: 5-2 Moonlit Cloud, 4 Flash Bardot, Swing To The Stars, 9-2 Ragosina, 10 Control, 12 Meleri, Folk Star, 20 Manila Mist, 31 Boyle.

6.25 ANMAAT BRED AT RINGFORT STUD FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) (4) 1m Winner £5,400 (11 run) RTV

1	(5)	74	AYYAB (15) S P Woods 3 9-2	—	J Fahy
2	(11)	83	BEAUTIFUL SUMMER (25) C Appleby 3 9-2	—	W Buick
3	(3)	256	FLEURIR (17) R Varian 3 9-2 (BF)	—	David Egan
4	(1)	4	FULL REGALIA (16) J T Gosden 3 9-2	—	R Havlin
5	(4)	36	GENTLE LIGHT (39) Sir M Stoute 3 9-2	—	R Kingscote
6	(8)		LE MANS R Hannan 3 9-2	—	S M Levey
7	(9)	00	LOUAIZEH (21) J Ferguson 3 9-2	—	D Muscatt
8	(7)	00	MISS LIGHTFANDANGO (244) C Hills 3 9-2	—	K Shoemark
9	(10)	0-6	O'MHAIRE (6) R Eddery 3 9-2	—	Dylan Hogan
10	(6)	0	SANCTION (15) W Haggas 3 9-2	—	T Marquand
11	(2)	-42	YASMINA (212) M Meade 3 9-2	—	P J McDonald

BETTING: 11-4 Full Regalia, 10-3 Le Mans, 4 Beautiful Summer, 6 Gentle Light, 7 Ayyab, 8 Yasmina, 14 Fleurir, 33 Sanction, 50 Others.

7.00 THREAT BRED AT RINGFORT STUD HANDICAP (5) 1m Winner £4,187 (11 run) RTV

1	(7)	967	BOAFO BOY (30) J Osborne 4 10-4	—	N Currie
2	(5)	935	CABINET OF CLOWNS (32) E J Houghton 4 10-4	—	C Bishop
3	(3)	323	GRAND LIBYA (25) Tom Clover 4 10-4 (BF)	—	W Buick
4	(6)	-35	GIOVANNI BAGLIONE (15) Joseph Parr 4 10-2 (CD)	—	A Kirby
5	(3)	432	RAQRAAQ (25) P Channings 5 10-0 (BF)	—	R Clutterbuck
6	(2)	472	LE REVEUR (7) M Murphy & M Keady 6 9-9 (D3)	—	Millie Wonnacott (5)
7	(11)	605	SPLIT ELEVENS (21) J Butler 5 9-9 (D2)	—	Dylan Hogan
8	(8)	-42	TAMALUK (32) Owen Burrows 3 9-8	—	K Shoemark
9	(9)	413	PEARL EYE (18) Darryll Holland 3 9-8 (D)	—	David Egan
10	(10)	185	HIGH COURT JUDGE (22) H Spiller 3 9-4 (D2)	—	T Marquand
11	(4)	260	MENALIPPE (15) J Ferguson 3 9-4	—	D Muscatt

BETTING: 7-2 Raqraaq, 4 Grand Libya, 5 Pearl Eye, 11-2 Le Reveur, 6 Cabinet Of Clowns, 7 Tamaluk, 16 Giovanni Baglione, 20 Menalippe, Boaf Boy, 25 Others.

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4	(6)	-35	GIOVANNI BAGLIONE (15) Joseph Parr 4 10-2 (CD)	—	A Kirby
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Ben Duckett sweeps the ball to the boundary on his way to a gutsy 98 at Lord's



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Duck ruffles feathers as England fight back

CRICKET

By RORY DOLLARD

BEN Duckett fell an agonising two runs short of an Ashes century as England took the fight back to Australia in the second Test at Lord's.

England had been a shadow of themselves on day one but rallied impressively with bat and ball before being dragged into a costly short-ball battle during a gripping final session.

The hosts took five for 77 in the morning to dismiss Australia for 416, a strong total but one that represented a poor return from a peak of 316 for three.

Duckett then led his side to 278 for four, punching his way to a gutsy 98 but stumbling in sight of glory as he top-edged a Josh Hazlewood bouncer to fine-leg.

The Nottinghamshire opener would have been dismayed to spring a trap that also accounted for Ollie Pope and Joe Root, but this may still go down as a career-best effort.

Duckett has reached three figures twice before but with the quality of the Australian attack and the parlous situation in the series, this trumped his 182 against a limited Ireland earlier this month and his maiden hundred in a run-fest in Rawalpindi.

Australia bowled bumpers almost exclusively for an adrenaline-fuelled hour in the evening, playing on England's eagerness and ego after spinner Nathan Lyon suffered a worrying calf injury.

On the occasion of his 100th con-

secutive Test, a testament to his spotless fitness record, Lyon pulled up lame as he collected the ball in the deep and had to be helped off the pitch.

Harry Brook rode his luck on the way to a dicey 45 not out, but captain Ben Stokes restored an element of calm with a responsible unbeaten 17 from 57 balls at the close.

Australia started the day 339 for five, with England eager to respond to a performance that was labelled "absolutely shambolic" by Kevin Pietersen and improve on bowling branded "utter dross" by Michael Vaughan.

And while they were unable to prevent Steve Smith turning his overnight score of 85 into a 12th Ashes century, second only to the great Donald Bradman, they would have been more than happy with their efforts.

James Anderson and Stuart Broad had sent down 33 wicketless overs between them on the first day but picked up one apiece in a rousing opening burst that set the tone for an England comeback.

Broad jagged back in sharply off the pitch to pin Alex Carey lbw in his first over of the morning and Anderson following by snapping up Mitchell Starc's outside edge.

Smith brought up his latest hundred with a majestic cover drive but when he slashed Josh Tongue to Duckett in the gully for 110, Ollie Robinson picked up the last two wickets in short order.

Duckett and Zak Crawley survived



Nathan Lyon is helped off the pitch

four awkward overs before lunch and proceeded to share a buoyant stand of 91 – England's best against Australia since January 2011.

Crawley was in particularly pleasing touch, but gifted Lyon his wicket on 48 when he raced down the pitch and was well stumped by Carey.

Duckett continued his unconventional habit of steadfastly refusing to leave anything, but was able to score quickly and safely against a pedigree attack.

Alongside Pope, who eased concerns over his shoulder injury by emerging at number three, Duckett

added a further 96 as the pace and hostility of the Australian quicks failed to affect his steady rhythm.

Duckett's interest in feeling bat on ball helped, scoring handily from square drives and cuts that could have been left and sweeping with enough confidence to rotate the strike off Lyon. Starc and Hazlewood both leaked runs at an alarming rate, with the pair seeing their economy peak at more than seven-an-over.

Duckett reached 50 with a clean punch off the pads and was past 80 before the bouncers started to fly in. He top-edged one over the wicket-keeper on 84 and almost picked out fine leg on 86. It was at that moment that Lyon hobbled off.

Pope was going well at 42 when he succumbed, stepping inside the line and toe-ending Cameron Green to the waiting Smith. Green thought he had key man Root in the same over, only for a no-ball to cut celebrations short.

England continued the high-risk strategy of pulling and hooking with catchers in the deep and it came at a cost as Duckett shovelled Hazlewood to fine-leg to shatter his dreams of a century. Root followed with a careless swipe at Starc, failing to cash in on his reprieve as he departed for ten.

Brook played some remarkable shots as he kept the aggression up, twice slashing airily past mid-on and almost losing his leg stump as he stepped away to swing at Green. But Stokes settled his side in mature fashion as they ended 138 behind with six wickets in hand.

TENNIS

Brits seeing net gains claims CEO

By ED ELLIOT

LTA chief executive Scott Lloyd insists British tennis is "moving in the right direction", despite having just three direct entries in today's Wimbledon singles draws.

Cameron Norrie, a semi-finalist at the All England Club in 2022, Birmingham's Dan Evans and two-time winner Andy Murray are the only UK players to have qualified for the Championships based on ranking.

British participation at SW19 will be swelled by a host of wildcards, including Katie Boulter, who replaced the injured Emma Raducanu as her country's number one female player earlier this month.

National governing body CEO Lloyd believes there are plenty of reasons for positivity.

"Over the last 12 months, we've had four men in the top 50 of the world, which we've never had in the history of our sport in this country before," he said. "We actually had more players – men's and women's singles players – in the top 200 of the world than we've had for the last 40 years, so we're moving in the right direction."

"We always want more players at the very top of the game inspiring the fans to follow tennis and to watch on their televisions and that's very much what we're striving for. We're looking forward to a good Championships."

The enforced withdrawals of 2021 US Open champion Raducanu and Jack Draper have deprived Britain of two of its most talented young players for the tournament.

Norrie, who is ranked 13th in the world, is the only seeded British player, with Evans, Murray and the wildcard entrants at risk of drawing a star name in the first round.

While there was a complete absence of British players in the women's singles draw at this year's French Open, that doom and gloom has been eased by a raft of encouraging results on grass, including world number 88 Boulter beating compatriot Jodie Burrage to win her first WTA title in Nottingham.

"I think we're the only nation in the world that has had a men's and a women's Grand Slam singles champion and doubles and mixed doubles champion in the last decade," added Lloyd.

Robinson calls on his side to Blast way to Edgbaston quarter-final

CRICKET

By MAT COLLIS

MARK Robinson wants Birmingham Bears to maintain their Vitality Blast momentum and cement a home quarter-final with victory at Notts Outlaws tonight.

Last Friday's derby success against Worcestershire Rapids at Edgbaston secured a third straight appearance in the competition's last eight for the Bears, but a win in Nottingham, or at home to Durham on Sunday, will confirm top spot in the North Group.

Birmingham have racked up an astonishing 490 runs in their last two T20 visits to Trent Bridge, including last year's Adam Hose and Sam Hain show when the pair compiled a 174 partnership en route to a record 261 for two. Leading run-scorer Hain is close to recovering from a hamstring injury but is set to miss tonight's trip.

"Hainy is probably still a game away," said first-team coach Robinson. "But he'll travel to Trent Bridge to get back in among the squad and hopefully play on Sunday.

"We want to try and win every game, for our own pride and the fans, and we want to make absolutely certain of that home quarter-final. It's about your own standards, our desire and passion to win.

"Our ambition is to go into that quarter-final on a high and perform-

ing well – but as we know with that one-off game, whatever's gone on before often doesn't count but you want to take that form and momentum to give you the best possible chance.

"It's historically a high-scoring ground and Notts have got one of the best opening partnerships in the country in Clarke and Hales so we know it will be a test. They have signed an overseas spinning all-rounder (Imad Wasim), plus it will be a vocal home crowd.

"We'll have to be at our best but we've had success there in recent years and I'll be looking for another strong performance."

Danny Briggs pulled his hamstring during the Rapids game and will miss the rest of the Blast campaign, while Craig Miles is still around four weeks away from a return.

Hassan Ali is in line to play his last Blast game with the club before teaming up with the Pakistan national squad, but Chris Woakes and Moeen Ali remain with the England camp and won't be available.

Meanwhile, Robinson believes his players felt the full effects of an ongo-

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Mark Robinson



Sam Hain will travel to Trent Bridge with the Bears tonight

ing busy summer after Essex clinched a nine-wicket victory inside three days in their LV= Insurance County Championship Division One clash at Chelmsford on Tuesday.

Heading to the south east on the back of a gruelling, but successful, T20 run, the Bears battled throughout but Robinson revealed: "It was probably a game too far for us in terms of the travel, schedule and the heat.

"But what we've banked is some

brilliant learning for our three young batters – Jacob Bethell, Dan Mousley and Rob Yates – to play on a wicket like that against the best spinner in the country. They'll get a lot from that.

"We tried to extend the game as long as we could, because you just never know. We gave Surrey a good run and in every other game we've dominated. This was the first time we've been soundly beaten. We've got a few knocks, especially with T20, as they're physical games. We're not the only team in this position but it's brutal. This was a game where we'd like to have had a bit more prep time."

FIXTURES

TODAY

CRICKET

LV= INSURANCE SECOND TEST

(Third day of five)

Lord's: England v Australia (11.00)

VITALITY BLAST

(6.30 unless stated)

NORTH GROUP

Derby: Derbyshire v Leicestershire (7.00)

Emirates Old Trafford: Lancashire v Yorkshire (7.00)

Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Birmingham

New Road: Worcestershire v Durham (5.30).

SOUTH GROUP

Chelmsford: Essex v Middlesex (7.00)

The Ageas Bowl: Hampshire v Glamorgan (7.00)

Canterbury: Kent v Sussex

The Kia Oval: Surrey v Somerset

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP,

Quarter-Finals: Georgia v Israel (5.00), Spain v Switzerland (8.00)

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY: Eng-

land v Portugal (at Stadium MK) (3.15)

FRIENDLIES: Alvechurch v Lye Town; Bustle-

home v Stafford Town; Coleshill Town v Bolehall

Swifts; Coventry United v Studley (at Coventry

Copewood, 1.00); Foley Meir v Brocton; Here-

ford Pegasus v Hereford; Hinckley LR v Tam-

worth; Market Drayton Town v AFC Bridgnorth

(Jason Francis Memorial game); New Dales Vale

v Worcester City; Nuneaton Borough v Burton

Albion (2.00); Racing Club Warwick v Central

Ajax; Redditch United v Cradley Town; Solihull

Sporting v Nuneaton Griff; Stratford Town v Cov-

entry Sphinx; Sutton Coldfield Town v Paget

Rangers; Sutton United v Chelmsley Town; War-

stones Wanderers v Bilston Town; Worcester

Raiders v Penybont.

CRICKET

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(Fourth day of five)

Lord's: England v Australia (11.00)

FIRST VITALITY T20 WOMEN'S

INTERNATIONAL

Edgbaston: England v Australia (6.35)

VITALITY BLAST

SOUTH GROUP

Hove: Sussex v Gloucestershire (2.30)

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT PREMIER

LEAGUE

(12.00)

PREMIER DIVISION ONE: Barnet Green v Omb-

ersley; Berkswell v Barnards Green; Kiddermin-

ster v Kenilworth Wards; Knowle & Dorridge v

Halesowen; Smethwick v Shrewsbury; Wolver-

hampton v Moseley.

PREMIER DIVISION TWO: Dorridge v Tam-

worth; Himley v Harborne; Leamington v Broms-

grove; Lichfield v Coventry & North Warwickshire;

Shifnal v West Bromwich Dartmouth; Worfield v

Bridgnorth.

WARWICKSHIRE LEAGUE

(12.00)

PREMIER DIVISION: Aston Manor v Bedworth;

Olton & WW v Sutton Coldfield; Rugby v Walmley;

Solihull Blossomfield v Attock; Solihull Municipal

v Handsworth; Stratford-upon-Avon v Streetly

SUNDAY

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP,

Quarter-Finals: England v Portugal (5.00),

France v Ukraine (8.00)

CRICKET

LV= INSURANCE SECOND TEST

(Final day of five)

Lord's: England v Australia (11.00)

VITALITY BLAST

(2.30 unless stated)

NORTH GROUP

Edgbaston: Birmingham v Durham

Derby: Derbyshire v Worcestershire

Emirates Old Trafford: Lancashire v Northamp-

tonshire

Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire

SOUTH GROUP

Sophia Gardens: Glamorgan v Middlesex

The Ageas Bowl: Hampshire v Gloucestershire

Taunton: Somerset v Kent (6.30)

The Kia Oval: Surrey v Essex

WARWICKSHIRE SUNDAY SMASH

(2.00)

CENTRAL GROUP: Kenilworth Knights v Soli-

hull Blossomfield; Knowle & Dorridge v Dorridge.

NORTH GROUP: Handsworth Talawaahs v

Wishaw Warhawks

SOUTH GROUP: Alcester & Ragley v Stratford

-upon-Avon Panthers; Wellesbourne Warriors v

Tanworth and Camp Hill Thunder.

WATERS

The following waters are booked for contests

SUNDAY

Canals: Staffs. / Worc. Canal Br. 37 - 38.



Lewis Hamilton wants change

Lewis insists new rule is a must to ensure 'real race'

MOTORSPORT

By PHILIP DUNCAN

LEWIS Hamilton has called on Formula One's lawmakers to introduce a new rule to end Max Verstappen's dominance of the sport.

Hamilton believes the FIA should deny all of the grid's teams the chance to develop next season's machine until a specific start date.

The seven-time world champion

says Verstappen's Red Bull team are so far ahead that they have already started work on their 2024 project.

Speaking ahead of this weekend's Austrian Grand Prix, Hamilton, already 93 points behind Verstappen, said: "At the end of the year we will probably catch Red Bull, but that's probably because they are already focusing on next year's car.

"They don't have to make any changes to this car because they're so far ahead. I have been here for 17

years, and before I got here there has been periods of dominance and it continues to happen. I was fortunate to have one of those periods and Max is having that now, but with the way it is going it will continue to happen over and over again and we don't need that for the sport.

"If you are so far ahead, you don't need to develop the car so you can start early with the next car and with the budget cap you can spend this year's money on next year's.

"If everyone had a time where you could only start on next year's car – say August 1 – no-one has a head start. Then it is a real race in that short space of time for the future car. Something has to change."

Hamilton won six of his record-equaling seven titles in a period of dominance for Mercedes. And when his theory was put to Verstappen, the two-time world champion said: "We were not talking about that when he was winning his championships!"



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Lee Hendrie

Lee Hendrie, inset, believes Unai Emery is facing a hugely important transfer window as Villa aim to progress next season

Lee can spot a window of opportunity at Villa

By AMIE WILSON

VILLA have been told to prepare for what could be a 'pivotal' season for the club, with other sides continuing to strengthen in the summer transfer window.

Villa turned their 2022-23 season around under Unai Emery, finishing in seventh place and qualifying for the Europa Conference League.

European football is something Villa will want as a regular occurrence in the coming campaigns, with the club making no secret of their Champions League ambitions.

"This season is going to be pivotal for them," said former Villa favourite Lee Hendrie. "I think they're on the

up since Unai came in, he's really transformed the club and made them a completely different outfit and it's been brilliant.

"I think lots of the fans are really excited about what the future holds and that's where it should be. They're in Europe, they've had a taste of it years back, and I think good times are ahead.

"It's been brilliant, hopefully we can bring a couple more players in. I think next season it's all about progression at the club."

Villa recently completed the appointment of former Sevilla sporting director Monchi, which has reunited a successful partnership with Emery. "Bringing key additions to the

football club can only help," said Hendrie. "I think that's what it has been all about, I think the transitioning, turning the football club around from going down into the Championship, back into the Premier League and bringing key players in, key people in who can work with the football club that's going to take it forward. It's going to be a massive season for them."

Hendrie also had a warning for his former side, with both Chelsea and Tottenham missing out on European football last season.

"There were the likes of Chelsea, Spurs, Liverpool, who didn't really hit the heights," he continued. "These teams are going to be a lot stronger

and that's where Villa need to be prepared for that."

Meanwhile, the Birmingham Mail understands Villa have reached an agreement to sign Pau Torres from Villarreal.

Emery, a long-time admirer of the centre-back, has been determined to sign him. It now appears Villa will finally land Torres after talks progressed well between the parties.

Sources in Spain claim Emery has been key in convincing Torres to make the move to the Premier League. Personal terms are believed to have been agreed with the Spain international and Villa are expected to "pay way less" than his release clause of £55.8 million.

Wolves reel from Korea-ending blow

By MICHAEL BAGGALEY

WOLVES have pulled out of their pre-season tour to South Korea, just a month before they were due to play games there against Celtic and AS Roma.

The club admit they have been left with no option but to cancel and are blaming the tour promoters, saying 'numerous financial and logistical obligations were not met'.

The tour would have been Wolves' first to South Korea and included games against Celtic on July 26 and Roma on July 29. The club are now looking for a 'European solution' as they try to arrange games to prepare

for the new Premier League season. The cancellation means Wolves have just one public friendly arranged, against Stade Rennais at Molineux on August 5. However, they have also planned behind-closed-doors matches, including on their training camp in Portugal early next month.

In the meantime, Wolves have urged fans affected by the cancellations to contact their fan services department so the club can understand the level of disruption. The club say they are 'devastated' for supporters and also disappointed for their South Korea international Hwang Hee-chan.

Russell Jones, Wolves' general manager for marketing and

commercial growth, said: "I feel incredibly disappointed that we're not going to be able to fulfil the commitments we made in South Korea this summer, not only for our partners and suppliers, but, of course, for Hee-chan and all of our fans."

"We are absolutely gutted to not be going to Korea. We're all devastated because we had so many different things planned for supporters that we're now not going to be able to fulfil."

"To the supporters in Korea, we want to reiterate we are committed to the Korean market and we hope to find a way to demonstrate that, in spite of the disappointing news about the upcoming tour and matches."



Wolves ace Hwang Hee-chan

Change of plan with Villa Park

By JOHN TOWNLEY

VILLA will submit revised plans for phase one of their redevelopment of Villa Park next month.

The club were granted planning approval from Birmingham City Council in December 2022, but have since decided to make some tweaks to their original plan for the area so all key benefits of the scheme can be delivered as quickly as possible.

Plans are now well under way behind the scenes to realise the works to establish Villa Park as a world-class sporting and entertainment destination.

Villa will submit a new planning application for the renovation of the existing "academy/stumps building", which is located opposite the



The Villa Park redevelopment

North Stand. The latest plan seeks to retain and revitalise the building to create a new multi-use experience and enhanced matchday and event fan zone.

This will involve a refurbishment to improve the visual appearance of the building, while the club will also introduce community and commercial activities there. Villa's administrative functions will be taken out of the North Stand and will also move to this building.

Villa now intend to accommodate the club shop and a new sports bar café in the North Stand, which requires some small design changes to the proposed new elevations.

The club have also stressed their vision for Villa Live as an active lifestyle destination remains unchanged and consented permission for the new building will stay active for them to deliver in the future.

Villa's new plans will enable them to bring in many of the benefits of Villa Live, however, in a shorter timescale while ensuring the plans are sustainable and are of high quality.

Villa have arranged a public consultation to show their plans for the redevelopment, which will take place on Wednesday, July 5 between 4pm-7pm, at the academy building.

Football

Eustace's new flexible friend admits he can find things a bit of a stretch

By ALEX DICKEN

TYLER Roberts admits his versatility is both a blessing and a curse but promised to give his all for Blues wherever head coach John Eustace deploys him.

The Wales international became Blues' first signing of the summer last week when he joined from Leeds on a four-year contract. Blues have since added Japan international Koji Miyoshi, while Irish defender Kevin Long has penned a new deal.

Roberts arrives at St Andrew's with bags of Championship experience and won promotion to the Premier League with Leeds in 2020. The 24-year-old also made 50 top-flight appearances during his time at Elland Road.

He was used in a variety of roles by Marcelo Bielsa, from his preferred striker position to attacking midfield and out wide. Under Eustace, Roberts is expected to play through the middle.

"It's probably my best and my worst (attribute)," he said of his versatility. "I can play right across the front four positions and sometimes it's hard to be in different positions all the time, but I do just enjoy playing so wherever I'm asked to play I will try and do it to the best of my ability."

"Getting into pockets, turning on the ball and driving at defences – I hope to bring that excitement into the

team and get the fans off their seats."

Roberts checked in for pre-season with his new team-mates last week and hopes to put a frustrating period behind him. Having started his loan spell at QPR impressively last season, he was limited to just 20 outings due to two separate injuries – the second of which ended his campaign in January.

Roberts added: "It was great to get it done before the start of pre-season so that I can meet up when the boys meet up and get involved with the team before the season starts."

"I've had quite a few phone calls with the gaffer and (technical director) Craig Gardner – who I knew from West Brom – and it's all positive. The project that's going on at the club is very exciting and it's something I was excited to be a part of as well."

Blues also expect emerging starlet Josh Williams to pen a contract extension.

The 20-year-old forced his way into the first team last season and made six successive starts in August and September. Williams also started a Carabao Cup tie at Norwich to make eight appearances in total. The last of those outings came on September 17

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Tyler Roberts



Tyler Roberts has revealed his best and worst attribute

as Blues were held to a 0-0 draw by Coventry at St Andrew's. Williams found playing time from thereon hard to come by due to injuries and increased competition in the wing-back slots.

He has reported for pre-season training at the team's base in Henley-in-Arden and remains under contract until today, by which point he is expected to have penned his new deal. Williams is one of just two right wing-back options available to

Eustace at present with Maxime Colin due to become a free agent tomorrow. Marcel Oakley has returned to Blues ready to fight for his place following a successful season in Scotland, where he made more than 30 appearances with Arbroath and Queen's Park.

Blues only have 22-year-old Manny Longelo for the left-back role. Once they have wrapped up the signing of midfielder Krystian Bielik, Gardner and the recruitment team will focus on fixing the defence.

Meanwhile, George Friend has linked up with League One side Bristol Rovers for a trial following his Blues exit.

Albion have struck gold once again!

By BRIAN DICK

WEST Brom have had their Category One academy status extended after an audit of the club's provision for their young players.

Albion have had a top-level academy since the inception of the Elite Player Performance Plan in 2012. However, clubs need to maintain standards and the Baggies have once again passed through the process with flying colours.

As part of the audit, clubs are assessed for four central functions – games programme, education, coaching and elite performance – and after making the grade once again, Albion's Under-18 and U21 sides will continue to play in Premier League youth competitions until at least the summer of 2025.

Academy boss Richard Stevens said: "Category One is the benchmark all academies strive for, and I'm delighted our performance is deemed by the Premier League to be up there with the very best clubs in the country."

"I'd like to thank Ron Gourlay, Mark Miles and all of the staff involved in helping us to maintain this high standard, which has been the culmination of endless hard work."

"The club works tirelessly to continually improve its academy operation and to see our licence extended is fully deserved. Our players will continue to benefit from the programme, playing against the very best teams in the country, which is imperative for their development."

"Category One is the gold standard for football clubs and means players are provided with everything they need on and off the pitch, including our education provision, which is essential for all players, no matter how long they stay in the game."

"Carlos Corberan is incredibly enthusiastic about the academy and is keen to develop our young players, who regularly train with the first team, which is a great experience for them and invaluable to their development."

"The club will continue to do all it can to provide young players with the platform to become successful footballers, and I'm sure there are many players within our ranks who, providing they apply themselves properly, are equipped to take that step into first-team football."

Fans come together in tribute to Arthur

SOLIHULL Moors have sold almost 1,600 tickets for their friendly with Blues in memory of Arthur Labinjo-Hughes.

Blues will step up their preparations for the new campaign with a visit to the ARMCO Arena on Saturday, July 8. It will be the second time the two clubs have faced off in The Arthur Cup, with Moors taking the spoils last year courtesy of a Callum Howe goal.

Moors' chairman Darryl Eales said: "It's a great privilege for Solihull Moors

to host the second fixture with Birmingham City for The Arthur Cup. Moors is a community club at heart, and I think this fixture exemplifies the positive and unifying benefit of sport, and football in particular, and the huge heart all Midlands share."

"I hope Midlands football fans and many local people turn out for a celebration of community at its best."

Tickets are priced at £12 for adults and £6 concessions (over 65s and under-18s) and a third of the gate

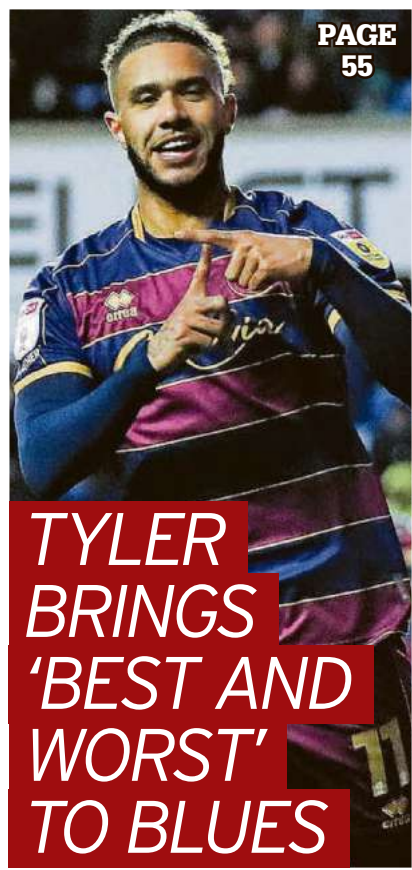
receipts will be donated to the NSPCC. Blues will continue their pre-season with a trip to Spain immediately after the game.

John Eustace's team will enjoy a week-long training camp in Murcia before taking on Segunda Division side FC Cartagena on Friday, July 14 at the Pinatar Arena.

They will face further fixtures against Northampton, Cheltenham and Peterborough upon returning to England.



Moors' chairman Darryl Eales



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