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**WIMBLEDON SPECIAL**



# MAY: EU EXIT WILL WORK FOR BRITAIN

**THERESA May** will today pledge to create “a Britain that works for everyone” and flourishes outside the European Union.

The Home Secretary, launching her

By **Alison Little** Deputy Political Editor

campaign for the votes of Conservative Party members around the country, will pledge to honour the historic referendum vote to leave the EU and will set out in a

speech today how she is determined to implement that decision.

Rejecting some Remain campaigners' claims there could be a second referendum to confirm or even overturn the June 23 result, she will insist: “Brexit

means Brexit and we're going to make a success of it.”

Mrs May will tell the event in Birmingham that with her as Prime Minister the

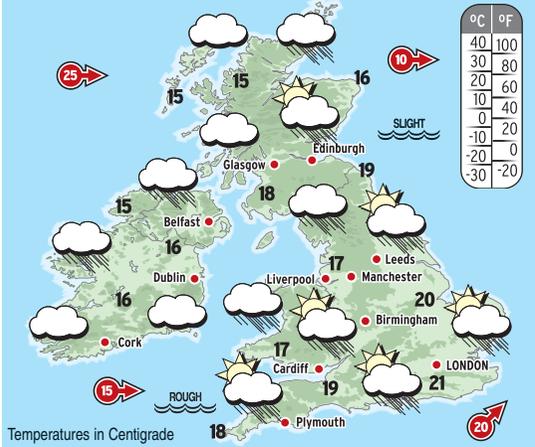
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### Today's summary: Sunshine and showers

**North West:** Cloudy with spells of rain and then sunshine and showers later. Brisk westerly winds. High 17C (63F).

**Northern Ireland:** Drizzle during the morning. Brighter in the afternoon but with showers. Moderate winds. High 18C (64F).

**Wales:** Early rain will clear to leave sunny spells but also some showers. Brisk westerly winds. High 19C (66F).

**Midlands:** Cloudy with light rain for a time. Brighter with showers later. Brisk south-westerly winds. High 20C (68F).

**North East/Yorks:** Cloudy with rain for a time. A brighter but also showery afternoon. Brisk westerly winds. High 19C (66F).

**Scotland:** Showery rain clearing eastwards, then brightening up from the west. Turning breezier. High 19C (66F).

**UK OUTLOOK TOMORROW:** Isolated light showers in north-western parts, with heavy and perhaps thundery showers in southern Britain. Dry with sunny spells elsewhere.

### SIX-DAY FORECAST

	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
<b>London</b>	12/19	11/20	12/20	14/23	14/24	14/25
<b>Belfast</b>	10/16	10/15	12/17	14/20	13/20	13/20
<b>Birmingham</b>	10/18	10/17	10/19	13/22	13/23	13/23
<b>Cardiff</b>	11/18	11/18	12/18	13/20	14/22	13/21
<b>Glasgow</b>	10/16	10/16	11/17	14/19	14/19	13/20
<b>Manchester</b>	9/17	10/16	10/17	12/21	13/22	13/22
<b>Newcastle</b>	9/17	9/17	10/17	12/19	12/20	12/20
<b>Norwich</b>	9/18	10/18	10/19	11/22	13/24	12/25
<b>Plymouth</b>	11/17	11/17	12/18	13/19	13/20	13/19

### Britain yesterday

	SUN	RAIN	TEMP
<b>Aberdeen</b>	3.0	0.15	15/20
<b>Alnwick</b>	2.3	0.06	15/18
<b>Belfast</b>	3.2	0.38	15/17
<b>Birmingham</b>	6.1	0.01	17/21
<b>B'outh</b>	4.2	0.06	16/20
<b>Bristol</b>	2.2	0.02	17/22
<b>Cardiff</b>	3.8	0.04	17/19
<b>Durham</b>	5.9	0.03	15/19
<b>Edinburgh</b>	3.1	0.07	14/19

	WARMEST	COLDEST	WETTEST	SUNNIEST
<b>Britain</b>	Coningsby 23C (73F)	Ballaslough 11C (52F)	Sennybridge 0.72in	Jersey 6.3hr

### Europe forecast

Today	Europe forecast	Tomorrow	
<b>Amsterdam</b>	Fair 21C/70F	Amsterdam	Showers 18C/64F
<b>Brussels</b>	Fair 22C/72F	Brussels	Showers 20C/68F
<b>Dublin</b>	Fair 17C/63F	Dublin	Showers 16C/61F
<b>Frankfurt</b>	Fair 26C/79F	Frankfurt	Showers 23C/73F
<b>Geneva</b>	Thunder 30C/86F	Geneva	Thunder 21C/70F
<b>Lisbon</b>	Sunny 25C/77F	Lisbon	Sunny 25C/77F
<b>Madrid</b>	Sunny 37C/99F	Madrid	Sunny 32C/90F
<b>Paris</b>	Cloudy 24C/75F	Paris	Showers 21C/70F
<b>Rome</b>	Sunny 31C/88F	Rome	Sunny 32C/90F

### Around the world yesterday

	C	F		C	F
Amsterdam	Sunny	25/77	Hong Kong	Fair	28/82
Athens	Sunny	33/91	Istanbul	Sunny	26/79
Barcelona	Sunny	29/84	Jersey	Rain	17/63
Berlin	Fair	28/82	Lamaca	Sunny	34/93
Budapest	Sunny	27/81	Las Palmas	Sunny	28/82
Cairo	Sunny	33/91	Los Angeles	Fair	23/73
Cape Town	Sunny	25/77	Luxor	Sunny	40/104
Casablanca	Sunny	26/79	Malaga	Sunny	29/84
Corfu	Sunny	32/90	Malta	Sunny	32/90
Dublin	Cloudy	18/64	Melbourne	Cloudy	13/55
Dubrovnik	Sunny	29/84	Miami	Cloudy	34/93
Faro	Sunny	31/88	Moscow	Fair	21/70
Florence	Sunny	34/93	Nairobi	Cloudy	20/68
Gibraltar	Sunny	27/81	New Delhi	Cloudy	35/95
Guernsey	Cloudy	17/63	New York	Cloudy	22/72
			Nice	Sunny	27/81
			Nicosia	Sunny	31/88
			Perth	Fair	16/61
			Prague	Fair	26/79
			Singapore	Cloudy	31/88
			Stockholm	Sunny	20/68
			Sydney	Fair	16/61
			Tel Aviv	Sunny	31/88
			Tenerife	Sunny	28/82
			Toronto	Cloudy	24/75
			Tunis	Fair	35/95
			Venice	Sunny	30/86
			Vienna	Sunny	27/81
			Warsaw	Cloudy	23/73

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# Oh baby, masterful

By David Pilditch

ANDY Murray was sensationally crowned Wimbledon champion yesterday... and revealed how he secured the historic triumph thanks to his baby daughter.

The British number one won his first Grand Slam title as a father following the birth of Sophia five months ago.

Then in a candid conversation with the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, Murray revealed it was all thanks to the infant being on her perfect behaviour in the days leading up to the final.

After stepping off court Murray, 29, was congratulated by Prince William and Kate, who had cheered him on all the way in his straight-sets victory over Canada's Milos Raonic.

William - father to Prince George who is three later this month and 14-month-old Princess Charlotte - told the tennis ace: "I don't know how you managed that on no sleep. How is your daughter?"

Revealing the secret to his success, the proud father said: "Yeah she's great - she's really good. The last three nights she slept through."

Murray agreed after smiling Prince William summed it up saying it had been "a good omen". Kate said: "Many congratulations. It was a great game. You can relax with your family now."

Minutes earlier the world number two wept tears of joy after he swept aside his 6ft 5in tall opponent in a win that delighted millions across the country.

The triumph, cheered on by the two women in his life - wife Kim and mother Judy - saw the 2013 champion become only the 12th man to win multiple Wimbledon titles.

And even though it was Murray's third Grand Slam title he appeared to be shell-shocked as he completed the win at exactly 5pm yesterday. After clinching victory 6-4, 7-6, 7-6 in two hours and 48 minutes Murray sat down in his chair beside the court with his head in his hands wiping away tears.

His proud tennis coach mother Judy, 57, also appeared tearful while wife Kim, 28, smiled and said "Wow" as the enormity of Murray's win began to sink in.

Murray's father Willie, 61, was clearly overjoyed and even dour coach Ivan Lendl appeared to enjoy the moment.

Murray himself finally broke out into a broad smile as he held aloft the 18in silver gilt Gentleman's Singles Trophy to another huge cheer.

Murray told the delighted Centre Court crowd: "I'm proud to have my hands on the trophy again."

His voice trembled with emotion as he paid tribute to his family, saying: "I love all of you, thank you."

Asked by Sue Barker how the win compared with his victory three years ago, he said: "I am going to make sure I enjoy this one a little more."

"Last time I was so relieved - I was very nervous today as well - but just so much stress and pressure I didn't really get the chance to enjoy it. I will make sure I enjoy this one tonight, for sure."

"It is different. I feel happier this time. I want to spend this time with my family and my closest friends. That's who I want to be around right now and that's what I'm going to be doing for the next couple of days."

It was not long before the celebrations began with Kim leading the way. She got the party started at the All England Club when she went over to a



Andy Murray wipes away the tears as his success sinks in

'Proud to hold the trophy again'

'It's different. I feel happier'

'I love all of you, thank you'

table laden with champagne bottles and cracked the first one open - then went round filling everybody's glasses.

But Murray did not plunge straight into the celebrations.

Instead, he carried on with his post-match routine of jumping straight into a freezing ice bath - where he was photographed holding the trophy.

Earlier, the day of high drama began as Murray and Raonic were greeted with a standing ovation when they took to the court.

As the match got under way Murray looked relaxed and confident. It was not long before he was fired up by the roar of the crowd with the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge leading the cheers.

Before the final, Murray revealed that being a father meant that the Wimbledon fortnight was different this year from anything he had experienced before.

He told how he needed to be "ruthless" to see off the challenge of the young Canadian who had ended the hopes of tennis legend Roger Federer in the semi-final.

And true to his word the Scot showed a steely determination as he quickly took command of the first set.

Murray had fans howling with delight as he broke Raonic's blistering serve

at 3-3 before going on to clinch the first set 6-4.

The 15,000 crowd were in raptures as Murray took a tight second set 7-6. He went on to secure the win by racing ahead in a second tie-break.

The victory sparked wild celebrations on Murray Mount where thousands of fans watched on a giant screen.

Last night Andy Murray thanked the Wimbledon crowd for roaring him on to victory.

He said: "The support that I had throughout the two weeks, especially today, was amazing. It really helps. It does make a difference when you're out there, for sure."

One lucky fan was delighted after catching Murray's racquet which he threw into the crowd at the end of the match.

Retired bank worker Carol Green, 67, said: "I shall take it home and keep it for ever. I'm so happy, it's unbelievable." Murray also revealed he wanted to take the trophy to bed with him but had to give it back an hour after his victory.

He told the BBC's Sue Barker: "I didn't want to let go of it. I don't get to see it again until tomorrow."

"It's a shame, I would have liked to have taken it back and slept with it - I didn't want to let go on court, I kept hold as long as I could but now they have taken it away."

Murray was playing in his 11th Grand Slam final - more than any other Briton in the history of the game.

The win also sees Murray pocket a cheque for £2million.

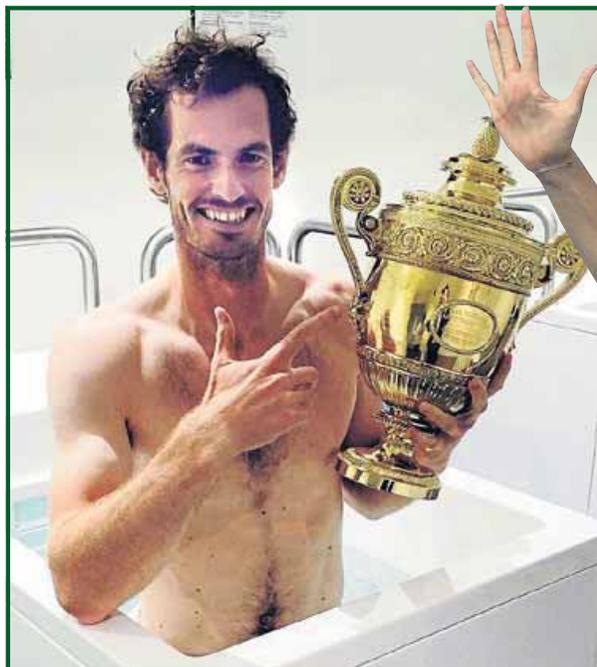
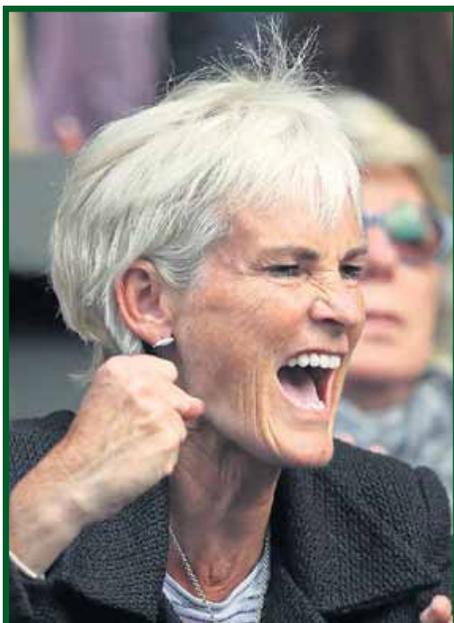
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# Murray is king of Wimbledon

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The Scot punches the air in delight after securing his second Wimbledon title



Mum Judy was ecstatic, above. Triumphant Murray in his ice bath with the trophy and proud wife Kim, right



Family affair... Kim Murray shows her support on an emotional day at Wimbledon



Patriotic fervour, above, but Downton star Lily James and her grandmother Marinette Mantle keep calm

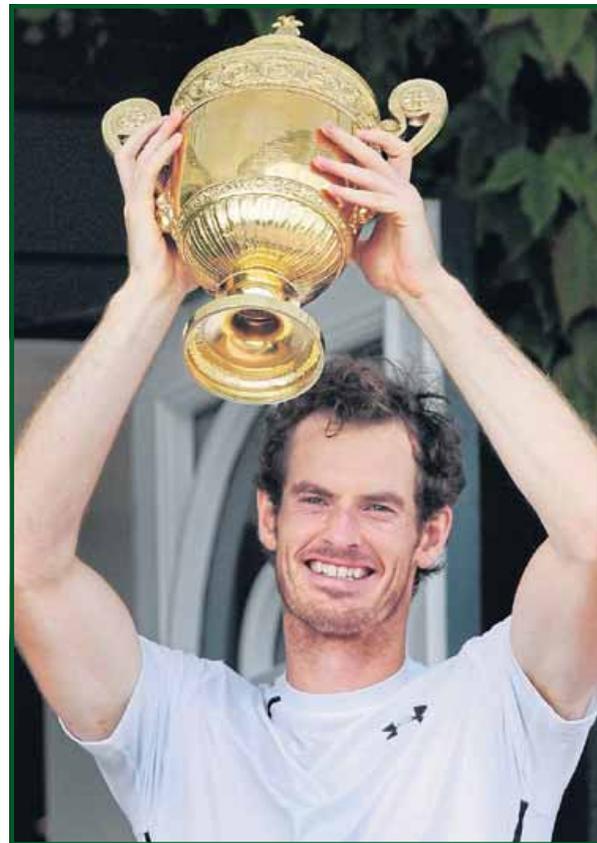
# Andy is a sporting legend, give him a knighthood say fans

By John Chapman

BRITAIN yesterday clamoured for Wimbledon hero Andy Murray to receive the ultimate accolade of a knighthood.

Fans took to social media with plaudits as Murray lifted the trophy for a second time watched by wife Kim.

The Scot missed out on a knighthood in the 2016 New Year's Honours despite leading the UK to a brilliant Davis Cup victory. His fans last night called



Double top... the champion celebrates his second Wimbledon title

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for him to be made Sir Andy. Even the bookies joined in, with Murray's odds of being knighted before 2020 slashed to 3-1 from the 10-1 offered at the start of the tournament.

Sports presenter Richard Keys said: "Magnificent Murray. Surely now our greatest ever sportsman gets a knighthood? Why not - when I think of some of those that have?"

Former Top Gear host Chris Evans added: "Sir Andy Murray - what a win. Sobbing with pride. Him and us. A brilliant example of the fruits hard work and total dedication can achieve."

His fans joined in. Michael French said: "The Queen better hurry and give Murray a knighthood before the explosive charges across the Scottish border go off and it sails away from the UK."

Neil Wilcock wrote: "Murray absolutely bossed it. Got to be knighted now, surely. Bloke's a legend." Ben Elliott said: "Only a

matter of time until Andy Murray receives a knighthood surely?"

Murray himself has always scoffed at calls for him to be made a Sir. Last year when asked if he is losing sleep over missing out on a knighthood, Murray said: "I think there's people who do many more important things than win tennis matches."

Winning his second Wimbledon title, the Scot swept Milos Raonic aside in straight sets in front of David Cameron and Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon.

Mr Cameron posted on his official Twitter account: "Congratu-

lations to Andy Murray on his second Wimbledon title. What a fantastic performance and what a proud day for British tennis."

During the match the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge took pride of place in the Royal Box, flanked by celebrities including London mayor Sadiq Khan, Lily James, Diane Keaton, Bradley Cooper, Benedict Cumberbatch and Hugh Grant.

Tennis fans and stars took to Twitter to praise the win. Murray's brother Jamie posted: "Amazing. Amazing. Amazing. Two Wimbledon titles." Austral-

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Benedict Cumberbatch and wife Sophie Hunter get into the mood



Actress Diane Keaton is in the audience as Andy takes centre stage



The Prime Minister sees power devolve to a Scot



Best of British... the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge applaud, along with Sadiq Khan, while below, fervent fans spell out their support



### AND LEWIS HAMILTON MAKES IT A GRAND PRIX DOUBLE



IN a day of triumph for home sports fans Formula One star Lewis Hamilton won the British Grand Prix.

Hamilton, pictured left yesterday, took the chequered flag at Silverstone from Mercedes team mate Nico Rosberg by 9.911 seconds.

But an infringement knocked Rosberg back to third place behind Red Bull's Max

Verstappen. The record fourth win puts the defending champ within one point of Rosberg in the Formula One championship.

Rain slowed the start but though Hamilton nearly crashed after a slide he kept the lead.

He said: "I don't know if you can be as happy as me but I am really happy. It was tricky in those conditions. But that is what I love about this race."

ian Pat Cash, who won in 1987, wrote: "Murray takes his second Wimbledon title with some of the best tennis I've seen. A truly inspired performance."

British player Laura Robson, who crashed out in the first round, said: "Yesss. Unreal level for the whole tournament. Beyond impressive."

Labour's deputy leader Tom Watson posted: "Thank you. Genius." And the MP for Glasgow East, Natalie McGarry, said: "Our boy Andy Murray. Two Wimbledon Grand Slams. Three slams in total."



Mixed doubles joy for Briton Heather Watson

## Fab 4 who made it the best day for 80 years

By David Pilditch

HEATHER Watson made it a day of glorious history after joining Andy Murray as a Wimbledon champion last night.

The 24-year-old British women's number two landed the mixed doubles title with Finland's Henri Kontinen - even though they had never played a match together before the championships.

They beat Colombian Robert Farah and Anna-Lena Grönefeld of Germany 7-6, 6-4 in one hour and 27 minutes. It was Heather's biggest ever pay day as she pocketed a half share of the £100,000 cheque.

She said after the win last night: "I'm just so freaking happy. We didn't think about winning. We just wanted to go out there and enjoy our time and have fun. Now we're Grand Slam champions - Wimbledon champions."



Singles winner Gordon

The victory made it the most successful day for British tennis at the championships for 80 years - as our players clinched four titles. Gordon Reid won the first-ever Wimbledon men's wheelchair singles title by beating Sweden's Stefan Olsson in straight sets, while Jordanne Whitley won the women's wheelchair doubles with Japan's Yui Kamiji.

And on Saturday Reid and fellow Briton Alfie Hewett clinched the men's wheelchair doubles title.

# Andrea's apology to May

ANDREA Leadsom has apologised to Tory leadership rival Theresa May after being accused of saying being a mother gave her the "edge" in the contest to become prime minister.

Mrs Leadsom revealed she has been left feeling she was "under attack, under enormous pressure" in the wake of the controversy.

She last night said her words in an interview published on Saturday had been misconstrued and said she had spoken to Home Secretary Mrs May to clarify her position.

In the article she had appeared to say she was better suited to being prime minister because she had children while Mrs May does not.

Pro-Brexit Mrs Leadsom said:

By **Alison Little**  
Deputy Political Editor

"I've already said to Theresa how very sorry I am for any hurt I have caused and how that article said completely the opposite of what I said and believe."

The Energy Minister admitted she had been "guilty of naivety" but added: "I do think the ideal leader would be somebody who truly believes in the opportunities of leaving the EU, yes."

Earlier, allies of Mrs Leadsom said the leadership hopeful had become the victim of a "black ops" smear campaign to sink her chances.

Amid claims that up to 20 MPs

would quit the party if its members elect her prime minister, supporters rejected claims that she is inexperienced and lacks election appeal.

Long-serving Home Secretary Mrs May, who supported Remain in the EU poll, is seen as firm favourite over Mrs Leadsom who has been an MP since 2010 and has never served in the Cabinet.

Allies of Mrs May yesterday suggested Mrs Leadsom could become a Tory equivalent of Labour's Jeremy Corbyn and unable to govern if she was voted in by activists but lacked support among MPs.

Senior pro-Brexit Tory David Davis - who lost the leadership contest to David Cameron in 2005 -

told BBC Radio 5 Live's Pienaar's Politics: "Andrea Leadsom is an intelligent, charming person. I don't think therefore this is malice. But what it does demonstrate is very serious inexperience."

"Even if you take the argument that this was pressed by a journalist... you face as a Cabinet minister, let alone a prime minister, that sort of issue every week. And if you get it wrong the news is international."

Mr Davis added that Mrs Leadsom had also changed her mind on how quickly she would trigger Article 50 to start formal Brexit talks with the EU. "She has been a junior minister in two jobs but it's a big, big jump to being a Cabinet minister and from there to being PM - and being PM at this time in our history when we have the biggest single negotiation probably ever that we've done. It demonstrates inexperience and it shows up the risk."

## Passionate

Former work and pensions secretary Iain Duncan Smith said Mrs Leadsom was being unfairly criticised. On reports that up to 20 MPs including ministers are prepared to jump ship if she is elected, the former Tory leader told ITV's Peston On Sunday: "I have a simple comment to them, which is calm down for God's sake."

"The reality is both of them are qualified. If Andrea was so unqualified to be prime minister - and you know we've had a lot of sniping, a kind of real 'black-ops' operation to denigrate her reputation - if she was so bad what in heaven's sake would the Prime Minister be doing making her a serious minister?"

Adding that Mr Cameron had no ministerial experience when he became leader, Mr Duncan Smith added: "We should really be very careful about the threats and the things that we say - all of us - and conduct this in decency."

He suggested the interview was a "stitch-up" and said Mrs Leadsom was just passionate about giving all children a good start in life.

Mrs Leadsom's campaign chief Tim Loughton, a former minister, told Dermot Murnaghan on Sky



Andrea Leadsom at the weekend

News: "Andrea is a very genuine person and she gave an interview to a very experienced journalist who clearly wanted to lead her down a path. Since when has it been a crime to be proud about your children?"

Sources close to Mrs May insisted they had nothing to do with any "Project Smear" attacks on their rival.

Mrs Leadsom has yet to respond to Mrs May's call on Friday to join her in signing a "clean campaign" pledge, but earlier yesterday she published a summary of her tax return.

It showed she paid £22,621 in tax on total income of £83,930 in 2014/15. Mrs May previously published figures showing she paid £40,023 in income tax on earnings of £112,426.

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## TREAD CAREFULLY...BARRISTERS WARN CAMERON OVER BREXIT

HUNDREDS of barristers have advised David Cameron to tread carefully before taking steps to withdraw from the European Union.

More than 1,000 have signed a letter to him which says the referendum result is "advisory" and not legally binding.

They say primary legislation will be needed before Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty - the route via which member states leave the EU - can be triggered.

The lawyers say the Government should organise an independent investigation into the pros and cons of withdrawal before making exit plans.

The letter proposes a way forward which "reconciles the legal, constitutional and political issues" triggered by the Brexit vote. It will reach Mr Cameron this week. Philip Kolvin QC, who co-ordinated the response, said: "Parliament is sovereign and the guardian of our democracy. MPs

By **David Maddox**

are elected to exercise their best judgment on the basis of objective evidence, to safeguard the interests of the country and their constituents for this and future generations.

"At this time of profound constitutional, political and possibly social and economic crisis, we look to them to fulfil the responsibility placed upon them."

Aidan O'Neill, a constitutional and EU law specialist, said: "The Brexit referendum has made clear that the UK is not a united nation state, but a divided state of nations."

"But it has given no mandate or guidance as to what our nations' future relationship might be with Europe, and with each other. Precipitate or unilateral action by the UK Government to trigger Article 50 will simply further divide us."

# over 'motherhood row'

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Theresa May goes to church with her husband Philip yesterday

## Labour civil war as MP Angela launches bid to topple Corbyn

By Alison Little

LABOUR'S civil war will escalate today as Angela Eagle launches her bid to oust Jeremy Corbyn from the party leadership.

The MP accused the Labour leader of "hiding" in his office yesterday, in denial of the chaos around him.

Ms Eagle is among those who think that Mr Corbyn, like her, should secure backing from 51 Labour MPs and MEPs – 20 per cent of the elected party – to qualify to stand.

But Mr Corbyn insists that a sitting leader has the automatic right to be on the ballot paper – and he threatened legal action if Labour's ruling executive decides he must get enough MPs' backing first.

He called on MPs to acknowledge his huge following with party members and supporters around the country, and to unite behind him to fight the Conservatives.

Opponents fear that if he is on the ballot paper he will again be overwhelmingly backed by activists.

In that case his hard-Left backers could use it as a mandate to exact revenge on enemy MPs, potentially sparking a permanent split in the Labour party.

Ms Eagle, the former shadow business secretary, said yesterday that Mr Corbyn could not communicate with



'In hiding'...Corbyn yesterday

voters and had "lost the confidence" of MPs and peers.

"Jeremy lost us local councillors in the elections, we have failed to win the EU referendum which is going to cause enormous stress and pressure in our country. That is not the leadership that will take us forward," she told ITV's Peston On Sunday.

"I tried over nine months to support Jeremy and his leadership. He's not a bad man. He's not a leader, though."

Senior party figures had tried to make Mr Corbyn see he could not carry on without his MPs' backing but he would not budge, she said. "He's hiding behind a closed door, denying this is a fact. That's not leadership. You can't lead behind an office door." Senior



Making a stand...Angela Eagle

Labour MP Dame Margaret Hodge said: "I used to think he was a decent man. I am beginning to think he is actually a devious man."

Mr Corbyn told BBC One's Andrew Marr he was "disappointed" by Ms Eagle's challenge and he urged her to "think for a moment" before she went ahead.

He insisted party rules indicated a sitting leader should be on the ballot paper if challenged – and hinted he could go to court if the National Executive Committee ruled tomorrow that this was not the case. "I will challenge that if that is the view they take," he vowed.

If the contest goes ahead, it will be decided in September at Labour's annual conference.

## May's pledge to honour referendum vote



Chris Grayling is backing Mrs May

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party "will put itself – completely, absolutely, unequivocally – at the service of working people".

And in what will be seen as a challenge to rival Andrea Leadsom's banking background and more free-market views, Mrs May will vow to put employees and consumers on company boards and make shareholder votes on executive pay binding on firms.

She will say: "Yes we're the party of enterprise but that does not mean we should be prepared to accept that 'anything goes'."

Her speech will heavily imply her top-level Whitehall experience makes her a "strong and proven" leader, in a clear but unspoken contrast to Energy Minister Mrs Leadsom, who has only been a junior minister since 2014 and never in Cabinet.

Mrs May, who has won backing from prominent Tory Leave campaigners including ministers Chris Grayling and Priti Patel and influential backbencher David

Davis, was boosted by a survey yesterday for BBC Radio 4's The World This Weekend of the chairmen of local Tory parties with a sitting Conservative MP.

Of nearly 130 who took part, 70 backed Mrs May and 27 Mrs Leadsom, with the rest undecided.

Extracts released in advance of Mrs May's speech make no reference to the row over Mrs Leadsom appearing to suggest being a mother makes her more suitable to be Prime Minister.

Postal ballot papers go out to 150,000 Conservative Party members in mid-August with the winner named on September 9.

They got on to the final shortlist from an original field of five MPs. In the final round of MPs' voting last Thursday, Mrs May was backed by 199 colleagues and Mrs Leadsom by 84.

Vicar's daughter and ex-party chairman Mrs May will today set out three key reasons why she should be Prime Minister. In her speech she will say: "First, we need a bold, new, positive vision for the future of our

country, a vision of a country that works for everyone – not just the privileged few. Second, we need to unite our party and our country.

"And third, our country needs strong, proven leadership, to steer us through this time of economic and political uncertainty and to negotiate the best deal for Britain as we leave the European Union and forge a new role for ourselves in the world."

### Dominated

Mrs May will highlight the lower life expectancy, harsher treatment in the criminal justice system, poorer education outcomes and lower chance of entering a top profession for, respectively, those born poor, black people, white working-class boys, and state rather than privately educated pupils.

She will add: "If you're a woman, you still earn less than a man. If you suffer from mental health problems there's too often not enough help to hand.

"If you're young, you'll find it

harder than ever before to own your own home." In what some will see as a pitch to be viewed as someone who understands ordinary people after years of a Tory leadership dominated by privileged public school graduates, and as someone whose long years in Parliament does not mean she has lost touch with real life, she will continue: "If you're from a working-class family, life is just much harder than many people in politics realise.

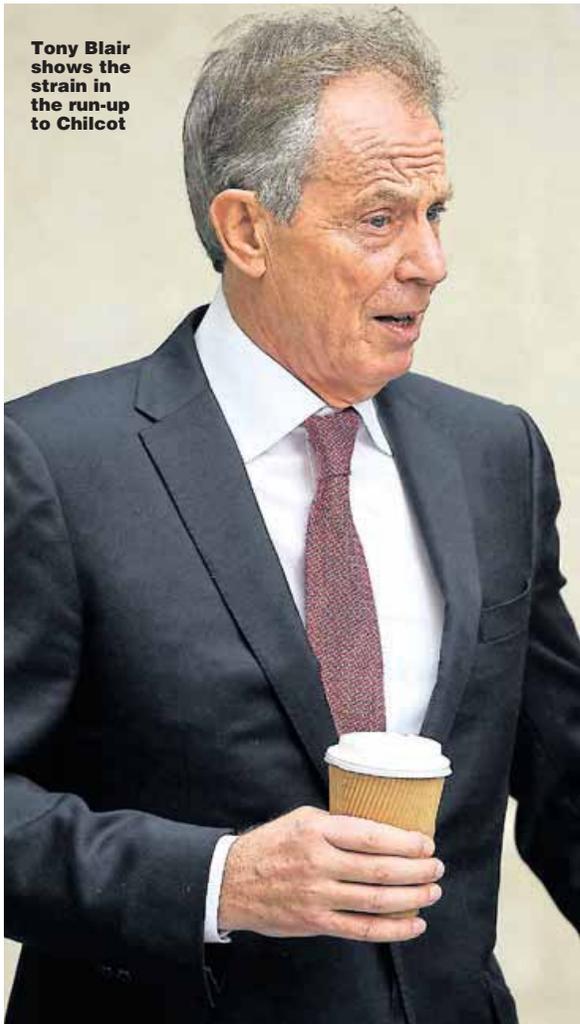
"You have a job, but you don't always have job security. You have your own home, but you worry about mortgage rates going up.

"You can just about manage, but you worry about the cost of living and the quality of the local school, because there's no other choice.

"These are the reasons why, under my leadership, the Conservative Party will put itself – completely, absolutely, unequivocally – at the service of working people.

"It is why we will make Britain a country that works for everyone."

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Tony Blair shows the strain in the run-up to Chilcot

# MPs in bid to ban Blair from public office after savaging over Iraq war

By Alison Little  
Deputy Political Editor

TONY Blair could be banned from holding public office and booted out of the Queen's Privy Council if the House of Commons backs a contempt motion being prepared by MPs, it emerged yesterday.

It comes after last week's long-awaited report by Sir John Chilcot was heavily critical of the lead-up to the 2003 Iraq war and its aftermath.

Mr Blair has insisted that Chilcot clears him of lying, but former shadow home secretary David Davis said that people felt "Parliament was essentially misled into a war" and wanted to see Mr Blair punished.

The senior Tory is part of a cross-party group of about 20 MPs including Scottish Nationalist Alex Salmond and Green MP Caroline Lucas.

They aim to put forward a motion to declare the former prime minister in contempt of Parliament before Commons Speaker John Bercow for debate before Parliament breaks for summer.

Armed Forces families who lost loved ones in the war also want redress from Mr Blair. Mr Davis claimed MPs were misled five times – including over tyrant Saddam Hussein's alleged weapons of mass destruction.

The planned motion would accuse Mr Blair in a way that was "a bit like contempt of court".

Mr Davis said the move was in the



War was illegal, says Lord Prescott

public interest and would garner support because people felt "there has been, as it were, a trial but no verdict".

Labour grandee and former deputy prime minister John, now Lord, Prescott yesterday said he supported the invasion at the time but the report was a "damning indictment of how the Blair government handled the war".

Lord Prescott said he now believed the conflict was illegal – although Chilcot did not rule on that point.

If the motion is passed the Government could cancel Mr Blair's membership of the elite Privy Council of senior advisers to the Queen, said Mr Davis.

The same penalty was exacted from the late Cabinet minister John Profumo who resigned in the 1960s after lying to the House about his sexual relationship with Christine Keeler.

The case against Mr Blair, which involved thousands – if not millions – of deaths and the "destruction" of the Middle East, was "much, much more serious" Mr Davis told BBC One's Andrew Marr.

Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn, who last week apologised on his party's behalf over the war, said he had yet to see the motion but "probably would" vote for it. He urged MPs to read the report, which he said showed how "Parliament was denied the information it should have had, the way in which there was lack of preparations for the post-invasion situation in Iraq and the way there were assertions of weapons of mass destruction".

"Parliament must hold to account, including Tony Blair, those who took us into this particular war," he added.

But Labour leadership challenger Angela Eagle warned against using Parliament to take "revenge" on Mr Blair although she herself now regretted voting for the Iraq war.

Dame Margaret Beckett MP, who was in the Labour Cabinet at the time, said: "The people behind this contempt motion were always going to use the Chilcot report for their own ends." She said Chilcot had made it "very clear" that Mr Blair "did not lie".

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## Anger over soft-touch suspended sentences

By **Dan Young**

CRIMINALS are being handed up to 10 suspended sentences before they are finally put in jail, shocking new figures show.

Judges gave out nearly 60,000 suspended sentences last year, raising fears that thousands of career criminals are being left loose on the streets.

As well as benefit fraud and assault, crimes given the softer option have included taking a bomb into a hotel and throwing a dog repeatedly down stairs.

The figures sparked anger as campaigners said four in every 10 offenders given jail time walk free with suspended sentences.

Ministry of Justice figures released today reveal some criminals racked up 10 before they were jailed by magistrates.

### Tougher

In crown courts, which hear the most serious cases, last year some criminals received eight suspended sentences before they were jailed.

Tory MP Philip Hollobone attacked the system that saw convicted criminals get a "slap on the wrist instead of time inside".

Calling for tougher sentencing guidelines, the former special constable said: "More than one suspended sentence cannot be right. Suspended sentences should be the very last warning, and if you commit a further crime you need to serve time in jail."

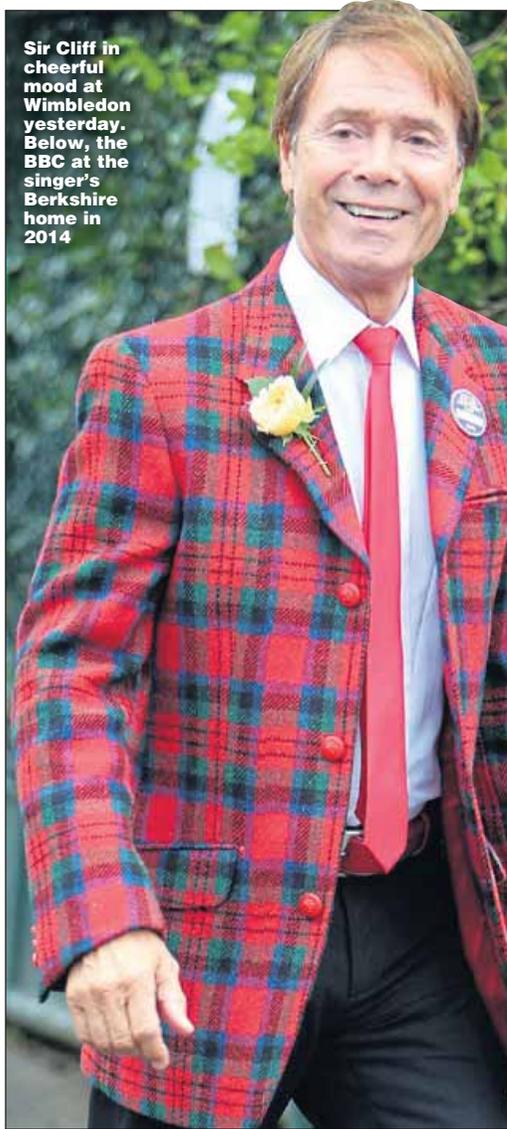
In 2015 judges suspended 57,072 sentences of two years or less, a rise of 4,000 on 2014. Peter Cuthbertson, director of the Centre for Crime Prevention, said: "The courts are failing victims and putting the public at needless risk."

A Ministry of Justice spokesman said: "Crime has fallen since 2010, and under this Government offenders committing the most serious crimes are more likely to go to prison and for longer."

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# Cliff sues BBC after his life 'was turned upside down'

Sir Cliff in cheerful mood at Wimbledon yesterday. Below, the BBC at the singer's Berkshire home in 2014



SIR Cliff Richard is suing the BBC and South Yorkshire Police for £1million over live coverage of a raid at his home.

The 75-year-old entertainer said yesterday his life was "effectively turned upside down" by the public shaming.

Vowing to have his day in court, he confirmed he has instructed his lawyers to make formal legal complaints to determine whether the actions of the broadcaster and police were "justified and proportionate".

Officers investigating allegations of historic sex offences were filmed searching Sir Cliff's Berkshire apartment in 2014, leading to him being named as part of the probe.

Sir Cliff was never arrested nor charged and last month the Crown Prosecution Service dismissed the case on grounds of insufficient evidence. The BBC and South Yorkshire Police have apologised.

### Damage

Sir Cliff called for police to follow guidelines in not naming suspects before they were charged save for "exceptional circumstances".

He said: "I chose not to comment during the active investigation for obvious reasons. But, having suffered the experience that I have, I firmly believe that privacy should be respected and that police guidelines are there to be followed.

"That means that, save in exceptional circumstances, people should never be named unless and until they are charged. As everybody has accepted, there were no such 'exceptional circumstances' in my case."

He believes the claim reflects damage he suffered personally and commercially as a result of the episode. It is

By **John Chapman**

understood Sir Cliff developed a cough, which affected his touring schedule. An album release had to be delayed, sales of his popular calendars were affected and his winery business suffered.

He said the issue of whether the actions were justified was "important not only for me personally but much more widely".

Sir Cliff added: "My life was effectively turned upside down and my reputation, worldwide, was unnecessarily damaged. I would not want the same to happen to others, whether in the public eye or not.

"While the police of course need to properly investigate allegations made to them, it is clear to me that questions need to be answered by both the police and the BBC about their initial handling of my matter.

"This has rightly been condemned from so many quarters, including the Home Affairs Select Committee, the broader press, and even the police themselves."

The BBC, whose relationship with Sir Cliff stretches back decades, declined to comment.

But it previously said it was "very sorry" for causing the singer distress. In a statement last month the broadcaster said it "applied normal editorial judgments" to covering the story, adding: "The BBC's responsibility is to report fully stories that are in the public interest.

"Once the South Yorkshire Police had confirmed the investigation and Sir Cliff Richard's identity and informed the BBC of the timing and details of the search of his property, it would neither have been editorially responsible nor in the public interest to choose not to report fully the investigation into Sir Cliff because of his public profile."



# Jailed...drug baron we can't throw out

By **Chris Riches**

A COCAINE baron is starting his fourth prison sentence for flooding Britain with the drug - after exploiting European human rights laws to twice avoid deportation.

Mahmoud Jaber, 31, peddled drugs across Lancashire to fund his lavish lifestyle, including buying a £44,000 Audi Quattro S5, and has nine drug convictions over 13 years.

But despite being told in 2006 he would be sent back to Palestine, Jaber used the Human Rights Act to claim a "right to family life".

Once he even argued he was "emotionally scarred into drug taking" by his experiences in a Palestinian West Bank refugee camp.

In 2014 an immigration panel finally ordered him out - but as his Israeli passport had expired Tel Aviv refused to accept him. This made Jaber, in the



UK since 1998 after his parents came here, "stateless" and the Home Office therefore unable to boot him out. Now he has been jailed for 11 years after Preston Crown Court heard he reverted to crime to deal 3.3lbs of cocaine

Mahmoud Jaber

worth £180,000. Tory MP for Wellingborough Peter Bone last night said it highlights why Britain needs its own Human Rights Act.

Mr Bone said: "Under normal circumstances he should have been sent back years ago to his own country.

"If you come here and break our laws it makes sense that you should be made to leave. If this man had been deported after his first offence think of the untold misery that

## OUTRAGE AS PRISONERS ARE OFFERED WEDDING PLANNERS IN HUMAN-RIGHTS FIASCO

CRIMINALS who want to get married in prison are being offered a wedding planner under European law to make sure it goes smoothly.

The Scottish Prison Service has published guidelines for prisoners who want to wed. The 24-page guide, developed to comply with the European Convention of

By **Michael Knowles**

Human Rights, revealed inmates can stage parties for up to 12 people, have prison staff take pictures and arrange a buffet and flowers to celebrate the occasion.

David Hines, of campaign group the National Victims' Association, said: "While I understand there

needs to be an element of rehabilitation in prison, it's also supposed to be a punishment. The services and privileges provided to prisoners are an outrage."

A Scottish prisons spokesman said: "Any request to be married in prison is at the governors' discretion and most associated costs are met by the offender and

their family. The protocols for marriage document was drafted up to formalise the process and ensure we comply with the necessary legislation."

The Ministry of Justice said it had no plans to introduce the scheme in England and Wales.

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would have been spared all his victims. This is what is wrong with the Human Rights Act. We need our own laws that are simple and clear."

Jaber, of Accrington, Lancs, was sentenced for his part in a conspiracy to supply drugs and to launder cash across the north of England.

The drugs were recovered when police stopped a vehicle on the M65 in Lancashire in March last year.

Last Thursday, Jaber and five

other gang members were jailed for a total of 40 years.

Jaber - whose father lives in the UK - has already served three previous jail sentences, two for drug dealing and one for money laundering.

His first heroin and crack cocaine dealing conviction was in 2003.

The final deportation ruling in 2014 ended several legal battles and appeals, which cost the taxpayer tens of thousands in legal fees.

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Today's answers can be found on page 38

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Would Andrea Leadsom make a great PM?

**YES: 92% NO: 8%**

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**YES: 93% NO: 7%**

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July 6

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EURO LOTTO

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# Woman is jailed for razor attack on her boyfriend

By Dan Townend



Joylene Cunningham claimed she had not used a knife despite her boyfriend needing 18 stitches to the wound which ran from his mouth to his ear

A WOMAN who slashed her boyfriend's face from his mouth to his ear after she saw him kissing and cuddling another woman has been jailed.

Joylene Cunningham, 30, used a razor blade or retractable knife to cut her boyfriend Sean Harman. The wound required 18 stitches.

Cunningham had told York Crown Court she thought the wound was caused from a ring or a glass he was holding.

But when her ring was examined by Recorder of York, Judge Paul Batty QC, it was found to be blunt.

Jailing Cunningham for two and a half years, Judge Batty said: "The wound had been a deep laceration in places, running virtually from Mr Harman's mouth to his ear and causing a permanent scar."

Cunningham, of York, said she punched Mr Harman but denied having a blade in her hand.

Speaking in support of Cunningham, Mr Harman defended his former girlfriend, saying he had been "winding her up" during the incident which happened in York in June 2015.

He told the court that he had wrongly believed she had been the one having

an affair. Speaking about his vengeful behaviour, he said: "I was disgusting - I was horrible. I was awful."

"I was angry with her. I thought she had been cheating on me in my own bed. I wanted revenge on her."

Mr Harman had said he had been violent towards Cunningham previously.

Judge Batty said that in sentencing he gave Cunningham credit for a guilty plea to wounding with intent at an earlier hearing.

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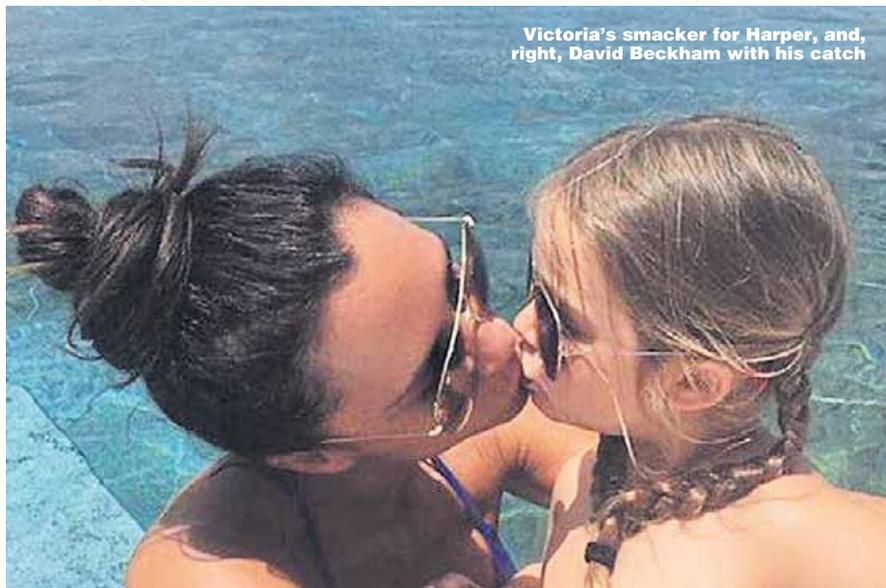
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# Happy birthday Harper...Victoria's loving kiss



Victoria's smacker for Harper, and, right, David Beckham with his catch



**VICTORIA** Beckham gives daughter Harper a kiss on the lips to present the greatest birthday gift of all... a mother's love. The image, posted on photo-sharing website Instagram, shows the pair in a swimming pool. To celebrate Harper's fifth birthday yesterday Victoria, 42, captioned

By **Peter Henn**  
the image: "Happy birthday baby girl. We all love you so much. Kisses from Mummy." The Beckhams' fourth child, and only daughter, also got a birthday greeting from her father David, who posted a picture of

her giving him a kiss with the words: "Happy birthday to my pretty lady. In five years baby Harper has brought so much love into our family." "Such a special girl in so many different ways we are so lucky to spend each day with such a beautiful soul. We adore you baby

girl. Happy birthday, love Daddy." The former England football captain, 41, also posted a rather different photo. Having been on a fishing trip, he celebrated his catch with a picture of himself holding a large fish and the caption: "Good end to a great day."

# 'Man flu' knocks women for six in battle of the sexes

By **Natalie Chalk**

MAN flu, selective hearing and the inability to multi-task are the things that women find most baffling about men.

A poll of 2,000 women has revealed the top 50 things that they don't understand about the opposite sex.

Other women admit they struggle to get their heads around how a man can watch an entire game of football but then also watch the highlights hours later – and also why they refer to their favourite football team as "we".

A spokesman for online market researchers OnePoll, which commissioned the research, said: "Women are often said to be the more complicated sex, but it seems men still have their unexplainable traits."

"Men and women are often very different – in the way they behave, communicate, express their emotions and deal with problems."

"But this can leave women struggling to understand why men do certain things."

"Man flu in particular is always a bone of contention, especially for couples. While women are known to struggle on while suffering a cold, men always seem to come down with a stronger bug that knocks them sideways."

Other baffling male habits include keeping miles of cables when they don't know what they are for, and how they remember sporting statistics but always forget birthdays and anniversaries.

The need to have a huge TV, reading on the toilet and why



## TOP 20 BAFFLING THINGS ABOUT MALE OF THE SPECIES

1. Why man flu is worse than a normal cold
2. Why they don't listen/their selective hearing
3. Their inability to multi-task
4. How they can never find something, even when it's right in front of them
5. Why they say they've done the washing up 'for you' and think they are doing you a favour
6. Why they insist on leaving the toilet seat up
7. Their reluctance to use instructions when building/putting something together
8. Why they won't ask anyone for directions
9. Why they take days to do something women ask them to do
10. Why they snore so much, whatever position they are in
11. Why they insist on keeping cables, even when they have no idea what they are for
12. Why they find farting funny
13. Why they insist on leaving dirty clothes on the floor or next to the wash basket
14. Why they think doing the dishes occasionally means they're contributing fairly to housework
15. Why they hog the remote control
16. How they can watch a football game, and then watch the highlights on Match Of The Day that same night
17. Why they have to 'readjust' themselves in public
18. Their obsession with sex
19. How they can remember endless sports stats but forget important details such as birthdays etc
20. Why they need to have a 50-inch TV

they try to fix something themselves instead of calling in a professional also make the top 50. A man's relationship with his friends is also puzzling – how competitive they are with each other, why he shows off in front of them and the general "lad" culture.

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### Send career criminals to prison where they belong

**W**HAT is prison for? Most people would agree that it is there for two reasons: to punish and to rehabilitate. But that second aspect, attempting to turn people from offenders into respectable citizens, becomes laughable when it emerges that a person has to be a hardened career criminal to get to prison in the first place.

The news that criminals are receiving up to 10 suspended sentences before they are finally locked up makes the system little more than a joke. What kind of message does it send out, especially to younger offenders who, if they are stopped at an early stage might be persuaded to look elsewhere than at a life of crime?

If a potential offender is almost certain that he or she will not end up behind bars, then where is the deterrent to stop them from going ahead?

For years now the majority of people have suspected that criminals are treated far too leniently and most will now be rightly appalled to learn that just punishment is not being meted out.

Long ago we seemed to embrace a system that worried more about the offender than the victim and this is just the latest manifestation of that.

There is at the moment a sharp disconnect between the public and the political class and if that is not mended the system risks permanent damage.

It is up to our political class to make it clear to the crown courts that justice must be done.

### Yet another EU stupidity

**I**F THE above offenders ever actually get to prison, of course, what a life of Riley awaits. European laws have ensured that anyone wishing to get married or have a civil partnership behind bars may be entitled to a party with 12 guests, a buffet, flowers and even fireworks (not a facet of that many weddings out in the real world) all detailed in a handy new 24-page guide developed to comply with the European Convention on Human Rights.

If ever there was anything that demonstrated quite how right we are to leave the EU it is this fatuous waste of money and complete lack of common sense. Sometimes it seems as if EU commissioners are laughing at the people they force these rules upon: it certainly shows complete contempt for what most people think. This rotten, foolish guide should be binned now.

### The superb Andy Murray

**Y**OU wait decades for a Brit to win Wimbledon and then along comes Andy Murray who manages it twice in short order. Very many congratulations, Andy. You've done your country proud.

# Remainers would do better to talk up their country

**T**HE Brexit vote was the greatest act of national salvation in this country since the Second World War. Despite a barrage of intimidation from the pro-EU establishment, the British people voted by a clear margin for independence from the failing Brussels regime.

Inevitably, the political elites have reacted with fury and bewilderment at this heroic decision. They were vexed at the decision to hold the referendum in the first place.

Now they are outraged at the derailment of their grand project to turn Britain into an outpost of the EU empire, lacking any national borders, sovereignty or identity. Their sense of anger now drives their attempts to thwart the popular will through undemocratic moves like the demand for a second referendum, the launch of legal challenges through the courts and the organisation of a mass petition against Brexit.

These manoeuvres are discreditable enough but even more shocking is the rampant disgust that so many Remain campaigners now express for their own country. "I'm bloody angry. Only anger is keeping me from falling into despair. The referendum was won by falsehood and prejudice," wailed the former Labour leader Neil Kinnock at the weekend. Unlike most British voters, Kinnock did notoriously well out of the EU racket.

**S**OME of the more querulous Remainers show no understanding of that spirit of pride which motivated most of the British electorate at the poll. They do not just hate the result - they seem to loathe the very nation that dared to perpetrate this act of disobedience against the ruling orthodoxy.

In an extraordinary article last week, the commentator Matthew Parris wrote that "for the first time in my life, I feel ashamed to be British" because "I never thought that the reserves of xenophobia in England were so strong".

Such anguished language is revealing. It proves the argument that there was a large streak of unpatriotic disdain running through the Remain campaign.

The pro-EU brigade tried to deny this, pretending that a patriotic case could be made



ANTI-DEMOCRATIC? The anti-Brexit march in London



Leo McKinstry  
Daily Express columnist

for rule by Brussels. But such a claim was always bogus.

Membership of the EU was inimical to Britain's national interests because it ultimately meant the destruction of British nationhood.

We could never retain our identity while accepting domination by federalist fanatics such as Commission president Jean-Claude Juncker.

On a deeper level key Remainers sought the embrace of Brussels because, in their contempt for traditional Britain, they wanted to make our country more European, more continental.

There has always been a streak of this institutionalised self-loathing among British

intellectuals, where patriotism is treated as a form of bigotry.

The worship of the EU mirrors the official enthusiasm for mass immigration and multiculturalism. All of these forces reflect a determination to transform the fabric of British society, to rob Britishness of meaning and to turn Britons into aliens in their own land.

Through Brexit, the people have shown their defiance of this revolution. In the process they have also exposed the virulent anti-British feelings so many pro-EU ideologues, like the "passionate European" writer whose newspaper column yesterday amounted to ferocious denunciation of Britain. His diatribe, which included

gripes about "retarded royal occasions" and "the serial record of England football fans," ended with a declaration that Brexit is "not only a badge of shame but also, worse in a way, of pointless, bellicose imbecility".

For self-styled pro-EU progressives, the Union Jack is something that repels rather than inspires. Elgar's Land Of Hope And Glory is just an anthem to reactionary prejudice. Despite their fashionable rhetoric about equality, they despise the traditional working class whom they regard as dangerous, selfish and ignorant, too unsophisticated to appreciate the glories of European unity or global diversity.

**I**T IS an attitude summed up by Left-wing columnist Yasmin Alibhai-Brown, who once wrote of "taxpaying immigrants past and present who keep indolent British scroungers on their couches drinking beer and watching TV".

Remainers have seized on every morsel of poor economic news since Brexit. With ill-disguised glee but no grasp of economics, they glory in the fall of sterling and fluctuations in the stock market.

There has even been the bizarre sight of Left-wingers moaning about the potential suffering of international currency traders, property developers and bankers.

Yet their doom-laden talk is misplaced. The drop in the pound will boost exports and domestic tourism, just as it did when the Treasury devalued in 1992 following our exit from the European Exchange Rate mechanism, prompting the longest sustained period of growth in modern times.

Similarly, tighter controls on immigration will boost living standards by ending the exploitation of cheap labour, while an independent Britain will be able to make trade deals across the world that suit its own interests.

Brexit is not a shameful triumph for xenophobia and reaction. It is a blow for freedom, self-governance and solidarity, the ideals that have inspired mankind throughout history.

In challenging the obliteration of democratic nationhood by the globalist juggernaut, Britain can be a beacon of leadership for the rest of the world.

## 'A boost to freedom and self-governance'

# IT'S GREAT TO BE GRAMMIE!

Stars of stage, screen, literature, music and sport - and the Royal Family - celebrate all that is wonderful about grandparents in a gloriously funny new book



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By Adrian Besley

## GRANDMAS RULE

As I learned from growing up, you don't mess with your grandmother. **Prince William**  
A grandmother is a little bit parent, a little bit teacher, and a little bit best friend.

**Anon**

I love being a grandmother. That feeling you have for your own child - you don't ever think it will be replicated, and I did wonder if I would have to pretend with my grandchildren. But my heart was taken on day one.

**Joanna Lumley**

## BEST JOB IN THE WORLD

I get to do the thing of "come in and have a great time" for a few hours or maybe overnight on occasion. But hey, it's almost like parenthood fantasy camp; you have all the fun without any of the long nights.

**Tom Hanks**

No cowboy was ever faster on the draw than a grandparent pulling a baby picture out of a wallet.

**Anon**

Get ready to fall completely in love again... Get ready to be like the lowest person in the pecking order of your family.

**George W Bush**

If we fail here, we fail humanity... As a grandfather, I have no intention of failing my, or anyone else's grandchildren.

**Prince Charles**

## THE ART OF GRANDPARENTING

What I and many grandparents have discovered is that when it comes to advice, less is more. The less you volunteer your opinions the more you seem to be asked for them.

**Gloria Hunniford**

Hugs can do great amounts of good - especially for children.

**Princess Diana**

My grandkids always beat me at Rock Band... I say, listen, you may



**HEART CAPTURED:** Joanna Lumley and husband Stephen Barlow with grandchildren Alice and Emily. And the Queen delighting in grand and great-grandchildren at Trooping the Colour

beat me at Rock Band, but I made the original records so shut up.

**Sir Paul McCartney**

If my grandchildren were to look at me and say, "You were aware species were disappearing and you did nothing, you said nothing," that, I think, is culpable. I don't know how much more they expect me to be doing. I'd better ask them.

**Sir David Attenborough**

## OUR GRANDAD

I phoned my grandparents and my grandfather said, "We saw your movie". "Which one?" I said. He shouted, "Betty, what was the name of that movie I didn't like?"

**Brad Pitt**

My father is a great grandfather but he's a terrible husband.

**Pamela Anderson**

It's interesting that I had such a close relationship with my grandfather. Because your parents

always judge you. They say, "You shouldn't do this, you shouldn't do that." But with your grandparents you have a feeling that you can say anything or you can do anything, and they will support you.

**Novak Djokovic**

When I die, I want to go peacefully like my grandfather did - in his sleep. Not yelling and screaming like the passengers in his car.

**Bob Monkhouse**

I'm very proud of my gold pocket watch. My grandfather, on his deathbed, sold me this watch.

**Woody Allen**

My grandfather was the first person in my family to recognise that I was musical. Grandpa would take me to Times Square every Saturday afternoon where he had found a Record Your Own Voice booth. For 25 cents you could sing or talk, and they gave you a scratchy record to take

**ROCK ROLE:** Paul McCartney (with daughter Stella and grandson), loses when playing Rock Band with his grandchildren. Tom Hanks playing his favourite part, carrying his grandson



home. I'm sure I wouldn't be the man I've become without him.

**Barry Manilow**

## YOUNG AT HEART

Inside every old person is a young person wondering what happened.

**Sir Terry Pratchett**

Sex at 90 is like trying to shoot pool with a rope.

**George Burns**

There is only one cure for grey hair. It was invented by a Frenchman. It is called the guillotine.

**PG Wodehouse**

Count your age by friends not years. Count your life by smiles, not tears.

**John Lennon**

If I had known I was going to live this long I would have taken better care of myself.

**Mae West**

Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been.

**Mark Twain**

An archaeologist is the best husband a woman can have. The older she gets the more interested he is in her.

**Agatha Christie**

## KEEP IT IN THE FAMILY

Be kind to your kids. They'll choose your nursing home one day.

**Anon**

If you're a good person, the goodness will continue through your descendants.

**Diane von Furstenberg**

Another good thing about being poor is that when you are 70 your

children will not have you declared legally insane in order to gain control of your estate.

**Woody Allen**

My mother-in-law has so many wrinkles, when she smiles she looks like a Venetian blind.

**Les Dawson**

Like all the best families we have our share of eccentricities, of impetuous and wayward youngsters and of family disagreements.

**The Queen**

## LOVE AND HAPPINESS

Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family... in another city.

**George Burns**

I want a man who's kind and understanding. Is that too much to ask of a millionaire?

**Zsa Zsa Gabor**

Male menopause is a lot more fun than female menopause. With female menopause you gain weight and get hot flashes. Male menopause you get to date young girls and drive motorcycles.

**John Wayne**

## WISE WORDS

They told me that grandchildren are the reward you get for not killing your children.

**Virginia Ironside**

The years between 50 and 70 are the hardest. You are always being asked to do things and are not decrepit enough to turn them down.

**TS Eliot**

The old believe everything, the middle-aged suspect everything and the young know everything.

**Oscar Wilde**

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# Happy Mondays



by **Carole Ann Rice**

Leading life and happiness coach

**★ HINDSIGHT** provides us with 100 per cent forehead-smacking clarity. It's a shame our opticians can't provide a prescription. If only we had said something wise or the perfect one-liner that left our audience shaking their heads at our sublime wit and sprightly repartee. Trouble is the killer question is often dropped without warning which leaves us floundering and throwing whatever we've got at it.

And at a time when trust in politicians is at an all-time low, we are yearning for the truth and integrity.

If only they had Michael Dodd working with them to ensure they turn every statement into one of hope and help us all feel there might be something or someone we can trust again when it comes to leading the country.

A one-time broadcast journalist in the rough world of Australian politics he has seen many a business or political leader get washed up on the reef of their cluelessness or sail through the rough rocks of cross examination to success and triumph.

"I've seen chief executives fall to the 'blow torch on the belly' questions when a great answer to a tough question is a learnable skill," says the writer and broadcaster.

"When asked whether we will survive or what the future holds it's important that our leaders paint a positive picture in people's minds. For example 'like the Australian points system' is a simple way to help people understand a contentious subject. Leaders must speak the truth but add hope and positivity."

In his book *Great Answers To Tough Questions At Work* (Capstone £12.99) Michael helps any one of us give consistently great

answers, work out what to say and how to handle challenging questions in presentations, meetings or interviews.

He shares the inside track on how to present the best version of you, add power to your voice (avoid that annoying querulous Aussie upward inflection in your answers) and the golden formula for answering questions coming at you from anywhere.

Here he shares his tips for convincing communication:

- Recognise that giving great answers to tough questions is a learnable skill – so you can and should plan, prepare and practise for splendid outcomes for you and your questioners.
- Where possible, don't be rushed into a situation where you expect to face tough questions. Find out what's required in advance, work out what the toughest questions are likely to be (often they're incredibly easy to predict) and always be prepared.
- Formulate several positive messages you wish to convey on the subject under discussion. This could be something like: "In this difficult situation I will do everything possible to help solve your problems." Once you have answered each question up front, move on to convey the most relevant message so you are giving something extra to your questioners to help them better understand your position.
- *Great Answers To Tough Questions* is a great book for leaders and anyone ambitious in the workplace and "task-orientated introverts" such as accountants or IT specialists who need to improve their conversation skills.
- Every briefcase and bookshelf should have a copy.

## Why 50 is the new 30

**WOMEN** of a certain age once found themselves sliding towards the elasticated waist band and developing the art of invisibility via 50 shades of beige. But last week saw Carol Vorderman, right, launch an online platform for women over 50 looking to reinvigorate their lives.

She is hoping it will be a place for women who find they now have time finally to realise a dream – whether it is as ambitious as Carol Vorderman's challenge to fly solo around the world or simply travel alone, start a business or learn a new skill.

Here you will find beauty and lifestyle tips and a supportive voice to be a hand to hold or rocket fuel to teleport you to the next powerful chapter of your life.



**★ WORDS** to avoid today which are disempowering are "fine" when you're not, or ending an argument, "that's OK" when you are pleasing someone else but are not really feeling it or "whatever" – a passive aggressive word that really means "screw you".

### SPREAD A LITTLE HAPPINESS

IF YOU want to make yourself and others happy then add these phrases to your daily communication. "I am happy to see you", "I took your suggestion", "You have come so far", "Tell me more",

"You're welcome", "I'd like your opinion" and those two powerful words, "Thank you".

Sprinkle these magic sentences around today and make the world a better place.

# Wife's horror as she sees bullfighter gored to death

THE wife of a Spanish matador who was gored to death on live TV said yesterday "my life has gone".

Raquel Sanz was in the crowd as Victor Barrio, 29, was thrown into the air by the 83rd bull Lorenzo and speared in the chest as he lay on the ground during the bullfight in Teruel, east of Madrid, on Saturday.

Mr Barrio, who became a fully-qualified bullfighter in 2012, died shortly after being rushed to a field hospital by the side of the bullring.

Ms Sanz, 32, a leading Right-wing

By **Douglas Patient**

councillor in their hometown of Sepulveda, north of the Spanish capital, tweeted yesterday: "Thanks to everyone. I cannot reply to you, I have no words. My life has gone, I have no strength, although I have a lot of thanks."

Branding life "unfair", she posted a poem by Spanish poet Jose Leon which ended with the words: "How I would love to believe that there is glory for all those who lose their

lives on the horns of bulls. If that is not the case, then rest in peace wherever you are and us poets will make sure you become immortal."

Mr Barrio's death was the first of a matador in a Spanish bullring since 1985 when 21-year-old Jose Cubero was stabbed through the heart by a horn.

In a separate incident on Saturday morning, Ruben Frasset Morant was fatally gored in the chest during a bullrun in Pedreguer, near Valencia.

The 29-year-old was helping two

young women into the safety of a caged-off area along the course when he was charged and killed.

A 65-year-old man was also killed on Saturday night after being gored during a bull run in Fuentesauco in the province of Salamanca.

He died after a bull broke through a fence and attacked a group of men during the town's annual festival.

Two men were in a serious condition in hospital yesterday after being gored in the neck and chest during the famous Running of the Bulls festival in Pamplona.



Raquel Sanz was at the bullfight



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Victor Barrio has pain etched across his face as he is attacked by the bull

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# Day & Night

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## Will's words boost Calvin

HE MAY have split from his pop star girlfriend **Taylor Swift** last month but **Calvin Harris** won't be single for long, according to **Will Smith**, who made a surprise appearance to introduce the Scot on stage at the Wireless Festival in London's Finsbury Park on Saturday.

Day & Night overheard the star telling the 32-year-old DJ backstage, "That was awesome. I can see why every woman on the planet would want to be Mrs Harris right now."

But the actor, who has been happily married to actress **Jada Pinkett-Smith**, 44, for 19 years, also offered Calvin, who had been dating the American singer for 15 months, some sage advice: "Hold out until it feels right," he told him. "You'll know when that is."

It was a family affair for Will, who watched the show from

the side of the stage with Jada and their son **Jaden**.

The trio had flown in from the US where they had been celebrating Jaden's birthday last week, with the young actor telling friends: "I could have been hanging with my friends but I wanted to celebrate my 18th with my family."

Meanwhile, former X Factor judge **Tulisa Contostavios**, 27, put her recent troubles behind her, telling us: "I'm getting back on track. I've been working hard on my music. I'm happier than I've been in ages."

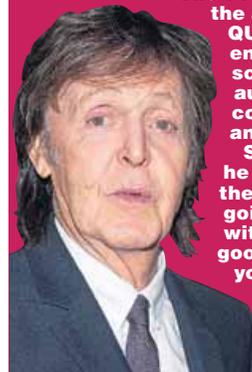
But it seems that not everyone was having a great time. Top British model **Jourdan Dunn**, 25, appeared upset that she wasn't allowed to take her security team with her to the front of the stage to watch the action, insisting: "I don't want to be mobbed."



**PARTY PEOPLE:** clockwise from bottom left, Will Smith, Calvin Harris, Jourdan Dunn and Tulisa

**Secret...**  
Which film star trades on her nice-girl image but is a nightmare to work with when she is on set?

HE CAN easily afford chauffeur-driven limousines but billionaire **SIR PAUL McCARTNEY** sometimes likes to travel with the hoi polloi. Macca was spotted the other day on a passenger train from London to Hastings, near his Sussex home, where he politely signed the odd autograph for passengers who recognised him.



The 74-year-old former Beatle was noticed by the author and broadcaster **DAVID QUANTICK**, who says of the chance encounter: "Passengers would hand him scraps of paper and ask for his autograph and he would make eye contact with them, ask who it was for and scribble a signature."

Sir Paul has previously spoken of how he likes to travel incognito on buses and the London Underground saying: "I enjoy going on the Tube. I don't have a problem with that. It's refreshing and I think it's good for you. It's unhealthy to think that you're the big cheese all the time."

As a none too frequent user of public transport we do hope that Sir Paul always remembers to buy a **Ticket To Ride**.

# Spotted... Night

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**Spotted...** **BARRY HUMPHRIES** aka Dame Edna Everage watching *Deep Blue Sea* at the Lyttelton Theatre in London on Saturday...  
**Supermodel CHRISTIE BRINKLEY** enjoying the sunshine in the Hamptons near New York city with her son...

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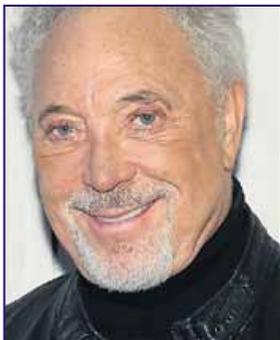


**HEIDI KLUM** may be blissfully happy with her boyfriend of two years, art dealer **VITO SCHNABEL**, however she says she has no intention of tying the knot again. The German supermodel, who has been married to stylist **RIC PIPINO** and British singer **SEAL**, with whom she raises children **LENI**, 12, **HENRY**, 11, **JOHAN**, 10, and **LOU**, seven, says the failed unions have put her off marrying again. "I've done it twice and it didn't really work out for me, so why hurt something when it's all good the way it is. I like it the way things are right now," the 43-year-old tells *US* magazine *People*. "I celebrate all the romance - I'm quite old-fashioned that way. I don't know, I love enjoying life and celebrating the love and being happy." Just not old-fashioned enough to get married, it seems.

**ACTRESS MILA KUNIS CELEBRATES BEING LOW-MAINTENANCE:** "I

COMMEND WOMEN WHO WAKE UP 30, 40 MINUTES EARLY TO PUT

ON EYELINER. I THINK IT'S BEAUTIFUL. I'M JUST NOT THAT PERSON."



**SIR TOM JONES** reports that he is returning as a coach on *The Voice*. Sir Tom Jones has defended talent shows and how they have shaped the music industry. Sir Tom, 76, who was dropped from the BBC show but is said to be in talks about returning for the new version on ITV, says: "There have always been talent shows, ever since the beginning of pop music. "There are also competitions in other forms of music and the arts as well so it's nothing really new, it's just bigger and shinier and there are more people

watching who have an opinion." The Welshman - making one of his first appearances on stage since the death of his wife **Linda** in April - will play a concert at Hove in Sussex next Sunday. He also added that winning a TV contest doesn't automatically mean that a long career is easy to forge. "Even if you manage initial success you have the challenge of having to maintain it, which is harder still," he added. "And because the industry is what it is today, having a career in music that you can sustain is now very difficult."

## HOW DOLLY LIKES TO KEEP IT SIMPLE

WITH a successful career spanning five decades behind her, **Dolly Parton** says she isn't interested in penning hit records any more and prefers to write from the heart.

"I don't do it for commercial reasons. I just write what I write and I sing what I sing and I just get in and do it," she told a press conference in Toronto.

"If I'm looking for big hit records I'd probably go looking for a big producer but for now I like doing what I'm doing and I'm happy and content with that. And my true fans accept that."

The country and western star, 70, also spoke about the back-to-basics holidays she enjoys with her husband **Carl Dean**, 73.

"We like to get out in our little RV and just be simple. I love to read, I love to cook, I love to be with my husband," she adds. "I put on my little comfy clothes - I call them my baby clothes - and we just relax."

We trust they are rhinestone encrusted, Dolly.



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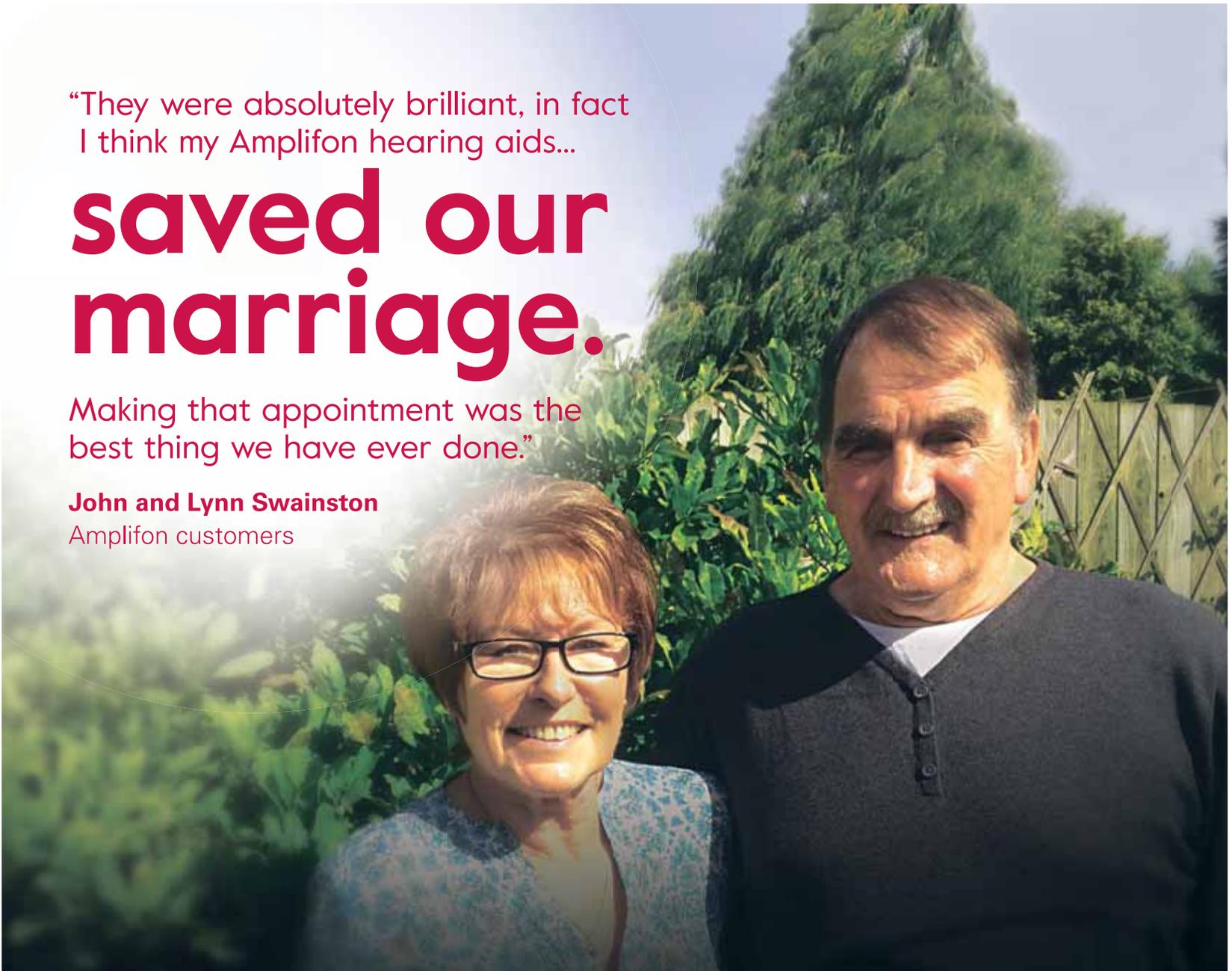
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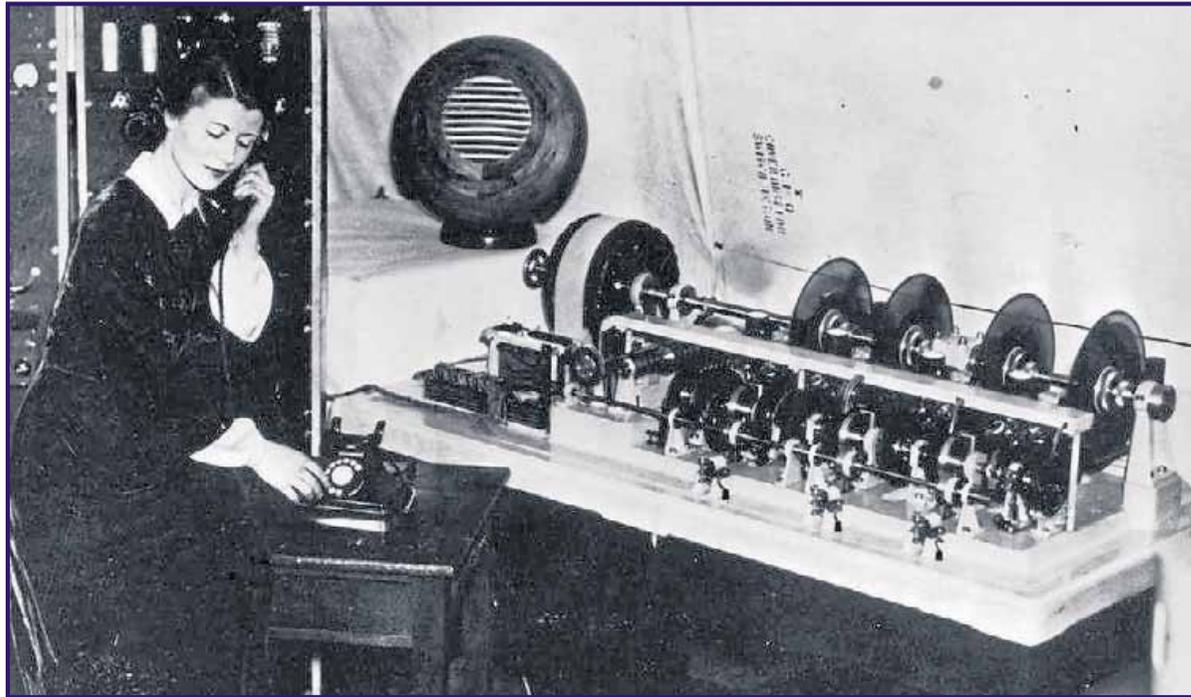
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# 80 years on the clock

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By Jane Warren

## Britain's famous speaking clock may have been introduced in 1936 but it still keeps perfect time for the 30 million people who use the service each year

**A**T THE third stroke the speaking clock will be 80 years old precisely. It is still ticking on and offering accurate time-keeping, like a relic of a bygone age. The big question is: why are people still dialling for the time?

Everyone used to know the number for the speaking clock, it's 123, but today few young people will even know it exists. Yet the service – known as Talkline – still gets more than 30 million calls a year despite the rush to embrace new technology, with demand peaking on four time-sensitive days.

People want to celebrate New Year at precisely the right time, they like to double check when the clocks go forward or back, and they want to start their two-minute silence at exactly 11am on Remembrance Day.

There is also the fact that the British tend to be as obsessed with punctuality as they are with the weather. The speaking clock remains an emblem of accuracy, which might explain why we are still prepared to pay for it.

● The service was first introduced in Britain on July 24, 1936. The mechanism used an array of motors, glass discs, photocells and valves, which took up the entire floor space of a small room. The equipment involved in the current clock takes up no more space than a suitcase.

● The clock was created for people to settle disputes over time. Before 1936 they used to ring the exchange operator to ask for clarification.

● London telephonist Ethel Cain was selected as the first "voice" from a pool of 15,000 telephone operators who worked for the GPO. She was awarded a prize of 10 guineas in a nationwide competition to find a "golden voice". She became an instant hit, especially for her crisp pronunciation of the word "precisely" which is used at the start of each new minute.

● The Post Office had a long history of helping people set their clocks from the days when many towns still operated on local time before the introduction of the railways made it essential for everywhere to be operating on standardised Greenwich Mean Time. When the mail coach arrived people would gather around the coachman and get the political gossip and the official city time. This custom is thought to be the origin of the phrase "passing the time of day".

● When the speaking clock was first launched calls to the service cost one penny from home and "tuppence" from a phone box. Today a call costs 38.9p. The actual time is announced every 10 seconds.

● There have been four permanent voices used for the speaking clock. Temporary voices have been used on special occasions. The current voice belongs to Sara Mendes da Costa who

became the fourth voice of the speaking clock in 2007. She won a competition BT ran in 2006 to find a new voice among the public. The part-time voiceover artist beat 18,500 entrants. Previous voices were well-spoken but she once explained that in choosing her BT was looking for a "voice that was a little bit more 'now' – they were looking for a voice people trust, a warm, friendly voice," she explained.

● The second voice was Pat Simmons, from 1963 to 1985. She was also a telephonist and won £500 for the privilege.

● One of the original speaking clock machines (there were two, in case of breakdown) is on display at the British Horological Institute in Nottinghamshire. It had been a working model but its motor failed – on the day that Simmons died.

● The first speaking clock was accurate to within one tenth of a second and its modern equivalent is accurate to within five thousandths of a second.

**MOVING ON:** Ethel Cain was the first announcer of the speaking clock in 1936, pictured above, sitting at the equipment

● Accuracy is not the only reason that people still call the service. Brian Cobby, the third voice of the speaking clock from 1985 to 2007, used to receive fan mail from people who used the service late at night just to hear his calm voice. He was an assistant supervisor at Withead Exchange in Brighton but before he worked for BT had recorded the "5-4-3-2-1...Thunderbirds are go!" for the theme tune to Gerry Anderson's TV series.

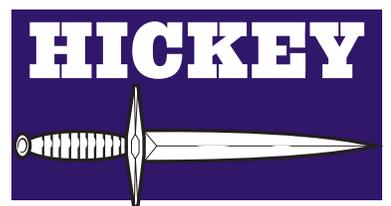
● Celebrities who have been temporary voices, generally to raise money for Comic Relief, include Sir Lenny Henry, Kimberley Walsh, Gary Barlow, Jo Brand, Sir Ian McKellen, David Walliams, Clare Balding and Davina McCall.

● Britain was not the first country to have a speaking clock; France's service started three years earlier. Their service began on Valentine's Day, 1933.

● During the Cold War the speaking clock network was designed to be used in case of nuclear attack to broadcast messages from Strike Command at High Wycombe to regional police stations. From there, automatic warning sirens could be started and alerts sent to Royal Observer Corps monitoring posts.

The rationale for using an existing rather than a dedicated system was that it was effectively under test at all times. The signals to sirens were sent down the wires of individual (unaware) subscribers for the same reason. A customer would report any fault as soon as it occurred whereas a problem with a dedicated line would not be noticed until it was needed.

● On the occasion of a leap second – such as at 23:59:60 on December 31, 2005 – an extra second is always inserted in the pips at the end of the time message.



**HOLLYWOOD** veterans Jane Fonda and Robert Redford, pictured, are reuniting on screen almost 50 years after they first appeared together in 1967 comedy Barefoot In The Park.

Based on the 2015 novel Our Souls At Night, they will play "two small-town widows who share an intimate connection". Filming is due to begin this autumn.

Fonda, who has previously appeared with Redford three times – the last occasion was 1979's The Electric Horseman – once admitted: "I was so in love with Bob. Nothing ever happened between us but he certainly was fabulous to kiss."

There was one snag, however. "The only bad thing about Redford is that he doesn't like to do love scenes," she has also revealed.



**CURRENTLY** tipped to be the main host of Top Gear following the departure of fellow presenter Chris Evans, will American star Matt LeBlanc put down permanent roots in the UK?

The Friends actor, who appeared alongside Evans during the recent much-criticised BBC Two series, has been hedging his bets since landing the job. Discussing his life in London LeBlanc has explained: "I'm just renting at the moment but we'll see how it goes."

Worth £46million, he can probably cope with exorbitant property prices in the capital should he now wish to buy.

**CELEBRATED** actress Dame Helen Mirren is unimpressed by some of the figure-hugging outfits worn by fellow stars at film premieres.

"If you're wearing some boned, push-up construction that's digging into your body every time you move, it hurts," she tells Woman And Home magazine.

"So it always amazes me how many dresses you see on the red carpet that don't fit properly. If you're comfortable and enjoying it, it shows, as opposed to feeling as if you can't move."

**WHILE** the volatile behaviour of the late Peter Sellers has often been commented on, the comic's former personal assistant stands by her old boss.

Susan Wood, who was the Pink Panther star's PA from 1971 until his death in 1980, now says: "I am so loyal to Peter. He paid me for my discretion and he was betrayed by so many people close to him."

These days based in Claremont, California, she adds: "As much as he was difficult he was incredibly generous to his staff."

The eccentric Sellers once fired Wood by telegram on her honeymoon, believing her loyalties would be conflicted now she had married. He later changed his mind.

**SPEAKING** of Peter Sellers, his famous co-star Sophia Loren, pictured, with whom the comic became besotted while filming 1960's The Millionaire – was made an "honorary citizen" of her home city of Naples, Italy, at the weekend.

Long proud of her Neapolitan roots Loren makes little secret of where her loyalties lie. "I am not Italian, I am Neapolitan," she once memorably declared. "It's another thing!"



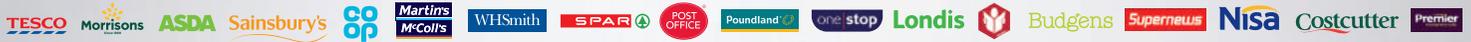
**COLLEAGUES** of Angela Eagle, now bidding to topple Jeremy Corbyn, enjoy recalling the day the Labour politician was accidentally axed by Tony Blair.

Gordon Brown's former adviser Damian McBride claimed in his memoirs: "In 2002 Tony forgot home office minister Angela Eagle existed, gave someone else her job and effectively sacked her from the government by mistake."

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**TIME OUT:** Announcers Patricia Simmons and Brian Cobby



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## How does our former PM manage to sleep at night?

I FEEL incensed and must react to Tony Blair's news conference.

From the headline statements of the Chilcot report, at what point does it actually vindicate Mr Blair?

Mr Blair repeatedly claimed that Sir John Chilcot's report had cleared him of acting in bad faith and asked us, the public, not to label him as a liar, dishonest or with underhand motives.

Well Mr Blair you are obviously capable of great self-delusion and are a dishonourable man. Many, many lives were needlessly lost in pursuit of your own self-righteous beliefs. I wonder how do you sleep at night?

Meichelle Davies,  
Bolton, Lancs

## Time this warmonger went on a very long vacation

FOLLOWING the excellent Chilcot report and the recent long interview given by Tony Blair, it has become apparent he still does not properly appreciate the depth of feeling and sense of probity that lies within the Great British people.

Perhaps one way to limit the anguish and bewilderment that the bereaved military families and the nation as a whole feel for the loss of life in the Iraq War and later episodes is for a national petition to be circulated to suggest directly to Blair that he should consider taking up a more permanent residence in the US or Middle East.

Patrick Stow,  
Ottery St Mary, Devon

## Farce of illegal migrant on benefits while we struggle

SO Abdul Haroun who just strolled into Britain through the Channel Tunnel is allowed to claim benefits up to £700 per month. What a joke and a soft touch our country has become ("Is Channel migrant claiming benefits?", July 4).

What has he contributed to the UK? Nothing.

I am 76, worked and paid in all my life and worked part-time for 10 years after retiring from full-time employment at 65.

I now look after my wife who has Type 2 diabetes, dementia and Parkinson's disease.

My wife receives attendance allowance but I'm not allowed care allowance because my pension is slightly higher than the basic one because I had been so stupid to have joined pension schemes along the way. What a joke.

Terence Chapman,  
Liskeard, Cornwall

## Somme soldiers fought for freedom so stop moaning

ONE hundred years ago my father, at the tender age of 16, along with many thousands of our other young men were fighting for our country at the Somme. They answered the call that their country needed them and without hesitation put their lives on the line for our future.

What a difference to the attitude of many of our young people today who have done nothing but moan and complain about the result of the recent referendum on the EU.

We live in the greatest country on Earth and the British people have led the world in many things in the past. Since joining the EU we seem to have acquired the European

## Letter of the day

# The only person Blair feels sorry for is himself

TONY Blair claims to be contrite about the Iraq war but adds that he has no regrets about his decision to launch it and would do it again ("Shamed Blair: I'm sorry but I'd do it again", July 7).

I only hope this arrogant, unrepentant, uncaring and shameless ex-Prime Minister never lives to see his own sons sent to fight in an illegal war, armed with sub-standard equipment by a leader whose only reason for doing so was to enhance his own reputation.

Blair claims he acted to help get rid of a tyrant. What about the tyrants he's been associated with (while making a great deal of money at the same time) since he left Downing Street?

I find it hard to believe Blair feels an ounce of remorse for the 179 British soldiers who died in his illegal war, or their families.

The only person he feels sorry for is himself. The man is utterly deluded.

Robert Readman,  
Bournemouth, Dorset



FUTILE WAR: Former Prime Minister Tony Blair

culture of wanting something for nothing and most of our younger generation appear to be looking for prosperity to drop in their laps instead of going out there and doing what's necessary to find it for themselves.

The sooner we are out of the EU completely and able to forge our own destiny, surely the real British spirit will emerge and we can once again stand on our own with our heads held high without needing the permission of faceless bureaucrats in Brussels.

Geoff Foulds,  
Poole, Dorset

## Mystery of foreign crooks who run riot in the UK

CAN anyone in the Government, or indeed, anyone at all please explain why there are so many foreign criminals hiding in the UK and how they managed to get into the UK in the first place having had a criminal record in their own country of origin?

Our police, it would appear, are having to hunt them down on behalf of foreign governments which have issued EU warrants for the arrest of those miscreants who

should not have been able to enter the UK in the first place because of their criminality.

Tom Ritchie,  
Prenton, Merseyside

## Women tennis stars don't deserve equal prize money

I'M all for equal pay but why do women receive the same prize money as men at Wimbledon when they only play three sets ("Speedy Serena is a hot number", July 8)?

That is not equal pay. If I was a man playing at Wimbledon I'd be insisting on reducing my playing time to three sets.

I am a woman and feel a little embarrassed commenting on this but it seems incredibly unfair. Watching Serena Williams sweep aside her semi-final opponent in 48 minutes and 34 seconds was pretty mundane compared to Andy Murray's quarter-final epic against Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

The men's game is, on the whole, enthralling and tense; everything you want a tennis match to be. But Serena's semi-final walkover left me cold and bored senseless.

Equal pay means you do the same job with the same shifts. Apologies to my fellow women but I simply don't understand the argument where this tournament is concerned.

Lindsey Clayton,  
Crawley, W Sussex

## ARE THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE REALLY FREE?

**Yes** THE little things make the big things and it's no surprise that it doesn't cost much to make us happy ("Bargains, babies, bras and bacon... happy days!", July 8).

In the past I've earned £3,000 a week and during the last recession I also scraped by on the dole.

Hand on heart I can't say that our family was happier when my bank account had more zeros in it than when we shopped in discount supermarkets and bought clothes from charity shops. Truth be told the quality was much the same.

It's the people around you that make life what it is, not money.

Daniel Jacobs,  
Manchester

**No** TRUE freedom is found in your wallet or purse. If you think living without money is easy then you've obviously never been broke.

While the smell of cut grass and the sight of a big daft dog's head poking out of a car window lifts your spirits neither of those things pay your energy bills, clothe your children or put food on the table.

Money isn't everything but it certainly makes life a lot more comfortable and enjoyable.

Try deciding whether to eat a decent meal or turn on the heating this winter and see how much your favourite song cheers you up then.

Alex Quinn,  
Birmingham

## Ten things you never knew about... population

WILLIAM HARTSTON

Today is World Population Day which is celebrated on July 11 following the interest created on that date in 1987 when the world population reached five billion.

1. The world population was six billion in 1999 and seven billion in 2011. It is currently 7.43 billion.
2. Until 1804, the world population was below a billion. It reached two billion in 1927, three billion in 1960 and four billion in 1974.
3. China (1.38 billion) and India (1.33 billion) have the highest populations which means that half the world's population is Chinese or Indian.
4. The UK population is 65.1 million which is only 0.88 per cent of the world's total.

5. Roughly six per cent of all people who have ever lived on planet Earth are alive today.

6. Every second of every day, 4.2 people are born and 1.8 people die.

7. The world population at the time of the birth of Christ has been estimated at about 300 million, which is just below the present US population.

8. It used to be said that the entire world's population could stand side-by-side on the Isle of Wight. That has not been true since the 1920s...

9. ...but there is still easily enough room for them all to stand on the Isle of Skye.

10. Half the people in the world today are below the age of 30.

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## BEACHCOMBER



## 99 YEARS OLD AND STILL AS EXPERIMENTAL AS EVER...

ALWAYS eager to assist the advancement of science, I took part last week in a novel experiment involving whisky and jazz. I should say right from the start that neither whisky nor jazz is generally my cup of tea. I'm more a Laurent-Perrier Champagne and classical chamber music or opera sort of person, but this was science and one cannot have everything.

The experiment took place in East London in a subterranean bar called Kansas Smitty's which appropriately enough seems to specialise in both whisky and jazz and the idea was to see how the latter affected our opinion of the former.

So they gave us three whiskies, for each of which they played three tracks of jazz music (one after the other, not all at the same time) and after each track asked us to assess the whisky on two dimensions: light/honey versus rich/woody and floral/citrus versus stone/dried fruits.

Frankly I was a bit bemused by all this. As a chap whose whisky drinking is generally limited to sloshing a glug of it mixed with honey into my morning porridge and blueberries, I freely admit that I cannot reliably tell my citrus from my dried fruits, and I don't know what a stone is meant to taste like anyway. But I did my best and dutifully put my marks on the marking paper.

The three whiskies were all from Glenrothes Speyside and were introduced by a surprisingly sober and charming young lady named Amanda. She later identified them as a 1998 aperitif whisky, half of which had been aged in sherry casks, followed by a 2001 and a 1995, which she described as "conversational". I remained totally unobservant while sipping it.

Meanwhile, a pleasant young fellow with an impressive collection of gramophone records played us tracks from people such as Mr Brubeck, Mr Waller, a fellow called Big Bill Broonzy and similar chaps.

It was all very interesting but I thought the whisky was affecting my appreciation of the music far more than the music was affecting my appreciation of the whisky. I mentioned this conversationally to both Amanda and a charming Icelandic chap named Bjorn Thorleifsson, whose research on how music and sound affect people's consumption, was what the whole jazz/whisky experiment was based on.

They all assured me that the methodology of the experiment will be refined every Wednesday evening throughout July at Kansas Smitty's in Broadway Market, London E8, as more whisky/jazz enthusiasts take part.

Despite my relative lack of enthusiasm for both jazz and whisky, I shall follow their results keenly as it may well contribute towards my own research findings concerning music and food or drink.

I have found, for example, that peeling vegetables is best accompanied by Haydn string quartets, however, vigorous chopping is greatly improved by Mozart.

In either case though I think I'd opt for a glass of Laurent-Perrier Ultra Brut when the food is ready. Unless it's porridge of course.

# The Crusader Fighting for your rights

By MAISHA FROST

## Wrong place at wrong time

**B**EREAVED son Michael Fogg wishes that he could turn back time to before he left his late father's watch in the care of jeweller The Horology Centre. But that's now a futile wish since the chain of nine high street shops, mainly in the north of England, folded in mid-June with £800,000 of debts and the loss of 21 jobs.

Michael, from Bury, inherited his Omega keepsake three years ago, explaining: "I kept meaning to get it serviced and took it to a new shop in March that had opened locally."

The Horology Centre told Michael that the service and any repair would take three weeks. He paid a £60 deposit but had to wait until late April before he could collect it.

"I didn't look closely when I picked it up but it seemed to be working. I paid the other £60 I owed," he says.

But when the clocks went forward later that month and he tried to adjust the time, the hands on the watch would not rotate. Michael returned to the store, intending to

complain but found the shutters were down. "The door sign said just for two days. However it remained closed," he adds.

Michael asked another independent repairer to check if he'd had his money's worth. "He said in his opinion no one had done anything to the watch," Michael told Crusader.

Although he managed to speak to another of the company's stores in Preston, that failed too. "They said that they would look at it again but I never heard anything after that."

The collapse of the retailer was announced as Crusader was trying to get some redress for Michael.

So where does he stand now? And what about the many others whose items were still with the company at the time of its sudden closure? The most positive news, according to the appointed liquidator KSA Group, is that outstanding customers are being looked after.

"For those customers who had left items with the company for repair we are now working to try to ensure that the goods are returned to their

rightful owners. Many items have indeed already been returned and the company directors are assisting us," confirmed KSA insolvency administrator Craig Harmon.

Another business, In-Time Watch and Jewellery Repairs, which has no connection to The Horology Centre, is lending its support too, he says.

"In-Time has taken over the Preston outlet and kindly offered its assistance to try to ensure goods are returned to customers. However, as The Horology Centre operated from numerous outlets this process will take some time to complete."

But sadly there is little hope of any compensation for Michael and other creditors, he adds. "It looks unlikely any dividend will become payable. The claims of customers and other creditors, including HM Revenue & Customs, rank equally in the liquidation and only some claims of employees rank above those."

● For details contact Craig Harmon, KSA Group: [insolvency@ksagroup.co.uk](mailto:insolvency@ksagroup.co.uk)



Picture: ALAMY

SECONDS OUT: Left with no redress

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IF YOU have a precious keepsake or a valuable item from a well-known company that is in need of repair, they usually have a network of approved service outlets.

While contents insurance could not help Michael, insurer Direct Line says: "If the item was still in the shop (either being repaired or valued) and they went out of business we would cover the loss."

The fallout from The Horology Centre's collapse also underlines the importance of keeping receipts and getting precious items valued.

Insurer Churchill says that more than 40 per cent of people who own vintage or antique jewellery do not account for them on their policies, while 34 per cent are unaware of any single-item limit on their cover.

"We recommend all jewellery and watches are valued regularly as the price of precious metals fluctuates so much," adds Direct Line.

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# Mountain of flowers for dead Dallas policemen

By Chris Riches

DEVASTATED Dallas residents covered police cars with flowers yesterday in tribute to five dead officers murdered by "black power" gunman Micah Johnson.

People bathed the city's police department headquarters in tributes in a show of support after 25-year-old Johnson's killing spree.

Two patrol cars set up as a memorial were yesterday barely visible underneath bouquets of roses.

Officers Patrick Zamarripa, 32, Michael Krol, 40, Senior Cpl Lorne Ahrens, 48, Michael J Smith, 55, and Brent Thompson, 43, were all killed in the city centre.

## Spree

Johnson went on his killing spree during a march by the campaign group Black Lives Matter, held to protest against the shooting of black people by police.

Before being killed, he boasted of wanting to murder white people as he was angry about the recent shootings by police.

Yesterday it was revealed that he quit the US Army after being sent home from Afghanistan in disgrace for stalking female soldier Anna Ma, 25.

It has also been revealed he stole women's underwear while serving as a private with the 420th Engineer Brigade.

Yesterday Johnson's lawyer Bradford Glendening admitted: "He made unwanted sexual advances towards her [Ms Ma]."

"It was all verbal. He was both-



A sea of floral tributes and notes left by the public cover a police car outside Dallas police headquarters

ering and harassing her." The lawyer said the US Army sought to have Johnson discharged and it was clear his commander "didn't like him".

Mr Glendening added: "I'm sure that this guy was the black sheep of his unit."

Legal documents show Ms Ma begged for a "protective order against Johnson" - similar to a restraining order - banning him from going near her or her family.

Wells Newsome, who served alongside Johnson in Afghani-

stan, said: "We all knew he was a pervert because he got caught stealing girls' panties, but murdering cops is a different story."

When he returned from Afghanistan in July 2014 friends said Johnson had changed, was withdrawn and lost his Christian faith instilled in him by his church-going mother.

When police raided his house last Friday they found a cache of guns, a journal listing "combat tactics", body armour and bomb-making equipment.



Chris Evans 'it was not meant to be'

# I had to leave Top Gear, by Chris Evans

By John Chapman

just take a few lines to assure you what a total mensch and extreme petrolhead Matt LeBlanc is. He is the captain Top Gear truly needs going forward."

The pair denied reports of a major rift after LeBlanc, was said to have objected to Evans's treatment of staff.

But Evans was in conciliatory mood and praised LeBlanc's professionalism, saying the US actor was never late and always had time for team members.

Evans took over Top Gear after Clarkson was sacked by the BBC last year after a fracas in a hotel. Co-stars James May and Richard Hammond also quit the show as producers looked for a new winning formula.

Evans and LeBlanc were chosen to lead a team which included German racing driver Sabine Schmitz but the show was dogged by tales of insider feuds. Evans wrote he was "entirely sad Top Gear didn't work out", adding: "I would have

loved to have carried on... but letting go with a smile on your face is far better than clinging on until you look constipated."

Evans was adamant he would continue to be a "huge fan" and said with the new presenters and production team "the Top Gear ship has been steadily refloated".

Just hours before he quit, the Metropolitan Police announced he was being investigated over claims that he sexually assaulted a woman in the 1990s.

## Privilege

Evans has vehemently denied the allegation and has also dismissed claims of bullying dating back to the same period.

Evans wrote of his brief time at Top Gear: "So was that a dream or did I really get to work on Top Gear for a whole year? Actually it was both. What a complete honour, privilege and a pleasure. And yes, I promise, I really did try to make the best show I possibly could. Some things simply don't work out."

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