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# MAY DAY



- » Theresa May to become Prime Minister tomorrow after Leadsom dramatically quits Tory leadership race
- » Cameron says he's 'delighted' with new Conservative leader and will meet Queen to hand in his resignation
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JULY

Quote of the day



Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some hire public relations officers. DANIEL J BOORSTIN



Birthdays

Jake Wood, 44, actor; Malala Yousafzai (below), 19, activist; Bill Cosby, 79, actor; Cheryl Ladd, 65, actress.



Anniversaries

**Sunday 12 July 1389**  
King Richard II appoints Geoffrey Chaucer, the middle-class son of a wine merchant, to the position of chief clerk of the King's works in Westminster. In the late 1380s or early 1390s, he begins work on *The Canterbury Tales*.

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# The News Matrix

The day at a glance



Which notorious group are making an exhibition of themselves? See p.36

HEALTH

### Seven-day NHS may need reviewing

Key waiting time targets may need to be reviewed and the commitment to deliver seven-day services revisited if the Government's priority is to restore financial balance of the NHS, a leading health think-tank, the King's Fund, has warned. **PAGE 12**

TURKEY

### Seven suspects jailed for bombing

A Turkish court has jailed seven suspects pending trial on terrorism charges over last month's triple suicide bombing at Istanbul's main airport, bringing the number in custody to 37, the state-run Anadolu Agency reported. The attack at Atatürk airport killed 45 people and wounded hundreds.

EDUCATION

### Doubts over 'grade boost' of academies

There is "no evidence" academy status leads to better grades for pupils at schools rated good or satisfactory, research has found. The London School of Economics and the Education Policy Institute study found that in academies opened since May 2010 the improvement was not "statistically significant".

UNITED STATES

### Obama to attend Dallas police service

President Barack Obama will arrive in Dallas today for a memorial service for five police officers killed by a racially-motivated sniper last week. He will meet privately with relatives of the dead officers and "personally express the nation's support and gratitude" for their service and sacrifice.

RETAIL

### M&S defends new pay structure

Marks & Spencer has defended changes to its pay structure that some staff members claim will see their earnings fall by thousands of pounds each year. A spokesman said: "The proposals include one of the highest pay rates and one of the best benefits packages in UK retail." **PAGE 40**

INDIA

### Flash floods kill 22 as monsoon hits

Flash floods triggered by torrential rain have killed at least 22 people in India and forced more than 170,000 from their homes, officials said yesterday, as forecasters predicted more downpours in coming days. India's monsoon rains, though vital for agriculture, regularly bring death and destruction.

POLITICS

### Brexit deal 'must not be agreed in secret'

Former Labour minister Helen Goodman has insisted Britain's Brexit aims must be debated openly by MPs, not agreed "behind closed doors". The Government believes the royal prerogative can be used to invoke Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty - which does not require parliamentary approval. **PAGE 9**

MIDDLE EAST

### Facebook sued over Palestinian attacks

Israeli and US families of victims of Palestinian attacks filed a \$1bn lawsuit against Facebook, claiming the social network is providing a platform for militants to spread incitement and violence, their lawyers said yesterday. Shurat Hadin, an Israeli legal advocacy group, filed the suit on behalf of the families.

TRANSPORT

### Commuters protest at rail cancellations

Commuters angered by delays to their train journeys staged a demonstration at Victoria Station in London yesterday. More than 100 took to the concourse after months of chaos caused by frequent cancellations by Southern. Passing commuters on Southern services signalled their approval.



## The List

### Trips back in time: eras we'd like to visit

A poll of 2,000 people has revealed the periods in history curious Britons would most like to visit. Here are the top contenders.

1. Swinging 1960s
2. Age of the dinosaurs
3. Victorian era
4. Roaring 1920s
5. The 1970s
6. Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome
7. Elizabethan era (1558-1603)
8. The 1980s
9. Middle Ages
10. Second World War

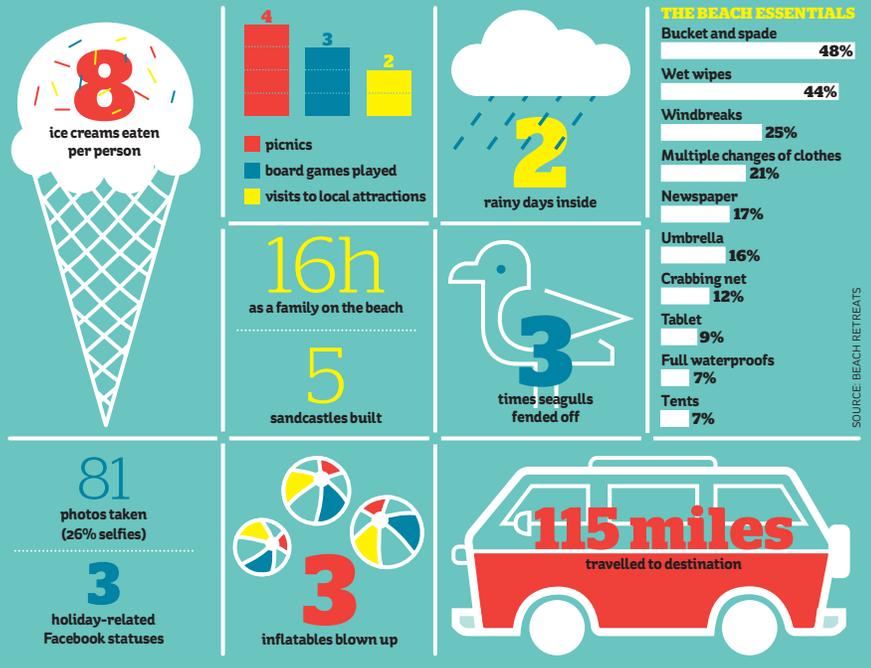
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SOCIETY

### Life's a beach

Children and parents across the UK are gearing up for the summer holidays. A sharp rise in holiday costs has led to a surge in "staycations". Here's what the typical British seaside holiday for families looks like in numbers, according to a poll of 2,000 parents.



**THE BEACH ESSENTIALS**

Bucket and spade	48%
Wet wipes	44%
Windbreaks	25%
Multiple changes of clothes	21%
Newspaper	17%
Umbrella	16%
Crabbing net	12%
Tablet	9%
Full waterproofs	7%
Tents	7%

SOURCE: BEACH RETREATS

Newspapers support recycling. The recycled content of UK newspapers in 2015 was 71%

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**ThePage3Profile**

HEATHER WATSON, TENNIS PLAYER

**Smile and the whole world smiles with you?**

After triumphing at Wimbledon with her Finnish partner Henri Kontinen in the mixed doubles, Heather Watson has every reason to flash her pearly whites. In fact, the tennis star's former coach believes the act of smiling itself helped the player achieve victory.

**Thinking positive paid off?**

And having fun, according to her former coach, Jo Robinson. Ms Watson, 24, from Guernsey, enjoyed her first Grand Slam win



at the weekend because she played the way she did as a child – with a smile on her face, Ms Robinson said.

**How did that enhance her performance?**

"I loved seeing her smiling during the match because that's how I remember her as a kid," Ms Robinson told the *Evening Standard*. "She brought back that energy and enjoyment to the court," added the coach, who first encountered Watson when the player was seven.

**What was she like as a child?**

"Even as a kid she had that star quality, she was a special

player and it was such fun teaching her and now following her journey. The whole of Guernsey is celebrating her victory," Ms Robinson recalled. "She was incredibly bubbly... always up for a practical joke and made everyone around her laugh. It was that positive attitude that helped her win."

**No need to ask what expression she's wearing now?**

"I can't stop smiling. I just can't describe how happy I am," exclaimed Watson after picking up her trophy. British players won five trophies during the championships' finale, taking home the silverware from every final they were in.

Katie Grant

**ANIMALS****Mother's calls used in hunt for lost lynx**

Experts hunting for an escaped wildcat are to play sounds of its mother in an attempt to capture it. Flaviu, a two-year-old Carpathian lynx, was reported missing from Dartmoor Zoological Park near Plymouth in Devon, triggering a search operation involving a police helicopter and a drone.

**TOURISM****China permits day trips to North Korea**

North Korea is allowing Chinese tourists to visit without a passport on half-day tours, Chinese state media said yesterday as the isolated country seeks more foreign currency after a wave of international sanctions. The passport-free visits are to a "designated zone" in the city of Sinuiju and cost £40.

**SPACE****Experts believe there is life on Mars**

Life on Mars exists in the form of simple bacteria, a leading scientist has claimed. Alfred McEwen, a professor of planetary geology at the University of Arizona who led the team which discovered liquid water on Mars, believes the bacteria float in water below the frozen surface of the planet. **PAGE 23**

**THAILAND****Singer sentenced for insulting monarchy**

A Thai country singer and political activist, Thanat Thanawatcharanon, has been sentenced by a military court to more than three years in jail for insulting the monarchy, adding to a 7½-year sentence a criminal court imposed on him earlier for the same offence. **AP**

**MEDIA****Mobiles blamed for children's TV slump**

The hours of original UK children's programmes slumped to an 18-year low in 2015, from 672 in 2014 to 580, Ofcom has announced. Since 2010 there has been a 25 per cent decline in children's viewing of linear television as they are diverted to tablets and mobile devices. **PAGE 15**

**SPAIN****Hot wings: solar air craft is Cairo-bound**

An experimental solar-powered airplane has left Spain for Egypt in the penultimate leg of its globe-circling voyage. Organisers said the Solar Impulse 2 flew out of Seville airport yesterday and was bound for Cairo. The flight, piloted by Swiss man Andre Borschberg, is expected to last 50 hours and 30 minutes.

Letter from the  
Political Editor**Nigel Morris**  
i@inews.co.uk*Politics left in a state of frenzied introspection*

It is astonishing to think that it is only 19 days since the public voted to tear up Britain's membership of the European Union.

Events have unfolded at a rate, and on so many fronts, that it has left British politics in a state of frenzied introspection.

The post-Brexit fallout has claimed the political careers of David Cameron, Boris Johnson and Michael Gove, while Andrea Leadsom briefly soared before crashing. Nigel Farage and Ukip's deputy leader, Paul Nuttall, are stepping down.

Jeremy Corbyn has lost the vast majority of his Shadow Cabinet, leaving him facing a leadership challenge and Labour on the brink of splitting.

The question of Scottish independence is back on the agenda two years after the issue appeared to have been settled for a generation.

Meanwhile, the stock market has been on a roller coaster ride and the pound has slumped as the reverberations from the 23 June referendum result continue.

The Whitehall machine has been paralysed as politicians and officials alike await the arrival of Mr Cameron's successor. As one minister told me last week: "The whole business of government has ground to a halt."

Until yesterday it looked like the agony would last another two months as Theresa May battled it out with Ms Leadsom.

Instead the Home Secretary will now move into Downing Street tomorrow evening in yet another illustration of how fast events are moving.

There will be further drama along the way. Will Boris Johnson get a job? What happens to George Osborne? Can the Camerons really pack up their belongings in 48 hours?

But the formation of a fresh administration with new faces around the cabinet table will begin to shape the post-Brexit landscape and political leaders at last can start looking outwards.

**FRUIT****Pomegranate may hold ageing key**

A superfruit revered in ancient times as a "food of the gods" could hold the key to youthful ageing. The humble pomegranate contains a chemical that combats a fundamental ageing process which causes muscles to weaken, scientists have discovered.

## COVER STORY

# May will be next Prime Minister after Leadsom quits Tory race

By Nigel Morris  
POLITICAL EDITOR

Theresa May will succeed David Cameron in Downing Street tomorrow after her last remaining rival in the battle for the Tory crown dropped out of the contest.

On a day of drama in Westminster, Andrea Leadsom abandoned her leadership bid following a weekend of torrid publicity over her claim that being a mother made her a better choice as Prime Minister.

After delivering what she had expected to be the first speech of a two month-long campaign, Ms May hurried back from Birmingham to London to receive the acclamation of Tory MPs.

David Cameron, who had anticipated staying in office until 9 September, announced he would travel to Buckingham Palace tomorrow to tender his resignation following his final Prime Minister's Ques-

## May's statement

"During this campaign my case has been based on three things: first, the need for strong, proven leadership to steer us through what will be difficult and uncertain times, the need of course to negotiate the best deal for Britain in leaving the EU and to forge a new role for ourselves in the world.

"Brexit means Brexit, and we are going to make a success of it.

"Second, we need to unite our country. Third, we need a strong new positive vision for the future of our country, a vision of a country that works not for the privileged few, but that works for every one of us, because we're going to give people more control over their lives and that's how, together, we will build a better Britain."

## REACTION

### Relief, tributes and election calls

By Will Worley

The Conservative Party breathed a sigh of relief yesterday as Angela Leadsom stepped down from the leadership contest, ending the party's squabbles and leaving Theresa May as Prime Minister apparent.

The Chancellor, George Osborne, tweeted: "Welcome news we have one candidate with overwhelming support to be next PM. Theresa May has strength, integrity & determination to do the job."

Ruth Davidson, leader of the Conservatives in Scotland, said: "In Mrs May we will have a Prime Minister

tion Time. Ms May will then follow in Margaret Thatcher's footsteps to become Britain's second woman Prime Minister.

Speaking outside Downing Street, Mr Cameron said that he was delighted the 59-year-old Home Secretary was replacing him. "She is strong, she is competent, she is more than able to provide the leadership our country is going to need in the years ahead and she will have my full support," he said.

Ms May addressed MPs in a private meeting and emerged, surrounded by dozens of them, to declare that she was "honoured and humbled" to have been chosen as the next Tory leader. She committed herself to securing the "best deal for Britain" following last month's vote to pull out of the European Union.

Ms May, who had argued in favour of a Remain vote, said: "Brexit means Brexit, and we are going to make a success of it."

She also promised to "give people more control over their lives", creating a "vision of a country that works not for the privileged few, but that works for every one of us".

Ms May's allies flatly rejected calls from senior opposition figures for a snap election following the selection of a new Prime Minister.

Chris Grayling, her campaign manager, said: "It's 15 months since the Conservative Party got a mandate with her as one of its key leading members. I think the last thing this country needs right now is a general election."

The Home Secretary clinched her victory after Ms Leadsom, who had been championed by the Conservative right, announced she was withdrawing from the contest which would have seen 150,000 party members asked to choose between the two women.

who has the experience, the judgement and the leadership to start that job from day one."

The former Labour spin doctor Alastair Campbell tweeted: "So there we are. A referendum that was about the people choosing our leaders has led to a new PM being decided by one very silly interview."

Caroline Lucas, the Green MP, was among those calling for a general election. "Andrea Leadsom's decision to pull out of the leadership race underlines the necessity of an election this year, something the Greens have called for since the referendum result was announced," she said.



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## CHALLENGER

### Brexiters back down after an 'onslaught of personal attacks'

By Chris Green

Andrea Leadsom cleared the way for Theresa May to become the UK's next Prime Minister after unexpectedly withdrawing from the Conservative Party leadership race, declaring her decision was in "the interests of our country".

Reading a short statement on the steps of her campaign's Westminster headquarters, the pro-Brexit Energy Minister said holding a nine-week leadership contest at such a critical moment for the British economy was "highly undesirable".

Ms Leadsom was given the chance to take on Ms May in a ballot of party members after winning the backing of 84 Tory MPs, but said she did not regard this as sufficient support to lead a "strong and stable government" when one was needed.

"There is no greater privilege than to lead the Conservative Party in government and I would have been deeply honoured to do it," she said. "I have, however, concluded that the interests of our country are best served by the immediate appointment of a strong and well-supported Prime Minister."

Wishing Ms May "the very greatest success" in the top job, Ms Leadsom said her rival was "ideally placed to implement Brexit on the best possible terms".

Before withdrawing from the leadership contest, Ms Leadsom was forced to apologise for comments she made over the weekend. In an interview with *The Times*, she appeared to suggest that being a mother gave her an advantage over the childless Ms May. Ms Leadsom initially said she was "disgusted" by

the article and accused the paper of misrepresenting her comments, but later apologised to Ms May by text message after her remarks were criticised by several senior Tories.

In the early stages of the contest, the Energy Minister also faced questions over her lack of experience and was forced to release her CV, denying she had massaged her employment history to make it look like she held more senior roles during her 25-year career in the City.

Yesterday her allies suggested she had been worn down by a series of personal attacks and had withdrawn for the sake of her family. Her campaign manager Tim Loughton criticised "an onslaught of often very personal attacks from colleagues and journalists", accusing rival MPs of "putting smear above respect" by briefing against her.



Theresa May receives a kiss from husband Philip before making a statement to Tory MPs yesterday GETTY IMAGES



Andrea Leadsom quit the Tory leadership race yesterday PA

Andrew Bridgen, one of the Tory MPs who supported Ms Leadsom, said she had been "treated appallingly" by the media and her political enemies. "She's got a husband, she's got children and she just thought: do I want to expose them to another nine weeks of this?"

Tory former Cabinet minister Sir Eric Pickles insisted the criticism she had faced did not compare to the challenges she would have encountered as prime minister.

### Leadsom's statement

"The referendum result demonstrated a clear desire for change – strong leadership is needed urgently to begin the work of withdrawing from the European Union.

"A nine-week leadership campaign at such a critical moment for our country is highly undesirable ...

"The Conservative Party was elected only last year with a strong manifesto. We now need a new Prime Minister in place as soon as possible, committed to fulfilling that manifesto as well as implementing the clear instructions from the referendum.

"Theresa May carries over 60 per cent of support from the parliamentary party. She is ideally placed to implement Brexit on the best possible terms for the British people ...

"I am therefore withdrawing from the leadership election and I wish Theresa May the very greatest success. I assure her of my full support. Thank you very much."

### May's path to power

After a career in finance, starting at the **Bank of England**, Theresa May entered politics via the local council in the London borough of **Merton** in 1986.

After two unsuccessful attempts in 1992 and 1994, she entered Parliament in 1997 as the Opposition's member for **Maidenhead**. She was quickly given prominent roles, overseeing the shadow portfolios for **education, employment, work and pensions** and **House of Commons leader**,

while also briefly serving as the Tories' **first female chairman**.

The Coalition's election in 2010 saw Ms May installed as **Home Secretary**, as only the fourth woman to occupy one of the four great offices of state. She served in the role, seen as a political poisoned chalice, for six years – the longest-serving Home Secretary in more than a century.

During her time in office crime levels fell. In 2013, she successfully deported the radical cleric **Abu**

**Qatada**. She stunned the Police Federation conference in 2014 by telling them that corruption problems were not just limited to "a few bad apples", and threatening to end the federation's automatic right to enrol officers as its members.

She also consistently spoke out against the **European Convention on Human Rights**, while surviving criticism for failing to deliver on her Government's pledge to reduce immigration levels.

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## DOWNING STREET

# Cameron promises full support as he prepares for last day in power

By Chris Green

David Cameron will complete his final engagements as Prime Minister tomorrow before officially stepping aside for his successor at Number 10, years earlier than he had planned when he led his party to victory at last year's general election.

In a statement in Downing Street, Mr Cameron described Theresa May as a "strong, competent" leader who would be "more than able to provide the leadership that our country is going to need" following Britain's decision to leave the EU.

He promised Ms May his full support and said: "I think Andrea Leadsom has made absolutely the right decision to stand aside and it's clear Theresa May has the overwhelming

support of the Conservative parliamentary party."

Confirming that he will chair his final Cabinet meeting today, Mr Cameron said he planned to take part in a final House of Commons clash with Jeremy Corbyn at Prime Minister's Questions tomorrow, before making the short trip to Buckingham Palace to offer his resignation to the Queen.

"Obviously with these changes we now don't need to have a prolonged period of transition. So we will have a new prime minister in that building behind me by Wednesday evening," he said, gesturing towards the house where he arrived six years ago after the formation of the Coalition Government with the Liberal Democrats.

Earlier in the day he had taken the opportunity to offer his successor some advice – to ensure that all government departments work in tandem to drive up the nation's productivity.

Mr Cameron's sudden departure from the top job means he will no longer be able to take part in a number of planned events, including an imminent foreign trip to Africa and a visit with his family to Balmoral, which was scheduled for the end of August.

Although he always intended to step down as Prime Minister before the 2020 general election and did not want to serve a third term even if the Remain side had won the referendum, Mr Cameron has indicated that he wants to remain as a constituency MP for Witney in Oxfordshire and will stand again at the next election.

Until then, he is likely to take up a position on the Tory backbenches, where he will have more time to pursue his personal ambitions around social reform. It was this which lay behind his Big Society initiative, and he was reportedly poised to launch a major "life chances" strategy if the

EU referendum result had gone the other way.

His staunchly pro-Remain position in the run up to the vote means it is unlikely that he will be offered a job in Ms May's Cabinet, as this would leave him open to accusations that he was clinging to his old job and attempting to influence his former colleagues during the Brexit negotiations.

Like many former Prime Ministers, much of his diary is sure to be taken up with lucrative speaking engagements, with audiences keen to hear the uncensored opinions of the man who led Britain out of Europe.

**i** After announcing Theresa May would be PM by Wednesday evening, David Cameron was apparently caught singing a little tune to himself as he re-entered Number 10. It was picked up by an ITV microphone.



## Royal appointment

The formal handover of power from David Cameron to Theresa May will not be complete until the Queen has played her important constitutional role in the process.

Mr Cameron will make the journey to Buckingham Palace tomorrow to see the Monarch and tender his resignation as Prime Minister.

For his last audience with the Queen, Mr Cameron may be joined by his wife Samantha as he was for the moment he was confirmed as Prime Minister at the Palace in May 2010.

Theresa May will arrive at the Palace sometime after Mr Cameron has left for her private audience with the Queen, a momentous moment in her career and the life of the nation.

She will become the Queen's 13th Prime Minister when she accepts the Monarch's offer to form a new government and following tradition will "kiss hands" with the head of state – in reality shaking hands.

## AGENDA

# What we can expect from May in Downing St

By Nigel Morris  
POLITICAL EDITOR

**Theresa May** has pledged to steer Britain through political and economic turbulence, unite the Tory party and country, and offer a "bold new positive vision for the country". She faces a daunting agenda.

**Brexit** Much time and effort will be focused on negotiating Britain's departure from the EU. Ms May is expected to activate Article 50, beginning the formal process, by the end of the year.

**Immigration** The new Prime Minister knows she will be under acute

pressure to achieve results on immigration levels. Talks with EU leaders will concentrate heavily on restricting freedom of movement.

**Reforming business** She has pledged to bring in workers' representatives in boardrooms and to take action against excessive executive pay and bonuses.

**Energy prices** Ms May has signalled action to cut the cost of heat and light, as well as moves to stop utility companies getting together to fix prices.

**Housebuilding** Theresa May has bemoaned the "housing deficit". She looks certain to order a fresh drive

to increase the supply of affordable property.

**Human rights/Civil liberties** Expect the Cameron government's long-delayed moves to replace the Human Rights Act with a British Bill of Rights to be accelerated.

**Expanding airport capacity** Ms May is a mild sceptic about expanding Heathrow but knows business and industry are warning that the skies above the south of England are about to become full.

**Trident renewal** She will press on with renewing the UK's nuclear missile system.

## Downing Street The Cameron years

**May 2010:** The general election saw the Conservative party form a coalition government with the Liberal Democrats, led by Nick Clegg. David Cameron, 43, became the youngest Prime Minister since 1812. The two leaders met for a love-in in the Downing Street rose garden.

**March 2011:** Mr Cameron strongly backed a British intervention in Libya, despite advice to the contrary by many military chiefs.

**May 2011:** A referendum on whether the UK should adopt the proportional representation voting system of Alternative Voting showed limited appetite for change and the country continued to use first-past-the-post.

**July 2013:** Legislation to allow same-sex marriage in the UK is passed. Mr Cameron has often looked back at this as a career highlight.

**September 2014:** Scotland voted in a referendum to stay in the United Kingdom. It was a massive political gamble on Mr Cameron's part.

**May 2015:** David Cameron's Conservatives win the general election with an unexpected majority.

**December 2015:** The British parliament voted in favour of bombing extremist group Isis in Syria. An August 2013 motion against the Assad regime had been voted down in the Commons.

**September 2015:** An anecdote from an unauthorised biography of Mr Cameron, *Call Me Dave*, alleges that Mr Cameron inserted a "private part of his anatomy" into a pig's head.

**April 2016:** Documents leaked from Panama-based law firm Mossack Fonseca show Mr Cameron profited from an offshore trust belonging to his late father. The incident was highly embarrassing for him, as he had spoken on numerous occasions against tax evasion and avoidance.

**June 2016:** Following a bitter campaign, the UK voted to leave the European Union. Mr Cameron announced his intention to resign outside 10 Downing Street.

## Team Theresa Key players

**Chris Grayling:** Leaver who managed May's campaign is front-runner to become "Brexit Secretary of State".

**Philip Hammond:** Foreign Secretary will have high hopes of becoming Chancellor.

**Priti Patel:** Pro-Brexit employment minister is heading for a big job.

**Amber Rudd:** Energy Secretary proved an effective communicator during the referendum, likely to be rewarded with a promotion.

**James Brokenshire:** Low-profile Home Office minister with an eye for detail, highly regarded by May.

**Anna Soubry:** Could be a risk to bring

an arch-Remainer into the top team, but widely admired for her plain-speaking style.

**Liam Fox:** His leadership campaign flopped, but the former Defence Secretary has a following on the Tory right and impeccable Eurosceptic credentials.

**Boris Johnson:** One of Ms May's biggest dilemmas is whether to bring him back into the tent. Could make a charismatic party chairman.

**Andrea Leadsom:** Ms May is expected to offer an olive branch to her short-lived leadership rival as proof of her determination to reunite the party.



Prime Minister David Cameron and Sir Richard Branson (right) at the Farnborough Airshow yesterday ANDREW MATTHEWS/PA

## MANDATE

# Opposition parties demand a snap general election

By Chris Green

A snap general election must be called following Theresa May's dramatic victory in the Conservative leadership election because she has not earned a mandate from the public to be Prime Minister, opposition parties have said.

Labour, the Liberal Democrats and the Greens are all demanding that the next election be brought forward from the planned date of 2020, describing this as the "only democratic way forward" after Andrea Leadsom's decision to withdraw from the Tory leadership race.

Ms May has previously said she is against the idea of holding a snap general election, arguing that it would "introduce another destabilising factor" at a time when the UK economy is still reeling from the impact of voters' decision to leave the EU.

However, she is likely to face significant pressure from opposition parties to reverse her position and may be tempted to capitalise on Labour's current disarray. Some polls suggest that the Tories could

improve their current slim majority at Westminster if a snap general election was held.

Labour's election co-ordinator Jon Trickett said he was "putting the whole of the party on a general election footing" and called on its MPs to unite so voters were given a credible alternative to the Tories.

## Calling for an election

**Jon Trickett**, Labour's election co-ordinator, said: "It is crucial, given the instability caused by the Brexit vote, that the country has a democratically elected Prime Minister."

**Tim Farron**, Liberal Democrat leader, said: "There is simply no way that Theresa May should be crowned Prime Minister without even having won an election in her own party, let alone the country."

**Caroline Lucas**, the Green MP, said: "It is unacceptable that the next person to hold the top job in politics is appointed by 60 per cent of Tory MPs."

"It now looks likely that we are about to have the coronation of a new Conservative Prime Minister," he said. "It is crucial, given the instability caused by the Brexit vote, that the country has a democratically elected Prime Minister."

Liberal Democrat leader Tim Farron also called for a snap poll, saying Britain "deserves better than this", while Green MP Caroline Lucas said holding another election was "a necessity".

"It is unacceptable that the next person to hold the top job in British politics is appointed by 60 per cent of Tory MPs," she added. "They have no mandate to renegotiate Britain's place in the world in this post-referendum period. A general election is the only democratic way forward."

Others pointed out that when Gordon Brown succeeded Tony Blair as Prime Minister without a vote in 2007, David Cameron called for an immediate general election. Then Leader of the Opposition, he said at the time: "Gordon Brown doesn't have the mandate, he wasn't elected as Prime Minister, and he should go to the country."



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## ECONOMY

# Osborne tries to strengthen trading ties with North America

By David Hughes

A closer trading relationship with the United States could come as a result of Brexit, George Osborne has indicated, vowing to build a "global-facing Britain". The Chancellor, who is heading to New York for talks with major investors, said he wanted to begin discussions with members of the North American Free Trade Agreement bloc – the US, Canada and Mexico – about forging stronger ties.

Mr Osborne has a busy schedule over the coming weeks, with a trade visit to Asia also planned in an effort to promote investment in the UK amid fears that leaving the EU could make the country less attractive to foreign firms.

The Chancellor (*inset*) said that although the UK is leaving the EU, "we are not withdrawing from the world" and for the first time since joining the EU it "will be setting its own trade terms".

Brexit campaigners have insisted leaving the EU will allow the UK to strike its own trade deals with major economies and fast-growing countries without the added complication of agreeing a common position with the 27 other member states.

Writing in *The Wall Street Journal*, Mr Osborne said: "There will be no immediate changes to our relationship with the EU, or the way our goods can move or the way our services can be sold.

"Britain won't be rushed; we will take our time to determine the trading arrangements with our European allies outside their political union. I want to see the best possible terms of trade in goods and services, including financial services.

"But having been the voice for free trade inside the EU, we now intend

to be its voice across the world. For first time in 40 years, the UK will be setting its own trade terms.

"So we should begin the conversation now with the US, and with the members of the North American Free Trade Agreement, about how we can deliver even closer economic ties.

"I have spoken to House Speaker Paul Ryan several times in the past two weeks about a stronger trading relationship – and this week I will welcome Treasury Secretary Jack Lew to London to see what more we can do together."

The US is the largest single destination for UK exports, and the UK is America's largest trading partner in Europe. In 2014, UK exports to the US totalled £88bn, 17 per cent of total UK exports, and last year the UK was the US's sixth-largest trading partner.

The Chancellor said: "Our economic trade ties with North America must now become stronger. My message is: Britain may be leaving the EU, but we are not withdrawing from the world. [We] will be a beacon for free trade, democracy and security."

Mr Osborne, who has already set out plans to slash corporation tax to 15 per cent in an effort to attract businesses, said that the UK could also secure "early wins" after the referendum result by investing in infrastructure including increasing airport capacity in the South East.

**i** Mr Osborne said: "One lesson of the referendum is that **too many... feel economic progress is no longer benefiting them.** Ever-higher welfare... is not the answer; attracting private investment and good jobs is."

support for an independent Scotland in Europe in Finland and Sweden.

In the UK, backing for an independent Scotland in the EU was 41 per cent, compared with 29 per cent against.

A follow-up question revealed 72 per cent of Germans, 68 per cent of French and three out of four Britons (75 per cent) believe it is "somewhat" or "very likely" that the Scots would vote for independence in a second referendum.

On 23 June Scotland voted in favour of the UK staying in the EU by 62 per cent to 38 per cent, with all 32 council areas backing Remain.



Andrea Leadsom (clockwise from left), Liam Fox, Michael Gove, Nigel Farage and Boris Johnson are all out of leadership options  
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## LEADERSHIP

## All for one? How the five Brexiteers quit the stage

And then there were none. Andrea Leadsom was the last high-profile Brexiteer standing, following the post-EU referendum fallout.

Her decision to quit the race for Tory leader means no leading Leave campaigner is likely to be involved in negotiating Britain's divorce settlement with the EU. Unlike her Eurosceptic colleagues, Ms Leadsom may emerge from the wreckage of two weeks of political carnage with an enhanced career.

## Boris Johnson

The former Mayor of London was

widely expected to take over from David Cameron and be the next resident of 10 Downing Street. A long-standing supporter of Britain's membership of the European Union, his enemies claim his switch to the Brexit camp was driven as much by his personal ambition as his conversion to the go-it-alone cause. One conspiracy theory even has it that he didn't really expect to win the referendum, and his sign up to Leave was purely to shore up his stock with Tory Eurosceptics in time for David Cameron's original retirement date of 2020. Leave's victory – for

which he was widely credited – and Cameron's swift resignation put him in poll position for Number 10. But his hopes were dealt a fatal blow by his close Leave colleague and expected campaign manager Michael Gove.

## Michael Gove

The Justice Secretary has long been a Eurosceptic but has spent much of his career denying he wanted to lead the Conservative Party. After the Leave victory the plan was that he would help propel Boris Johnson to Downing Street.

But at the last minute he suddenly decided that Boris wasn't leadership material. A leaked email from his wife, the *Daily Mail* columnist Sarah Vine, first exposed his doubts about Boris, advising him not to guarantee support without a job offer, and suggesting that Rupert Murdoch and Paul Dacre, the *Daily Mail* editor, were not fully convinced by Boris. That was followed the next day by an act of political treachery not seen since the days of Rome when Gove announced

## SCOTLAND

## Europeans welcome Scots

By Sam Shedd

A new poll has highlighted strong support for Scotland's place in Europe from citizens across the continent.

The formal question from a poll commissioned by YouGov Euro Track was: "Would you endorse or reject Scotland joining the EU if it became separate from Great Britain?"

The results found 71 per cent of people in Germany, 61 per cent of people in France and 67 per cent of people in Denmark were in favour of an independent Scotland staying in the European Union.

There was also majority sup-



## NEGOTIATIONS

# MPs: EU exit terms must not be decided in secret

By Richard Wheeler and Jack Maidment

Britain's aims and "red lines" for Brexit must be debated by MPs rather than decided "behind closed doors" in Whitehall, ministers have been told.

In a debate in Parliament on how the Government should formally trigger negotiations to leave the European Union, the former Labour minister Helen Goodman (*inset*) insisted that MPs must not be presented with a "done deal".

She raised concerns after the Government claimed that its lawyers had advised that the Prime Minister can trigger the two-year process without a vote in Parliament.

The Government believes the royal prerogative can be used to invoke Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty, which does not require parliamentary approval.

EU institutions want the UK to kick off the negotiating process as soon as possible, although senior ministers have refused to be pressured over the timing.

Raising an urgent question in the Commons, Ms Goodman said: "If the royal prerogative is used to trigger Article 50, wouldn't this be a clear breach of the promises made to the public during the referendum campaign by the Brexiters - that they would take back control and restore parliamentary sovereignty?"

She told the Cabinet Office minister John Penrose: "The priorities and trade-offs are extremely important to everyone living in the UK.

"Surely you're not suggesting they should be decided in Whitehall behind closed doors while Parliament is presented with a done deal?"

The Tory frontbencher Mr Penrose denied that the Government's approach to the issue is being dealt with in secret.

The shadow Cabinet Office minister Louise Haigh said Article 50 should not be triggered until there is a "clear plan" about what the UK will be negotiating and how it will be achieved.

She said it would be an "abdication of responsibility" if the civil service negotiating team does not have the resources it needs and is instead "forced to spend vital time implementing brutal budget cuts at home when they should be battling for Britain abroad".

Mr Penrose, in his reply, said: "It's important that we have a clear timetable as soon as our new Prime Minister is in place, if only because - and again you're right to point this out - the details of the timetable have to be geared to maximising our negotiating leverage.

"We know where we're going, the question is how we get there and clearly the order of play, the order in which issues are addressed and the timing of those has to be planned out incredibly carefully to make sure that we get the best deal possible."

The Conservative peer said: "That is surely sensible given that delay and the consequent uncertainty can only be bad for British business and for the British economy."



**i** Speaking in the House of Lords, the Tory former chancellor and prominent Brexit campaigner Lord Lawson argued the case for Article 50 to "be triggered without delay" following the referendum result.

that he would in fact be a contender for the Tory leadership, humiliating Boris to such a degree he was forced to withdraw. But even by the standards of Westminster, Gove's betrayal of his friend was too much for many of his fellow MPs.

He was eliminated from the race in the second round, winning the votes of just 46 Tory MPs to Andrea Leadsom's 84 and Theresa May's 199.

### Nigel Farage

The pint-swilling, cigarette-puffing, liberal-baiting Ukip leader has long been mocked by the political elite, but all the time was cannily appealing to the ordinary people of Britain who had tired of the political elite. After almost single-handedly dragging his party from the fringes of British politics to winning the popular vote in the 2014 European elections, he pulled off one of the most spectacular political victories of a generation by winning the argument that Britain should leave the EU. Job done, he has stood down as

Ukip leader, claiming he wanted his life back, but not before travelling to Brussels for one final lambasting of the members of the European Parliament.

### Andrea Leadsom

Few had heard of the energy minister before her insurgent campaign for the Conservative leadership brought her within an ace of Downing Street.

Her argument that a Brexiteer should lead Britain out of Europe resonated with the rank and file Tory members who would have the final say. Ms May may have had the overwhelming support of the Parliamentary Party, but Ms Leadsom was perhaps more in tune with the membership.

Then came a weekend horribilis sparked by an interview she gave to *The Times* in which she appeared to suggest she would make a better Prime Minister because she was a mother. Despite vehement claims she had been quoted out of context,

her claim that motherhood gave her a bigger stake in the future of the country were described as "vile" and whipped up a storm of criticism, culminating in what one of her leading supporters, Iain Duncan Smith, described as a "black ops" campaign against her.

The Sunday papers were full of criticisms with claims that up to 20 Tory MPs would quit, should she win the election. It proved too much, and she fell on her sword yesterday, but with enough dignity and class that is likely to see her feature strongly in the new May set-up.

### Liam Fox

The former defence secretary has to be admired for never giving up. After failing to win the Tory leadership in 2005 he tried again, setting a Brexit date of January 1 2019. Alas, politics moves on and Fox was knocked out in the first round, gaining the support of just 16 MPs.

### Andrew Johnson

## HEALTH

## Counsellors 'overwhelmed by Brexit-anxiety patients'

By Jonathan Prynn

Psychiatrists and counsellors say they have been overwhelmed by alarmed patients seeking help for "Brexit anxiety" during the seismic upheavals of the past fortnight.

Dr Judith Mohring, a psychiatrist at the Priory's Wellbeing Centre in the City of London, said: "At least 80 per cent of the patients I am seeing at the moment mention Brexit.

"I am talking to people in banking and medics and lawyers, who all raise Brexit with me. I talk to them about living with uncertainty, that life is fundamentally uncertain and we have to develop mechanisms which help us cope with that."

Clinical hypnotherapist Mary Burgess said virtually every patient she had seen since the EU referendum had expressed concern about the fallout from the result, which in many cases had exacerbated existing anxieties.

She said: "People are worried about the security of their jobs and even people who voted for Brexit are worried they have done the right thing. One patient yesterday said that on top of everything else she was now worried about paying the mortgage in case interest rates have to go up."

Dr Niall Campbell, a psychiatrist at the Priory Hospital in Roehampton, south-west London, said that the referendum outcome had been uniquely divisive. EVENING STANDARD



Theresa May makes a statement after Andrea Leadsom pulled out of the Tory leadership contest  
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### Conservatives

## Who would do what in Theresa May's cabinet?

### John Rentoul



So many predictions have been confounded recently that it seems reckless to make more. Let us therefore be reckless. Now that Theresa May is our next Prime Minister, the pressing question is what May's plan for Brexit is, and we look forward to hearing more of it. But another important question is who will have which jobs in May's Cabinet. This is not merely gossip about personalities, because the men and women matter as much as the measures.

That is why one of May's first pledges was to appoint someone who had campaigned for Leave as Secretary of State for Brexit. My guess is that this would be Chris Grayling rather than one of the two most prominent leaders of the Leave campaign,

Michael Gove and Boris Johnson. Like May herself, Grayling is the underwhelming but logical choice. The first non-lawyer to be Lord Chancellor (his career before politics was in television), he was shunted from the Justice Department last year to allow Gove to reform prisons. He currently manages Commons business as Leader of the House, but he is a Leaver and he has been managing May's leadership campaign.

As for the great offices of state, I think May would probably make the swap that David Cameron was

### Leadsom and Johnson are the two Leavers to be accommodated

contemplating Before the Fall, moving George Osborne to Foreign Secretary and Philip Hammond to Chancellor.

Osborne wouldn't actually have "Rest of the World" in brackets after his title, but he would be responsible for everywhere except Europe. It would be a serious job, which he would enjoy, and which would still give him the prospect - he's only 45, after all - of the top job at some point in the next decade or two.

Hammond would again be the underwhelming but logical choice for the Treasury, with Sajid Javid, the Business Secretary, falling victim to the rule that it is best to leave ministers where they are for as long as possible.

Her own vacancy at the Home Office could be filled by Amber Rudd,

the Energy and Climate Change Secretary, who was a combative Remainer, or by Jeremy Hunt, who needs to move out of Health so that the junior doctors' hate-figure is taken out of the dispute. The new Health Secretary could be Rudd or Jane Ellison, an emollient junior minister in the department.

What, though, for Leadsom? Her daydream of being Johnson's Chancellor, if only he hadn't left the letter behind, could end in the reality of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. Very important to have a Leaver in charge of sorting out the morass of EU habitat directives, May could say, as she switches the incumbent Liz Truss to Energy and Climate Change.

Leadsom and Johnson are the two Leavers who would have to be offered cabinet posts. Johnson could go to Culture, Media and Sport so that the red-tops can call him the Minister of Fun. Gove's punishment for his serial betrayals could be to keep him where he is. May could tell him she believes in the rehabilitation of offenders, and that prison reform is very important to deliver her One Nation vision of social justice. But if reoffending rates haven't fallen by a quarter in four years, she could say, out you will go.

In addition, it would make sense to offer Priti Patel, the Leaver and employment minister who has the right to attend Cabinet, a promotion. She could take Grayling's job as Leader of the House.

The rest of the Cabinet could remain unchanged. Cameron was praised for keeping ministers in place for longer than usual - partly because the complexities of coalition made reshuffles harder. I doubt that he would want a post: he would want to set up a charitable foundation to promote his causes of foreign aid and the National Citizen Service, making contributions in the Commons as a backbencher on things that matter to him.

This may seem a tiny patch of lawn to be inspecting at a time when the vast landscape of British politics is beginning to realign into a Leave party and a Remain party. The old Conservative and Unionist party may turn into an England Alone party, while Labour, and possibly a rainbow alliance of others, could become the European Unionist party.

But while that is happening, there is Britain's new relationship with the EU to negotiate. And this is my best guess at the team that will negotiate it. THE INDEPENDENT

### Labour

## Corbyn must be kept on the Labour ballot

### Andrew Grice



Labour is sinking into a legal quagmire over whether Jeremy Corbyn should be automatically on the ballot paper now that Angela Eagle, the former shadow Business Secretary, has formally launched her attempt to oust him as party leader by triggering a leadership election.

Whatever you think of Corbyn, it would be outrageous to exclude him from the shortlist. If someone is allowed to stand for his job, then surely he has the right to fight to keep it - morally, whatever the legal position or the political judgement of Labour's NEC.

The Labour members who gave Corbyn an overwhelming 59 per cent mandate in last September's contest would be understandably livid if their man were excluded from the shortlist. They would rightly see it as a stitch-up by the Labour establishment. If, as Corbyn's critics claim, he has lost the confidence of members who backed him last year, then the way to test that is in another leadership election - not by allowing Labour MPs to sack him summarily.

People on both sides of Labour's ever-widening divide insist that they do not want to see a formal split between its socialist and social democratic wings. However, if Labour denies Corbyn the right to fight for his job, it would make a split more likely. There are some in both camps who now regard a schism as inevitable. There are Labour MPs ready to walk away from the party if Corbyn wins re-election, rather than face a pitched battle in their constituency parties as left-wingers try to deselect them before the next general election. Equally, some Corbynistas would be ready to turn Momentum, the Corbyn fan club, from a party-in-waiting into a real one.

Andrea Leadsom's surprise withdrawal from the Tory race also makes a realignment of political parties less likely. If she had won and the Tories had lurched right while Labour veered left, it could have created the space for a new, pro-European centre party composed of anti-Corbyn Labourites, the Liberal Democrats and some pro-Cameron Conservatives. Private soundings are being taken by figures in all three parties. There could still be a Lib-Lab link-up after a Labour split but the Tories will now rally strongly behind May.

### Brexit

## Gove can apply direct to May for his UK visa

### Sean O'Grady



Theresa May made one - major - misstep in her leadership campaign by suggesting that EU migrants resident in the UK cannot have a right to remain guaranteed because we will need to exact from the EU equivalent guarantees about UK citizens living, retired and working, across the EU from Warsaw to the Costa Brava.

The first U-turn May should make, before she even enters Number 10, is to scrap that idea, and offer a unilateral unconditional commitment to allow people already here and making a living to stay.

During her time as Home Secretary, and lumbered with an unworkable Tory manifesto commitment, Ms May failed to control immigration. She seems to have convinced everyone it wasn't her fault. Very well, but she will have an even bigger problem quite soon - what to do about the border with Scotland and Northern Ireland.

If Scotland becomes independent, then in order to "regain control of our borders" we will also want to regain control of the Anglo-Scottish border. And what will happen then to Scottish citizens living and working in England, including

Michael Gove, say? With his part-Welsh wife? Will he need a visa? Or will he need to apply for an English passport, with Mrs May signing the back of his photo as his referee? More seriously, will we need a quota for Scottish EU citizens coming to work in England? Will they be subject to a points system? Will we not need security to prevent migrants moving across from Dumfriesshire? What about married couples? A strange vista indeed.

In any case, Ms May has a different border to police now: who to allow and who to expel from her Cabinet. THE INDEPENDENT

## LABOUR

# Eagle launches campaign to oust Corbyn and lead 'a stronger' party

By Nigel Morris  
POLITICAL EDITOR

Angela Eagle launched her campaign to topple Jeremy Corbyn yesterday, telling supporters: "I'm not a Blairite. I'm not a Brownite. I'm not a Corbynista. I am my own woman."

Speaking before Andrea Leadsom pulled out of the race for Conservative leader, paving the way for Theresa May to become Prime Minister, Ms Eagle argued that she could pull together a fractious Labour Party and present a credible anti-Tory face to voters at the next election.

Her move leaves the party facing a divisive battle for the leadership as Mr Corbyn – who won an overwhelming victory less than 10 months ago – has made it clear he will not step down voluntarily.

Ms Eagle's launch in central London was attended by a host of high-profile Labour MPs including Harriet Harman, Alan Johnson, Hilary Benn, Dan Jarvis and Stephen Kinnock.

She told them: "Our country needs a strong Labour Party. We alone can hold this right-wing Tory Government to account and then replace it by winning a general election."

"Jeremy Corbyn is unable to provide the leadership this huge task needs. I believe I can."

Describing herself as a "practical socialist", Ms Eagle said Mr Corbyn was not up to the job. "He has been hiding behind a door not talking to his Members of Parliament – that's not leadership. He's opened the party to new ideas, but we need other people to take them forward," she said.

Standing in front of a pink banner with the slogan "Real leadership", Ms Eagle repeatedly argued that the country did not currently regard Labour – 80 per cent of whom MPs want Mr Corbyn to quit – as an alternative government. "I am not here for a Labour Party that just takes part. I'm here to win," she said. "Everything we are proud of, from the NHS to the minimum wage to the equality legislation that has modernised and civilised our society is there because we were in government."



Angela Eagle described herself as a 'practical socialist' at the launch event  
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She also took a swipe at one of Mr Corbyn's key messages to Labour voters last year, declaring: "A kinder politics must be a reality, not just an empty slogan."

The former shadow Business Secretary said that last month's vote for Brexit had been a "howl of pain" from people who felt their leaders no longer listened to them.

**i** Shortly after her launch, Iain McNicol, the Labour general secretary, confirmed that he had received the 51 nominations for Ms Eagle from MPs and MEPs **required to trigger a contest**

## Rules and wrangles Eagle attacked by her local party

Angela Eagle is facing a vote of no-confidence by members of her local party, which backs Jeremy Corbyn's leadership.

The motion is expected to be debated on 22 July by Wallasey Constituency Labour Party, its vice-chairman said.

Its membership has grown from 900 before June 24 to 1,200, according to Paul Davies.

He told the BBC Radio 4 *Today* programme: "I don't think people will think, if Angela Eagle wins a contest for leadership without Jeremy Corbyn being on the ballot paper, that's fair."

Asked if the new members were entryists, he replied: "We've just had 360 entryists join the Labour Party in Wallasey. I don't think we have ever had that many entryists, even back in the old heyday of the militants."

"Are there 500,000 entryists into the Labour Party? Well, if so, then our members... that's democracy."

Meanwhile Christine Shawcroft, who sits on Labour's ruling NEC, told *Today* "it's quite clear to me" that the section of party rules calling for nominations to be backed by MPs and MEPs refers to challengers, rather than the sitting leader.

## LEADERSHIP

## Governing body to rule on Corbyn nomination

By Shaun Connolly

The pivotal issue of whether Jeremy Corbyn will automatically be on the ballot paper for Labour's leadership showdown, or will need to seek nominations from MPs, will be decided by the party's governing body, the National Executive Committee (NEC) today.

Opponents of the embattled leader are banking on Mr Corbyn struggling to get the backing of the 51 MPs and MEPs required for nomination. But Mr Corbyn's supporters insist he should be on the ballot paper by right, and the leader has signalled he will mount a legal challenge if the NEC rules otherwise.

The 33-member body is made up of representatives of the parliamentary party, trade unions, MEPs, constituency groups, socialist societies and others.

Deputy leader Tom Watson abandoned so-called "peace talks" with trade union leaders after Mr Corbyn (above) insisted he would not go quietly.

Those opposed to Mr Corbyn insist he must obtain the active backing of 20 per cent of MPs and MEPs, which amounts to 51 nominations, to get on the ballot paper. But Mr Corbyn's backers say that as leader, he has an automatic right to stand.

However, former leader Lord Kinnock has cited the precedent of him needing to be nominated when challenged by Tony Benn in 1988.

Mr Corbyn's backers claim that is irrelevant as Labour had an electoral college system at the time and the leadership was not decided by the direct vote of members as it is now.



## Analysis

## Enter Angela Eagle; exit three-quarters of the media

Tom Peck



It should be noted that Angela Eagle has twice delayed her Big Leadership Challenge Announcement, so as not to clash, firstly with Corbyn's own once half-expected resignation and, secondly, the centenary of the Battle of The Somme.

In the event, the standing ovation and the loud whoops from Labour's massed rebels that

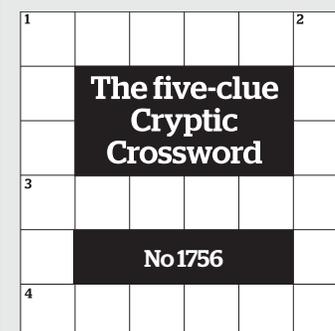
greeted her arrival in a small room in central London provided the perfect foil for three-quarters of the media to sneak out.

It was at the exact moment she began speaking that Andrea Leadsom announced she was quitting in the Tory leadership race, effectively anointing Theresa May as the nation's new Prime Minister.

As she spoke, her audience stared at their phones at live footage of a blue door somewhere in Westminster, wondering why

they hadn't got out while they had the chance. By the time Ms Leadsom emerged from it to announce the game was up, Angela Eagle was already on to the Q and A's. "I believe we've got a question from Robert Peston from ITV," she said. But Robert Peston wasn't there any more, he'd done a runner.

Someone else asked her to explain how she could beat Theresa May in a general election. "Because she's a Tory!" she shouted. Ben Bradshaw seemed so delighted by this that the idea that Labour could conceivably be beaten by the Tories at a general election appeared to have escaped him entirely. THE INDEPENDENT



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## HEALTH

# Staff cuts 'inevitable' as NHS grapples with record hospital deficit

By Paul Gallagher  
HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

The scale of NHS hospital deficits is so bad that cuts in staffing and reductions in quality of care are inevitable if the Government's priority is to restore financial balance, a leading health think-tank has warned.

In a new briefing published yesterday, the King's Fund suggest that key waiting time targets may need to be reviewed and the commitment to deliver seven-day services revisited.

NHS providers and commissioners recorded an aggregate deficit of £1.85bn in 2015-16, the biggest deficit in NHS history and a threefold increase on the previous year, their analysis showed.

This was despite stringent financial controls and short-term measures implemented by the Government and NHS bodies to reduce costs. NHS funding is set to rise from £100 to £119 billion in the six years to 2020.

In his speech to the NHS Con-

federation last month, NHS Chief Executive Simon Stevens said the health budget is "as good as would be obtainable" against a "very difficult fiscal backdrop".

But the King's Fund briefing argues the NHS is unable to meet rising demand for services and maintain standards with the current budget.

The authors said their analysis makes it clear the deficit is not down to mismanagement in individual organisations, but a systemic problem due to those reasons.

Concern has also been expressed that "external pressure" is being placed on NHS finance directors to sign up to financial control totals, which have been described as "fundamentally unsustainable".

The bulk of the £3.8bn additional funding, announced last November, is being used to tackle deficits in the

acute sector rather than supporting ambitions to move more care into the community, the report says.

"If restoring financial balance is the Government's highest priority, it is inevitable staffing levels will need to be reduced," the authors write. "This presents a clear and present danger that patient safety and quality of care will be compromised."

Helen McKenna, senior policy adviser at The King's Fund and one of the authors, said: "It is no longer credible to argue that the NHS can continue to meet increasing demand for services, deliver current standards of care and stay within its budget. This is widely understood within the NHS and now needs to be debated with the public."

A spokesman for the Department of Health said that "high quality care and good financial management go hand in hand" and that it is aiming to make the NHS the safest healthcare system in the world.

But Saffron Cordery, director of policy at NHS Providers, said: "This King's Fund report reveals yet more evidence of the clear gap between the quality of care we all want the NHS to provide and the funding available. We cannot keep pretending this gap doesn't exist."

**£119bn**  
The predicted annual cost of the NHS by the end of the decade

**i** The King's Fund report comes days before a major initiative by the NHS to control spending, with its leadership set to unveil plans to get hospitals and other trusts to **stick to agreed spending limits**.

## Brexit Comes with a steep price for NHS

The political and economic uncertainty following the UK's vote to leave the EU adds to the risks facing the NHS, the King's Fund report said.

Given that the value of the pound against the dollar has fallen to its lowest level for more than 30 years, the authors said a prolonged fall in the value of sterling could lead to higher costs and increase financial pressures.

"If warnings about a major economic shock prove to be correct, this could have significant implications – any reduction in health or social-care funding as a result of

spending cuts would pose a serious risk to patient care."

They said that regardless of the impact of Brexit, the Government must review its priorities for the NHS to ensure that they can be delivered within available resources. And the Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt's commitment to implementing seven-day services may not be feasible until additional funding becomes available.

The impact of Brexit has added an estimated £900m to the cost of procuring medical devices from overseas due to the weaker pound.

## HEALTH

## Lung cancer drug approved for Scotland but denied to England

By Paul Gallagher  
HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

A groundbreaking drug that has been shown to double survival rates for people suffering from lung cancer will be approved for use in Scotland today – but patients in England and Wales will be denied the same treatment.

The Scottish Medicines Consortium has recommended the immunotherapy drug nivolumab, which has the brand name Opdivo, as an option for NHS advanced lung cancer patients.

Doctors have described the

decision as a "major turning point" in the treatment of lung cancer in Scotland, where incidence rates of the disease are among the highest in the world.

Nivolumab works by harnessing the ability of the immune system to fight advanced lung cancer as well as advanced forms of skin and kidney cancer.

Other European countries including Germany, Greece and Sweden also offer the treatment, but the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (Nice) has chosen to reject the drug for those living in England and Wales.

The cost regulator has published draft guidance after finding "substantial uncertainty" about the extent of the survival benefit of the drug when measured over the long term.

"This decision marks a positive milestone for advanced lung cancer patients in Scotland," said Professor Dean Fennell, chair of thoracic medical oncology at the University of Leicester.

"It is unjust that a patient's opportunity to access nivolumab and have the best chance of maximising survival is effectively now based on geography."



## Not so easy on the pallets

A loyalist is pictured from a drone as he made final preparations to a huge bonfire in the Ballymacash estate in Belfast yesterday. Ballymacash has the largest bonfire in Northern Ireland. The lighting of the bonfires at midnight last night marked the start of the Twelfth of July parades, remembering the Battle of the Boyne in 1690 when the Protestant King William of Orange defeated the Catholic King James II at the river Boyne. GETTY

## HEALTH

## Multivitamin pregnancy pills 'a waste of money', say experts

By Paul Gallagher  
HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

Multivitamin and mineral supplements for pregnant women are a waste of money, according to a new study. Experts found "no evidence" that they result in better health for a mother or her baby and were an "unnecessary expense".

Women should focus instead on taking the single vitamins, such as folic acid for the first three months of pregnancy, and vitamin D. They are available for a few pence per day and recommended by the NHS.

Pregnacare tablets plus Omega 3

cost £15.29 for a 28-day supply and Pregnacare Max – described as the "ultimate formula" – costs almost £20 for the same length supply of tablets. Cheaper options include regular Pregnacare at £4.45 and Seven Seas Pregnancy tablets at £5.25 for 28 tablets.

In the research, published in the *Drug and Therapeutics Bulletin*, a panel of experts reviewed available evidence on folic acid, vitamin D, iron, vitamins C, E, A, and multivitamins in pregnancy. They found good evidence for the use of folic acid and some "less clear cut" evidence for the use of vitamin D. But "no evidence" was found that women should take multivitamins.

## ENERGY

## Children switched on over lights

By Will Worley

Parents learn from their children when it comes to energy-saving behaviour such as turning the lights off, according to a new study.

"By adopting energy-saving behaviours now and engaging family and community members in such efforts, children can play an important role in bringing about a more sustainable future," said Hilary Boudet, of Oregon State University, who led the study published in *Nature Energy*.

Researchers taught 318 girl scouts

different ways to save energy and had them take part in activities designed to support the lessons.

The girls and their parents completed surveys about their energy-saving behaviour at the beginning and end of the five-weeks, then again several months later.

The researchers found the increased energy-saving behaviour among the girls continued for more than seven months after the trial programme ended. But the parents' energy-saving behaviour continued for more than eight months.



## SCHOOLS

# Sex education 'failing to deal with LGBT issues'

By Katie Grant

Young people are leaving school with virtually no knowledge of LGBT relationships or consent between sexual partners, a charity has warned.

Sex and relationships education (SRE) is infrequent, low quality and almost never covers same-sex relationships, according to a report published today by the Terrence Higgins Trust.

A survey of more than 900 young people conducted by the charity found that 95 per cent of 16- to 24-year-olds had not been taught about LGBT relationships at school, 93 per cent had not been taught about issues related to transgender people, and 75 per cent had not been taught about consent.

Almost every young person polled (99 per cent) believed that age-appropriate SRE should be taught in all schools and 97 per cent said it should be LGBT-inclusive - but one in seven respondents received no SRE whatsoever. The Terrence Higgins Trust said a "disproportionate" number of young people in this group attended private, state religious and

## Outdated? SRE rules

Sex and relationships education (SRE) is compulsory only in state-maintained secondary schools, where parents can withdraw their children from lessons. No private school, primary school, academy or free school is required to provide it. Official SRE guidelines were published in 2000, before social media and same-sex marriage. These guidelines are "outdated" and "wholly unfit" to prepare young people for the realities of sex and relationships today, according to the Terrence Higgins Trust, which is calling on the Government to update them and make SRE a statutory part of the curriculum in all schools.

free schools. Earlier this year the Education Secretary, Nicky Morgan, rejected MPs' calls to make SRE compulsory in all schools.

Half (50 per cent) of respondents rated the SRE they received as "poor" or "terrible". Only 10 per cent rated it as "good" and just 2 per cent rated it as "excellent".

**i** The LGBT rights charity Stonewall said too many pupils leave school with no information on **how to lead healthy, safe relationships**.

Ian Green, chief executive of the Terrence Higgins Trust, said: "The Government's quiet blocking of compulsory SRE will condemn another generation of young people to leave school armed with little to no information on issues like LGBT relationships, gender identity and consent."

Mr Green said that it was essential to make SRE mandatory in all schools in order to tackle the "safeguarding crisis".

The DfE said in a statement: "High-quality SRE is a vital part of preparing young people for life in modern Britain - helping them to make informed choices, stay safe and learn to respect themselves and others. Our guidance is clear that young people, whatever their sexuality, need to feel that sex and relationships education is relevant to them and sensitive to their needs."

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## MEDIA



'ZingZillas', a show for children aged six and under. The BBC now accounts for 97 per cent of all spending on new children's content in the UK

## New TV shows for children slump in YouTube age

By Adam Sherwin  
ARTS AND MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

Original children's programming on UK channels has fallen to its lowest level for 18 years, an Ofcom report has found.

The hours of original UK children's programmes slumped in 2015, from 672 in 2014 to 580, according to the watchdog's *Public Service Broadcasting Annual Research Report*. This was the first time fewer than 600 hours of original UK children's programmes have been broadcast since 1998. Spending on the genre was £77m, 13 per cent down on 2014.

Since 2010 there has been a structural shift in viewing, with a 25 per cent decline in children's viewing of linear television as they are diverted to tablets and mobile devices.

The BBC's children's channels are facing a challenge from YouTube. In May 2016, 35 of the top 100 YouTube channels, by video views, were aimed at children. These channels, often featuring vloggers and video game-based short clips, generated 8.6 billion views.

### Turned off Live TV losses

A generational divide has opened up with a younger audience abandoning live television for Netflix and tablet viewing while their parents flop in front of their living room widescreens.

People under 25 are watching around a quarter less broadcast TV than in 2010, while the average viewing of those aged 55-64 has only declined by 5 per cent.

Those aged 16-24 have embraced on-demand services, and spend around a third of their daily viewing time watching free – such as BBC iPlayer, All 4, ITV player – or subscription on-demand services including Netflix and Amazon Video.

Live TV accounts for 36 per cent of daily viewing in this age group, a 14 per cent decrease in two years.

**i** The BBC is planning an online portal for children, called iPlay, which will give each child a "personal menu" of their favourite BBC programmes and games. It will allow children to create their own content, with other "trusted organisations", free from commercial influence, invited to become partners.

The decline in original UK content began when the 2003 Communications Act removed quotas for children's programming. Commercial broadcasters turned their back on the sector after a 2006 ban on high fat, salt and sugar content food advertising to children hit revenues.

The BBC now accounts for 97 per cent of all spend on new children's content in the UK. Since 2003, ITV, Channel 4 and Channel 5 have reduced spending on it by 95 per cent, from £58m in 2003 to £3m in 2013.

The BBC, which produced 8,000 hours of original children's programming last year, launched a new iPlayer Kids app, giving young viewers access to 10,000 episodes of CBeebies and CBBC favourites including *Wolfblood* and *Blue Peter*.

Children's programmes were the largest single genre on BBC iPlayer. In 2015, they accounted for a third of the 2.9 billion requests for TV programmes.

The app is designed to counter a slide in the weekly reach of the CBBC channel, aimed at the 6 to 12 age group, identified by Ofcom.

Channel 5 is also committed to showing 600 hours of UK-originated children's programmes every year on its Milkshake strand.

Bill Bailey will voice Wilbur the cat in a new animated adaptation of the *Winnie the Witch* books for the broadcaster.

Sky has launched its own Kids app and will premiere the return of the iconic claymation children's favourite, *Morph*.

## COURTS

## Pensioner, 87, admits shooting his wife

By Scott D'Arcy

A pensioner has admitted shooting dead his wife of 50 years at a care home just days after Christmas.

Ronald King, 87, denied murdering Rita King, 81, whose severe dementia had worsened in the month before her death at the home in Essex where she was a permanent resident.

Mr King (*inset*), of Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex, appeared at Chelmsford Crown Court yesterday where he pleaded guilty to manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility or by survivor of a suicide pact. He was remanded in custody until his next hearing in two weeks' time.



He shot his wife in the communal television room of De La Mer House in Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex, on 28 December.

Speaking after the hearing, Ms King's family said: "We would never have imagined what happened to Rita. It has shocked us all and left us deeply saddened."

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**Theresa May**  
The Prime Minister designate

# The Opinion Matrix

COMMENT FROM HOME &amp; ABROAD

## THERESA MAY FOR PM



Home Secretary on home run

### The Daily Telegraph

May has a strong claim to be the current "heir to Blair". We should remember that what used to unite the Tory high command of Cameron, Osborne and Gove was respect for the man they nicknamed "The Master". The Labour Party may still reject Blair and all his works. Theresa May merely notes that he won three elections in a row. More fool Labour. (John McTernan)

### Evening Standard

We may be left with a Gordon Brown scenario whereby a candidate for whom the electorate did not vote for becomes head. It is not a satisfactory outcome. (Editorial)

## ANGELA EAGLE



Can this woman heal Labour?

### The Spectator

Although Eagle says she is the candidate who can 'heal Labour', she floundered when it came to making the positive case for her leadership bid. Eagle struggled to explain why it should be her who replaces Corbyn. (Katy Balls)

### The Independent

Eagle isn't up to the job. No one who has voted for the Iraq War or Syrian air strikes should ever lead the Labour Party. In the aftermath of Chilcot, rallying around Eagle as a potential leader shows how deeply out of touch Labour MPs are with their membership and the public mood. (Louis Staples)

## CHILCOT REPORT



How far is Blair to blame?

### Mail on Sunday

Oh, for goodness' sake leave the pathetic Blair creature alone. He will never understand what he did and probably didn't understand it at the time. If you want to blame anyone for the Iraq disaster, look at yourselves. I opposed it at the time, and remember how few others did. (Peter Hitchens)

### The Guardian

Documents released this week spell out how Iraqi oil was a central motive. Alex Salmond and Labour's Paul Flynn have both stated a prosecution of Blair is in order. Certainly there is a great deal of incriminating evidence. (Greg Muttitt & David Whyte)

## PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION



Trump could be about to tone it down

### USA Today

Is Trump capable of changing? I think so. He took direction from executives at *The Apprentice* to revive his faltering show by adding famous people as apprentices and renaming it *Celebrity Apprentice*, stemming a possible cancellation. Recently, he has been using teleprompters to make major campaign speeches and toning down at least some of his bonehead remarks. (Dave Berg)

### The New Yorker

His casual race-baiting, deliberate divisiveness, and stagey swagger are the last qualities the country needs in a leader – always, but now in particular. (David Remnick)

## VENEZUELA CRISIS



President Maduro on a knife-edge

### The New York Times

This summer, Venezuela was poised to assume the rotating presidency of Mercosur, a trade bloc that includes Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay. But at the urging of Paraguay, heads of state are considering blocking Venezuela, citing the erosion of democracy there. (Editorial)

### Forbes

In the markets, the Venezuela "death-watch" goes into a new phase. Looting is on the rise. Inflation is on the rise. Venezuelans are crossing into Colombia to buy groceries. President Nicolas Maduro needs a miracle. (Kenneth Rapoza)

## ANDY MURRAY



A Wimbledon victory for all to enjoy

### BBC

If Andy Murray's first Wimbledon title had a giddy, dream-like quality, sealed with a tortuous final act, his second was sport as a peerless demonstration, a nerveless execution. You could almost enjoy it. You could almost relax. (Tom Fordyce)

### The Herald

Murray's role in transforming the status and popularity of tennis in the UK, and particularly in Scotland, is remarkable. No one would deny that there is still a lot of work to do to find the next Andy Murray, but before him tennis was on the fringes of the national psyche. (Editorial)

## Life In Brief

### SYDNEY SCHANBERG JOURNALIST WHO INSPIRED 'THE KILLING FIELDS'

Sydney Schanberg, the *New York Times* foreign correspondent whose courageous reports about Cambodia's takeover by the brutal Khmer Rouge regime in 1975 earned him the Pulitzer Prize and formed the basis of the Academy Award-winning film *The Killing Fields*, has died in New York at the age of 82. He had suffered a heart attack, said his wife, Jane Freiman Schanberg.

In the early 1970s, while based in Singapore for *The New York Times*, Schanberg began to report from Cambodia, a former French protectorate across the border from Vietnam.

He provided the first major coverage of US bombing missions that ravaged the Cambodian countryside, including a 1973 attack when a B-52 dropped 20 tons of bombs on a remote village, leaving about 150 residents dead.

Schanberg's partner in reporting

was Dith Pran, a resourceful and multilingual Cambodian who served as his interpreter and guide. They became inseparable reporting partners, even as a Communist-backed insurgency known as the Khmer Rouge began to close in on the capital city of Phnom Penh in early 1975.

As civil war enveloped the country, the US Embassy closed its doors on 12 April. Schanberg refused orders from the *New York Times* to evacuate, choosing instead to take refuge with Dith at the French Embassy. As the only US reporter remaining in Cambodia, Schanberg visited hospitals, where the blood of Khmer Rouge victims flowed down the halls.

As conditions deteriorated, Schanberg climbed on to a truck with other Westerners, crossing the border into Thailand on 30 April.

He made his way to Bangkok, where

he wrote a first-hand account of the fall of Phnom Penh, complete with dramatic details of the terror of the Khmer Rouge.

When Schanberg was awarded journalism's top honour in 1976, the Pulitzer committee praised him for his work "at great risk". Schanberg accepted the award on Dith's behalf, but he heard nothing about his former reporting partner for more than four years.

Finally, in October 1979, word arrived that Dith had turned up at a refugee camp in Thailand. Schanberg immediately boarded a flight, then took a six-hour road trip to the border near Cambodia.

In a 1980 article in the *New York Times* magazine, "The Death and Life of Dith Pran", he described his friend's ordeal. The story was adapted for *The Killing Fields*, which was released in 1984, with Sam Waterston playing Schanberg.



In addition to the Pulitzer Prize, Schanberg received George Polk Awards for journalism. A collection of his reporting, *Beyond the Killing Fields*, was published in 2010.

"I've seen death. Lots of it," Schanberg said in a 2001 interview with the *New York Observer*. "And you never get used to it. Not really. You tell yourself things in order to function, but you're going to break down."

**Born** 17 January 1934  
**Died** 9 July 2016  
**Matt Schudel** THE WASHINGTON POST

## My View

### Hannah Fearn



# Bite the ballot: May must call election

## She needs a mandate – and could demolish Labour and Ukip

**T**his wasn't the way Theresa May wanted it. The trials of Gordon Brown – anointed rather than elected as Prime Minister – are still fresh in the minds of Whitehall. May wanted an immediate mandate for her own leadership, not just from her MPs but from her party too. Of course her advisers harboured fears that Andrea Leadsom's particular brand of home-spun, regressive Conservatism could pose a threat to the heir apparent among the grassroots Brexiteers, even though the final bout in this long-running intrigue pitted a heavyweight champion against an amateur featherweight (without the benefit of a decent press adviser). But May's celebrations will be a shade more muted for her promotion going uncontested.

When party leaders fail after being chosen by a ballot of members, it is the fault of the grassroots in choosing a dead duck. When elected prime ministers fail at the job, the country backed the wrong horse. But when a PM-in-waiting is handed the job on a platter – even in the most spectacularly convoluted leadership contest modern politics has ever witnessed – and then fails, it is always the fault of the party. That is the lesson from the demise of Brown. So now there's only one way Theresa May can get the mandate she craves and protect the party she has served: she must call an immediate general election.

By now the naysayers among you will be cautioning that this is not how parliamentary democracy works. We elect MPs, who then self-organise; we do not elect a president. Of course, that is literally the case, but in recent years the charisma and ability of individuals, rather than the collective power of the group, has come to define politics. How else to explain Boris Johnson and the core role he played in securing the vote in favour of Brexit? And cast your mind back (an almost incomprehensibly long way back now) to the success of the Liberal Democrats in forming a coalition after the 2010 general election: that was all about Nick Clegg and "Cleggmania".

The old way of doing things, though it's written in statute, no longer reflects the way we actually behave as voters. So if she wants to know her country is behind her, May will have to bite the ballot.



**On the campaign trail: Theresa May joins Maria Hutchings during the 2013 Eastleigh by-election** PA

There are benefits to going early, not only for her party but for the country. A little Brexit fatigue may have set in, making a full general election campaign a lacklustre affair; but the rewards will be considerable when negotiations formally open over our departure from the European Union. Such delicate discussions require dedication and consistency; knowing that May will be leading them for a full five years will provide clarity, giving us the best chance of getting a decent deal out of the

**Knowing May will be leading for five years will give us the best chance of getting a decent deal out of the EU talks**

arrangement. She may have been a timid Remainer, but you can translate "Brexit means Brexit" as "business is business" – and she's preparing to get down to it.

The markets, which reacted with predictable skittishness to the shock of Brexit, would settle in response to a five-year mandate for May's Government, presuming she wins a comfortable majority.

That presumption is fair: While Andrea Leadsom, if she had gone the course, would have been a tough sell to the electorate,

Theresa May would be a known quantity calling on her country for support at a time when they, too, are craving political stability. If she wants more than a few short years at the helm, she should go to the country early – before her own attempt at Cameron's "hug-a-hoodie" politics has a chance to split her riven party further.

Going for a snap election has another benefit: it could kill off Ukip, and demolish the Labour Party too. Angela Eagle's ill-fated attempt to wrest back some control over what remains of an official opposition met a comic end when, after days of hesitation, a speech to launch her own leadership bid coincided almost to the second with the unexpected withdrawal of Leadsom from the Tory race. In a scene reminiscent of *The Thick of It*, she called on the ITV political journalist Robert Peston to address the room during the set-up of a choreographed joke – he, like most other senior lobby journalists, was not in the room. A classic lesson is doing your business or getting off the pan. May might learn from it.

Tim Farron, whose Liberal Democrats are the only party who could feasibly benefit from an early vote, has already called on May to immediately announce the date of the next election. Whether she does so or not, it raises questions about taking the incoming PM at her word.

In her aborted campaign for the job, May said she would stick to a fixed-term parliament and wait until 2020 – although it's important to note that that was when she thought she would win a contest, rather than being handed the prime ministership on a plate.

When Gordon Brown took power in 2007 and he hesitated over a snap election, she said he was "running scared of the people's verdict". But Brown knew an early vote was a risk. After more than a decade in power, boredom with the status quo would have put Labour at a significant electoral disadvantage. May has no such matters to trouble her. The opposition is in disarray and she is the holder of the "safe pair of hands" that European leaders, the City, businesses and the people want to see steer them through since David Cameron's departure. If Theresa May wants to be a unifier, there is no reason to hesitate. A November general election would be my best bet.

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**Your View**

TEXTS, TWEETS AND EMAILS

**A picking-up-the-pieces PM**

Theresa May owes her impending elevation to the catastrophic failure of David Cameron's European policy and her rivals' political weaknesses. She was widely expected to succeed Cameron, but she was also expected to face stiffer competition from George Osborne and Boris Johnson, among others. Throughout, her campaign reflected her "safe pair of hands" pitch. May now finds herself in a similar situation to Harold Macmillan, who assumed power in the wake of Anthony Eden's Suez misadventure, and John Major, who inherited Margaret Thatcher's poll tax fiasco. She will be a picking-up-the-pieces Prime Minister. Managing Brexit will

consume a very great deal of her attention and energy.

Yet, the immediate challenges facing May are greater than those that confronted Macmillan and Major. Her party and the country are more deeply divided, voters are angrier, and she has to define a whole new relationship with the EU and the wider world. It is a great deal to ask, especially from a Prime Minister who lacks the personal authority that comes with winning a general election.

Amid the anticipation and speculation, one thing that should be avoided is comparing Britain's first and second female Prime Ministers. Thatcher was an exceptional Prime Minister, both in terms of her style of leadership, her broad

policy agenda and her political legacy. There is nothing to suggest that May will operate in the same style as Thatcher or that she is a crusading ideologue. She deserves to be judged solely on her ability to lead a government in a time of great uncertainty and tumult. **DR NICK ALLEN**  
ROYAL HOLLOWAY, LONDON

**Living with diabetes**

Nick Dierdre's article on childhood Type 1 diabetes (*1* yesterday) was really informative for newly diagnosed children and one with which I related to very much. I was 13 when diagnosed, 56 years ago, when none of the latest research and treatments were known. I started on one injection daily and urine dip testing to determine my sugar levels. I'm now on four injections daily and better balanced than I've ever been.

I've had eye sight problems with several haemorrhages and am no longer able to drive but I feel my life is healthier partly due to eating a very good "diabetic" diet.

Life is never easy trying to manage the insulin regime, exercise and a balanced intake of food. But it is possible as long as you stick to it and still have some fun in life. I've done it, along with a few hiccups, for more than 56 years, so stay with it, Louisa and Marisa, and stay positive. **LYNN LEWIS**

**Tolerance isn't dead yet**

Now for the good news. The United Reformed Church voted at the weekend by an overwhelming majority to allow same-sex marriages in its churches, if they so desire. **PATRICIA PILE**  
ST ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE

**Gordon Reid is to be celebrated**

Your paper should feel shame at not printing the joyous picture of Gordon Reid on his Wimbledon win. I watched this game and the participants are to be admired: their skills surpass the ordinary game.

That omission was as paltry as the sum of his winnings, why would a first-time GB winner of wheelchair tennis get a grubby sum of £25,000 and Andy Murray get

**Leadson's swift descent was not entirely of her own making**

The headline on the front-page of Saturday's Times, "Being a mother gives me the edge on May - Leadsom", distorted Andrea's off-the-cuff remarks and forced her to step down in the leadership elections. Although I voted for Remain and prefer Theresa May, we should all question the role of the press in producing this outcome.

Our predominantly right-wing, anti-European press has had a disproportionate impact in the EU referendum, the resignation of David Cameron as PM and the choice of his replacement. The press's actions and reports on these matters have a disproportionate influence on what information we receive and the conclusions we draw. We deserve better.

The disgraced Press Complaints Commission was replaced after the Leveson Inquiry into phone tapping. Unfortunately, this was replaced by the so-called Independent Press Standards Organisation, which is "independent" of the Government, but is still run by press barons who regulate themselves.

During the inquiry, Cameron promised to implement Leveson's recommendations "providing they are sensible".

Unfortunately, he delayed implementing this promise, but public pressure eventually forced him to use a royal charter, so as to avoid debate and a vote in Parliament. Many think he kept his promise, but apparently he never signed the final papers to make it law. Perhaps he could find five minutes to sign these papers before he leaves No 10 on Wednesday. Theresa May will need to review the UK's constitutional and democratic safeguards. **BRIAN BEAN**  
LONDON

Isn't the leader of the Conservative Party meant to be elected by all its members? Weren't the extra-parliamentary members also supposed to vote? Is there to be no vote allowed to these members of the Tory Party?

This whole fiasco appears to be a fait accompli - persons unknown in the dark corridors of power have manipulated the situation.

Surely, the party faithful rightfully deserve the chance to vote? Surely, another candidate can be found among the Leave campaigners to challenge Theresa May?

Without an election involving all members, how can May be said to have a mandate to lead the party and, much more importantly, the nation? **B MICHAEL JAMES**  
LONDON

Congratulations! The baying, liberal middle-class press has forced out a candidate for the post of Prime Minister who was supported by 30 per cent of Conservative MPs.

I suspect that she would get even greater support among Conservative voters. Unfortunately, she and her family could not face that kind of relentless hostility.

The newspaper is as guilty as any. Why do you rename the Your View page, the "Supportive Sycophants Section". Every letter he kept his promise, but apparently he never signed the final papers to make it law. Perhaps he could find five minutes to sign these papers before he leaves No 10 on Wednesday. Theresa May will need to review the UK's constitutional and democratic safeguards. **BRIAN BEAN**  
LONDON

I know for certain that at least one was critical of your approach, and that one was rejected - just as this will be. **TONY RICHARDSON**  
KNARESBOROUGH, NORTH YORKSHIRE

It is a shame that someone like Ms Leadsom should be hounded out of the leadership race. It is undemocratic to crown Ms May as leader of the Conservatives despite the fact she lacks real grassroots input.

A real contender with Brexit credentials should be put alongside Ms May before the membership for a leadership election. Ms May won't have much of a mandate if she is simply installed on top of the grassroots by the Westminster establishment - a group that is demonstrably different. **NNEKA M AKWAEZE**  
LONDON

Please thank Ian Birrell on his incisive commentary (*1* yesterday) regarding Andrea Leadsom. I am sure it went some way in persuading her to withdraw from the Tory leadership election. Very well done. **FRANK WILLIAMS**  
WALES

Mother of three, Andrea Leadsom can't be that bothered about her descendants' future. She has been vocal in her support of fracking, calling it "an opportunity not to be missed". **ANNE CHADWICK**  
CHICHESTER

Imagine a world in which you would see the following headline: "Next PM to be a man" followed by "Two contenders - one is a father, the other isn't" No, I don't think so. **CAROL DUNN**  
LEEDS

Andrea Leadsom's withdrawal marks the dramatic end to the power grabs of all the original Conservative Brexit hopefuls. What would the Bard have made of the last fortnight's events; history, tragedy or comedy? **CGODDALL**  
TENTERDEN, KENT

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# People



By Jessica Barrett and Laura Martin

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## A suggested plot twist in casting the new Bond

Well, this is one Bond that the bookies didn't see coming. **Nicholas Hoult** and **Kristen Stewart** (pictured) have a genius plan for casting the newest instalment of the spy blockbuster – with an unlikely candidate getting the much-coveted role.

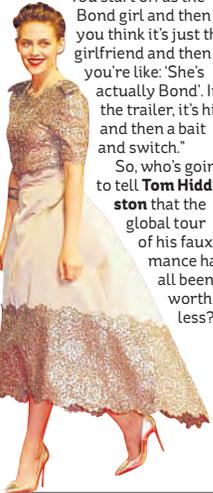
The two actors are starring in the sci-fi romance film *Equals*, but they've been using time off the set to brainstorm ideas for the next Bond movie.

Nicholas imagines auditioning: "We'll walk into the screen test and I'll see Kristen dressed in a tuxedo. I'll be like: 'Kristen, what are you doing here?' I'll just turn around and walk straight back out."

Stewart says she would definitely be on board to play the first female Bond and has also worked out exactly how the directors could play it out:

"You start off as the Bond girl and then you think it's just the girlfriend and then you're like: 'She's actually Bond'. In the trailer, it's him and then a bait and switch."

So, who's going to tell **Tom Hiddleston** that the global tour of his faux-mance has all been worthless?



## Wonder's positive message follows tears

**Stevie Wonder** provided a bit of much-needed musical therapy on Sunday night, as he performed an epic four-hour set of his *Songs In The Key of Life* tour in Hyde Park. To a crowd of 65,000 people – including **Julianne Moore**, **Natalie Portman**, **Martin Freeman** and **Annie Mac** – he noted that his songs about social tensions and the civil rights movement from his 1976 album were very much relevant today.

He referenced the recent Black Lives Matter marches during his performance and cried while singing his song "Joy Inside My Tears", tipping much of an emotional audience into waterworks as well.

He said: "The songs and the words that we talk about, those conditions still exist in the world and that hurts my heart... I encourage you to choose love over hate. It's just that simple. Choose love over hate, right over wrong, kind over meanness. Hope over no hope at all."

"If I'm blind and I can see it, you can see it too."

## Round-Up

### Girlfriend of the year

"Being in love is the scariest thing in the world. You want to f\*\*\*ing cry and scream. How exhausting it must be dating me." **Amy Schumer** is quite intense when it comes to relationships.

### A brave undertaking

"I feel as though I'm kind of prepared to do it now. If it had been any time sooner than this, I either wouldn't be responsible enough or have been able to take on this kind of feat." **Alexa Chung**, not planning her own bid to be Prime Minister, but designing some clothes.



### Feeling the Bourne

"It's difficult when you're 45 compared to when you're 29, but you still have to run as fast as you can. That part was a challenge." **Matt Damon**, on the pains of growing older for his new Jason Bourne film.



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# The booing of Cameron revealed a boorish revolution

**KELNER'S VIEW**  
**Simon Kelner**

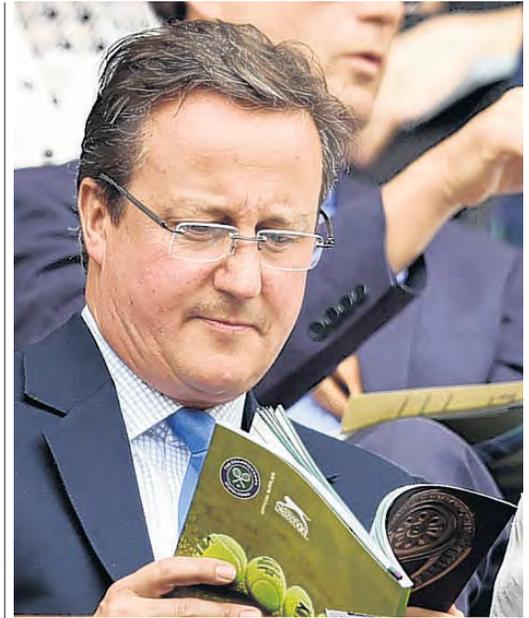


**W**hat have we become? How have we turned from a polite, respectful nation into boorish, discourteous people? We were once known for our good manners, and now, even at a time of national rejoicing and in a place where etiquette and discretion hold sway, we find it impossible to hold our tongues. I am referring, of course, to the booing of David Cameron at Wimbledon at the weekend, a shockingly unjustified and intemperate reaction to Andy Murray's generous invoking of his

name. The Centre Court crowd - a hothouse of Middle England attitudes if ever there was one - was feeling very pleased with itself in the wake of Murray's victory, and, during one of those horribly stilted on-court interviews immediately after the match, the Scotsman's expression of gratitude for the support he received prompted a wild ovation. In name-checking the Prime Minister, who was there with his mother, Mary, the mood quickly changed, and although there was some applause, this gave way to booing. It was a muted protest, but was rather ugly and ill-natured nevertheless, and was at odds with the joyful atmosphere. Why were they booing him? Because he'd called a needless vote on our membership of the European Union? Surely not. Because he'd lost the referendum campaign to a bunch of self-interested, spineless, treacherous muppets? I doubt it. Because he'd

helped to plunge the country into political instability by resigning his job? Unlikely. Maybe it's because he's the symbol of a political elite we've been told endlessly to distrust. Possibly. Certainly, the reaction of the Wimbledon crowd was symptomatic of something more profound and more widespread in society. Let us be clear (as Theresa May would say). I am a journalist, and I have been brought up to challenge authority, to contest the official version of events, to stand outside the establishment. As a trade, we thrive on chaos and disorder. So I should naturally embrace the anti-establishment feeling that is sweeping the world. To a certain extent, I do. I admire those who stand up against governments, officialdom and big business. But my enthusiasm is limited because this thread of opinion has also given us Donald Trump, the rise of extreme right-wing parties in Europe, and it's in part responsible for taking us out of the EU.

If the crowd at Wimbledon, predominantly white and middle class, is prepared to voice its rebellion against the ruling class, then this revolution is truly deep and wide. I have said before that social media - which seemingly has few restrictions on objectionable behaviour - has made it permissible to say the unsayable to people. This has bred a degrading of inter-personal communication, and a general disrespect in society, which sees its expression in the way politicians are addressed by members of the public. Of course we're going to boo the Prime Minister: we don't need a



**The booing of David Cameron at Wimbledon was an 'ugly and ill-natured' protest at odds with 'the joyful atmosphere' of the occasion** AFP/GETTY

reason, it's what we do these days. It was left to Andy Murray, still perspiring from his afternoon's labours, to inject civility into the proceedings. "I think playing in a Wimbledon final is tough," he said, "but I certainly wouldn't like to be a Prime Minister. It's an impossible job." So, gird your loins, Theresa, you've got precious little time before you, too, become the object of public derision.

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## GUN CONTROL

**Hannah Smith**



## It's time to wake up to racial profiling

**B**y now, we are familiar with the passion with which the majority of Americans defend their right to bear arms. Philando Castile was shot during a routine police stop for a broken tail-light which didn't exist. Recent audio recordings suggest that the officers had pulled the car over because they "looked like they had been involved in a robbery". The emergence of these tapes could actually start to make sense of the picture, as much as racial profiling can ever make sense. But the police department involved has not yet verified the recordings. What we do know is that Castile was just a man, in a car, with his girlfriend and baby. A black man whose crime was seemingly being black and carrying a gun he was licensed for and that he mentioned to the police officer voluntarily. The police officer who featured in the widely shared video of the aftermath of Castile's shooting has said that he specifically told him not to reach for anything. Castile's girlfriend, however, claims that the officer asked Castile to get his licence and then told him not to move; as Castile went to put his arms up, she says, he was shot. And here lies the problem with America's constitution. Castile is by no means the only man to be killed by US police; in fact official

figures show that US police killed more white men than black men last year. However, the figures get more complicated when you dig further. Compared to the overall population, a black man is twice as likely to be killed by the police as a white man. When you look into the individual circumstances behind the shootings, it gets increasingly difficult to find an example of a white man being shot by police just because they were white and possibly armed, whereas it is strikingly easy to find examples of unarmed black men being shot just because police thought they had a gun (whether or not they actually did). What you will discover if you scroll through the individual cases of police shootings from 2015 is that the majority of police shootings against white or black men are provoked, as you might expect. In many cases, police have been directly shot at or otherwise attacked. However, I only found examples of white men being shot when there was no direct attack on officers after the police had been called to suicides or called to attend an individual with mental health issues. Despite staggering evidence of white aggression towards police officers, it remains the black man who's seen as threatening. If the US cares about its constitution, the country must overcome that prejudice, or give up their idolatrous worship of guns.

## ARCHAEOLOGY

# 'Super farm' find rewrites history of ancient Britain

By Emily Beament

Aerial laser scanning to discover the archaeological secrets under an area of ancient woodland has revealed prehistoric farming on "an astonishing scale".

The discovery of large-scale farming from before the Roman invasion in the South Downs National Park suggests a degree of civilisation closer to ancient Greece, Egypt or Rome than what is known of prehistoric Britain, archaeologists said.

The lidar (light detection and ranging) survey has also unearthed a Roman road which had been speculated about for decades, experts said.

**i** The relatively new lidar technique involves an aircraft-mounted laser beam that scans the ground and produces accurate 3D models of surviving features.

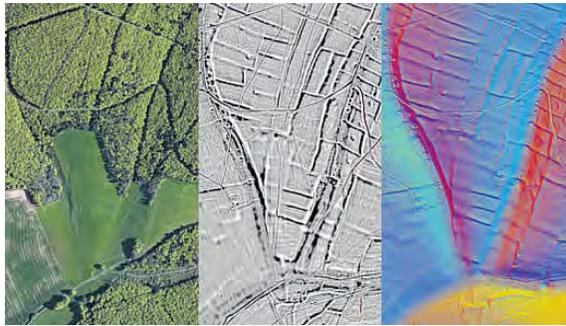
The project, supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, looked at an area of ancient woodland in West Sussex and East Hampshire, between Queen Elizabeth Country Park and the Arun river valley.

Images of land between Lamb Lea Woods and Charlton Forest showed that a field system which was already protected as a scheduled monument was just a small part of a vast and continuous swathe of later prehistoric cultivation extending under a now wooded area.

Trevor Beattie, the chief executive of the South Downs National Park Authority, said: "The lidar survey lets us peel back the woodland cover from the National Park to reveal archaeology both hidden, and protected, by the trees.

"One of our biggest findings is the discovery of a vast area farmed by prehistoric people on an astonishing scale."

James Kenny, the archaeological officer at Chichester District Coun-



Laser scanning of the South Downs National Park (above), and a satellite picture of the Lamb Lea scheduled monument (below), reveal the extent of prehistoric farming on the South Downs before the Romans arrived PA



cil, said the evidence suggested the field system dates back to before the Romans settled in Britain.

It also raises many questions, as to

who was growing the crops, who was eating the food and – given no settlements have been found – where they were living, he said.

## HISTORY

## Brexit bolsters case to return Elgin Marbles

By Ian Johnston

A cross-party group of MPs has launched a fresh attempt to return the Elgin Marbles to Greece on the 200th anniversary of the British government's decision to buy them – a move that campaigners said could help the UK secure a better deal during the Brexit talks with the EU.

About half of the surviving 2,500-year-old marble sculptures were taken from the Parthenon in Athens by Thomas Bruce, the seventh Earl of Elgin, and later bought by the British government on 11 July, 1816. The rest of the sculptures are in the Acropolis Museum in Greece.

The Parthenon Sculptures (Return to Greece) Bill was presented by Liberal Democrat MP Mark Williams, who said the Bill proposed to annul what Parliament did 200 years ago, when it "state-sanctioned the improper acquisition of these impressive and important sculptures from Greece".

Andrew George, chairman of the British Association for the Reunification of the Parthenon Sculptures, said the case for returning the sculptures was stronger following the Brexit vote. THE INDEPENDENT

## URGENT ACTION

# FREE NAZANIN

British-Iranian dual national Nazanin Zaghari Ratcliffe took her two-year-old daughter Gabriella to visit her parents in Iran. But when they tried to board their flight home to the UK, Nazanin was arrested.

Today marks 100 days since her arrest. She has been denied access to a lawyer and has only been allowed very restricted visits from her family. Nazanin has also been subjected to solitary confinement, prompting fears that she may be coerced into a 'confession'. Reports are circulating that the authorities have now formally brought charges – but no details have been revealed.

Iran routinely detains returning citizens with dual nationality, often holding them indefinitely and accusing them of being a threat to national security. Nazanin's husband Richard has not been allowed to travel to Iran. Not only this, but the authorities have confiscated their daughter's passport, so she is currently being looked after by Nazanin's family and cannot return home.

Please send a text today and help reunite Nazanin with her family. Amnesty International's urgent petition calls on the Iranian authorities to immediately release her, or charge her with an internationally recognised crime.

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## HEALTH

# Transfusions riskier 'if blood is from women or young donors'

By Paul Gallagher  
HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

Your chances of surviving after being given a blood transfusion are lower if the donation has been made by a woman or young person, the first study of its kind suggests.

Red blood cell transfusions are the most common medical procedure in hospitals, with more than 100 million units collected worldwide every year for this purpose, according to the World Health Organisation. But now an extensive Canadian study published in *JAMA Internal Medicine* has shown a link between blood donor characteristics and transfusion recipients' outcomes.

Scientists evaluated the impact of blood donor sex and age on recipient outcomes by linking 30,503 transfusion recipients at the Ottawa Hospital between October 2006 and December 2013 with their respective blood donors – 80,755 in total.

The average age of the recipients was just over 66, and their outcomes were followed for an average of 2.3 years, with a maximum follow-up time of just over seven years.

The researchers found that recipients of female donor red blood cells were associated with an 8 per cent increased risk of death, from any cause, per unit transfused, compared with recipients of male donor red blood cells.

For example, for a recipient that received six units of red blood cells, this would translate into an associ-

ated risk of death of 36 per cent for recipients of all-female donor blood compared with 27 per cent for recipients of all-male donor blood one year later.

The researchers also found similar associations with red blood cells from younger donors.

Recipients of blood from donors aged 17 to 20 were associated with an 8 per cent increased risk of death per unit transfused compared with recipients of red blood cells from donors aged 40 to 50.

"These results are intriguing and suggest that if you require a transfusion, your clinical outcome may be affected by the blood donor's age and sex," said the senior author, Dr Dean Fergusson of the Ottawa Hospital.

"However, our study was observational in nature, which means it cannot be considered definitive evidence."

Further research is needed to confirm these findings and to look at possible biological mechanisms, although the team said one possibility is that components in the blood of younger donors or female donors may affect the immune system of the transfusion recipient.

**8**  
Percentage increased risk of death from blood from 17- to 20-year-olds

**i** Recipients of red blood cells from donors aged 20 to 30 were associated with a **6 per cent increased risk of death** per transfused product compared with recipients of cells from donors aged 40 to 50.

## SPACE

## There is life on Mars, expert says

By Will Worley

David Bowie's famous question about life on Mars has been answered by a leading scientist who claims it is likely to exist in the form of simple bacteria.

The bacteria probably float in water below the frozen surface of the Red Planet (inset) and may be similar to those which exist on Earth beneath Antarctica, according to Alfred McEwen, a professor of planetary geology at the University of Arizona who led the team which discovered liquid water on Mars.

"The billion-year old [geological] record of life on Earth is largely lost, but on Mars it's still preserved,"

he said in comments at Tenerife's Starmus festival, reported by *The Times*.

"There is probably a connection between life on Mars and life on Earth. So the search for ancient life on Mars may really be a search for the origin of life on Earth."

He added that a depth of a few kilometres on Mars was "warm enough to keep H<sub>2</sub>O in a liquid state", so "if there was ever life on Mars in the past, it probably survives to the present day in these underground pockets."

He added that this was probably because of cataclysmic events in space billions of years ago.



## POLICE

## Former Ukip MEP hits out at 'vanity case'

By Henry Austin

A former Ukip MEP cleared of expenses fraud has accused police of leading a "vanity case" against her.

Nikki Sinclair (pictured), who represented the West Midlands in Brussels and Strasbourg until 2014, had denied deliberately submitting £3,250 in European parliamentary expenses claims and laundering the money.

The first transgender parliamentarian in the UK was accused of claiming for road travel she never made. The 47-year-old and her lawyers maintained that instead the expenses had been "deliberately corrupted" by her former office aide, John Ison.

Mr Ison had admitted in Birmingham Crown Court that he had sent a message to another party about the 47-year-old, which read: "OK, Plan B - fraud."

West Midlands Police said it had acted in a "diligent and professional" way. Speaking after the verdict, Ms Sinclair said she found it "incredible that on the say-so of one embittered man, West Midlands [Police] spent... in the region of £1.5m chasing a vanity case of £3,200."

## HEALTH

## Aids no longer a major problem in Australia

By Harry Pearl  
IN SYDNEY

Australia has declared that the Aids epidemic is no longer a public health issue there, a month after the United Nations adopted an ambitious target to eliminate the threat of the illness globally by 2030.

The government-backed

Australian Federation of Aids Organisations (AFAO) and leading scientists said that the number of people being diagnosed with Aids in Australia was now so small that it was no longer reported.

Aids cases in Australia peaked in 1994, at 953 cases. Since then, following the introduction of anti-retroviral treatment, and health

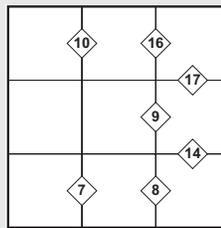
education campaigns, Aids diagnoses have declined sharply.

"Australia is incredibly fortunate to be in the position and it's because of far-sighted government policy," said Darryl O'Donnell, chief executive of AFAO. "We had community organisations doing outreach campaigns that were extraordinarily effective," he said. REUTERS

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DEVELOPMENT

# New 'scramble for Africa' led by UK companies

By Cahal Milmo

British companies are at the forefront of a new "scramble for Africa" with the help of the Government, which is seeing the continent lose as much as £45bn a year to the developed world, a study claims today.

The campaign group War on Want has pinpointed 101 corporations and companies listed on the London Stock Exchange who between them now control resources in Africa worth at least \$1.05 trillion (£810bn), including 6.6bn barrels of oil and 79.5m ounces of gold. The figure is equivalent to the GDP of Mexico.

An investigation into the holdings, whose beneficiaries include some of Britain's biggest corporate names, such as Rio Tinto, BP and the Jersey-based commodities giant Glencore, found that 36 of the 101 companies control mineral resources in sub-Saharan Africa across a land area larger than Germany. The campaigners claim the profits seen by the companies and their shareholders from their access to five key raw materials - oil, gold, diamonds, coal and platinum - are not being fairly shared with the originating countries, and British government policy is assisting a "new colonial invasion".

War on Want said ministers and Whitehall were "complicit" in helping to ensure that UK-based companies

had access to commodities in countries from Ghana to South Africa. As a result, British business is extracting vastly more revenue from the continent than it is receiving in aid or economic development, it is claimed.

Research has found that sub-Saharan Africa receives some £103bn a year in aid, loans and foreign investment, but sees £148bn flow outwards in profits, lost tax receipts and costs such as adapting to climate change - a net cost of £45bn a year.

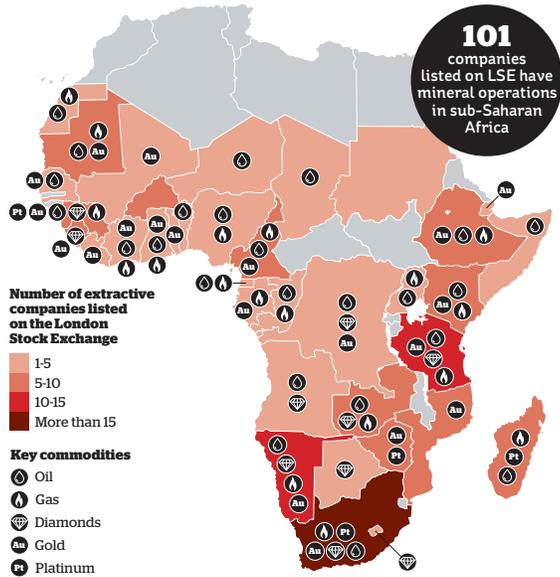
Saranel Benjamin, international programmes director at War on Want, said: "The African continent is today facing a new colonial invasion, no less devastating in scale and impact than the one it suffered during the 19th century."

A Dfid spokeswoman said: "The UK plays a leading role in supporting Africa to make the most of its oil, gas and mining resources, providing vital foreign investment to encourage economic development, as well as expert advice to help manage resources effectively and stamp out corruption."

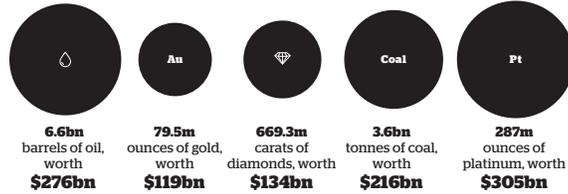
**War on Want** said it wanted to see measures to ensure that **more revenues from mining stayed in the host country**, rather than being exported, often via tax havens.

## Mineral wealth Lands of opportunity

Corporations listed on the London Stock Exchange have secured access to vast quantities of raw materials across Africa. But campaign group War on Want claim it represents a bad deal for the continent and its people.



The 101 LSE-listed companies control, among other commodities:



VALUES CALCULATED ON PRICES 2015-2016

SOURCE: WAR ON WANT

AVIATION

# Control towers may be felled by airport technology

By Will Worley

Airport control towers could soon be obsolete thanks to new technology which will allow controllers to operate hundreds of miles away.

The fixed towers, a feature of airports since 1930, could be replaced by a system of cameras and sensors, according to the Swedish defence firm, Saab. The system would reduce costs associated with running, staffing and maintaining the traditional towers.

Several major British passenger airports are considering scrapping their traditional air traffic control towers in favour of the digital technology, Saab said, adding the move would save money but not compromise safety.

"Digital towers have the potential to be transformational for many British airports and is testament to the way technology is transforming our airports," said Per Ahl, spokesperson for Saab.

"We are in conversation with a number of British airports who are interested in our technology and I am confident that in a decade the traditional tower will become obsolete."

In Ireland, the system is already used at Cork and Shannon airports, where planes are directed from a centre at Dublin airport.

Similar systems have been tested in the US, Sweden, Australia and Norway.

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- 25 Roman boxer, with ear turned in roughly (8)
- 27 Overheard peevish complaint - an answer to all clues, initially (4)
- 28 Military base includes centre for uranium - an answer to all clues, initially (10)

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- 1 A piece of cake - recipe promoted in comic (6)
- 2 Number one journal in motor racing country (4)
- 3 Saw ceiling of apartment (upper limits) (6)
- 4 Energising family and others to circle island (7)
- 5 Vagrant nude follows pub circuit, making derogatory reference (8)
- 6 Employee of casino, informer framing ring in court (8)
- 8 Round the twist without husband - an answer to all clues, initially (5)
- 12 Diego's one woman (3)
- 14 Old courtier first to request when to enter (8)
- 15 New Astra collected by text messaging know-all (8)
- 17 Eyed up fish bones (3)
- 18 Foreign aunty maintained self-catering place producing Chianti (7)
- 20 Outwardly polite with master - an answer to all clues, initially (5)
- 22 Remove permit when accessing river (6)
- 23 Underwater swimmers lounge around front of motor-boat (6)
- 26 Stomach and backbone (4)

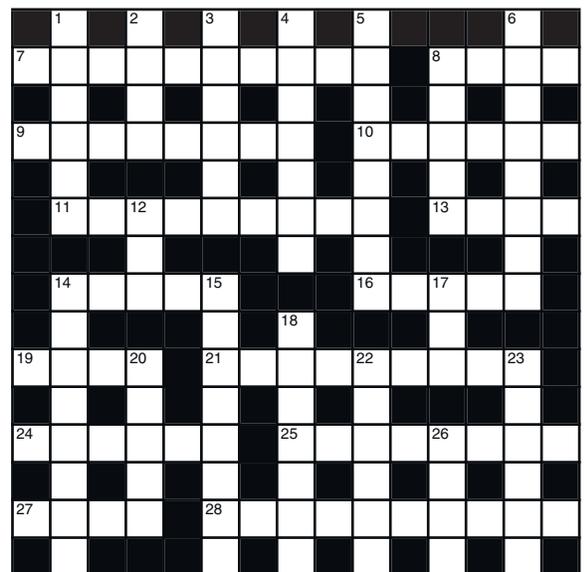
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## UNITED STATES

# Obama to lead mourning for Dallas officers

By Michael Day  
FOREIGN EDITOR

President Barack Obama will arrive in Dallas today to speak at the memorial service for five police officers killed last week by a racially motivated sniper.

Mr Obama (*inset*) will meet privately with relatives of the dead officers and “personally express the nation’s support and gratitude” for their service and sacrifice, in a country riven by racial distrust.

His visit follows 200 arrests in Louisiana’s state capital, Baton Rouge, during the weekend, and protests around the country by thousands of people furious over the slew of police killings of young black men, which prompted the sniper attack

by a 25-year-old African-American, Micah Johnson.

Racial tensions remain at boiling point following last week’s killings of Alton Sterling in Baton Rouge and Philando Castile in Minnesota by white officers.

DeRay Mckesson, a prominent Black Lives Matter activist who was released from jail on Sunday following his arrest at a Baton Rouge protest, accused city police of provoking protesters.

Mr Mckesson said he hoped the Justice Department, which already is investigating Sterling’s death, also reviewed how Baton Rouge police have treated

protesters. “There’s a lot of work to be done, with this police department specifically,” he said.

Among the demonstrators in Baton Rouge was Beyoncé’s sister, Solange Knowles, who criticised the police’s approach before the arrests. “Protesters/marchers have been nothing but peaceful today in Baton Rouge. Police are here pulling out tear gas while children are around,” the pop singer wrote on Twitter.

Police blamed “out of town protesters” for weekend unrest in the city which led to a total of 160 arrests.

Meanwhile, the Dallas police chief,

David Brown, gave more details yesterday on how Johnson, the US military veteran who killed the five police officers, had asked negotiators how many people he had shot and told them he wanted to kill more.

Explosives found at his home suggested he had been plotting a larger assault, said officials, who were still trying to understand a message he wrote in his own blood on a wall before being killed by a bomb-equipped robot sent in by the police.

Johnson told police negotiators during an hours-long standoff that he had been angered by those deaths and had wanted to “kill white people”.

The killer, who had served with the US Army Reserve and had been deployed in Afghanistan, had been “disappointed” in his experience

with the military, his mother told TheBlaze.com in an interview broadcast online yesterday. “The military was not what Micah thought it would be,” Delphine Johnson told *TheBlaze*. “He was very disappointed. Very disappointed.” She did not give details.

It has been reported that while Johnson was in Afghanistan from November 2013 to July 2014, a female soldier in his unit accused him of sexual harassment.

**i** A white Detroit police detective has been demoted after calling the Black Lives Matter movement “racists” and “terrorists”. Officer Nate Weekley posted the remarks on Facebook.



## Black Lives Matter image becomes icon of protest

By Alexandra Sims

Amid ongoing protests across the US over police killings of black men, a still image showing one demonstrator being confronted by officers has been labelled “iconic” and praised for encapsulating the Black Lives Matter movement (*right*).

More than 200 people were arrested during a demonstration in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at the weekend, according to police. It took place after 37-year-old Alton Sterling was shot dead in Baton Rouge while being held down by two white police officers on Tuesday morning last week.

The iconic image was taken as demonstrators, including many supporting the civil rights movement Black Lives Matter, gathered outside Baton Rouge police department headquarters on Saturday in protest against the deaths.

Taken by Jonathon Bachman, a New Orleans-based photographer working for Reuters, the image of the woman wearing a thin dress standing stoically in front of two police officers in riot gear, who appear to be hurriedly approaching her, has been widely shared online. THE INDEPENDENT



## PHILIPPINES

## ‘Kill more drug dealers’

By Will Worley

The Philippines Solicitor General, Jose Calida, has called on the nation’s police forces to kill more suspected drug dealers, as the populist government of President Rodrigo Duterte unleashes a brutal war on criminals.

Police say they have killed more than 110 suspects since Mr Duterte, nicknamed “The Punisher”, won elections in May after promising

a crackdown on law and order. At a press conference yesterday, Mr Calida acknowledged that there had been a huge number of deaths at police hands but added: “To me, that is not enough,” according to Agence France-Presse.

“How many drug addicts or pushers are there in the Philippines? Our villages are almost saturated [with drugs],” he said.

He also insisted that the police were acting legally.

## NORTH KOREA

## South warned over defence plan

North Korea has said it will make a “physical response” to moves by the US and South Korea to deploy the advanced Thaad missile defence system on the Korean peninsula to counter North Korea’s nuclear and ballistic missile capabilities.

The Thaad deployment follows the decision by Pyongyang to perform its fourth nuclear test this year. REUTERS

## UNITED STATES

## Real fizz added to election

By Pat Aaron-Robb  
IN NEW BRITAIN

A Connecticut soft drink company is hoping to add a little fizz to this year’s US presidential election by releasing two products named after the presumptive nominees.

Avery’s Beverages, a 112-year-old soda maker in New Britain, is offering Trump Tonic and Hillary Hooch – named after the Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Hillary Clinton.

Trump Tonic comes with the slogan “Make America grape again.” “It’s got a bolder flavour than traditional grape soda and is a bit more acidic,” said Rob Metz, Avery’s general manager.

“It’s not sure exactly what it wants to be,” Mr Metz said of Hillary Hooch. “So we’ve got some strawberry in there, we’ve got some blue raspberry lemon and we added a bunch of lemon for bitterness.” He said the goal was to bring “a little fun and perhaps some taste” into the campaign. AP

# Panorama

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## ECUADOR

### Coastline struck by latest quake

A shallow earthquake with a magnitude of 6.4 struck Ecuador's north-west coast on Sunday, in the region of April's deadly quake.

The quake was centred near the town of Esmeraldas, north-west of the capital, Quito, at a depth of about 22 miles, the US Geological Survey said.

The coastal region has been hit by a series of quakes since the 7.8 tremor in April that killed more than 650 people, in what was the South American nation's most severe earthquake in decades. REUTERS

## INDONESIA

### More executions to come this year

At least two convicts, including foreigners, will be executed in Indonesia this year, the attorney general has said.

Muhammad Prasetyo said the prisoners would be executed by firing squad, but did not give details of the crimes of which they were convicted.

"The implementation of the executions will be carried out after the [Eid al-Fitr] holiday period that has just ended," Mr Prasetyo said.

Last year, Indonesia executed 14 people, mostly foreign drug traffickers, and has vowed to ramp up that number despite international condemnation. REUTERS

## SOMALIA

### Islamist rebels kill at least 10 soldiers in raid

By Feisal Omar  
IN MOGADISHU

Al-Shabaab Islamist militants rammed a car packed with explosives into a Somali army base south-west of the capital yesterday and stormed inside, killing at least 10 soldiers.

The assault on a base 30 miles outside Mogadishu was part of the group's campaign to try to topple the Western-backed government and impose its own strict interpretation of Islam.

The al-Shabaab spokesman Abdiasis Abu Musab said 30 soldiers had been killed in the raid that lasted several hours before his group withdrew.

On Sunday, the President's office said the government had destroyed an al-Shabaab base used to store military supplies in a region south of Mogadishu without resistance. REUTERS

## Postcard From... Kannauj

Hundreds of thousands of people in India's most populous state jostled for space yesterday as they attempted to plant 50 million trees over 24 hours in the hope of shattering the world record.

Officials in Uttar Pradesh have distributed millions of saplings to be planted across the state in a bid to get into Guinness World Records for the most trees planted in a day. The current record is 847,275, set in Pakistan in 2013.

Uttar Pradesh's Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav, said the planting would spread awareness and enthusiasm

about afforestation and environmental conservation.

"The world has realised that serious efforts are needed to reduce carbon emissions to mitigate the effects of global climate change. Uttar Pradesh has made a beginning in this regard," Mr Yadav told volunteers in the city of Kannauj, 155 miles south-west of the state capital, Lucknow.

India's government is encouraging all 29 states to start tree-planting drives as part of commitments made at last year's climate change summit. The government has designated more than \$6.2bn (£4.7bn) for tree-planting across the country, in keeping with its pledge to push India's forest cover to 95 million hectares (235 million acres) by 2030. AP

Biswajeet Banerjee

## CHINA

# EU criticises Beijing record on trade and human rights

By Louise Watt  
IN BEIJING

The EU trade commissioner has criticised Chinese trade barriers and human rights abuses in a hard-hitting speech.

Speaking in Beijing, Cecilia Malmstrom said the EU supported Beijing's path toward a more market-oriented economy promised in 2013, but had not seen "much progress".

Recently established free-trade zones in China have made "relatively limited progress or been abandoned and there are still concerns about the enforcement of intellectual property rights; and discrimination against



Cecilia Malmstrom said China had taken repressive steps backward GETTY

EU businesses remains a fact," she said. She added that China had taken repressive steps backward with laws concerning national security and

non-governmental organisations, and in the field of cyber security. Concerns remain "about the predictability and transparency of the legal and regulatory systems".

In the past year, Chinese authorities have launched a crackdown on lawyers and human rights defenders, passed a law that they said would help NGOs but that subjects them to police supervision, and enacted a national security law that particularly targets online activity.

"Moving China to the next phase of development requires that rule of law be part of that," Ms Malmstrom said. She criticised limitations on lawyers and restrictions on online freedom. AP



## Puppy love...

A baby seal at a breeding station in Friedrichskoog, northern Germany, yesterday. The

station close to the North Sea cares for abandoned seal pups. AXEL HEIMKEN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

## INDIA

### Killing of rebel leader prompts violent protests

By Aijaz Hussain  
IN SRINAGAR

Kashmiris clashed again with police and troops yesterday in violence that has killed 20 so far, as youths defied a curfew to protest against the killing of a top anti-India rebel leader.

The Himalayan region erupted in protests on Saturday, a day after Indian troops killed Burhan Wani, the 22-year-old leader of Kashmir's largest rebel group, Hizbul Mujahideen, which has been fighting since the 1990s against Indian rule.

As news of his death spread, crowds of angry youths gathered to throw rocks at Indian police and paramilitary soldiers and shout: "Go India, go back!" Police said that some police and paramilitary posts were attacked, and that some homes of pro-India politicians were burned.

But protesters and doctors reported that injured people were attacked on their way to hospitals, and even in the hospitals. Doctors at Shri Maharaja Hari Singh hospital in Srinagar told Amnesty International the security forces had fired tear-gas shells in the hospital compound. AP

## ROMANIA

### Local food given legal precedence

Romania's President has signed new legislation obliging supermarkets to sell at least 51 per cent locally produced meat, fruit, eggs and vegetables.

President Klaus Iohannis enacted the law yesterday in a move to support Romanian farmers. The measure only applies to food retail outlets with an annual turnover greater than €2m (£1.7m). It is unclear if the law meets EU competition rules. AP

## UNITED STATES

### Convicts come to aid of guard

Prisoners at a Texas jail broke out of a holding cell to help save an armed guard after they saw him collapse from a suspected heart attack. At least eight inmates were in a holding cell when the lone guard slumped and fell. Inmates yelled for help, broke out of the cell and banged on doors.

Sheriff's deputies rushed to the basement and summoned paramedics, who revived the guard. Parker County sheriff Mark Arnett hailed the inmates' quick response. AP

## UNITED STATES

### Guantanamo exit for Yemeni inmate

A Yemeni prisoner at Guantanamo Bay has been released and sent to Italy after more than 14 years in custody, the Pentagon has said.

The release of Fayiz Ahmad Yahia Suleiman reduced the number held at the US base in Cuba to 78. He was among about two dozen low-level Guantanamo prisoners expected to be released in coming weeks as part of efforts to close the prison. AP

## ISRAEL

# Netanyahu money transfer investigated

By Tia Goldenberg  
IN JERUSALEM

Police are investigating money-laundering claims that have hit Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Prosecutors are looking at the suspicious transfer of a large sum of money to the Israeli leader or one of his family members.

The news is a fresh blow to Mr Netanyahu, who has been fighting off accusations of shady dealings and financial mismanagement against him and his wife (both pictured).

Israel's justice ministry did not disclose what the suspicions against Mr Netanyahu were. But reports in Israeli media in recent days have said that Mr Netanyahu or one of his family members received large sums of money, allegedly unrelated to political campaigns.

The ministry's statement said the media reports were "incorrect to

say the least" and that the attorney general had not yet launched a full-fledged criminal investigation against Mr Netanyahu.

"As happened in all previous instances, when deeds attributed to Prime Minister Netanyahu turned out to be baseless, here as well there will be nothing, because there is nothing," Nir Hefetz, an adviser to the Netanyahu family, said.

Mr Netanyahu and his wife, Sara, have been dogged by scandals in recent years that have contributed to an unflattering reputation for lavish living that is out of touch with the average Israeli. The scandals do not seem to have threatened his rule, but have been a source of embarrassment.

Ms Netanyahu, who has long been a lightning rod of controversy, has been accused of mistreatment by former employees at the couple's official residence, and the police have recommended indicting her over in-



**i** Benjamin Netanyahu is the **second longest-serving Prime Minister** in Israel's history and upon the completion of his current term he will become the longest-serving.

flated household spending and misuse of state funds.

She spent more than \$600,000 (£463,000) of public funds on a six-day trip to New York last year. Arnaud Mimran, a French man convicted of a carbon tax fraud last week, claimed he gave Mr Netanyahu large sums for one of his election campaigns, which, if true, would violate Israel's campaign finance laws.

Mr Netanyahu said he lawfully received a \$40,000 donation from Mimran while he held no office. The Netanyahus have denied any wrongdoing. AP

## CHINA

## Hospitals 'using human guinea pigs'

By Adam Jourdan  
IN SHANGHAI

China's military hospitals are selling experimental and illegal cancer "cures", and the recent death of a patient - or human guinea pig - has brought the scandal into the open.

For Wei Zexi, a 21-year-old student, the lure of a miracle cure was hard to resist: he was dying from a rare cancer and a well-known Beijing hospital claimed to be offering a treatment with an 80 percent chance of success and no side effects.

The military-run hospital did not, however, have regulatory approval to offer the immunotherapy course it sold to Mr Wei for a steep fee. The treatment itself, called DC-CIK, while promising, is widely considered by global cancer specialists



An inquiry into Wei Zexi's death revealed serious problems at the Chinese military hospital

to be at the experimental stage. Mr Wei died at the age of 21, and the outcry his case provoked has thrown a spotlight on hundreds of

hospitals run by branches of China's armed forces.

Reuters interviews with patients, doctors and lawyers show that military-run medical facilities across the country regularly provide - and advertise - treatments that are not approved by the Chinese health ministry. Immunotherapy is classed as a category three treatment, meaning it is "ethically problematic", "high risk" or "still in need of clinical verification".

China's health ministry has little influence over military hospitals, which come under the control of the armed forces.

"Response rates to DC-CIK which are not approved - and in fact to all current immunotherapy - are modest," said Andrew Furness, an immunotherapy expert at University College London. REUTERS

## BANGLADESH

## Islamic TV station closed after Dhaka café attack

By Runa Paul  
IN DHAKA

Bangladesh said yesterday it was shutting down the Islamic television channel Peace TV after a deadly attack on a café in the capital, Dhaka, on 1 July.

Peace TV, a private channel which was founded by the Indian Islamic preacher Zakir Naik, was said to have inspired some of the attackers.

The attack on the Holy Artisan Café in an upmarket suburb was one of the deadliest in Bangladesh, with many of the hostages being hacked to death

during a 12-hour siege. The US State Department has warned Americans to consider carefully whether they need to travel to Bangladesh following a series of attacks claimed by Isis. US officials say that "the terrorist threat is real and credible". An American was among those killed in the siege.

Isis and al-Qaeda have made competing claims for a series of killings of liberals and members of religious minorities in Bangladesh in the past year. The government has dismissed those claims and insists that the violence is homegrown. REUTERS

## ITALY

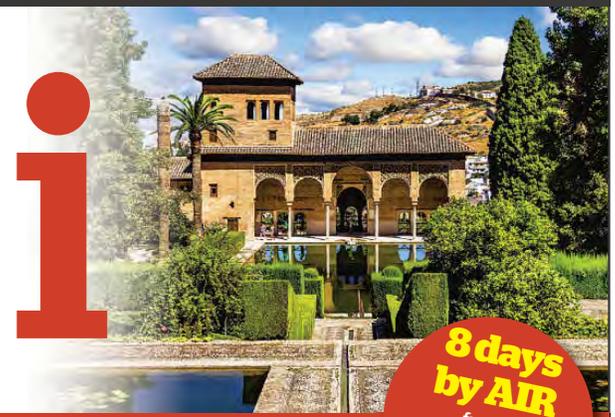
## Euro chief downplays banking woes

Jeroen Dijsselbloem, the Dutch Finance Minister and president of the Eurogroup organisation of eurozone finance ministers, has sought to downplay concerns over Italy's banks, insisting that their problems are "not an acute crisis".

Concerns over the parlous state of several Italian banks have built into a full-blown scare that their bad debts - and EU rules limiting the bailouts available to them - could soon precipitate a financial crisis in the eurozone.

Mr Dijsselbloem said the financial issues would be "dealt with gradually". AP

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## SYRIA

# Ancient wonder to ghost town

**Robert Fisk** visits Palmyra, a world heritage site that became the setting for Isis atrocities

**O**n the highway to Palmyra, across the desert from Homs, a Russian armoured convoy shimmered in the heat. The landscape is a grey, gritty, hostile sand that stretches all the way to Isis-land, not like the soft yellow dunes of the Gulf, but the Russian soldiers seemed unperturbed. One stood on the roadway, automatic rifle on his right arm, shades over his eyes, grinning at us while beside his armoured personnel carrier.

It's strange how a Westerner reacts to the Russian army these days. Aren't these the sons of the guys who invaded Afghanistan in 1979 – another “limited intervention” I recall at the time – and are these not the very same soldiers now in the Crimea? Yet we are ambivalent. Out in this sandfield, with Isis and their motor-bike attackers only a few miles away, I must admit that it's a tad reassuring to see Putin's lads on the road.

They are a mine-clearing unit, working in the streets of Palmyra. “No mines,” it says in Russian on every street corner in big red paint. The Russian base in Palmyra is safe from Isis's network of explosives and underground booby-traps. For now. But Palmyra is a mournful place. A few civilians have returned, but dust blows the garbage down haunted streets. I find the mosque, outside of which a dozen men were lined up and ritually beheaded in streams of blood after Isis captured the city. Not a trace now, of course, of suffering or horror.

In the ruins of the Roman amphitheatre, we notice a rope tied round the top of a Corinthian column with a small loop underneath to hold a noose – Isis's handiwork, too obscure and high for Palmyra's liberators to cut it down.

This is not a place where named Syrian generals talk openly of their March liberation of the ancient Roman city with Russian

military help. I am introduced to an unsmiling, tough Syrian army intelligence officer, a general whose office walls are adorned with two photographs of him in uniform alongside Bashar al-Assad. No names are offered for this man, although he fought in May 2015 when the Isis legions struck the city: 40 of his colleagues fought to the end. They are officially listed as missing in action but the general is still trying to find their mass grave.

“Daesh [Isis] destroyed all civilian life here,” he says. “They destroyed water, electricity, communications, the municipality building, the museum. Even when we liberated

**☞ The decision to leave was to spare the civilians and the Roman ruins. Isis came with 2,500 men and attacked from five directions**

the city this year in Operation Badia, we had delegations from the UN and the Syrian Red Cross and Russian journalists who had been told that Isis had re-entered Palmyra and that our army had fled. This was Isis propaganda.” The Arabic “badia” means “unique”, not a bad name for a Syrian-Russian ground and air operation to recapture a Roman city.

And when I ask the intelligence man if he could have recaptured Palmyra without Russian help, he does not hesitate. “No!” he says. “We do not forget that we are a country at war for five years. We aren't fighting other states. We are fighting terrorist organisations from all over the world with very sophisticated weapons. Even the intelligence organisation of the US and Britain are at the source of these operations. The air and bombing support from the Russians is a very great help. We could continue without them, but it would be much harder.”

To “continue”, the general is



talking about an advance into the heartland of Isis-held Syria. He doesn't see this task being as difficult as the bitter struggle to retake Palmyra. “Mountains surround Palmyra from the east, west and north. In March, we had to move our tanks into the mountains. But the way to Deir ez-Zor is flat, and we will be able to destroy the power of Isis.

“Towards Deir ez-Zor are the resources of Syrian minerals under Isis control, but now we have already got back all of the Jezal gas field and the fields north of Palmyra,” he said.

Though surrounded by thousands of Islamist fighters, the city of Deir ez-Zor and its civilian and military

airfields are still under Syrian army control. The general speaks of the strategy used by his men to strike outside Palmyra, to hit suicide trucks and armour with tank fire, rather than let their opponents reach their frontlines.

He holds out a picture of a heavily armoured truck in which Isis placed a huge bomb but whose suicide driver could only move a few hundred yards before it sank into the sand – where Syrian engineers defused the tons of explosives that were found inside.

The dead Isis fighters are from Chechnya, Afghanistan, Pakistan – there were a few Kuwaitis and Qataris, but also many Saudis, the intelligence man says – and their

**Syria's ravaged Palmyra Unesco world heritage site, which is now under armed guard (inset) after being retaken from Isis** AP/GETTY

bodies were buried by his army “in a proper way, in sharia law” in a Muslim cemetery, the general insists. That would certainly be a change from other Syrian battlefields, where the men whom the government calls “terrorists” are left unburied to be eaten by dogs. Some of the dead foreign fighters are dragged away by Isis – an odd tactic noticed over several years in Syria, sometimes adopted with the use of hooks to extricate corpses – while others are burned by the Islamists after they die.

## MIDDLE EAST

## Risk of retaliation increases as ‘caliphate’ shrinks

By Will Worley

The amount of territory controlled by Isis in Syria and Iraq shrunk by 12 per cent in the first half of 2016, according to a defence consultancy.

Researchers at IHS found the “caliphate” proclaimed by Isis two years ago had fallen by 68,300sq km (26,400sq miles).

But it warned that territorial losses had led Isis to step up retaliatory attacks on civilian targets elsewhere in the Middle East

and also in Europe – and these were likely to intensify.

“As a result, we unfortunately expect an increase in mass casualty attacks and sabotage of economic infrastructure, across Iraq and Syria, and further afield, including Europe,” Columb Strack, an analyst at IHS, told BBC Online.

Meanwhile, the United States is sending 560 more troops to Iraq to help it in a campaign to snatch back Mosul from Isis.

Most of the new troops will be

stationed at the Qayara air base, about 40 miles south of Iraq's second city, and include engineers and support staff, the US Defence Secretary, Ash Carter, said yesterday during a visit to Baghdad.

He said: “These additional US forces will bring unique capabilities to the campaign and provide critical enabler support to Iraqi forces at a key moment in the fight.”

The increase brings the total American military strength in Iraq to 4,647 personnel.



Intriguingly, the general believes that the Nusrah Front is now in some ways more powerful than Isis. "Perhaps Nusrah are more powerful because they have better, more sophisticated weapons, but Isis is in other ways more powerful because the area it controls is bigger and has a greater money supply from the oil and gas fields they have."

The general says he fought with his intelligence units for eight days when Palmyra was attacked at 9.45pm on 12 May last year.

"The decision was taken to leave in order to spare the civilians and the Roman ruins. Isis came with 2,500 men and with very many car bombs and they attacked from five directions, including from Raqqa, the Wadi Abiat Dam, from the T3 gas station and the countryside of Hama. My 40 operators here fought on and they are now still missing."

The Roman ruins lie as they did when the Syrians and Russians retook Palmyra last March.

The temple of Bel can never be rebuilt from the cracked and crushed stone that lies in tens of thousands of pieces around it, while some of the ancient lintels splinter

upwards into the Roman columns of nearby colonnades, smashing hunks of them on to the ground.

The amphitheatre remains a place of darkness even in the harsh white sun of the Syrian summer. The

first executions on the Roman stage were of 25 Syrian soldiers, each killed by a young Isis boy who shot them in the back of the head with a pistol. The second execution session of 25 men included both soldiers and civilians.

The back of an iron door behind the theatre is decorated with a stencilled picture of Khaled Asad, the 82-year old director of antiquities decapitated by Isis in August 2015. They hung him from a Roman pillar, carefully replacing his spectacles on his severed head.

And high up on a roman pillar at the back of the stage, you can see that rope circling the column and a small loop to hold a noose. The Romans were just as cruel, of course. In one sense, Palmyra returned to its bloody history last year, and the modern slaughter will now have to be accepted – like the stones of the Temple of Bel – as proof to future visitors that we can still descend to the barbarism of antiquity. THE INDEPENDENT



## SOCIETY

## Luck runs out for gamblers

A record £1.7bn was lost on fixed odds machines last year. By **Paul Gallagher**

Inside a Bedfordshire bookmakers, one regular punter is standing before a machine. It's a Fixed Odds Betting Terminal (FOBT), and into this he is pumping pound coins – another pound gone, one after another, every few seconds. Soon, he becomes angry. Swearing and storming out of the shop, he shouts: "It's a f\*\*\*ing fix". That doesn't stop him returning the next day, however.

The house always wins, as the saying goes. And figures released by the Gambling Commission last month showed that Britons lost almost £12.6bn on gambling in the space of 12 months, in the year running up to September 2015 – a rise of more than a third on five years ago. The house is winning more and more.

Plenty of us gamble, even if we don't think of it in the same way as pouring cash into slots inside a bookies. After all, more than half the nation (52 per cent) plays the National Lottery at £2 a time.

But 4 per cent of the population, people just like the man in Bedford, gambled away a record £1.71bn by using the terminals, also known as FOBTs. They allow customers to stake

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up to £100 every 20 seconds on electronic versions of casino games such as roulette.

The Government has acknowledged the prevalence of "problem gambling" among FOBT users is comparatively high. In January, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport produced a report saying that its new regulations "dramatically reduced" stakes being placed over £50 on FOBTs. However, although the number of FOBTs dropped slightly by 0.6 per cent on the previous year, they took an extra £22m – meaning losses per gambler went up.

The implications of the FOBTs increased revenue should be interpreted "with caution", according to the Gambling Commission. "More money is being spent on a smaller number of machines, although the overall amounts lost on all products by betting shop customers has decreased," a spokesman said. "But [the figures] do not tell us if the additional spend is from people who are experiencing harm from their gambling."

Derek Webb, founder of the

Campaign for Fairer Gambling, disagrees. "FOBTs are the most addictive machines and the revenue lost on these is steadily increasing, particularly the amount of losses per machine," he told *i*. Many say that losses by gamblers began to surge after a ban on television and radio advertising by bookmakers was lifted by the Labour government in 2005.

Earlier this year, the House of Lords called for stakes on the machines (*inset*) to be cut. A Liberal Democrat peer, Lord Clement-Jones, said the gaming machines were "destroying lives and damaging communities".

The FOBT All-Party Parliamentary Group heard from several problem gamblers at their meeting last week.

"A couple of them had managed to stop altogether, one had relapsed,"

said Mr Webb, "but they all had one thing in common – they all got hooked through gambling on lower-stake machines and moving into higher-stakes machines."

It makes for big business for a select few companies. Ladbrokes, Gala Coral, Betfred and William Hill account for 87 per cent of all betting shops in the UK.

A small percentage of gamblers have undoubtedly profited over the last decade. Others have suffered. GamCare, a charity which helps people with gambling problems, has seen a 20 per cent increase in calls to its helpline over the last

five years while Divorce Online, a site which logs uncontested divorce petitions, has revealed that gambling is cited in one in five petitions as a reason.



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# Television Tuesday 12 July

## CRITIC'S CHOICE

GERARD GILBERT



### PICK OF THE DAY

#### The Job Interview

**9pm, Channel 4**  
A new series that's a lot like *First Dates*, this time with prospective employer and employee thrown together to see whether they're attracted to each other – except here the allure is largely a one-way street, as an assortment of genuine job-seekers struggle to impress (this week) Lorraine (left), the HR manager of a Welsh hire company, and the mother and daughter who run an upmarket wedding and events company. This is multi-rig documentary entertainment in the classic Channel 4 style, but there are also lessons to be learnt – such as not talking too much, or admitting that your reason for wanting the job is to "have a quiet life".

### Trust Me, I'm A Doctor

**8pm, BBC2**  
Are you beach body ready? Or, more intriguingly, is it possible to reap the benefits of exercise without actually doing any? The holy grail of the terminally lazy is investigated by Michael Mosley, as the self-experimenting broadcaster is joined by Dr Chris van Tulcken, Dr Gabriel Weston and Dr Salehah Ahsan for a seasonal edition of the health magazine, including a segment on the effectiveness of sun creams.

### Child Genius

**8pm, Channel 4**  
A fresh batch of 16 precocious youngsters and their pushy parents

get a reality check in the latest Mensa-orchestrated competition, with Richard Osman gently asking the questions. Actually, the preconception that all the parents are pushy is nicely undercut by Mog (aged 12 going on 52, but kind of likeable with it), who entered himself – his mum and dad sweetly bemused by his autodidacticism. On the other hand Hayley, the mother of 11-year-old Sophia (the younger sister of a previous year's contestant, Curtis), believes her children could be the next Torvill and Dean, while Curtis dresses up as Mozart to play the piano. Thousands of applicants were whittled down to this shortlist, and – here's a lesson for future hopefuls – dressing up as Mozart is more likely to attract the producers than simply being brainy.

### The Living And The Dead

**9pm, BBC1**  
Ashley Pharoah's 1890s-set supernatural drama is starting to become slightly repetitive as yet another disturbed youngster hears voices encouraging him or her to do bad things. This week it's Robert Emms, in the guise of fatherless farm-worker Peter, who is being lured from his bed by whispering spirits, just as Charlotte (Charlotte Spencer, of *E4's Glue* fame) prepares to bring in her first harvest. That haunting-of-the-week aspect aside, there's much to savour in the production, not least the gorgeous cinematography, while *Utopia* fans can see if they can spot Fiona O'Shaughnessy (aka 'Jessica Hyde') among the supporting cast.

	BBC1	BBC2	ITV	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5	BBC4	FILM4	ITV2	
<b>Daytime</b>	6.00 Breakfast (S) 9.15 Right On The Money (S) 10.00 Homes Under The Hammer (S) 11.00 The Wanted (R) (S) 11.45 Neighbourhood Blues (S) 12.15 Bargain Hunt (R) (S) 1.00 BBC News At One: Weather (S) 1.30 BBC Regional News: Weather (S) 1.45 Red Rock (S) 2.25 Escape To The Country (R) (S) 3.25 Garden Rescue (S) 4.10 Flog It! (R) (S) 5.10 Pointless Celebrities (R) (S)	6.00 Right On The Money (R) (S) 6.45 Garden Rescue (R) (S) 7.30 The Hairly Builder (R) (S) 8.00 Sign Zone: Close Calls: On Camera (R) (S) 8.30 Sign Zone: Gardeners' World (R) (S) 9.00 Victoria Derbyshire (S) 11.00 BBC Newsroom Live (S) 12.00 Daily Politics (S) 1.00 The Super League Show (S) 1.45 The Big Allotment Challenge (R) (S) 2.45 David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (R) (S) 3.10 Nature's Miracle Babies (R) (S) 4.10 Himalaya With Michael Palin (R) (S) 5.10 Antiques Roadshow (R) (S)	6.00 Good Morning Britain (S) 8.30 Lorraine (S) 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show (R) (S) 10.30 This Morning (S) 12.30 Loose Women (S) 1.30 ITV News: Weather (S) 1.55 ITV Regional News: Weather (S) 2.00 Judge Rinder (R) (S) 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal (S) 3.59 ITV Regional Weather (S) 4.00 Tipping Point (R) (S) 5.00 The Chase (R) (S)	6.40 Will & Grace (R) (S) 7.05 Will & Grace (R) (S) 7.30 Will & Grace (R) (S) 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S) 8.25 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S) 8.55 Dare To Believe: Al Jawad (R) (S) 9.00 Frasier (R) (S) 9.30 Frasier (R) (S) 10.00 Undercover Boss (R) (S) 11.00 A Place In The Sun: Winter Sun (R) (S) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary (S) 12.05 A Place In The Sun: Winter Sun (R) (S) 1.10 Posh Pawnbrokers (S) 2.10 Fifteen To One (S) 3.10 Countdown (S) 4.00 The Question Jury (S) 5.00 Couples Come Dine With Me (S)	6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff 11.15 To B&B The Best (S) 12.15 News Lunchtime (S) 12.15 Big Brother: Annihilation (R) (S) 1.10 Access (S) 4.15 Home And Away (S) 1.45 Neighbours (S) 2.15 NCIS (R) (S) 3.10 Rosamunde Pilcher: The Other Wife (R) (S) 5.00 5 News At 5 (S) 5.30 Neighbours (R) (S)	 It's harvest time, and Charlotte prepares to reap what she's sown in 'The Living And The Dead' 9pm, BBC1	 No sweat? Michael Mosley looks at exercise 8pm, BBC2	 Richard Osman quizzes another 'Child Genius' 8pm, Channel 4	6.00 Planet's Funniest Animals (R) (S) 6.20 Dinner Date (R) (S) 7.10 The Ellen DeGeneres Show (R) (S) 8.00 Emmerdale (R) (S) 8.30 Coronation Street (R) (S) 9.00 Coronation Street (R) (S) 9.30 Psych (R) (S) 10.20 Scorpion (R) (S) 11.15 Dinner Date (R) (S) 12.10 Emmerdale (R) (S) 12.45 Coronation Street (R) (S) 1.15 Coronation Street (R) (S) 1.45 The Ellen DeGeneres Show (S) 2.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show (R) (S) 3.40 The Jeremy Kyle Show (R) (S) 4.45 The Jeremy Kyle Show (R) (S) 5.50 Take Me Out (R) (S)
<b>6pm</b>	6.00 BBC News At Six: Weather (S) 6.30 BBC Regional News: Weather (S)	6.00 Eggheads (S) 6.30 The Hairly Builder Dave Myers helps restore Wakefield Cathedral (S)	6.00 ITV Regional News: Weather (S) 6.30 ITV News: Weather (S)	6.00 The Simpsons (R) (S) 6.30 Hollyoaks Ste panics when he misplaces his drugs (S)	6.00 Home And Away Kat and Phoebe face each other (R) (S) 6.30 5 News Tonight (S)				
<b>7pm</b>	7.00 The One Show Live chat (S) 7.30 EastEnders The Beales prepare for Jane to come home (S)	7.00 Great Continental Railway Journeys From Athens to Thessaloniki (R) (S)	7.00 Emmerdale Angie returns with a warning for Charity (S)	7.00 Channel 4 News (S) 7.55 Dare To Believe: Hannah Cockcroft A profile of the athlete (S)	7.00 Rookies & Raids: A Police Interceptors Special (R) (S)	7.00 World News Today: Weather (S) 7.30 The Wonder Of Animals How big cats are built to hunt (R) (S)	6.45 FILM: <i>Shallow Hal</i> (Bobby Farrelly, Peter Farrelly 2001) Comedy, starring Jack Black (S)	7.00 You've Been Framed! Bites Back! An angry woman throws a dart into her husband's leg (R) (S)	
<b>8pm</b>	8.00 Holby City Mo struggles with a big choice regarding her future (S)	8.00 Trust Me, I'm A Doctor – Summer Special The effectiveness of protective sun creams (S)	8.00 Love Your Garden The team visit Canterbury to help a Gurkha (S)	8.00 Child Genius New series. A competition to find the UK's brightest youngster (S)	8.00 The Dog Rescuers With Alan Davies A behavioural trainer takes on a group of puppies (S)	8.00 Transpotting Live Hannah Fry meets the designer of the InterCity 125 (S)		8.00 Two And A Half Men Charlie tries to help a stripper (R) (S) 8.30 Two And A Half Men Part one of two (R) (S)	
<b>9pm</b>	9.00 The Living And The Dead The farm and its future are under threat (S)	9.00 Exodus: Our Journey To Europe The stories of people seeking a home in Europe continues (S)	9.00 Wedding Surprises: Caught On Camera Clip show (S)	9.00 The Job Interview New series. Following the interview process for real jobs (S)	9.00 Big Brother: Annihilation Highlights of Monday's action in the house (S)	9.00 Scotland's War At Sea Part two of two. David Hayman explores the threat posed by U-boats (R) (S)	9.00 FILM: <i>Bridesmaids</i> (Paul Feig 2011) Comedy, starring Kristen Wiig (S)	9.00 Mom Christy tries to help an AA member (S) 9.30 Mom Marjorie announces she is getting married (S)	
<b>10pm</b>	10.00 BBC News At Ten (S) 10.30 BBC Regional News: Weather (S) 10.45 Would I Lie To You? (R) (S)	10.00 Q! With panellists Bill Bailey, Jo Brand and Greg Davies (R) (S) 10.30 Newsnight (S)	10.00 ITV News At Ten (S) 10.30 ITV Regional News (S) 10.40 Davina McCall: Life At The Extreme (R) (S)	10.00 My Worst Job A star-studded cast reminisce about their first jobs (S)	10.00 Mums Gone Wild: Embarrassing Parents (S)	10.00 Inside Claridge's Behind the scenes at the London hotel (R) (S)		10.00 Celebrity Juice With Andy Brown and Matt Richardson (R) (S) 10.50 Family Guy (R) (S)	
<b>11pm</b>	11.15 Forces Of Nature With Brian Cox The physicist charts the Earth's journey through space (R) (S)	11.15 Mr Vs Mrs: Call The Mediator Three more separated couples try to resolve their disputes (R) (S)	11.45 In Plain Sight An Amish couple enter the witness protection programme (R) (S)	11.05 Celebrity First Dates Well-known faces seek their perfect partners (R) (S)	11.05 Big Brother's Bit On The Side BB-related debates, features, insights and gossip (S)	11.00 Seven Ages Of Britain Artefacts reflecting the shift in values during the 20th century (R) (S)	11.25 FILM: <i>The Bling Ring</i> (Sofia Coppola 2013) Fact-based drama, starring Emma Watson (S)	11.15 Family Guy Lois discovers she is Jewish (R) (S) 11.45 American Dad! (R) (S)	
<b>Late</b>	12.20 BBC News (S)	12.15 Sign Zone: Celebrity MasterChef (R) (S) 1.15 Sign Zone: Giraffes: Africa's Gentle Giants – Natural World (R) (S) 2.15 This Is BBC Two (S)	12.35 Jackpot247 3.00 Loose Women (R) (S) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show (R) (S)	12.05 4Music 12.35 Dare To Believe 12.40 Last Leg 1.35 Boxing 2.05 The Grid 2.35 Motor Sport 3.05 Superhumans Show 3.30 French Collection 4.25 Fifteen To One 5.20 Vintage Gems	12.05 Botched Up Bodies (R) (S) 1.00 SuperCasino 3.10 Person Of Interest (R) (S) 4.00 Car Crime UK: Caught On Camera (R) (S) 4.45 Divine Designs (R) (S) 5.10 Great Artists (R) (S) 5.35 House Doctor (R) (S)	12.00 James Clerk Maxwell – The Man Who Changed The World (R) (S) 1.00 Scotland's War At Sea (R) (S) 2.00 Inside Claridge's (R) (S) 3.00 A303: Highway To The Sun (R) (S) 4.00 Close	1.10 FILM: <i>A Pigeon Sat On A Branch Reflecting On Existence</i> (Roy Andersson 2014) Premiere. Comedy, starring Holger Andersson and Nils Westblom (S) 3.20 Close	12.15 American Dad! (R) (S) 12.40 Two And A Half Men (R) (S) 1.10 Two And A Half Men (R) (S) 1.35 Mom (R) (S) 2.00 Mom (R) (S) 2.20 Teleshopping 5.50 ITV2 Nightscreen	

### Exodus: Our Journey To Europe

I wonder if I can get early odds on this series winning a Bafta in next year's awards – the idea of giving various Syrian refugee/migrants a phone camera with which to record their journey into the heart of Europe is so brilliantly simple and effective. Anyway, at the end of yesterday's instalment we left them in Athens. Having bought a fake passport, Ahmad manages to fly to France, but his attempt to cross the Channel from Calais results in his near suffocation in a flour tanker, while resilient 11-year-old Isra'a – who sells cigarettes to pay for her journey – and her family are shocked by the chaos on the Serbian border.

## FILM CHOICE

LAURENCE PHELAN



### FILM OF THE DAY A Pigeon Sat On A Branch Reflecting On Existence

**1.10m, Film4**  
(Roy Andersson, 2014)  
Existing in a delicately balanced position halfway between Python and Beckett, this deadpan Swedish winner of the Venice film festival's Golden Lion offers up a series of interconnected vignettes in which recurring characters such as a lovelorn salsa instructor and a pair of depressed travelling salesmen come face to face with the absurdity of the human condition, awkwardly butt up against social conventions, or just muddle through life. Note that the film moves at a reflective pace, and that sometimes the action is going on in the background and the best jokes are tucked away in the corners of the frame. Holger Andersson (left) stars.

### Farewell My Lovely

**8m, Movies4Men**  
(Edward Dmytryk, 1944)  
"I don't know which side anybody's on," admits Raymond Chandler's Philip Marlowe, as his latest missing persons case becomes ever more tangled. You may not either, but the mood is unmistakably hardboiled, every line is a zinger, and there are plenty of people who will argue that the former song-and-dance man Dick Powell was the definitive screen Marlowe.

### Independence Day

**9pm, E4**  
(Roland Emmerich, 1996)  
With a marketing campaign on almost as impressive a scale as the action, this blockbuster about a hostile alien

invasion easily became the highest grossing film of 1996. It's the way of disaster movies that they quickly become passé – each new entry in the genre being required to up the ante – but this one remains terrific.

### The Bling Ring

**11.25pm, Film4**  
(Sofia Coppola, 2013)  
Like some sort of unauthorised MTV Cribs, Sofia Coppola's comedy breaks us into the homes of LA's rich and famous (Paris Hilton; Rachel Bilson; Lindsay Lohan) in the company of the titular gang of vapid, celebrity-obsessed teenaged burglars. It's based on a real case, but suffused with a gauzy, dreamlike quality and set in a peculiar, consequence-free atmosphere.

## ITV3

**6.00 Doctor In The House** (R) **6.25 Heartbeat** (R) (S) **7.30 Where The Heart Is** (R) (S) **8.35 The Royal** (R) (S) **9.35 Judge Judy** (R) (S) **10.00 Judge Judy** (R) (S) **10.30 Judge Judy** (R) (S) **10.55 Murder, She Wrote** (R) (S) **12.00 Wycliffe** (R) (S) **1.05 Heartbeat** (R) (S) **2.05 The Royal** (R) (S) **3.10 Where The Heart Is** (R) (S) **4.45 Doctor In The House** (R) **4.50 On The Buses** (R) (S) **5.20 Man About The House** (R) **5.55 Heartbeat** (R) (S)

## E4

**6.00 Charmed** (R) (S) **7.35 Hollyoaks** (R) (S) **8.05 Rules Of Engagement** (R) (S) **8.35 Rules Of Engagement** (R) (S) **9.00 The Goldbergs** (R) (S) **9.30 The Goldbergs** (R) (S) **10.00 Melissa & Joey** (R) (S) **10.30 Melissa & Joey** (R) (S) **11.00 Charmed** (R) (S) **12.00 Charmed** (R) (S) **1.00 How I Met Your Mother** (R) (S) **4.30 How I Met Your Mother** (R) (S) **2.00 The Big Bang Theory** (R) (S) **2.30 The Big Bang Theory** (R) (S) **3.00 Melissa & Joey** (R) (S) **4.00 How I Met Your Mother** (R) (S) **4.30 How I Met Your Mother** (R) (S) **5.00 The Goldbergs** (R) (S) **5.30 The Goldbergs** (R) (S)

**6.00 The Big Bang Theory** (R) (S) **6.30 The Big Bang Theory** Sheldon gets a job at a diner (R) (S)

**7.00 Hollyoaks** The police raid The Tugboat (S) **7.30 The Big Bang Theory** (R) (S)

**8.00 2 Broke Girls** Caroline's grandmother wakes from a coma (S) **8.30 2 Broke Girls** (S)

**9.00 FILM: Independence Day** (Roland Emmerich 1996) Sci-fi adventure, starring Will Smith (S)

**10.00 Unforgiven** Steve presses on with his plan for revenge (R) (S)

**11.00 Wire In The Blood** Part one of two. Tony and Don clash over a string of murders (R) (S)

**12.05 Inspector Morse** (R) (S) **2.00 Teleshopping** **2.10 ITV3 Nightscreen**

## MORE4

**8.55 Jamie's Super Food** (R) (S) **9.35 A Place In The Sun: Home Or Away** (R) (S) **10.35 Food Unwrapped** (R) (S) **11.10 Kirstie's Vintage Gems** (R) (S) **11.30 FILM: Winchester '73** (Anthony Mann 1950) Western, starring James Stewart (S) **1.25 Time Team** (R) (S) **2.30 Time Team** (R) (S) **3.35 A Place In The Sun: Home Or Away** (R) (S) **4.40 A Place In The Sun: Home Or Away** (R) (S) **5.45 Selling Houses With Amanda Lamb** (R) (S)

**6.50 Building The Dream** A five-bedroom family home in the Shropshire countryside (R) (S)

**7.55 Grand Designs** Revisiting a couple who transformed a water tower into a home (R) (S)

**9.00 Building The Dream** Charlie Luxton heads to Cornwall to help two serial renovators (S)

**10.00 Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners** A former beauty queen tackles homes in Norfolk (R) (S)

**11.05 24 Hours In A&E** The work of the stroke team at King's College Hospital (R) (S)

**12.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** (R) (S) **1.10 Building The Dream** (R) (S) **2.15 Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners** (R) (S) **3.25 River Cottage Bites** (R) (S) **3.40 Close**

## SKY 1

**6.00 Monkey Life** (R) (S) **6.30 Monkey Life** (R) (S) **7.00 Monkey Life** (R) (S) **7.30 Monkey Life** (R) (S) **8.00 Ninja Warrior Women Tournament** (R) (S) **8.30 Ninja Warrior Women Tournament** (R) (S) **9.00 Forever** (R) (S) **10.00 Hawaii Five-0** (R) (S) **12.00 Hawaii Five-0** (R) (S) **12.00 Forever** (R) (S) **1.00 Hawaii Five-0** (R) (S) **2.00 Hawaii Five-0** (R) (S) **3.00 Road Wars** (R) (S) **4.00 Futurama** (R) (S) **5.00 Futurama** (R) (S) **5.00 The Simpsons** (R) (S) **5.30 Futurama** (R) (S)

**6.00 Futurama** Fry and Bender join the army (R) (S) **6.30 The Simpsons** Marge starts her own sandwich shop (R) (S)

**7.00 The Simpsons** Halloween tales (R) (S) **7.30 The Simpsons** (R) (S)

**8.00 Freddie Fries Again** Andrew Flintoff and Rob Penn's second tour concludes in Ireland. Last in the series (S)

**9.00 Agatha Raisin** The sleuth investigates a conspiracy surrounding the death of a young bride (S)

**10.00 The Force: Manchester** Documentary following the work of Greater Manchester Police (R) (S)

**11.00 A League Of Their Own** With Matt Smith, Jonathan Ross and Perri Shakes-Drayton (R) (S)

**12.00 Hawaii Five-0** **1.00 Hawaii Five-0** **2.00 A League Of Their Own** **3.00 Brit Cops: Rapid Response** **4.00 Stop, Search, Seize** **5.00 Ninja Warrior Women Tournament**

## SKY ATLANTIC

**6.00 The Petrol Age** (R) (S) **7.00 Urban Secrets** (R) (S) **8.00 Cold Case** (R) (S) **9.00 Cold Case** (R) (S) **10.00 The West Wing** (R) (S) **11.00 House** (R) (S) **12.00 Without A Trace** (R) (S) **1.00 Blue Bloods** (R) (S) **2.00 The British** (R) (S) **3.00 Cold Case** (R) (S) **4.00 Cold Case** (R) (S) **5.00 The West Wing** (R) (S)

**6.00 House** An altruistic man collapses after an act of generosity (R) (S)

**7.00 Without A Trace** The team searches for a missing lawyer (R) (S)

**8.00 Blue Bloods** Frank tries to deal with a bomb threat in Manhattan (R) (S)

**9.00 Olive Kitteridge** Part one of two. Drama, starring Frances McDormand (R) (S)

## Radio

### BBC Radio 1

**6.30am** The Radio 1 Breakfast Show With Nick Grimshaw **10.00** Clara Amfo **12.45pm** Newsbeat **1.00** Scott Mills **4.00** Greg James **7.00** Annie Mac **9.00** BBC Radio 1 & Xtra's Stories: The Riots, Five Years On – Now (2016) **10.00** Huw Stephens **1am** Annie Nightingale **4.00** Adele Roberts

**7am** A Dor **10.00** Trevor Nelson **12.45pm** Newsbeat **1.00** Yasmin Evans **4.00** Charlie Sloth **5.45** Newsbeat **6.00** Charlie Sloth **7.00** Mistajam **10.00** Jamz Supernova **1am** Annie Nightingale **4.00** Annie Nightingale

### BBC Radio 2

**6.30am** Sara Cox **9.30** Ken Bruce **12noon** Paddy O'Connell **2.00** Steve Wright In The Afternoon **5.00** Simon Mayo **7.00** Jamie Cullum **8.00** Jo Whalley **10.00** Levi Roots **11.00** Alan Ogden **1.00** Organist Entertains **11.30** Listen To The Band **12midn't** After Midnight **3.00** Sounds Of The 80s **5.00** Vanessa Feltz

### BBC Radio 3

**6.30am** Newsfast, With Petros Tsalawny **9.00** Essential Classics **12noon** Composer Of The Week: Mozart **1.00** News **1.02** Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert **2.00** Afternoon On 3 **4.30** In Tune. Suzy Klein's guests include cellist Soli Gabetta **6.30** Composer Of The Week: Mozart. Donald Macleod explores Mozart's complex relationship with his home city of Salzburg **7.30** Radio 3 In Concert. Anne Boleyn's Songbook live at the York Early Music Festival **12.00** Free Thinking. Matthew Sweet reports from Liverpool, where art has taken over the city **10.45** The Essay. Roald Dahl At 100. Jeremy Dyson explores Dahl's storytelling genius and influence **11.00** Late Junction. Verrity Sharp is joined by record producer and writer Joe Boyd **12.30am** Through The Night. Catriona Young presents a gala concert of operatic arias from Romanian Radio.

### BBC Radio 4

**6am** Today **9.00** The Life Scientific **9.30** One To One **9.45** A Point Of View. After The Vote **10.00** Woman's Hour **11.00** Natural Histories **11.30** The House Of The Windy City **12.00** Elizabeth Jane Howard **12.15** Heroes **12noon** News **12.06** The Why Factor **12.15** Call You And Yours **12.57** Weather **1.00** The World At One **1.45** Cold War: Stories From The Big Freeze **2.00** The Archers **2.15** Drama. Foreign Bodies: Keeping The Wolf Out **3.00** Short Cuts **3.30** The Human Zoo **4.00** Document **4.30** A Good Read **5.00** PM **5.57** Weather **6.00** Six O'Clock News **6.30** The Missing Hancocks. Re-recorded instalment of the comedy, with Kevin McNally.

**7.00** The Archers. Josh loses his rag **7.45** Front Row Arts programme **7.45** Life Lines. Drama, by Al Smith **8.00** File On 4. Concerns about human rights in the United Arab Emirates **8.40** In Touch. Presented by Peter White **9.00** Inside Health. Dr Mark Porter separates medical fact from fiction **9.30** The Life Scientific. Georgina Mace discusses how she created the Red list of Threatened Species **10.00** The World Tonight. With Ritula Shah **10.45** Book At Bedtime: The Muse **11.00** The Infinite Monkey Cage. A discussion on what ingredients it takes to build a universe **11.30** Today In Parliament. Alicia McCarthy presents **12midn't** News And Weather **12.30** A Point Of View. After The Vote **12.48** Shipping Forecast **1.00** ASBBC World Service **5.20** Shipping Forecast **5.30** News Briefing **5.43** Prayer For The Day **5.45** Farming Today **5.58** Tweet Of The Day

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**8.30am** Yesterday In Parliament **9.45** Daily Service **12.01pm** Shipping Forecast **5.54** Shipping Forecast

### BBC Radio 4 Extra

**6am** Dick Barton And The Cabotolin Diamonds **6.15** Who Wants To Be A Millionaire **6.30** The Art Of Water Music **7.00** Spangles 'n' Tights **7.30** My Teenage Diary **8.00** Steptoe And Son **8.30** The Men From The Ministry **9.00** Dead Ringers **9.30** King Of Bath **10.00** Robinson Crusoe **11.00** Elizabeth Jane Howard Short Stories **11.15** Tell Me A Film **12noon** Steptoe And Son **12.30** The Men From The Ministry **1.00** Dick Barton And The Cabotolin Diamonds **1.15** White Face **1.30** The Art Of Water Music **2.00** The Vanishing Act Of Esme Lennox **2.15** The Invention Of Childhood **2.30** A Little Twist Of Dahl **2.45** All Made Up **3.00** Robinson Crusoe **4.00** Counterpoint **4.30** King Of Bath **5.00** Spangles 'n' Tights **5.30** My Teenage Diary **6.00** The Testament Of Jessie Lamb

### BBC 6 Music

**7am** Shaun Keaveny **10.00** Lauren Laverne **1pm** Stuart Maconie **4.00** Steve Lamacq **7.00** Tom Ravenscroft **9.00** Gideon Coe **12midn't** 6 Music Recommends **1.00** The Story Of Funk **2.00** Billie And Me – The Billie Holiday Story **2.30** 6 Music Live Hour **3.30** 6 Music's Jukebox **5.00** Chris Hawkins

### Classic FM

**6am** More Music Breakfast **9.00** John Suchet **1pm** Anne-Marie Minhall **5.00** Classic FM Drive **7.00** Smooth Classics At Seven **8.00** Full Works Concert A Liverpool Celebration – Part Two. The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra performs music by Rossini and Mozart **10.00** Smooth Classics **1am** Sam Pittis

### Absolute Radio

**6am** Andy Bush **10.00** Leona Graham **1pm** Chris Martin **4.00** Danielle Perry **6.00** Geoff Lloyd **9.00** Pete Donaldson **1am** George Godfrey

### Heart

**6am** Jamie And Emma **9.00** Margherita Taylor **1pm** Matt Wilkinson **4.00** JK And Lucy **7.00** Roberto **10.00** Zoe Hardman **1am** Simon Beale **4.00** Jenni Falconer

### TalkSPORT

**6am** The Alan Brazil Sports Breakfast **10.00** Colin Murray **1pm** Hawkbee And Jacobs **4.00** Adrian Durham And Darren Gough **7.00** Kick-off **10.00** Andy Goldstein And Jason Cundy **1am** The Two Mikes



**The House of the Windy City – Dance Music's Forgotten Heroes**  
**11.30am, BBC Radio 4**  
Presenter and DJ Dave Pearce (above) tells the story of dance music, and how it caught on in Chicago.

# 'He's willing to inflict pain'

Sometimes, a reporter gets under Donald Trump's skin. Mark Singer, who experienced his wrath after shadowing the would-be president for months back in the 1990s, reveals his current fears to **Rob Hastings**

The phone call must have made Mark Singer sigh and wonder: what he had done to deserve this? It was from his editor at the *New Yorker* magazine. "Trump! Donald Trump!" said Tina Brown. "I've just had breakfast with him at the Plaza. You're going to write a profile of him. You're absolutely going to love him. He's totally full of s\*\*t, you'll love him!"

Writing the article would mean spending many hours and even whole days with Trump, spread over several months – interviewing him and watching on from the sidelines, as he went about a life filled with solid-gold bathroom fittings and solid-gold bulls\*\*t.

"I didn't want to do it," Singer says openly. Even back in 1996, years before Trump would bolster his celebrity by hosting the US version of *The Apprentice* – and two decades before he would run for the US presidency, becoming the most controversial and divisive major candidate to do so – the property developer had a reputation for boasting and self-obsession. But Singer couldn't say no to his editor.

Twenty years on, Trump is set to be confirmed as the Republican nominee for the most powerful job in the world at the party's convention in Ohio next week. The political establishment is still in shock at how he has made it this far by exploiting deeply personal insults against opponents, indulging in militaristic rhetoric, making policies and pronouncements against Mexicans and Muslims that many feel are out-and-out racist, and cynical political flip-flopping.

The national opinion polls show Hillary Clinton ahead of him by 45.4 per cent to 40.9 on average. But there are lingering concerns about the damage done to Clinton by the FBI's investigation into her use of personal email accounts for top government business, with the US State Department now restarting its own inquiries – and Trump repeatedly labelling her "crooked Hillary". It's a tactic designed to appeal to people fed up with "Washington insiders", people who no longer want to put their trust in conventional politicians.

Having seen him up close, with quite possibly more access to the man than any other journalist has obtained, Singer – like millions of other Americans – is terrified at the idea of Trump winning.

His *New Yorker* article, now ex-

panded as a book, has been celebrated as a portrait of what Trump is really like – providing a level of detail and personal insight that's rare for any current reporting about Trump.

The presumptive Republican nominee has denied campaign access to journalists from major media organisations as varied as *The Washington Post* and *Buzzfeed* – evading challenges to his policies and scrutiny of his character, while relying on television news to replay his populist and hyperbolic soundbites again and again.

Trump was using this same smoke-screen of shameless exaggeration and outlandish claims even back in 1996. So, besides observing and interviewing the man, Singer delved into the truth behind his claims to be one of America's most successful businessmen.

"Part of the key to his success is his refusal to acknowledge certain inconvenient realities, to fool certain people," says the 65-year-old journalist. "I really did everything I could to understand what he actually did in his business – how he used other people's money rather than his own, and how his casino holdings were failing."

At the time, Trump was "trying to ascend" from a low point in his career. Singer described in his article how, far from being a billionaire, Trump had "vaporised" as much as \$800m of his creditors' cash, with several ventures falling into virtual bankruptcy, and catalogued at length the many humiliations and setbacks he had tried to gloss over. An ignorance of foreign affairs

is also obvious, when he meets a former Russian general but spends most of their time together showing off basketball trainers.

**UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL**  
Singer got to see Trump up close in many different environments. "I

travelled with him, I went to his ridiculous private club in Palm Beach – Mar-a-Lago – I went to events in New York City, and hung out with him in his office. Mostly I was listening. There was one day when the two of us spent the entire day together, just the two of us, nobody else around for 10 hours, so there was a lot of time."

Was Trump just happily chatting away the whole time? "We were talking about Trump – that's all it takes... He regarded me as a tool; that was perfectly fine with me."

And did you ever feel uncomfortable, listening to all his boasts and sales talk? "Never," says Singer. "I'm happy if he's saying something that is a lie. Nowadays it's a different story: he only lies when his lips are moving."

Over concerns about taste, he left out Trump's misogynistic reply to a question about what kind of person he considered ideal company – "A total piece of ass" – but that has been uncensored for the book.

It was not just Singer's reporting on his crass comments and the truth of his business acumen that would shine a light on the reality of Trump's existence; the subject's own reactions to his portrayal, after it was printed, would tell its own story.

Trump had already shown he took criticism personally. The British television journalist Selina Scott found this out to her cost in 1995, when he disliked her hour-long documentary about him. Writing a series of intimidating letters to Scott for some time afterwards, he told her she was "sleazy, unattractive, obnoxious and boring".

Next it was Singer's turn. When Trump published a ghostwritten book a few

**'Trump would be the commander in chief of the military forces – but you know, we have coups'**

months after the *New Yorker* profile appeared, he couldn't hide how wound up he was. "When he came into the office," Trump wrote of Singer, "I immediately sensed that he was not much of anything, nondescript, with a faint wiseguy sneer and some kind of chip on his shoulder."

A few years on, the grudge had still not worn off. In 2005, when Singer published a collection of his articles including the Trump piece and it was reviewed in *The New York Times*, Trump wrote to the newspaper to say the reporter was "depressed" and "drowning in his misery" when they spent time together, and "was not born with great writing ability".

The journalist admits he loved seeing the evidence of how his article had got under Trump's thin skin. "I couldn't believe how great it was," says Singer. "Other than the births of my children, nothing this wonderful had ever happened to me before, just because he's foaming at the mouth and there's not a damn thing he can do!"

At this point, he indulged in a little fun. To thank Trump for the extra book sales generated by the publicity surrounding his rants, the journalist sent him a cheque for \$37.82. Trump replied with a note, presumably not ghostwritten, saying: "MARK, YOU ARE A TOTAL LOSER! AND YOUR BOOK (AND WRITINGS) SUCKS! BEST WISHES, DONALD. P.S. AND I HEAR IT IS SELLING BADLY."

Incredibly, Trump also cashed the cheque. Singer smiles to himself when asked why a self-professed billionaire, who many analysts believe is not as rich as he claims, would have bothered. "He needed the money," he says.

**CONCERNS FOR THE FUTURE**

Asked why he's now returning to the subject he loves to hate, Singer jokes that the book will simply help pay his children's tuition fees – indeed, if you're going to publish a book about your days spent with Donald Trump, now is the time. But on a serious note,

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