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Plans aimed at job creation and helping firms

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MP's backing for bill to help babies

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A LONGSTANDING North East MP has backed plans to improve support for babies in their early years and spoken of how youngsters are the "foundation" of society.

Former minister Sharon Hodgson - the MP for Washington and Gateshead South - spoke in support of what has been called the "babies bill" in Westminster on Friday.

Mrs Hodgson reflected on the "dark days" following the 2010 election when the Tory-led coalition government saw funding for Sure Start centres slashed. The new Private Member's Bill has been sponsored by Conservative backbencher Sir Desmond Swayne.

It was voted through on Friday and will now progress to the committee stage, prior to debate in the House of Lords. The idea is to put in place legal requirements to ensure that there is "trusted, consistent support" for young families during a baby's first 1,000 days of life.

Speaking in the House of Commons, Mrs Hodgson (Lab) said: "For babies to thrive, their parents and carers need to be supported. After all, they are directly responsible for the development of their babies during this most critical period of their lives. Their relationship, stress levels,

responsive care and more will unequivocally influence the development and growth of their babies. They are therefore the foundation of our society."

She added that when the support wasn't there for families, children suffer the consequences. Mrs Hodgson added: "Getting this right matters because when we do not, children suffer. Research shows that 10% to 25% of children experience disorganised attachment with their main caregiver, putting them at greater risk of poor social, emotional and educational outcomes.

"That is why we need an assessment to understand exactly what parents and carers, current and prospective, need from us as legislators to help them thrive and take advantage of this time, so that they can provide the best possible start in life for their babies."

The MP said that it was clear that supporting children during that 1,001 days was "fundamental to lifelong physical and mental health and happiness". Speaking afterwards, she added: "Today I was proud to speak in support of the Infants, Parents and Carers Bill, better known as the Babies Bill.

"As a former Public Health and Prevention Minister, I know that too often we respond only once families are struggling, rather than making sure the right help is available early.

"Families in Washington and Gateshead South, and across the North East, should be able to access trusted, consistent support throughout pregnancy and the first two years of a child's life. Babies cannot speak for themselves, and their needs should never depend on their postcode or which party is in government."

The Government is supporting the Bill. Minister Dame Diana Johnson said: "The Government have set out an ambition to raise the healthiest generation of children ever, and to give every child the best start in life.

"If we are to achieve that, we must begin at the very beginning. The 1,001 days from pregnancy to a child's second birthday are a unique window of opportunity. During that short period, babies' brains, bodies and relationships develop at extraordinary speed.

"The experiences they have and the care and support around them help to lay foundations for physical health, emotional wellbeing, communication and learning."



Sharon Hodgson

Weather

Around the Country

Tuesday			Wednesday		
	°C	°F	°C	°F	
Birmingham	cloudy	18 64	cloudy	17 63	
Bristol	cloudy	19 66	pcloudy	19 66	
Cardiff	cloudy	18 65	pcloudy	18 64	
Carlisle	showers	16 61	cloudy	17 63	
Exeter	showers	19 67	pcloudy	18 65	
Gloucester	cloudy	19 66	cloudy	19 66	
Leeds	showers	17 62	pcloudy	18 64	
Liverpool	cloudy	17 62	cloudy	16 61	
London	pcloudy	21 69	pcloudy	20 68	
Manchester	showers	17 62	pcloudy	17 62	
Norwich	cloudy	17 63	pcloudy	17 63	
Nottingham	cloudy	18 64	pcloudy	18 64	
Plymouth	showers	20 69	pcloudy	20 68	
Swansea	cloudy	17 63	cloudy	17 63	

Around the World

Tuesday			Wednesday		
	°C	°F	°C	°F	
Amsterdam	rain	21 69	rain	18 65	
Beijing	rain	23 73	cloudy	26 79	
Corfu	sunny	30 86	sunny	28 82	
Majorca	sunny	37 98	rain	27 81	
Mexico City	rain	23 73	rain	23 74	
Moscow	rain	17 62	overcast	21 69	
New Delhi	sunny	38 100	sunny	40 104	
New York	overcast	28 82	cloudy	28 83	
Paris	overcast	24 76	sunny	23 73	
Rio	rain	25 77	rain	23 73	
Rome	sunny	32 89	sunny	32 90	
Sydney	rain	18 64	rain	17 63	
Tokyo	rain	29 84	rain	32 90	

Today's Weather

Skies will be partly cloudy to cloudy today with scattered showers. Afternoon highs will range from 15 to 18C.



Sun & Moon

Sunrise 6:24 a.m.
 Sunset 7:37 p.m.
 Moonrise 2:20 a.m.
 Moonset 6:46 p.m.



Almanac

	Grimsby	Leeds	Newcastle upon Tyne
Yesterday's High (°C/°F)	21/70	20/68	19/66
Yesterday's Low (°C/°F)	17/63	15/59	14/57
Yesterday's Precip	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"
	Hull	Middlesbrough	York
Yesterday's High (°C/°F)	21/70	19/66	20/68
Yesterday's Low (°C/°F)	17/63	14/57	15/59
Yesterday's Precip	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"

Four-Day Outlook

Wednesday		
Partly cloudy.	16°C/ 61°F	9°C/ 48°F
Thursday		
Cloudy.	17°C/ 63°F	13°C/ 55°F
Friday		
Partly cloudy.	18°C/ 64°F	10°C/ 50°F
Saturday		
Isolated light rain.	17°C/ 63°F	13°C/ 55°F

High Tides

	Tuesday			Wednesday		
Holy Island	4.2	12:54 a	4.4 1:40 p	4.6	1:52 a	4.7 2:31 p
Newcastle	4.7	1:40 a	4.8 2:26 p	5.0	2:38 a	5.1 3:17 p
Tynemouth	4.4	1:37 a	4.6 2:23 p	4.8	2:35 a	4.9 3:14 p
Sunderland	4.5	1:35 a	4.7 2:19 p	4.9	2:34 a	5.0 3:11 p
River Tees Ent.	4.6	1:52 a	4.8 2:36 p	5.0	2:51 a	5.2 3:28 p
Spurn Head	6.0	3:49 a	6.2 4:45 p	6.5	4:46 a	6.6 5:38 p
Grimsby	6.1	4:01 a	6.3 4:55 p	6.6	4:58 a	6.7 5:49 p
Wells	2.1	4:53 a	2.3 5:52 p	2.5	5:48 a	2.7 6:42 p
Dover	5.8	9:51 a	6.1 10:27 p	6.3	10:45 a	6.4 11:18 p
Liverpool	8.2	9:47 a	8.7 10:08 p	8.8	10:43 a	9.3 10:58 p

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Emotional day as ice cream parlour gets fond farewell

A POPULAR Northumberland ice cream parlour was given a fond farewell this weekend with masses of people turning up on its last day of business.

And many shared stories and memories with manager Lucinda Richardson who, in a break during her busy day, said: "It's really emotional. In some ways it's quite overwhelming - we have so many customers telling why this place has meant so much to them."

Wheelbirks Parlour at Wheelbirks Farm in Stocksfield announced earlier in the year that its farm, which has been with the Richardson family since 1882, had been put up for sale and the parlour would be closing.

Many people clearly wanted to give it a special send-off on its final day on Sunday.

Over its 16 years in business, Wheelbirks Parlour - which, with a farm shop, is part of the farm estate that also includes an orchard garden and play area - has become renowned for its ice cream, made with milk from the farm's own Jersey herd. On Sunday, Lucinda could not have been busier, serving the lines of customers during her last day of business.

Lucinda, who is married to Tom who with brother Hugh - the fifth generation of the Richardson family - has farmed there all his life, said: "I've been here for 30 years and 16 years ago we opened the Wheelbirks Parlour. We'd been making ice cream eight years previous to that and decided it was so popular that we decided to open our own place and we converted an old barn."

Back then it was much quieter but, as business took off, their eight members of staff soon grew to 35 and Lucinda says: "It's just been an incredible journey." Customers have joined that journey too, with some of those who first visited as children having gone on to bring along their own youngsters.

"It's been a lovely kind of circle of life moment - so special."

She is grateful to customers and her staff, being full of praise for the team who coped with a record-breaking summer then faced the busiest time they have ever had in the weeks leading up to the closure.

Lucinda feels justly proud of all that has been achieved. The hope now is that someone will take over the business and that they will live and farm there as well as create ice cream. "We're hopeful it will open again under new management - and that's what the public want."



➤ Staff members on their final day working in Wheelbirks Parlour and cafe in Stocksfield



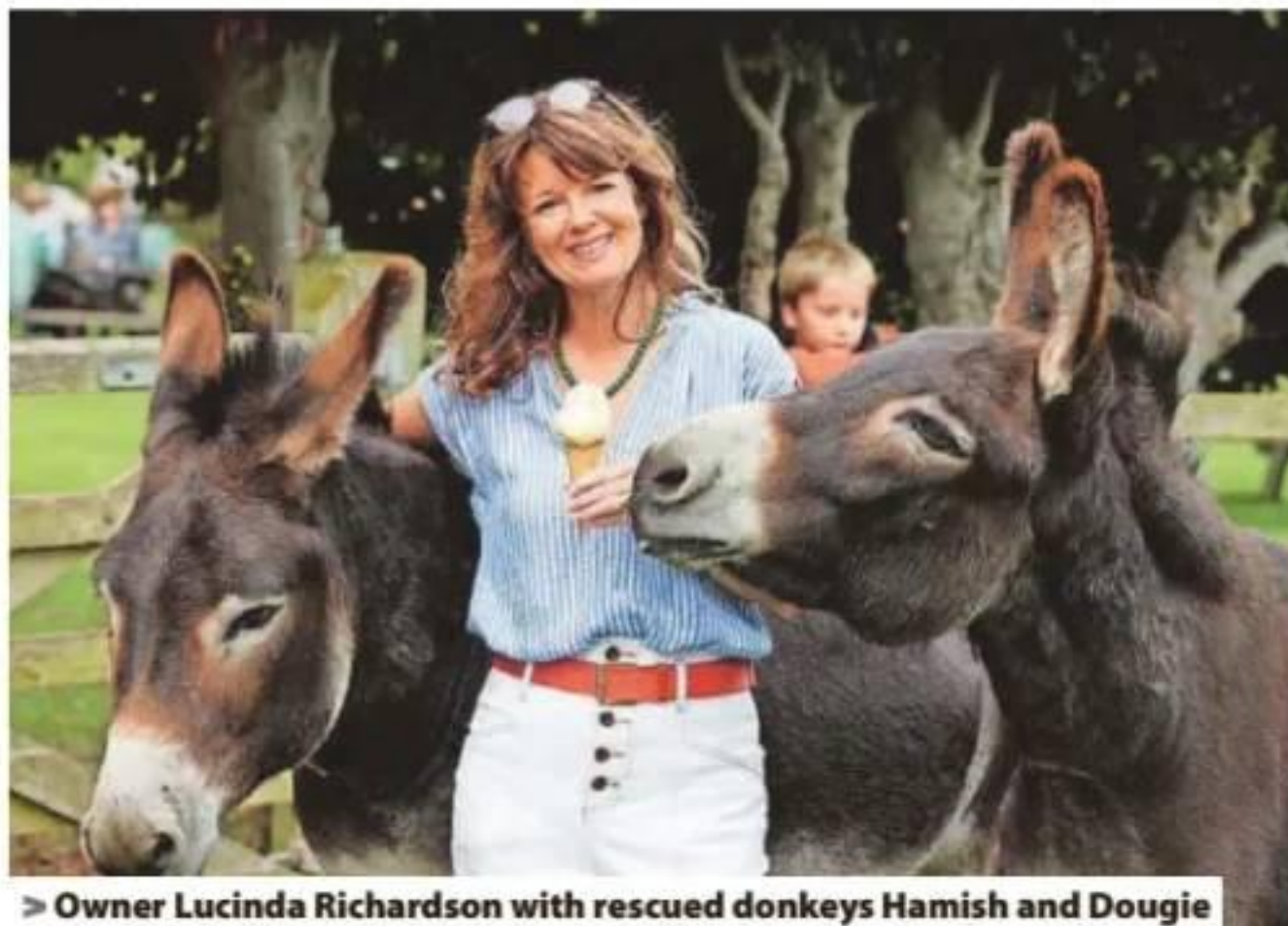
➤ The Richardson family, who help run Wheelbirks Farm, Alison, Finlay and Hugh



➤ Customers at Wheelbirks Parlour on final day ahead of its closure



➤ Enjoying ice cream at Wheelbirks Parlour and cafe



➤ Owner Lucinda Richardson with rescued donkeys Hamish and Dougie



➤ Sir Alan Campbell opening the school alongside headteacher Kirsty Nichols-Mackay

'Significant moment' for school saved from closure

A MONKSEATON school saved from closure has begun its new life with an official opening by Tynemouth MP Sir Alan Campbell.

Parents, staff, and families gathered to see Monkseaton Coastal School return for the autumn term, nine months after the site was originally proposed for closure.

The school, formally Monkseaton Middle School, was saved from closure by the local authority following public outrage. In October last year, the local authority put a raft of controversial closures and mergers of local schools out to public consultation, citing a declining birth rate, which it said would result in 300 fewer children a year.

Monkseaton Middle School was proposed for closure amid a 60% occupancy rate and concerns over its long-term financial position. However, by March this year, the council revised its proposal to expand the school's year groups to help secure its future.

Sir Alan said: "The opening of the new Monkseaton Coastal School is a significant moment for our local community and I was pleased to open it officially."

"Every child deserves the best possible start in life and strong local schools play a vital role in helping young people develop the skills, confidence and opportunities they need to succeed. I am pleased to see this new chapter begin and want to pay tribute to parents, staff and governors and everyone who has worked so hard to make it possible."

"I look forward to seeing Monkseaton Coastal School go from strength to strength and become an even greater asset for local families in the years ahead."

The school is now transforming from a Year 5 to Year 8 middle school into a full Year 5 to Year 11 institution. The expansion will be phased, with the school bringing in its first Year 9 cohort in September next year, followed by Year 10 in 2028 and Year 11 in 2029.

Councillor who didn't go to meetings to stand again

A former councillor who lost his seat for failing to turn up to a single council meeting for six months will stand in the by-election he triggered.

John Allen will stand as an Independent in Ashington's Hirst ward next month after losing his seat on August 20.

Mr Allen was initially elected in May 2025 representing Reform UK. However, he was expelled from the party following allegations he made online comments saying he wanted to shoot then-Prime Minister Keir Starmer.

Mr Allen lost his seat in accordance with rules set out in the 1972 Local Government Act. He had failed to attend any meetings of the council or its sub-committees since February 18.

The legislation requires a council to declare a councillor's seat vacant "immediately" if that member fails to attend meetings for six consecutive months without council approval.

Voters are set to head to the polls on Thursday, October 1. The full candidate list is as follows: John Allen (Independent); Calvin Clark (Liberal Democrats); Kerry Davison (Reform UK); David Ferguson (Conservative); Melanie Fox (Labour); Eden Webley (Restore).

Historically a safe Labour seat, Mr Allen won the Hirst seat from Labour Co-op incumbent Ken Parry with a majority of 60 votes last year as Reform secured significant gains to become the council's official opposition. The party's rise came predominantly at the expense of Labour, who were reduced to just eight seats.

The Conservatives currently remain the largest party with 28 seats. Reform are the official opposition with 18 seats, followed by Labour on eight.

The Independent Group has seven councillors, while the Liberal Democrats have three and the Greens have two. One councillor sits as a non-aligned member.

The by-election will be held on the same day as one in Amble following the death of Reform councillor Arty Hume. Due to the current makeup of the council, there is no prospect of the balance of power shifting.



➤ John Allen lost his county council seat after failing to attend council meetings – but is standing in the by-election he created



➤ Chancellor John Healey delivers a speech on economic growth at the Manufacturing Technology Centre in Coventry yesterday

Betty Laura Zapata/PA wire

Healey gives twin boost to North East economy

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THE North East economy has received a double boost as the Chancellor set out plans for the Government to become more involved in helping to create jobs in the region.

John Healey unveiled a £150m fund for fast-growing Northern firms, saying that he wants "to get behind the most innovative and fast-growing firms".

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The British Business Bank will commit up to £150m to a new fund "to get behind the most innovative and fast-growing firms", offering between £5m and £15m to help university spin-outs and other innovative companies across the North.

In addition, the National Wealth Fund has signed strategic partnerships with mayoral authorities in the North East and three other regions to

help those areas develop and grow project investment pipelines that will attract public and private finance and deliver key infrastructure to support growth and create jobs.

Mr Healey vowed he would set out plans for "a permanent transfer of power and resources" away from Whitehall at the Budget.

The Chancellor said: "The next chapter of Britain's growth story will be written in more places. That's not sentimentality, that is supply-side economics. A transport bottleneck in South Yorkshire is too often invisible from Whitehall, but it can have a real impact on economic growth and on business investment decisions."

"That's why, at the Budget, I will set out a roadmap to fiscal devolution, a permanent transfer of power and resources from Whitehall to our regions, with greater business rates retention for local councils and strategic authorities, grants from central government replaced by a share of local income tax for every mayoral strategic authority beginning in

2028. London, of course, is our powerhouse, but if our city regions could emulate the success of those in France or Germany, growth in our country would be transformed."

Mr Healey became the latest Chancellor to promise changes to the Treasury Green Book that helps decide how public money is spent, reducing the so-called "discount rate" that converts future social costs and benefits into present-day value from 3.5% to 3%.

Doing so, says Mr Healey, "will skew investment towards projects with more long-term potential, meaning that more places across the UK will get a fair hearing".

And praising the innovative industries found in places like Newcastle and other Northern cities, he said the UK was a world leader in frontier technology – in areas like quantum computing and graphene – but too often ideas born here in Britain have to go elsewhere.

Economists have warned that Mr Healey may need to raise taxes or cut departmental spending to protect

the fiscal buffer built up by his predecessor Rachel Reeves at her last budget. The Tories described the trail of Mr Healey's speech as a "policy-light word salad" while Liberal Democrat deputy leader Daisy Cooper accused the Chancellor of undermining his growth ambitions by "ignoring the Brexit trade barriers choking our exporters".

Mr Healey's speech came a day after a new report warned that nearly one in five young people in the North East was classed as NEET – not in employment, education or training – the highest level in the country.

North East mayor Kim McGuinness said: "This announcement will help us achieve our ambition to create more good jobs in the North East."

"We'll be working with the team at the National Wealth Fund on major regeneration projects that will visibly change the face of the North East, to roll out transport upgrades and to attract more jobs investment here. We're showing what happens when we champion the North."

Firefighters to pay tribute to victims of 9/11

TYNE and Wear Fire and Rescue Service will hold a powerful tribute on the 25th anniversary of 9/11.

The 'Walk 343' event will honour the fallen firefighters who made the ultimate sacrifice when responding to the 2001 terrorist attacks in New York.

The 343 firefighters, from the Fire

Department of the City of New York, who lost their lives helping others, will be remembered on Friday, September 11.

Colleagues from TWFRS will be collectively walking 343 miles by completing one mile loops around Newcastle city centre.

Both firefighters and support staff

will take part in the event, with some donning their fire kit and breathing apparatus as part of the challenge.

This provides an opportunity to remember fallen colleagues, and raise money for The Fire Fighters Charity, which provides vital support to the UK fire and rescue community.

The event is led by Andy Nelson, Sam Nicholson, and Station Manager Jay Shepherd, who said: "The 343-mile challenge is a powerful way for our crews to honour the 343 firefighters who lost their lives while responding to the tragic events of 11 September 2001 in New York."



► Start line of the Great North Run 2025

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THE entry ballot for next year's Great North Run is now open. Organisers of the world-famous half-marathon, which returns this weekend for its 45th outing, announced the news yesterday - along with the date for 2027's run, September 12.

The early ballot opening is set to see a rush of people apply to take part in the in-demand event and it capitalises on the fact that the build-up to the annual run - back for a 45th time on Sunday - always inspires others to want to take part. It is also the first opportunity to secure a guaranteed place for those who may have missed out this year.

This Sunday's Newcastle to South Shields run is set to see more people than ever take part, with a record 63,000 signed up to take on the 13.1-mile route. With just days now to go before the action, which will include a return visit by the Red Arrows, yesterday marked the start of a week-long fringe programme leading up to the big day.

The ballot for 2027 will remain open until midnight on September 20. Those interested can sign up online and, after the ballot closes, the draw will follow the next day, on September 21, with applicants being notified of their results

soon after this.

Organisers are expecting a record number of entries for it. Paul Foster, chief executive of the Great Run Company, said: "Since that first Great North Run in 1981, we've had over 1.4m finishers - 2027 will see us surpass the 1.5m milestone.

"Being a Great North Run finisher is an enviable club to be part of and we wish everyone good luck with their ballot application." Those who are not lucky enough to secure a place will, however, have other opportunities.

He added: "For those who are aren't successful, they will have another chance to secure ballot entry in January, or via one of the many charities who offer places to run our great event."

This week's fringe activities lead up to the start of the AJ Bell Great North running action which will get under way with the 5K on Friday, to be followed by the Junior and Mini - which themselves will be marking a 40-year anniversary - on Saturday.

Then the Great North Run, made up of elite men, women, wheelchair athletes and running masses, will turn the spotlight on the North East while more than 200,000 spectators are set to line the city-to-sea route. The event will also be broadcast live on BBC1 from 10am and shown in around 170 countries worldwide.

Tide goes out for eatery

A RESTAURANT known for its amazing Sunday dinners is closing, after its owners announced they were making the tough decision to walk away in order to spend more time with their family.

Many diners have enjoyed meals at High Tide in Cullercoats over the last seven and a half years - and before that when it was Bruno's Ristorante Italiano.

But the Victoria Crescent venue has now gone, with long time owners Jo and Nathan Bulch breaking the news in a heartfelt statement on social media last week.

Jo, who worked at Bruno's as a 16-year-old, before taking on the premises, was candid about the struggles the business, like many others had been facing, writing: "The past couple of years the catering industry has been so tough. The margins extremely small, produce prices at a record high and customers budgeting life due to pressures of the cost of living.

"We have been lucky to have THE best team of staff around and for that we are forever grateful to them. The food we have served, the service we

have given, the cocktails that were created and shaken in our beautiful bar (with the best view around), the amazing customers we have grown to know and love and the endless laughter that has filled our little independent restaurant will always be in our hearts."

On the decision to shut in order to spend more time with their children, Jo and Nathan added: "As we watch them growing up (very quickly) we realise how important family time is and unfortunately both of us being at work all weekend does not tick that box.

"We will always love our crispy Korean chicken, sourdough pizzas and our amazing Sunday roasts and that view... well, but we love our family more."

One regular responded: "Gutted to hear this but wishing you all the best in your next venture. Yet to find a restaurant that serves a better Sunday dinner than High Tide."

Another wrote: "Really sorry to hear this. What an amazing restaurant. The best Sunday dinners in the area. We will miss you but wish you well-earned quality time with your family."

Race on to make next Great North Run starting line



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NEWS

Hope Fest runners embrace wellness and positivity message



➤ Hundreds of people came together in Barnes Park, Sunderland for the inaugural Bridge to Hope Festival



➤ Performers Eddie Scott, Robyn Walker, John Gatenby and Shaun Chipp
Photos: © Raoul Dixon North News & Pictures Ltd



➤ Paul Thompson and Lisa Hodge

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HUNDREDS of people came together in Barnes Park for the inaugural Bridge to Hope Festival, Sunderland's first large-scale celebration of recovery, resilience, hope and community.

Organised by Wear Recovery, the event welcomed people in recovery, their families and friends, support organisations and residents for a day focused on connection, wellbeing and positivity.

Visitors took part in the colourful Bridge to Hope Colour Run, enjoyed live music and entertainment, explored activities and information from community organisations, and participated in a range of wellbeing,

recovery and family-friendly sessions.

Throughout the day, inspirational stories were shared by people with lived experience, helping to raise awareness of recovery journeys while reducing stigma and encouraging understanding. The festival also highlighted the wide range of support available across Sunderland, bringing together services, charities and community groups in one welcoming space.

These photographs capture some of the highlights from the day, from participants taking part in the Colour Run to families enjoying activities, live performances and community celebrations across the park. Bridge to Hope Festival forms part of Sunderland's One Big Summer programme.

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SCHOOL attendance in Northumberland remains lower than the national average due to the after-effects of the Covid crisis more than six years after the pandemic began.

While attendance rates are now recovering, Northumberland continues to lag behind the national rate.

At Thursday's meeting of the council's family and children's services scrutiny committee, education officers admitted there was still work to do to get attendances back to their ideal levels. Northumberland's overall attendance stands at 91.7%, compared to 93.1% nationally and 92.7% across the North East.

Speaking at the meeting, cabinet member for education Coun Guy Renner-Thompson said: "This is something the council has done a lot of work on. It is our view that the best place for a child is in school. "After Covid, there were issues with absences. Families got used to

their children not being in school and had to be enticed back to school. The trend is the absence figures are falling."

The council carries out attendance reviews with schools and hosts panels to track children classed as Children Missing Education (CME).

Multi-agency support arrangements are in place for vulnerable learners, including those with SEND, social care involvement

and emotionally based school avoidance.

Director of education, SEND and skills David Street said: "The absence rate has been declining since 2031. Northumberland's pattern has not been as smooth as the national picture but the direction of travel has been positive.

"We have maybe not got them down as low as they

could and should be. There's still plenty of work to do, but overall the data is moving in the right direction."

Overall absence reduced from 7.6% to 7.1% during the year, whilst authorised absence reduced from 5.0% to 4.6%.

Persistent absence, defined as a pupil missing more than 10% of possible sessions, reduced from 20.2% to 17.8%.

However, while a report presented to the committee described these improvements as "encouraging", it also noted that severe absence, where pupils miss more than 50% of sessions, increased from 2.44% to

2.71%. The report added: "This remains the most significant attendance challenge facing the local authority and schools."

Coun Suzanne Fairless Aitken said: "This made for uncomfortable reading. I found the statistics actually quite terrifying."

"A lot of it goes back to Covid when that contact between parents and schools were lost, the role models weren't there and teachers weren't vaccinated quickly enough in my opinion."

"Those children should have been in school a lot earlier, but that's by the by, we can't undo the past."



➤ Coun Guy Renner-Thompson

Covid after-effects still affect school attendance

Drink-driver had no memory of his journey

SARA NICHOL Court Reporter

A DRINK-DRIVER who had a bottle of wine and small bottle of vodka admitted he had no memory of getting behind the wheel on a busy Northumberland road.

A concerned member of the public dialled 999 to report a suspected intoxicated driver on the A69 near Bardon Mill one evening last month.

The witness reported seeing Neil Oselton get out of his vehicle at a petrol station to buy more alcohol, a court was told. Officers conducted a "registered keeper" check on the Fiat 500 and attended the 55-year-old's address.

He failed a roadside breath test and later admitted to having drunk a bottle of wine and a small bottle of vodka before getting behind the wheel. He also later admitted having no memory of driving his vehicle, prosecutors said.

Oselton, of Dixon Street, in Blackhill, near Consett, County Durham, has now been banned from the roads after he pleaded guilty to driving with excess alcohol during a hearing at Newcastle Magistrates' Court.

Rehana Haque, prosecuting, said police received the 999 call at around 7pm on

August 16. Mrs Haque continued: "The anonymous member of public expressed concern of an intoxicated driver. They saw the vehicle heading to a BP petrol station. They expected the driver was intoxicated due to the manner of driving."

"The defendant bought a bottle of vodka from the petrol station before driving east on the A69. The police conducted a registered keeper check and they found the defendant inside his house."

The court heard that Oselton gave a reading of 114mcg of alcohol in 100ml of breath when the legal limit is 35mcg.

Mrs Haque added: "There was CCTV footage from the garage, which showed the defendant driving the vehicle."

The court was told that Oselton had no past convictions, had pleaded guilty and was extremely remorseful.

Jason Boyd, defending, said: "There's complications with regard to his mental health. There's some very difficult family circumstances, which made him have a breakdown."

Magistrates adjourned the case for the preparation of a pre-sentence report. Oselton was released on unconditional bail to next appear at the same court on October 2. In the meantime, he was given an interim driving ban.



Girl, 13 hurt in road crash

A 13-YEAR-OLD girl was taken to hospital after being hit by a car as she crossed the road.

The air ambulance was called to the scene after the incident in Churchill Street, Wallsend, at around 4.30 on Friday afternoon.

She was taken to hospital by ambulance. Her injuries are not thought to be life-threatening.

A Northumbria Police spokesman said: "The driver of the car, a woman in her 40s, remained at the scene to assist officers."

Northumbria Police are appealing for witnesses to the collision to contact them, quoting reference number NP-20260904-0743.

Family pub closes doors

A NORTH East pub that was a firm favourite with families for over 30 years closed yesterday.

The closure of the Brewer's Fayre pub at Newcastle Quays in North Shields is the latest of a number of pubs and restaurants across the region to shut.

The closures are tied in with the nationwide restructuring of Whitbread, with the company shutting nearly 2,000 of its sites, including branches of Bar & Block, Beefeater and Brewer's Fayre.



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World News

Five dead in plane crash

INVESTIGATIONS were continuing yesterday after at least five people were killed when an Amazon cargo plane barrelled off a Miami airport runway and smashed into cars.

The plane struck vehicles on Sunday, bursting into flames and sending thick black smoke into the sky in a crash that shut down

flights at one of America's busiest airports. As well as the people killed, three were critically injured and two others in hospital with less severe injuries, Miami-Dade County officials told a news conference.

More than 60 Miami-Dade Fire Rescue units responded to the crash, arriving to find the aircraft

on fire as crews worked to extinguish the flames and assess patients.

The US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) said the aircraft overran the runway at around 2pm after arriving from San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Miami-Dade Fire Rescue officials said the plane struck multiple

vehicles after leaving the runway.

They said it was too soon to say whether the people who died were on board the plane or in the vehicles the plane hit.

Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy said the FAA was sending investigators and issued a full ground stop at Miami International as emergency crews responded.

The Prime Air plane came to rest beside a road near two semi-trucks, according to images from the scene. The aircraft appeared to be resting on its belly and was largely intact despite the fire.

The flight had been operated by 21 Air, a cargo carrier based in North Carolina. The 32-year-old Boeing 767 was originally built to carry passengers and flew for several airlines for more than two decades before being converted to a cargo plane in 2015, according to flight-tracking site Flightradar24.

All runways and taxiways were closed following the crash, an airport spokesperson said.

The FAA warned that delays were likely to persist even after the airport reopened, with arrivals and departures expected to resume at a reduced rate.

The National Transportation Safety Board said it was gathering information about the crash.

"We're working closely with local authorities and officials to understand exactly what happened," Amazon spokesperson Kelly Nantel said in a social media post. "Right now, our absolute priority is the safety, wellbeing and care of everyone involved."

Amazon said in a statement that it would co-operate with any investigation.

"We're heartbroken to learn that five people lost their lives in today's incident at Miami International Airport," the company said. "Our deepest sympathies go out to the families, loved ones, and all those affected by this devastating loss."



Nepal holds day of mourning

NEPAL has held a day of mourning to remember people who died in the August 26 floods with government offices lowering flags and family members concluding mourning rituals.

More than 1,300 people were killed in the flooding in Nepal and Tibet 13 days ago, with some 5,000 missing including foreigners, according to Nepal's disaster management agency.

In Hindu-dominated Nepal, mourning periods last 13 days, in which close family members stay at home and relatives visit to pay respect. On the final or 13th day, rituals are held to pray for the departed souls.

Several people whose family members are still missing have performed symbolic funerals with mourning rituals.

In Hindu tradition, cremation is an important final rite, and for some families, performing the ceremony even without the bodies of their loved ones provides a sense of spiritual release.

EU's £170m Greenland boost

EUROPEAN Commission president Ursula von der Leyen yesterday unveiled a £171million investment package for Greenland, as the European Union seeks to boost its relations with the vast island.

"Greenland can count on the EU," Ms Von der Leyen said, after signing an EU-Greenland declaration with Prime Minister Jens-Frederik Nielsen and Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen in Brussels.

Greenland is a semi-autonomous territory of Nato ally Denmark.

The EU has increased its focus on Greenland since US President Donald Trump began insisting that the United States should take control of the island.

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The plane following the crash at Miami International Airport

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A person views the Bayeux Tapestry at the British Museum in London

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Major council shake-up plans paused

DECISIONS on flagship local government reorganisation have been withdrawn as the Government launches a review of the plans following new legal advice.

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) said the review is to ensure the process is robust and aligns with the new Government's aim to "rewire the state", and follows "updated and privileged legal advice".

At least eight councils have launched legal challenges or were considering to do so due to opposition to the Government's choice of footprints for new councils.

Reform UK-led Kent County Council is set to consider a judicial review at a meeting today after it did not receive a response from the Government to a letter setting out concerns.

Plans for reorganisation in Essex, Hampshire, Norfolk and Suffolk have been withdrawn in the light of new legal advice.

Decisions on 14 further areas will be reviewed and paused alongside the cases of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough and West Sussex, which are yet to have a decision confirmed.

The Government was also due to confirm that local elections in May 2027 will go ahead on existing council boundaries, saying it remains committed to effective and sustainable local government and simplifying these structures.

Communities Secretary Angela Rayner told Parliament yesterday: "As we are now more determined than ever to devolve power closer to the people we represent, it's only right that as a new Secretary of State I make sure that everything we do is working towards that plan to change Britain, without delay. The Prime Minister told the House last week he was 'prepared

to look at local government reorganisation' and he asked me as his Communities Secretary to 'do that'.

"In that context, in light of legal advice, I want to satisfy myself firstly that the right process is in place, that it is robust, and of course complies with the law. And, secondly, I want to fully test whether our proposals for local government reorganisation meet the priorities of a new administration and a new Prime Minister, and any additional considerations.

"I do not take this lightly. I recognise the huge amount of work that has already gone into progressing reorganisation in each of these areas and I am very grateful for it."

MHCLG said reorganisation in Surrey will not be affected by the review and the two new unitary authorities, East and West Surrey, will go live in April 2027.

Reform UK has claimed credit for the Government's decision to halt the process, with the party leading county councils in Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex which all launched legal challenges to reorganisation.

Reform leader Nigel Farage said: "Reform UK not only argued that this Government's plans for local government reorganisation were an unmitigated disaster, but we once again put our money where our mouth is."

"Earlier this year we took on the Government and forced them to give the vote back to millions of people after Labour tried to cancel democracy. Now, thanks to our judicial reviews in affected Reform-led councils, the Government has backed down on their plans yet again. Only Reform had the backbone to stand up to these reckless plans. This is yet another embarrassing defeat for Labour. Only Reform backs real democracy."

National News

Tapestry arrival 'a moment in history'

THE arrival of the Bayeux Tapestry in the UK is "a moment in our national history" and "an enormous act of diplomacy", and the masterpiece will be kept in "the securest case we've got" to ensure its safety, a curator of the British Museum exhibition has said.

The 70-metre artefact will be unveiled to the public on

Thursday as part of a blockbuster show at the London institution.

The tapestry - the woven record of the Norman conquest - has returned to the UK for the first time in almost 1,000 years, on loan until September 2027 as part of a special trilateral agreement between the UK, France and the museum.

Asked if there were concerns

about deliberate damage to the tapestry, Michael Lewis, one of the four curators of the exhibition, said: "I'm hopeful no one thinks that's a good idea. The museum is a very secure place and things are in place to ensure that doesn't happen."

The Bayeux Tapestry is at the British Museum from September 10 to July 11 2027.

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Politics

Badenoch: Schools closing for A66 funeral is 'obscene'

CONSERVATIVE leader Kemi Badenoch said it was "obscene" that schools will again close for the funeral of one of the five young men killed in the A66 crash.

Cleveland Police had warned of potential traffic disruption yesterday as the funeral cortege for Theo Rae, 17, travelled through Middlesbrough.

The force said it was aware school closures had been agreed, but said this was not on its recommendation,

and Middlesbrough Council said the decision was based on possible traffic disruption.

Schools also closed on Friday in the South Bank area for the funeral of 23-year-old Jakub Matusiak.

The Tory leader, writing on X, said: "It's obscene that this is happening again. It is the duty of government to keep schools open, yet the Labour Education Secretary is allowing gang violence to dictate the lives of

law-abiding citizens. Lucy Powell [Secretary of State for Education] should be ashamed that she has refused to intervene.

"This sets a terrible precedent and sends a message to criminals and thugs across the country that this Labour government is too weak to keep its people safe from them."

In response, the Education Secretary said she trusted heads to make decisions, and called Ms

Badenoch's post "another ill-judged attempt at political point-scoring."

She added: "School attendance and keeping schools open is my absolute priority, as is the safety of all children. We've been in close contact with head teachers, schools and local authorities to support them to keep schools open and with sensitive child protection issues. The Conservatives used to champion school autonomy. Now, apparently,

they want me signing off every decision a head teacher makes.

Two more funerals of the five men who died in a VW Passat pursued by police will take place this week.

Pc Matthew Blades, 37, and Pc Tom Clough, 38, were also killed in a head-on collision with the Passat, which was heading the wrong way down the dual-carriageway.

Police said the men in the VW may have had links to organised crime.

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Scale of NHS challenge facing PM 'is greater than back in 1997'

THE scale of the NHS challenge facing Andy Burnham is greater than when New Labour came to power in 1997, according to a public survey.

The British Social Attitudes survey (BSA) looks at social and political attitudes across a range of issues, including the NHS.

A new analysis, including by experts from the King's Fund and Nuffield Trust, shows that in 1996 people were most dissatisfied with NHS waiting times and hospital services.

This improved by 2010, but now dissatisfaction is far more widespread across all NHS services, with poorer ratings for GP services, A&E and hospitals.

In the most recent BSA survey of 3,400 people in Great Britain last autumn, only 16 per cent were satisfied with the length of time it took to get a hospital appointment, 14 per cent were satisfied with the length of time people spent waiting in A&E, and just over a quarter (27 per cent) said the same about getting a GP appointment.

The new report acknowledges shocks to the system between when New Labour were in power and now - such as the pandemic - and argues the NHS is facing issues that "were largely absent" in 1997.

These include a more ageing population, with the share of the population aged 65 and over rising from 16 per cent in 1997 to 19 per cent in 2024, putting pressure on the NHS and social care.

Government borrowing per year was also under £4 billion a year in 1997 but

in 2024 it stood at £15 billion, after adjusting for inflation, meaning the current government cannot spend at the same rate as New Labour did.

Sir John Curtice, senior research fellow at NatCen and BSA co-author, said it took New Labour arguably three terms in government to succeed in areas such as getting waiting lists down.

He said the latest Labour government "is acknowledging it's a two-term, if not a three-term, challenge, and one of the uncertainties is whether the current government will indeed enjoy the luxury of two or three terms that the New Labour party did eventually enjoy".

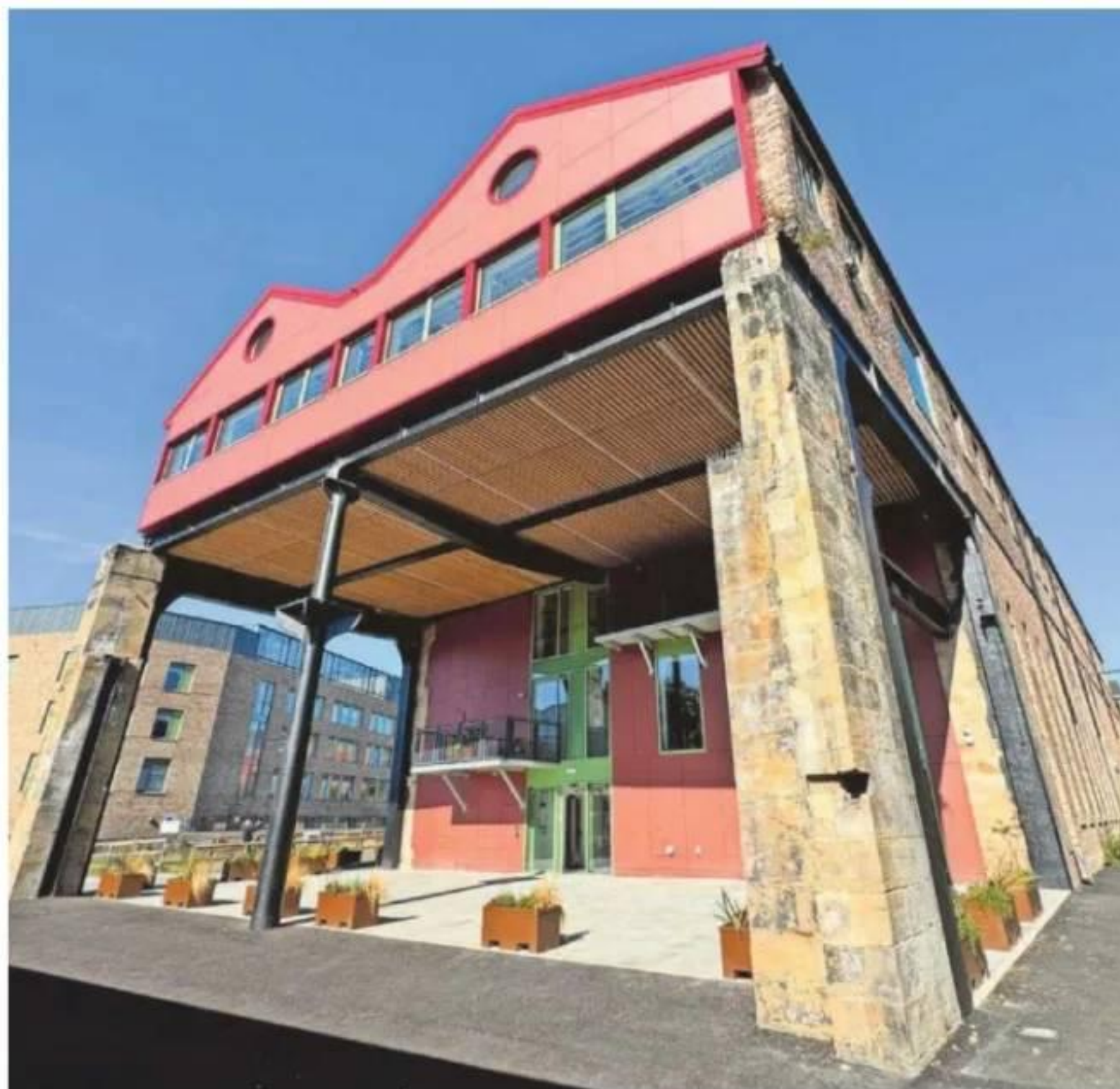
On the wider report, he added: "The principal source of the public's high level of dissatisfaction with the NHS is much the same today as it was when New Labour was in power - they feel it takes too long to access the care they need. However, whereas under New Labour this concern was focused on the time it took to get a hospital appointment, now it extends to all parts of the NHS including GPs."

"Meanwhile, the tight fiscal backdrop and the ageing of the population means turning the NHS around looks more challenging than it was 25 years ago."

Co-author Danielle Jefferies, senior analyst at the King's Fund, said: "The lesson from the New Labour years is that restoring public confidence in the NHS is possible, but it is not quick: even with rising satisfaction early on and major spending increases, it took 13 years to reach its peak."



► Mark Mullen, has stepped down as CEO of Atom Bank, based in the Pattern Shop in Newcastle, right



North East needs 'front door fixing' for start-ups

MINISTERS are being urged to help widen access to entrepreneurship in regions like the North East, as research reveals a stark divide in who feels able to start and grow a business in the UK.

The latest findings from Virgin StartUp's Founder Barometer report show that two thirds (67%) of founders from lower socio-economic backgrounds feel unsupported by the Government, compared with just one third (33%) of founders from upper-middle socio-economic backgrounds.

Access to finance remains a major barrier for the next generation of entrepreneurs. Just 27% of founders from lower socio-economic backgrounds feel financially confident, compared with 70% of founders from higher socio-economic backgrounds.

Financial pressures have been a persistent concern for SMEs for three years. Almost half (47%) of founders cite cost-of-living pressures as a major concern, rising to 59% among those from lower socio-economic backgrounds.

The pressure is particularly acute in the North East, where 63% of founders say the cost of living is their biggest concern.

Andy Fishburn, managing director at Virgin StartUp, said: "As someone from the North East, I know that talent exists in every part of the country, but a founder's background still has far too much bearing on their chances of succeeding."

"If the UK wants to unlock its full potential, we need to fix the front door to entrepreneurship by widening access to finance, networks and practical support. Supporting today's start-ups must be an economic priority."

Digital bank co-founder and CEO steps down

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NEWCASTLE challenger bank Atom Bank has announced the departure of its chief executive Mark Mullen.

Mr Mullen, who co-founded the bank in Durham ahead of its move to Tyneside this year, has stepped down after a period of speculation around possible takeover bids for the digital-only bank.

Current chief financial officer Andrew Marshall will become interim CEO as Atom starts the search for a permanent successor to Mr Mullen. The announcement came as accounts for Atom for the year ending March 31 showed a growth in net operating income to £99.8m, while profit before taxation increased significantly from £5.1m a year earlier to £9.4m.

In the accounts, Mr Mullen said

the company's performance had been "positive", though he stressed the need to find a "better balance in the composition of our earnings".

He added: "We delivered these results despite considerable macroeconomic volatility, maintaining exceptionally low levels of both arrears and forbearance at just 0.9% across the loan portfolio. In the final quarter of the financial year, the impact of the potential economic fallout from the war in Iran played through into higher modelled Expected Credit Losses (ECLs) for the year at £9.4m against £7.1m in FY25.

"In the course of the year, we further expanded and established new deposit platform partnerships. We grew retail deposit balances to more than £8.3bn and launched our first Cash ISA.

"We have invested in our behaviouralisation and price elasticity modelling and continued to leverage

our Elvet Securitisation programme. Growing our retail deposit capabilities will remain a key strategic focus. We continue to work toward increasing our maximum aggregate balance, driven by the upcoming launch of our latest savings variants."

In this morning's announcement of his decision to step down, Mr Mullen said: "After 12 years as CEO, I have decided to hand over the leadership of Atom. It has been a privilege to build this business and I am immensely proud of what we have achieved together, growing Atom into a leading UK bank that success-

It has been a privilege to build this business into a leading UK bank

Mark Mullen

fully competes with the High Street banks. Atom is a fantastic company with a bright future. I wish Andrew and my permanent successor well."

Atom chair Lee Rochford said: "On behalf of the board, I would like to thank Mark for his leadership, dedication and significant contributions since he founded the business 12 years ago. Under his leadership, Atom pioneered digital banking in the UK.

"His vision of an online bank devoted to customer service has been adopted across the industry and helped make Atom one of the UK's most trusted banks for customers. That is a legacy to be proud of."

Mr Marshall said: "I am pleased to take on the role of Interim CEO and to lead Atom after 10 years with the business. Mark leaves us with a strong foundation and an excellent team, and I look forward to working with the board and leadership team to maintain our momentum."

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0809 2300	City of St Petersburg	Le Havre	Tyne Car Terminal 2
0909 0130	Lila II	Newton Falls	Riverside Quay
0909 0850	King Seaways	Ijmuiden	RoRo 3

Sailings

Date/Time	Name	From	To
0809 1630	Princess Seaways	RoRo 3	Ijmuiden
0809 1800	Gramplan Derwent	Tyne Dock Enterprise Bank	Dogger Bank
0909 0600	Neptune Phos	Whitehill Point	Sheerness
0909 0630	Gramplan Tees	Dogger Bank	Tyne Dock Enterprise Park

First trainees get started on £250m adult skills programme

THE first trainees have started on the North East's £250m adult skills programme.

Mayor Kim McGuinness hailed the start of the Adult Skills Training Programme, which is designed to boost job opportunities in construction, manufacturing, tech, foundational roles and the fast-growing green economy.

She said: "I said we'd change the way we deliver adult skills training in the North East, and now we're doing just that."

"Every bit of our new skills investment is focused on one thing - helping people move from training straight into proper jobs in our growing industries."

"That could be in the green economy, digital and tech, in the foundational jobs we all rely on so much, like nursery teaching or working in a shop, pub or restaurant, or in the construction roles we need to build the homes of the future."

"Support is there for people to get the skills, confidence and fair chances they deserve."

The programme is designed to tackle long-standing skills shortages while ensuring residents can benefit from the region's expanding clean-energy and innovation sectors.

It will also strengthen the foundational economy, including health, care, logistics and community services.

Support will be targeted at adults with low qualifications, people facing health barriers, women entering technical fields, care-experienced young adults and those seeking to progress in work.

It is hoped that the plan will lead to higher employment rates, more people progressing into better-paid roles, and a stronger pipeline of skilled workers for key industries. The programme also aims to reduce economic inactivity.



Members of the Ferguson family come together in Blyth to celebrate the company's 100th birthday

Family firm back where it began for centenary

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A WELL-KNOWN family firm in the North East has celebrated its centenary. Fergusons Transport was founded in Blyth in 1926 by Matthew Ferguson, whose family continue to run the company today.

To mark its centenary, the Ferguson family returned to Blyth to celebrate with the people who have been part of the journey, hosting a series of receptions at the Market Pavilion to honour the enduring relationships

that remain at the heart of the company.

The company is now led by third-generation family member Alan Ferguson, who won the outstanding achievement award at last year's North East Business Awards. The firm has grown to have a fleet of more than 200 vehicles and an extensive range of trailers, alongside its specialist warehousing, logistics, commercial vehicle workshop and test centre, removals, and self-storage operations.

Fergusons began in the year of the General Strike when Matthew Ferguson sold his house to buy a small

truck and set up in business with his brother Will. Much of the company's initial work was around Blyth's harbour, transporting goods to Newcastle, while it also benefited from the construction of Blyth Power Station in the 1950s and later the Alcan plant at nearby Lynemouth.

Matthew passed the business to his son Eddie in the 1950s, and it acquired a number of other firms, including Redpaths of Wooler, in the 1990s. That deal also led to current executive chairman Alan Ferguson meeting his wife Eileen, then part of the Redpath family, and both have overseen the company's evolution

into the Ferguson Group, which operates in a range of sectors.

Mr Ferguson said: "Fergusons has always been a family business. Our staff, customers and friends are all part of that family. Today I am back where it all started, surrounded by my wife, Eileen and our five children: all of whom work within the family group in some capacity."

"I am sure my grandfather and father are looking down with pride on the legacy they created, and are gratified at how highly regarded Fergusons is by all who work with us - testimony to the values they embedded right from the beginning."

Youth employment and economic growth go hand in hand

YOUTH unemployment is a growing concern, not only for young people but for the wider economy. It increases pressure on families and public services while delaying the careers of future business leaders, innovators and entrepreneurs.

While the problem is clear, the solution is harder. But it must begin with a simple truth: if Government is serious about reducing youth unemployment, it must be equally serious about reducing the cost of doing business.

With more than a million young people across the UK not in education, employment or training, it is



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clear that skills policy alone will not solve this challenge. Here in the North East and Tees Valley, creating opportunities ultimately depends on businesses having the confidence and capacity to recruit, train and invest. This is particularly important

in sectors such as hospitality, leisure and retail, where many young people gain their first experience of work and where rising costs are placing enormous pressure on employers. It also matters for our region's strengths in advanced manufacturing, energy and technology, industries that need a steady pipeline of skilled talent.

Across the North East and Tees Valley, employers want to create jobs, apprenticeships and work experience opportunities. Yet record tax burdens, higher National Insurance Contributions, rising wage costs and increasing regulation are reducing firms' ability to invest and hire.

The CBI's latest report, Opportu-

nity in Every Postcode, highlights a simple reality: youth employment and economic growth go hand in hand. Young people need opportunities, and opportunities come from successful, growing businesses.

That is why the Government should cut employers' National Insurance contributions, giving firms greater confidence to recruit and invest. Employment reforms must be implemented in a way that protects opportunities for younger workers.

Skills matter too. Government should work with employers, training providers and devolved authorities to ensure skills systems support growth sectors and local labour market

needs. Reforming the tax treatment of workplace health and wellbeing investment would also help businesses support young people facing health-related barriers to work.

The Prime Minister has rightly identified youth unemployment as a national priority. With the Autumn Budget approaching, ministers must now create the conditions for growth.

The link between growth and opportunity is clear. Businesses across the North East and Tees Valley want to provide opportunities for the next generation. They need government to back them.

Matt Bratton is regional director of the CBI



Standard Life takes £473m hit

STANDARD Life swung to a loss in the first half of the year after the market moved against positions the firm had taken to shield itself against volatility.

The pensions firm posted an overall loss of £179m for the first six months of the year, driven by £473m in paper losses on financial protection contracts bought to safeguard the business against market falls.

Because stock markets rose, the value of those protective policies fell, and strict accounting rules forced the group to record the drop on

its books. The strategy, known as hedging, is used by businesses to protect their balance sheets against sudden market drops and ensure steady cash flow.

"The group accepts the hedge-related volatility," Standard Life said in its half-year update, adding it was a "known consequence of our hedging strategy that is designed to protect our cash, capital and dividend."

Despite the headline drop, the FTSE 100 group recorded a 25% increase in adjusted profit to £563m.

This came as operating cash generation – the total amount it brings in from day-to-day core operations – jumped 6% to £745m.

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House prices down for first time in 33 months

FELIX ARMSTRONG

HOUSE prices fell in the year to August in the first annual decrease in nearly three years, as high borrowing costs cause prospective buyers to "sit tight".

The average UK house price edged down 0.2% last month to £298,468, according to Lloyd's house price index. This marks a 0.4% year-on-year fall, the first negative yearly move since November 2023.

The impacts of the Iran war on the UK's housing market have worsened in recent months as higher inflation and borrowing costs hamper housing affordability, weighing on buyers and housebuilders.

The UK's housing market has slowed the most in the south of England, where higher prices mean buyers and sellers are more exposed to significant costs like stamp duty.

The average house price in London fell by 1.5% to £534,177 in the year to August, according to Lloyds.

This was the second-biggest drop across the country, beaten only by

the South East, where prices fell by 1.6% to £381,729.

"As has been the case for several months, there remains a clear divide in house price performance across the UK," property experts at the bank said.

August's drop in house prices comes as housing market activity is at its slowest in more than two years.

Mortgage approvals are at their lowest level since the start of 2024, according to the Bank of England.

The number of residential transactions in the three months to July was 4% lower than in the preceding three months, according to recent HMRC figures.

Andrew Asaam, mortgages director at Lloyds, said: "The housing market has faced a more difficult backdrop in recent months, with the impact of global events on inflation and borrowing costs creating greater economic uncertainty."

"What we're not seeing is a rush of homeowners cutting prices. But more are choosing to sit tight, with sellers reluctant to accept offers they

feel are too low, while some buyers are waiting to see how conditions develop."

Assam said that he expects the UK's housing market to "remain subdued" in the coming months, as buyers brace for the October Budget.

But house prices are unlikely to fall much further, he added, because growing wages and resilient employment levels will "support demand from those who need or want to move".

Nathan Emerson, chief executive of estate agents' trade body Propertymark, said: "As we head into the autumn months, the upcoming Autumn Budget may well help determine the plans of many aspiring buyers and sellers for their next house move, alongside the upcoming inflation figures and interest rate announcement in the middle of the month."

"Following what has, in part, been an uneven year, it is hoped that the housing market will regain a more stable footing as the year progresses."

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Tate Lyle	557.00	-1.00
Tesco	474.50	-0.90
United Utils	£13.37	-25.00

Beavers form growing bond after release into the wild

TWO of the beavers released into the wild on Exmoor earlier this year appear to have formed a pair, conservationists have revealed.

The blossoming relationship has been captured on trail-camera footage from the National Trust's Holnicote Estate.

Footage shows the two animals grooming each other and spending time close together, providing an encouraging indication that they are settling into the landscape and establishing the social bonds that could form the basis of a future family group.

The pair were released in February and are part of the second wild release on National Trust land – and the third in England – since last year.

Mathieu Burtschell, a National Trust ranger, said: "Seeing these two beavers together on the trail camera is really exciting."

"When the animals were released, we hoped they would explore the landscape, establish territories and begin forming the relationships that are so important to a healthy beaver population."

"The fact that they have paired up is a good indication that they have found the right conditions at Holnicote, with enough suitable habitat, food and space to establish a territory together."

"They are largely active at night, so trail cameras give us a valuable window into what they are doing when we are not there."

"If the pair remains together,

they could eventually establish their own family group and help strengthen the beaver population across the estate."

Beavers usually live in small family groups centred around an adult pair who then typically mate for life.

Once established in a territory, their dams, canals and wetlands can create new habitats for wildlife while helping water remain in the landscape for longer.

Releasing the beavers into the wild is part of the National Trust's work to restore rivers, wetlands and floodplains across the 5,000-hectare Holnicote Estate in Somerset.

The beavers are being monitored to understand how they settle, move through the catchment and shape the surrounding habitat.

Trail-camera footage of two of the beavers released into the wild earlier this year who appear to have formed a pair, conservationists have revealed

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Take a Canny cruise down the Tyne...



► The Canny Lass, Tyne Cruises launch on the River Tyne

With the sun glinting off the river and a sense of anticipation on board, the engine of the Canny Lass starts up for one of its first cruises on the Tyne, writes **BARBARA HODGSON**

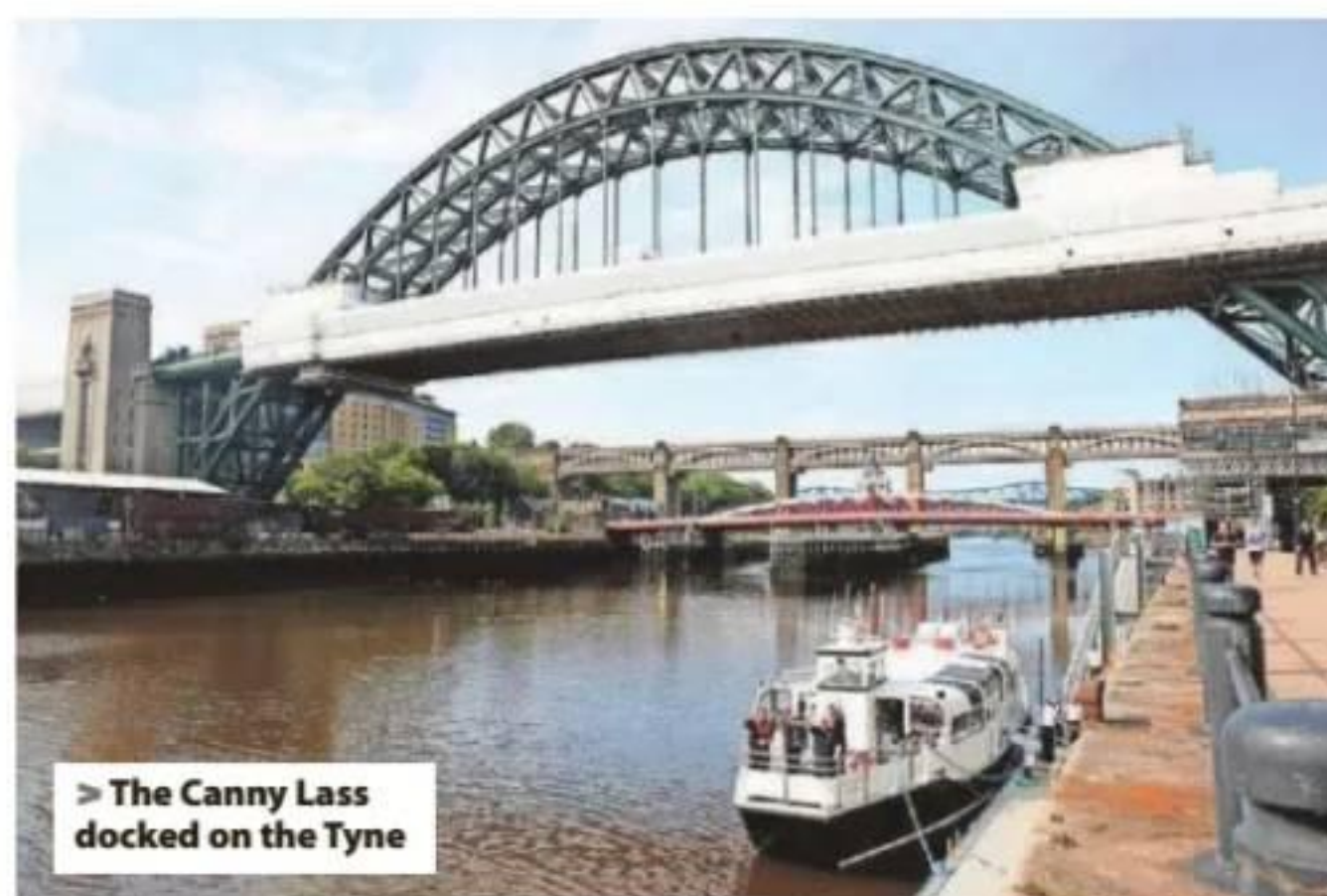
THE new Tyne Cruises has brought river jaunts back to Newcastle quayside for the first time since the pandemic, with the best of weather greeting their debut last month when guest previews were followed by the opening to the public.

On an hour-long trip on this newly-refurbished catamaran, taking us to Dunston Staiths then back towards St Peter's Basin before returning to NE1's quayside marina, we find it not only offers an opportunity to view the likes of The Glasshouse and Baltic from a unique perspective but is also a unique vantage point of the Tyne's iconic bridges as it passes underneath. Seeing the giant structures from this angle has to be a first for many.

There's even a point all seven can be viewed in a line – if you're in time

to snap it. Away from the quayside, where passersby wave to us from the Millennium bridge, the close-up sight of the historic Dunston Staiths comes as a stark contrast, its dramatic framework surrounded by mud flats and wheeling seagulls.

Before our return leg, when it's fishermen – fishing rods arching towards the water – who this time wave to us from the bank as our view changes to the Ouseburn Cycle Hub and Spiller's Wharf, we spot cormorants, kittiwakes with their young and a heron too. I can only imagine how dramatically different again it will feel to be taking in the salty air on the three-hour cruise out to sea, which is another of the company's three options which also include a two-hour 'country' trip up-river to the Tyne's quieter areas and greener banks.



► The Canny Lass docked on the Tyne

Sailing along in the fresh air was enough to have me feeling I was on holiday, especially as I had a glass of wine in my hand. The Canny Lass is fully licensed and its little bar and cafe area is tucked into a corner of the boat's interior where there are tables, with menus, lining the windows.

With a catamaran having twin

hulls, there are outdoor areas both front and back – or bow and stern I should say – and it's here that seating space no doubt will be most in demand. It's first-come, first-served, says Tyne Cruises co-director Geoff Moore who has been delighted at the Canny Lass's reception.

It's been some challenge he tells me. And quite a journey to get here.

Geoff, who is from Gravesend in Kent, is a marine business owner, having superyacht company West Nautical and more recently buying two local marine businesses. He had been interested too in River Escapes, the firm which previously operated cruises on the Tyne before the pandemic brought about their end.

The opportunity to help bring the river to life again finally came through forging a relationship with NE1. The business development district company runs the city marina where the Canny Lass now occupies two berths.

"None of this would have happened without their support," says Geoff, adding: "They've been so supportive, helping us get the licensing, the berthing – everything that we needed to do to start this."

There had been a tender put out to other businesses too. He jokes: "Nobody was stupid enough to go for it – just us! The biggest challenge was selecting a vessel that would work here."

They had to find one of a size to accommodate enough people and

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Time out EXTRA

who, what, where, when?

WHO was US Secretary of State 1993-97?
WHAT is the standard unit of currency of Grenada?
WHERE in England is the village of Cockayne?
WHEN did Marlon Brando die?

remember when...



> Marilyn Monroe as Elsie and Laurence Olivier as The Regent and in The Prince and the Showgirl

The following events all occurred in a year in living memory.

Can you guess the year?

1. Humphrey Bogart died
2. Laurence Olivier and Marilyn Monroe starred in The Prince and the Showgirl
3. Princess Caroline of Monaco and Gloria Estefan were born
4. Prime Minister Anthony Eden resigned

impossipuzzles

Peter pointed to a printed notice on the fence as they passed a construction site. "That's a funny number, Dad," he said. "It's the building permit." "Funny?" Stan asked. "You mean because the first three figures are the same as the other three?"

"Partly, but that's not all," the boy replied. "It's just seven times the square of each half."

What was the number?

wordwise

The word may sound familiar, but what does it mean?

MAYHEM

A Maiming

B A wild party

C Labyrinth

who am I?

An actress and dancer, I was born in Texas in 1922. My real name is Tula Ellice Finklea, and I derived my stage name from a childhood pet name and the surname of my first husband. I was the star of many popular film musicals of the 1940s and 50s, including Brigadoon, Silk Stockings and Singin' In The Rain.

answers

WHO WHAT WHERE WHEN: Warren Christopher; East Caribbean dollar; North Yorkshire; 2004.

REMEMBER WHEN: 1957.

IMPOSSIPUZZLES: 143143.

WORDWISE: A.

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also, crucially, to be able to pass under the Swing Bridge and the Millennium Bridge, rather than fit around the latter's occasional opening times.

"On our cruise we'll be going under that bridge twice," Geoff points out. "We needed a boat that could go under the bridges at all tides and that could hold good capacity - and that means it had to be low and it had to be wide. We looked at about nine vessels; we visited four to survey them then we selected this."

And finding the boat proved something of a "strange homecoming" for Geoff, marked by coincidence. It happened to be in his native Kent. Then called the Jacob Marley, the boat was registered in Rochester and had operated on the Thames and Medway Canal as a passenger vessel and a ferry.

Its final work, before the local council withdrew funding for it, was as a Gravesend-Tibury ferry across the Thames. Geoff had attended Gravesend Grammar School and also did his work experience at the Port of London in Gravesend.

"It had been laid up for the last two years - which means it was decommissioned," he says. So, transforming the boat into the Canny Lass was their next big step.

The other director-owners in Tyne Cruises are mariner Tom Leyland - a ship and yacht captain he's known for years - and husband-and-wife Neil and Steffi Schofield. Neil works within the other companies and is also a sailor while Steffi is an events planner.

"Neil's the only Geordie. The rest of us have made this our home," says Geoff. "All of us have complementary skills sets - ultimately we understand boating. We're here to offer an experience and to make the Canny Lass synonymous with the North East."

He is keen for it to play a role for locals in the way the Tuxedo Princess did, which he has been hearing all about from passersby during long hours of work on the Canny Lass on the quayside. "Honestly we've had so many hurdles and the thing that's kept us going has been the public."

While nothing was salvageable from the River Escapes boats, it has left something of a legacy in that one of its retired crew, Rory, has a new role on the Canny Lass. "He



> The Canny Lass passes under the Millennium Bridge

used to do a lot of the talks and he was one of the captains for 20 years there," says Geoff. "He knows the river like the back of his hand. He's been guiding the captain on where the shallows are; where nests are; where otters like to sit."

More often than not Rory will be seen up-front in his high-vis vest during the cruises, chatting to visitors and sharing his knowledge along with some sightseeing and wildlife-spotting tips.

The public feedback about the Canny Lass has been fantastic from the off, says Geoff. During that time spent at the quayside "working seven days a week", they heard not just stories about the nightclub ship and memories of River Escapes but also tales of the local shipyards - "there's huge nostalgia" - and it became clear just how much people wanted to experience the new cruises.

That response is making everything worthwhile and the team are all now enjoying the buzz of opening week. The sparkling Canny Lass has capacity for 100 people - 98 passengers and two crew - but will operate at much lower numbers.

"It's about comfort," says Geoff. There are 59 seats inside so they will sell that number of tickets as they want to ensure that everyone who comes can have an inside seat if they want one or if the weather is less than appealing.

If it is sunny they can always release extra tickets. There is a space for a wheelchair on each cruise, with access to the boat via ramp, and well-behaved dogs are welcome too.

Geoff says of the boat: "It ticked a

lot of the physical boxes for us" but he adds: "We would have loved more outside seating." There are 20 outside seats and options just to wander around, if preferred.

Those wanting to buy refreshments will find everything has been as locally-sourced as possible, explains operations manager Dawn Mooney who points out the day's fresh delivery of pastries and the likes of Northumberland's Bustin Crisps and WATA and Marlish drinks, alongside Tynemouth Coffee Company brews and Ad Gefrin spirits.

While there is no oven for hot food, Geoff says: "In the winter we'll be looking to see if we can do a panini machine, soup option or something like that." Private hire is also available, meaning extra food possibilities, and there is also the flexibility to add bench seating in the cabin if required.

The company has exciting plans for its own events too. The Canny Lass, under captain is Mark Taylor, will be operating from around 9am until evening five or six days a week - year-round, save for January. "Every year the boat needs to come out of the water for underwater inspections, maintenance and service," says Geoff.

The current schedule offers at least two daily choices, save for Mondays, and occasionally all three cruises in one day. While the thrum of the engines currently means it is rather loud at the front of the boat, the plan is to introduce a new speaker system which will open up opportunities for other events including DJs and live singers.

"We're looking at various things like that - they're all clipboard ideas at the moment because we had to get operational," says Geoff. Seasons and themes are also up for discussion, with plenty potential for Halloween then festive treats for Christmas, such as the possibility of a Santa's grotto.

Beyond that, the future may hold more cruise boats. "We would love a larger vessel if we can, to do more - and bigger - events," says Geoff.

But for now the Canny Lass is enough: "We want to make this work operationally."

Cruises cost £18 for the one-hour option; £24 for two and £36 for the three-hour sea trip, with half-price tickets for children and concessions available.



> Director of Tyne Cruises, Geoff Moore

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Your View of the North – The mouth of the Tyne at low tide from the Fish Quay, North Shields, taken last month by Anna Newson, of Newcastle. Send your views of the North East and Cumbria to jnl.letters@ncjmedia.co.uk and include your name and where the photo was taken.

The Journal Going for growth

CHANCELLOR John Healey's speech yesterday contained some strong pro-North, pro-business messages.

The £150m he announced for fast-growing Northern firms may not go that far, so it's important that the North East gets at least its fair share.

He also revealed that the National Wealth Fund has signed strategic partnerships with mayoral authorities in the North East and three other regions to develop pipelines to bring in more investment.

These opportunities came as the Chancellor tried to breathe life into the small signs of growing confidence in the economy. He will hope that those signs get stronger in the next few weeks ahead of a Budget that will tread the finest of lines between optimism and realism.

The message of Andy Burnham's government – trotted out at every opportunity – is growth in every postcode. Let's hope they can make it happen.

Solar isn't the problem

THE sad story of the Sturdy family, tenant farmers who have lost nearly half their North Yorkshire farm to a solar development, has been well reported.

The Government's own planning inspector concluded the scheme would cause "irreversible detriment" to their business, yet it was approved on appeal anyway. Their experience has exposed a real gap in the law: tenant farmers have inadequate protection in such cases.

The fact that the development is a solar farm seems to put a spotlight on this case, whilst a different story, about a farmer positive about solar on his own land, has had far less coverage.

Joe Ward is also a third-generation farmer, this time in Lincolnshire. He says he's had no real choice but to turn some of his land to solar for financial reasons. His soil has been used to grow barley for the malting industry, a market that's shrinking. Two dry summers running, and the loss of affordable water, has made his efforts unprofitable. "Growing food here isn't profitable, solar is," he says. Now his ground will be put to better use and help his farm remain profitable.

Due to global warming, farmers across the UK have suffered in recent years. Sometimes from flooding, ruining crops and washing away

precious topsoil. At other times, from heat and drought ripping away any chance of profit. This year, some farmers have endured one followed by the other and simply can't plan for what might come next.

Climate change is what threatens our food security, not solar farms. The Sturdys deserve a fairer tenancy law, not a rethink on renewable energy.

Cathy Slaughter

Region can lead recovery

THE North East has already shown the country what a green North Sea can look like, from the offshore wind jobs supporting the Tyne to the wider energy transition taking shape along our coast.

That's why the Government's push to approve two new North Sea oil and gas fields, Rosebank and Jackdaw, deserves a sceptical look from readers here.

We're told this will strengthen energy security and ease bills. It won't ease bills, since the oil and gas will be sold on the international market regardless of where it's extracted, and October's price cap is already set to hit its highest level in three years on the back of volatile global gas prices.

Independent analysis puts the climate damage from these fields at up to £336bn, dwarfing the developer's own claimed benefit.

Levelling up this region was always meant to mean good, secure jobs built on the industries of the future. Newcastle and the wider Tyne have the skills and the geography to lead a genuine green North Sea recovery.

Doubling down on fossil fuel extraction instead would be a wasted opportunity for this city and this region.

Julian Briggs

Best way to boost growth

FOR too long British politics has overseen rising regional inequality and falling living standards, and with his promise of 'growth in every postcode', I think Andy Burnham is right to try and fix this.

However, no other policy offers a surer way to grow the North East's economy than EU membership. Analysis by Frontier Economics, published by Best for Britain, shows that membership could boost our region's economy by at least £216m each year.

Manufacturing sees the most benefit – from automotive engineers in Sunderland, to shipbuilders in Wallsend, EU membership could transform industry in the North East. If Burnham is serious about regional growth and re-industrialisation, I believe he will find no better opportunity.

Ann Partington

On this day

■ 1157: King Richard I was born in Oxford, third son of Henry II and Eleanor of Aquitaine. He was later known as Richard the Lionheart. Although he reigned for nearly 10 years, he was only in England twice – a grand total of 160 days. He was away mostly on crusades.

■ 1504: Michaelangelo unveiled his statue of David in Florence.

■ 1664: The Dutch settlement of New Amsterdam was seized by the English and re-named New York, in honour of James, Duke of York, the future King James II.

■ 1886: Siegfried Sassoon, First World War poet, was born in Brenchley, Kent.

■ 1888: The first English Football League matches were played.

■ 1944: The first German V2 flying bombs fell in Britain.



➤ Siegfried Sassoon

■ 1966: The Severn Bridge, spanning from south Gloucestershire in England to Monmouthshire in Wales, was officially opened by the Queen. It took three-and-a-half years to build, at a cost of £8 million.

■ ON THIS DAY LAST YEAR: The UK could suspend visas for countries that do not agree to returns deals for migrants, the Home Secretary said as she vowed to do "whatever it takes" to stop small boat crossings.

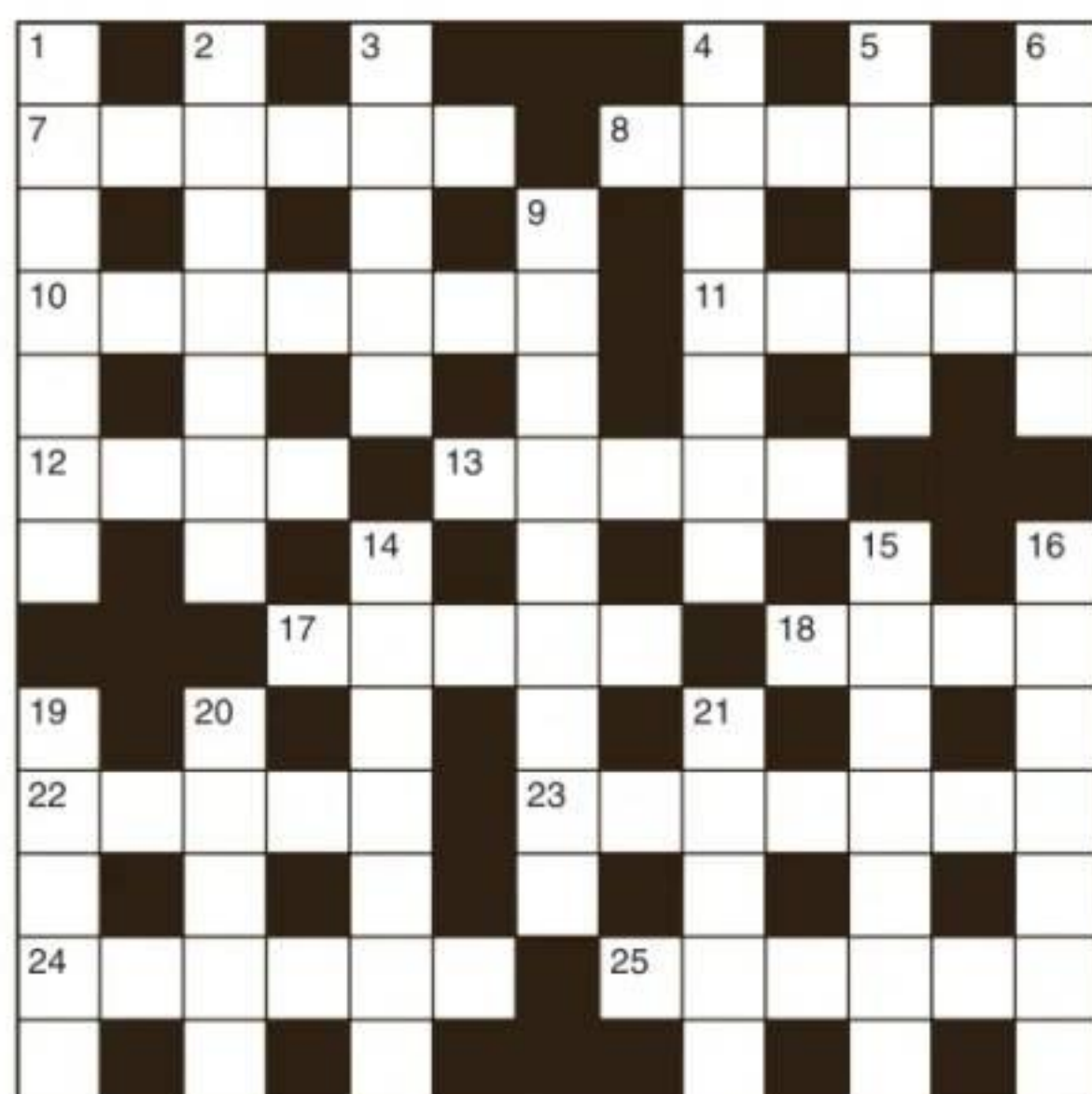


■ BIRTHDAYS: Michael Frayn, writer, 93; Anne Diamond, journalist/TV presenter, 72, pictured left; Victor Ubogu, former rugby union player, 62; David Arquette,

actor, 55; Martin Freeman, actor, 55; Richard Hughes, musician (Keane), 51; Pink, pop singer, 47.

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Across: 1 Laden; 4 Leaflet; 8 Ulysses; 9 Slack; 10 Hops; 11 Carriers; 13 Port; 14 Leas; 16 Sergeant; 17 Lead; 20 Opine; 21 Elation; 22 Kindred; 23 Oaths. Down: 1 Laughing stock; 2 Dry up; 3 Nest; 4 Lascar; 5 Absorbed; 6 Leaders; 7 Take soundings; 12 Free beer; 13 Portion; 15 Indeed; 18 Edict; 19 Faro.

ACROSS

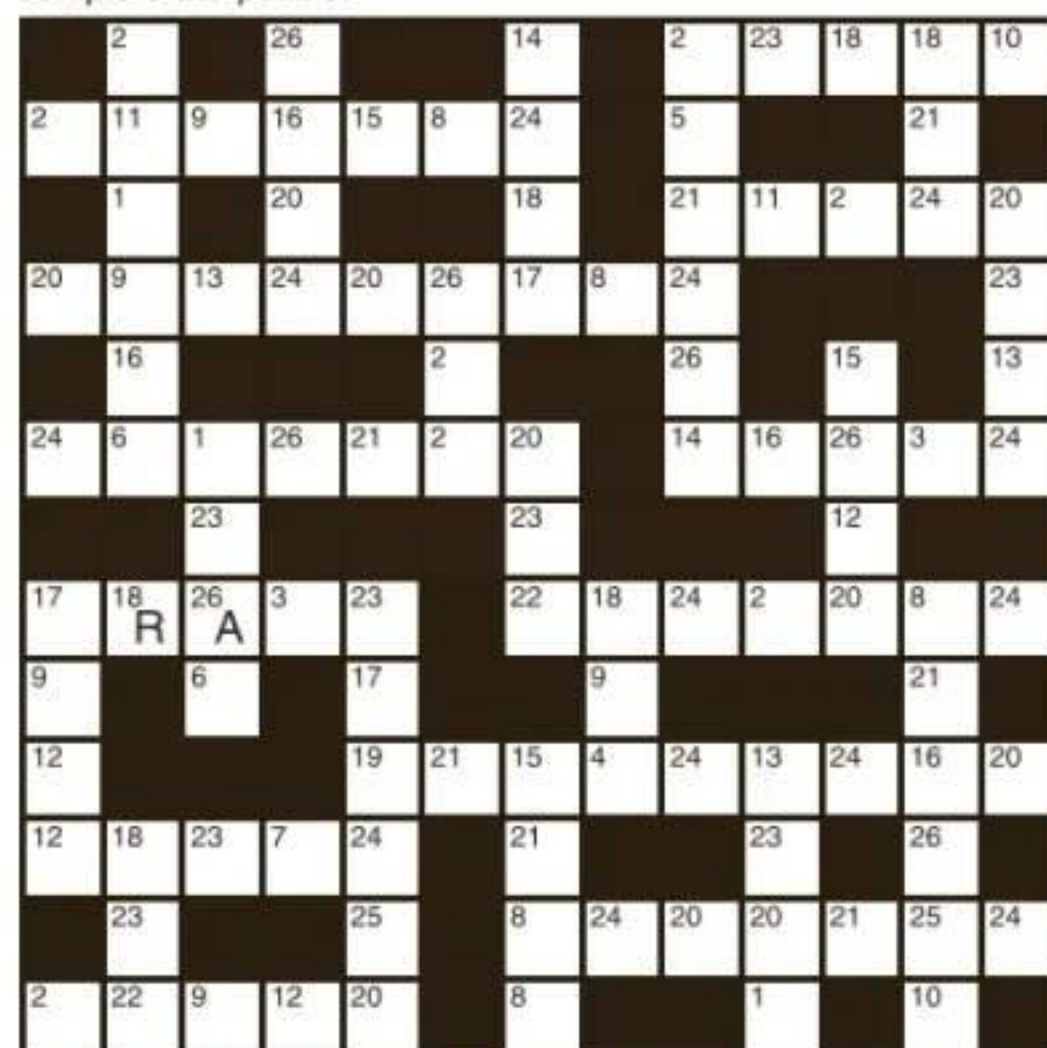
7. Handbook used by organist (6)
8. Large toupee for the potentate (6)
10. Syncopated music when the students' carnival takes place (7)
11. See 22 Across
12. Metal connection to a switch (4)
13. Mature advertisement last month (5)
- 17 & 20Dn. Would this be suitable to accompany the torch-singer? (5,5)
18. Stimulation comes from ardour generally (4)
- 22 & 11Ac. Fair attraction somewhere in the vicinity (10)
23. They copy the outlines of projectiles (7)
24. Corrects the position of a faulty signal (6)
25. Different people make parents lose their head (6)

DOWN

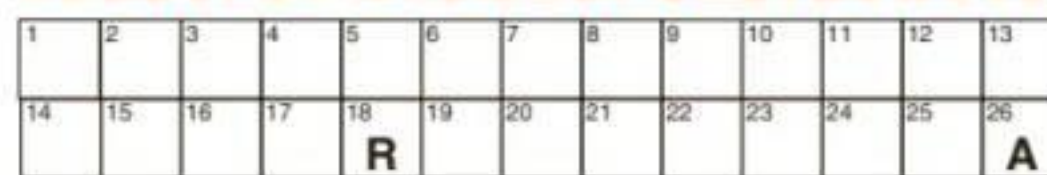
1. Crafty about the market in a slick way (7)
2. This literally needs sorting out (7)
3. Usual routine assumed by the rider (5)
4. Violet to correspond in an essentially lively fashion (7)
5. A sudden attack by a winger (5)
6. Stone to make an entrance (5)
9. Fine marksmen killed by ammunition (4,5)
14. Discovering the verdict (7)
15. Fellows at large are honoured citizens (7)
16. Keep on disturbing priests (7)
- 19 & 21Dn. Extensivelists of actors for radio features (10)
20. See 17 Across
21. See 19 Down

Codeword

This puzzle has no clues. Instead, every number printed in the grid represents a letter, with the same number always representing the same letter. For example, if 8 turns out to be a V, you can write in V wherever a square contains 8. Using your knowledge of words, complete the puzzle.

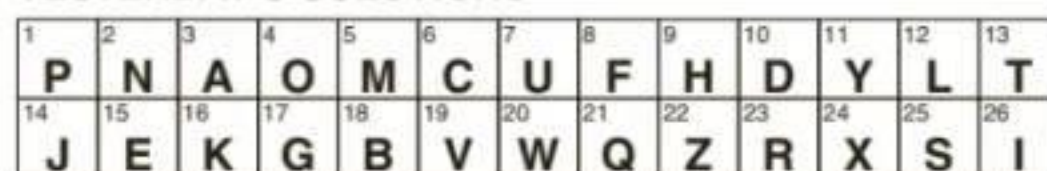


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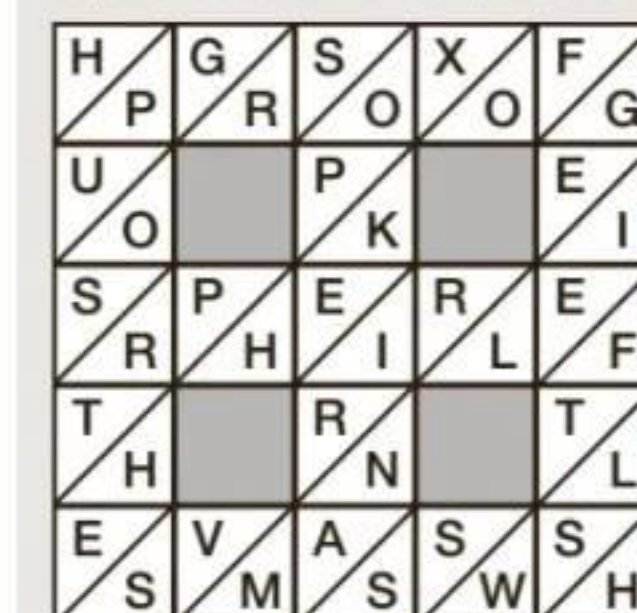
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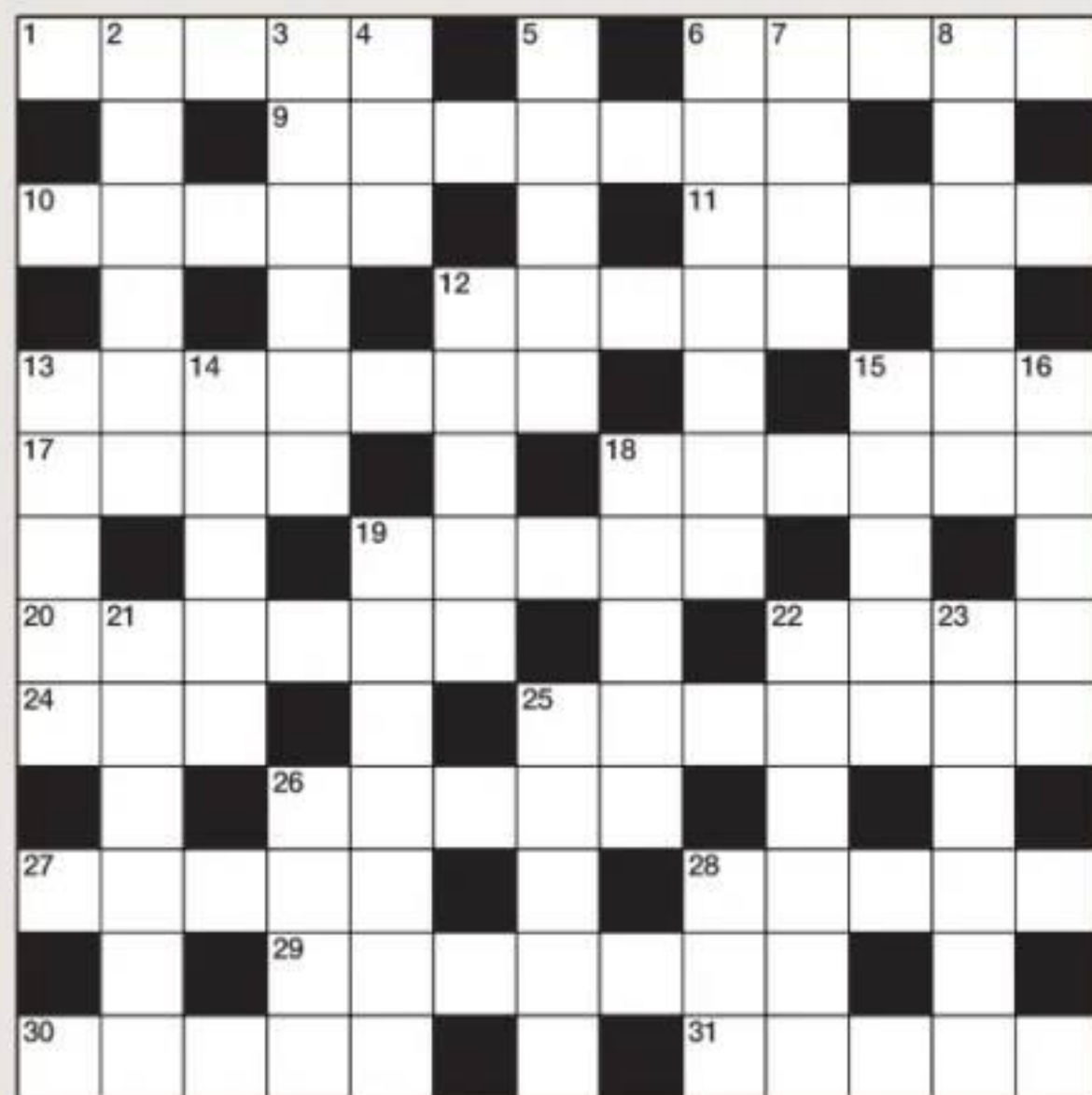


Split Decision

Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword grid.



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Across: 3 Bangs; 8 Baron; 10 Royal; 11 Car; 12 Medal; 13 Nonagon; 15 Valid; 18 Got; 19 Peruse; 21 Medical; 22 Alas; 23 Aged; 24 Tetanus; 26 Globes; 29 Sad; 31 Siren; 32 Copious; 34 Ideal; 35 Bib; 36 Bingo; 37 Ellen; 38 Enter.

Down: 1 Bacon; 2 Forages; 4 Amen; 5 Gravel; 6 Solar; 7 Oasis; 9 Ran; 12 Motives; 14 God; 16 Lungs; 17 Deeds; 19 Parasol; 20 Hangs; 21 Manor; 23 Audible; 24 Tendon; 25 Nap; 27 Limit; 28 Beige; 30 Tubes; 32 Cake; 33 Oil.

ACROSS

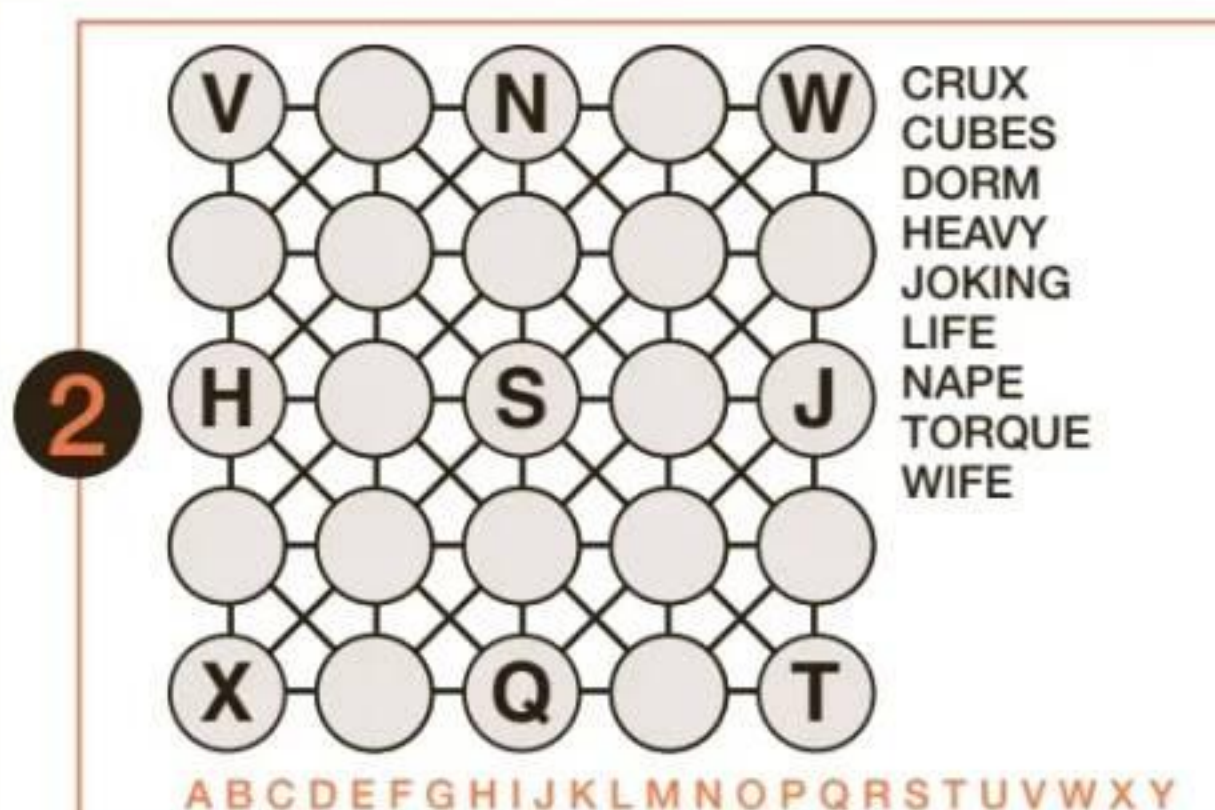
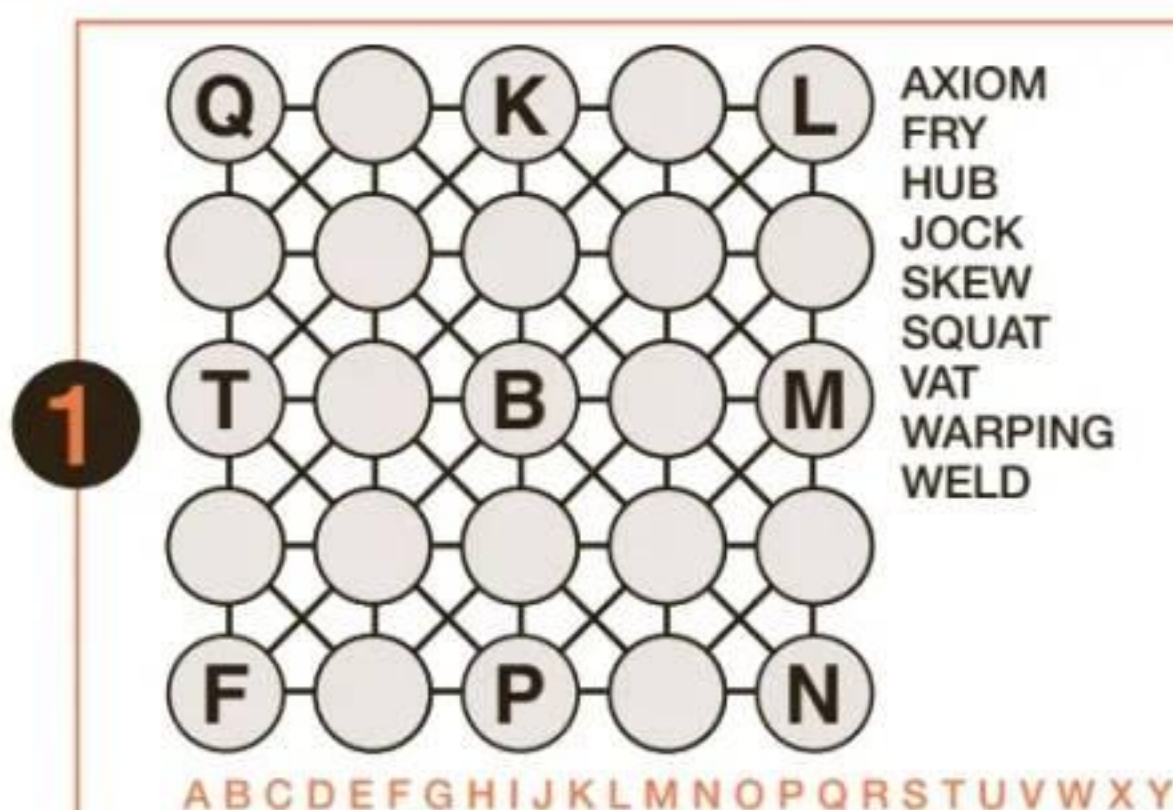
1. Stern, severe (5)
6. The same (5)
9. Bereaved husband (7)
10. Undress (5)
11. Grumbles, complains (5)
12. Urge or incite (3,2)
13. Baggage (7)
15. Writing implement (3)
17. Cupid (4)
18. Of a woman (6)
19. Vends (5)
20. Rat, say (6)
22. Plant ovule (4)
24. Mineral water spring (3)
25. Lastly (7)
26. Javelin (5)
27. Power (5)
28. Room (5)
29. Store of weapons (7)
30. Rips (5)
31. Touchy (5)

DOWN

2. ___ Miller, playwright (6)
3. Playground items (6)
4. Pelvis (3)
5. Deep ravine (5)
6. Relegates (7)
7. Golf club (4)
8. Underground passage (6)
12. Wading bird (5)
13. Looks lasciviously (5)
14. Dutch cheese (5)
15. List of jurors (5)
16. Poor (5)
18. Natural ability (5)
19. Hidden gunmen (7)
21. Be against (6)
22. Specimen (6)
23. Give rise to (6)
25. Destined (5)
26. Mark left by a healed wound (4)
28. Was seated (3)

Insert letters to form the listed words, moving between adjacent cells horizontally, vertically or diagonally in any direction.

Insert all the remaining letters of the alphabet (except Z) in the grid so all the listed words are spelt out in this way.



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS



Sudoku

Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

EASY

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

HARD

	3				5	9		
8	5				3			
			7	1				3
		8					2	4
		5				6		
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YESTERDAY'S
SUDOKU: Easy

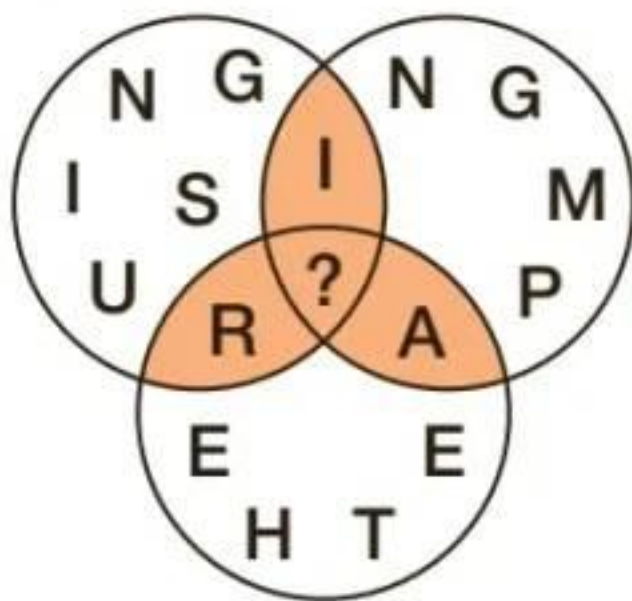
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9	7	8	1	4	5	2	3	6
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5	6	9	4	2	3	8	1	7
1	2	7	5	8	6	4	9	3
7	1	5	6	9	4	3	8	2
4	8	3	7	1	2	5	6	9
2	9	6	3	5	8	7	4	1

YESTERDAY'S
SUDOKU: Hard

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

Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within the circle can be rearranged to form words with a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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The letter represented by the question mark is B.
Bündchen, Campbell, Brinkley, all supermodels.

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

785165 gives a costume;
4735 gives a garment;
94321 gives an accessory.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: DOVETAILS

08/09/2026

Alphamuddle

Rearrange the letters in the top grid to make five words that read both across and down. Five letters have been placed in the bottom grid to start you off.

I	M	A	T	A
C	R	I	L	L
M	A	L	T	I
S	P	E	C	T
P	A	I	G	E
		L		
			M	
L				
				E
A				

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B	R	O	A	D
R	O	N	D	O
O	N	S	E	T
A	D	E	P	T
D	O	T	T	Y

Rebus

Which common phrase is represented by the image below?

DE
AL

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: A month of Sundays

Wordsquare

Find as many words as possible using the letters in the grid. Each word must use the central letter and at least 3 others, and letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns, but verb forms ending in 's' are permitted. There is one 9-letter word to be found.

M	U	N
A	R	J
W	Y	O

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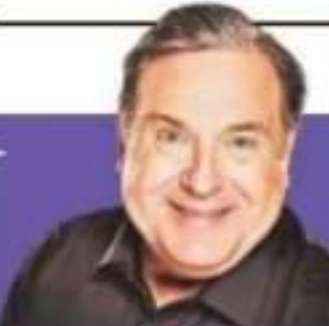
20 Good; 25 Very Good; 30 Excellent.

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OUTERWEAR

arrow, ewer, outerwear, outwear, rewrote, rower, tower, trow, twee, ware, wart, water, waterer, wear, wearer, were, wore, wort, wrote.

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ARIES

March 21-April 20

Your spark is impossible to miss today, Aries. Creativity, friendship and romance all benefit when you stop overthinking and join in. A conversation could become surprisingly meaningful if you balance emotional honesty with practical sense. Daily routines still require attention, but reflection may reveal where you've been wasting energy.

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LIBRA

Sept 24-Oct 23

Friends can remind you who you are today, Libra. Their warmth and encouragement may help you reconsider an ambition that has quietly lost its sparkle. Creativity is strong, so give time to whatever brings genuine pleasure rather than merely looking impressive. Reaffirm the goals that still excite you and let go of those you've outgrown.

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TAURUS

April 21-May 21

Home is where your best energy belongs today, Taurus. A little decorating, cooking or simply creating a calmer atmosphere could lift everyone's spirits. Emotional conversations are easier too, helping you connect more deeply with someone you love. Just remember nurturing others doesn't mean neglecting yourself.

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SCORPIO

Oct 24-Nov 22

Your reputation and ambitions are under the spotlight today, Scorpio. Supportive friends could give you the confidence you need. Listen to their perspective instead of assuming you already know the answer. Privately, you may also recognise what your home or emotional life has been missing. Blend the two insights.

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GEMINI

May 22-June 21

Your thoughts are turning homewards today, Gemini, and a conversation with family or an old friend could reveal something you hadn't considered. Creative ideas are bubbling too, especially around a personal project or future ambition. Don't insist on solving everything alone. Collaboration can bring clarity and a bit of fun besides.

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SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23-Dec 21

Curiosity has you firing on all cylinders today, Sagittarius. A friend may introduce an idea, opportunity or experience that opens your eyes to something new. Creative energy is strong professionally too, so don't hide a clever suggestion. Deeper conversations could reveal unexpected feelings, perhaps in romance. Expansion is better when shared.

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CANCER

June 22-July 23

Money and career decisions look clearer today, Cancer, giving you the opportunity to rethink what really deserves priority. Relationships deepen when you create a home environment where people feel heard, not accommodated. Speak openly about what you need. Your intuition is especially useful now, but back it with practical choices.

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CAPRICORN

Dec 22-Jan 20

Relationships have more emotional weight today, Capricorn, and that's no bad thing. A meaningful conversation could expose a truth that actually brings you closer. At work, collaboration beats solitary heroics, so let colleagues contribute. Home life also deserves reflection, particularly if professional goals have been crowding everything else out.

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LEO

July 24-Aug 23

Your imagination is crackling today, Leo, and conversations could sparkle with ideas worth pursuing. Share what excites you at work or with someone close. A deeper emotional discussion may also revive warmth in a relationship. Beliefs or assumptions could be challenged, but don't treat that as an insult. Fresh thinking is healthy.

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AQUARIUS

Jan 21-Feb 19

A relationship could reveal a deeper layer today, Aquarius, especially if one of you finally says what's been simmering underneath. Don't dodge commitment questions simply because they're emotionally untidy. Your ability to communicate with warmth can transform the atmosphere. Friends benefit from the same openness.

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VIRGO

Aug 24-Sept 23

Your inner world has plenty to say today, Virgo, particularly about relationships. An honest conversation with a friend or loved one could uncover a shared concern, ambition or feeling that deserves attention. Don't analyse the warmth out of it. Speak simply and listen closely. Reflection is useful when it brings clarity, not endless questions.

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PISCES

Feb 20-Mar 20

Relationships feel pleasantly supportive today, Pisces. The smallest shared moment could mean more than grand declarations. Enjoy the laughter, conversation and sense of being understood. A money insight could arrive during quiet reflection. Emotional growth and financial common sense can work together beautifully.

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J3 Family Health

■ Rachel Stevens is ditching complicated beauty routines as the face of Perfectil's new "Back to Basics" campaign. Rather than chasing every viral skincare launch, the singer, right, says she's focusing on nutrition, hydration and quality sleep, alongside Perfectil Max (£23.95, vitabiotics.com) the brand's skin, hair and nails supplement packed



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with biotin, zinc, vitamin C and omega fatty acids. She says: "I've always found that the most effective routines are the simplest ones. For me, looking and feeling my best is about consistency - focusing on balanced nutrition, hydration, and good sleep as part of an everyday lifestyle rather than chasing the latest viral quick fix."

Breastfeeding pain and how to remedy it

An expert looks at the causes and offers advice on how to treat and prevent it. By **SIOBHAN McNALLY**



IN HARMONY: Mum and baby mastering the skill of breastfeeding

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BREASTFEEDING a newborn is a new experience for both mum and baby and just like learning any skill, it takes patience and practice.

For those who choose to breastfeed, it can be common to experience a painful latch, explains Maxine Palmer from the National Childbirth Trust (NCT).

"While it's normal for everyone to experience some pain, if it's persistent and a mother is experiencing it over a couple of feeds, then getting breastfeeding support early on can make a really big difference," she says.

Resolving latch and attachment

"The most common reason for pain is a poor latch, which causes the baby to suck only on the nipple," says Maxine.

"Pain is caused by friction, which won't happen if you've got a nice deep latch."

Poor latch can be caused by the attachment of the baby's mouth around the breast.

"It's about having enough nipple in the baby's mouth so that, ideally, the nipple is positioned high up in the baby's soft palette," says Maxine.

"The nipple isn't moving once the baby's latched on and sucking to make a vacuum. That sucking and the waves that the tongue are making should be far back away from the nipple on the areola and more of the breast tissue."

Moving into the right position

Whether mums find side lying, a cradle hold or laid-back position helps the most, the aim is for the baby to have a wide-open mouth.

"Aim to get the baby's nose towards your nipples, because sometimes reaching the baby too far over means that they haven't got the nipple centralised in their mouth," says Maxine.

"Make sure the baby's body is in alignment, so the head, neck, spine are all in a nice line and the baby isn't twisted."

"If side feeding, it's also important to roll the baby's body towards you, so their tummy, arms and legs are all in

contact with your body," notes Maxine.

"The baby's head should be free to tilt back so they can deepen the latch. That small adjustment can reduce pain on the nipple."

Swollen breasts

"Breastfeeding can be fairly straightforward for some women in the early days, but then as the breasts start to change from producing colostrum to producing mature milk, they can become very full and engorged," says Maxine.

"It helps to express a bit of milk using a hand pump to soften the breast and make it easier to latch."

Tingling sensation

"Let-down is a strong tingling in the nipples, and that's a big release of hormones and blood flow and the milk releasing," explains Maxine.

"Sometimes having warm nipples can help the pain, or expressing milk before starting."

Mechanical issues

"After feeding your baby, see if your nipple came out the same shape as when it went in," she advises.

"If it's different, the latch could be improved, or there might be something mechanical, like tongue tie. If your nipple has got little white, red or blue marks after feeding, it might have been very compressed, which is called vasospasm and can be very painful. Heat treatment and improving the latch can help."

Painful infections

"Mastitis is an infection caused by milk leaking into the breast tissue," explains Maxine. "You'd see red marks on the breast, and the breasts would be hot and sore to touch."

"Really frequent feeding and heat treatment is needed to get the milk flowing really well."

Over-the-counter painkillers and cooling gel packs will help, but if symptoms persist, contact a doctor.

"Finding a little pea-size lump could be a blocked duct. It can help to feed your baby from that point," she advises.

If a mum has a period of pain-free breastfeeding and then suddenly notices a burning sensation and her nipples are red and shiny, it could be thrush which can be treated with anti-fungal gel for the baby and a topical nipple cream for the mother.

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Deaths

DAVEY OBE Michael

05/02/1938 – 24/08/2026

Ashington Northumberland

Passed away peacefully on

24th August 2026 aged 88 years.

Michael (Mike) devoted Husband to the late Iris.

Loving Dad to Michael & Sean,

dear Father in Law to Julie & Teri.

Cherished Grandad to Mark, Sarah, Benjamin,

Jessica, Michelle & Georgia.

Great Grandad to Jack, Leo, Nate, Finn, Jesse,

River, Luke & Tom.

Caring Brother to Maureen & Rosie, Brother in Law

to Norman, Alan, Margaret & the late Jacky.

Michael was an amazing man & will be greatly

missed by all who knew him.

Funeral service to take place at

St. Aiden's RC Church Ashington on

Tuesday 15th September at 1.15pm,

you are welcome to join the family afterwards at

Cowpen Crematorium Blyth at 2.30pm for a short

service & committal.

We respectfully ask if you wish to express care

& love in lieu of flowers to contribute to the

Alzheimer's Society, a collection box will be

available at the Church.

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to share memories & celebrate Michael's life at a

reception at the Portland Ashington NE63 8HG

from 4pm.

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MORTON Jean

North Seaton

Passed away with her family by her side on

30th August 2026 aged 87 years.

Jean (nee Gore) much loved Wife of the late

Herbie, treasured Mam of Helen & Lynda,

Mother-in-law of John, dearly loved Granny to

Craig, Ross & Abbie, doting Great Grandma to

Grace, Elliot & Leo.

Funeral service & cremation to take place at

Cowpen crematorium Blyth on

Tuesday 15th September at 10am.

Family flowers only, donation's in lieu if desired to

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GOLDWATER Brian Louis

Bamburgh

(formerly of Beadnell and Brunton Park)

Died suddenly but peacefully in hospital,

aged 93, on Tuesday 25th August 2026.

Dearly loved husband of Gina and a much loved

father, grandfather, great grandfather

and father in law.

Family and friends please meet at

St Aidan's Church, Bamburgh

on Monday 14th September

at 10.30am

after which the family will leave for

a private cremation.



HALL Charles

Christon Bank

Peacefully on 27 August 2026 aged 91 years,

Charles beloved Husband to Judith, much loved

Dad of Russell and Suzie and Father-in-law to Trish

and Alan also a devoted Grandpa to Becca,

James and Lucy.

He will be greatly missed by all.

Family and friends please meet for service at

Northumberland Crematorium Chapel on

Wednesday 16th September at 12.30pm

followed by interment at

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Fay
(Bryce)**

Died 25th April 2026 aged 86

Interned with her beloved Bob in Murie Cemetery,
Errol, 7th August 2026

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in your life. Goodnight God bless, our words "it is what it
is" devoted daughter Susanne". - Susanne

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to the adults we are today! It filled me with such great
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when you told me how proud you were of me, my sister
Jennifer and brother Robert. You were such a generous
man who would give anything to the love of your life
and our Nan Lily. She still feels that 64 years worth
of love to this day. I want to thank you for being so
welcoming and so warm to us all. You always stood by
us and supported us. In the words of our beautiful Aunty
Susanne, 'It is what it is.' Goodnight, God Bless Grandad
Fish! With lots of Love." - Samuel

"My darling Alan, together for 64 years. The love of my
life, you will be forever in my heart. Keep watching over
me until we reunite in Heaven. Meet me in my dreams.
Goodnight, God bless your devoted Wife." - Lily xxxxx

"God knew that you were weary, the hill is hard to
climb so He put His arms around you and whispered
"peace be thine" Verse 25 The blow was hard, the shock
severe, to part with one we loved so dear. Our loss is
great, we'll not complain but trust in God to meet again."
- Christine

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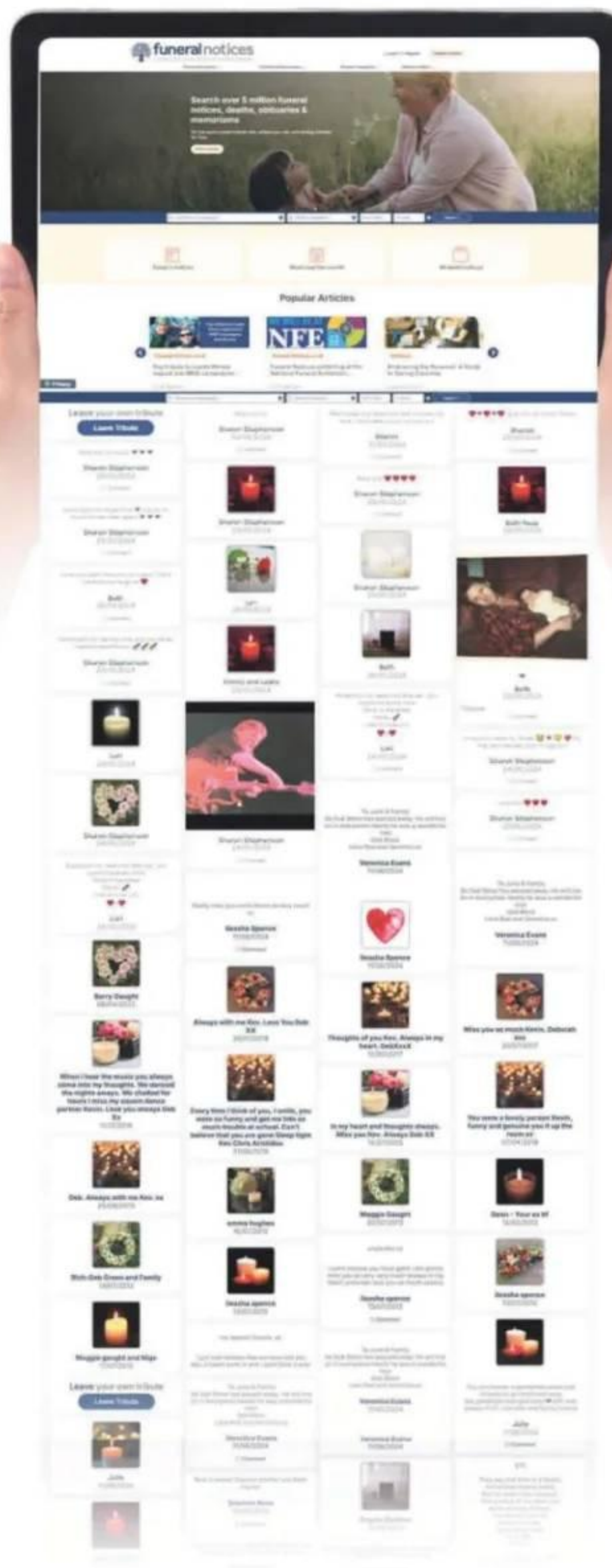
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Traffic & Roads

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Dated: 08 September 2026
Angela Simmons-Mather, Chief Legal Officer, Gateshead Council,
Civic Centre, Regent Street, Gateshead, NE8 1HH

Schedule

Location	Description Prohibition to Motor Vehicles
Neilson Road	from its junction with A184 Felling Bypass in a northerly direction to its junction with Stadium Road
	No Entry
Neilson Road	from Tyne Main Road
	No Waiting Stopping or Loading at any Time
Stadium Road	northbound/eastbound carriageway of Stadium Road from a point 65 metres north of its junction with the A184 Felling Bypass to its junction with Neilson Road for a distance of 243 metres
Tyne Main Road	westbound carriageway of Tyne Main Road from the junction with Neilson Road extending in an easterly direction for 315 metres

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- The alternative route for traffic will be signed on site as required.
- The order is required to allow works to be carried out on or near the highway.
- Exemptions will be provided for vehicles engaged in the said works.
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Dated: 8 September 2026

L Scott, Service Manager Democratic Services,
Civic Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 8QH

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Dated 8 September 2026
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Notice is hereby given that the Borough Council of Gateshead proposes to make an Order under section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from proceeding along Lamesley Road from its junction with Kingsway roundabout to its junction with Haggs Lane. The Order is required to facilitate resurfacing works. The Order will come into force at 20:00 on 24 September 2026. The maximum duration of the Order will be 18 months, however the works are expected to be completed by 06:00 on the 25 September 2026. During the works all vehicles (except vehicles associated with the works and emergency service vehicles on duty) will be prohibited from proceeding along the above roads until the works are completed or at such times and to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by the display of traffic signs. During the prohibition there will be a signed diversion in place.

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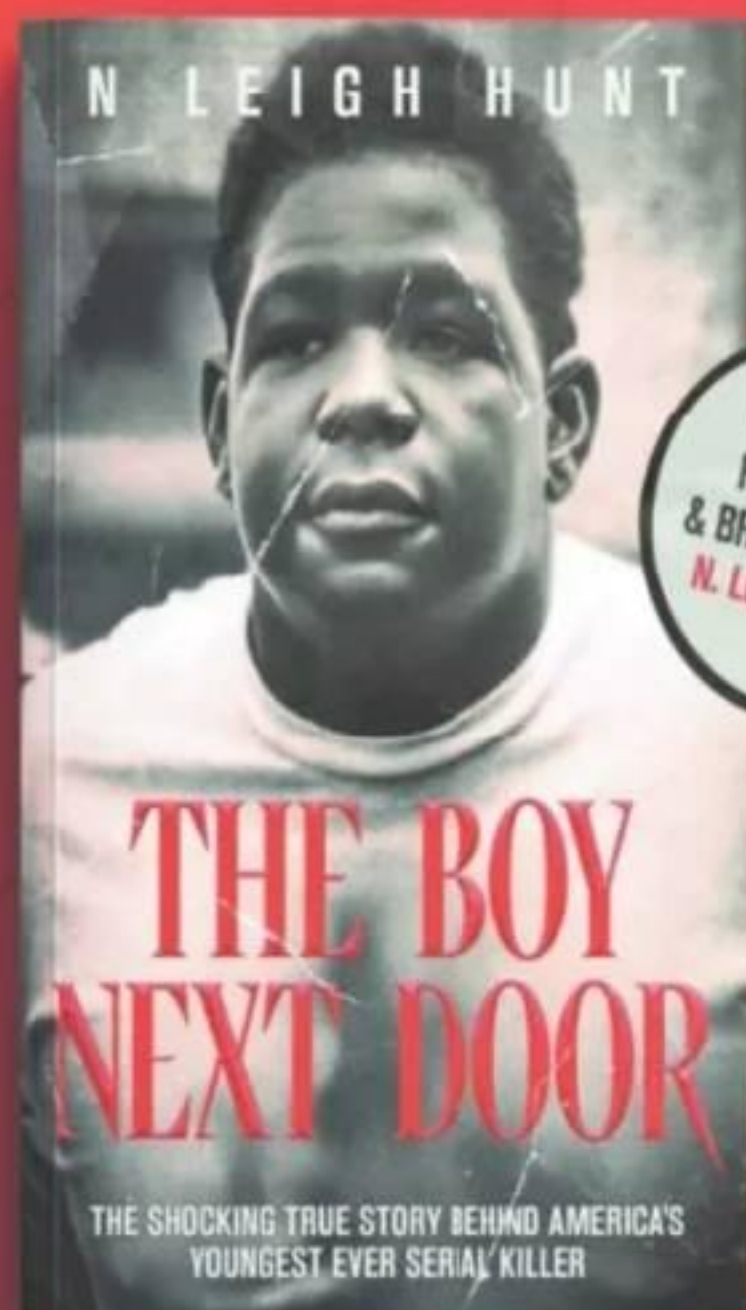
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Cricket

City solid as they claim league title

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LITTLETOWN were asked to take first knock at league leaders Durham City and started badly on 36-3.

Hayden Stumpers was in the wickets claiming 3-24, and they were all out for just 110 runs.

City then started well as openers Cameron Fyfe (44) and Thomas Briggs (42no), made the runs to cruise home for the win on 114-1 and claim the title.

Hunwick decided to bat first at Brandon and made a steady start, with David Curry scoring 41 and were all out for 159 runs, with Mason Bell taking 3-24.

The home side then lost early wickets, but 53 runs from Mason Rollo and 33 from Harry Walker was enough for the win on 163-6.

Eppleton batted first at Esh Winning and made a good start, with Jack Johnson 34 and Connor Whitelock 38, while Callum Steel hit a fine 160 not out from 85 balls, which included 13 fours and 10 sixes, as they totalled 328-4. Esh then crumbled to 54-6 and were all out for just 94 runs, as Callum Jefferson claimed 5-41 to keep their slim hopes of second place, going into the last round of games next week.

South Shields were 11-3 at home to Peterlee, with Kieron Buck taking 4-26, but they fought back with the middle order scoring 20+ and Harold Stephenson made 31, to post a score of 203-9.

The visitors then made a positive start, but then lost regular wickets with Alex Thompson, Matthew Muchall and Lasitha Aberatna, with three wickets each and they were all out for 129 runs.

Tudhoe bowled visiting Dawdon Welfare out for just 121 runs, with Matthew Billyard making 38 and James Curry taking 3-38. Jacob Hindmarsh then scored a rapid 70 not out from 32 balls, to win the game on 122-1.

In Division Two, Evenwood claimed the title with a win at Silksworth, after posting 242-2.

Marsden in second place, have completed their fixtures and have a 22-point lead over third placed Mainsforth. They won at Langley Park and Bearpark after the home side posted 196 all out.

Mainsforth are still third and must win their last match to finish second.

Whickham battle on after early fall but Ryton seal the win

WHICKHAM were 5-2 after choosing to bat first at home to Ryton in Division One, but Louis Ainley made 31 after Jordan O'Neill had claimed the first four wickets (4-21), and they ended up on 135-8.

Ryton then batted and won the game on 139-5, thanks to Rumesch Buddhika scoring 59 and David Howarth on 52 not out.

Alnmouth & Lesbury decided to bat first at Annfield Plain and openers Ed Brunton (71) and Chalanda De Silva (108 from 68 balls), put on 175 runs for the first wicket.

James Peart added 36, to post a huge total of 316-8, while Sam Blake

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took 3-61. Annfield then started well, but could only make 134-6, with Anthony Hornby on 42 not out and David Newstead 48.

Backworth were put in by visiting Consett and although John Duncan made 31, Madawa Warnapura ripped through the top order taking 4-21, but then Nathan Collins made 50 and Joshua Blake 37, to get them up to 178-8.

Consett then lost early wickets, and the home side won by just 14 runs, as they bowled them out for 164, with Matthew Blake and John

Duncan taking three wickets apiece.

Ponteland made a brisk start at home to Matten with openers Iftikhaar Fazal (55) and Ben Rigby (130 not out from 139 balls), put on 109 runs for the first wicket.

Jonathan Appleby then made 39 and Intisaar Fazal 44, as they amassed 306-3.

The visitors made 240-9 in reply, thanks to Abubakar Maqsood who scored a fine 102 not out from 143 balls, but David Waters with 3-71 ensured the win.

Stocksfield decided to bat first at

home to GEMS, with opener Steven Henderson scoring 64 and Adrian Marrison 37, as they totalled 255-9, with Omid Majrohy taking 4-53.

GEMS then batted well, with Muhammad Rehan scoring 48 runs and Sadiq Aman 53, but they came up short on 215 all out, with Sam Beedle taking 4-50.

Swalwell were asked to bat first at home to Morpeth, and opener Daniel Stanley made 80 and Chris Younger to total 230-8, with Alex Senior claiming 443.

The visitors were all out for 140 in reply, with Matthew Hughes taking 3-28 and Chris Younger 3-24.

Two centurions add to Field's massive victory

DUKES ECB NEPL

By STEVE CLARKE

BURNOPFIELD decided to bat first at home to Seaham Harbour, who also badly needed a win to stave off relegation from the Premier league.

They made a good start as John Oswald made 38, Ross Whitfield jnr 145 not out from 102 balls, with 14 fours and four sixes and Harry Crawshaw 103 from 125 balls, which included 11 fours and a six, as they made a massive 333-4.

Seaham then tried their best but were all out for 156 runs, with George Stephens taking 3-16 and Ethan Baker 3-21.

Castle Eden were also in trouble, and they chose to field against Benwell Hill. Opener David Christie made a fiery 76, Ben Cant 30, Aaryan Wagh 38 not out and Ayush Chakraborty 46, in a final total of 247-8, with Mandeep Singh taking 4-44. Eden then were 10-3, but Singh with the bat scored 84, Keith Bailey 38 and Johnathan Spellman 54, and got the win on 249-8, to secure the points and move out of the bottom three.

Chester-le-Street made steady progress at Felling, then James Thompson made 54 and Liam Cook 66 and they ended up on 252-9, with Tom Slane taking 3-55.

The home side then made a good start, as Alasdair Appleby made 148 not out from 116 balls, with 19 fours and three sixes and won the game for his team on 255-8.

Burnmoor lost regular wickets at champions South Northumberland and were 64-3 at one stage. Stuart



Poynter then made a brilliant century and Sean Tindale 40+, batted well and got them up to 239-5.

The home side then were on 248 all out, with Jonny Bushnell scoring 91, Adam Cragg 34 and Jonathan Wightman 35 late on, but it was not enough to save their unbeaten record this season, as Sean Tindale claimed 5-51.

Newcastle Hetton Lyons batted first at Newcastle and posted 248 all out, thanks to Chris Winn 85 and Jarvis Clay 52, while Joseph Stuart claimed 4-52. The home side then had Matthew Stewart score 43 and

Charlie Coulthard 47, but they were all out for 200, as Chris Ralston took 4-26.

DIVISION ONE

Gateshead Fell were crowned champions after a four wicket win over troubled Sacriston. The visitors posted 146 all out, with top scorer Rohan Knowles scoring 31 and Archie Maxwell taking 4-29.

Fell lost early wickets, but Ramanpreet steadied everyone's nerves with 45 runs, to clinch the victory on 148-6.

Whitburn are still second even

after losing at Newcastle City, as the home side posted 236 all out. Mohsin Mukhtar made 70 and Shafqat Ullah 49, while Karl Turner took an excellent 5-61. However, the visitors slumped to 64-5 and were all out for 149, with Mukhtar taking 4-18 with the ball.

Tynemouth missed the chance to go second, as they were lost at Willington and are now nine points behind Whitburn going into the last game next week. The home side totalled 176 all out, after being 28-4. Ved Gaggar with 65 and Lachlan Marron 44 made the runs, while Sintu Majiza claimed 3-27.

Ben Debnam then scored 49 in reply, but with Jake Louth taking 5-31 and Ryan Nicholson 3-23, they were all out for 111.

Boldon gave themselves a boost in their survival hopes, with a three wicket win at Seaham Park. The home side totalled 178 all out, thanks to Suraj Singh (52) and Myles Price (48), while Anthony Brown claimed 4-37 and Andrew Stonehouse 3-33.

In reply, the visitors did well in chasing down the runs, finishing on 179-7 and take 24 valuable points home with them.

Lanchester had Charlie Mcphail score 67 at home to Tynedale in their total of 206. The visitors then were all out for 196, with Jason Grosert taking 4-34.

Philadelphia are now safe after winning at Sunderland. They posted 222-9, thanks to Peter Greenwell jnr scoring a fine 93 and Shaun Hauxwell adding 34. The Ashbrooke team started well, with George Fairburn making 59 and Hashmatullah Hemat 54, but they then collapsed to 183 all out, with David Craig claiming 4-37.

Durham hope to move a step closer to promotion

THE County Championship continues to come thick and fast as Durham are straight back in action today taking on Middlesex at Banks Homes Riverside.

Following Durham's 153-run win over Northamptonshire on Saturday, Ryan Campbell's side are closing in on promotion back to Division One of the Rothesay County Championship.

Campbell has named a squad of 13 for the visit of Middlesex which includes the return of Brydon Carse, Ben Raine and Duanne Olivier.

Carse missed the trip to Northamptonshire to manage his workload, while Raine returned to action for the Seconds last week following the recent birth of his second child.

Matthew Potts and Ben Stokes drop out of the 13 as the pair are rested following a heavy period of bowling.

David Bedingham has returned to South Africa ahead of their upcoming home Test series against Australia with Mayank Agarwal and Duanne Olivier Durham's two overseas players available for selection.

Going into round 12 Durham sit in first place with 210 points, 40 ahead of second place Kent on 170 while Northamptonshire are in third spot on 155 points.

Ryan Campbell said: "We've been challenged this year, and we've made no reservations that our biggest goal was to get promoted, and we're going to have some challenges along the way."

"And I thought, Northants have been an amazing team all year and given the surface was stacked in the favours of the spinners, and they've got two pretty good ones, it was always going to be tough. But like we



Durham's Brydon Carse is back in the fold for the visit of Middlesex

just kept saying, every run we scored in that second innings, it's going to be tougher to chase down on that last day because we felt that the wicket was always going to go one way.

"Did I think we could bowl them out for 50? Probably not. But you know, Callum Parkinson, what can you say? Fantastic."

"We set out to get promoted, and with three games to go, we're almost there. It just also allows us to rest a few aching bodies against Middlesex. We've had a number of inju-

ries this year, and we've managed them really well. And this group here have played a lot of games in a row, including the One Day Cup semi-finals and quarter-finals, and all that. So yeah, I think we won't take the foot off the gas, but it is an opportunity for us to rest a couple. We left Carse, Raine, Olivier back home just for that reason, to make sure they're prepared, and you know, hopefully they can come into the team next week, and we can have a good game against Middlesex."

"This time last year I had four loa-

nees. We had about six overseas pros that we'd been through, and we couldn't get a bowling unit together. So, yeah, this year it's been a bit more gentle on us, and some of our youngsters have got through. But again, now they're injured as well."

"So, thankfully we've put a pretty solid group together, and hopefully we can get through the end of the year."

SQUAD V MIDDLESEX (SEPTEMBER 8-11): Colin Ackermann, Mayank Agarwal, Kasey Aldridge, Brydon Carse, Graham Clark, Shafiqullah Ghafari, Alex Lees*, Ben McKinney, Duanne Olivier, Callum Parkinson, Ben Raine, Will Rhodes, Ollie Robinson+.

Sowter leaves with year left on contract

DURHAM Cricket have announced that Nathan Sowter will leave the club at the end of the season - departing the county with one-year remaining on his contract.

Following the recent birth of his first child, Sowter wanted to be released out of his Durham contract in order to play cricket closer to home in the south of England. Having joined the Club in 2022 from Middlesex, he enjoyed a successful five years in the North East, claiming 80 T20 wickets and is the fourth leading wicket taker in Durham's short form history.

Sowter picked up 24 wickets during the 2023 season - the most wickets in a Durham T20 campaign, surpassing 22 taken by Usman Arshad in 2015.

He picked up his 100th T20 wicket in Durham colours when he dismissed Jos Butler and leaves the Club with 196 career T20 wickets in total.

On his departure, Sowter said: "I would like to thank Durham for their understanding in allowing me to move closer to my family home in the south east."

"This is hugely important to me since recently becoming a dad."

"I can't thank Durham and Ryan [Campbell, head coach] enough for the support they have given me, they have allowed me to express myself and become the best cricketer I can be. It really has been an honour to represent Durham. I leave with lots of great memories and friendships not just on the field but beyond. I wish everyone at the club the very best for the future."

Ryan Campbell said: "Nathan has been a fantastic member of our playing squad over the past five years. We thank him for his contribution and wish him success in the future."

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Sport

Alcaraz on fire as he blazes into quarter-finals

TENNIS

By Andy Sims

CLINICAL Carlos Alcaraz moved a step closer to making more tennis history after cruising into the US Open quarter-finals.

The Spaniard, still showing no signs of the wrist injury which sidelined him for more than four months before the tournament, dismantled American Tommy Paul in straight sets.

Alcaraz is already the youngest man to complete career grand slam and should he go on to win back-to-back Flushing Meadows crowns he would become the only man in the open era to successfully defend major titles on all three surfaces.

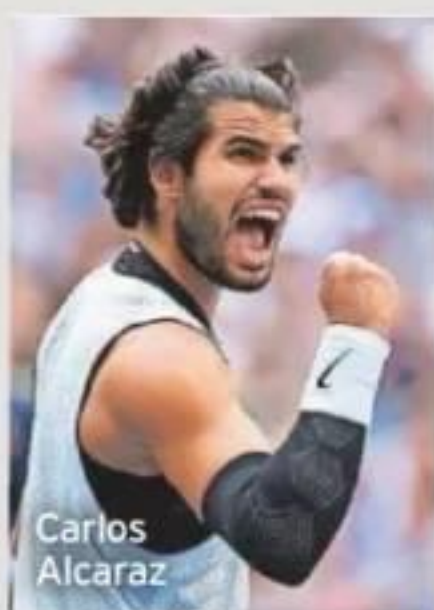
Having won on the grass of Wimbledon in 2023 and 2024 and on the French Open clay in 2024 and last year, the 23-year-old can complete the set on hard courts if he triumphs next Sunday.

Paul, the 20th seed, had talked up his chances before the match, saying "I like to think of myself as somebody who always thinks I can beat those (top) players".

But a 6-4 6-3 6-4 defeat means Alcaraz has now beaten the 29-year-old six times in a row, winning the last 14 sets contested.

He faced two set points at the end of the third, but swatted them away with two contemptuous forehand winners on his way to victory in two hours and 21 minutes.

"I played my game,



Carlos Alcaraz

tried to play my style," he said. "Tommy is such a talented player, his shots are dangerous so I tried to be ready for the battle, to be ready to run and be aggressive.

"I think I did it pretty well. Really happy with the performance today.

"Am I back to full power? I think so."

Alcaraz will face Ben Shelton, who beat Stefanos Tsitsipas, in what will be the first genuine blockbuster match in the men's draw.

The American eighth seed's 140mph-plus serves will provide the sternest test yet for Alcaraz's wrist.

Alcaraz has a better grasp of a tennis racket than he does of how to read the draw, as he initially thought he was playing the winner of Frances Tiafoe's match with Daniil Medvedev.

After being pointed in the right direction, he said: "Shelton's a really powerful player. I think he'll use the crowd, get the people behind him, especially when he's playing here at home."

Tiafoe beat 2021 champion Medvedev to ensure at least one American will reach the semis and he faces Alex Michelsen, who downed Argentina's Tomas Martin Etcheverry to reach his first grand slam quarter-final.



Carlos Alcaraz in action against Tommy Paul

CRICKET BY DAVID CHARLESWORTH

KEVIN Pietersen will rejoin England's ranks after accepting a white-ball coaching role - a dozen years on from his international playing career ending in controversial fashion.

The former England captain has been appointed as a specialist mentor to the ODI and T20 teams in the build-up to next year's 50-over World Cup in southern Africa and he will get stuck into his new role in a limited-overs series against Sri Lanka from next week.

Pietersen is regarded as one of England's greatest batters of the 21st century and was instrumental in their 2005 Ashes win, with his hundred on the last day at the Oval securing a seminal 2-1 triumph.

His England playing days came to a much-publicised bitter end after the 2013-14 white-wash in Australia following a fallout with the management but he has been welcomed into the fold by white-ball head coach Brendon McCullum, whose time in charge of the Test side ended this summer.

"I am immensely proud to have been asked to help this team on their journey to win a World Cup in South Africa," Pietersen said.

"Putting on the England uniform again for the first time since 2014 is a profound honour and a deeply special moment.

"We have an incredibly talented white-ball squad and I am excited to get in the trenches and work relentlessly hard with these players to maximise their potential.

"To be a part of Brendon's think tank over the next 12 months is a fantastic opportunity, and I cannot wait to get started."

Pietersen wrote an autobiog-

KP signs up for England coaching role



Kevin Pietersen will rejoin England's ranks after accepting a white-ball coaching role
Mike Egerton/PA

raphy that was highly critical of former coaches and teammates months after he was exiled by England, while he was critical of the current white-ball set-up during their tour of India in early 2025, claiming they had not been training enough.

Pietersen, who was player of the tournament when England won the 2010 T20 World Cup and has been a mentor for Delhi Capitals in the Indian Premier League, will link up with Ashes 2005 team-mate and batting coach Marcus Trescothick in

the backroom for the series against Sri Lanka.

Tim Southee, Jeetan Patel and Sarah Taylor will complete the coaching set-up for three T20s and three ODIs against Sri Lanka.

Pietersen will again be involved for this winter's white-ball tours to Australia and his native South Africa and then for home series against Pakistan and New Zealand next summer before the 2027 50-over World Cup in the autumn in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia.

McCullum said: "I've got immense respect for KP and what he's achieved in the game. He's had an amazing impact on English cricket so for someone with his experience, knowledge and stature to want to play a role with this team is a fantastic result.

"I'm particularly excited for our batters to get the opportunity to work with him.

"KP has a unique understanding of what it takes to perform at the highest level, which will be hugely valuable to our players.

"We've always respected each other and had a strong appreciation for what the other brings to the game, so I'm really looking forward to working together."

Hamilton lays blame for grand prix clash

FORMULA 1 Charles Leclerc and Lewis Hamilton clashed at the opening turn in Sunday's Italian Grand Prix.

Lewis Hamilton has been warned that his in-fighting with Charles Leclerc at Ferrari "is not good for the team".

Hamilton accused his teammate Leclerc of pushing him off the track.

The first-lap incident at Ferrari's home event escaped punishment from stewards.

But Hamilton said Ferrari fans "should not be worried about me" following Leclerc's claim that both drivers were at fault for the flashpoint which cost Hamilton six positions.

"There was no 'we' in it,"

said Hamilton as he laid the blame at Leclerc's door. "I don't race dirty, I've always raced clean and fairly and always left space."

The 41-year-old also called for a "written rules of engagement".

Hamilton's former rival, the 2016 world champion Nico Rosberg, conceding the British driver was "aggressive", felt the clash was "100 per cent



Lewis Hamilton and Charles Leclerc on Sunday

Charles' fault".

Leclerc crashed out on the next lap while Hamilton finished sixth to leave hopes of catching Kimi Antonelli and claiming a record eighth world championship all but over.

And after overseeing a torrid result for Ferrari, team principal Fred Vasseur said: "We will have time to discuss it (with the drivers). But the outcome of Turn 1-2 is not good for the team."

Hamilton is 76 points adrift of Antonelli - the equivalent of more than three wins - with 10 scheduled rounds remaining.

But Vasseur also defended his decision not to hand Hamilton priority over Leclerc

in the fight for the title.

Hamilton held a 28-point lead over Leclerc in the standings prior to Monza, and is 36 clear of the Monegasque heading into this weekend's inaugural round in Madrid.

In the aftermath of Sunday's race, Hamilton said it is now "far too late" for Ferrari to throw their weight behind him.

Vasseur continued: "At one stage you have to take a decision, but it was too early to take a decision before Monza. Every single team principal in the world would love to let them race. To freeze positions is not an easy call. Now I will have time to discuss it with the drivers."

SAFC

Bees battle shows we're hard side to beat – Danso

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NEW Sunderland signing Kevin Danso believes Sunderland will be "tough to beat" if they maintain the level shown during his debut at Brentford.

The deadline-day signing was handed an immediate start at the Gtech Community Stadium and completed the full game as Régis Le Bris' side came from behind to earn a 1-1 draw.

Sunderland controlled much of the opening half and created several good opportunities, with Enzo Le Fée striking the post and Dan Ballard seeing a superb finish ruled out following a lengthy VAR review.

Brentford improved after the interval and went ahead through Vitaly Janelt before Le Fée equalised from the penalty spot.

Sunderland should have capitalised on their dominance in the first half and Danso felt their failure to do so prevented them from taking greater control of the contest.

"I think we started the game really well," he said.

"If the goal isn't given offside [which it clearly was], I think it's a completely different game because I feel like we dominated the first half.

"We were in control, but Brentford are an amazing side. I played here two weeks ago with Tottenham.

"They're just a quality side, and that's why when you come here it's especially difficult. If you don't score or get in front and finish your

Sunderland's Kevin Danso taking on Brentford striker Igor Thiago on Saturday
RYAN PIERSE/GETTY IMAGES



chances, they're always good for a goal. So that's what happened.

"I think in the second half, we didn't start amazingly, but I feel like we finished the game really well.

"They're a quality side. They know exactly what to do. a very good team. I think we played amazingly. If we continue like that, it will be tough to beat."

Danso was at the centre of the major first-half talking point after Ballard's left-footed volley found the bottom corner. The defender was standing in an offside position when

Ballard struck and was eventually deemed to have interfered with Caoimhín Kelleher's line of sight.

The review lasted more than four minutes but was the right decision as Sunderland would have wanted the same at the other end.

Danso accepted the decision despite doubting whether his position had affected the Brentford goalkeeper. He said: "I didn't know where the ball was. I've just made a run into the box. I don't think I made any difference to him, but at the end of the day, it's the referee's decision.

We respect that. We get on with the game. We're professionals and sometimes decisions will go against us and sometimes good decisions will go our way. That's just part of football."

Danso joined Sunderland on loan from Tottenham, with the agreement containing an obligation to make the move permanent if the Black Cats avoid relegation. He had only trained briefly with his new teammates before being selected at Brentford, but settled quickly in the middle of Sunderland's defence.

Dunston boss – cup tie will be memorable

NON-LEAGUE

By MARK CARRUTHERS

DUNSTON UTS manager Jon McDonald is hoping to experience a 'memorable day' after his side were handed a home tie with National League North club Scarborough Athletic in the FA Cup second qualifying round.

McDonald's men have already seen off Carlisle City and Vauxhall Motors to reach the second qualifying round for the fourth time in five seasons and will entertain the Seadogs at the UTS Stadium on Saturday week.

The two sides met at the same stage during the 2024/25 season as Dunston battled their way to a 1-1 draw on their home patch before falling to a 5-2 defeat on the North Yorkshire coast.

McDonald praised his side for earning progress to this stage with two hard-earned wins – and says they will be ready for the step up in class.

He said: "It's a fantastic draw for the club. We've got a National League North side coming to our place, and that's exactly the type of challenge you want in the FA Cup.

"We'll embrace the occasion, and we'll give it everything we've got to make it a memorable day."

Elsewhere in the draw, South Shields and Hebburn Town have both been handed home draws – although they latter will only discover their opponents tonight.

The Hornets will host either Guiseley or Stockton Town on Saturday week and chief executive Stephen Rutherford is already anticipating a tough test for the National League North club.

He said: "The FA Cup is a special competition for any non-league club. We always want to do well in it and at this stage to have a home draw always provides a little advantage."

South Shields will host Witton Albion at Mariners Park, Redcar Town's earned a home tie against Darlington, and Spennymoor Town could be visiting Bishop Auckland if the Two-Blues come through a home replay against Emley.

Heaton Stan will face Trafford at The Willow Park, Macclesfield will be the visitors to Redcar Athletic and Shildon will host South Liverpool or Prestwich Heys if they win a replay at Warrington Town.

TUESDAY NIGHT FIXTURES
National League Cup: Gateshead v Derby County U21s, Hartlepool United v Everton U21s
National League North: Chorley v Darlington, South Shields v Marine, Radcliffe v Hebburn Town, Spennymoor Town v Spalding United
FA Cup second qualifying round replay: Warrington Town v Shildon
Northern Premier League East: Morpeth Town v Heaton Stannington, West Auckland Town v Ossett United
Durham Challenge Cup: Boldon CA v Gateshead Rutherford, Willington v Billingham Town, Chester-le-Street Town v Gateshead Leam Rangers.

Tiger's boss to give summer signings a run out on Wearside

SERGEJ Jakirovic will use tonight's Carabao Cup tie at Sunderland to integrate more of his summer signings with plenty of changes expected after Saturday's 0-0 home draw against Aston Villa.

The Tigers, third in the Premier League after taking seven points from their first three matches, have added 18 new players to their squad since their play-off triumph in May ended a nine-year top-flight absence.

Six of those arrived on transfer deadline day and assistant boss Dean Holden said Hull's coaching staff were still undecided on who will make their debuts as the Tigers bid to extend their impressive unbeaten start to the season.

Holden told a press conference: "I don't know exactly, but we'll see how they come through (Monday's) session. There will be changes, Sergej proved that in the first game, he said it's a good opportunity to get minutes

into players who need to get up to speed.

"There's a lot of players who have come through the door in the transfer window and they need valuable minutes."

Tim Iroegbunam, a £22m deadline-day signing from Everton, Christos Mouzakis and Robinio Vaz are among those hoping to make their bows, while Matt Crooks could return to action after a thigh injury.

Hull followed up their stunning opening-day win over Manchester United with victory at promoted Coventry before sealing another point against Villa, and have yet to concede a league goal this season.

Holden added: "The boys that have got the shirt at the moment are doing well enough to keep hold of it, but certainly everybody who gets a chance will have to stake a claim to get in and that's the exciting thing for us."



Matt Crooks – pictured here in Hull's opening-day win over Manchester United – is in the running to make the squad against Sunderland tonight, after recovering from injury

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NUFC

Steur could be back in first eleven

NEWCASTLE United teenager Sean Steur is in line for a return to the starting line-up this evening as the Magpies travel to South London to take on Millwall in the Carabao Cup third round.

The 18-year-old was the star of United's pre-season campaign over the summer following his £23m move from Ajax and started in each of Newcastle's first two games of the season.

He was perhaps unfortunate to come out of the side following the arrival of Nico Gonzalez, with the Spaniard and Lewis Miley forming Newcastle's preferred midfield duo in the win over Tottenham and draw with Bournemouth.

But with some rotation expected from Matthias Jaissle ahead of the trip to the Den, Steur is in line to come back into the starting XI.

Naturally, Steur has formed a big bond with another Ajax academy graduate at Newcastle in Sven Botman, and his Dutch compatriot has spoken about how impressed he has been with how seamlessly he has settled into life at the club.

"He came from the Ajax academy as well so we definitely speak about Ajax a lot as it is a club we both grew up in," Botman told Newcastle's official matchday programme. "We both had some good times there. He's just a bit younger than me but it is the same pathway."

"He is a good player. Especially for his age, he is unbelievable. Sometimes I tell him, when I was 18 I was just playing in the second team for Ajax."

Botman was cited by Dan Burn as a new leader in the group this season and, amid fears of a 'leadership vacuum' forming at the club after the departures of some key players in the summer, he feels as if there are a number of players ready to fill the void.

"I am still quite young I think," Botman added. "But in this group I am definitely one of the more experienced ones. It is just a natural way of me trying to help other team-mates and the new players."

"I know I can see everyone else doing the same thing, it is not just one person doing this particular job. We don't have a quiet group here and everyone helps each other. We are all on the same page. On the outside people think it is only certain players who can be leaders. But I have always been vocal and I can never play a football match without speaking. It is a role I am always used to doing."

Lions' Den holds no fear for Jaissle

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MATTHIAS Jaissle joked that he will be protected by his technical area as he prepares to step into the Lions' Den in the Carabao Cup tonight.

For the first time in a generation, Newcastle supporters will experience an away day at Millwall and the unique 'monk chant' of the home support. The chant is a loud, continuous drone of 'merrr-warr' - making The Den an experience for travelling fans.

When asked if Millwall's partisan support compared to anything in his playing or managerial career, Jaissle refused to participate in any contrasts.

But said he was now aware of Millwall's reputation as one of the toughest away days for managers and players.

Jaissle said: "Yes, I am aware of it. No (it doesn't worry me). I am protected in my box! I don't want to compare as I don't know that crowd too good. I will be careful of making comparisons."

"I like to be on the touchline here at St James' Park. We have the full crowd behind us."

"It will be a bit of a special atmosphere down there, I'm aware of that, but it doesn't influence my coaching and it should not influence the players."

"We need to focus on what we can influence on the pitch, and if we do our job, we come a long way."

A place in the last 16 of the Carabao Cup will be the prize for Jaissle's side if they can negotiate their way past the Lions.

Jaissle had his scouts in place as Millwall thrashed Bolton Wanderers at the weekend, and they will be no pushovers for Newcastle.

It leaves Jaissle with a big call to make after naming a near full-strength side against West Brom in the last round. He could do similar or rest and rotate in round three, with Premier League games now coming thick and fast.

On the opposite side of the coin, there is a three-week international break in the second half of September, while United don't have the added European exertions this term.

Jaissle said at the weekend: "There's always a fine line to make these decisions."

"I think it will be smart to wait now and see how the lads respond physically and mentally - we have a couple of days to make that decision."

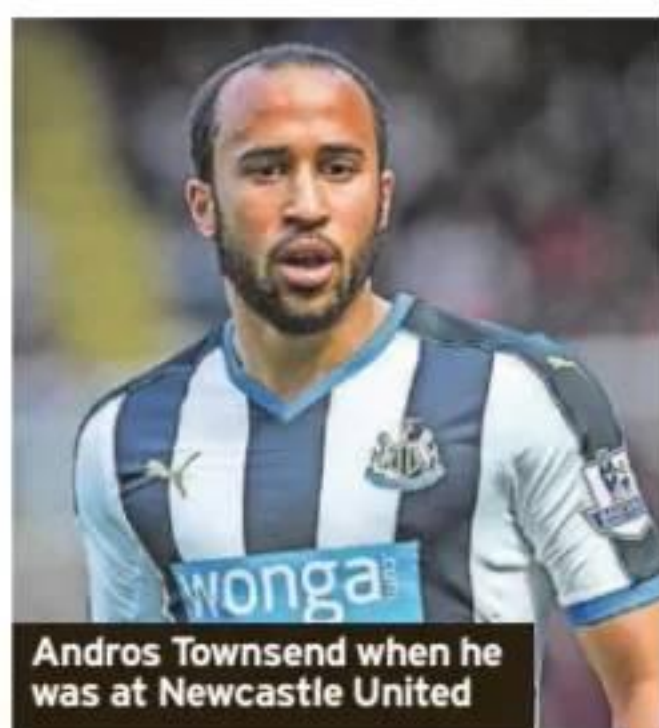
"We are aware of the schedule and what then comes afterwards, but the physicality, already from the lads, is getting better and better."

The big call for Jaissle will be in goal, with back-up stopper Ewen Jaouen - who started against West Brom - nursing an ankle injury and Nick Pope named as substitute against Bournemouth. Pope has not played for Newcastle since the 4-1 defeat in pre-season back in July against Bristol City but could feature again this week if Lukas Hornicek is rested.

Jaissle said: "We need to see. Ewen twisted his ankle yesterday, we still have a couple of days left to make the final decision who will be in goal."

“We need to focus on what we can influence on the pitch, and if we do our job, we come a long way”
Matthias Jaissle

Matthias Jaissle is expecting a 'special' atmosphere at The Den
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Andros Townsend when he was at Newcastle United

It was the first time in my career I felt loved

ANDROS Townsend loved playing for Newcastle more than any other club but was forced to leave the north east to further his international career.

The winger has starred for several clubs in England, including the Magpies' upcoming rivals, Millwall.

Matthias Jaissle's side will face the Lions in the third round of the Carabao Cup tonight. Townsend spent a few months of the 2010/11 season on loan at Millwall, but it was

his permanent switch to the Magpies where he reignited his love for football. The winger had fallen out of favour at Tottenham under Mauricio Pochettino, so he transferred to the Magpies for a fee of around £12million.

Speaking in 2016, he said: "It was the first time in my career that I actually did feel loved and did feel right. The fans were great with me, everyone loved me. On the last game

of the season against Spurs, the standing ovation when I got subbed was incredible, it made the hair on my arms stand up."

"It was extremely difficult to leave but football is a short career and sometime you use your head as opposed to your heart."

After just half a season in the north east, Townsend joined Crystal Palace after they triggered his £13m release clause.

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IT wasn't so long ago that Eddie Howe was desperate to rotate his Newcastle United squad to help cope with the rigours of midweek Champions League games, but found himself with few alternatives.

But, just a few months on, new head coach Matthias Jaissle has a wealth of options at his disposal as he weighs up how many changes he wants to make for tonight's Carabao Cup third-round match at Millwall.

The German picked a strong side for the round two victory over West Bromwich Albion, but can afford to rotate his squad without significantly weakening his starting XI.

The season is just four games old, but already there are some in the squad who are in need of game time, while others – such as new signing Matias Fernandez-Pardo – are building up match fitness.

Newcastle remain unbeaten, and with the next Premier League game at Leeds United almost a week away (Monday, September 14), there is less pressure on Jaissle to ring the changes.

It's unlikely he'll make wholesale changes, but here are 10 he could opt for at the New Den.

Nick Pope/Ewen Jaouen: Ewen Jaouen missed the game with Bournemouth after rolling his ankle in training, but if fit, he could come into the side for Lukas Hornicek, as he did in the second-round win over West Brom. Nick Pope took his place on the bench at the weekend, but while the former England shot-stopper could start, it's more likely Hornicek will keep his place should Jaouen be ruled out.

Tino Livramento: Jaissle suggested Livramento was not yet ready to start matches after his brief cameo against Bournemouth, but the option is there to give him an hour at the New Den, with Newcastle not back in action until next Monday. At this stage, there's no need to rush anything, however, so while he is expected to be in the squad, a place in the starting XI may have to wait.

Fabian Schar: Schar has yet to feature in a competitive game after picking up an injury in pre-season, but with Dan Burn out, he's the only fit centre-back option should Jaissle decide to rest either Malick Thiaw or



Matias Fernandez-Pardo would relish getting more minutes under his belt against Millwall tonight after being given a half-hour stint against Bournemouth on Saturday

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Wealth of options for change in Cup

Sven Botman. The Swiss defender could do with the runout so it could come down to how many changes the United boss wants to make.

Mason Miley: The younger Miley brother impressed in pre-season, filling in a right-back before the arrival of Amar Dedic from Benfica, and could do so again at Millwall. With Leo Shahaar now on loan at FC Arouca and Tino Livramento not yet fully fit, Miley could be handed his full debut for the first team.

Sean Steur: The young Dutch midfielder has impressed so far in a Newcastle shirt, and played a big part in helping to earn a point against Bournemouth. Steur was excellent against West Brom, so it would be a surprise if he didn't start at the New Den.

Aladji Bamba: We've not seen a lot of the 20-year-old French midfielder so far, with Bamba having to be

patient after signing from Monaco. Whether the heat of the midfield battle against a Championship side is the right place for him to start remains to be seen, but with plenty of competition for places, it feels like the ideal opportunity to allow him to show what he can do.

Jacob Ramsey: Saturday's goal hero has spoken about playing as a No 10 in training, and could get his chance at Millwall if Jaissle rotates his front players. Ramsey feels better suited to a more attacking role, and his creativity and work rate could be vital in breaking Millwall down.

Jacob Murphy: Murphy started against West Brom and it would be no surprise if he starts in midweek after a solid second-half display against Bournemouth. While he doesn't have the electric pace of Elanga – not many do – he offers a more reliable service for the

frontmen, and after Newcastle turned down deadline day bids for the winger, you would expect him to start.

Bazoumana Toure: While he's been restricted to just a few minutes against Spurs in the league, Toure scored on his first start in the second round against West Brom, before having to come off at half-time with a knock. Harvey Barnes brings goals, but Toure needs game time and should be given the chance to stake his claim here.

Matias Fernandez-Pardo: The Belgian is still getting up to speed after only arriving at the club a week ago, so the dilemma is whether to start him at Millwall or again bring him off the bench. It's tempting to give a Ramsey/Fernandez-Pardo front two an outing, but it will come down to how much of a risk Jaissle wants to take on his fitness.

VIEW FROM THE GALLOWGATE

WHAT a great transfer window! I think I've written that sentence about the same number of times in my life that I've written: "That's an excellent idea, prime minister."

Windows of yore were like selling off the few bits of your family silver and replacing them with something you bought off a shifty bloke at the local market.

What a transformation from the omnishambles of last summer. A clear policy, swiftly implemented by people at the top of their game. A couple of missteps where targets were snatched from under our noses, but it's not like we were alone; other clubs have fallen foul of that. I was sad and relieved by turn that Woltemade has been sent on loan. He's a good player in a system that isn't going to fit him, something that, again, we weren't setting a precedent in when a new manager arrives. It's difficult to see him return under the present regime, but he's gone to a good club and I wish him well.

Despite it being in the early stages of the new US, there are signs that the new squad are buying into Herr Jaissle's philosophy. New formations trialed, a bit of rotation without being random, but one thing is evident, and that is there's a spirit there that every squad needs.

A chest infection that made me sound like Lee Marvin singing 'Wandering Star' kept me housebound on Saturday, and typically of the few occasions that illness has kept me away, it wasn't a clunker that offended the eyes, but a multi-goaled affair that kept you there until the end. I should be ill more often it seems.

Media post-match reports love a cliché (yes, I know, pot-kettle-black) so there were references to the Keegan era, and we all know that when defeat eventually arrives there'll be 'Reality check' headlines as if we were expecting to go unbeaten all season, but really, all I want to see in the headline is 'Heads didn't drop', and on Saturday that applied, even to the point that for a change, someone conceded a late goal against us. It made my chest crackle like popping bubble wrap, but it was definitely preferable to a 0-0 clunker.

Onwards and etc etc

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Jacob Ramsey

Ramsey's ready to 'step up' ahead of cup clash

JACOB Ramsey is ready to "step up" for Newcastle this season following the summer's departures of fellow midfielders Bruno Guimaraes and Sandro Tonali.

Ramsey has not quite hit his straps since a £40m move from Aston Villa just over a year ago and he has been forced to settle for a role off the bench in Newcastle's first three Premier League matches this season. However, a classy finish

helped Newcastle claim a 2-2 draw against Bournemouth on Saturday and extend their unbeaten start to the campaign, and Ramsey believes there is more to come.

"If you're looking from the outside, two big players leaving in my position, it's time for me to step up now and I'm looking forward to it," Ramsey said.

"It's a big challenge. When I came to Newcastle, I wanted to play week

in, week out. Obviously, I haven't done that so far, but football can change so quick.

"I was disappointed not to start in any of the Premier League games. But I've got big self-belief in my ability. I'm a confident lad and hopefully, I'll get the opportunity to prove that I can play here."

Ramsey is in line to start tonight in Newcastle's Carabao Cup third round clash at Millwall.



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Jaissle calls for end to defensive frailties

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NEWCASTLE United boss Matthias Jaissle held an immediate inquest on the Magpies' shaky defending against Bournemouth on Saturday – and has challenged his team to stamp it out against Millwall in tonight's Carabao Cup match.

A shambolic opening 35 minutes allowed the Cherries to create chance after chance and chalk up a 2-0 lead in the opening exchanges, with Jaissle now warning it can't happen again.

Newcastle had to survive a couple of scares against West Bromwich

Albion in the previous round of the cup too, but Jaissle wants a steady start at the New Den.

Millwall showed they were no mugs on Saturday by walloping Bolton Wanderers 4-0 in the capital, and Jaissle said: "That's already the message (to tighten up).

"The elements we were missing in the first half against Bournemouth will be crucial for the cup match.

"That is something we were able to take from Bournemouth and now transfer that into Millwall."

Jaissle is likely to go strong against the Lions and has already ruled out handing Tino Livramento a start against Alex Neil's side.

The German head coach went strong against the Baggies and has a decision to make on whether to start



> An unhappy Matthias Jaissle at the Bournemouth game

Robin Jones - AFC Bournemouth/ Getty Images

his £51m new boy Matias Fernandez-Pardo at Millwall.

When asked about giving the ex-Lille man a start, Jaissle said: "I am even more excited now after seeing

him for 30 minutes. He has been really impressive for us already and we are looking forward to seeing what he can produce."

Another youngster who could be in contention for a start against Millwall is £35m Aladji Bamba who has featured for just 14 minutes since his big money move from Monaco.

Jaissle said: "First of all, we need to digest the day and see how the lads respond physically and mentally. Aladji is a young lad with huge potential but we also know we need to be patient with him.

"We need to give him the time for the adaptation, everyone responds a little differently to the physicality and intensity of the game. But, like many other players, he could be an option."

Le Bris will make 'up to 10' changes for cup clash

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HEAD coach Régis Le Bris revealed he will make as many as nine or 10 changes when Sunderland face Hull City tonight in the Carabao Cup.

The Black Cats return to action in the third round tie at the Stadium of Light, just three days after their 1-1 Premier League draw against Brentford.

Le Bris handed Kevin Danso his Sunderland debut at the Gtech Community Stadium, while deadline-day signing Malick Fofana made his first appearance from the bench.

Dayann Methalie was also among the substitutes after completing a suspension carried over from his time in France.

Fofana, Methalie and Jules Ahoka are now in line to make their first starts against Hull as Le Bris prepares to rotate his squad heavily during a demanding run of fixtures.

Le Bris told reporters: "It's a good opportunity to give minutes in a competitive game, which is very positive.

"We believe that we'll change the team, more or less, with 10 or nine changes.

"We'll see in terms of numbers. Dayann should start, for example. I think probably Malick as well. We'll see, but it's a good opportunity."

The fixture will allow Le Bris to assess several members of his squad before Sunderland face Arsenal in the Premier League and begin their Europa League campaign against AZ Alkmaar.

The head coach believes the competitive nature of the Carabao Cup makes the Hull game particularly valuable for players who need minutes and said it was better than playing in a friendly.

"Yes, it's much better than a friendly game," Le Bris added, showing where the competition ranks in his thinking.

"You're in your stadium against a good team. It's the perfect condition to build those minutes and get better."



> Sunderland boss Régis Le Bris

ROOT-ING FOR ENGLAND

> England's Joe Root batting during a nets session at Edgbaston, Birmingham yesterday, ahead of the Third Test against Pakistan tomorrow

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By **MIKE WARD**, television critic

TODAY'S TV

Pick of the day
THE GREAT BRITISH SEWING BEE,
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THE NATIONAL TELEVISION AWARDS 2026, ITV1, 8PM

Are you reading this before midday? Then I have great news: you've still time to vote for your favourites in this year's NTAs. Just go to nationaltvawards.com and start clicking your way through the shortlist.

Pick your favourite drama, actor, reality show, presenter (NTA host Joel Dommett isn't among the nominees for that, but you can choose Sir David Attenborough if you like) and...well, the list goes on and on.

Or it does until it stops, at which point you can treat yourself to a well deserved lie-down.



THE FALL AND RISE OF REGINALD PERRIN, BBC4, 9PM, 9.30PM

This classic sitcom, starring Leonard Rossiter as a suburban executive teetering on the edge of madness (until one day the teetering stops and he just loses the plot) was first shown 50 years ago today.

It's as dated as heck in lots of ways, as these first two episodes illustrate (not least, Reggie repeatedly visualising his mother-in-law as a hippopotamus, and fantasising over his secretary, played by future Corrie star Sue Nicholls) and yet isn't there a little bit of Reggie in many to this day?



IN STITCHES: Host Sophie Willan and judges Esme Young and Patrick Grant

Fashion stars with socks appeal

DO you know what a "wardrobe hero" is? Before watching tonight's Sewing Bee semi-final (featuring Beth, Emma, Heather and Anna), I must admit I had no idea.

If I'd had to guess, I'd have assumed a wardrobe hero was one of those blokes with a screwdriver called Keith (I mean the bloke would be called Keith, not the screwdriver) who you can hire to assemble your IKEA flat packs.

And I'd have been hopelessly wrong, as I tend to be about many things.

A wardrobe hero, I now know, is an item of clothing - one that's timeless and can always be relied upon. A bit like my socks, I suppose.

So, yes, that's tonight's theme. And what must the sewers actually make? Wedding guest outfits, little black dresses and, to kick

things off, plant-based leather biker jackets. Using plant-based leather from actual plant-based cows.

And must each jacket be asymmetrically zipped, do I hear you cry, with zipped pockets, collar facings, top-stitched seams and set-in sleeves? How ever did you guess?

Next, creating a women's wedding guest outfit is this week's transformation challenge.

So what are the contestants actually transforming? They're transforming old men's shirts. By which I mean it's the shirts that are old, not the men who owned them, although I guess it could be both.

Finally, the made-to-measure little black dress challenge takes the contestants in all sorts of directions.

Heather goes for a nude-lined black lace

bustier dress with a pencil skirt and removable straps.

For Anna, it's a corseted velvet mini dress with a boned globe skirt and hand-drawn sewn drape.

(Do you like the way I'm writing about all this stuff as if I know what the heck I'm talking about?)

Beth goes for a bouclé shorts-and-top ensemble with a black silk organza overlay. (I had a feeling she might.)

And Emma? Emma's is an iridescent dress that looks black in some light but in other light looks purple, green, yellow and gold.

But hang on, isn't that cheating? Will there be uproar in the Sewing Bee studio, possibly even a fight? You never know, do you?

OK, maybe you do.



BEST REALITY

RACE AGAINST THE TIDE BBC2, 7.30PM

It's Monster Day in the sand-sculpting competition as Iain Stirling gives the teams six hours to make their most gruesome creation on the shores of St Andrews.



BEST RESCUE

SAVING LIVES AT SEA BBC2, 8PM

The crew leap into action when a surfer is left paralysed by a wave, but it becomes clear there was another hero - the casualty was saved from drowning by a teenage boy.



BEST DOC

PAUL C BRUNSON: RED FLAG U&W, 9PM

Relationship expert Paul C Brunson, above, talks to survivors of toxic relationships. Tonight focuses on Charlotte, left terrified when her partner's early devotion turned to violence.



BEST DRAMA

THE GAME 5, 9PM

Huw uncovers evidence suggesting Jonathan may never have been murdered at all - and that Patrick fabricated the confession in response to police inquiries.

TUESDAY'S TV

DAYTIME

BBC1	BBC2	ITV1	CHANNEL 4	5
 The One Show, 7pm 6.00 Breakfast 9.30 Morning Live 10.45 Rip Off Britain 11.30 Homes Under the Hammer 12.15 Bargain Hunt Charlie Ross presents a special edition. 1.00 BBC News at One; Weather 1.35 BBC Regional News and Weather 1.45 BBC News at One; Weather 2.00 Money for Nothing Breathing new life into soggy gazebo covers, an old sofa and a sideboard. 2.45 Escape to the Country Steve Brown helps a couple from Bedfordshire relocate to the Fens. 3.45 Garden Rescue 4.30 The Answer Run 5.15 Pointless 6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather 6.30 BBC Regional News and Weather	 Emergency 24/7, 9pm 6.30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites 8.00 Sign Zone: The Great British Sewing Bee 9.00 BBC News 12.15 Politics Live The latest stories from Westminster. 1.00 Richard Osman's House of Games 1.30 The Edge 2.15 Weatherman Walking 2.45 Animal Park 3.30 Who Do You Think You Are? Chris and Xand van Tulleken research their Dutch heritage. 4.30 Vintage Antiques Roadshow 5.15 Flog It! 6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games James Buckley, Amy Gledhill, Romilly Weeks and Gary Wilmot take part. 6.30 Clive Myrie's Caribbean Adventure Clive discovers a new talent for dancing in Kingston.	 Tipping Point, 4pm 6.00 Good Morning Britain 9.30 Lorraine 10.00 This Morning Celebrity chat and lifestyle features. 12.30 Loose Women Topical debate from a female perspective. 1.30 ITV Lunchtime News; Weather 1.55 Local News; Weather 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal David and his dealers visit Telford and set up shop in the International Centre. 3.00 Lingo A couple, a mother and son, and a father and son compete in the quiz. 3.59 ITV Local Weather 4.00 Tipping Point Quiz. 5.00 The Chase Sarah, Chris, Karl and Megan take on one of the experts. 6.00 Local News; Weather 6.30 ITV Evening News; Weather	 The Jury: 14 and on Trial for Murder, 9pm 6.30 The King of Queens 6.55 The King of Queens 7.20 The King of Queens 7.45 Everybody Loves Raymond 8.10 Everybody Loves Raymond 8.40 Everybody Loves Raymond 9.10 Frasier 9.40 Frasier 10.10 Frasier 10.40 Frasier 11.10 Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back 12.05 Channel 4 News Summary 12.10 Find It, Fix It, Flog It 1.10 The Great House Giveaway 2.10 Countdown 3.00 A Place in the Sun 4.00 Help! We Bought a Village 5.00 Four in a Bed 5.30 Come Dine with Me 6.00 A New Life in the Sun: Where Are They Now? Sarah and Luther take their B&B in a new direction.	 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders, 8pm 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 Jeremy Vine The broadcaster discusses the issues of the day. 11.30 Storm & Alexis Discussion and debate. 12.45 5 News at Lunchtime 12.50 Matt Allwright Debate on the day's biggest stories. 2.20 FILM My Husband's Killer Affair (2024) (12) Thriller, starring Kyana Teresa. 4.00 Castle A body is found in the theatre staging Martha's latest show. 4.55 Love Nature Cameras follow father and son pigeon-racers in South Wales. 5.00 5 News with Dan Walker 6.00 Amazing Railway Adventures with Nick Knowles The presenter explores Norway. 6.55 5 News Update
7.00 The One Show With Alex Jones and Vernon Kay. (S) 7.30 EastEnders Chaos erupts at Max and Cindy's wedding. (S)	7.00 Nigellissima 6/6. Dishes include a plum and amaretti crumble and chocolate pasta with butterscotch sauce. (S) (R) 7.30 Race Against the Tide 4/6. The five remaining teams make monsters out of sand. (S)	7.30 Millionaire Hot Seat Quiz, hosted by Jeremy Clarkson. (S)	7.00 Channel 4 News (S)	7.00 Cycling: Vuelta a España 2026 Highlights of stage 16. (S) 7.55 5 News Update (S)
8.00 The Great British Sewing Bee 9/10. The semi-finalists make leather jackets, wedding outfits and little black dresses. (S)	8.00 Saving Lives at Sea 4/10. A surfer is left paralysed by a wave. (S)	8.00 The National Television Awards 2026 Joel Dommett hosts the 31st edition of the ceremony. (S)	8.00 The Dog House 2/6. Football-mad Josh hopes Ruby the Staffy could be his perfect team-mate. (S) (R)	8.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders There's an operation to stop a cloned pick-up truck suspected to be stolen. (S)
9.00 Celebrity MasterChef 10/15. The semi-finalists serve up a banquet for 120 diners. (S)	9.00 Emergency 24/7 4/6. A young horse rider is paralysed after a fall. (S)		9.00 The Jury: 14 and on Trial for Murder 3/4. The focus shifts to older brother Luke. (S)	9.00 The Game 3/4. Huw uncovers evidence suggesting Jonathan may never have been murdered at all. (S)
10.00 BBC News at Ten (S) 10.30 BBC Regional News; Weather (S) 10.40 FILM Creed III (2023). (12) Boxing drama sequel, starring Michael B Jordan. (S)	10.00 Colin from Accounts 2/10. Gordon invites Ash and David to his birthday party. (S) 10.30 Newsnight; (S) Weather (S)	10.30 ITV News at Ten; Weather (S)	10.00 Gogglebox 1/16. The households' opinions on Trigger Point, Long Lost Family and Celebrity MasterChef. (S) (R)	10.00 The Day The Queen Died: Minute by Minute Recounting the events of September 8, 2022. (S) (R)
11.00 Local News; Weather (S) 11.15 Murder on a Knife's Edge: True Crime Presents The case of Wayne Coventry, who was murdered in 2019. (S) (R)	11.05 FILM Gosford Park (2001). (15) Period drama, starring Maggie Smith and Kelly Macdonald. (S)		11.05 Celebrity Gogglebox 3/6. Shows including Love Island, Bake Off. The Professionals are appraised. (S) (R)	11.35 Police: Night Shift 999 4/8. PCs Hayes and Fox are called to a suspected fight. (S) (R)
12.30 Weather for the Week Ahead 12.35 BBC News	1.15 Sign Zone: Celebrity MasterChef The celebrities cook a takeaway for YouTube star Angry Ginge. 2.15 Sign Zone: Swipe Right for Sperm 2.45 Sign Zone: The Big Deal with Steph McGovern 3.45 This Is BBC Two	12.10 Shop on TV 3.00 Wheel of Fortune John, Jess and Paris try to win a potential jackpot of £50,000. 3.50 Unwind with ITV 5.05 Dickinson's Real Deal David Dickinson and the team visit Peterborough.	12.10 Love Cheats 1.05 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA 1.55 Millionaire Hoarders 2.50 Taskmaster 3.45 Sunday Brunch Best Bits 4.00 George Clarke's Adventures in Americana 4.55 Couples Come Dine with Me 5.50 Countdown	12.35 Cops 1.00 Cruise TV with LoveitBookit 2.00 GPs: Behind Closed Doors 2.55 Castle 3.45 The Highland Vet 4.35 The Wonderful World of Chocolate 5.00 The Wonderful World of Chocolate 5.25 Entertainment News on 5 5.35 Paw Patrol 5.50 Mixmups

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TUESDAY'S TV

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6.00 Teleshopping 7.30 Don't Wait Up 8.00 Ever Decreasing Circles 8.40 Porridge 9.20 The Green Green Grass 10.00 Are You Being Served? 10.40 Last of the Summer Wine 12.00 Ever Decreasing Circles 12.40 Porridge 1.20 The Vicar of Dibley 2.00 Dad's Army 2.40 The Green Green Grass 3.20 Are You Being Served? 4.00 Ever Decreasing Circles 4.40 Dad's Army 5.20 Last of the Summer Wine 6.40 The Vicar of Dibley 7.20 Dad's Army Mainwaring tackles a suspected terrorist. (S) 8.00 The Vicar of Dibley Geraldine shoots to stardom. (S) 8.40 The Vicar of Dibley Alice and Hugo's baby is christened. (S) 9.35 The Royle Family It's Sunday in the house of the couch-potato clan and Nana calls round. (S) 10.15 Not Going Out The friends jet off on a summer holiday. (S) 10.55 The Vicar of Dibley (S) 11.30 The Vicar of Dibley Alice and Hugo's baby is christened. (S) 12.30 The Royle Family (S) 1.10 Not Going Out (S) 1.50 Don't Wait Up (S) 2.35 The Outlaws (S) 4.00 Teleshopping

U&Dave SKY: 111 FV: 19

6.00 Teleshopping 7.25 Pointless 8.20 Border Force: America's Gatekeepers 10.20 Rick Stein's Mediterranean Escapes 12.20 Top Gear 2.20 Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing 3.00 Speed with Guy Martin 4.00 Hairy Bikers' Best of British 5.00 Rick Stein's Mediterranean Escapes 7.00 Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing Paul and Bob head to a secluded pike lake in Dumfries and Galloway. (S) 7.40 Would I Lie to You? With Denise Lewis, Richard Osman, Robert Rinder and Katherine Ryan. (S) 8.20 Would I Lie to You? With Prue Leith, Scarlett Moffatt, Big Narstie and Tomasz Schafnaker. (S) 9.00 Have I Got a Bit More 2024 for You A look back at the big news of 2024. (S) 10.00 QI XL With David Mitchell, Noel Fielding and Holly Walsh. (S) 11.00 8 Out of 10 Cats With Jack Dee, Gemma Cairney, Jamie Laing and Rob Beckett. (S) 11.50 Mock the Week With guests Tom Allen, Ed Byrne, Rhys James, Milton Jones and Deborah Frances-White. (S) 12.30 Would I Lie to You? (S) 1.50 QI XL (S) 2.50 Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish (S) 4.00 Teleshopping

U&Yesterday SKY: 155 FV: 27

6.10 The Architecture of the Railways Built 8.00 Bangers & Cash 10.00 Rise of the Nazis: Dictators at War 11.00 The World at War 12.00 Antiques Roadshow 2.00 Bangers & Cash 4.00 Rise of the Nazis: Dictators at War 5.00 The World at War 6.00 Antiques Roadshow 7.00 Mammals How mammals are adapting to the changes in their environment. (S)

8.00 Bangers & Cash: Restoring Classics The team head for restoration in their Bedford Rascal Campervan. (S) 9.00 Bangers & Cash Derek heads to Barnet for a Sierra XR 4x4i. (S) 10.00 Bangers & Cash Derek brings a small army of military hardware to Thornton le Dale. (S) 11.00 Bangers & Cash Paul collects a cherished 1924 Rover 9 that's been in the same family since the 1950s. (S) 12.00 Bangers & Cash (S) 1.00 Find It, Fix It, Flog It (S) 2.00 The Architecture of the Railways Built (S) 3.00 Teleshopping

U&Drama SKY: 143 FV: 20

6.00 Teleshopping 7.30 The Bill 8.30 Doctors 9.40 Classic Holby City 11.00 Casualty 12.00 The Bill 1.00 Classic EastEnders 2.20 Classic Neighbours 3.20 Sister Boniface Mysteries 4.20 Kingdom 5.20 As Time Goes By 6.00 Last of the Summer Wine 7.20 Last of the Summer Wine A strange group of men intrigues the three friends. (S) 8.00 'Allo 'Allo! Helga is ordered to marry Herr Flick. (S) 8.40 'Allo 'Allo! Rene and his staff disguise themselves as undertakers. (S) 9.20 'Allo 'Allo! Michelle concocts another plan to infiltrate German headquarters. (S) 10.00 New Tricks The team investigates a man's disappearance five years earlier. (S) 11.00 Copper Corcoran finds himself evaluating the decisions he has made about Annie. (S) 12.00 Lovejoy (S) 1.00 Sister Boniface Mysteries (S) 2.00 At Home with the Braithwaites (S) 2.50 The Chelsea Detective (S) 4.00 Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 The Architecture of the Railways Built Tim Dunn sees Swindon's railway village and explores Milan's monumental station. Last in the series. (S) 7.45 The Flying Gardener Chris Beardshaw flies to the south west in search of hedges. (S) 8.00 To the Manor Born Audrey takes a holiday. (S) 8.30 Keeping Up Appearances Hyacinth searches for a small country retreat. (S) 9.00 The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin Classic comedy, starring Leonard Rossiter. Originally broadcast in 1976. (S) 9.30 The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin Reggie visits a safari park. Classic comedy, starring Leonard Rossiter. (S) 10.00 The Killer Wave of 1607: Timewatch The tsunami that struck Britain's coast in 1607. (S) 10.50 Japan's Master of Restoration Antique restorer Koji Mayuyama visits museums in Japan and helps with artefacts. (S) 11.40 The Joy of AI Jim Al-Khalili takes a look at artificial intelligence. (S)

12.40 The Secret Rules of Modern Living: Algorithms (S) 1.40 The Flying Gardener (S) 1.55 The Killer Wave of 1607: Timewatch (S) 2.45 The Joy of AI (S) 3.45 Close

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Backyard Builds 6.30 Dinner Date 7.30 The Real Housewives of Potomac 8.20 The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills 9.15 The Only Way Is Essex 10.15 Dawson's Creek 11.10 Charmed 12.05 Deal or No Deal 1.05 Supermarket Sweep 2.05 Wheel of Fortune 3.10 The Only Way Is Essex 4.10 The Real Housewives of Potomac 5.00 The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills 6.00 Celebrity Catchphrase 7.00 Wheel of Fortune Game show, hosted by Graham Norton. (S) 8.00 The 1% Club Quiz, hosted by Lee Mack. (S) 9.00 Olivia Attwood: The Price of Perfection Olivia discovers the side effects from being on the so-called "skinny jabs". Last in the series. (S) 10.00 Family Guy (S) 10.35 Family Guy (S) 11.05 Family Guy (S) 11.35 American Dad! (S) 12.05 American Dad! (S) 12.35 Bob's Burgers (S) 1.30 Plebs (S) 1.55 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) 2.20 Unwind with ITV (S) 3.00 Teleshopping

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Wild at Heart 7.05 Classic Emmerdale 8.05 Classic Coronation Street 9.10 Agatha Christie's Poirot 11.25 Heartbeat 1.35 The Royal 2.40 Wild at Heart 3.40 Classic Emmerdale 4.40 Classic Coronation Street 5.50 Heartbeat 8.00 Vera The discovery of a missing teenager's body stirs up tension in a rural community. (S) 10.00 Downton Abbey Everyone is anxious at the arrival of the heir presumptive. (S) 11.00 Scott & Bailey A man acquitted of rape and murder is found dead. (S) 11.55 Scott & Bailey A porn star is suspected of murdering her husband. (S) 12.55 The Darling Buds of May (S) 2.00 Unwind with ITV (S) 2.30 Teleshopping

ITV4 SKY: 120 FV: 26

6.00 American Pickers 8.05 Minder 9.10 The Champions 10.15 The Sweeney 11.20 The Professionals 12.25 The Champions 1.30 American Pickers 3.40 The Sweeney 4.50 The Professionals 5.55 Minder 7.00 Ice Road Truckers: Deadliest Roads Lisa Kelly considers sacking her driving mate. (S) 8.00 World Superbike Highlights Action from the ninth round of the season in France. (S) 9.00 FILM London Has Fallen (2016). (15) Action thriller, starring Gerard Butler. (S) 11.05 All Elite Wrestling: Collision (S) 1.00 Benidorm (S) 2.00 BattleBots (S) 3.00 Teleshopping

(R) repeat, (S) subtitles

RADIO

RADIO 1

97.6-99.8 FM 6.58 Newsbeat. 7.00 Radio 1 Breakfast with Greg James. 10.30 Newsbeat. 10.33 Charlie and Jerry. 12.45 Newsbeat. 1.00 Matt and Mollie. 3.30 Newsbeat. 3.33 Going Home with Vick, Katie and Jamie on Radio 1. 5.45 Newsbeat. 6.00 Radio 1's New Music Show with Jack Saunders. 8.00 Radio 1's Future Artists with Sian Eleri. The new artists we're most excited about! Produced by Listen for BBC Radio 1. 10.00 Radio 1's Power Down Playlist with Sian Eleri. 11.00 Radio 1's Indie Show with Alyx Holcombe. 1.00 Radio 1 Dance Presents. 2.00 Radio 1 Anthems with Alice Hopkins. 4.00 Radio 1 Early Breakfast with Mylo and Rosie.

RADIO 2

88-90.2 FM 6.30 The Sara Cox Breakfast Show. 9.30 Vernon Kay. 12.00 Jeremy Vine. 2.00 DJ Spooky. 4.00 Drivetime. 7.00 Jo Whalley's Shiny Happy Playlist. 7.30 Jo Whalley. 9.00 The Jazz Show with Jamie Cullum. The world of jazz. 10.00 The Good Groove with Melvin Odom. 12.00 DJ Borg. 3.00 Dance Sounds of the 90s with Vernon Kay. 4.00 Owain Wyn Evans.

RADIO 3

90.2-92.4 FM 6.30 Breakfast. Linton Stephens presents Radio 3's classical breakfast show. 9.30 Essential Classics. Georgia Mann plays a selection of music and features. 1.00 Classical Live. Benjamin Appl performs Schumann's Dichterliebe. 4.00 Composer of the Week: Stephen Sondheim. Donald Macleod reflects on Sondheim's talent in rhyming. 5.00 In Tune. Olivia Belli joins Petroc Trelawny in 80A for a live session. 6.30 BBC Proms 2026. A performance of Rachmaninov's Third Symphony. 8.10 New Generation Artists. Featuring Cesar Franck's Violin Sonata played by flautist Elisaveta Ivanova. 10.15 BBC Proms 2026. Weyes Blood and the Jules Buckley Orchestra perform from the Royal Albert Hall. 11.45 'Round Midnight. Soweto Kinch presents the best in jazz. 12.30 Through the Night. André Schuen and Daniel Heide in a recital at the Schubertiade Schwarzenberg.

RADIO 4

92.4-94.6 FM 5.00 News Summary. 5.04 Yesterday in Parliament. Political proceedings. 5.32 Weather. 5.34 Shipping Forecast. 5.43 Prayer for the Day. Commemorating the anniversary of 9/11. 5.45 Farming Today. Countryside stories. 6.00 Today. Presented by Anna Foster and Nick Robinson. 9.00 The Life Scientific. New series. Jim Al-Khalili talks to Nasa's Ginger Kerrick. 9.30 All in the Mind. New series. The latest on psychology, mental health and neuroscience. 10.00 Woman's Hour. Presented by Nuala McGovern. 11.00 Add to Playlist. Anne Dudley and Jon Boden choose five songs. 11.45 You Do Not Have to Say Anything. Joanna Hardy-Susskind considers cross-examination. 12.00 News. 12.04 Call You and Yours. With Winifred Robinson. 12.57 Weather. 1.00 The World at One. Presented by Sarah Montague. 1.45 A 9/11 Story. Terry Strada must master a world unknown to her. 2.00 The Archers. Lily takes the plunge. 2.15 Drama: Done to Death. Mystery by Brendon Connelly, starring Saffron Coomber. 3.00 History's Secret Heroes. Airey Neave's escape from German POW camp Colditz Castle. 3.30 Heart and Soul. Natasha Serlin attempts to connect with Mary Magdalene's legacy. 4.00 Last Frames — The Story

of Bill Biggart. The final shoot of photographer Bill Biggart. 4.30 What's Up Docs? A look at sleep disorders. 5.00 PM. Presented by Evan Davis. 5.57 Weather. 6.00 Six O'Clock News. 6.30 Paul Sinha's Perfect Pub Quiz. Words of the year and people born in 1926. 7.00 The Archers. Carol takes surprising action. 7.15 Front Row. Nick Ahad presents the culture magazine. 8.00 The Today Debate. Topical discussion. 8.40 In Touch. News for people who are blind or partially sighted. 9.00 Crossing Continents. Investigating the language laws in Ukraine. 9.30 Scam Secrets. A look at e-mail security. 9.59 Weather. 10.00 The World Tonight. With James Coomarasamy. 10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Villa Forgotten. Toni is unable to make sense of what she finds. 11.00 Half-Life. Joe Dunthorne's research leads him to an old chemical weapons factory. 11.30 Today in Parliament. Political round-up. 12.00 News and Weather. 12.30 You Do Not Have to Say Anything. Joanna Hardy-Susskind considers cross-examination. 12.48 Shipping Forecast. 1.00 As BBC World Service.

RADIO 5 LIVE

693 & 909 MW 5.00 Wake Up to Money. 6.00 5 Live Breakfast. 9.00 Nicky Campbell. 11.00 Naga Munchetty. 2.00 Matt Chorley. 4.00 5 Live Drive. 7.00 5 Live Sport. 8.00 5 Live Sport. FC Porto v Manchester City (kick-off 8.00pm). 10.30 Gordon Smart. 1.00 Dotun Adebayo.

TALKSPORT

1053 & 1089 MW 5.00 Early Sports Breakfast. 6.00 talkSPORT Breakfast with Jeff Stelling. 10.00 Jim White and Simon Jordan. 1.00 Hawksbee and Jacobs. 4.00 talkSPORT Drive. 7.00 Kick Off. 10.00 The Sports Bar. 1.00 Extra Time with Paul Ross.

CLASSIC FM

100-102 FM 6.30 Classic FM Breakfast with Dan Walker. 9.00 The Classic FM Hall of Fame Hour with Dan Walker. 10.00 Aled Jones. 1.00 Anne-Marie Minhall. 4.00 Margherita Taylor. 7.00 Relaxing Evenings with Zeb Soanes. 10.00 Calm Classics. 1.00 Bill Overton. 4.00 Early Breakfast.

BBC NEWCASTLE

95.4 FM 6.00 Matt Bailey. 10.00 Kelly Scott. 2.00 Scott Makin. 6.00 Total Sport. 8.00 Joel Mitchell. 10.00 The Late Show. 1.00 As Radio 5 Live.

HITS RADIO NORTH EAST

97.1, 103 FM 6.00 Breakfast Show. 10.00 The Throwback. 11.00 Tom Green. 1.00 Hattie Pearson. 4.00 Gemma Atkinson and Mike Toolan. 7.00 Scott Clarke. 10.00 Sarah-Jane Crawford. 1.00 Mary Mandefield.

HEART NORTH EAST

100.7 FM 6.30 Heart Breakfast. 10.00 Pandora Christie. 1.00 Matt Wilkinson. 4.00 JK and Kelly Brook. 7.00 Dey Griffin. 10.00 Ben Atkinson. 1.00 Guy Howard.

RADIO TYNESIDE

93.6 FM 6.00 Early Show. 8.00 Good Morning Tyneside. 10.00 Morning Call. 12.00 Lunchbreak. 2.00 The Afternoon Show. 4.00 Teatime on Tyneside. 6.00 Sixties at Six. 7.00 Evening Shift. 9.00 80s Revisited. 10.00 Late On. 12.00 Night Sounds.

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TUESDAY'S TV

FREEVIEW AND SATELLITE



Brooklyn Nine-Nine, E4, 7.30pm

E4 SKY: 135 FV: 13

6.00 Hollyoaks 6.55 **Rude(ish)** Tube Shorts 7.00 **Couples Come Dine with Me** 8.00 **Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** 10.00 **America's Funniest Home Videos** 12.00 **The Simpsons** 2.00 **The Goldbergs** 3.00 **Modern Family** 5.00 **The Simpsons** 6.00 **The Simpsons** Krusty's truth-telling aunt fixes Homer's relationship with Patty and Selma. 6.30 **The Simpsons** The new Pin Pals take part in their first ever state bowling championship. 7.00 **Hollyoaks** Sienna returns home from prison to find James alive and in her flat. 7.30 **Brooklyn Nine-Nine** Jake rushes to collect enough evidence to keep a suspect in custody. 8.00 **The Great Celebrity Bake Off for Stand Up to Cancer** Richard Dreyfuss, Patsy Palmer, James Buckley and Scarlett Moffatt take part. Presented by Sandi Toksvig and Noel Fielding, with judges Paul Hollywood and Prue Leith. 9.00 **Below Deck Down Under** It's the final night of the charter, but there's still heaps of drama to dish out with a captain's reprimand, an unlikely hookup and another huge argument. Last in the series. 10.00 **Sarah Millican: Control Enthusiast** A stand-up performance by the comedian. 11.00 **First Dates** Seventy-year-old tour guide Sonya is looking for a man she can call her best friend. 12.05 **Naked Attraction: All Out & Proud** 1.10 **Below Deck Down Under** 2.10 **First Dates** 3.00 **Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** 3.50 **The Simpsons** 4.40 **The Goldbergs** 5.30 **Brooklyn Nine-Nine**

More4 SKY: 136 FV: 18

8.55 **Four in a Bed** 11.35 **Come Dine with Me** 2.15 **Four in a Bed** 4.50 **Car S.O.S** 6.50 **Grand Designs** Kevin McCloud follows the progress as Adam and Tassy make a family home out of an abandoned water tower in Northamptonshire with a budget of £400,000. 7.55 **Grand Designs** Kevin McCloud follows a couple building a unique home near a West Sussex estuary, turning a swampy pond into a biodiverse waterscape and floating the house above it. 9.00 **PopMaster TV** Ken Bruce hosts the seventh heat. Five more players test their knowledge on everything from new wave hits to rock anthems to secure a

place on the leaderboard. 10.00 **24 Hours in A&E** A 51-year-old is brought to resus after coming off his bike. 11.05 **24 Hours in A&E** Patients whose visions of the world are rocked by life-changing events. 12.05 999: **On the Front Line** 1.10 **24 Hours in A&E** 3.20 **A Place in the Sun** 3.45 **Close**

Sky One SKY: 106

6.00 **Mornings** 6.30 **Mornings** 7.00 **Mornings with Ridge and Frost** 7.30 **Mornings with Ridge and Frost** 8.00 **Stargate SG-1** 10.00 **La Brea** 11.00 **The Simpsons** 12.00 **Africa's Hunters** 1.00 **Hawaii Five-0** 3.00 **S.W.A.T** 5.00 **The Simpsons** 6.00 **Superstore** The staff are locked in overnight. 6.30 **Superstore** Dina asks for a demotion so that she is free to date Jonah. 7.00 **The Simpsons** A mysterious figure from Marge's past returns. 7.30 **The Simpsons** Homer faces the wrath of a pop star's vengeful fans. 8.00 **The Dyers' Caravan Park** Actor Danny Dyer and his daughter Dani try their hands at investing in and running a holiday caravan park in Kent, but face scepticism from residents and staff. 9.00 **Never Mind the Buzzcocks** With Jon Richardson, Tinie Tempah and Mimi Webb. 9.45 **Never Mind the Buzzcocks** With Jamie Demetriou, PinkPantheress and Luke Pritchard. 10.30 **Paddy Young: Hungry. Horny. Scared** A stand-up show by the comedian. 11.40 **The 'Burbs** A dangerous threat suddenly lands on the cul-de-sac crew's doorstep. 12.20 **The 'Burbs** 1.05 **Grimm** 2.05 **Evil** 3.00 **Hawaii Five-0** 4.00 **S.W.A.T**

Sky Atlantic SKY: 108

6.00 **Urban Secrets** 8.00 **Billions** 10.15 **The Last of Us** 12.30 **Homicide: Life on the Street** 2.30 **Billions** 4.40 **The Penguin** 6.50 **The Last of Us** In Seattle, Ellie and Dina find themselves amid a brutal battle between the zealous Seraphites and a ruthless militia. 7.55 **The Last of Us** As the WLF makes a dangerous discovery, Ellie faces a key decision. An unlikely source shares a shocking truth. 9.00 **The Looming Tower** Fact-based drama about the efforts of the CIA and FBI to tackle the rising threat of Al-Qaeda in the late 1990s. Jeff Daniels and Tahar Rahim star. 10.05 **The Looming Tower** The FBI begins its investigation into the embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania. 11.10 **Das Boot** Tensions between members of the crew rise on board U-612. 12.20 **The Last of Us** 1.15 **The Penguin** 3.30 **Billions** 4.35 **Sort Of** 5.05 **Fish Town**

Sky Witness SKY: 107

6.00 **Sun, Sea and A&E** 7.00 **Border Patrol** 8.00 **UK Border Force** 9.00 **Nothing to Declare** UK 10.00 **Caught on Dashcam** 11.00 **Police 24/7** 12.00 **FBI** 2.00 **The Rookie** 3.00 **Blue Bloods** 4.00

Nothing to Declare 6.00 **Nothing to Declare** The work of customs officers in Australia. 6.30 **Nothing to Declare** The work of customs officers in Australia. 7.00 **Nothing to Declare** The work of customs officers in Australia. 7.30 **Nothing to Declare** The work of customs officers in Australia. 8.00 **Caught on Dashcam** Fly-on-the-dashboard documentary showcasing outrageous road disasters, captured in video form by drivers' in-vehicle dashboard cameras. 9.00 **The Rookie** John and Celina step up the hunt for a fugitive after a car incident goes awry. Meanwhile, Lucy helps Tim in his time of need. 10.00 **Blue Bloods** Danny and Baez clash with a troubled foster child. 11.00 **The Rookie** The team keeps the peace between two gangs at a hospital. 12.00 **FBI** 2.00 **Fire Country** 3.00 **FBI: Most Wanted** 4.00 **Motorway Patrol** 5.00 **Border Security: Canada's Front Line**

Sky Arts SKY: 122 FV: 36

6.00 **Backstage with the London Philharmonic Orchestra** 7.35 **The Joy of Painting** 9.05 **Tales of the Unexpected** 10.05 **Alfred Hitchcock Presents** 11.05 **Discovering: Al Pacino** 12.00 **Classic Albums** 1.00 **Tales of the Unexpected** 2.00 **The Alfred Hitchcock Hour** 3.00 **Painting Birds with Jim and Nancy Moir** 4.00 **Discovering: Bill Murray** 5.00 **Portrait Artist of the Year** 2024 6.00 **Tales of the Unexpected** A plane is hijacked. 6.30 **Tales of the Unexpected** A former fashion model woos her ex-boyfriend. 7.00 **Alfred Hitchcock Presents** A detective investigates a murder at a run-down theatre. 7.30 **Alfred Hitchcock Presents** An American journalist meets a soccer star behind the Iron Curtain. 8.00 **The Michelangelo Code: Secrets of the Sistine Chapel** Art critic Waldemar Januszczak searches for the code hidden in the ceiling of the chapel of the Apostolic Palace in Vatican City, overturning the myths surrounding the masterpiece. 10.20 **Wonderland: From JM Barrie to JRR Tolkien** The worlds created by authors of classic children's books. 11.20 **The Movies** Films that pushed the boundaries of filmmaking, from The Godfather to Jaws. 12.20 **Fellini by Fellini** 1.45 **Decoding Turner** 3.45 **National Trust: National Treasures** 5.00 **Painting Birds with Jim and Nancy Moir**

5Star SKY: 128 FV: 32

6.00 **Teleshopping** 7.00 **Shop: Thane Offers** 7.30 **5* No Fly Cruising: Southampton** 8.00 **Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun** 10.00 **Call the Bailiffs: Time to Pay Up** 11.00 **Traffic Cops** 2.00 **Police Interceptors** 5.00 **Rogue Claimers** 6.00 **Home and Away** Remi is concerned for his friend. 6.30 **Home and Away** Jo and Lacey get to know Amelia. 7.00 **GPs: Behind Closed Doors** A war veteran



Never Mind the Buzzcocks, Sky One, 9pm

Terence pops in to see Dr Katy Dudgeon about an old biking injury that has come back to haunt him. 8.00 **Casualty** 24/7: **Every Second Counts** An 83-year-old man is rushed in with suspected sepsis. 9.00 **Street Cops: Catching the Yobs** Police pursue a suspected stolen SUV being driven recklessly in Corby. 10.00 999: **Critical Condition** Dr Sanjeev Nayak treats a woman with a life-threatening aneurysm. 11.00 **Skin A&E** A bass player has a lump on his forehead that gives him a perpetual headache. 12.00 **Surgeons: A Matter of Life or Death** 1.00 **Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders** 2.00 **Casualty** 24/7: **Every Second Counts** 2.45 **Skin A&E** 3.35 **Car Pound Cops** 4.00 **Teleshopping**

SUSA SKY: 141 FV: 21

6.00 **Ideal World Shopping** 9.00 **Entertainment News on 5** 9.10 **NCIS** 12.00 **Law & Order** 6.00 **NCIS** McGee's sister believes she has killed someone. 7.00 **NCIS** FBI agents try to seize control of an investigation. 8.00 **NCIS** A robotic vehicle causes the death of a Navy lieutenant. 9.00 **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** A woman is faced with a video of a night she can't remember. 10.00 **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** A woman accuses a popular athlete of rape. 11.00 **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** Tucker's retirement party ends in disaster. 12.00 **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** 1.55 **Beauty and the Beast** 3.45 **Entertainment News on 5** 4.00 **Teleshopping**

ITV Quiz FV: 28

9.00 **Deal or No Deal** 10.00 **Tipping Point** 1.00 **Lingo** 2.00 **Tenable** 3.00 **Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?** **Celebrity Special** 4.00 **Riddulous** 5.00 **Deal or No Deal** 6.00 **Lingo** Word game, hosted by Adil Ray. 7.00 **Lingo** Moira and Shazia, Ashleigh and Brent, and Ian and Laura take part. 8.00 **Lingo** Word game, hosted by Adil Ray. 9.00 **Wheel of Fortune** Yemi, Richard and Aimee take part. 10.00 **Tipping Point** Quiz, hosted by Ben Shephard. 11.00 **Tipping Point** Quiz, hosted by Ben Shephard. 12.00 **Tipping Point** 12.55 **Tenable** 1.50 **Riddulous** 2.40 **Unwind with ITV** 3.00 **Teleshopping**

SPORTS

SKY MAIN EVENT

6.00 Sky Sports News. 7.00 Sky Sports Breakfast. 10.00 Sky Sports FC. 12.00 Lunchtime Live. 2.00 Sports Desk. 4.00 Live US Open Tennis. Coverage of day 10 of the Grand Slam. 7.30 Live EFL Cup. Millwall v Newcastle United (kick-off 8.00pm). Coverage of the third-round tie at The Den, where the Championship side welcome Premier League opposition. 10.30 Live US Open Tennis. Coverage of day 10 of the Grand Slam. 12.00 Live US Open Tennis. Coverage of day 10 of the Grand Slam. 2.30 Live US Open Tennis. Coverage of day 10 of the Grand Slam. 5.30 Sky Sports News.

SKY PREMIER LEAGUE

6.00 Premier League Highlights. 7.30 SNF. 8.00 Premier League Highlights. 9.00 Premier League Review. 10.00 Sky Sports FC. 12.00 Premier League Review. 1.00 Premier League Highlights. 2.00 SNF. 2.30 Premier League Highlights. 3.30 SNF. 4.00 Premier League Review. 5.00 The Premier League Show. 7.00 Gillette Labs Soccer Special. Stay up to speed with the evening's football up and down the country. 10.30 Premier League Review. Action from the third round of fixtures. 11.30 Netbusters. Fast-paced Premier League highlights. 12.00 Premier League Stories. 12.30 The Big Interview. 1.00 PL Retro. 3.00 PL Greatest Games. 4.00 Best PL Goals 2018/19. 5.00 Premier League Legends.

TNT SPORTS 1

6.00 The Football Archives: UEFA Champions League. 6.30 UEFA Champions League Magazine. 7.00 Premier League Review. 8.00 Snooker Home Nations Series English Open. 10.00 Live: Snooker Home Nations Series English Open. Coverage of the fourth session in the first round of the tournament. 12.00 Live UEFA Youth League. Porto U19 v Manchester City U19 (kick-off 12.00pm). 2.00 Live: Snooker Home Nations Series English Open. Coverage of the fifth session in the first round of the tournament. 5.00 Live UEFA Champions League. Club Brugge v Aston Villa (kick-off 5.45pm). 7.45 Live UEFA Champions League. Real Madrid v Inter Milan (kick-off 8.00pm). 10.30 The Breakdown. Harry Kane talks through his best ever season. 11.00 MLB Lead Off. A look at the upcoming MLB action. 11.30 Live MLB. Philadelphia Phillies v Houston Astros (Start-time 11.40pm). 2.30 MLB Closer. 3.00 MLB Classic. 4.00 NWSL.

TNT SPORTS 2

6.00 Motocross World Championship. 9.00 AFL. 12.00 MLB Highlights. 1.00 Live UEFA Youth League. Club Brugge U19 v Aston Villa U19 (kick-off 1.00pm). 3.00 UEFA Champions League Magazine. 3.30 The Gruppetto. 3.45 CPL Highlights. 4.15 Premier League Review. 5.15 The Breakdown. 5.45 Live UEFA Champions League. AEK Athens v LASK (kick-off 5.45pm). 7.45 The Breakdown. An interview with Cesc Fabregas and Trevoh Chalobah. 8.00 Live UEFA Champions League. Borussia Dortmund v Villarreal (kick-off 8.00pm). 10.00 Premier League Reload. A whirlwind catch-up from matchday three of the top flight. 10.15 World Superbike Rewind. The most exciting moments from the ninth round of the season. 10.30 CPL Highlights. 11.30 Live: CPL. Guyana Amazon Warriors v Antigua & Barbuda Falcons. 3.45 Women's CPL Highlights. 4.45 TNT Sports Cricket Reload. 5.15 Playing for Our Future — Cricket. 5.30 Premier League Legends.

MOVIES



Catch Me If You Can, Sky Cinema Drama, 8pm

Sky Cinema Premiere

7.15 **Tom and Jerry: Forbidden Compass** (2025) (PG) 9.00 **Charlie the Wonderdog** (2025) (PG) 10.40 **Tow** (2025) (15) 12.35 **Hungry** (2026) (15) 2.20 **Signal One** (2026) (15) 3.50 **Hamnet** (2025) (12) 6.00 **Rise of the Conqueror** (2026) (15) 8.00 **Hungry** (2026). (15) After becoming lost in Louisiana swamplands, holiday-makers fight for their lives against a rampaging hippo. Horror thriller, starring Madison Davenport. (S) 9.40 **Five Nights at Freddy's 2** (2025). (15) Horror sequel, starring Josh Hutcherson and Elizabeth Lail. (S) 11.30 **Do Not Enter** (2025). (15) Horror, starring Adeline Rudolph. (S)

1.15 **Tow** (2025) (15) (S) 3.10 **Rise of the Conqueror** (2026) (15) (S) 5.15 **Sky Cinema Preview-Sept 2026** 5.45 **Tom and Jerry: Forbidden Compass** (2025) (PG) (S)

Sky Cinema Drama

6.15 **Jackie** (2016) (15) 8.00 **Chalet Girl** (2011) (12) 9.50 **Quartet** (2012) (12) 11.40 **Hamnet** (2025) (12) 2.00 **Jackie** (2016) (15) 3.55 **Turn Me On** (2024) (15) 5.45 **A Star Is Born** (2018) (15) 8.00 **Catch Me If You Can** (2002). (12) A conman lies his way across America, posing as a pilot, a doctor and a lawyer, while outwitting the FBI at every turn. Fact-based drama, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Tom Hanks. (S) 10.20 **Full Metal Jacket** (1987). (15) With Matthew Modine. (S) 12.20 **A League of Their Own** (1992) (PG) (S) 2.30 **Wish You Were Here** (2025) (12) (S) 4.15 **The Cinema List: Animal Antics** (S) 4.35 **Poison** (2024) (PG) (S)

Sky Cinema Comedy

7.25 **Grimsby** (2016) (15) 8.50 **Beverly Hills Cop II** (1987) (15) 10.35 **Arthur** (1981) (15) 12.15 **Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy** (2025) (15) 2.20 **Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again** (2018) (PG) 4.20

Beverly Hills Cop III (1994) (PG) 6.15 **Bean** (1997) (PG) With Rowan Atkinson and Peter MacNicol. 8.00 **Hitch** (2005). (12) With Will Smith. (S) 10.00 **Mr Bean's Holiday** (2007). (PG) With Rowan Atkinson. (S) 11.40 **Risky Business** (1983). (15) With Tom Cruise. (S) 1.25 **The Intern** (2015) (12) (S) 3.35 **Team America: World Police** (2004) (15) (S) 5.20 **Dumb and Dumberer: When Harry Met Lloyd** (2003) (12) (S)

Sky Cinema Action

6.55 **Rumble in the Bronx** (1995) (15) 8.30 **Days of Thunder** (1990) (15) 10.20 **Homefront** (2013) (15) 12.15 **Nobody 2** (2025) (15) 1.55 **The Meg** (2018) (12) 3.55 **The Long Kiss Goodnight** (1996) (15) 6.05 **Skyscraper** (2018) (12) 8.00 **The Amazing Spider-Man** (2012). (12) A gifted teenager gains superhuman powers while investigating his dead parents' past. Comic-book adventure reboot, starring Andrew Garfield and Emma Stone. (S) 10.20 **The Amazing Spider-Man 2** (2014). (12) With Andrew Garfield. (S) 12.45 **The Mechanic** (2011) (15) (S) 2.20 **300** (2006) (15) (S) 4.20 **300: Rise of an Empire** (2014) (15) (S)

Sky Cinema Thriller

6.45 **Clear and Present Danger** (1994) (12) 9.10 **Red Dragon** (2002) (15) 11.25 **Now You See Me** (2013) (12) 1.25 **The Bourne Legacy** (2012) (12) 3.45 **Now You See Me 2** (2016) (12) 6.00 **Nightcrawler** (2014) (15) 8.00 **Mr & Mrs Smith** (2005). (15) Married assassins are hired to kill each other — a situation that restores some much-needed excitement to their relationship. Comedy adventure, with Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie. (S) 10.10 **Hungry** (2026). (15) Horror thriller, starring Madison Davenport. (S) 11.55 **Goodfellas** (1990). (18) Crime drama, with Ray Liotta, Robert De Niro and Joe Pesci. (S) 2.30 **Juror #2** (2024) (12) (S) 4.35 **Fatal Attraction** (1987) (18) (S)

Talking Pictures TV

6.00 **The Hostage** (1956) (PG) 7.30 **The Strange Woman** (1946) (PG) 9.30 **Star Performance: Yellow-Belly** 10.00 **A Woman of Mystery** (1958) (U) 11.20 **Gorgo** (1961) (PG) 12.55 **Cinebox Memories** 1.00 **The Adventures of William Tell** 1.30 **Woman to Woman** (1947) (PG) 3.30 **Gold Is Where You Find It** (1968) (U) 4.00 **That's My Boy** 4.35

Doctor at Sea (1955) (PG) 6.25 **Whiplash** Cobb agrees to deliver merchandise into the outback, but runs into trouble. 6.55 **The Man from UNCLE** Solo and Kuryakin go on a mission in the jungle. 7.55 **Buccaneer** Redair has a contract shipping Cheetahs out of Africa. (S) 9.00 **A Night to Remember** (1958). (PG) Fact-based drama, recreating the sinking of the Titanic from the point of view of the ship's second officer. Starring Kenneth More, Honor Blackman, Ronald Allen and David McCallum. (S) 11.30 **Fortean TV** A miracle in Mexico known as the Virgin of the Subway. 12.05 **The Body Beneath** (1970) (15) (S) 1.40 **The Black Book** (1949) (PG) (S) 3.30 **Dial 999** (S) 4.00 **Target: The Corruptors** 5.00 **The Man from UNCLE** (S)

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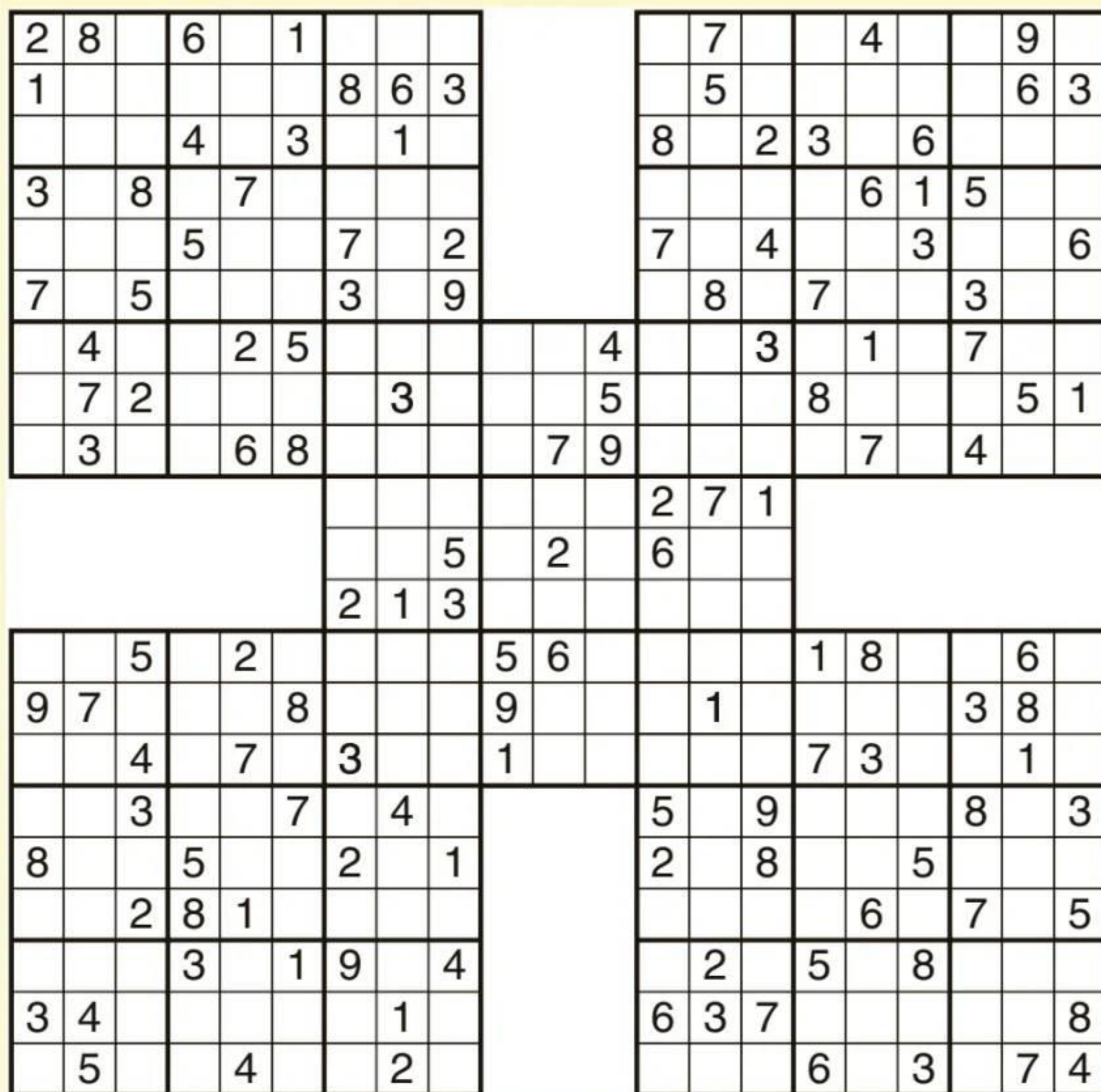
11.00 **Criss Cross** (1949) (PG) 12.45 **This Gun for Hire** (1942) (PG) 2.25 **The Shepherd of the Hills** (1941) (PG) 4.25 **How Green Was My Valley** (1941) (U) 6.45 **Uncharted** (2022) (12) 9.00 **The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry** (2023). (12) Drama, starring Jim Broadbent. (S) 11.10 **Jojo Rabbit** (2019). (12) Comedy, starring Roman Griffin Davis. (S) 1.20 **Broker** (2022) (12) 4.00 **Close**

BRAIN TEASER

Test your knowledge with our puzzles, giant crossword and sudoku

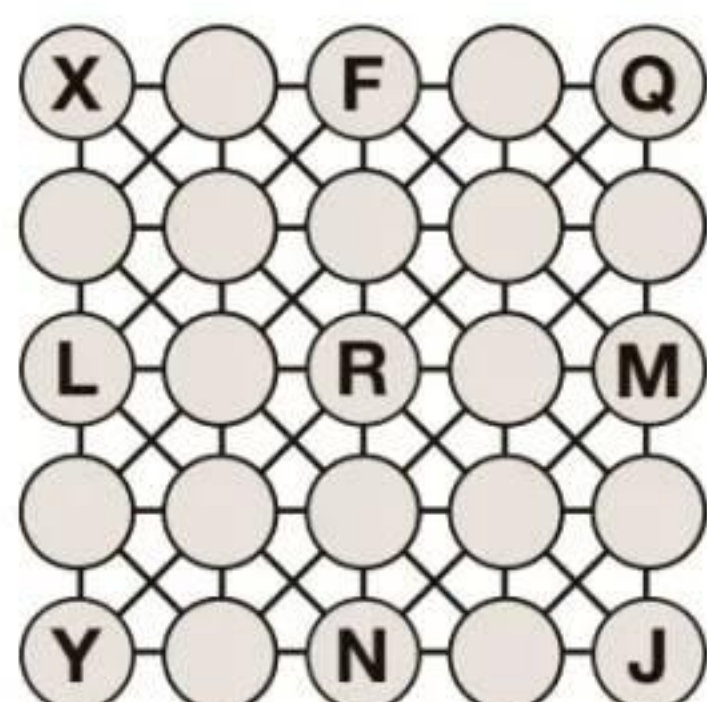
SAMURAI SUDOKU

The rules for Samurai Sudoku vary only slightly from the standard sudoku rules. The 9x9 sudoku at the centre of the X shares four of its 3x3 boxes with those of the outer sudoku. None of the 9x9 sudokus can be solved individually, you must cross-reference between the intersecting grids.



GOGN

Insert letters to form the listed words, moving between adjacent cells horizontally, vertically or diagonally in any direction. Insert all the remaining letters of the alphabet (except Z) in the grid so all the listed words are spelt out in this way.



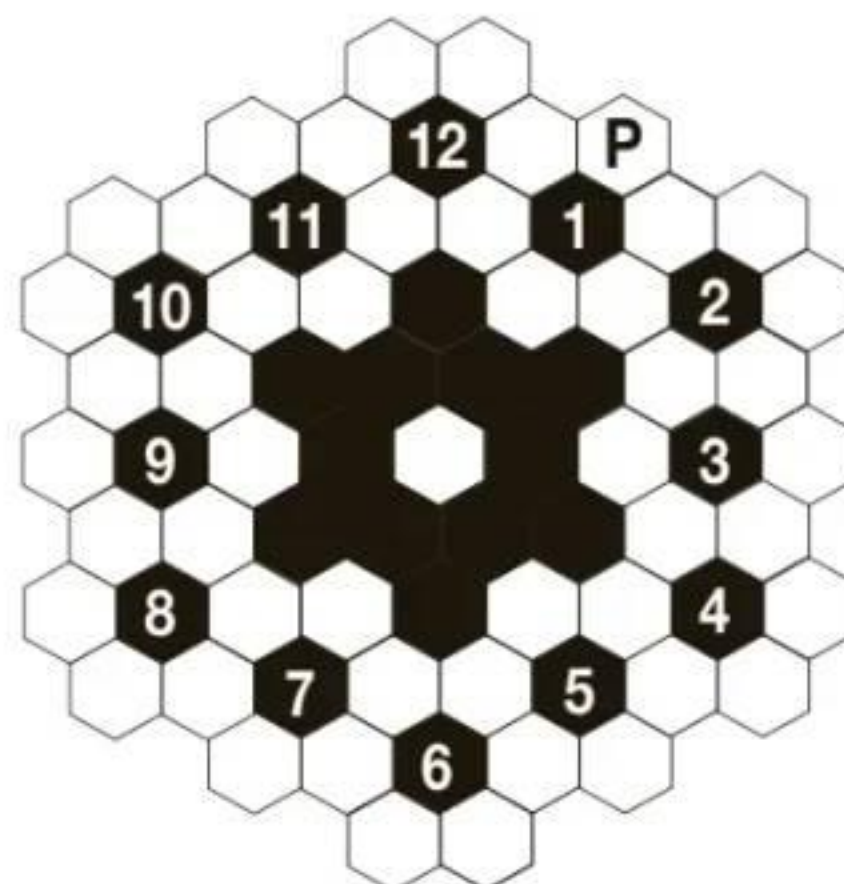
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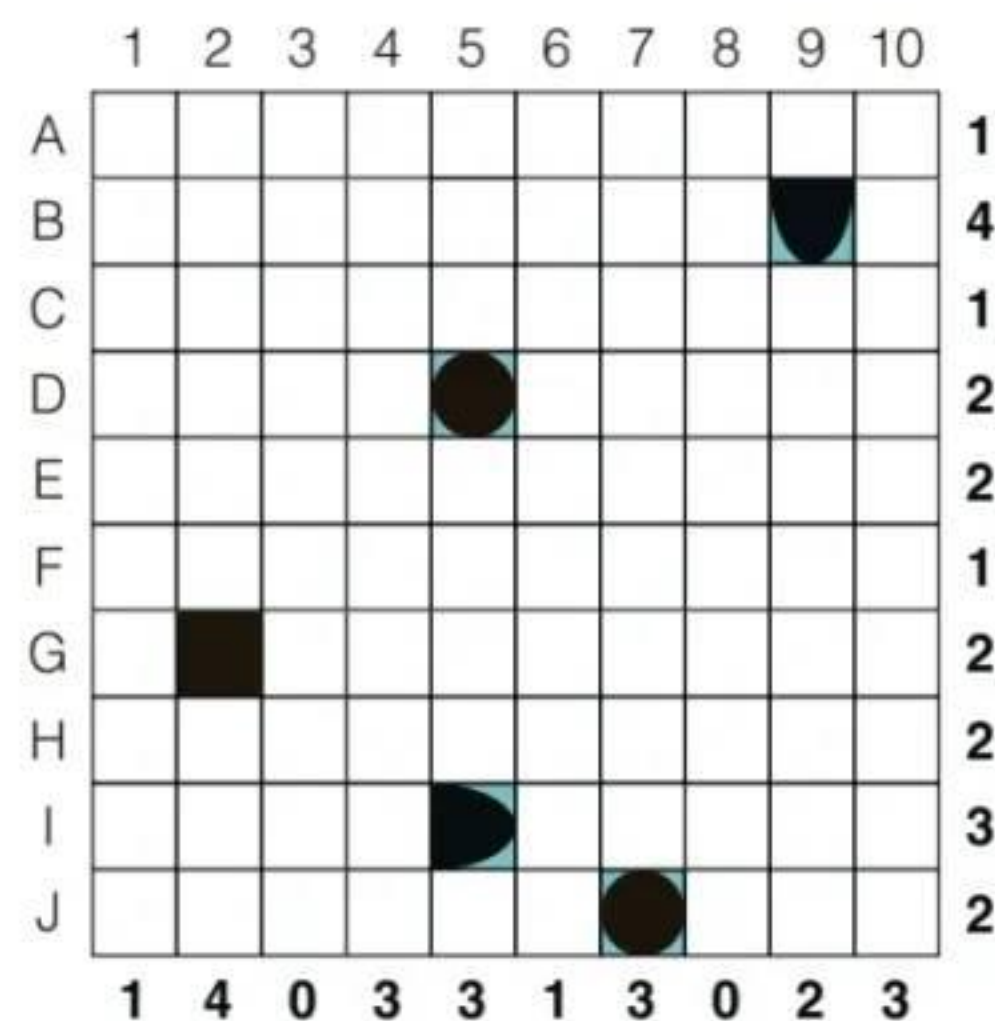
All the solutions read clockwise around their numbers.
The solution to clue number 1 starts from the given letter.

- 1 Exceeds
- 2 Open shoe
- 3 Sorrow
- 4 Tidy
- 5 Cricket side
- 6 Parchment
- 7 Gather
- 8 Ensemble
- 9 Wrinkle
- 10 Cauldron
- 11 Fringe
- 12 Evaluate



BATTLESHIPS

Find where the fleet of ships shown are hidden in the 10 by 10 grid. The numbers to the right of and below the grid indicate how many of the squares in that row are filled in with ships or parts of ships. The ships do not touch each other, even diagonally. Some squares have been filled in to start you off.



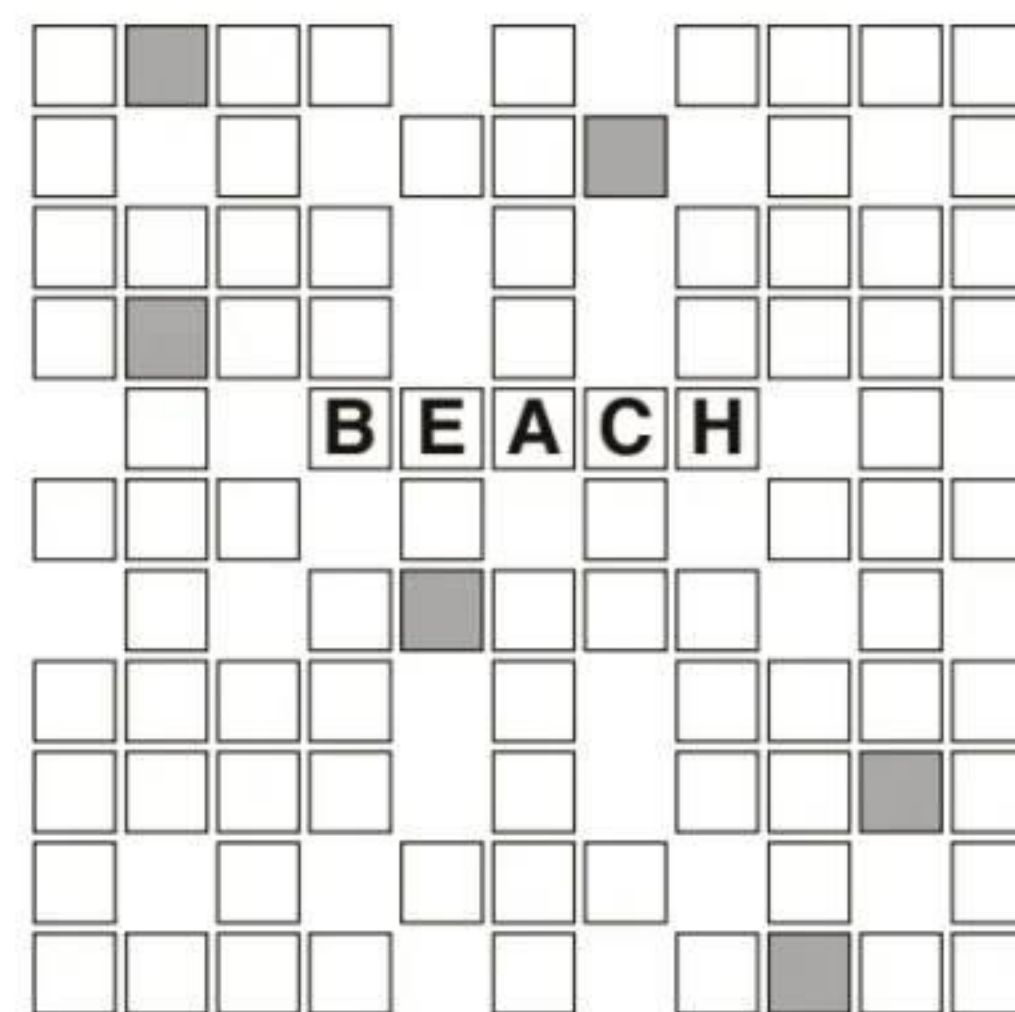
THE FLEET

- 1 x Battleship
2 x Cruiser
3 x Destroyer
4 x Submarine



FILL IN

Fit the listed words into the grid, then rearrange the shaded squares to spell out an English city. We've given you one word to start you off.



- 3 LETTERS

ASH
BOX
CUT
EYE
HID
MUG
OAK
SAD
TEN
WEB

- 4 LETTERS

ALSO
AWAY
BAND
COIN
CREW
DARE
EVER
HERE
IRON
LACE
LIMB

- OWNS

SLIT
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- 5 LETTERS

COCOA STRAP TESTS

- 7 LETTERS

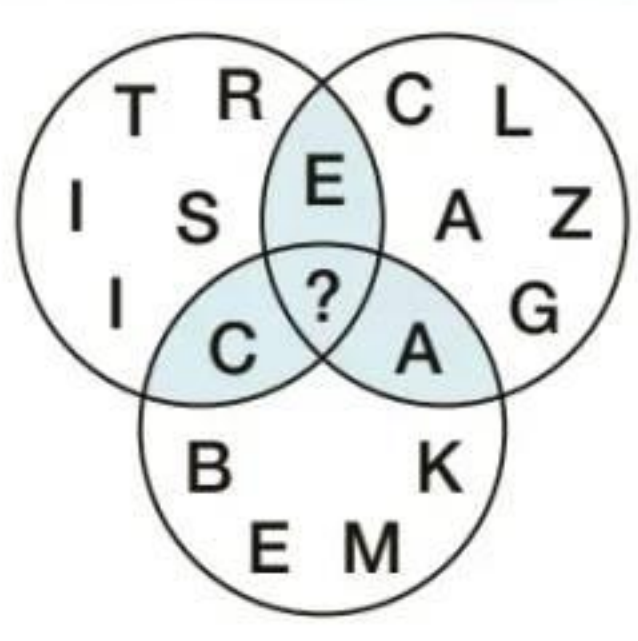
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BRAIN TEASER

Your weekly puzzle challenge

CIRCLEGRAM

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be rearranged to form words with a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



SPLIT DECISION

Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword grid.

M	T	E	R	A	T	N	I	S	L
A	W			H	R			H	I
B	T	U	R	E	O	A	U	M	T
D	B			S	N			H	I
F	Y	L	E	A	E	S	E	G	T

WORDSEARCH

Can you find the listed words and phrases in the grid? The answers can be found running backwards or forwards, horizontally, vertically or diagonally.

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|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| BELGIUM | CÔTE D'IVOIRE | MALI |
| BENIN | FRANCE | NIGER |
| BURKINA FASO | GABON | RWANDA |
| BURUNDI | GUINEA | SENEGAL |
| CAMEROON | HAITI | SWITZERLAND |
| CANADA | LUXEMBOURG | TOGO |
| CHAD | MADAGASCAR | |

Theme: French-speaking countries

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

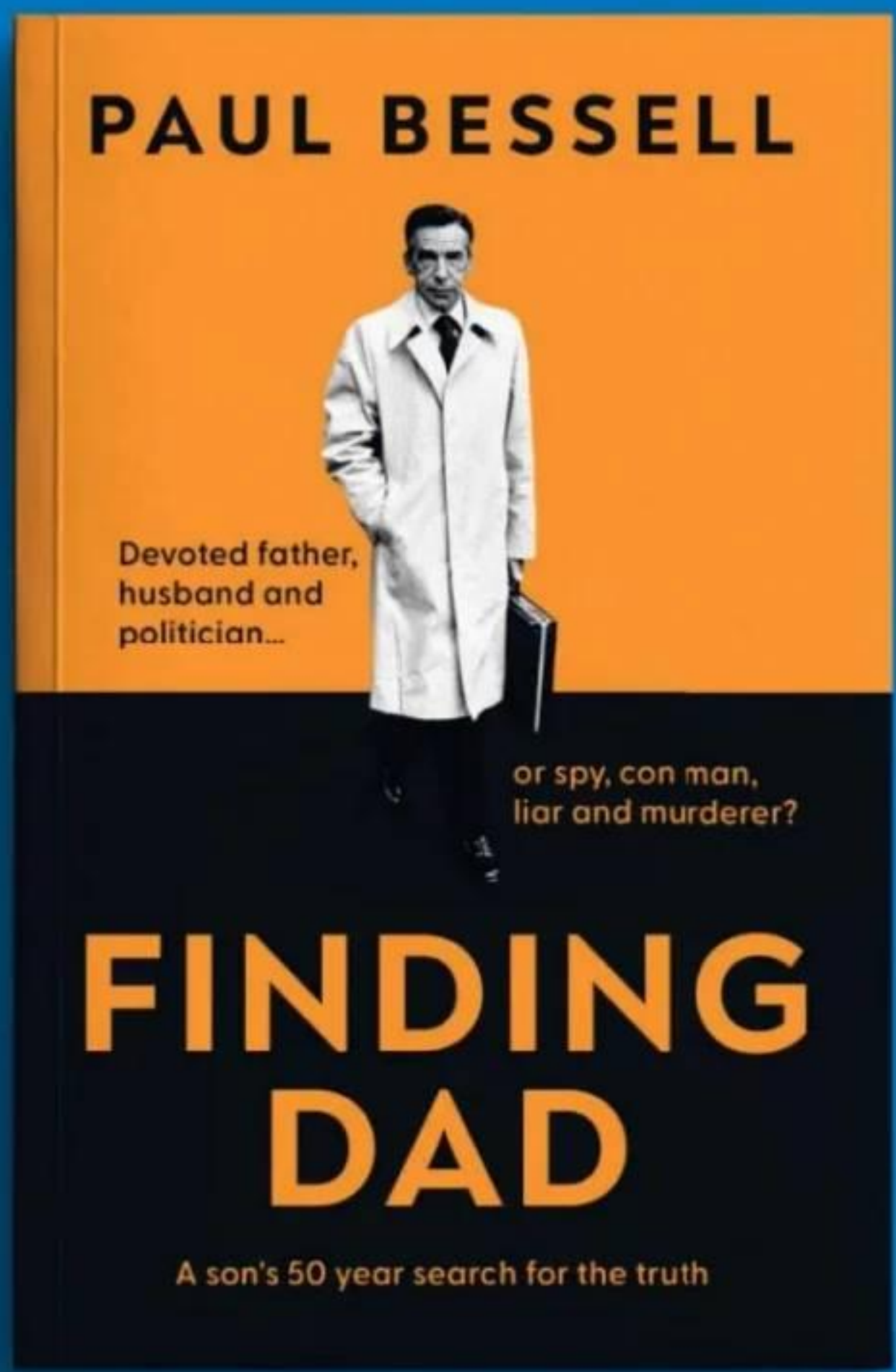
This puzzle has no clues. Instead, every number printed in the grid represents a letter, with the same number always representing the same letter. For example, if 8 turns out to be a V, you can write in V wherever a square contains 8. Using your knowledge of words, complete the puzzle.

5	24	11	20		14			11	14	4	9
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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1	N	2	3	4	5	6	I	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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DEVOTED POLITICIAN, OR SPY AND CON MAN?



A son's 50 year search for the truth about his Dad, MP Peter Bessell

Available from all good bookshops and Amazon

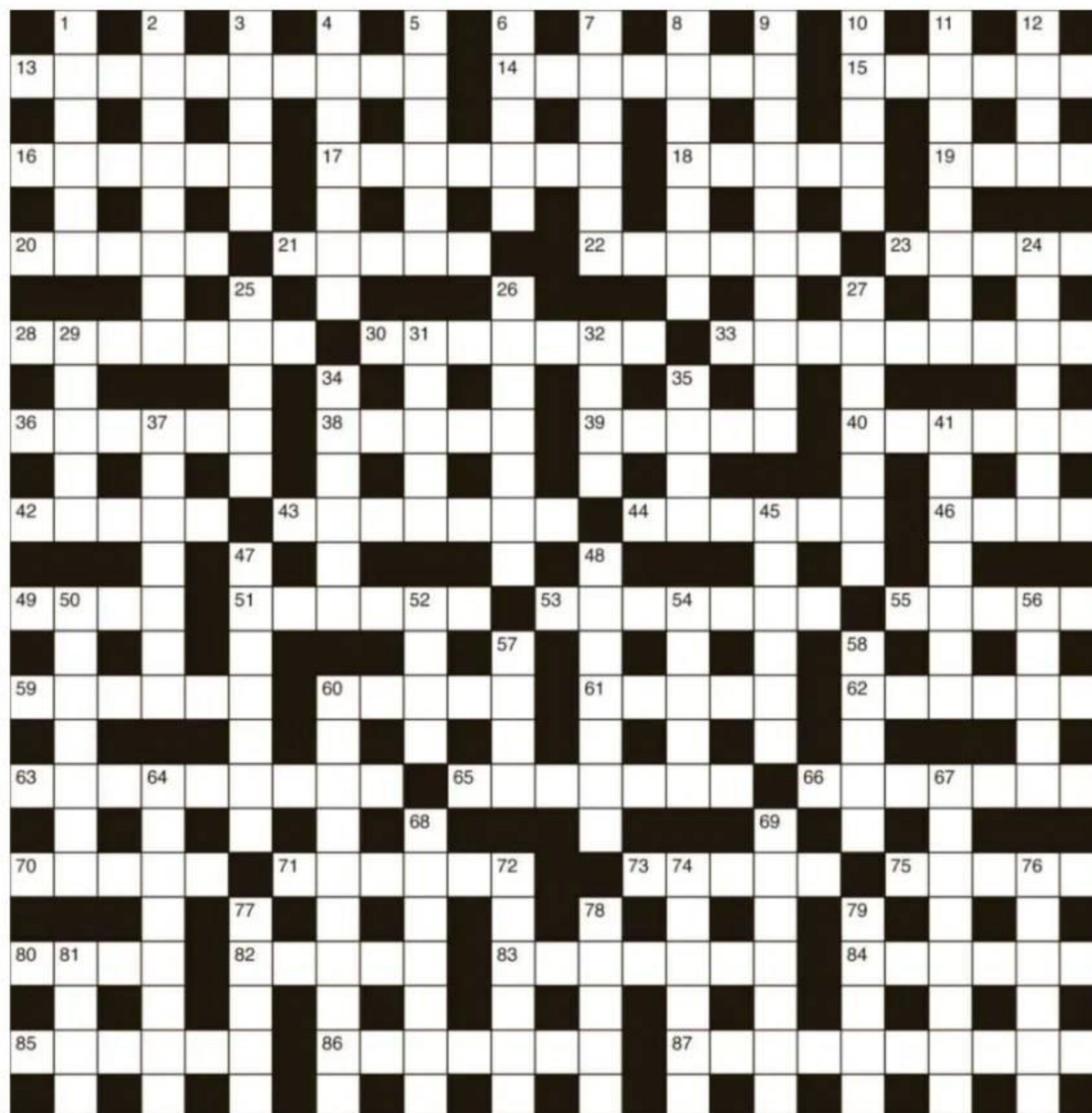


BRAIN TEASER

Your weekly puzzle challenge

GIANT CROSSWORD

Choose between cryptic and quick clues to tackle the Giant crossword – both lead to the same answers.



QUICK

ACROSS

- 13 Slow rate (6,4)
 14 Excuse (7)
 15 Curbed (6)
 16 Scratched (6)
 17 Understands (7)
 18 Shut (5)
 19 Injure (4)
 20 Start (5)
 21 Strange (5)
 22 Impair (6)
 23 Whiskers (5)
 28 Harden (7)
 30 Poster (7)
 33 Horrible (9)
 36 Not hits (6)
 38 Fix firmly (5)
 39 Weary (5)
 40 Nevertheless (6)
 42 Magic lamp spirit (5)
 43 Lost (7)
 44 Take place (6)
 46 Reluctant (4)
 49 Insect (4)
 51 Oration (6)
 53 Endurance (7)
 55 Snag (5)
 59 Shortage (6)
 60 Unmanned craft (5)
 61 Mother (5)
 62 Number (6)
 63 Unequalled (9)
 65 How surprising! (4,3)
 66 Hounds (7)
 70 Soothe (5)
 71 Minced (6)
 73 Pleasantly warm (5)
 75 Slander (5)
 80 Spoken (4)
 82 Pay for (5)
 83 Children (7)
 84 Obscene (6)
 85 Very angry (6)
 86 Crossbred dog (7)
 87 Rejection (6,4)

DOWN

- 1 Admission (6)
 2 Very hot (8)
 3 Actor's whisper (5)
 4 Tropical fruit (7)
 5 Gun dog (6)
 6 Saw (5)
 7 Stopped (6)
 8 Reception (7)
 9 Fortress (10)
 10 Irritates (5)
 11 Height (8)
 12 Bring up (4)
 24 Standing, in heraldry (7)
 25 Brute (5)
 26 Terrier (7)
 27 Worrying (7)
 29 Think (5)
 31 Point at (5)
 32 List (4)
 34 Get there (6)
 35 Sector (4)
 37 Slide (7)
 41 Cultivation (7)
 45 Larder (6)
 47 Road surfacing (7)
 48 Trip (7)
 50 Work garment (7)
 52 Pen (4)
 54 Axiom (5)
 56 Highest point (5)
 57 "___ Kelly" (4)
 58 Ban (5)
 60 Unruly (10)
 64 Padre (8)
 67 Celebrity (8)
 68 Condiment (7)
 69 Collision (5-2)
 72 Small boat (6)
 74 Wards off (6)
 76 Permits (6)
 77 Horse-drawn coach (5)
 78 Extra (5)
 79 Family (5)
 81 Wander (4)

CRYPTIC

ACROSS

- 13 Slow rate at which some French food gains popularity here? (6,4)
 14 Before, send message with excuse (7)
 15 Tall grass hemmed in, or curbed (6)
 16 Scratched by something sharp chewed on in meadow? (6)
 17 Understands it's a gun owned by a woman (7)
 18 Cordon off the courtyard (5)
 19 Hurt limb. Is taken to hospital (4)
 20 Start with a half of beer before spirits (5)
 21 Turning, pulled one inside. Very strange (5)
 22 Are harmful for a mother. Put years on (6)
 23 Confront with the book and read out (5)
 28 Huge alteration in weight required to strengthen (7)
 30 Notice about California in quiet Los Angeles road (7)
 33 A lot redeveloped. New homes. Horrible (9)
 36 Not hits with the girls (6)

- 38 Contrive finally, screwing, to fix firmly (5)
 39 Fed up with it, turned and left (5)
 40 Accompanied by almost all, nevertheless (6)
 42 For your information, that is the wish granter (5)
 43 I'm upset. Frantic. Lad is lost (7)
 44 Take place when chap, caught out, goes to jail (6)
 46 With many hot on, is averse to (4)
 49 Flighty creature married to silly husband (4)
 51 An address for delivery (6)
 53 Good man, a man I trained, showing fortitude (7)
 55 Hear the word "snag" (5)
 59 My love, this is lacking due to a shortage (6)
 60 Unmanned vehicle. The doctor has one (5)
 61 Many a tear has been shed by mother (5)
 62 Cross with one for a time (6)
 63 Really good, like the reformed arsonist (9)
 65 Not still sick? How surprising! (4,3)

- 66 A mutt among best crossed dogs (7)
 70 On the whole, yes, will soothe (5)
 71 Good cut of beef, minced (6)
 73 Pleasantly warm and lamb is frisking at close of day (5)
 75 Make slanderous remarks and lay it on thick (5)
 80 Said, having knocked out the other with a left (4)
 82 Pay for, take right back and consume (5)
 83 Scooters for children (7)
 84 Naughty to tease the crazy lad (6)
 85 Furious about a silver ring (6)
 86 Dog with a funny curl to her tail (7)
 87 Digital signal that has no meaning (6,4)

DOWN

- 1 Food is provided with admission (6)
 2 Chuck and I have a nap inside. It's very hot (8)
 3 On stage, whispers "Ed is a backer" (5)

- 4 Go through the various names of fruits (7)
 5 Dog that's been taught to lay the table? (6)
 6 Saw and hurried one inside (5)
 7 Stopped, inspected carefully, inserted the key (6)
 8 Not altogether fit, arrive and get a good reception (7)
 9 Keep a firm grip on (10)
 10 "Very Gallic," I interposed. "Is irritating" (5)
 11 How far up on the scale of drunkenness? (8)
 12 Are wrong and right to bring up (4)
 24 Standing on its hind legs, the animal will huff and puff (7)
 25 Most advisable to imprison a really nasty person (5)
 26 On small child's bed, draw a dog (7)
 27 Worrying about scam in which we caught up (7)
 29 Think there's good in one (5)
 31 Train for the comeback, too (5)

- 32 List put up that doesn't include S to Z (4)
 34 I have to follow a car to get there (6)
 35 With duplicate keys, about to enter the sector (4)
 37 Slip a number into theirs shiftily (7)
 41 Get all upset when I go into farming (7)
 45 Where insect will snoop about to find food? (6)
 47 Would it make a snake stop when crawling on road? (7)
 48 Lose your footing and take a small fall (7)
 50 What's topping the list of a workman's clothes priorities? (7)
 52 Good gracious, P for "pen"! (4)
 54 Saying, in French, a word to (5)
 56 Emblem showing a family has reached the top? (5)
 57 Kelly or what endowed him with dancing talent? (4)
 58 Read outburst about book ban (5)
 60 Being obstreperous in a mess? (10)

- 64 By the church, a simple man of the cloth (8)
 67 A celebrity – and what a figure! (8)
 68 With roll of drums, the volunteers enter. Hot stuff (7)
 69 Collision. Ma's badly shaken. Push off! (5-2)
 72 Interior of drab hotel seen at the dock? (6)
 74 Say taking back street bypasses (6)
 76 Grants for a pupil abnormally slow (6)
 77 At start of season, get a new coach (5)
 78 Afford the extra (5)
 79 Family of three, be accompanying (5)
 81 Drive round in. Go where the mood takes you (4)

BRAIN TEASER

Your weekly puzzle challenge

NUMBERCRUNCH

Start with the number on the left and follow the instructions at each stage to work towards the answer. Choose from one of three levels, or try all three for an extra challenge!

BEGINNER	16	÷8	+75	3/7 of this	-23	x13	-87	x2	+14	13% of this	ANSWER
INTERMEDIATE	68	50% of this	-27	Squared	+125	÷6	-22	x8	+42	x2	ANSWER
ADVANCED	312	3/4 of this	-156	x4	+43	÷5	-63	x9	+204	5/6 of this	ANSWER

SOLUTIONS

Numbercrunch
Beginner: 13, Intermediate: 196, Advanced: 230

Code word
1=N, 2=Y, 3=C, 4=U, 5=J, 6=L, 7=A, 8=P, 9=E, 10=D, 11=B, 12=F, 13=M, 14=L, 15=X, 16=W, 17=R, 18=H, 19=K, 20=S, 21=Y, 22=G, 23=Q, 24=O, 25=Z, 26=T

Circlegram
The letter represented by the question mark is H. Christie, Calzaghe, Beckham, all winners of the BBC Sports Personality of the Year.

Honeycomb
1 Passes, 2 Sandal, 3 Lament, 4 Neaten, 5 Eleven, 6 Vellum, 7 Muster, 8 Troupe, 9 Pucker, 10 Kettle, 11 Tassel, 12 Assess.

Gigen
T R A I L
A R I
B R E A M
B N I
Y E A S T

Split Decision
T R A I L
A R I
B R E A M
B N I
Y E A S T

Battleships

Wordsearch

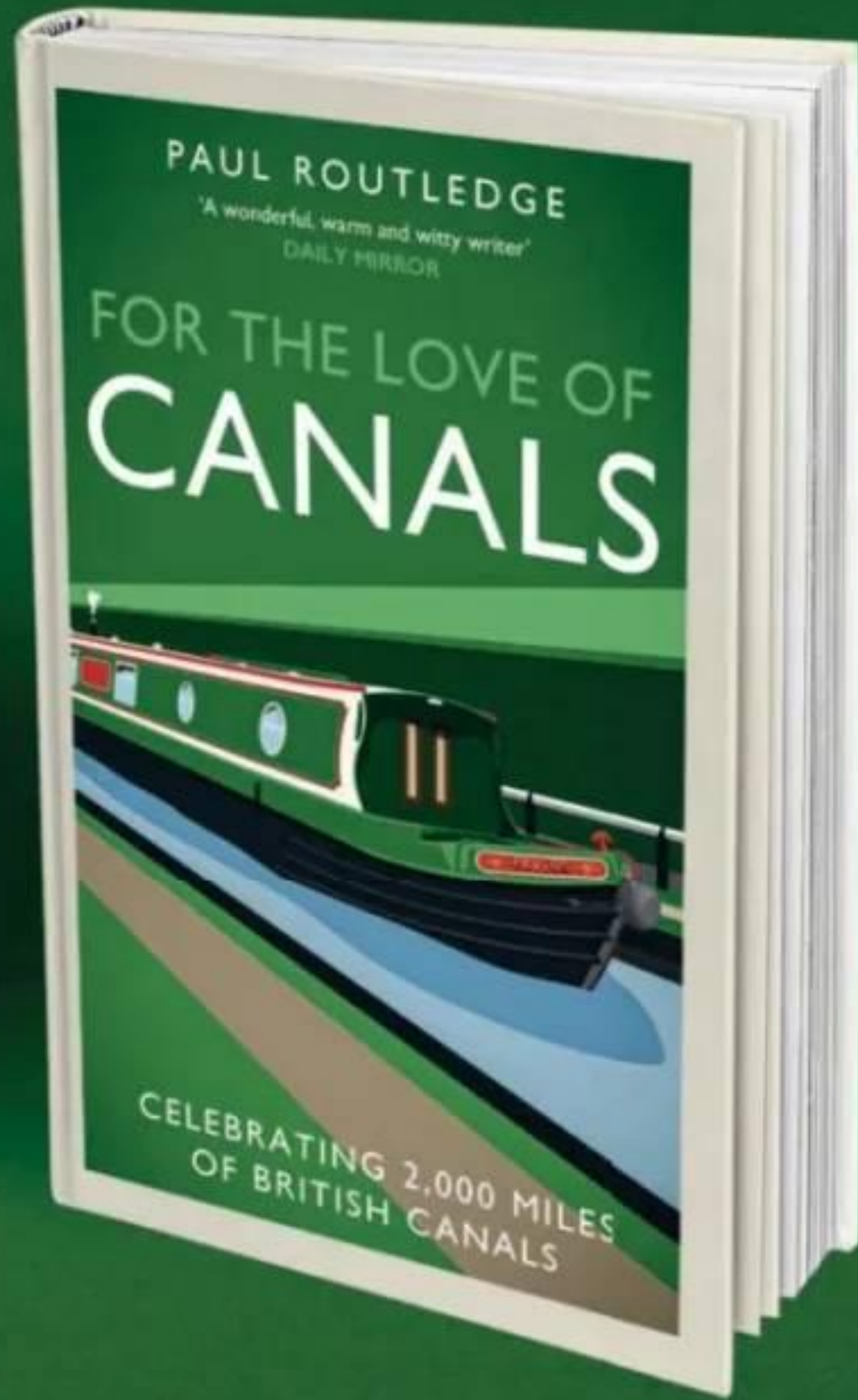
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