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AN INSPIRING CONCERT

MUSIC FOR REMEMBRANCE: United Reformed Church, Water Lane, Bishop's Stortford, Saturday November 10, 7pm

■ In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the World War I armistice, local choir The Harmonaires, under the expert leadership of Josie Cowley, is performing an emotive and inspiring concert at the United Reformed Church.

■ In aid of The Royal British Legion and War Child, the concert features songs from the trenches, extracts from Jenkins’ ‘The Armed Man’, wartime poetry and music for peace.

There will also be a special appearance of the Year 6 choir from St Andrew’s Primary School, Much Hadham.

The choir, who formed four years ago, are building a reputation as one of the leading choirs in the area and are singing an eclectic mix of music from Tallis to Coldplay.

Having made a successful appearance at the International Sangerstone Choir Festival in London in May, they were invited back to Ely Cathedral to perform on June 23 during the cathedral’s much-acclaimed three-day flower festival.

Tickets: Adults £10, students £6, available from www.theharmonaireschoir.com or 07916 153 898. A limited number of tickets may be available on the door but cannot be guaranteed.

MUSICAL DELIGHT

OKLAHOMA: Rhodes Arts Complex, 1-3 South Road, Bishop’s Stortford, Monday November 12 to Saturday, November 17, 7.30pm

■ Bishop’s Stortford Musical Theatre Company is back with another wonderful musical.

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MONEY FOR NOTHING - DIRE STRAITS SHOW: Harlow Playhouse, Playhouse Square, Friday, November 9, 7.30pm

■ Meticulous attention is paid to every detail to faithfully recreate the distinct sound of Dire Straits in this sonic spectacular.

■ The band will perform Money for Nothing, Romeo and Juliet, Sultans of Swing, Private Investigations, So Far Away and many more much-loved classics drawn from six platinum albums.

■ With all the hits, audiences are treated to those soaring guitar solos and instantly recognisable riffs by a talented band.

This is a tribute show and is no way affiliated with any original artists/estates/management companies or similar shows. Tickets £22.50. For more details visit: www.harlowplayhouse.co.uk

WONDERFUL WINES

CHEESE, WINE AND WAFFLE EVENING: Joseph Barnes Wines, 13 Market Row, Saffron Walden, Thursday, November 8, 8-10pm

■ Joseph Barnes Wines, in association with Women Who Waffle, present their first cheese and wine tasting evening. There will of course be a little waffle twist.

If you’re not yet a member of the Women Who Waffle community, you can join the group at: www.facebook.com/groups/237956893475035/

Some beautiful wines have been selected for you to try which have also been carefully paired with some delicious waffle canapes.

For £20 you will be able to taste the seven wines and enjoy a delicious canape with each and be able to enjoy a unique interactive journey of wines, while you socialise.

Limited to 15 spaces. For more details visit: www.facebook.com/events/1947477188608788/active_tab-about

IT’S LONELY ON THE MOON

THEATRE HULLABALOO - LUNA: Saffron Hall, Audley End Road, Saffron Walden, Wednesday, November 14, 1.30pm and Thursday, November 15, 10.30am

■ An enchanting first theatrical experience for two to five-year-olds and their families, about friendship, the moon and being brave in the dark.

■ Luna is bored in the sky with no one to play with – it’s lonely being the only moon.

■ One night she spots a young boy, Billy, hiding from shadows on his bedroom walls. Luna makes friends with Billy and together they go on a wondrous adventure of light and dark to help him overcome his fear of the night time.
New report highlights food desert problems

COUNCILLOR CONCERNED AT LACK OF ACCESS TO FRESH PRODUCE IN POOR AREAS

By HANNAH BROWN
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PEOPLE living in some of the poorest food deserts in Essex struggle to buy affordable fresh food, a new report has revealed.

People living in the Netteswell and Mark Hall South areas of Harlow and those in Clacton and Lee Chapel in Basildon are the hardest hit, according to a report commissioned by Kellogg's.

Food deserts are defined as a low income area that has too few supermarkets or convenience stores selling food at an affordable price.

People living in these food deserts are less likely to pay more for their weekly food shopping, having to go to more expensive, smaller convenience stores with a limited stock of good value fresh products.

On top of this, 41 per cent of these households don’t have a car, making it even harder to get to a wide range of good value food stores.

One in eight people surveyed for the report say that not being near a supermarket offering healthy food at low prices stops them eating more healthily.

Ten per cent have even cut back on their own food consumption so that others in their family can eat.

This increases to 14 per cent among individuals with a household income of less than £10,000.

In Netteswell and Mark Hall South there are few small convenience stores around and the two nearest supermarkets, Asda and Aldi, are nearly a mile’s walk away and are only accessible by crossing main roads.

This makes them harder for people without a car to use when doing a weekly family shop or for regular smaller shops.

Councillor Edna Stevens, Labour representative for the Netteswell ward at Harlow Council, explained that the issue of people needing easier access to food shops has come up before.

“It’s quite dreadful that some people cannot get enough proper nutrition to eat,” she said.

“Depending on what area of Netteswell people are in, accessibility to shops can be a problem,” she explained.

“There needs to be improvement to the bus service, because there are places where there is poor availability and they are expensive.

“Even for those who have a bus pass, they have to be able to get to an available bus stop, which some struggle to do. This is a big problem for pensioners. Taxes are also too expensive for people to use regularly.”

Cllr Stevens added: “At the initial application to build the Aldi store, when it came before the planning committee, a couple of people came along to plea for it to be passed, because they found it so hard to get to town.

“It’s not just people on benefits who are struggling, but those with low paid jobs.

“The little neighbourhood shops are much more expensive, which is understandable as they don’t have the capacity to push the prices down.”

Robert Halfon, MP for Harlow, explained that this is an issue he wants to tackle.

“I am very glad this study has been done, as it has shown the problems we need to address,” he said.

“We need to improve transport links to some of the supermarkets to buy healthy products.

“We also need to find out in terms of where people are cutting back, to make sure they are getting the proper benefits in time and to make sure Universal Credit is enough.

“We need to work with the councils and local buses to improve the infrastructure.”

Megan Blake, an expert on food security and food justice, said: “Everyday food insecurity is on the rise in neighbourhoods across the United Kingdom.

“For those living in a food desert this can mean having to dedicate a portion of an already stretched budget toward transportation costs in order to secure food.

“It can mean having to carry their food shopping a long distance, a struggle that many older people living in food deserts experience.”

The research goes on to suggest that online food delivery may not be the solution for many people in food deserts.

One third of people on low incomes said they would never use online shopping.

A Kellogg’s spokesperson said: “There isn’t a one size fits all solution. We hope the food deserts map is the first step to getting these conversations going locally.”

Aldi is one of the two nearest supermarkets for those living in Netteswell and Mark Hall South

Edna Stevens, Labour councillor for Netteswell ward on Harlow Council
New primary celebrates its first half-term

STUDENTS, PARENTS AND STAFF MARK EVENT WITH SPECIAL CEREMONY

BY CHARLOTTE PAGE
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A NEW Harlow primary school aiming to meet the demand for school places has celebrated being open for its first half a term.

Newhall Primary Academy and Nursery at Roundhouse Way forms part of the REACH2 Academy Trust - the largest primary-only academy trust in the country.

The school, which is a collaboration between REACH2 and Essex County Council (ECC), has been established to meet the growing demand for school places in the area.

When full, the two-form entry primary school and nursery will provide 420 primary school places and 56 nursery places for Harlow families.

Having opened its doors for the first time on September 17, there are currently 45 reception pupils and 26 nursery children on roll - and numbers are continuing to grow.

And although only open for a half a term, staff, children and parents have been extremely busy celebrating a half term of firsts - culminating in the grand opening ceremony on Wednesday, October 17.

Headteacher Debbie Gayler said: “In the first half term we opened our extended school provision, had our first Harvest Festival, had our first parents evenings and parent forum, set up our PTA and held our first fundraising event.

“The grand opening was an opportunity to thank everyone involved in the construction and opening of the school and nursery. “My team and I are now looking forward to developing and growing Newhall so that it becomes an outstanding provision at the heart of the community that everyone can be proud of.”

Both REACH2 Academy Trust and ECC say they are committed to providing a school infrastructure needed to accommodate the growing area.

Deputy chief executive of REACH2 Academy Trust, Cathie Paine, said: “We are absolutely delighted to be opening a brand-new, state of the art school for Harlow.

“REACH2 are committed to providing exceptional opportunities for learning in every single one of our academies.

“Newhall will be no different, and we look forward to working with Debbie and her team to make that promise a reality for local families.”

Councillor Tony Ball, ECC’s deputy cabinet member for education and skills, added: “I was delighted to attend the brand-new Newhall Primary Academy School and Nursery today and help officially open the new facilities.

“The demand for primary school and early years places in Harlow is growing fast, like many areas of Essex and with new housing estates being built in the area, this is only set to increase.”

The nursery is open between 7.30am and 6pm for 51 weeks of the year and offers both funded and private day care places for children aged between six months to five years.
A nursery open morning will be held on Saturday, November 3, between 10am and noon.

The school will also hold an open day for parents of prospective reception children for September 2019 on Wednesday, November 21, from 9am until 1.30pm.

For further details about this day visit newhallacademy.org or call the office on 01279 215480.

The school celebrated in style

Newhall School
Students help take part in the opening ceremony
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By SIMON MURFIT

Harlow’s skyline was once again lit up as thousands of people came together to enjoy the annual Bonfire and Fireworks Night event at the Town Park.

More than 20,000 attended Sunday’s display and were treated to a fantastic evening of music and entertainment at the Playhouse Stage before the bonfire was lit and the fireworks kicked off.

The night’s celebrations began at 6pm with host Fanny Galore leading the proceedings. Performances on the evening included The Pauline Quirke Academy, Hip Hop Pop, the CM Singers, 24K Bruno and Richard Munday from the Playhouse’s forthcoming pantomime, Aladdin.

Chairwoman of Harlow Council, Councillor Maggie Hulcoop, lit the bonfire at 6.45pm and a spectacular fireworks display followed at 7pm which was accompanied by a live DJ set from Sam Lontz.

Public donations for the Cllr Hulcoop’s chosen charities – Street2Homes and the Dolphin Children’s Ward at Princess Alexandra Hospital – totalled just over £400, which will be split between the two.

The annual event has been running for over 30 plus years and is organised by Harlow Council with support from Great Parndon Community Association.

It continues to be one of the biggest events of its kind in the area and is something Harlow is very proud of.

A spokesman for Harlow Council said: “Organised public displays like this mean that many local families are able to celebrate the occasion together in safety.

“Every year we receive positive feedback from local families who attend the event and this year has been no different.

“We pride ourselves on ensuring we listen to all feedback so we can continue making improvements to future events, and will again be looking at how we can make the event even better for everyone.

“Events like this can’t happen without the hard work and commitment of council staff, stewards, volunteers and Great Parndon Community Association.

“We want to say thank you to everyone involved for all their efforts and putting together a great event for local families yet again.”

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Friends help mum whose home was wrecked in blaze

By ELLIOT HAWKINS
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£20k fundraising target after tumble dryer fire

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The aftermath of the fire caused by a tumble dryer

The tumble dryer caught fire

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she allowed her house insurance to lapse. "I for one have been in that situa-
tion, and I know quite a few people who have done exactly the same thing as Emma in the past, but we were the lucky ones."

Dawn is now appealing for people to come forward and support Emma and her family as they try to rebuild their lives. Dawn added: "Others will know her as a great mum, a good friend, a shoulder to cry on, an ear for listening."

"Right now she needs your help, either through donations or elbow grease. Emma's story is one we have all either been through or know a loved one who has gone through similar circumstances. Over the last few years Emma has almost lost her family home and girls, nearly lost her life due to illness and needs a major operation. "This has literally stopped her in her tracks, but we know and love Emma for the fighter she is, the amazing mother of Charlotte, Frankie, Alex and Georgie her girls who she will never let down. "So right now, let's not let Emma down and show her the amazing community spirit that we all have."

As the Star went to press £1,300 had been raised of the £20,000 target.

To help Emma, visit the crowdfunding page at justgiving.com/crowdfunding/emmasfirefund
Fallen soldiers remembered

By CHARLOTTE PAGE
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The annual Remembrance Sunday service will take place in Harlow this weekend in honour of our fallen soldiers.

The morning will begin with a parade setting off from Burnt Mill Academy and making its way to the Nethersoll Cross memorial in the Town Park where crowds will gather to pay their respects.

The service will start at 10.45am, although those wishing to attend are advised to arrive at around 10.30am.

Road closures along School Lane in the Town park will be in place between 10am and noon. There will also be other commemorations around Harlow on Sunday. These include mass held at St Mary Magdalen Church followed by an act of remembrance at the Potter Street war memorial at 11am. At the Great Parndon war memorial, the World War One project team will host a commemoration at 10.45am.

Meanwhile various churches including Churchgate Street in Old Harlow, St Paul’s in the town centre, St Andrew’s in The Stow, St Mary-at-Lathom and St Mary’s in Great Parndon will all include an act of remembrance within their Sunday service.

Shortly after 11am, churches across Harlow will ring their bells to mark the end of the centenary of the First World War.

On Sunday evening the Royal British Legion will host a Remembrance Day concert at Harlow Playhouse.

Tickets are priced at £6 and can be bought at harlowplayhouse.co.uk. A two minute silence will also be held at 11am outside the Civic Centre on Friday, November 9.

The parade will finish at the memorial

Parade will make its way to the Town Park

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ESSEX County Council has said it is facing a significant problem of families being moved by London boroughs into the county.

But leader, Councillor David Finch, said he is reluctant to “name and shame” boroughs in London that are moving families into Essex. He said: “We can certainly confirm that individual families are being moved out of London into Essex, both into Tendring and Harlow.

“I do not know if they are being ruled as intentionally homeless. Certainly families who are in difficulties are being uprooted from their neighbourhoods and dumped further and further away from the capital, cut off from their relatives and support networks.

“Certainly any authority or London borough should have given us a section 208 notice, but that is not the case.”

A section 208 notice comes under the Housing Act 1996. It states that if a local housing authority rehomes anyone outside of their district then they need to give notice to the local housing authority in whose district the accommodation is situated.

The notice should include details about the person, or persons, who are being moved to the area and should be given within 14 days after the individual was offered the accommodation.

The council has said significant numbers of families “in difficulties” are being uprooted from their neighbourhods and dumped further and further away from the capital, cut off from their relatives and support networks.

The MP for Harlow, Robert Halfon, said: “This is a big problem and it is very serious.

“There are three things we need to look at. The first is why are London councils shipping people to Harlow? The second is that if the families are being moved here, then the councils should be giving us more resources.

“These families have significant difficulties, some are troubled families who have disadvantaged backgrounds.

“And thirdly, we need more housing.”

Mr Halfon explained that the government allowed for old office blocks to be turned into flats, however he claims these blocks are being used to house the incoming London families.

“Only people who are considered vulnerable will be picked up for assessment, so those being moved will have either young families or physical or mental impairments, which can include substance abuse. This means that many people who come here will have additional needs.”

In the letter Mr Halfon goes on to explain that the “high numbers” of people being moved into the town from London were putting pressure on local services, schools and are detrimental to the individuals themselves.

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Council seeking assurances on families being moved to Essex

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Lidl plans to open second town store

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A BUDGET supermarket is proposing to open its second store in Harlow. Lidl is suggesting to make use of the former Toys R Us store in The Queensgate Centre, Edinburgh Way, after the company went into administration.

Although plans are yet to be submitted, should they be approved the new supermarket will operate alongside the existing store in Staple Tye.

With a planning application expected to be submitted within the next month, residents are invited to a consultation event to share views on the proposals.

A consultation letter reads: “Lidl already have a store in Staple Tye serving the south of the town. Lidl would like to open a new store at Queensgate Centre to serve its customers to the north of the town. The proposed new store will be in addition to its existing trading store.

‘The vacant Toys R Us unit presents a unique opportunity to make the best use of existing retail floor space to deliver the new store.”

With The Queensgate Centre home to the likes of Next Home, Pizza Hut, Chiquito and Decathlon, the shopping precinct is a popular spot for shoppers.

The letter continues: “It is a very popular and well established shopping location in Harlow.

“The immediate surrounding is predominantly commercial in nature with a range of retail and employment used focused along Edinburgh Way.”

A spokesman for Lidl said: “We are hosting a public consultation this Friday to outline plans for our new store which the public are invited to attend. Our property team will be on hand to outline plans and answer any questions from the local community.”

A consultation event on the Lidl proposals will be held from 1pm until 6pm on Friday, November 9, at Moot House, The Stow, CM20 3AG.

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Airport all-day drinking ban could take off

By HUW WALES
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STANSTED Airport and other airports around the country could have their licensing right to all-day drinking ended under new plans.

The Home Office is asking for people to get in touch to give evidence and opinions on whether introducing alcohol licensing laws could help prevent drunk and disruptive passengers.

There have been several notable incidents where drinking prior to boarding a plane at Stansted has led to incidents before or after take-off.

In August, a man dressed up in a green Tinkerbell costume, along with another man, had to be removed by police from a Ryanair flight from Stansted to Krakow.

Speaking at the time of the incident, a Ryanair spokesman said: “This is exactly why we are calling for significant changes to prohibit the sale of alcohol at airports, such as a two-drink limit per passenger and no alcohol sales before 10am.

“It’s incumbent on the airports to introduce these preventative measures to curb excessive drinking and the problems it creates, rather than allowing passengers to drink to excess before their flights.”

According to Civil Aviation Authority figures there were 417 reports of serious disruption on flights in 2017, up from 415 in 2016 and just 195 in 2015.

A London Stansted spokesperson said: “We work closely with airlines, airport retailers, bars and restaurants, and the police, to raise awareness of the consequences of disruptive behaviour and to tackle excessive alcohol consumption at all stages of a passenger’s journey.

“The majority of our passengers appreciate the right to enjoy a drink at the beginning of their holiday and do so responsibly - during the whole of 2017 only six people out of 26 million passengers were arrested airborne for disruptive behaviour.”

People at risk of losing sight due to lack of regular health checks

Diabetes affects an estimated 4.6 million people in the UK\(^1\), yet 40% of the British public are unaware that blindness is one of diabetes’ biggest complications\(^2\).

Specsavers is dedicated to raising awareness of good eye care in both detecting and managing the condition – especially as research from Specsavers and the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) shows one in five adults are unaware that opticians can check for indicators of the condition\(^3\).

Dr Nigel Best, clinical spokesperson at Specsavers says: ‘Diabetes is one of the fastest growing health conditions today – fuelled by record levels of obesity, excessive sugar consumption and sedentary lifestyles. If we continue to turn a blind eye to the risk of developing type 2 diabetes as a result, we can only expect to see the number of undiagnosed cases escalate.

‘Diabetic retinopathy is one of the leading causes of blindness among people of working age in the UK\(^3\) so it’s hugely important that diabetes is detected early and monitored correctly to avoid furthering the risks.

‘At Specsavers, we offer digital retinal photography. This takes a detailed picture of the back of your eye and the microcirculation of blood - helping to highlight indicators of diabetes that need addressing.

Eye screening is also a key part of your diabetes care and people with diabetes should have routine screenings done every one to two years by an optometrist. Contact your local GP or local diabetic screening service for more information.

Sophie Castell, Director of Relationships at RNIB, says: “Sadly, all too often, people with diabetes can lose their sight due to complications. Yet with early detection and treatment, sight loss due to diabetic retinopathy can be prevented. Regular eye tests are important for everyone, but especially for people living with diabetes who should also ensure they attend appointments for specialist diabetic eye screening. It’s a few minutes that could save your sight.”

\(^1\) https://www.diabetes.org.uk/about_us/news/over-40-of-people-unaware-diabetes-can-lead-to-blindness-
\(^3\) State of the Nation’s Eye Health, Specsavers/RNIB 2016

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Fly high on new flight simulator

A flight simulator has been donated for the relaunch of a Harlow science centre.

Raytheon UK donated £15,000 and a flight simulator to Science Alive on Friday.

The donation means that the centre can continue to offer young people opportunities and hopes of encouraging involvement in studying the STEM subjects - science, technology, engineering and maths.

By continuing Harlow's already long-standing connection with science, the centre hopes to contribute to finding great engineers, cyber experts and scientists of the future.

Science Alive is a STEM charity situated at Harlow Leisurezone and was set up in 2010 to deliver programmes and workshops to students and the people of Harlow.

Operations manager Sharon Davies, with her new management team, took over the centre just over a year ago and together with the support of the likes of Raytheon UK and Harlow Council has turned it around - saving it from bankruptcy.

Sharon was joined by CEO Richard Daniel, Harlow MP Robert Halfon and chairwoman of Harlow Council Maggie Hulcoop for the launch of the simulator.

Science Alive also puts on a series of exhibits for children to take part in, as well as a new coding club.

CEO of Raytheon UK, Richard Daniel, said: "I am proud that we are supporting this new chapter in the history of the Science Alive Centre.

"We will be continuing to support the centre so the next generation in Harlow have the skills and encouragement they need to achieve what they want from life and work."

"This then gives them the opportunity to learn new skills which inspire them to take up careers in STEM. We need more companies like Raytheon to do their part for our community and support our centre."

"We are our vital partner in making sure we can offer the centre to the community, and that we have the resources through the flight simulator and other exhibits that encourage people to use the centre."

Sharon Davies, manager of the Science Alive Centre, added: "Raytheon are our vital partner in making sure we can offer the centre to the community, and that we have the resources through the flight simulator and other exhibits that encourage people to use the centre."

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Here for what matters
GEORGE Irving’s critique of the speech on the Israel/Palestine conflict made by a member of Harlow Labour Party seems to me to be more than a little misinformed (Your Views, October 18). In my opinion, the essence of the issue is expressed in the State of Israel’s Law of Return.

The Law of Return entitles a person with no connection to the Middle East to emigrate to Israel and become a citizen of that State if he/she can prove that he/she has a Jewish grandparent. However, a Palestinian Arab refugee born in what is now Israel is not allowed to return to the land of his/her birth.

This peculiarity has its origin in the fact that the State of Israel was founded by European settlers. Only one of the twelve members of the first government of Israel was actually born in Palestine. There are more than five million Palestinian Arab refugees registered by the United Nations. Any equitable solution to the Israel/Palestine conflict would give them the right to return.

The United Nations partition plan of 1947 proposed the creation of a Jewish state and an Arab state in Palestine. The Jews of Palestine, who formed 33% of the population, were to be allocated 56.4% of Palestine. The Arab state would be 95% Arab, while the Jewish state was to be only 55% Jewish, i.e. it would have an Arab minority of 45%.

Fighting both before and after the declaration of the State of Israel in 1948 resulted in the State of Israel covering 78% of Palestine, and its Arab population being reduced to 156,000, 17.3%. The State of Israel conquered the remaining 22% of Palestine, the areas known as East Jerusalem, the West Bank, and the Gaza Strip, in the pre-emptive war that it launched in 1967.

It seems to me that if the principle of “parity of esteem” embedded in the Good Friday Agreement in Northern Ireland were to be applied to Israel/Palestine, then the existing dispensation would be replaced by a single bi-national secular democratic state that guaranteed the rights of both Israeli Jews and Palestinian Arabs.

POT holes an issue for Harlow residents and businesses alike.

It has been encouraging to see the progress that Cllr Mark Ingall has made recently with the portfolio holder responsible for highways at ECC in getting some of the worst pot holes in the highest traffic areas of town filled in. However we still have a long way to go.

I recently visited Sheila Buckner in Spring Hills who wanted to show me the pot holes in her street. What I saw staggered me; the pot holes were more like craters and one of them was a full six centimetres deep. However, because the road is a cul-de-sac it is not considered a priority for repair by the County Council.

Sheila, who walks with a stick, informed me that she had difficulty getting out of the house and requires a taxi to get into town but that the local taxi company is reluctant to drive down to her house due to the aforementioned pot holes. I have yet to receive a response from ECC about this issue. These pot holes are directly affecting Sheila’s ability to go about her daily life and consequently her well being. One of Metro’s drivers Bob Gray who regularly takes fares across Harlow said ‘although I appreciate that government funding has been cut, it’s Essex County Council’s statutory duty to maintain our roads and footpaths. I feel they are failing in that duty. Badly damaged speed bumps and potholes are damaging my car. I see cyclists swerving to avoid pot holes and ending up in the path of flowing traffic on a daily basis’.

I recently received correspondence from Metro Cars directly who informed me that in the past six months one driver was forced to shell out £230 as a direct result to pot hole damage.

Clearly the state of our town’s roads are not just affecting residents but also local businesses.

It’s time for Essex County Council to invest in all Harlow’s roads, not just the most frequently used ones.

Cllr Chris Vince
Little Pardonn & Hare Street

What you’ve been talking about on Facebook this week

PHILLIP Hammond’s budget yesterday shows the promise to end austerity is an absolute farce. Robert Halfon, claims this is a budget for hard working families, for workers…’

The truth is, the hard-working people of Harlow have been let down yet again. There is nothing in the chancellor’s budget to reverse the damage done to our police, schools and local council budget. Schools in Essex have seen a cut of £29 million to funding whilst UK police numbers have fallen to the lowest level in 30 years, meaning the police have reported the highest crime rises in a decade. Yet this budget means that schools and policing will receive less extra funding than potholes.

Meanwhile, changes to the tax system will benefit higher earners and will do nothing to help the 8 million adults and 4 million children who are living in poverty. Foodbank usage continues to soar locally and nationally. We’ve seen the introduction of Baby Banks. Rough sleeping is a national epidemic - Harlow has seen its numbers quadruple. And yet both Robert Halfon and the chancellor somehow claim austerity is drawing to an end. Whilst the punishment of the most vulnerable people in our society goes on, the Tories will have given £11bn in corporate tax handouts by the end of this Parliament.

The people I talk to in Harlow, are not fools. Telling the as Robert Halfon did yesterday that “This Budget is the first for hard working families, for workers and for social justice.” Is a fantasy, far removed from the daily struggles of the hard working families and workers of Harlow, I talk to day in, day out.

I will be out campaigning against the budget and talking to the people of Harlow about Labour’s alternative: an immediate end to austerity. We will properly fund our public services, clamp down on tax dodging and increase incomes taxes on the top 5% and big business and we will invest in the whole country to boost productivity.

The only party that represents the workers and working families is The Labour Party. We will rebuild Britain for the many and not the few.

George Elcock
Harlow Labour Organiser

THE 13 ESSEX LEGENDS YOU PROBABLY DIDN’T KNOW ABOUT BUT WILL REALLY FREAK YOU OUT

The ATI at Thornwood is haunted by a man in a long gray coat. My brother saw it one night.

Pat Capon

LIVE MI1 TRAFFIC UPDATES AS CRASH SHUTS CARRIAGeway

Something needs to be done there are far too many crashes on that road. It feels like it’s closed almost every other day. What is happening on it? Is this normal for a motorway?

Barbara Hurton

Harlow Southern Way Crash: Pictures Show Cars Involved In Accident That Shut Road

That road is so dangerous. So many people indicate to turn and change mind after people pull out.

Lisa Clark

Harlow M11 Crash: Why Police Will Fine 86 Drivers After Collision Saw Air Ambulance Land

Good!

Mex Clark

Excellent, I must get a dash cam!

Michael Hardware

What you’ve been talking about on Facebook this week

Excellent!!

Angela Munslow

Excellent!

Andy Bray

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How can anyone balance both work and family today?

**THE BIG QUESTION**

What is the best way to achieve a work/life balance?

**LABOUR: Colin Monehan**

FINDING a balance between work and family is never easy, but when the business is your own and your family’s finances are dependent on you making a success of it, it can be virtually impossible. I’m a solicitor and my area is criminal law. Eight years ago I took the plunge and left my salaried job of 11 years and started my own firm.

The long hours were nothing new - as a criminal solicitor you get used to sitting in police interviews in to the wee hours. You tell yourself you’re doing it for your family and that your sacrifices are what it takes to be successful.

The picture you see is not of me, it’s of my eldest son. It’s one of my favourite photos. It was taken at Wembley in 2012 at West Ham’s play off final. It’s also a photo that fills me with regret. You see I didn’t take it. I watched that game in a sports bar in Peterborough between police interviews despite the fact that my son and I had tickets and talked about little else for weeks.

How did I end up there? What sort of dad gets his Spurs supporting brother to take his boy to watch West Ham? The day before the match, an old client was arrested in relation to a high profile burglary. He wanted me to represent him. What could I do? My business wasn’t even two years old. My client was eventually acquitted and years later I’m left with a bitter sweet photo that I didn’t take.

None of us is perfect and we all make mistakes but take a moment to put down the phone, turn off the laptop and spend some quality time with the kids. You won’t regret putting work second but miss the school play, miss your kid’s first goal and those days don’t come again.

**GREEN: James Aicken**

WE take the five day work week for granted like it is the natural order or the only way the economy can work but that isn’t true. The eight-hour day and the two-day weekend were the result of a long fought battle by trade unions, progressive businesses, and political pressure that gave workers the leisure time we see as normal today. Even so in the UK we work more hours than some of our European neighbours at the result of lower productivity and less happiness and wellbeing. The most common regrets of the dying are that they worked too much and didn’t live for themselves. The Green Party advocate a four day work week as one of the ways to help redress the work/life balance.

The biggest cause of sick leave in the UK is work related stress and the biggest cause of stress is over work. This contributes to a lower quality of life and impacts family members and strains the National Health Service while resulting in lower productivity. Most people would spend their extra leisure time exercising, caring for family members, or working towards their education or hobbies. By reducing the need to rush everywhere people would be more inclined to walk or cycle instead of drive and cook a healthy meal instead of eating a quick processed ready meal; both of which would significantly reduce our impact on the planet. I personally would spend my extra day volunteering at the Herts and Essex Community Farm and visiting my mum and my young niece.

The problems caused by our work week are easily ignored at the moment but with ever increasing automation in the workplace and disruption from climate change, they can’t be ignored forever. We need to work towards a happier and healthier future by working less.

**WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU WANT ANSWERED?**

Every week we put your questions to representatives of each of your main local parties. So get involved! Email your questions to get the issues that matter to you on the agenda.

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Your pimped up pumpkins

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Salvation Army league hosts annual weekend of events

YOUR COMMUNITY NEWS

Harlow

■ JAZZ GIG: Music at Marigolds on Friday, November 16. Doors at 7.30pm with The Cadillac Kings at Harlow Cricket Club, Chippingfield, Old Harlow CM17 0DJ. Tickets: £10 on the door.

■ CHRISTMAS FAIR: Charity Christmas Fair raising money for Friends of Keelefield, supporting a home for disabled adults in Harlow. Sunday, November 18 from 11am - 3pm at Great Parndon Community Association Centre, Abercornbie Way, Harlow, CM18 6YJ. Free entry, a range of stalls and refreshments, as well as a grand raffle.

Some stalls still available, please contact Jo Ford on 07850 629154.

■ WALKING FOOTBALL: 50-plus fitness group. A great way to keep fit newcomers welcome to come along and give it a try £3 per session 3G pitch. Hosted by Paringdon Sports Club. Session times Mondays 4-5pm; Thursdays 10am - 12pm; Sundays 2-3pm.

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Roydon

■ FITNESS CLASS: 50-plus fitness group. Move it or Lose it, takes place on Tuesdays from 1.30 to 2.30pm at Roydon Village Hall.

All abilities, men and women welcome. £5 per session. Call 07974 721527 for more information.

■ MARKET: On Saturday, November 10, from 10am to 2pm in the village hall. Bread, eggs, honey, juice, chutneys, meat, sausage rolls, pastries, shepherd’s pies, cheese, cakes, flavoured oils, sweets, wood turning, ceramics, gifts, flavoured gins, children’s clothes, jewellery, crafts, candles, horseshoe art, paintings, soaps, Forever Living, greeting cards and historical prints and maps. Refreshments will run to raise money for Roydon Pre-School. Free entry.

Rushden

■ LACE MAKING: The Rushden Lace Club meets on the first Monday of the month in the village hall, and the Home Lace Club meets 3rd Tuesday of the month in the village hall. For more information, call Contact chairman John Handley at johnhandley5@btinternet.com for more information.

■ CREATIVE LITTLE ONES: Art, craft and messy play classes are held for under fives. The sessions are held on Wednesdays between 1pm and 1.45pm at Standon Village Hall.

■ Musicians and Movers: Put a jingle in your step and become a morris dancer.

Have a bash at Cotswold dance traditions with Standon Morris at practice sessions on Thursday evenings.

Newcomers are welcome to go along and give it a try for fun, exercise and friendship and to help keep a tradition going.

The group gathers from about 7.45 and 6.30pm, term time. No dance experience is required, just lots of enthusiasm and a pair of trainers. It costs £5, which can be paid on the door each week.

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Community group gives funding boost to hospice

SARAH Bevan picked up a big charity cheque when she visited the Inner Wheel Club of Harlow recently.

Sarah is the new community engagement and fundraising co-ordinator for Harlow Mind in West Essex and had been invited by Anne Crawford, president of the Inner Wheel Club of Harlow, to receive a cheque in excess of £900.

The presentation was made by Anne and Gill Swanson. Gill, the district chairman of District 24 was there to congratulate both the Club and Harlow Mind on their good work. The money was raised by the hard work of the ladies of Inner Wheel Club of Harlow in July.

A Summer Garden Party with Pimm’s, scones, cream and strawberries drew 90 people on a beautiful summer evening.

Jean Hudspeth, a past president of Inner Wheel, opened her garden specially to support Anne’s chosen charity.

Harlow Mind is an independent charity run by local people, for local people and is responsible for its own funding.

It provides a range of services including working with families, self-directed support, men’s mental health, complementary therapy, befriending, private counselling and many more.

Sarah explained how important it was to champion this cause and the monies raised would ensure that much needed help was able to continue.

If you would like further information on Harlow Inner Wheel please visit www.InnerWheelDistrict24.org.uk or search Inner wheel District 24 on Facebook.

For local enquiries email: harlow@innerwheeldistrict24.org.uk.

Mind In West Essex (Greater Dunmow office) is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 6.30pm and Saturday from 9am to 2pm. Telephone 01371 876641, email admin@mindinwestessex.org.uk or visit www.mindinwestessex.org.uk

MP shows support for cancer campaign

ROBERT Halfon, MP for Harlow, has pledged support to CLIC Sargent’s campaign call for better financial support to families struggling to afford the cost of getting their child to and from hospital for vital cancer treatment.

Mr Halfon met with NHS staff and campaigners from the charity for children and young people with cancer, at a drop-in session in Westminster, to hear more about the campaign which is urging the Government to set up a Young Cancer Patient Travel Fund.

In the UK, there are 4,450 children and young people diagnosed with cancer. Different cancer types require specialist treatment - which is only available at a small number of specialist treatment centres across the UK. That often means families have to travel to get to treatment.

According to CLIC Sargent’s research, families in Harlow could face a 54-mile round trip to get to their nearest specialist treatment centre, Great Ormond Street Hospital, costing £161.58 a month when treatment is at its most intense.

Mr Halfon said: ‘At a time of unthinkable stress, travel costs for parents taking their sick children to get vital treatment should be the least of the family’s worries.

‘Instead, as CLIC Sargent’s ‘Are We There Yet?’ research shows, fuel prices impose an additional burden. I was shocked to find out that some parents in Harlow are paying close to £162 per month to travel to Great Ormond Street Children’s Hospital in London, and this is before hospital car parking charges.

‘Over the course of treatment, families can be forking out thousands of pounds on travel costs, pushing them into debt. I think it’s about time for the Government to end this social injustice by setting up a Young Patient Travel Fund.’

Kate Lee, Chief Executive at CLIC Sargent, said: ‘We urgently need the Government to take action so that families no longer have to face the threat of debt simply because their children need to get to hospital for vital cancer treatment.

‘The families we work with constantly tell us of the financial impact of a cancer diagnosis, with travel costs being one of the biggest expenses. Often, families do not have the choice to go to their nearest hospital because childhood cancer requires specialist treatment, meaning families often travel hundreds of miles and spend thousands of pounds’
Spooky fun as centre gets in the mood for Halloween

The Harvey Centre held a pirate-themed Haunting Halloween extravaganza to mark the spookiest day of the year.

It was a day of pirate pillaging and excitement aboard a cursed ship.

The centre was transformed, with a 3D spooky house and garden positioned on the ground floor - which brave shoppers ventured into for a fright.

There was also a family games area, including a selection of spooky games such as spooky wrecking ball game, hoop the witch’s hat’ catch the ghost, photo peep throughs and crazy mirrors for everyone to enjoy for free.

All of these attractions were in place until November 4, outside Burger Priest on the top floor.

Customers joined Wendy Walk-The-Plank and Penelope Pieces-Of-Eight for a day of haunted pirate ship fun, with treasure chest decorating workshops, sea shanty lingo classes, a real life treasure hunt and fantastic face painting.

Make-up artists were on hand to give shoppers the complete pirate look or create glitzy glitter tattoos, henna and other designs of their choice.

Also, The Harlow Playhouse arranged a visit from Freeman Productions and Contexture Theatre who brought the touring immersive experience The Ghost of Chesterton House to The Harvey Centre where customers lucky enough to get a ticket had an exclusive experience, as the tragic story unfolded around them in the authentic Victorian dining room setting.

After the performance, guests were invited into the conceptual experience, Chesterton House: The Ghost Lounge.

Bryan Young, centre manager, said: “Halloween is now a huge event in the UK and a celebration our shoppers really love.

“Every year we want to push the boundaries and offer something unique, fun and memorable and this year’s pirate extravaganza ticked all those boxes.”

Politician’s praise for the positive work of Jobcentre

Robert Halfon, MP for Harlow, recently visited the town’s Jobcentre along with Alok Sharma, Minister for Employment.

While there, the two politicians had a tour of the building and paid close attention to the Universal Credit area. Robert and Alok then sat down with the staff to understand how Universal Credit had helped the people of Harlow since its rollout in July 2017.

Mr Sharma noted that while Universal Credit had not been without its teething issues, the help that it is now providing is great to see.

Mr Sharma added: “I’ve had a great visit with Rob Halfon to the local Jobcentre in Harlow. It’s been great talking to the work coaches and understanding from them the really positive difference that Universal Credit is making to the lives of some of the most vulnerable people who are getting the one-to-one support which is so important.”

Mr Halfon said: “I was really pleased to invite Alok Sharma to see Harlow’s Jobcentre.

“They are doing extraordinary work and have had great results with employment in Harlow and getting jobs for thousands of people across our town.”

“The staff at the Harlow Jobcentre are second to none and are doing everything possible to help those moving to Universal Credit and who have other needs. I believe that the Harlow Jobcentre is one of the best Jobcentres in the country by leading the way in the work that they are doing with the most vulnerable in our community.

“I want to thank and congratulate all the staff for the work that they’re doing.”

The visit comes after the recent announcement that unemployment is now at its lowest level since 1975.
Charities join forces for furniture ‘upcycling’ fundraising scheme

TWO local charities have collaborated in a furniture ‘upcycling’ project to renew and restore donated home-ware to sell in aid of each organisation.

Harlow’s Rainbow Services and West Essex and East Herts charity, St Clare Hospice, have joined forces in a mutually beneficial partnership to launch a collection of upcycled, donated furniture.

The restored range of homeware will launch within the hospice’s brand-new vintage specialist shop, Scarlet Vintage and Retro, which opened on Saturday, October 20.

The partnership operates with the vital assistance of The Workshop at Rainbow Services - a community engagement programme that offers placements for CRC’s service-users to undertake their allocated community service hours in a community-based environment, as well as mentoring and positive activities to vulnerable young people at risk of making negative life choices.

The Workshop receives donated furniture and homeware items from St Clare Hospice, manually restoring them using carpentry and DIY skills. St Clare then donates 20 per cent of sales profits to Rainbow Services.

Clare then donates 20 per cent of sales profits to Rainbow Services after an item is purchased from the shop.

Commenting on the newfound partnership between the two charities, Jemma Mindham, Rainbow Services’ chief executive officer, said: “Rainbow Services is really excited by this new partnership with St Clare Hospice, upcycling donated furniture to be sold on to raise money for the charity.

“This takes our Recycling Workshop, which is how our charity launched nearly 21 years ago, to a new level for all of our service-users, ensuring not only that they are able to learn and apply new skills in a practical way but that they are giving to a worthy community cause at the same time.

“The first few items, which have been completed, have shown the service-users and our staff and volunteers just what they are capable of, and have raised levels of self-esteem and team spirit.

“Everyone is raring to go and ready for more,” Jason Shaves, a workshop supervisor at Rainbow Services, added: “It’s been really great working with St Clare Hospice on this project.

“The service-users of both the adult project and the young people’s project are really enthusiastic and proud to be part of the upcycling project, and have said that upcycling furniture is a skill that can really help them in the future.

“St Clare’s drivers deliver up to three new items, and collect items that have been completed, and we are getting really good feedback from the drivers and from St Clare.”

A service-user attending The Workshop at Rainbow Services commented: “I am getting very involved in the upcycling project and although the stripping down is hard work, the finished article makes it all worthwhile.

“It’s really good to know that our work is helping out a great charity like St Clare Hospice.”

St Clare’s new vintage specialist shop, Scarlet Vintage and Retro, is located at 3 Broadwalk, Harlow.

Team rises to the challenge of supporting hospice

Harlow Council’s local environmental and property maintenance company, HTS Group, is again supporting West Essex and East Herts charity, St Clare Hospice.

As part of its second year of making St Clare Hospice their ‘charity of choice’, directors, managers and an apprentice at HTS Group, took on the gruelling Three Peaks Challenge.

The team of seven, supported by two drivers, completed the circuit to ascend Scotland, England and Wales’ highest peaks, in 31 hours, just over their 24 hour target.

The brave challengers have currently raised a collective total of £5,400, including gift aid, for St Clare Hospice.

The group of challengers, dubbed the HTS Hikers, included Neil Rowland, Steve Ward, Alex Morris, Shakeel Khan, Amy Edwards, Stella Dunlop, Tim Page, Gary Collins (driver) and Keith Merritt (driver).

The HTS Hikers, commenting jointly as a team, said: “Never again.

“But really, we all had a fantastic adventure together through rain, fog, sun, cold, snow, frost, and wind, in support of a worthy cause, which is very close to the hearts of many of our employees. In the words of Neil, who originally suggested the idea, ‘bring it on, we said we can do this and we did.’”

If you would like to congratulate the team and make a donation to St Clare Hospice, visit the HTS Hikers’ fundraising page at: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/htshikers

Or if you would like to learn more about partnering with your local hospice charity, St Clare, get in touch with Corporate Partnerships Manager, Amy Jacobs, on 01279 773758 or email amy.jacobs@stclarehospice.org.uk
Helen Patricia SPEAR
Sadly passed away on Tuesday 30th October 2018, aged 76 years.
Beloved Wife of Don.
Much loved mother to David, Penny, Robin and Teresa, Grandchildren and 6 Great Grandchildren. Tony’s 10.45am. Flowers or donations for Dementia UK
Alternatively, please visit Esther’s In Memory page
November 2018, at Parndon Wood Crematorium at 2.30pm. All friends welcome.
Flowers or donations payable to “St Clare Hospice” or the Alzheimer’s Society may be sent to Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Sawbridgeworth, CM20 1QP.
Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow, CM20 1QP. Tel: 01279 426990 or via the ‘In memory page’ at www.drobinson.co.uk

Esther ELLINGTON
Passed away peacefully at home in Sawbridgeworth on the 22nd October 2018 aged 92. A former Primary School Teacher, she will be missed so much by her sons, Stephen and Peter, family, friends and all who knew her. Esther’s funeral service will be held at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Tuesday 13th November 2018 at 10.45am. Flowers or donations for Dementia UK or the Alzheimer’s Society may be sent to Daniel Robinson & Sons, 3 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9DB.
Alternatively, please visit Esther’s In Memory page at www.drobinson.co.uk

Sheila FARLEY
Passed away peacefully at home on Sunday 28th October 2018. She will be sadly missed by all those who knew and loved her. Funeral service to take place at St Luke’s RC Church, Ripley Tyne on Monday 5th November 2018 at 12.30 pm followed by cremation at Parndon Wood Crematorium. Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow, CM20 1QP. Tel: 01279 426990 or via the ‘In memory donation page’ at www.drobinson.co.uk

ANTHONY CHARLES GALE
Suddenly at home on 20th October 2018, aged 89 years. Reunited with his beloved Wife Mary. The wonderful Dad to David, Penny, Robin and Teresa, and a wonderful and loving Granddad to his 8 Grandchildren and 6 Great Grandchildren. Tony’s funeral service is to be held on Thursday 12th November 2018, at Parndon Wood Crematorium at 3.15p.m. All Enquiries to Masterson Funeral Home Ltd, Independent and Family Owned Funeral Directors, Stannard Road, Old Harlow, Essex. CM17 0AS. Tel: 01279 620238 MASTERSON F UNERAL HOME LTD

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Deaths
Roy William HILLS
of Haling Hill. Passed away peacefully in Princess Alexandra Hospital on 27th October 2018 aged 87.
He will be deeply missed by his wife Mary, daughter Rosalyn, family, friends and all who knew him.
Funeral Service to be held at Parndon Wood Crematorium Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Sawbridgeworth, CM20 1QP on Tuesday 29th November at 11:30am.
Ceremonies to all welcome.
Flowers or donations made payable to ‘Daniel Robinson & Sons’ to help contribute towards the funeral costs may be sent to Daniel Robinson & Sons, 3 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9DB.
Alternatively, please visit Andy’s In Memory page at www.drobinson.co.uk

Edith Mary Ann KOWALSKA
Sadly passed away 28th October 2018 aged 98 years.
She will be deeply missed by all her family and friends. She was loved so much.
Funeral Service to be held at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Friday 9th November at 2.30pm.
Family flowers only.
Donations to either St Clare Hospice or Cereba should be sent with all enquiries to Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow, CM20 1QP. Tel: 01279 426990 or via our In Memory pages at www.drobinson.co.uk

Andrew Robert LONG
(Andy, Longie, Longster)
Passed away suddenly at Basildon Hospital on the 24th October 2018 aged 81.
A well-known and liked Sawbridgeworth cab driver, he will be missed so much by his partner Joan, his many friends and all who knew him.
Andy’s funeral service will be held at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Wednesday 14th November 2018 at 4.00pm. All who knew him are very welcome to attend.
Flowers or donations made payable to ‘Daniel Robinson & Sons’ to help contribute towards the funeral costs may be sent to Daniel Robinson & Sons, 3 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9DB.
Alternatively, please visit Andy’s In Memory page at www.drobinson.co.uk

Tony RIOLO
The Old Harlow Harddresser. Passed away peacefully on 31st October 2018 aged 78 years.
Much loved husband of Maria and Dad to Daniella & Carla.
Proud Nonno to his five grandchildren.
The funeral service will take place at Our Lady of Fatima Church on Tuesday 20th November at 11am.
Family flowers only please.
Donations if desired payable to Princess Alexandra Hospital Charity Trust may be sent to Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow, CM20 1QP. Tel: 01279 426990 or via the In Memory pages www.drobinson.co.uk

Helen Patricia SPEAR
Sadly passed away on Tuesday 30th October 2018, aged 76 years.
Beloved Wife of Don.
Much loved Mother, Grandmother & Sister.
Helen will be dearly missed by all her family, friends and all that knew her.
Funeral service will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Hatfield Heath on Wednesday 21st November 2018 at 12.00pm, followed by committal at Parndon Wood Crematorium all welcome.
Flowers welcome, but donations preferred made payable to “St Clare Hospice” or “Macmillan Cancer Support” may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, Haslers Lane, Great Dunmow CM6 1XS. Tel: 01371 874518 or via our in memory pages at www.drobinson.co.uk

Mary STANIFORTH
Passed away peacefully on Tuesday 23rd October 2018, aged 90 years.
Formerly of Pitsewell Court, Churchgate Street, Harlow. Resided at The Green Lodge, Care Home.
Funeral service to take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Tuesday 6th November at 11.30am.
Flowers or donations payable to The Salvation Army maybe sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, Haslers Lane, Great Dunmow CM6 1XS. Tel: 01371 874518 or via our in memory pages at www.drobinson.co.uk

Sidney Henry VETORI
“SID”
Sadly passed away on 1st November 2018 aged 72 Years.
Beloved Husband to Tina, Dad, Grandad & Great Grandad.
Sid will be greatly missed by all his Family & Friends.
His funeral service will be held at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Thursday 15th November at 2.30pm.
Flowers may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow, CM20 1QP. Tel: 01279 426990
Stanley Robert WARD
"Jim"
Passed away peacefully on Sunday October 28th aged 93 years. ‘Uncle to All’ he will be greatly missed by family and friends.
Funeral Service will be held at St. John’s Church, Stansted on Monday November 12th at 11.00 am.
Family flowers only. Donations if desired to ‘Home Farm Trust’ may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, 78/81 South Street, Bishops Stortford. CM23 3AL.
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In Memoriam

Pat and Patricia McCabe
Pat 21st anniversary 9th and Patricia 34th anniversary 10th November. In loving memory of a dear Dad and sister: Lonely is the home without you, Life to us is not the same, All the world would be like heaven, If we could have you back again, Loved and missed so very much, God Bless RIP
Love from all the family x

Birthday Memoriams

David ROOTSEY
In loving memory of our beloved David Rootsey on his birthday 7th November. Forever in our thoughts and hearts, With all our love, Mum, Anne, Alan, Tom, Elliott, Zoe and Charlotte xx

Robert OSBORNE
30/8/47-11/11/17
You are always in our thoughts. We miss you everyday.
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Sarah & Paul Daryl
Appollonia Marc & Kids

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God Bless RIP.
Loved and missed so very much. God Bless RIP.
Love from all the family x

Ruby Anniversary
TRUDIE Baker
Happy anniversary. Thank you for the past 40 years and the future years to come. All my love now and always. Stephen XXXX

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LEGENDARY rockers Status Quo are to headline a new retro festival coming to Essex

Let’s Rock Essex features some of the biggest acts of the 1980s - plus chart stars of the 70s and 90s too - and will take place at Hainault Forest Country Park on Saturday, September 7 next year.

Also on the bill for the first ever Let’s Rock Essex are Jimmy Somerville, Tony Hadley, Midge Ure, Go West, Nick Heyward, Nick Kershaw, Heaven 17, The Real Thing, Betty Boo, China Crisis and Sonia.

The Retrolates Party Live will also be entertaining the crowds, featuring Belouis Swome, Owen Paul, Jennie Matthis from the Belle Stars, Musical Youth and Westworld, while Black Lace will entertain the crowd with their Conga Party.

Gates open at 10am with music from midday until 10.30pm. Children under 12 go free and can enjoy complimentary activities in the Kids’ Kingdom, an interactive circus, face painting, inflatables and more.

Tickets are available at a special launch price of £30. For further details and to book tickets, visit letrockessex.com

MOHair Sweets started out as a Canadian 1990s fanzine before its editor, Colin Bryce, decided to form a band of the same name. Now the blues/mod men tours solo and is currently doing a run in the UK for “select” gigs, which include the Railway Hotel, Southend, this Saturday.

GIGS for November 9-11

Saturday – The Luminectric Rose & Crown, Bishops Stortford; Friday – The great WaggOn at Wix; Saturday – Haiden grigor Band Choon robbery; Saturday - Preacher

Sunday (7.30pm) - The Poachers BLOKES

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Saturday – The Statins GOLDEN Fleece, Chelmsford: Friday – Big Cheese; Saturday – The Luminetic RAILWAY Hotel, Clifftown Road, Southend: Saturday (at the Turnerfield Blues Band: Saturday (9pm) – MOHair Sweets; Sunday (afternoon) – Steve Weston; Sunday (7.30pm) - The Poachers BOARS Head, Branthorpe: Friday – Stiff in the Morning; Saturday – Rekovered

BENFLEET Tavern, Benfleet: Saturday – Half Stoned COW & Telescope, Southend: Friday – Charlie’s Aunt; Saturday – Scooby

Cock Inn, Bishops Stortford: Saturday – The Four Blokes BLACK Horse, Chelmsford: Saturday – Rant n Rave RAILWAY Tavern, Prittlewell: The Rusty Gunz WELCOME Club, Stanford-le-Hope: Friday – Sons of Southpaw; Saturday – Electrum UNITED Brethren, New Writtle Street, Chelmsford: Saturday – Steamhouse

I think that we’re all struggling with the same emotions’

IDEAS about Britishness have pervaded Damon Albarn’s work ever since the earliest Blur albums. Beyond sing-along anthems like Parklife, Girls And Boys and Tracy Jacks, were astute observations about British life, society and identity, in all its variety and richness.

Now Damon is back with his most urgent examination of Britishness since Parklife. Merrie Land, is the new album by The Good, The Bad & The Queen, the collective he formed with Paul Simonon, Tony Allen and Simon Tong more than a decade ago. The supergroup released their debut eponymous album in 2007 to widespread acclaim but all has been quiet since so it came as a surprise to many when the new album was announced last month.

As with The Good, The Bad & The Queen’s first album, Merrie Land takes in a range of musical influences, with pop, dance, music hall, ska, afrobeat and folk mingling and merging into the collective’s unique sound and Damon’s plainspoken, heartfelt vocals binding it all together.

Like many others, I’d assumed The Good, The Bad & The Queen was probably a one-off project we’d never hear of again, but it seems Damon and co were waiting for the right moment to return. And that moment happened to be these strange times we find ourselves in, in the no-man’s land between the EU referendum and Brexit where no one is quite sure what it means to be British anymore.

“I wasn’t waiting for the right circumstances, but the right circumstances came about,” Damon explains. “Since the last album, we’d all stayed in touch, we’re always around each other and we’d done lots of things together since but we found a few days together to play around in the studio. There’d been lots of communication, but the point was we didn’t need to do this.”

But with Damon feeling like he wanted to explore his feelings - and his country’s mood - during the painful Brexit process, he thought The Good, The Bad & The Queen would be the perfect vehicle for doing that.

Produced with Tony Visconti, best known for his work with David Bowie, ‘T. Rex and Morrissey (“he’s just so laid back, he’s like a Tai Chi master”), Merrie Land was written and recorded in the wake of the referendum and the group describe it as a “reluctant goodbye letter” a meditation on what it actually means to be British today.

While the group’s first album was a love letter to London, Merrie Land is a broader look at the mood of the nation with Damon’s lyrics exploring the complications and contradictions of the state we’re in. With those in power seeming intent on fudging issues and scoring political points, Damon says he’s just trying to make sense of a country he thought he knew but now he’s not so sure about.

“Who could have foreseen this? It’s so different to 2007 [when the first The Good, The Bad & The Queen album was released],” he says. “It’s a world away from when we made Parklife. The world is so different now. This record has weird echoes of Parklife, it’s intended to be about the state of the nation.”

What was the starting point for the album, when did he first start thinking about it? “The Friday after the referendum, that is exactly when it started. I thought ‘I don’t know my own country. Why has this happened?’ I’ve done lots of things, travelled around the world, but I’ve always lived here, loved it here, and I couldn’t understand it.”

Much like the rest of us, Damon is bewildered about what’s happened in the past couple of years.

“I was fascinated by the strange emotions that have come with the whole process. It’s really puzzling. We’ve not spent any time talking about the referendum. We need to talk to each other but there’s so much divide.

“There was no mandate [from the referendum], we’re divided down the middle. The referendum should have been the start of a conversation but we’ve bypassed that, we’ve gone beyond it. No one’s talking about that. It feels like everyone’s lost sight of it and what it was actually about. It should be about what’s fair and not fair [about the EU]. Now we have no idea where we’re going.”

Triggered by his own sense of bewilder-
ment about this perceived loss of national identity, Damon travelled around the country trying to get a handle on what it means to be British these days and found himself visiting places like Blackpool, Oxford and Southend to gauge the national mood.

“\mI think that we’re all struggling with the same emotions.\" Travelling around these places, it was part pilgrimage, part documentary, part nostalgia. I just went to places I was drawn to.”

Listening to his lyrics, there’s a touch of misty-eyed melancholy about what’s changing but also a hard-nosed realisation that we have to shape the future rather than passively accept what’s happening. As much as it’s an examination of the past and present, Merrie Land also grapples with geography, the idea of exploring how places are linked to behaviours, emotions, tradition and history.

“That’s exactly how I work, especially with the lyrics for this album. I try to find something about a place that I connect with. It’s a thoughtful album, I spent a lot of time on the lyrics and thinking about what I wanted to say.”

Does Damon get much chance to visit his old stomping grounds of Essex?

“I was back in Essex about six weeks ago, in Southend. A very nice gentleman, a lifeguard, made me a nice cup of tea just by the pier then I had a look around one of those gifts shops by the cliffs below the High Street. I love all that. That’s why one of the songs, The Truce Of Twilight, is about Southend.”

With The Good, The Bad & The Queen, Damon always seems to have so much going on. How does he manage it all?

“I’m busy because I’ve got such a brilliant job, he says. “When you’ve got a job like mine you should at least work hard. I’m so lucky, I know that, so I like to keep busy.”

Another Silent Way (out now), the first in a series which will comprise a road trip and collaborations with other artists from DJs to playwrights, painters and poets. Drift is an ongoing project that will publish music, film, stories and other content. The first release is the soundtrack to a film and there’ll be new releases each Thursday which you can see and sign up to receive at underworldlive.com.

For tickets to see the band who brought us In a Perfect Day, The Good, The Bad & The Queen new album, Merrie Land, is out on CD, vinyl and limited edition box set on November 16. They play the Hackney Arts Centre on December 4-6.
By Jovi, Jon is still rockin'

AS BON JOVI ANNOUNCE A NEW UK TOUR,
TOM BRYANT TALKS TO THE BAND’S
FRONTMAN ABOUT MARRIAGE, BURNOUT
AND HIS UNFINISHED BUSINESS AT WEMBLEY STADIUM

After nearly 30 years together, it’s one of the most enduring marriages in showbusiness. For Jon Bon Jovi and his wife Dorothea, next year’s pearl anniversary will prove a particularly poignant moment in their lives.

In fact, Jon says he is more in love now than he was on their wedding day at Las Vegas’ Graceland Wedding Chapel.

“I feel 10 times better today than when we did it back then,” Jon says. “Looking back on it, the marriage was the greatest deal I ever made.”

Their celebrations will be particularly special given their lives together got off to such a rocky start.

Dorothea became public enemy number one when her and Jon, then aged 27 and at the helm of the world’s biggest band, secretly eloped to tie the knot.

It sparked mass hysteria among her female fans who were left distraught that the big-haired rocker was finally taken.

“I was like Harry Styles or Justin Timberlake getting married. I was that to the young girls in my time,” Jon says. “When I came back from Vegas my manager was furious.

“He was like ‘America’s boy is now married...that’s not a good career move’. The record company was also despondent.”

Thirty years on from that fateful day in downtown Vegas, Jon, now 56, is able to laugh about it as he relaxes in a penthouse suite in Soho, New York.

Jon says of his wife: “She is the rock of my family, my career, my being. I am grateful for someone in my life like that, that I can love and trust.”

Dorothea also proved to be a stabilising influence during one of the toughest times of his career when the band were left burnt out in the wake of the Slippery when Wet tour – 1986-87.

Jon bitterly struggled with depression and during his lowest moment briefly thought about ending it all and driving his car off the road.

“The number of shows was insane,” he says. “The bad thing was that our young team of agents and lawyers were so eager to do their jobs, they never thought about the human condition of the young lads who needed a break.

“We did 240 shows, went home and immediately started writing and recording (the album) New Jersey. We then went back on the road with another 240 shows. It was just too much.”

Jon freely admits the scars took a long time to heal with the band not talking to each other for two years and coming close to breaking-up.

“That’s not the recipe for success if you want a band to live. You can kill them on the road and the pressures of writing a follow up to Slippery. Or you can have faith in them and say ‘be cool, it’s going to be alright.’

“We should have been nurtured and have had a year off. That’s the downside of that era which I remember too vividly. The burnout. It was a difficult time.”

Determined to turn around the band’s fortunes and secure they never imploded again, Jon decided to manage Bon Jovi himself – a decision that was widely mocked at the time.

“The industry scoffed and said ‘you’re dead, you will never survive’,” he says. “I was only 30 I saw the clarity, I knew what I needed to do.

Life on tour rolls along at more of a sedate pace these days than when they first started out, as fresh-faced 20-somethings.

As Jon returns to the UK for the first time in six years with dates at Anfield, Wembley Stadium and Coventry’s Ricoh Arena, the energy to put on a great show is still strong.

Jon understands the significance of performing at Anfield – not least as he is good pals with Liverpoolian legend Sir Paul McCartney, one of the last to play the iconic sporting venue more than a decade ago.

They met up last month and Jon shows me recent pictures of the pair of them on his mobile phone relaxing on a sun-kissed veranda.

“They have always loved the Beatles – my mum had the records and I have been blessed over the years to have become friendly with Paul,” Jon says. “I am fortunate to see him every summer. I only address him as Beatle Paul. I don’t address him as Mr McCartney but I am a little too old for that.”

Jon says he also has unfinished business under the Wembley arch.

“We closed the old Wembley and we were meant to open the new one – I even took a photo in front of the new one, in front of the building,” he says. “I should have gone in and realised it was a construction site.

“I am still mad at the contractors for not finishing after we sold out two nights and then had to displace 120,000 people (to rearranged gigs in Milton Keynes).

“That was a real heartbreaker. That would have been a cool asterix to close the old Wembley and open the new one – but it will be good to be back at last.”

Bon Jovi play Anfield Stadium, Liverpool, on June 19, Wembley Stadium, London, on June 21 and Ricoh Arena, Coventry, on June 23 2019. See livenation.co.uk/
I felt to be loved meant you had to feel terrified too

IN HER NEW BOOK, HOLLYWOOD STAR SALLY FIELD UNWEAVES THE COMPLICATED ‘RUTS FORMED FROM YEARS OF CHILDHOOD ABUSE. SHE TALKS TO HANNAH STEPHENSON

A CTRESS Sally Field has taken a long time to write her life story – seven years of soul-searching, delving into her deepest, darkest memories of the people and events that have framed the person she is now.

Meeting her today, at 71, she still has the same familiar elfin look, petite physique and warm smile that have served her well over the years. For years, her early career, as an American TV starring in the bizarre series The Flying Nun, to her Oscar-winning performance in 1979’s Norma Rae (about a factory worker-union activist), and pairing with Mary Tyler Moore in the sitcom Mary Tyler Moore, opposite Daniel Day-Lewis in 2012’s Lincoln.

In Pieces is no celeb memoir, however. Her box-office successes in films including Mrs Doubtfire, Forrest Gump and Steel Magnolias are skimmed over in a few lines, while her three-year relationship with Burt Reynolds – whom she paints as a controlling force – makes barely three chapters.

“We were a perfect match of flaws,” she writes. “Blindly I fell into a rut that had long ago formed in my road.”

The anchor in the book is her complex, loving and troubled relationship with her mother Margaret, whom she called Baa, an actress who divorced her father Dick when Sally was three and then married stuntman Jocko Mahoney – who sexually abused Sally from the age of seven to 14.

“My whole book is about my trying to understand and unweave the survival mechanisms that I set in place as a child and how sometimes they disallowed me from seeing what was really present,” she says now.

Acting helped her find her voice, but there were struggles along the way – a depression at 17, an eating disorder, loneliness, self-doubt in her career, as well as two failed marriages and the therapy she needed to talk frankly to her terminally ill mother about her stepfather before she died. Sally had the memoir after her mother’s death seven years ago.

“After she was gone, I felt deeply disquieted. It wasn’t just grief, there was something missing. I felt like I had a malignancy, something gangrenous growing on me and I didn’t know why I felt this way.

“I had to find a way to dig out all the pieces that I had hidden away both in my mind and in boxes of memorabilia that I’d never been willing to look at, that I didn’t want to face.

“When her mother left her father, she took Sally and her older brother Ricky to live in their grandmother joy, borne of a generation of women who were expected to put their own needs second to the desires of the men around them.

“Many of the men Sally writes about, both professionally and personally, are controlling.

“Margaret married Mahoney in 1952 and had Sally’s half-sister Princess six months later.

“When the abuse started, Sally’s survival mechanisms kicked in further as she withdrew. The abuse undoubtedly affected relationships with men as she grew older.

“My survival mechanisms affected every part of my life and certainly affected my ability to see men. I was used to being treated a certain way by my stepfather and so when those patterns would repeat themselves, they were like pre-formed ruts in my road.

“Were there times in my life when I could have said, ‘I don’t like this behaviour, I’m gone, goodbye’, but systems were already set into place. I didn’t have a choice, I didn’t see a choice.

“My stepfather was adoring me, he held me all the time, yet I was terrified,” she continues.

“For the rest of my life, it meant that to feel really loved you also have to feel terrified. It’s very hard to detangle that.

“Margaret later divorced Jocko but so much had been left unsaid that the disconnection between mother and daughter continued, even though Margaret was there for Sally whenever she needed her, looking after her three children when she was on location filming, supporting her emotionally and professionally. Sally, who lives alone in the Pacific Palisades, an up-market neighbourhood on the Los Angeles coast, began her book long before the MeToo campaign was even thought of, yet had herself been the subject of unwanted advances.

“She claims that one director asked her to remove her top so he could see her breasts as there was a nude scene in the film. She complied.

“When she had put her top back on, he said the part was hers if she kissed him. She complied. “I had won the role. But I had lost something important, something I was also fighting for: My dignity,” she writes.

“I had some episodes that were egregious,” she says now. “The only reason I wrote about them was because they affected me and imprint on my life.”

“Does she think the movie industry has moved on?”

“It’s not just the movie industry, it’s every single industry in the world, where men and women work together, it’s just the movie industry is more visible. This is the way society has been acting always and in some cultures, it’s as hell of a lot worse.

“But if the motion picture industry is more visible, and it’s used in that visible way to make the outrage more palpable, then that’s a good thing.

“But on the other side of the outrage, which I completely applaud and for which I’m grateful – there has to be something else.

“We have to work out how we move society forward, not only so that women feel they have choices and men don’t behave in criminal ways or are just jerks.

“One of the great things is that women are running for office. Things will be different if women are in the front office of every single industry.”

“The book reaches an emotional conclusion when mother and daughter finally find a way to talk about the parts of their lives which had remained unsaid, and created barriers in their relationship.

“This happened when Margaret was dying of cancer, and Sally had found a therapist who could open those long-closed avenues of communication.

“‘My mother was dying, I felt I was dying, we were living in the same house yet I didn’t want to run into her, at the same time Lincoln was being written and the part of my brain was saying I wasn’t going to get to do it. The therapist was instrumental during this time.’

“It turned out that her mother knew of a singular act of abuse which Mahoney confessed to her and which contributed to their divorce. She was shocked to hear that the abuse had continued through her daughter’s adolescence, but assured her that she wouldn’t be alone any longer in her pain.

“‘She was my devoted, perfectly imperfect mother. I loved her profoundly and I will miss her every day of my life,’ Sally concludes.

“In Pieces by Sally Field is published by Simon & Schuster, priced £20.”
Impressive portrait of crime and punishment

D esperate times demand resourceful women in Widows, a glossy heist thriller based on the 1980s TV series created by Lynda LaPlante. Gillian Flynn, author of Gone Girl, and director Steve McQueen co-write a script, which transplants the intrigue and betrayal from London to the gleaming apartments and deprived neighbourhoods of Chicago.

They have sharp ears for snappy dialogue - “I’m in the driving seat. I just don’t have a set of wheels”; “He should have loved you more and the bookies less” - and position powerful female protagonists at the centre of a muscular film that might otherwise be heavy on testosterone. Two breathlessly staged robberies, which quicken the pulse, bookend the picture but it’s a slow burn in between as the plot manoeuvres characters into position for a blood-spattered end game like pawns on a chessboard.

McQueen cannot resist attention-grabbing flourishes. For example, a politician’s journey home by car from a campaign appearance could be accomplished without fanfare.

Instead, the Oscar-winning director of 12 Years A Slave captures the drive in a single fluid take, seemingly positioning his lens on the bonnet of the car as it travels through city streets while we listen to audio of a heated conversation in the back seat.

It’s an impressive piece of camerawork but rather indulgent, and such excesses contradict the central female character’s assertion that a group of women can pull off a robbery because they go unnoticed about their lives.

Career criminal Harry Rawlins (Liam Neeson) spearheads the theft of two million dollars from him and he wants Veronica to replace the missing funds or suffer grievous consequences at the hands of his sadistic brother (Daniel Kaluuya).

Armed with a notebook containing plans for Harry’s next robbery, Veronica assembles a new crew including Carlos’s wife (Michelle Rodriguez) and Florek’s wife Alice (Elizabeth Debicki).

Widows is a stylish portrait of crime and punishment, distinguished by spirited performances from Davis, Rodriguez and Debicki.

Tony Award-winning theatre star Cynthia Erivo is excellent in support as the babysitter recruited as a getaway driver.

Strip away McQueen’s bravura and what remains is a high quality, conventional thriller with a couple of satisfying narrative twists.

Damon Smith

WIDOWS (15) ★★★★★

Like war movies? Like zombie movies? Then Overlord (produced by JJ Abrams) will be right up your gore-splattered street. Imagine Saving Private Ryan mutating into 28 Days Later with a sprinkling of Dead Snow and you get the gist of Julius Avery’s gruesome, deranged film but that doesn’t convey just how gripping and entertaining it is. Of course, it’s ridiculous but it’s tremendous fun too and has enough about it to stand out in a strong batch of horror movies released this year.

The opening scenes place us in the build up to the D-Day landings, with Private Boyce (Jovan Adepo) inside a US plane flying over Nazi-occupied France with a group of tense butgungling soldiers. They’re about to be parachuted into a village where their mission is to take down a communication tower at the church which will help the landings happen.

Like the start of Saving Private Ryan, it’s an utterly compelling opening 20 minutes capturing the bloody chaos, random nature of death and nerve-jangling panic of war. It’s real edge-of-your-seat stuff as the few surviving soldiers led by Corporal Ford (Wyatt Russell) make it to the village and are taken in by a young French woman Chloe (Matilde Ollivier) whose parents have perished during mysterious experiments the Nazis are conducting at the church. As Ford, Boyce and co prepare to blow up the tower they find out more about the sinister goings on below the church and have to confront the grim results of the experiments there.

There is a giddy, demented conviction to Overlord that carries you through the plot holes (like what is the supernatural secret of the church?) and credibility issues. If you suspend your disbelief and go with the madness, it’s a great ride.

The horrors of war are evident enough in the opening scenes of the film as you see soldiers ripped apart by bullets and explosions but Overlord takes us somewhere even darker, beyond the mania of conflict and into the evil heart of Nazism where nothing is off limits in the pursuit of the ‘1000-year Reich’.

As extreme as this all is, Avery keeps us on board with pacy direction and well-staged set-pieces where even predictable jump-scares get you going. It also helps that he’s assembled a likeable cast with British actor Jovan Adepo’s Boyce at the heart of the story but Wyatt Russell, Matilde Olliver and John Magaro all very engaging. Meanwhile Pilou Asbæk makes the most of his role as maniacal German commander Wafner. We’ve seen his wild-eyed menace deployed before as Euron Greyjoy in Game Of Thrones and he’s just as terrifying here, a leering monster even before any experiments take place.

Overlord won’t be for everyone. It’s nasty, extreme at times and fully deserves its 18 rating. But it’s also hugely entertaining and relentless in its parade of horrors.

Darryl Webber
As Louis Theroux returns with a gripping series about birth, love and death in the US, he tells KERI-ANN ROPER why he thinks people are willing to tell him their stories and which A-list star he would most like to interview

\[Image of Louis Theroux with glasses on, and text about his series and topics covered.\]

**Why do people open up to me?**

**Having glasses and being a bit of a geek doesn’t hurt**

The short answer is that I think I’ll always be someone who works on location in live situations. I’d never be on a shiny floor show.

I’d never do conventional entertainment. Not out of any sense of snobbery, it’s just I wouldn’t be any good at it. I get too nervous. I get all jittery.

**So no unrequited dreams you’re desperate to fulfil?**

I WOULD like to get back to doing some celebrity-type shows. As in profiling, finding a way of either reinventing ‘When Louis Met’ or finding some other different type of location filming.

**Who would be your targets for celebrities?**

WELL, we don’t think of them as targets. We think of them as subjects. If it was a dream list, it would probably be Tom Cruise. But you’d have to get full access to him in his Scientology mode.

**What other channels do you admire in terms of documentary making? Would you be willing to go to any of them – Netflix, ITV, Channel 4…?**

I REALLY feel very lucky to have worked at the BBC and I think that every conversation at work now seems to involve the word Netflix. And you know – like everyone – I watch Netflix.

I think Netflix could never really have incubated or allowed what I do in the sense that it allowed me to spend 20 years and getting it sometimes a bit wrong and sometimes right, and developing, with the team – the strategies, the techniques, the telling the stories.

I think we have something to be very grateful for in the UK having the BBC. And I feel happy there.

**Louis Theroux’s Altered States is on BBC2 on Sundays at 9pm and on BBC iPlayer.**
■ THE nights may be dark but your wardrobe doesn’t have to be. And there’s nothing like a red dress to give you a bit of ‘oomph’ to take on the day. This ruffle-front Mahalia dress, £299 by Hobbs, would look fabulous with slouchy boots on a Sunday lunch date.

■ DRESS for Success, a charity which helps to get vulnerable women back into the workplace, has collaborated with fashion brand Rock on Ruby on a range of tote bags. Each one features a career-based quote from a successful woman such as designer Jane Rockett of Rockett St George and blogger Natalie Lee from Style Me Sunday and a cool illustration from Dom and Ink’s Dominic Evans. The bags are £16 each at rockonruby.co.uk and proceeds go to Dress For Success.

■ HAVE you boarded the ‘ugly trainer’ band wagon yet? Blame Gucci, blame Balenciaga... whichever designer you think brought this trend about, it doesn’t seem to be going away any time soon and now the high street has got in on the act. Team these chunky ones from Office with a floaty midi skirt for an edgy look, £39, Office.

■ IF THE sudden drop in temperature has caught you coat unawares, allow us to point you in the direction of Dorothy Perkins. This grey marl duvet coat will keep you snuggly on the coldest of days, £60, dorothyperkins.com

Printed jacket £119, trousers £39, sheer metallic blouse £49.99, necklace £15.99, platform boots £189, belt £25.99, all Zara

Sequinned highneck velvet dress £59, Warehouse

Gold Jocelyn jacket £130, gold Laurent trousers £110, AQ, aqaq.com
 Versatile velvet

IT FEELS as though there has been a shift on our favourite photo sharing site. Savvy influencers are falling over themselves to show us how genuine their feed is, including wearing (shock horror) past season clothes. They are attempting to add a splash of reality by dropping the super-polished facade that they believe Instagram demands and letting us see the reality behind their heavily-filtered pictures.

Now influencers are opting for more ‘organic’ pictures and stories designed to be self-deprecating and more self-aware which in turn is supposed to make them appear less rehearsed and more real.

It’s come about amid a backlash from consumers beginning to feel they were being shown an augmented version of reality (AKA being duped) rather than getting a truthful insight, and when influencers are using their feed to sell products from clothes to homeware to beauty, it’s even more important the consumer trusts the person and believes their claims.

Influencers are legally required to be transparent about brands who are paying them to wear or talk about their clothes. The Advertising Standards Agency states they must include the relevant hashtags for eg. #Ad #sponsored and even to disclose if they were sent the item they’re championing as a gift, loan or have some way benefited from the post.

Who cares if the influencer only wore the dress for five minutes to photograph it? Or that the miracle wrinkle cream she endorses is in fact the result of Botox and regular facials? We do!

I want to be inspired by the images I see on Instagram, not made to feel like I’m being sold to.

I want to see how my favourite influencers style their homes and see what my favourite stylists are buying but it’s only credible if it’s believable and genuine. Let’s watch and see which influencers are listening.

Q&A

Q I LOVE all the berry coloured velvet in the magazines. I would love a jumpsuit for my work party. What do you suggest?

A THIS grape coloured jumpsuit from Boden is perfect! It is available now, priced £180.

• JOANNE is a stylist and personal shopper with more than 12 years experience in the fashion industry. Email: Joannecwatkinson@me.com

Vicky’ velvet jumpsuit £80, Monsoon


Jacket £104, slim-leg trousers £35, blouse £29.50, silver courts £25, all Marks & Spencer

This soft fabric is enjoying a style renaissance as this season’s look. Here are six different ways to wear it. By AMBER GRAAFLAND

JOANNE WATKINSON

Is Instagram too good to be true?

Kit itself

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Daddy cool

Dads should be seen as equal parents, not babysitters, the authors of a new book tell LISA SALMON

On average, dads spend less than half the amount of time mums do with their kids, often not having full responsibility for their children all during the week. While many surveys suggest most people support the idea of equal parenting – around 60% of people back each parent doing an equal share - less than 4% of new dads take any shared parental leave. Shockingly, a third of new fathers don’t even use their two weeks of paternity leave.

Established teen fiction author Neal Shusterman has a dual credit with his son, film writer Jarrod Shusterman, and it’s no surprise they are adapting Dry for the screen as it seems written with echoes of a Hunger Games-style survival of the fittest ethos. A pacy, gripping read which naturally better parents isn’t our favour to the child’s mum.

“So if you hear people talking ‘paternity gap’, you can challenge them on it. Ask if they’d say the same about a mum in that situation.”

**CHALLENGE THE IDEA THAT DADS BABYSIT**

DAVID and James stress that dads are just as responsible for children as mums, yet their book takes its name from the number of times they were told they were ‘babysitting’ when looking after their kids.

“The word ‘babysitting’ means temporarily looking after someone else’s children. No-one would tell a mum she’s babysitting her own kid,” says David.

“When someone tells me I’m babysitting my own kid, they’re unwittingly buying into the idea that I’m doing it as a favour to the child’s mum. ‘I’m actually just looking after my own kid.’

He points out that the latest research shows that makes us naturally better parents isn’t our sex, but the time we spend alone looking after our babies.

“So if you hear people talking about dads as back-up parents without real responsibility for their own kids, challenge them on it. Ask if they’d say the same about a mum in that situation.”

**CHANGE THE WAY YOU APPROACH BABY GROUPS**

MEN aren’t brought up to sing in public, James points out, and this means rhyme-time type events are off-putting to dads. There are two possible solutions to this, he says. Men can do more singing with their kids in the house, shower, car, etc, or they can try to set up events that appeal to men more.

“Instead of calling it Rhyme Time, call it Mini Rock Club,” suggests James. “Whatever it takes. It’s dads and mums who can make the change happen.”

**GIVE NURSERY OR SCHOOL DAD’S NUMBER**

MAKE it normal for both parents to field the nursery or school calls. When your child starts there, put dad’s name and number first on any forms so both parents can call the shots and step up for childcare emergencies.

**USE YOUR LEAVE**

DAVID says the evidence is clear that, when a dad takes full responsibility for childcare on his own, he’s significantly more in that situation. “Instead of calling it Rhyme Time, call it Mini Rock Club,” suggests James. “Whatever it takes. It’s dads and mums who can make the change happen.”

**Food staying down, sleeping for 12 hours... is**

**THE TWINS**

THE twins were enjoying a meal of spiced lentils and rice. To occupy their minds, I was singing Snoop Doggy Dogg’s Gin and Juice in the style of a nursery rhyme, minus the fruity language. In the background, Victoria was preparing fork-crushed banana with a creamy full fat Greek yoghurt.

This was how I imagined child care might be. Unfortunately, there wasn’t a nanny, but it was a sophisticated evening of song, good food and babbling with no crying or vomit.

Dessert was met with a gentle approval and I was fast asleep. It was 7pm and freedom was ours, within the confines of the house.

Life is for living so we chose to watch television in a semi-comatose state, while eating Quality Street, the traditional Christmas chocolate – a festive treat that will be a year-round phenomenon for the twins are teenagers. It was a full 12 hours before we heard from Thomas and Emma again. They’d both slept through the night and woken up at a reasonable 7am. Breakfast was steel-cut...
the hard work finally behind us?

porridge oats with an organic blueberry jus followed by a toasted sourdough loaf and salt-free butter. They ate the lot and passed their compliments onto the kitchen team. As we sat and discussed the many challenges of orchestrating children, work, food, shopping and an MOT, I thought ‘we’re doing alright, we might make it’. It’s taken 12 months to master the gentle art of rearing children but have we cracked it? There’ve been a few stumbling blocks, but life is all about learning. I’ve learned not to leave the children with drunk, potentially homeless men because they’ve got a nice-looking dog, while you go into a shop that can’t fit a double buggy. I’ve also learned not to leave a baby unattended on a changing mat, while you get some wipes, in case it falls onto the floor. And I’ve learned to double check the car seat straps in case you arrive at a destination and notice you’ve forgotten to secure them. Obviously, these things never happened directly to me but are worthwhile lessons for any parent. It feels like the hard work is behind us and they’re growing into proper little people. Before we know it, they’ll be in their own houses, earning money and changing my soiled nappies.

END DOUBLE STANDARDS
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WATCH FOR ‘DUMB DAD’ STEREOTYPES
JAMES says people, especially children, often form views from what they see on TV, and points out that Homer Simpson is “probably the most famous father on the planet”, yet he’s a terrible example of fatherhood.

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“But childcare is as manly as a dad wants to make it,” says David. “The publicity campaigns to promote parental leave in countries like Sweden showed tattooed, bearded and bushy men looking after their babies, and loving it. There are dads out there who are owning fatherhood, willing to ‘man-up and change the nappy’. “If you’re not already one of them, join them!”

Watchfor ‘dumb dad’ stereotypes...

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Equal parenting is key when it comes to raising a family

likely to continue that caring responsibility as his child grows.

“If dads take shared parental leave alone, use flexible working to care for their kids, or even alternate with their partner at weekends to take the lead on caring for the kids, it can benefit the whole family for a lifetime,” he stresses. He also points out that dads who are more involved with their families are happier, healthier and live longer, and mums with partners who do their bit enjoy better mental health and higher earning power.

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CATH KIDSTON ADVENT CALENDAR
WHAT’S INSIDE: The pretty townhouse design conceals 24 little hand and body treats, like bathing salts, body lotion and hand cream, all in delightful floral fragrances such as rose, mandarin blossom, or the seasonal special Mistletote Garlands.

THE BODY SHOP 24 DAYS OF THE ENCHANTED ADVENT CALENDAR
WHAT’S INSIDE: Olivia the Owl’s 24-piece flock includes bath and body favourites like strawberry shower gel, coconut body lotion and a couple of bath bombs, plus handy accessories like a cleansing sponge and brow comb.

L’OCCITANE CLASSIC BEAUTY ADVENT CALENDAR
WHAT’S INSIDE: L’Occitane fans will recognise many of the mini versions encased in this colourful collection, which was designed by French fashion house Castelbajac. Shea Butter Hand Cream, Almond Shower Oil and Verbena Eau de Toilette are just some of the pint-sized favourites found inside.

BIRCHBOX BEAUTY ADVENT CALENDAR
WHAT’S INSIDE: The Birchbox calendar brings together cult classics and new heroes from 24 beauty brands, including Pixi, Make Up For Ever, Lord & Berry, Benefit and Rituals.

MOLTEN BROWN OPULENT INFUSIONS ADVENT CALENDAR
WHAT’S INSIDE: Six of the 24 treats in this ravishing red box are full size, including new festive eau de toilette Muddled Plum. A range of shower gels, lotions and mini scented candles ensure you’ll be pampering yourself well into the New Year.

THE SPACE NK ADVENT CALENDAR
WHAT’S INSIDE: Packed with products from legendary make-up brands like Nars, Hourglass and Kevyn Aucoin, plus luxury skincare from the likes of Eve Lom, Darphin and Goldfaden MD, the first advent calendar from Space NK is a beauty lover’s dream come true.

Calendar girls...

Countdown to Christmas in style with this year’s best beauty advent calendars, says KATIE WRIGHT

W HO could have guessed when the first beauty advent calendars hit the shops a few years ago, that they would become such a huge phenomenon.

Back then, only a handful existed and they quickly sold out - but now there are tons to choose from, each offering 24 days worth of pampering pressies in the lead up to Christmas.

There’s a better budget range too, with calendars starting from less than £15 and going way up to three figures for luxury selections.

They still all represent excellent value for money though, with more expensive offerings worth more than two or three times what they would cost, were you to buy all the products inside individually.

And who can put a price on the excitement you get every morning, when you open the little door to find out what mini treat awaits?

So which should you choose? We’ve surveyed this year’s contenders and narrowed it down to our best buys, from bargain to blow-out.

Here are 2018’s best beauty advent calendars...

Nailberry L’Oxygéné Oxygenated Nail Polish - Hippie Chic, £14.50, nailberry.co.uk: I am not normally one for pinks preferring darker colours but this was a really pretty rustly pink, very autumnal. Two coats gave decent coverage and it went on smoothly. After a few days though it was already chipping.

Leighton Denny Modern Bohemia - Bohemian Spirit, £12, ld-boutique.com: This slate grey is a lovely shade for autumn and winter, needed to apply two coats for a decent colour and it did begin to wear off at the ends after a day or two. Maybe apply a clear top coat if you want it to last.

Barry M Molten Metal Nail Paint - Crystal Blue, £3.99, Superdrug: I love this shade. I felt like I had mermaid fingernails. It took a couple of coats to build up a good colour and actually I think a third would have made it look even better. Sadly one of my nails had already chipped within 24 hours which was disappointing.

Lord & Berry, Benefit and Rituals. including Pixi, Make Up For Ever, Kevyn Aucoin false eyelashes to look, um, super false, Rosamund Pike, right, created her natural, yet glamorous look at the recent premiere of her new movie, A Private War, using KISS Haute Couture’s Trio Lashes. Priced £7.49 at Superdrug, the individual lashes come in various lengths to enhance your eyes. Rosamund is wearing the ‘X-short’ length.

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Glossworks – Fantastick Nude, £12, feelunique.com: A little bottle that packs a lot of staying power. Fantastick Nude is a perfect colour for daywear and goes with everything. It also survived several grime antidotes and a shopping spree without chipping. An all-round winner.

We 24 days of Beauty Charity Advent Calendar
WHAT’S INSIDE: Six of the 24 treats in this ravishing red box are full size, including new festive eau de toilette Muddled Plum. A range of shower gels, lotions and mini scented candles ensure you’ll be pampering yourself well into the New Year.

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Beginning with the top highlighted letter, follow a continuous path of words associated with the given subject. The trail goes through each letter once, twisting up, down and sideways, but never diagonally.

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Two Speed Crossword
This two-speed crossword has two sets of clues, but just one grid. If you can’t solve the Cryptic clue, try the Quick.

Cryptic
Across
6. A poor fiddler outside the door (7)
7. Crouch down — it’s an illegal occupation (5)
9. A number of them give you the time of your life (5)
10. Leaves high and dry on the beaches (7)
12. Washing may depend on it (11)
14. Superstition, but missing something? (11)
16. Piece of bread the French break into bits (7)
19. Get even? (5)
21. It’s irritating, getting only a little credit in support (6)
22. He’s not a particular person (7)

Down
1. Tighten up on one’s salary? (5)
2. A gunsmith adds it to his stock (6)
3. Its line is straightforward (5)
4. It will come as a sudden blow (6)
5. It ends a flight in two ways (7)
8. Bacon’s lines (7)
11. Makes slow progress by streetcar (7)
13. It makes a man keen on money, and a woman on food (7)
15. Stay to put mother in control (8)
16. It’s a necessity to want to exist (4,2)
17. A description of one found wanting (5)
20. The last thing one aims for (3)

Quick
Across
6. Abide (7)
7. N. American Indian woman (5)
9. Periods of time (5)
10. Threads (7)
12. Laundry-drying item (11)
14. Disregarding (11)
18. Pudding (7)
19. Equal (5)
21. Punget (5)
22. Any person (7)

Down
1. Fastening device (5)
2. Keg (6)
3. Insect (3)
4. Storm (6)
5. Ailting (7)
8. Contrasting stripes (7)
11. Ambles (7)
13. Greed (7)
15. Stay (8)
16. A necessity (4,2)
17. Poor (5)
20. Finish (3)

Sudoku
There is one simple rule in Sudoku. Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

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Pathfinder

Quiz
1. Zoë Kravitz and James Franco are the stars of which new science fiction film, set in a futuristic Detroit?
2. Which conservative European country is Valletta the capital?
3. Which flightless black-and-white bird has emperor and fairy varieties?
4. What is the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina?
5. Which estate in East Sussex is the site of an international festival of opera?
6. By what name was Yugoslav statesman Josip Broz known?
7. What is the name given to the burial place of Egyptian pharaohs such as Tutankhamun near Thebes?
8. Which US state was founded by English Quaker William Penn?
9. What is the central colour of a rainbow?
10. Which French city is a meeting place for the European Parliament?

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Located in a private gated community, these five modern properties are all new to the market and are chain-free SEE PAGES 44&45
THE BIG FIVE

A series of luxurious new-builds in Shenfield are on the market and could make the perfect home for anyone wishing to move to the area.

Situated in a private gated community the five modern properties all have an emphasis on being light and spacious. The first two properties are both four-bedroom detached bungalows both priced at £750,000. Finished to a high specification throughout, they feature a large entrance hall leading to a kitchen-diner-family room with high ceilings and bi-folding doors opening to the garden.

The master bedroom has an en-suite in addition to a spacious main bathroom. These are both available to buy now.

The third property is a unique four-bedroom detached home. It has a bright and open hallway that is open to the first floor level with a galleried landing. Bi-folding doors open up on to a large rear garden, perfect to enjoy the weather on a summer’s afternoon.

On the market for £875,000 this property is available for reservation.

The fourth property is a beautiful five-bedroom, two ensuite detached home, that is currently available for reservation.

The ground floor includes a spacious combined kitchen-diner-family room, a lounge, shower room and utility room.

The master bedroom on the first floor comes with a dressing room area and an ensuite. Doors from the kitchen area open up on to the spacious garden creating a home that is filled with natural light.

The fifth property has not been fully completed yet, but will be finished in the high standard and similar style to the other properties and will be on the market for £1,200,000. The kitchens all include integrated appliances and beautiful granite work surfaces.

The properties also come with a double garage, underfloor heating to the main living areas, an alarm system, and a new home warranty.
There is danger in the dark

November nights are the burglar’s best friend - take steps now to protect your valuables

Many people get miserable when the clocks go back. But for one group, the hour change is bonanza time. Britain’s burglars love darker evenings - it can mean getting into your property, stealing your valuables and disappearing before you get home.

According to Churchill Home Insurance, November is the worst month for burglaries. There’s a claim - on average - every four minutes. That adds up to nearly 10,000 during the month.

And that’s not counting break-ins not reported to insurers. Some homes do not have cover. But many victims don’t think a claim is worthwhile - it could be below the value of their excess (that’s the first slice of the claim the policyholder pays) or they don’t want to affect their no claims record.

From late October to late November the night starts almost two hours earlier leading to this month seeing break-ins up by 18% over the average for the year. Thieves are also aware the next weeks are the most important in the year for acquiring new items. Combining Black Friday, Cyber Monday and the festive season means lots of homes have lots of unopened parcels and packets.

It’s easier and more lucrative for burglars to sell an untouched computer in its original box than a used machine.

According to Churchill’s figures, Northern Ireland and London see the biggest increase in burglaries during November rising some 30% while the North East actually sees a nine per cent fall - no one seems able to explain this fall off.

The only good news is burglaries fall in December. Thieves take a break like the honest rest of us, and as they’ve done so many extra in November, there’s less left to nick in the last month of the year.

Churchill’s head of home insurance Martin Scott says: “This analysis highlights the importance of being extra vigilant as we approach the winter months, with burglars preferring to operate under the cover of darkness. As the nights draw in, it’s important to take extra security precautions to make life as hard as possible for intruders.”

But oddly enough, where there is no street lighting or it’s turned off, burglars stay away. They need some light to steal by and generally won’t risk becoming visible by using torches on really dark roads.

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As night falls earlier and earlier criminals will use this to cover their activities - take care you don’t fall victim

THINGS TO REMEMBER

■ Ultra bright security lights, left, scare intruders. But ensure they are not triggered by every passing squirrel or cat - then neighbours either ignore them or see them as a nuisance.
■ Many homes have now installed some form of closed circuit television. This can deter break-ins if thieves know it is there. But always take care that the burglars can’t steal the TV equipment.
■ Take extra care with remote or phone operated locks on your home. Burglars may be able to work around them – just as car thieves have done with some motor systems.
■ Never advertise that you have a safe at home. Thieves know where they are most likely kept and how to remove them.
■ Don’t display expensive jewellery in a way that can link you with your home.
■ Many insurance policies include replacement windows and new locks if the burglary causes breakage.

The prospect of all the sales and present buying over the next month or so is irresistible to thieves.
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Whether you host dinner parties, family lunches or meals for one, give your dining table a makeover fit for a Michelin Star eatery

CHRISTMAS is fast approaching and chances are at some point during the festivities, your dining table is going to take centre stage. If yours has seen better days, now is the perfect time to start thinking about a revamp. There are plenty of ways to give your dining table a first-class makeover, no matter what your budget.

SUITE DREAMS
GONE are the days when buying a new dining table meant buying a complete dining suite. The wealth of choice on the market today means if only part of your dining suite needs replacing, there is something out there to suit. So if your chairs are in really good condition, but your table has seen better days, find one that works with your existing furnishings. And by works, don’t be afraid to pair mismatched pieces. Shop around local salvage yards or online stores to find one-off pieces.

If you’re in the market for new chairs, again mix and match. You could always go for the same style in different shades of the same colour, or completely different chairs in the same colour. Or simply buy four different chairs that you absolutely love, regardless of colour and style.

CENTRE OF ATTENTION
ADDING a seasonal centrepiece is an easy way to ramp up the style in your dining room. Before you worry you’re going to have to get all Blue Peter and start foraging in your garden for the perfect shaped leaf or pine cone, a centrepiece can be as minimalistic or over the top as your like.

It doesn’t have to be homemade either. A simple candle, a fresh bouquet of flowers or a small sculptural pieces will do the trick. Take inspiration from your home’s existing style and add some seasonal flair, such as small baubles or fairy lights at Christmas, and freshly-picked blooms in the summer months.

COVER ALL
ONCE upon a time, a table setting wouldn’t be complete without a table cloth. But with the rise of minimalism and laidback dining, table cloths just aren’t as popular. However, if you’ve just bought a pretty pricy dining table, you might want to do what you can to protect your new investment.

Table runners and mats will protect your table from marks made by hot dishes and can be neatly tucked away once meal time is over. If your table is used more frequently for other purposes, homework for example, an aesthetically pleasing PVC cloth will keep your table top in pristine condition and free from felt tip.

Plus, if you are hosting a swanky dinner party all you need to do is whip it off and voila, a perfectly pristine table underneath.

SMALL CHANGES
NEW crockery, cutlery and charger plates will make a big impact without breaking the bank. The great news if you’re looking to change up your existing pieces is the wealth of choice on the market.

Cutlery is available in all manner of shades, from iridescent metals to Scandi-inspired matt black, while the crockery market has everything you could ever wish for and more. From the most pared back white china pieces to sets that contrast beautifully, there is something for all tastes. Charger plates – which are traditionally used to dress a table for more formal occasions – are becoming increasingly popular in the home for dinner parties and supper clubs. They are ideal if you want to add that all important finishing touch.

Lesley Taylor is the author of 10 interior design books and has appeared on a range of network TV shows, including This Morning, giving inspirational advice on home styling. Go to lesleytaylor.co.uk for more on her work.

For a fuss-free finish invest in a beautiful table that requires little to no decoration

Create your own centrepiece to complement your home’s style

Keep your centerpieces seasonal by adding finishing touches, such as these Christmas tree candles from Broste Copenhagen

If budget is tight, invest in statement crockery and cutlery to give your dining room a boost in the style stakes

For a modern look

Team contemporary seats with a classic dining suite

TABLE SERVICE

TOP TIPS FOR UPDATING YOUR DINING TABLE

1. Let budget decide what new pieces to invest in.
2. Not everything has to match.
3. Take inspiration from your existing décor and the seasons.
4. Consider upcycling.
5. Keep your dining table in tip top condition with a protective tablecloth

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It might be a great solution but building an annex is a big decision. **LISA SALMON** discusses the granny flat boom.

Thanks to rising property prices and expensive care home fees, a growing number of families are opting to live with, or right next to older relatives, by building granny flats on their homes.

The National Federation of Builders (NFB) says an annex occupied by an elderly or disabled family member has a 100% council tax discount.

Depending on how it’s built and your preferences, bills may be shared between the family home and the granny flat, potentially saving money (assuming granny or grand-dad doesn’t have the heating on all the time).

**Points to ponder before giving a home to a relative**

A BRIDGE PRIOR TO CARE
While it may not be possible for an elderly person to avoid going into a care home eventually, a granny annex can offer a useful bridge between independence and the provision of care.

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**SHARED BILLS**
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**PLAN FOR FUTURE NEEDS**
Think carefully not just about the elderly person’s needs now, but what they may be in the future. If your granny annex is two storeys, do the bedroom and toilet need to be downstairs in case mobility becomes an issue in later years?

**CHOOSE BUILDERS CAREFULLY**
A new-build can also be very stressful, so choose your builders carefully. The NFB’s Find a Builder (builders.org.uk/find-a-builder) helps people contact reputable builders who’ve been strictly vetted and have undergone a range of reference checks.

**DO IT SOONER NOT LATER**
Moving can be very stressful for anyone, but especially for an older person. A decision to build a granny flat needs to be made sooner rather than later i.e. before an elderly relative is in desperate need of an accommodation change, and while they’re still reasonably mobile if possible.

**GET LEGAL ADVICE**
It’s important to discuss, and get legal advice if necessary, what happens if either the younger family or the older relative wants to sell up and move to a different property but the others don’t want to sell.

**COMMUNICATION IS KEY**
Honest and detailed discussions are crucial, both with the builder before construction about the budget, timescale and exactly what you and the elderly relative want, and with your relative about how bills will be paid (if they’re shared), who’s responsible for the garden if it’s shared, whether you eat together, whether you knock before entering each other’s homes, etc.

**BE PREPARED FOR RELATIONSHIP BREAKDOWNS**
It may also be worth seeing a solicitor to discuss what happens if there’s a relationship breakdown, as one of the family homeowners may demand their share of the property in divorce proceedings. What happens to the granny flat occupant then?
World’s best mums

If you’re desperate for a late show, you can’t beat the chrysanthemum in November

The Chinese have a saying - “if you would be happy for a lifetime, grow chrysanthemums”. They’ll certainly make you happy in November by bringing cheer and colour to otherwise flowerless plots.

It’s perhaps for this reason that garden ‘mums’ are making a big comeback. Increasingly, gardeners want more value from their smaller plots all year round and are attracted to plants that will deliver colour and extend seasonal interest in the garden.

Wildlife such as hoverflies, bees and butterflies will also appreciate that extra bit of nectar. So if you like rich autumn colours such as ruby red, deep pink, russet, yellow, gold and orange, then mum’s the word.

Hardy chrysanthemums flower from around September through to November or even as late as December in some areas, and are not to be confused with florist chrysanthemums which are far showier but need to be lifted over winter.

Check when purchasing that they are in fact hardy – garden centres also sell bedding types that won’t last through the winter so you may need to purchase from a specialist nursery instead. In very cold areas it would be a good idea to cover the crowns with a dry mulch to protect over winter.

Hardy mums will do best in open sunny positions - they’ll blend well in a mixed border and are also great for pots and containers. Plant alongside other later flowering perennials such as rudbeckias and asters for a really jolly display.

When planting, prepare soil as you would for most herbaceous perennials with a generous dollop of well-rotted garden manure or compost.

During the season be careful not to overfeed as you can get floppy growth. Pinching out when they are developing buds can help promote bushier growth, or do the Chelsea chop to cut them back in late May/early June to maintain a compact shape.

Cut down after flowering and mulch around the crown. Like most late flowering perennials, if you need to lift and divide, do so in spring. Doing this every couple of years will stop them becoming woody and leggy. You can also propagate from cuttings in May.

The main problem you will encounter is chrysanthemum white rust. This is a fungus that does well in cold, wet conditions and is identifiable by yellow and brown spots on the leaf with corresponding pustules on the underside which can turn white.

It can lead to shrivelled leaves or general stunted growth. As with most fungi, you need to be vigilant and remove and destroy any affected leaves or the complete plant if severely affected. Fungicides need to be applied regularly to be effective.
**PLANT OF THE WEEK**

**Couch grass (Elymus repens)** is a bit of a nightmare weed to get rid of. It’s similar to bindweed, with its fleshy white underground stems known as rhizomes spreading rapidly. The challenge is to dig out these rhizomes as even a small piece left in the soil can rapidly regenerate into a new colony. It’s bad enough in a border where it quickly gets entangled with other plants. In the case of a lawn, you can try digging up the weed in situ or completely lift the turf and dig out the whole area, making sure the soil is completely clean before returfing it.

**FATSIA JAPONICA**

The Japanese aralia is an elegant evergreen shrub with eye catching foliage. Its lush palmate leaves lend it a subtropical appearance, so it is very useful if you like exotic looking planting schemes. Good in sun or partial shade in most types of soil that are well drained. At this time of year there is the added bonus of its unusual panicles of creamy flowers that form globes at the end of the stems. These will remain on the plant for most of November before developing into black berries.

**ASK DIARMUID**

Q Can you help me with a lawn problem? I have quite a few patches of couch grass. I’ve tried most brands of feed and weed, I’ve tried cutting it four different ways, I’ve even tried cutting it, then going around and cutting it again with a small hand-held bush cutter (the one for box edging). Scarifying doesn’t have an effect on it either. I would appreciate your advice on it.

Malcolm Rushton

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Years of breeding have resulted in many different varieties – you’re spoilt for choice when it comes to colour.

- **Mei Kyo** is an old favourite covered with masses of rich pink pompom flowers. Forms a neat mound 70cm in height.
- **Emperor of China** is another old variety with silvery pink double flowers. The leaves turn red in autumn and the flowers can last until December.
- **Chelsea Physic Garden** has lots of warm red flowers with bronze underside.
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Feeling adventurous? **GABRIELLE FAGAN** reveals three routes for channeling nomadic travel-inspired themes

### Destination style

**S**ome trends suit those who like to play it safe, but ‘Nomadic Modern’ certainly isn’t one of them. This is a decor direction for those who want to push the creative boundaries, are open to inspirations from all over the world, and love curating their exotic treasures into schemes which ooze personality.

Tempted? There are three key routes available if you want to journey to this style destination, and join the nomadic decor tribe.

If you’re an intrepid adventurer, show off your souvenirs in a colourful, quirky way with a dash of bohemian, or simply but subtly pick up on tribal patterns and layer them against an earthy rich colour palette.

Alternatively, the stay-at-home but stylish could opt for a sophisticated, uber-contemporary scheme that just hints at global glamour.

Be adventurous and take a style journey – no passport required! Just follow the experts’ simple guide to joining the global gang...

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**LET TEXTILES TELL A FAR AWAY STORY**

**Says Wayfair stylist Nadia McCowan Hill**

‘If one word defines this trend, it’s textiles, textiles, textiles!’ enthuses Nadia McCowan Hill, resident style advisor at Wayfair.

‘Don’t be afraid of vibrant hues or colour-clashing, as this trend is reserved for the bold. Bear in mind though, that the look should be eclectic and fresh, rather than rigidly devoted to a single style. Accents of metallics, such as a golden sunburst mirror or a bronze or copper lantern or tray, can add an essential touch of glamour and richness.’

Abundant greenery is an essential finishing touch, adds Nadia, who suggests lavishing a home with luscious foliage, from elegant palms to trailing hanging plants.

**TRIBAL TIP:** This is a great opportunity to show off your most prized treasures. Dig out trinkets and reminders of long-forgotten trips and display on a striking decorative tray or coffee table.
GET EARTHLY

says Kris Manalo, upholstery buyer at Heal’s

“This look allows people to truly explore, and have the freedom to create their own style,” says Kris Manalo, upholstery buyer at Heal’s.

“The nomadic trend fuses influences from every corner of the globe, to capture a wonderful sense of warmth, comfort and style. Capture elements of it by layering earthy, terracotta tones against refined neutrals,” she suggests.

“Bring personality with bold tribal prints and rich, wooden finishes. Pair vintage pieces with contemporary updates for an added layer of interest, and for a distinctively personal touch, look for hand-crafted accessories, which will give an organic sense of individuality to a room.”

TRIBAL TIP: Style with luxury materials – buttery leathers, knobbly knitted throws and cashmere cushions are ideal – to create a cosy, intimate and sophisticated sanctuary.
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Baskets are an easy way to bring the trend into your home. Wicker basket, £19

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**SHOP HOME**

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- **Fable three-seater sofa, £999, Harvey Norman**

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£465,000
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£975,000
GREAT WHERNE
Extremely high quality barn conversion in a picturesque village location with a rear garden, conservatory, workshop, garage. Garden. 2 double bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, gardens. Owner's sale. Sole agents.

£995,000
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Beautifully presented 3 double bedroom family home. Walking distance of village centre, train station and schools. 120ft rear garden. 5 mins walk to station. Luxury kitchen/breakfast room, large living/dining room, 2 double bedrooms, 2 en-suite, separate dining room, kitchen, utility, living room, dining/family room, 4-6 bedrooms, driveway, double car spaces, 100ft each facing rear garden. Sole agents.

£994,950
STANSTED (Recreation Ground)
GREAT WHERNE
Delightful ground floor and first floor 2 bedroom maisonette in an extremely rare and sought after location in the heart of Great Wherne. Separate entrance, entrance hall, large double bedroom, large sitting room. Large rear garden. Ground floor bedroom or study. 120ft rear garden. Sole agents.

£110,000
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Recently refurbished, unfurnished, top floor 2 bedroom apartment in a sought after location, close to a short walk to the town centre and train station. Entrance hall, two bedrooms, bathroom, good size living room and kitchen. Very close to the river. Free views to the rear over the River Stort.

£115,000
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Three bungalows, semi detached family home located within walking distance of excellent schools. Large reception rooms, kitchen, two bedrooms, two bathrooms, large rear garden. Gas fired central heating. Available now.

£119,000
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Two bungalows, semi detached family cottage with a lovely available rural location. Two reception rooms, kitchen, ground floor shower room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom and separate en-suite. Brickbuild boundary buildings for storage, five country side views and ample parking. Available now.

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• Two Bedroom House
• Mid Terrace
• Conservatory To Rear
• Gull-Duck Location
• Two Allocated Parking Spaces
• EPC Rating: Awaiting

£279,995

• Three Bedroom Mid Terrace
• Potential to Extend (STPP)
• Within Easy Reach of Good Transport Links
• Close to Local Shops & Amenities
• EPC Rating: D

£289,995

• Two Bedroom Mid Terraced House
• Two DOUBLE Bedrooms
• En-Suite To Master Bedroom
• Off Street Parking For Two Cars
• Recently Decorated Throughout
• EPC Rating: D

£299,995

• Two Bedroom Coach House
• Sought After Location
• Barn
• Two Garages
• Easy Access to Good Transport Links
• EPC Rating: C

Offers In The Region Of £210,000

• Three Bedroom Semi-Detached House
• Garage
• Off Street Parking
• En-Suite To Bedroom 1
• EPC Rating: C

£392,000

• Four Bedroom House
• Large Bedrooms Throughout
• Garden
• "Studio Flat" Style Outbuilding
• Newhall Location
• EPC Rating: C

£430,000

• Four Bedroom Detached
• Ground Floor Cloakroom
• Dressing Room & En-Suite
• Rear Garden Approx 35ft
• Garage & Driveway For 3 Cars
• EPC Rating C

£500,000

• Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
• CHAIN FREE
• In Need of Modernisation
• Off Street Parking for Two Vehicles
• En-Suite To Bedroom One
• Downstairs Cloakroom
• EPC Rating: Awaiting

£345,000

• Five Bedroom Detached
• Ground Floor Cloakroom
• Dressing Room & En-Suite
• Rear Garden Approx 35ft
• Garage & Driveway For 3 Cars
• EPC Rating C

£500,000

• Four Bedroom Detached Family Home
• Driveway & Tandem Garage To The Side
• En-Suite To Master Bedroom
• CHAIN FREE
• South Facing Rear Garden
• EPC Rating D

£500,000

• Four Bedroom Semi Detached
• Staff
• CHAIN FREE
• Offered In The Region Of £300,000

£680,000
Brook Lane Field

- Four Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Within Catchment of Sought After Local Schools
- Within Easy Reach of A414 / M11
- EPC Rating: E

£470,000

Wedney

- A Two Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
- One DOUBLE Bedroom
- Communal Driveway
- Lounge/ Diner
- EPC Rating: D

£210,000

Dadswod

- A One Bedroom Flat
- Located On The Second Floor
- Within Walking Distance To Chelmsford Town Shopping Centre
- Permit Parking
- EPC Rating: C

£169,995

Lower Meadow

- Three Bedroom End of Terrace
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Two Reception Rooms
- UPVC Double Glazing
- EPC Rating: E

£239,995

Waterhouse Moor

- Two Bedroom Terraced House
- Double Bedrooms
- Utility/ Storage Room
- Lounge / Diner
- EPC Rating: C

£250,000

Park Lane

- A Five Bedroom Semi-Detached Victorian Cottage
- Private Driveway
- Landscaped Rear Garden
- Downstairs WC & First Floor Family Bathroom
- EPC Rating: C

£649,995

School Lane

- Four Bedroom Detached Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- 10ft Logically Maintained Garden
- with Fruit Trees
- Balking Distance of Harlow Town Station
- Overlooking Harlow Town PArk
- EPC Rating: D

£775,000

Fold Craft

- A Two Bedroom End Of Terrace House
- Two DOUBLE Bedrooms
- Private Driveway
- First Floor Family Bathroom
- Larger Than Average Lounge/Diner
- EPC Rating: A Rating

£285,000

Woodcroft

- Three Bedroom End of Terrace
- Open Plan Lounge / Diner
- Two Reception Rooms
- Recently Re-Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- EPC Rating: D

£350,000
**THE MAPLES, HARLOW**  
- Three bedrooms  
- Kitchen/Diner  
- Study/Playroom  
- Cloakroom/W.C  
- EPC Rating: TBC  
- £325,000  
- Terrace Property  
- Immaculate Home  
- Garage & Driveway

**SADLERS MEAD, HARLOW**  
- Three bedrooms  
- Lounge/Diner  
- Double Glazed  
- EPC Rating: TBC  
- £295,000  
- Maize terrace home  
- Southerly Garden  
- Utility Room

**WHARLEY HOOK, HARLOW**  
- Three Bedrooms  
- Open Plan Living  
- Newly Built House  
- 10 Year Build Warranty  
- £340,000  
- £280,000  
- £294,995

**FULLERS MEAD, HARLOW**  
- Three Bedrooms  
- Lounge/Diner  
- Popular Location  
- Semi Detached  
- £339,995  
- £315,000

**PYTT FIELD, HARLOW**  
- Three Bedrooms  
- Modern Fitted Kitchen  
- Two Parking Spaces  
- £315,000  
- £340,000

**LODGE HALL, HARLOW**  
- Three Bedrooms  
- Double Reception  
- Immaculate Home  
- £299,995  
- £279,995

**FESANTS CROFT, HARLOW**  
- Three Bedrooms  
- Two Receptions  
- Immaculate Home  
- £294,995  
- £289,995

**FESANTS CROFT, CHURCH LANGLEY**  
- Three Bedrooms  
- Two Receptions  
- Immaculate Home  
- £294,995  
- £289,995

**AYNSLEY GARDENS, CHURCH LANGLEY**  
- Three Bedrooms  
- Lounge/Diner  
- £289,995

**BARN MEAD, HARLOW**  
- Three Bedrooms  
- Lounge/Diner  
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**BARN MEAD, HARLOW**  
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**BROOKLANE FIELD, HARLOW** £450,000
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- G/Floor Extension
- Landscaped Garden
- Semi Detached
- Modern Kitchen
- Garage & Driveway
- EPC Rating: D

**SAKINS CROFT, HARLOW** £340,000
- Three bedrooms
- Modern Kitchen
- Two Receptions
- Garage & Driveway
- Semi Detached
- Well Presented Throughout
- EPC Rating: B/C

**WESTBURY RISE, CHURCH LANGLEY** £560,000
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Family Room
- Conservatory
- Detached House
- Double Detached Garage
- Immaculate Home
- EPC Rating: D

**PARK AVENUE, HARLOW** £525,000
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Utility/WC
- Popular Location
- Semi Detached
- Driveway
- 100ft Garden
- EPC Rating: F

**ASHWORTH PLACE, HARLOW** £515,000
- Four Bedrooms
- Garage & Driveway
- Two Receptions
- Western Garden
- Detachable Family Home
- Detachable Location
- Utility & Cloakroom/WC
- EPC Rating: B/C

**FARNHAM CLOSE, SAWBRIDGEWORTH** £475,000
- Four Bedrooms
- Garage & Driveway
- Quiet Cul De Sac
- CHAIN FREE
- Detached Home
- Two Receptions
- Southerly Rear Garden
- EPC Rating: B/C

**TATTON STREET, NEWHALL** £465,000
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Immaculate Home
- En Suite Garage
- Detached House
- Two Receptions
- En Suite Shower
- EPC Rating: C

**ROUND HOUSE WAY, NEWHALL** £464,995
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Driveway
- Balcony
- NHBC Warranty
- Unit Detached
- Ensuite to Master
- Detachable Location
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**WATER HOUSE MOOR, HARLOW** £450,000
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- Garage & Driveway
- Detached House
- Westerly Garden
- CHAIN FREE
- EPC Rating: E

**DENBY GRANGE, CHURCH LANGLEY** £429,995
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Dressing Room
- Garage & Drive
- Ensuite Detached
- Ensuite to Master
- Canal Side Plot
- EPC Rating: C

**DACRES GATE, ONGAR** £415,000
- Two bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Ground Floor WC
- Cart Lodge Parking
- End Of Terrace
- Grated Development
- Exclusive Location
- EPC Rating: D

**BOWHILL WAY, FIFTH AVENUE** £365,000
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Modern Home
- Cul De Sac Location
- End Of Terrace
- Immaculate Condition
- Allocated Parking
- EPC Rating: B

**MULBERRY GREEN, OLD HARLOW** £364,995
- Two Bedrooms
- Modern Kitchen
- Open Plan Living
- Parking Area
- End Of Terrace
- Private Location
- EPC Rating: B

**MONKSbury, HARLOW** £350,000
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Garage & Driveway
- Popular Location
- Semi Detached Home
- Conservatory
- Cul De Sac Location
- EPC Rating: B/C

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- Guardian are delighted to offer this one bedroom ground floor flat in the private area of Market Wood, Harlow. This property benefits from allocated parking and secure telephone entry system. EPC - D. Available late May.

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- Guardian are delighted to offer this fully furnished two bedroom flat with an en-suite. This 3rd floor property benefits from allocated parking, neutral decor and is a perfect location for amenities. EPC - C. Available mid December.

**Torkildsen Way**
- **£1030 PCM**
- Great two bedroom apartment with allocated parking in the sought after private area of Fifth Avenue, Harlow. Walking distance to town centre, station and within close proximity of Harlow Town Park. With gas heating, neutral decor and integrated appliances including dishwasher. EPC - B. Available mid December.

**Tithelands**
- **£1100 PCM**
- Guardian are delighted to offer this well presented three bedroom home in Tithelands. This property benefits from gas heating, garage, downstairs wc and a fitted kitchen. EPC - C. Available mid January.

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- Guardian are delighted to offer this superb three bedroom home in Seymours, Katherines. This property benefits from a downstairs wc, gas heating, modern kitchen and bathroom and a rear garden. EPC - D. Available mid November.

**Perry Springs**
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- Guardian are delighted to offer this well presented three bedroom house in Perry Springs. This property also benefits from gas central heating, low maintenance garden and ample storage. EPC - C. Available mid December.

**Valeside**
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BY DAVID WARD

OME motorists still turn up their noses at the suggestion of owning and driving a van-based car everyday because of a perceived psychological belief it will be uncomfortable and they will be seen as a ‘white van man’ belting along our motorways.

Nothing of course could be further from the truth and it was Citroen some 22 years back that set about breaking such a mould with their first Berlingo aimed at the more cost-conscious family motorists who wanted a practical car, affordable to drive and with oceans of interior space.

Having sold over 1.7 million Berlingo cars since the concept hit our motorways, the naturally big bonus being its huge price tag.

The test car driven here is the M Flair equipped with a 1.5-litre 101bhp turbo diesel engine with five seats and a five-speed manual gearbox and priced on the road at £21,850 but with several optional extras on board pushed this figure to £25,095.

Two of those extras are well worth the money – the £700 for a Modutop roof, which provides a glass roof down the middle providing so much more light to come into the car and ideal for rear seat passengers and also includes invaluable extra storage head high storage space.

The other is a £400 head-up display on the front windscreen displayed directly in front of the driver’s eye vision (usually only offered on more expensive cars) which is an excellent safety aid.

Citroen though are a tad minor stingy in charging buyers and extra £100 for some load restraining net in the boot, which must cost only a few bob in production terms, and also another £100 for a smartphone charging plate under the dashboard when most rivals include that in their standard fittings.

There’s naturally plenty of headroom all round, good, high driving position and the rear seats fold down flat – even the front passenger seat does likewise giving a remarkable 2.7 metres of length for those extra long loads such as skis.

This latest Berlingo has far better quality furnishings and fittings than before, in fact they are quite posh, and for the driver there’s an easy to use eight-inch touchscreen infotainment system with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, reversing camera and well positions stalks and controls just as they are in any Citroen car today.

Obviously underneath many of the mechanical parts are identical to those used in the sister Peugeot Rifter and now the Vauxhall Combo Life after the Luton car maker was taken over by the French company last year.

Yet the Citroen team have again been quite clever in making this Berlingo different from those two stablemates with interior changes while from the outside the body styling remains distinctive Citroen with its traditional front grille, new headlights, bumper and side body trimmings.

As for driving this new Berlingo and yes there are still obvious traits of its van origins which on first experience may put off some pernickety but such as been the subtle changes made it’s now even more car-like to drive than ever before in my view.

The 1.5-litre turbo diesel engine in the test car was responsive enough and the five-speed manual gearbox convenient with decent nought up and down gearchange – there is a six-speed manual and an eight-speed automatic offered in some models.

The ride was certainly comfortable and the Berlingo easily soaking up the many bumps and divers in our road surfaces while once out on the motorway it was quiet running although because of its upright body there was some wind noise, mainly from the wing mirrors, but nothing to cause irritation.

In terms of fuel economy the test car Berlingo was extremely impressive with a best of 61.1mpg and only dropping to 55.8mpg over some 600 miles of testing on a variety of roads in differing traffic conditions.

The all-round ride is certainly much better this time around and whilst its van origins will obviously never totally disappear this latest Berlingo is more like driving and riding in a small family car and with the naturally big bonus being its huge amount of flexible luggage space making it a serious and practical mode for family motoring.
The hottest new car of the moment comes from a small factory in a French seaside town and could be yours tomorrow - if you’re happy to pay over the odds for an already used one.

You might never have heard of the Alpine name but for motor sport enthusiasts with long memories it means a little two-seater that punched well above its (light) weight in motorsport decades ago. Good to look at and fast enough to win the Monte Carlo Rally (twice, in the 1970s), the A110 was the sort of car that sticks in the memory.

Now you can have one - with the same name and same lightweight thinking but brought thoroughly up to date in a car that clearly takes its inspiration from the original in looks too.

Sitting beside an original, today’s A110 is clearly much bigger but the scales show how intensive use of aluminium for the body have made it much less portly than is normal today, especially for a car equipped with a long list of standard kit.

Those looks must have been one of the reasons the first 1,955 (in homage to the year Alpine began) special Premiere Editions of today’s Dieppe-built Alpine sold out in five days.

You can have one of the 140 cars sold in the UK but you’ll have to pay the original owner several grand more than the £51,905 he or she paid for their car and you still won’t be the first owner.

Or you can be patient and add your name to a waiting list stretching many months into the future for one of the two versions of Alpine A110 now on sale - the £46,905 Pure or £50,805 Legende. It will be worth the wait.

Renault has owned Alpine since 1973 and today’s car uses a Renault-derived 1.8 litre turbocharged engine sitting behind driver and passenger and powering the rear wheels through a seven-speed automatic gearbox.

Weighing as little as 1098kg, the Alpine makes good use of its 248bhp, powering to an electronically limited 155mph top speed and hitting 62mph in 4.5 seconds.

That lightness helps this potent machine record an official 46.3mpg in the official economy test and turn in a respectable 138g/km of tailpipe emissions too.

When the mood to make progress takes charge a push of a button turns the exhaust fruity and snaps the gearchanges through with positive intent but still keeps the car the right side of civilised.

Both versions come well equipped, with air conditioning, satellite navigation and leather trimmed seats in lightweight carbon fibre casings as standard. The posher version adds a fancy audio system, bigger alloy wheels, different leather trim and a parking camera yet.

Alpine’s quest for lightness has several beneficial effects, from a likely surprise when you check the fuel consumption to tyre wear. It also means the car can feel sporty without needing springs stiff enough to bounce you down the road.

In fact, the first and most lasting impression of a spirited drive is not the car’s speed but the almost absurd comfort of seats and a smooth ride.

So smoothly assured is progress that you don’t need to risk your driving licence to enjoy progress in the Alpine, enjoying perfectly weighted steering and powerful brakes at sensible speeds while contemplating the sort of long distance drives you’d make.
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add to the exterior package. And you’ll notice it as soon as you switch on the 1.2-litre, 4-cylinder turbocharged petrol engine which has been styled bumpers, chrome tailpipes and a large rear spoiler, aggressive styling, red flashes across the grille and game away, as do a matching pair of styled wheels. The GTI - which comes with either three or five doors - is the most potent of all the up! models and is knitted out with VW’s proven one-litre, three-pot turbocharged TSI petrol-powerplant which has been boosted to pump out 115ps at 5,000rpm.

The engine is larger than any of our competitor’s new cars!

Earlier this year, the German brand’s expanding family.

The newcomer certainly proved it was up! for the job both out on the open road and in heavier town traffic. Like all small city cars, the up! GTI is more comfortable on smooth roads, but it still rides well enough on more challenging surfaces, although you will feel the bumps a little bit more thanks to the car’s firmer-than-normal sports suspension.

Quick on the hoof and nippery around the town, the steering is light to the feel, while there is also masses of grip to keep the car on the straight and narrow. With its clean and simple lines, crisp contours, low waistline and large areas of glass, the little Volkswagen is as good looking as its larger siblings throughout the brand’s expanding family.

Inside, the GTI is pretty much similar to the rest of the up! range but with a few additional goodies and tweaks thrown in. First up! comes the well-loved classic Jacara tartan fabric-covered seats, which over the years have been reserved for all GTI variants.

In addition there is also a red and black gear knob, sporty GTI flat-bottomed multifunction steering wheel with unique red detailing, six-speaker sound system, air conditioning, a five-inch colour screen and IOS and Android smartphone interface system with USB connection.

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Tiger Crossing – Hamstel Road, Harlow

Road Description: The centre of the crossing is approximately 38.4 metres north-west of the north-western kerbline of Wych Elm access road (entrance).

Further details: A copy of the draft Order, a copy of this notice, a map illustrating the proposal, a copy of the order to be amended and a Statement of Reasons may be examined at reasonable hours at Network Assurance, A2 Annexe Sea House, Victoria Road South, Chelmsford; Harlow District Council, Civic Centre, The Water Gardens, Harlow and at Harlow Library, The High, Harlow. These documents can also be viewed on the Essex Highways website: http://www.essexhighways.org/Transport-and-Roads/Highway-Schemes-and-Developments/Traffic-Regulation-Orders.aspx

Objects and Representations: Anyone who wishes to object to the proposed waiting restriction Order or make representations to the proposed pedestrian crossing proposal should send the grounds for their objection in writing to TRD Comments, Network Assurance, A2 Annexe, Sea House, Victoria Road South, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1QH or e-mail to TrafficRegulation.Order@essexhighways.org quoting reference TRAF/6638, by 30 November 2018.

Notice of Making of an Order

Effective of the order: To revoke the existing ‘No Waiting/No Loading at Any Time’ restrictions on the following length of Hamstel Road in the District of Harlow as specified to allow the construction of a new Tiger Crossing:

Road: Hamstel Road,
BOTH SIDES: From a point approximately 16.4 metres north-west of the north-western kerb line of Wych Elm access road (entrance), in a north-westerly direction for a distance of approximately 44 metres.

This order will be incorporated into The District of Harlow (On Street) (Parking and Loading) (Consolidation) Order 2011 by substituting tile number TL440 100 revision 1 to revision 2.

Notice is hereby given that under Sections 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 the Essex County Council proposes to establish a Tiger Crossing on the following length of Hamstel Road in the District of Harlow located as follows:-

Road: Hamstel Road,
BOTH SIDES: From its junction with the northern side of the Tiger Crossing in a northerly direction for a distance of approximately 17.6 metres.

From its junction with the southern side of the Tiger Crossing in a southerly direction for a distance of approximately 17.6 metres.

Tiger Crossing

Hamstel Road, Harlow

Zig-Zags for the above Tiger Crossing will be installed on Hamstel Road, Harlow in the following locations:

BOTH SIDES: From its junction with the northern side of the Tiger Crossing in a northerly direction for a distance of approximately 17.6 metres.

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Section 26

Creation of a New Footpath

A part length of Footpath 42 commencing from grid reference 54339,20582 on the field boundary and running in a south south easterly direction across the field and then across the parish boundary where it becomes Footpath 42 Epping Upland and continues across the garden of Upland Lodge for a distance of 267 metres to grid reference S440,20556 where it connects to Footpath 44 Epping Upland will be diverted to a new route commencing at the same starting point and running in a south westerly direction along the field boundary and through a gap in the hedge line for a distance of 152 metres to grid reference 54326,20573 where it connects to Footpath 38 Nazeing.

Section 119

Diversion Order

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An exception applies to footpath which runs in a generally westerly direction on the northern side of the existing trees and then in a south westerly direction for a distance of approximately 100 metres to grid reference 53903,20674 and runs in a generally south westerly direction for a further distance of 126 metres to where the footpath connects to Nursery Road at grid reference 53883,20681.

Section 118

Extinguishment of Part of Footpath 1 Nazeing

A part length of Footpath 1 commencing from grid reference S3903,20674 where it joins the unaffected part of Footpath 1 and runs in a generally west westerly direction for a total distance of approximately 170 metres to grid reference S3888,20683 where it connects to the highway known as Nursery Road will be extinguished and replaced by the above Created Footpath.

A copy of the Orders and the Order Maps have been placed in and may be seen free of charge at Epping Forest District Council, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping, Essex CM16 4BZ and at Chelmsford Library, Market Road, during normal working hours. Copies are available on request from the Chelmsford Library at a charge.

Any representations about or objections to the Order may be sent in writing to Laurence Page, Definitive Map Service, Essex County Council, County Hall, A2 Sea House, County Hall, Chelmsford CM1 1QH or by e-mail to Laurence.east@essex.gov.uk quoting reference 53888,20683.

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Highways Act 1980 – Section 119

Public Path Orders 2018

Footpaths 1 & 42 Nazeing in The District of Epping Forest

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Section 119

Diversion Order

A part length of Footpath 42 commencing from grid reference 54339,20582 on the field boundary and running in a south south easterly direction across the field and then across the parish boundary where it becomes Footpath 42 Epping Upland and continuing across the garden of Upland Lodge for a distance of 267 metres to grid reference S440,20556 where it connects to Footpath 44 Epping Upland will be diverted to a new route commencing at the same starting point and running in a south westerly direction along the field boundary and through a gap in the hedge line for a distance of 152 metres to grid reference 54326,20573 where it connects to Footpath 38 Nazeing.

Section 26

Creation of a New Footpath

A length of footpath being 2 metres in width over and along ALL THAT strip of land situated south of Eastside Nursery Nazeing in the District of Epping Forest in the County of Essex being land between the existing length of path west of North Street and Nursery Road, shown on the map numbered NAZ C661 annexed hereto marked by a boldly dashed black line. The Footpath commences at grid reference S3903,20674 and runs in a generally westerly direction on the northern side of the existing trees and then in a south westerly direction for a distance of approximately 100 metres to grid reference S3883,20675 and then in a generally west north westerly direction for a further distance of 126 metres to where the footpath connects to Nursery Road at grid reference S3883,20681.

Section 118

Extinguishment of Part of Footpath 1 Nazeing

A part length of Footpath 1 commencing from grid reference S3903,20674 where it joins the unaffected part of Footpath 1 and runs in a generally west westerly direction for a total distance of approximately 170 metres to grid reference S3888,20683 where it connects to the highway known as Nursery Road will be extinguished and replaced by the above Created Footpath.

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Harlow Town's head of football operations, Shan Toms, has given a ringing endorsement of embattled manager Danny Chapman, despite the Hawks falling to the bottom of the Bostik League Premier Division table, after a seventh home league loss against Mersham.

Toms, who has been in the role for five months, defended Chapman's record.

"At the start of the season, we had five players remain from last season's squad and if you look at the fixture against Whitehawk in the FA Trophy and compare that squad to the first league game against the same side, we only have two players still with us," he said.

"Therefore, inevitably, it was always going to take time for the team to get to a position where it is set up to turn it around." 

Pair compete at Euro champs

Harlow triathletes Faith Jackson-Lee and her husband, Paul Lee, were competing for different countries at the European Triathlon Championships in Ibiza.

Faith was representing Team GB in two events. First up was the Aquathlon, an 800 metre, non wetsuit sea swim, followed by a 5k road run.

The 43-year-old finished seventh out of 23 in her age group (40-44) in a time of 39min 09sec (16:34 for the swim and 21:44 for the run). She then took part in the Aquabike – a 2k sea swim followed by a 45k bike. The bike course should have been 90K but was cut due to severe rain, thunder and lightning. Faith was fourth in the same age category in a time of 2hr 04min 49sec, completing the swim in 31:18 and bike in 1:27:31.

Hawks drop to foot of table after defeat

HARLOW Town's Matt Fay battles for the ball

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This league season is very unique, where two or three wins on the bounce will push you right up the league table, with teams beating their opposition regardless of what the league table reflects.

"Recent performances have been very encouraging, and I believe the squad is nearly at a place where it needs to be, if you take into account all the factors that Chapman [Chapman] has had to endure during pre-season and the first couple of months of the season, he has done a great job. "We must also remind ourselves that this is a record-breaking season, as it's our third consecutive season of no wins."

"Testament to Chappo as he has made that happen and I have utmost faith that our fortunes for this season will change, and we will all be smiling come the end of the season."

The Hawks' hoodie continued on Saturday courtesy of three second half goals from the visitors, with the game all square half-time.

The scoreline was disappointing given the fact Nathan Koranteng netted in just the second minute. The lead didn’t last too long, as Tashan Hayden-Smith scored in the 12th minute.

Mersham then dominated the second half to take home three points beginning in the 49th minute, with Tom Kavanagh. He scored a second in the 89th minute and Tom Bord scored in the 93rd, to give them their first away win of the season.

Harlow crashed out of the Essex Senior Cup on Tuesday night, losing 5-2 in a disappointing second half to Southend United’s U23 side.

Chapman’s men put in a strong shift in the first half, and goals from Tom Hitchcock and J. Da Cruz had them in the driving seat.

However, Southend were much improved in the second half, and two Isaac Hutchinson goals between finishes from Norman Wabo sent them through. Harlow are now winless at home in 11 games.

Three golds for Harlow's young judo players

A TEAM of six young players from Harlow Judo Club travelled to the University of East London to compete in the London Area Grade Banded competition.

The young Harlow squad was represented by nine-year-old Millie Morgan, Owen Lambert, 13, Sorin Petrica, 13, George Franks, 12, Eli Balski, nine, and Sam Cobbin-Brown, 11.

Five players fought in the Novice to sixth Men (yellow belt) group, and one in the orange and green belt group.

Millie was up first in the girls’ section. She fought magnificently in her weight group and was up against other red belts (up to third mon), winning all her fights by waza-ari throw and hold, taking a clean sweep of her category for gold.

Eli was competing against other red belts and lost his first fight, won his second, but went down in his third fight to drop him out of medal contention.

George went up a weight group and competed in the yellow belt section (up to sixth Men). He won the majority of his fights by waza-ari throw and hold to take him through to the final. He was up against a slightly stronger player who outfought him and had to settle for silver.

Sorin fought in the red belt section collecting a well earned bronze medal.

Sam was the last player in the yellow belt section. He won all his four fights in great style by ippon (maximum score) to secure the club’s second gold medal of the day.

The final player to represent the club was Owen, who competed in the orange and green belt section. His quick thinking display of judo, together with great ne-waza (ground work) during his four fights saw him win gold.

Coach Mick Ellis said “I am very pleased with the team’s performance — they all fought very well and listened to my instructions. There are some areas to work on, and there’s always room for improvement.”

Millie also competed in the Milefield Judo Green Belt & Under Competition in High Wycombe, winning gold in the U36kg category, competing with five other girls.
The timeline for a tragedy

**JUNE 28, 1914**
Arch Duke Franz Ferdinand, the heir to the Austria-Hungarian throne, is shot dead in Sarajevo by a political dissident.

**JULY 20, 1914**
Austria-Hungary sends troops to the Serbian border.

**JULY 25, 1914**
Serbia and Russia mobilise their armies.

**JULY 28, 1914**
Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia.

**AUGUST 1, 1914**
Germany declares war on Russia.

**AUGUST 3, 1914**
Defence of the Realm Act (DORA) gives the UK government sweeping powers to suppress public criticism and imprison people without trial in order to aid the war effort.

**AUGUST 4, 1914**
Britain declares war on Germany after they invade Belgium. USA declares neutrality.

**AUGUST 6, 1914**
A Royal Navy cruiser is sunk by German mines in the North Sea, killing 150 men and inflicting the first casualties on Britain.

**AUGUST 7, 1914**
First members of the British Expeditionary Force arrive in France to assist with the land campaign. Lord Kitchener makes his first call for more men to enlist in the military.

**AUGUST 8, 1914**
Germany U-boat torpedoes British passenger liner Lusitania, pictured below, drowning almost 1,200 people including many children. Right: A sailor pays his respects to victims.

**NOVEMBER 5, 1914**
Britain and the Ottoman Empire declare war on each other.

**DECEMBER 16, 1914**
German battleships bombard Hartlepool, Whitby and Scarborough, killing 137 civilians.

**APRIL 25, 1915**
Allied troops land at Gallipoli under heavy fire.

**MAY 7, 1915**
The first Zeppelin raid on London kills seven people.

**JULY 17, 1915**
Suffragette Emmeline Pankhurst organises the ‘Right to Serve’ march in London calling for women to be allowed to work to help with the war effort.

**SEPTEMBER 25, 1915**
Battle of Loos begins and the British forces use gas for the first time, however wind blows it back onto their own troops, killing seven and injuring 2,625.

**SEPTEMBER 27, 1915**
The third day of the Battle of Loos sees the highest British death toll of any battle so far, with 8,246 men being killed.

**FEBRUARY 21, 1916**
Battle of Verdun, which causes almost a million casualties over 10 months, begins.

**MAY 31, 1915**
The Battle of Jutland begins between German and Royal Navy fleets of dreadnoughts. Neither side claims decisive victory and no other naval battles are fought for the rest of the war.

**SEPTEMBER 15, 1916**
British tanks used for the first time in the Battle of Flers-Courcelette.

**SEPTEMBER 17, 1916**
David Lloyd George becomes British Prime Minister.

**MARCH 15, 1917**
Tsar Nicholas II abdicates as Russia falls to the Russian Revolution.

**APRIL 6, 1917**
America declares war on Germany and begins to mobilise troops immediately.

**JUNE 13, 1917**
Germany launches the first major bombing raid on London, killing 162 people.

**NOVEMBER 10, 1917**
The Battle of Passchendaele ends with the Allies having advanced five miles and suffering half a million casualties.

**MARCH 3, 1918**
The Treaty of Brest-Litovsk sees Russia agree a peace deal with Germany and its allies.

**JULY 18, 1917**
The Royal Family drops its Germanic name Saxe-Coburg-Gotha in favour of Windsor.

**OCTOBER 29, 1918**
Sailors in the German High Seas Fleet mutiny and refuse to fight the Royal Navy.

**NOVEMBER 8, 1918**
Armistice negotiations begin.

**NOVEMBER 9, 1918**
The King of Germany, Kaiser Wilhelm II, abdicates and flees to Holland.

**NOVEMBER 11, 1918**
5am: The Armistice is signed, ending the war between Germany and the Allies.

10:59am: Henry Gunther, a US soldier of German descent, is the last man to be killed in action.

11am: The Armistice comes into effect.

**JUNE 28, 1919**
The Treaty of Versailles is signed.
The Armistice was the moment the guns fell silent on the Western Front. A cessation of fighting had been sought by Germany, whose armies were defeated and citizens were beginning to rebel, while its allies were starting to drop out of the war. Fighting continued up to the moment of the Armistice, at 11am on November 11, 1918, with some soldiers killed just minutes or hours before hostilities officially ended.

The Armistice was preceded by the hundred days offensive, beginning with the Battle of Amiens on August 8, 1918, which had seen the French, British and US armies push the German Army back to the battlefields of 1914. The Allies had taken control of the skies with many more aircraft than the Germans, and by the end of August 1918 there were more than 1.4 million American troops in France, helping the Allies to keep fighting.

On September 29, 1918, the Allies breached one of the strongest sections of the Hindenburg Line – which formed the German defences – and by early October had completely broken through.

The Germans had hoped for a “peace without victory” when they sought an Armistice with the US, after it became clear they could not win the war. But the Allies imposed stern terms to make sure they did not restart fighting, with clauses demanding they leave Belgium, France and Alsace-Lorraine, abandon military equipment and trains, allow the occupation of certain German cities by the Allies and return all prisoners of war.

Some soldiers on the Western Front were formally told the news the Armistice had been signed by senior officers, others heard the rumours or picked up the broadcasts from the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

Many felt a sense of anti-climax at the end of fighting, or even a sense of disbelief – while others went out and got drunk.

But the Armistice was not the end of the war: it took six months to negotiate the peace treaty that ended the war and it many months for soldiers to be demobbed and brought home to the UK. There were efforts to build a land “fit for heroes” for the returning servicemen, but for many the war left them with lifelong physical and mental scars.

**Remembrance Sunday**

11th November

“Lest We Forget”
Mud, blood & Filthy conditions, grinding tedium and the constant threat of attack. These rare photographs capture the horrors of the trenches during the First World War.
bullets

Above: British troops negotiate a shell-cratered, winter landscape along the river Somme in late 1916 after the close of the Allied offensive.

Below: A wounded man of the 29th Division being brought in across a sunken road after the assault at Beaumont-Hamel, on the first day of the Somme Campaign, July 1, 1916.

Below: The Liverpool Irish, the 8th Battalion of the Kings Liverpool Regiment, accompanied by a young French boy carrying a rifle, march triumphantly into Lille, northern France near the end of the First World War, to liberate the town from nearly four years of occupation. October 18, 1918.


The First World War in numbers

Total number of combatants killed, including 908,000 British Empire armed forces members.

5.3 million

Victoria Crosses awarded to British forces in the period between August 1914 and May 1920. This is the highest military decoration for bravery ‘in the face of the enemy’.

619

British civilians killed in air raids from December 23, 1914 to July 20, 1918. This included 142 children. A further 1,650 people were injured.

5.25 million

Tons of ammunition shipped to France between August 9, 1914 to November 10, 1918.

19,000

British soldiers killed on the first day of the Somme, July 1, 1916.

80,000

The number of recorded cases of shell shock.

6 weeks

The average life expectancy of men in the trenches.

16,000,000

Total number of troops mobilised during conflict.

578

Estimated strength of the Empire forces in November 1918. Of this number, more than 1.6 million of the troops were stationed at home in Britain.

12,000,000

Russia:

11,000,000

Germany:

8,000,000

Austria-Hungary:

2.87M

Ottoman Empire:

8,700,000

France:

6,000,000

Uk:

5,600,000

Italy:

4,700,000

USA:

280,000

Below: Total numbers of troops mobilised during conflict.

Below:

The First World War in numbers

ARMISTICE DAY: 100 YEARS ON

STAR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2018
The key players

One hundred years after the conclusion of the First World War, Emma Bowden looks at the pivotal figures in the conflict.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2018

FRANZ FERDINAND
Archduke of Austria

Archduke Franz Ferdinand became heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne in 1896, after the death of his father Karl Ludwig. Franz and his wife were assassinated on a trip to Sarajevo, Bosnia, which had been annexed by Austria-Hungary. His country, supported by Germany, swiftly declared war on Serbia. Germany declared war on Russia, Serbia’s ally, days later and invaded France via Belgium.

KAISER WILHELM II
Emperor of Germany

Wilhelm II supported Austria’s invasion of Serbia in 1914, but allegedly wanted to scale back Germany’s military plans when Britain entered the war. His German forces were keen to press on and began to exclude him from military decisions. Wilhelm was forced to abdicate following at the end of the war, making him the last Kaiser of Germany. He went into exile in the Netherlands.

WOODROW WILSON
American President

In 1917, German submarines sank several American ships, which led to the involvement of the United States. President Woodrow Wilson had previously sought to be neutral, but, following the German offensive, the US joined forces with the Allies. Following the armistice, President Wilson was instrumental in the creation of a new League of Nations, which was established in 1920.

SIR DOUGLAS HAIG
Field Marshal, British Commander

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig became Commander in Chief of British troops on the Western Front in late 1915. His plans for the Battle of the Somme in 1916, which led to a high number of British casualties, made him a controversial figure. In 1918, he launched an offensive against the Germans which claimed thousands of Allied lives but broke German lines and led to victory.

LORD KITCHENER
British Secretary of State for War

Prior to Lloyd George’s appointment, Lord Kitchener was appointed Secretary of State for War when fighting broke out in 1914. He launched the famous “Your country needs you” poster campaign. This led to him becoming popular with the public, but his support for the failed Gallipoli campaign soured his reputation. He drowned in June 1916, when his ship was sunk by a German mine.

HH ASQUITH
British Prime Minister

Appointed Prime Minister of Britain in 1908, Asquith, a Liberal, brought in welfare reforms including pensions and unemployment insurance. His wartime decisions were initially popular, but he lost support due to munitions shortages. Military failures and the introduction of conscription, contributed to his resignation in 1916. He was replaced by the Secretary of State for War, Lloyd George.

TSAR NICHOLAS II
Ruler of Russia

At the outbreak of the war in 1914, Nicholas II, sided with Britain and France against Austria-Hungary and Germany. His strict rule made him unpopular in Russia, but early military victories helped sustain him. In 1917, he lost support of the army and these tensions led to the Russian Revolution in the same year. He was ousted from power and executed alongside his wife and five children on July 17, 1918.

Remembrance Sunday

11th November

“The legacy of heroes is the memory of a great name and the inheritance of a great example”

John Maxwell Edmonds
A tribute led by people...not by governments’

**ORGANISER OF 'WHEN THE BATTLE'S OVER' EVENTS OUTLINES HIS GRASSROOTS VISION FOR ARMISTICE DAY COMMEMORATIONS**

**TOMMY STATUES SPREAD ACROSS ATLANTIC**

TWO life-sized Tommies have been unveiled at the US embassy in London to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War. The 6ft Soldier Silhouettes were revealed by US ambassador to the UK Robert “Woody” Johnson and General Lord Dannatt, former chief of the general staff in the British Army. The unveiling commemorated British soldiers, known as Tommies, and soldiers from the US, known as Doughboys, who served together in the war. One Tommy will guard the embassy foyer and the other will be placed in the consular entrance for the Remembrance period. There have been more than 1,000 campaign, marking 100 years since the end of the conflict. The campaign was launched in the US in February and has raised more than £4 million for a group of US and UK military charities. More than 76,000 Tommy statues have been sold so far and have appeared at locations across the US, including the Golden Gate Bridge and Times Square. Mr Johnson said: “A hundred years ago, many brave young Americans volunteered to come and fight side by side with their British comrades in the First World War. “Many never made it back home. They may be gone but they are never forgotten.”

**DANNY BOYLE’S BEACH TRIBUTE TO FALLEN OF FIRST WORLD WAR**

**A NATIONAL GESTURE OF REMEMBRANCE**

AWARD-WINNING film director Danny Boyle has issued a rallying call to the public to gather on the nation’s beaches on Sunday to mark the centenary of Armistice Day.

On each of the selected beaches, a large-scale portrait of a soldier will be drawn in the sand at low tide and washed away as the tide comes in. The Shrimdog millionaire director says: “It’s a real privilege to do something like this, where you hope to connect with everybody in the country in some way.”

“This will be a unique moment to say goodbye and thank you, together, to the men and women who left their shores during the war, many never to return.

“Beaches are truly public spaces, where nobody rules other than the tide.

“They seem the perfect place to gather and say a final goodbye and thank you to those whose lives were taken or affected by the First World War.”

Pages Of The Sea is described as an “informal, nationwide gesture of remembrance for the men and women who left their home shores during the First World War”. The event takes place around the culmination of 14-18 NOW, the UK’s arts programme to mark the centenary of Armistice Day.

**THE BEACHES INCLUDED ARE:**

**England:** Blackpool, Lancashire; Brancaster, Norfolk; Clnorton-on-Sea, Essex; East Loon, Cornwall; Formby, Merseyside; Gorleston-on-Sea, Norfolk; Lyme Regis, Dorset; Perranporth, Cornwall; Porthcurno, Cornwall; Porthmeor, Cornwall; Redcar, North Yorkshire; Roker, Sunderland; Saunton Sands, Devon; Seahouses, Northumberland; Sunny Sands, Folkestone; Sutton-on-Sea, Lincolnshire; Weston-super-Mare, Somerset; Weymouth, Dorset

**Northern Ireland:** Downhill, Derry/Londonderry; Murlough, County Down; Portstewart Strand, Derry/Londonderry

**Republic of Ireland:** Dunree Beach, Donegal

**Scotland:** Ayr, Ayrshire; Roseliebe, Moray; Culca Bay; bonito, Dumfries and Galloway; Dornoch, Sutherland; East Loon, Fife; East Looe, Cornwall; Formby, Merseyside; Great Yarmouth, Norfolk; Hayling Island, Hampshire; Inverkip, Renfrewshire; Lossiemouth, Moray; Paddocks, Northumberland; Penzance, Cornwall; Poole, Dorset; Portobello, Edinburgh; Portrush, County Antrim; Portstewart Strand, Derry/Londonderry; Portstewart Strand, Derry/Londonderry; Sandown, Isle of Wight; St Mary’s, Isle of Wight; St Ninian’s Beach, Shetland; Cemaes Bay, Anglesey; Colwyn Bay, Conwy; Swansea; Ynyslas, Ceredigion; Blackpool, Lancashire; Brancaster, Norfolk; Clacton-on-Sea, Essex; East Loon, Cornwall; Formby, Merseyside; Gorleston-on-Sea, Norfolk; Lyme Regis, Dorset; Perranporth, Cornwall; Porthcurno, Cornwall; Porthmeor, Cornwall; Redcar, North Yorkshire; Roker, Sunderland; Saunton Sands, Devon; Seahouses, Northumberland; Sunny Sands, Folkestone; Sutton-on-Sea, Lincolnshire; Weston-super-Mare, Somerset; Weymouth, Dorset

**Wales:** Broad Haven, Pembrokeshire; Colwyn Bay, Conwy; Swansea; Ynyslas, Ceredigion

**IPERS will play, beacons will be lit and church bells will ring in all corners of the UK and around the world as communities pay tribute to the First World War fallen 100 years after the conflict ended.**

Battle’s Over, described as a nation’s tribute, has been in the planning for four years and will see hundreds of locally-organised events mark the centenary of the Armistice on November 11.

Pageant master Bruno Peek, 67, has co-ordinated the events and will undertake A Cry For Peace at 7pm to signify the light that came around the world start the day’s commemorations with the traditional Scottish lament played at the end of battle – Battle’s O’er.

Mr Peek says he has worked with wounded during or after the war as a finale to the day.

1,000 churches will ring their bells around the World. **6.55PM:** THE LAST POST

1,000 individual buglers sound this historic tribute to WW1 Beacons of Light locations across the nation and UK overseas territories.

**7PM:** WW1 BEACONS OF LIGHT OVER 1,000 Beacons of Light symbolising an end to the darkness of war and a return to the light of peace are lit.

**7.05PM:** RINGING OUT FOR PEACE

1,000 cathedrals and churches will ring out their bells in celebration of peace.

**7.05AM:** A CRY FOR PEACE AROUND THE WORLD

100 Town Criiers throughout the United Kingdom and other countries around the world join together in an International Cry for Peace Around the World.

Chelsea Pensioner from the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, will lead 100 town criers in a call for international peace around the world. In Ypres in Belgium, where five battles were fought, four town criers will undertake the cry together in the market square in French, German, Dutch and English.

Battle’s Over also features special tributes to two groups of unsung heroes – The Chinese Labour Corps – who dug trenches, repaired tanks, laid roads and tracks, transported supplies and assembled shells to free up British soldiers for the front line – and the World War One Tunnellers.

The work of the Tunnellers has been acknowledged in a Lamplight service at Westminster Abbey, London, on August 4 this year. It sheds light on many never to return.

“Many never made it back home. They may be gone but they are never forgotten.”

**Pageant master Bruno Peek**