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Back to work for ex-MI6 spy behind Trump sex claims

THE former British spy who claimed Donald Trump had been snared in a Russian sex plot has appeared in public for the first time since his explosive dossier was revealed.

Christopher Steele returned to work at his London office on Monday after waiting for the furore surrounding the allegations to die down.

The Cambridge graduate, 52, wrote an intelligence report claiming Moscow

agents filmed Mr Trump watching prostitutes perform sex acts on each other.

But as he arrived at his workplace on Grosvenor Gardens in London's exclusive Belgravia neighborhood, he refused to answer questions about the

dossier, which was based on information gathered before the US President launched his political career.

The ex-MI6 officer returned to work at his security firm Orbis Business Intelligence.

He said: "I'm really pleased to be back here working again."

"I'd like to say a warm thank you to everyone who sent me kind messages and support over the last few weeks. I won't be making any further statements or comments at this time."

'phoney allegations'

Mr Steele went into hiding in January after the secret 35-page file, alleging Russia had gathered compromising material on the new President, became public.

The file suggested agents had secretly filmed Mr Trump watching a sex show at a Moscow hotel.

He was said to have chosen a suite which had previously been slept in by Barack and Michelle Obama during an official visit.

It also claimed the



IN FROM THE COLD: ex-spy Christopher Steele in London this week

maverick Republican had multiple contacts with Moscow officials during the presidential election campaign.

Sources cited in the file alleged the property tycoon had been cultivated for up to five years in a bid to destabilize the West.

However, Mr Trump said: "The phoney allegations against me were put together by my political opponents and a failed spy afraid of being sued."

"Made-up facts by



SIDE-EYE: Trump has dismissed the dossier's claims

slaeze-bag political operatives – Democrats and Republicans. Fake news."

But Orbis this week defended its "track record of strategic intelligence, forensic investigation and risk consulting services".



**Adele tells fans:
Yes, I'm married**
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Budget 2017: pro-pub, anti-gig economy?

Chancellor sparks row with tax hike on self-employed

Chancellor of the Exchequer Philip Hammond outlined the Government's spending plans for the next few years in his spring Budget this week, with a tax hike for the self-employed and a big boost for local pubs dominating the headlines.

Here is a summary of the announcements:

The health of the economy

The UK's economy is set to grow by two per cent this year, much faster than the 1.4 per cent previously predicted by the Office of Budget Responsibility. But from 2018 GDP growth is expected to slow to 1.6 per cent before picking up to 1.7 per cent in 2019.

UK employment is also robust. It is expected to grow every year with a further 650,000 people in work by 2021.

Inflation will peak at 2.4 per cent this year before falling to 2.3 per cent in 2018 and two per cent in 2019.

Public borrowing and the deficit

The Government is set to borrow less than previously predicted. £51.7 billion will be borrowed this year, £16.4 billion less than forecast.

In the following financial year, 2017-18, borrowing will be £58.3 billion before dropping to £40.6 billion in 2018-19 and then £21.4 billion in 2019-20.

Debt increased to 86.7 per cent this year but will fall to just below 80 per cent in 2021-22.

Education

The Chancellor said there will be £216 million invested in improving schools over the next three years.

Students aged 16 to 19 will have the chance to complete "T Levels". These are 15 technical qualifications which will be rolled out to replace the 13,000 technical certificates currently on offer and will include a three-month work placement for each student.

There will be £320 million made available for 110 free schools on top of the 500 which already receive funding. Education will also be given the £1 billion earmarked from the proceeds of the much-publicised sugar tax on fizzy drinks, which has raised less than expected.

Academia will benefit from £300 million for 1,000 new PhD places in science, technology, engineering and maths,

while pupils who are eligible for free school meals at selective schools will also be given free school transport.

Health and social care

An extra £2 billion is to be ploughed into social care over the next three years to help local authorities ease the pressure on the NHS. £100 million will be used to put more GPs in A&E departments next winter in a bid to relieve the burden.

Taxation

Millions of people who are self-employed face a hike in the amount of tax they are set to pay. Their National Insurance contributions, the main rate of Class 4, will rise by one per cent to 10 per cent next year, and to 11 per cent in April 2019. The increase works out at around 60p more a week on average and will raise £145 million for the Treasury.

Critics immediately seized on the hike as potentially damaging to the so-called 'gig economy' - a reference to the increasing number of Britons dependent on irregular and short term work.

But Mr Hammond said the self-employed were currently receiving unfair advantages compared



STEADY AS SHE GOES: Hammond delivered an upbeat economic forecast

with most employees. But all self-employed people earning less than £16,250 will still see a reduction in NI.

The threshold of tax-free allowance on share dividends for directors and shareholders has been slashed from £5,000 to £2,000 from 2018. The move is likely to hit those with shares worth £50,000 and above but will raise £2.6 billion for the Treasury in four years.

Income tax rates will not rise and there will be no changes to VAT or other National Insurance.

The living wage will also rise to £7.50 in April. The personal tax allowance will rise for the seventh year in a row to £11,500 this year and £12,500 by 2020.

A so-called "death tax" on estates has been ruled out.

Business

Pubs will get a £1,000 discount on their bills in 2017 if their rateable value is less than £100,000.

Local authorities will also be given a £300 million so-called "hardship fund" to help

businesses who are the hardest hit. A big share of this is expected to go to London.

There will be a consultation on controversial proposals to raise business rates, Mr Hammond announced. Rates will not be increased by more than £50 a month for small businesses.

The Treasury has also announced £270 million into the UK's work in "disruptive technologies" which includes biotech, robotic systems and driverless cars.



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Kidnapped, raped and throttled, 2-month ordeal of backpack girl

A BRITISH backpacker who was kidnapped, raped, beaten and choked during a 1,000-mile horror trip through Australia was set for a tearful reunion with her family this week.

The 22-year-old's relatives to have flown out after police arrested her ex-boyfriend.

It emerged on Monday that the woman was allegedly held prisoner in a hotel for a month before being forced to drive for weeks through Queensland, Australia, in her captor's SUV car.

Her two month-ordeal came to an end on Sunday when petrol station owner Beverley Page alerted police about the upset, bruised and nervous woman who could not pay for fuel.

The victim was captured on CCTV entering the petrol station in Mitchell on Sunday and a police patrol later stopped a white Mitsubishi Pajero she was driving. Officers found her Australian ex-boyfriend Marcus Martin, 22, allegedly hiding in a secret alcove covered by clothes in the rear of the vehicle.

string of offences

Mrs Page told how the woman had looked "zombie-like" at the station and added: "She couldn't pay for the fuel. Tears were running down her face.

"But what struck me were her black eyes. She looked bad. She was like a person in a trance.

"I asked her if her black eyes were due to



The 4WD where a backpacker was allegedly held hostage, raped and beaten for two months. Picture: Owen Jacques/The Western Star Source: News Corp Australia

hostage, raped and beaten for two months

her ex-boyfriend and she nodded.

"If she had been able to pay for the fuel I might not have interfered with her life and she would have gone off and who knows?"

The victim, from Liverpool, is said to have been repeatedly

raped and throttled after meeting Mr Martin at an outdoor music event near his home town of Cairns.

He appeared in court on Monday charged with a string of offences, including four counts of rape, eight of assault and four of strangulation.

Martin was also charged with two counts of deprivation of liberty, two of willful damage, possessing dangerous drugs, drug utensils and obstructing police.

The victim travelled to Australia from Britain nearly two years ago and settled in Sydney before moving to Cairns last autumn.

Dozens of photographs and postings on her Facebook



This picture of the man alleged to be the kidnapper was published by 7News in Australia this week

page suggested she was enjoying her trip until January.

Meanwhile, Martin changed his Facebook status from single to married within a week of meeting the victim.

Yesterday one of his friends said: "He was really clingy it was like he just blew in to town and latched on to the first single girl. When he changed his relationship status on Facebook I thought it was too fast - she never changed hers."

Detective Inspector Paul Hart revealed the victim told officers who stopped the SUV she had "been held against her will by the male person located in the vehicle". He added: "They

had previously had a relationship but at some point it had soured and he basically deprived her of her liberty and committed a number of offences against her as they travelled around the state.

"What she has experienced is no doubt horrific and terrifying."

He added: "We have potentially saved this young girl's life. Given what's happened to her, the extent of what's happened over the period of time, anything might have transpired."

The victim is unable to return to the UK because her passport was allegedly destroyed by her captor. The Foreign Office is offering her support.

'Tarzan' fired after backing Lords Brexit veto

■ Tory veteran said some things 'more important' than party politics

Tory veteran Lord Heseltine has been fired from his government advisory roles after backing the demand for a parliamentary vote on the Brexit deal.

Heseltine, whose attempt to challenge Margaret Thatcher for Tory leadership triggered her downfall, defied the Conservative government's wishes in the House of Lords.

After receiving the call telling him he was fired, Heseltine said he accepted the decision but "sometimes there are issues which transcend party politics". He has never met Theresa May.

Heseltine, nicknamed "Tarzan" for his former mane of blonde hair, campaigned for the UK to remain the EU.

On Tuesday, the House of Lords voted by a majority of 98 to support

a Labour amendment, which had cross-party support, demanding Parliament gets a veto over the final Brexit deal - the second defeat for Mrs May's Brexit Bill in less than a week.

Lord Heseltine had been advising the Department for Communities and Local Government on issues including infrastructure and industrial strategy before he was ditched on Wednesday.

He told the Press Association: "I have just been told by the Chief Whip in the Lords that No 10 is to sack me from the five jobs with which I have been helping the Government following my vote in the House of Lords earlier today.

"This is entirely the right of the Prime Minister and I'm sorry that the expertise which I have put at the

Government's disposal over the last six years has now come to an end.

"However, in the last resort, I believe, as I said in the House of Lords, the future of this country is inextricably interwoven with our European friends.

"It's the duty of Parliament to assert its sovereignty in determining the legacy we leave to new generations of young people."

Lord Heseltine, a passionate pro-European, insisted he accepts the referendum result but said Parliament should still be given a final say once Mrs May has negotiated the post-Brexit deal.

"In accepting the mandate to negotiate our withdrawal from the EU, I do not accept that the mandate runs for all time and in all circumstances," he said.

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Truth is out...George died of natural causes

GEORGE Michael died of natural causes from heart and liver disease, a coroner revealed on Monday.

The 53-year-old singer was suffering from an enlarged, inflamed and weakened heart which reduced its ability to pump blood.

Because there was a "natural cause of death", Oxfordshire's senior coroner, Darren Salter said there was no need for an inquest.

It means the former Wham! star's body will now be returned to his family ahead of a planned funeral.

George's boyfriend Fadi Fawaz, 43, said the "truth is out" in a message on Twitter and hit out at the negative publicity he endured after finding the star's lifeless body in bed at home on Christmas Day.

Mr Fawaz's Twitter account was allegedly hacked and comments posted suggesting George took his own life. In reference to the leaked 999 call of his attempt to revive George, he tweeted: "All the nasty comments, press and 999 were very cruel and unnecessary whatsoever, Now I hope to receive some real LOVE x."

George, whose hits include Last Christmas and Freedom, suffered health scares and fought drug addiction for many years.

'no further action'

On Monday Coroner Mr Salter said inquiries into his death are now over and the final post-mortem examination report has been received.

He added: "No further updates will be provided and the family requests the media and public respect their privacy."

It is now thought unlikely that a full toxicology report will be released.

Following the coroner's statement, Thames Valley Police said it had closed its investigation into George's death.

"As the cause of death was natural, no further action is proposed or required," it said. The initial autopsy into the singer's death had been inconclusive, though George's manager had said previously he had died of heart failure at his home in Goring-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

tributes paid

The diseases that killed the star can be linked to drug and alcohol abuse. Dilated cardiomyopathy, a disease of the heart muscle, affects how blood is able to pump around the body. It can be inherited or caused by viral infections, uncontrolled

high blood pressure, problems with the heart valves or excessive drinking. Myocarditis, an inflammation in or around the heart, is usually caused by a viral, bacterial or fungal infection, while different types of fatty liver disease can be caused by obesity or excessive drinking. George's former partner Kenny Goss has previously said he believed the pop superstar's body "just gave up".

Tributes were paid to George at the recent Brit and Grammy Awards ceremonies.

Coldplay frontman Chris Martin sang George's ballad A Different Corner at the Brits while clips from his career were played.

The performance followed a tearful speech from former Wham! bandmate Andrew



'NASTY COMMENTS' Fadi Fawaz, (pictured above with George Michael) hit out at speculation after his boyfriend's death

Ridgeley and the band's backing singers, Helen DeMacque and Shirlie Holliman, otherwise known as Pepsi & Shirlie.

Ridgeley, 54, said: "On Christmas Day 2016, the greatest

singer-songwriter of his generation, an icon of his era and my beloved friend George Michael was lost." He described George as a "supernova" and that his death "felt like the sky had fallen in".

At the Grammys in Los Angeles, Adele performed a slowed-down version of Michael's song Fast Love after restarting her first rendition, saying the tribute was "too important".

Zeebrugge remembered 30 years on

■ 193 killed in sinking of Herald of Free Enterprise in 1987

SURVIVORS of the Zeebrugge ferry disaster joined victims' relatives on Monday to mark the 30th anniversary of the tragedy that claimed 193 lives.

Events were held on both sides of the Channel to remember the capsizing of the Herald Of Free Enterprise on March 6, 1987.

They included a ceremony at the scene of the tragedy, which happened just 90 seconds after the Townsend Thoresen passenger ferry set off from the Belgian port, heading to Dover in Kent.

Britain's ambassador to Belgium, Alison Rose, joined West Flanders governor Carl Decaluwe to lay wreaths in the sea just off Zeebrugge.

A memorial service



NOT FORGOTTEN: Carl Decaluwe lays a wreath at the site of the ferry capsizing

was later held in St Donaas church at the port. The bell from the British-flagged ship was returned to Dover and given to St Mary's Church at a service attended by 400 people.

Staff from the Port of Zeebrugge at the time of the disaster handed the bell to Brian Gibbons, the last survivor to be pulled out.

Former Bishop of Liverpool, the Right

Reverend James Jones told mourners: "For 30 years you have lived with the loss of those you loved and love to this day."

Among those attending was Kim

Spooner, whose aunt and uncle Neil "Billy" Spooner, 37, and Mary Smith, 44, died after taking advantage of a day-trip offer in a newspaper.

Ms Spooner, 38, from Essex, said: "I have never recovered from it."

There were 430 passengers and 80 crew on board. A public inquiry found the ferry left Zeebrugge with its bow doors open. The crew member responsible for closing them was asleep.

Townsend Thoresen, later renamed P&O European Ferries, was criticised in the report. In 1987 an inquest jury returned verdicts of unlawful killing.

Ferry safety regulations were tightened after the disaster.

Diana's butler 'to wed gay lover'

FORMER Royal butler Paul Burrell will be getting married to his boyfriend next month.

Mr Burrell, who was described by Princess Diana as her "rock", will tie the knot with lawyer Graham Cooper in the Lake District in April.

The 58-year-old got divorced from his ex-wife, Maria last year, after 32 years of marriage.

His spokesman said: "I can confirm their forthcoming marriage."

Mr Burrell, who runs a flower shop in his native Cheshire, is the father of two sons, Alex, 27, and Nick, 24, by his



HER 'ROCK': Princess Diana with her former butler, Paul Burrell

ex-wife. It is not known how long he has been

in a relationship with Mr Cooper, although they were both listed as directors of a company in 2011, and were pictured together in 2014 at a hotel in Missouri, USA.

It is believed the former butler's sons will be at the wedding ceremony.

'most important'

Mr Burrell met his former wife when they both worked at Buckingham Palace.

In an interview last

year, he said: "Maria is the mother of my children, they're the three most important people in my life. Their happiness comes before mine."

He started working as the Queen's footman in 1977, aged 19, and later became Diana's butler.

His engagement to Mr Cooper is the first time he has publicly acknowledged his sexuality, despite reports of him having affairs with other men.



The star has been with Simon Konecki for six years

Adele owns up to getting hitched

Singer Adele has ended speculation about getting married by telling thousands of fans she has tied the knot.

The star, 28, spoke about her relationship with long-term partner Simon Konecki, 42, on stage at The Gabba in Brisbane, Australia at the weekend.

Talking about her hit track Someone Like You, she told fans: "I was trying to remember how it felt at the beginning of the relationship that inspired that record."

"As bad as a break-up can be and as bitter and horrible and messy as it can be, that feeling when you first fall for someone is the best

feeling on Earth and I am addicted to that feeling.

"Obviously I can't go through with those feelings because I'm married now. I've found my next person but you know that feeling when everything about you feels alive for the first time."

Adele and charity boss Konecki have been together since 2011 and have a son, Angelo, aged four.

In January she was photographed wearing a gold band on her wedding finger.

She sparked questions about whether she had wed when she thanked her 'husband' at last month's Grammy Awards in LA.

Steak and Kidney named the nation's favorite pie



CLASSIC: Britons love steak and kidney the most

THE classic steak and kidney pie has been named the nation's favourite, according to a poll.

While 18 per cent named steak and kidney pie, steak and ale was a close second with 17 per cent of the vote.

Chicken and mushroom got a 12 per cent slice of the action, with meat and potato on 11 per cent and seven per cent for cheese and onion.

Only one sweet treat made the top 10 – apple pie with three per cent. And when it came to the case, 62 per cent of those quizzed preferred shortcrust to puff pastry.

The poll for Nisa Retail found that 42 per cent of British adults tuck into one at least once a week.

Pies are packed with nostalgia for 77 per cent, who said they bring childhood memories flooding back.

Despite them being eaten by the ancient Egyptians, Romans and Greeks, 89 per cent were convinced that pie is a traditional British dish.

To celebrate British Pie Week, chefs at House of Jacob created a "full-English breakfast" pie with layers of mushrooms, beans, black pudding, bacon and egg.

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Mindfulness: seven ways to stay connected

IT SEEMS like one of the real buzzwords in the culture in recent years is "Mindfulness". It probably started with Yoga practioners preaching the need to stay connected to ourselves, focusing on living the moment and avoiding numbing ourselves with negative thoughts, beliefs or harmful habits.

These days Mindfulness conjures up all sorts of connotations and here at the Body Camp in Ibiza we've found it a useful concept to teach our clients about the simplicity of life, about stripping our lives down to their essentials and allowing us to connect with everything with see, hear and feel in our world.

Here's some quick examples - The clouds connect to the sky, the trees connect to the soil, the wildlife connects with its outdoor environment. That is our natural state. Unfortunately humans these days seem to want all sorts of other connections - not just wi-fi, but connections to mindless and often harmful stuff - think celebrity culture and mass consumerism. With that in mind here are seven connection points (none of which are wifi!) that we need to think about to enable harmony and peace in our daily lives:

Connection to ourselves:

How do you connect

and talk to yourself in the mind daily? Are you staying positive, being kind to yourself, respecting yourself, reacting in a calm way to what life throws at you and always looking on the bright side of life?

Connection to our beliefs

What are your beliefs about yourself? Do you believe you deserve a fantastic life and realize you are born with only two fears? (falling down and loud noises)

Connection to our values

What do you value and are you living these values in life? Loyalty, honesty, integrity, family, persistence, health are just a few issues that we



BAD CONNECTION: constantly using alcohol and drugs give us a connection to something darker and more harmful.

need to enjoy a good connection with.

Connection to others

Do you treat other people the same way you want to be treated? Do you respect people's views and not judge them? Do you see the good in others or always look for the bad when you connect and talk with them?

Connection to our body

How are you connecting to your body on a daily basis? Do you walk it? Exercise it? Test it?

Stretch it and work it out? Do you help the body maintain and grow muscle tone, to slow down the aging process and speed up metabolism?

Connection to nutrition

Do you eat mindfully or are you an emotional eater (for comfort or to combat boredom, fore example). Do you look for delicious food that combines nutrition also? Or do you just eat in the short-term without worrying about the long-term consequences?

Connection to alcohol and drugs use

Why do use use these? How often do you get involved with them and is this relationship a healthy long-term connection for you?

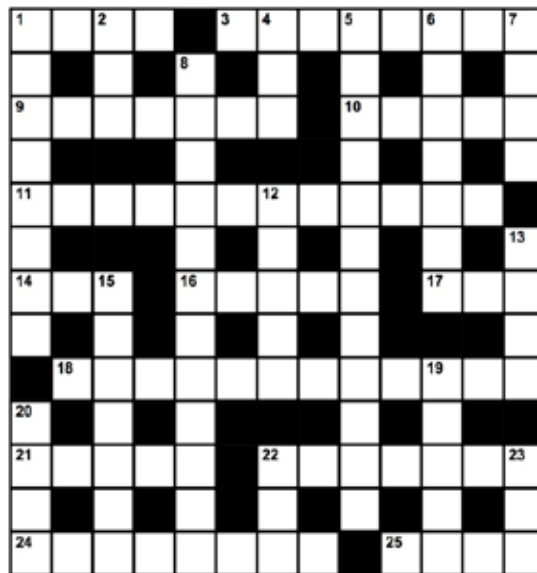
Think about these seven connections above mindfully.....and you will have an even more wonderful life than it appears now!

Rick Parcell, Master Coach, The Body Camp, Ibiza's Luxury Bootcamp and Fitness Retreat

The British Weekly Crossword by Myles Mellor. #267

Across

- 1 Cricket captain (4)
- 3 Public contempt (8)
- 9 Arrogant (7)
- 10 Thin out (5)
- 11 Essential (3,9)
- 14 Forest denizen (3)
- 16 Work out (5)
- 17 Survive (3)
- 18 Legal power (12)
- 21 Small gift of appreciation (5)
- 22 In which (7)
- 24 Winter lawn greenery (8)
- 25 Ruin James Bond's martini? (4)



Down

- 1 Hostess offerings (8)
- 2 Its symbol is an omega (3)
- 4 Pump liquid (3)
- 5 Displayed (12)
- 6 Have an effect (7)
- 7 Fabrication (4)
- 8 A government administrator (12)
- 12 Got the squeaks out of (5)
- 13 Long time (4)
- 15 Kind of ball or sandwich (7)
- 19 Like helium (5)
- 20 Celebrity (4)
- 22 "Who ___ that masked man?" (3)
- 23 Neither follower (3)

Solution to Puzzle #266

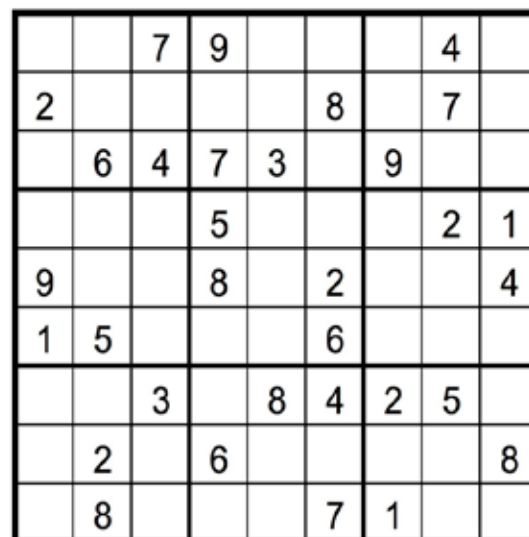


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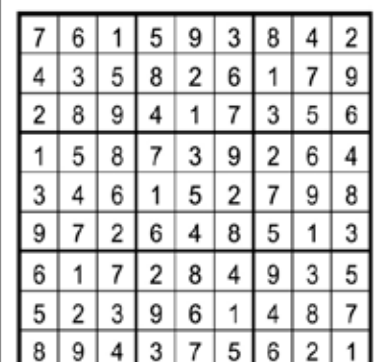
SUDOKU by Myles Mellor and Susan Flanagan

Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9X9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3X3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9. Puzzles come in three grades: easy, medium and difficult.

Level: Medium



Solution to Sudoku #266



Meet A Member: Ben Nesbit

Meet Ben Nesbit from Manchester who moved to LA one year ago to pursue an acting and music career.

Was there a particular reason you chose LA?

We chose to move to LA as in 2013 after attending an acting school in London. I went to The Event in Orlando, which is a place where you perform: monologues, scenes, commercials and one-liners - all in front of agents. At the end of the competition an LA theatrical agent asked for me to come over for the following summer. After some success my amazing parents up and moved my family to help me pursue my career.

What do you miss most from home?

The thing I miss most from home are the friends I've had since nursery. Don't get me wrong I love the people and my

friends here I just miss all the memories I've had since I was little. I also miss Heinz baked beans and tomato soup...a lot!

What was your first impression of LA and has it changed since? If so why?

My first impression of LA was: "Wow, I can't believe I live here!" I suppose it's still unreal, the fact that I live here but as I've been here for a year now it's become my new regular. I love all the people here and all the opportunities that are open to me that I didn't have before.

What do you find the biggest difference is living here versus Manchester?

The most obvious difference is the weather. I love how hot it gets here. But I would also say the people, we walk into the lift and my family

and I are always greeted with smiles and left with "Have a good day!" That is definitely something we rarely experienced in Manchester.

Do you have a hidden gem in LA that you want to share with us?

In terms of acting, a hidden gem I would say is ActorSite. It's an acting class for teenagers in North Hollywood that many famous actors have been to. It's both a really fun class and you learn secrets behind the script from working actors alongside fellow working actors.

But if you're talking about food my absolute favorite place is Aroma on Sunset. With my mum being Israeli we've always had Israeli food and in my humble opinion Aroma is the best place in LA for it. visit: www.aromasunset.com

What would you suggest to others who are thinking about making the move here?

I would say be prepared for everything that is going to come your way, no matter the profession. Everyone you meet has connections, so it doesn't matter whether you're at a coffee shop or an event, there are amazing opportunities. I would also say it does take a while to adjust from England to America as people are just so different and try and keep in contact as much as possible with people from home as its way too easy to forget.

Lots of our members join our group Brits in LA seeking out words of wisdom - what is the best piece of advice you've been given?

As I'm an actor the best tip I've been given is



BEN NESBIT: be prepared for everything that is going to come your way

to leave your audition in the room and keep a clean mind after. Otherwise you're gonna dwell on every single syllable you pronounce and not be able to think about anything else. Always be thinking about the next one!

Lastly, how can we find out more about

you? Are you working on anything at the moment?

To find out more about me, you can follow me on Instagram @ bennezbit or Twitter @ bennesbit14. I recently worked on two Elizabeth Blake-Thomas films that should be coming out this year.

Kate Moss: Supermodel turns into agent...to 'protect the kids'

KATE MOSS says she started her own agency to protect aspiring young models.

The 43-year-old, who has been one of the foremost faces in fashion since she was discovered at the age of 14, set up the Kate Moss Agency when she left Storm Models after 28 successful years last September.

Kate, who is mum to 14-year-old Lila, explains to *Vogue*: "So, as I get older, it seemed like the natural thing to do was to take responsibility for my choices both as a model and with the branding I put my name to.

"I don't want a young girl to feel bad if she has

to wait around. [When I was starting out] even though I was the face of Calvin Klein at the time I had to sit around for days. It can be really hard. I'm maternal - I don't want the girls to feel insecure."

Kate's comments come at a time when the industry is under a very harsh spotlight. The recent Paris Fashion Week was overshadowed by scathing allegations from respected casting director James Scully, who branded international fashion label Balenciaga "sadistic and cruel" for locking 150 models in a stairwell for hours.



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I'm so ready to Spring forward!

I KNOW I've been banging on about the rain in recent months but now it seems like normal service has been resumed – skies are blue and the sun is shining.

In other words spring has sprung and that means the clocks will go forward shortly - in case you didn't know the USA and the UK choose to do this on different dates! In the US the clocks go forward this weekend,, Sunday March 12th, and in the UK it's Sunday, March 26th. And for those of you planning to send Mum some flowers, don't forget that Mothering Sunday is March 26th in the UK and not until May 14th on these shores.

For those of us who find this a bit of a nuisance as it is impossible to get a card to send back home, I have found that moonpig.com comes in handy, as you can order a

personalized card online and have it delivered from within the UK.

I am partial to Dean Morris Cards but I never seem to get organized enough to order them in advance. The British stores out here are missing a trick by not having them in stock. Just a hint for those lovely stores which advertise in these very pages...

Our newest member...

Our **Tuesday Breakfast Club** presented with Air New Zealand had a very special visitor this week. Florence is possibly our first third generation Brits in LA member - her glamorous grandparents Mary and Martin Samuel are regulars at our weekly gathering, and introduced their son Matt to Brits in LA some years ago - we can't take credit him meeting the lovely Jennie Page but we are



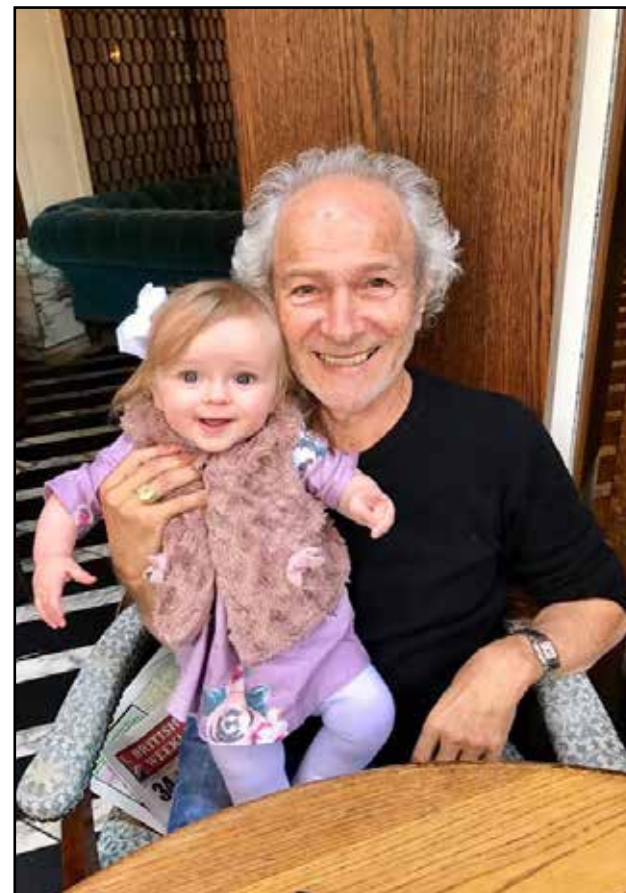
delighted to welcome their gorgeous daughter to our community.

Mo' giveaways

We love to take care of our members and this week we have more concert ticket giveaways courtesy of Goldenvoice! Clean Bandit are at the Fonda on April 5th and Róisín Murphy has two nights scheduled at the Fonda on April 20th & 21st - email us at info@britsin.la to put your name into the hat. Winner will be notified by email on Monday

March 13th - make sure to put the show you are entering for in the subject field.

Another prominent figure in the group is our friend, actor and comedian Jim Tavaré. He and his wife Laura have always been very supportive of our group and some of you may recall Jim was a marvelous Master of Ceremonies for the Toscars in 2012. This week Jim was involved in a head-on collision and has suffered horrendous injuries



Martin Samuel and granddaughter Florence at the British Breakfast at Cecconi's (courtesy Jennie Page)

including breaking his neck, one of his legs, a punctured lung, and fifteen broken ribs to name but a few. I have reached out to his wife Laura to see what help and support she needs during this difficult time, so I will keep you updated and put

out a request if there is anything we can do as a group. It is times like this that our community can be an invaluable source of support.

Stay safe and don't forget to change your clocks this weekend!

Cheers!
Eileen



DON'T FORGET MUM: Mothering Sunday is March 26th in the UK, but not until May 14th over here

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Pushing his new movie, Tom breaks his silence on Hiddleswift...sort of!

Tom Hiddleston has finally broken his silence over Taylor Swift break-up... and he just happens to have a new movie – Kong: Skull Island being released this week.

Oo-er!

The Brit actor shocked fans when he embarked on a whirlwind romance with the Grammy Award-winning singer last year. And although their spark seemed to fizzle out as quickly as it ignited, Tom is still hounded with questions over the high-profile relationship.

But finally Hiddleston is opening up on the relationship. Does he regret being quite so public with Taylor? It seems not...

In a revealing interview with The Telegraph, The Night Manager star - who normally rebuffs romance questions - had a sharp response when asked if he regretted the gossip frenzy that came from the short-lived fling.

"What should I regret, in your mind?" he asked, before adding: "I would rather not talk about this, if that's alright."

However, despite his seemingly frosty reaction, Tom elaborated on why he has no regrets.

Explaining that he believes his private life and acting career should be kept separate, he said:

"I'm just thinking about this. Everyone is entitled to a private life.

"I love what I do and I dedicate myself with



THE WAY THEY WERE: Tom and Taylor's short-lived romance made headlines round the world

absolute commitment to making great art and great entertainment and in my mind I don't conflict the two.

"My work is in the public sphere and I have a private life. And those two things are separate."

Although their PDA-filled trips around Europe were splashed across newspapers worldwide, it seems Tom has no resentment towards the attention he received from being with Taylor.

Speaking about his famous ex last year, he had only nice things to say.

"Taylor is an amazing woman. She's generous

and kind and lovely, and we had the best time. A relationship always takes work. And it's not just the limelight. It's everything else," Tom explained.

Well, whatever the reason Tom has decided to open up to us all... I'll still be standing in line to see 'Kong: Skull Island' this coming weekend, and I won't be giving two hoots or a second thought about Hiddleston's love life or Taylor Swift.

King Kong's the star. However, I will enjoy watching Tom being squashed by the giant ape... That will be fun to see, (sorry Tom)...

Victoria Beckham... going global!

Style icon Victoria Beckham is going global!

The celebrated fashion designer spoke to leading Germany business paper *Handelsblatt* this month in one of her rare interviews about her plans to make it even bigger in the fashion biz.

This year the former Spice Girl was awarded the OBE ('Order of the British Empire') by Queen Elizabeth II and now says she is on track for massive worldwide expansion.

Oo-er!

Beckham, 42, won a British Fashion Award as designer brand of the year in 2011, and manages her brand in a partnership with her husband, the former soccer star David Beckham and British music manager Simon Fuller. She told *Handelsblatt*: "I do want this company to be big. I have very, very big plans regarding my business, obviously the last few years and now is the time for investment."

"So as we are a group we need to take my brand to the next level together. We are having to invest."

She said: "My priority is to take the brand and the team to the next level. There are lots of things I want to do." In particular, Germany is "a very, very



LOOKING THE PART: Designer Victoria

important market" for her.

"It always has been. Even with the Spice Girls, Germany was always a very important market. Unfortunately it is one of those countries I don't really get the opportunity to go to often enough."

Victoria, who recently broke into the U.S. market, announced the cooperation of her brand with U.S. cosmetic

giant Estée Lauder. And she is also launching her own less expensive designer clothes range in collaboration with U.S. budget fashion retailer Target, "which is something I wanted to do for a long time."

"So I am reaching women in America that can either not afford designer prices or don't want to pay designer prices."

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Stargazing with Annie Shaw



ARIES: In any relationship situation please keep a handle on that famous Ram temper as it cause more problems than are necessary. This is especially true while your boss Mars is in the stubborn earth sign of Taurus. However it is good for making money.

TAURUS: Your priority should be taking care of you in any area that requires attention .This will be a great time to get your ducks in a row for a busy time coming end of next week. Do not go backwards in your social life, its time to have fun.

GEMINI: The sun in Pisces can bring out a very creative side of you and it also favors getting a handle on any lingering health or emotional issues. Many issues will be resolved. If you are upfront, first with yourself then any others in your life.

CANCER: The Pisces sun is very calming for you and can bring a close to many unfinished situations in your life; however you may have to reach out that motherly hand.

If you can do this sooner rather than later the rewards will manifest.

LEO: Happy days to all you loving Leos and to getting your charming way, this is a time for you to get ready for spring and the sun shining across to you from gentle Pisces will warm your heart. To take some walks in nature it will be good for you.

VIRGO: Throw your considerable energy in to work this week ahead .You will find you are now able to concentrate on today business rather than tomorrows pleasures .This does not mean you should not take a break some times.

LIBRA: You will find yourself dealing with more practical matters while your lovely boss Venus is in sweet Pisces. Some thing could be extra challenging before you start.

With this knowledge its best wait until a later date.

SCORPIO: A lesson you have to be ready to learn over is to be aware of being in the present time. No matter what happened before this is a positive time overall for you.

Venus the love planet is holding court in lovely cousin Pisces love is all around.

SAGITTARIUS: Watch what happens in your life when you make a small but crucial decision. You are the only one that can make do this and it will be clearer by mid week.

This may have to do with an ongoing problem or dispute with some one.

CAPRICORN: This week ahead can bring you a breakthrough in what ever you are waiting for. Only you can know what a priority in your life is currently. Be sure you rest and take a deep breath before you make any decisions.

AQUARIUS: You always get back what you put out in life, even if it does not come back altogether. This week ahead it is best to not become involved in a situation that really is best left alone. You will be feeling better in many areas if you move forward with a new healthy life style.

PISCES: Venus is visiting you in a very laid back way. She will bring some rewards and maybe a wake up call in some area. With this influence you can do anything you set your mind too. It's also a lucky period so take advantage.

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Swimming Lessons: staying afloat in Dorset

■ In an exclusive interview, author Claire Fuller talks about her novel of love lost and remembered

"The inspiration for Swimming Lessons came from a project that my now husband and I did before he moved in with me and we got married," says author Claire Fuller.

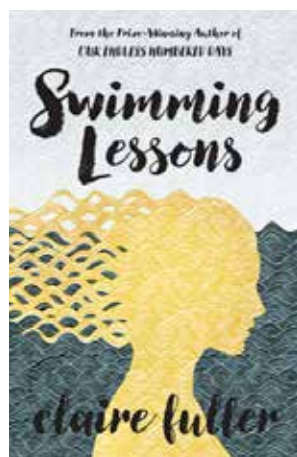
"He was living in a flat about 40 miles away from my house. We decided that we would write notes to each other, love notes I suppose, since we hadn't long met, and hide them in each other's houses.

Then Tim packed up his flat to move in with me and in the process found all the notes I'd written to him. Apparently, eight years later there are still two notes hidden in the house we share together, but I have no

idea where they are. And, he won't tell me."

In *Swimming Lessons*, Gil Coleman is a famous author whose wife Ingrid disappeared twelve years ago. Did she leave or did she drown in the ocean outside their Dorset beach home? Before she vanished, Ingrid wrote letters to Gil and hid them in his prized books for him to find. Because Gil had fallen, Gil's daughter Flora and her old sister Nan come to help.

Flora never believed her mother drowned. She discovers some letters and starts reading them. She and her sister learn about how their parents met and about their life together. There are



thousands of letters that the girls will find. What do they mean?

"Luckily for me, most of the research was done on location in Dorset in England," says Fuller. "There's a lovely bit of coastline there, with sandy beaches, a small lake, and wonderful heathland. I spent a lot

of time there walking and taking in the smells and the sounds while I was writing the book. The original idea for *Swimming Lessons* came in about 2013."

Fuller's first novel, *Our Endless Numbered Days*, was published in 2015 by Tin House Books and in the UK by Penguin. *Our Endless Numbered Days* won the 2015 Desmond Elliott Prize prize for debut novels in the UK and Ireland. It was recently optioned for television. Fuller, who writes a lot of short stories, has won a BBC Opening Lines short story award and a Royal Academy Pin Drop short story award, where the actress,

Juliet Stevenson read her story.

Masie Cochran at Tin House Books is Fuller's U.S. editor.

"When I first met Claire over Skype, I was totally charmed," says editor Masie Cochran. "She is everything her writing leads you to believe... smart, thoughtful, funny and a little dark. There is already great momentum and praise behind *Swimming Lessons*, Book of the Month Club's first ever first early-release exclusive title. And early reviews have been stellar, including glowing starred reviews from *Booklist* and *Library Journal*."

Fuller just finished the first draft of her



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third novel.

Fuller lives in Winchester, Hampshire. She was born in Sydenham, Oxfordshire, England.

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ARSENE AT THE BRINK...



Fans will be a factor in my future, says Gunners boss

Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger says the opinion of fans will influence his decision over whether to remain in charge next season.

A group of Arsenal supporters protested after Tuesday's 5-1 Champions League home defeat by Bayern Munich.

"It will not be the most important factor but you consider it, of course," Wenger said of the fans' reaction.

"I worked very hard for 20 years to make our fans happy and when you lose I understand they are not."

In a statement released on the club website, Arsenal chairman Sir Chips Keswick echoed those sentiments but was non-committal on Wenger's future.

"We are fully aware of the attention currently focused on the club and understand the debate," he said.

"We respect that fans are entitled to their different individual opinions but we will always run this great football club with its best long-term interests at heart.

"Arsene has a contract until the end of the season. Any decisions will be made by us mutually and communicated at the right time in the right way."

Wenger, who has been Arsenal boss since October 1996, is expected to announce in the next month whether he will stay on next season, but denied he had already told the players of his decision.

"My decision is to focus on the next game and be absolutely sure we respond well on Saturday," the 67-year-old said.

Arsenal are currently fifth in the Premier League, 16 points behind leaders Chelsea, and host non-league Lincoln in the quarter-finals of the FA Cup this weekend.

Rostov hold United

Manchester United were held to a draw by FC Rostov in the first leg of their Europa League last-16 tie in Russia on Thursday.

On a challenging pitch at the Olymp-2 Stadium - which was criticised by United manager Jose Mourinho before the match - midfielder Paul Pogba miscued from inside the box early on.

But United grabbed a vital away goal through Henrikh Mkhitaryan's close-range finish following excellent work

by Zlatan Ibrahimovic.

The Swedish striker shot over the crossbar in the second half, before Rostov forward Aleksandr Bukharov latched on to Timofei Kalachev's pass for the equaliser.

Aleksandr Erokhin stabbed a shot wide for the hosts from a promising position and United's Marouane Fellaini headed straight at the goalkeeper from a corner.

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