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# STARS AT WAR OVER BBC PAY

Female presenters up in arms over wage gap with male colleagues

THE BBC is facing a crisis among its talent pool following the eruption of a salaries row, with high-profile presenters lashing out at the corporation's staggering gender pay gap.

This week the taxpayer-funded broadcaster was forced to publish the salaries of its biggest names, sparking outrage among a host of famous faces.

The biggest outcry came regarding the disparity between the salaries of male and female employees, especially those performing similar roles.

Now a host of the BBC's female presenters have hit out at the gap, which sees men make up two-thirds of those earning more than £150,000 per year.

### 'incandescent'

This morning, Women's House presenter Jane Garvey slated the situation and said she was "incandescent with rage".

Ms Garvey added: "If

the BBC thinks we are not talking to each other, we are.

"Women have learnt a few things and I would argue it's a good time to start acting on what they've learnt."

### furious employees

Ms Garvey, who earns less than £150,000, directly questioned whether fellow Radio 4 host Eddie Mair, who earns up to £350,000, is really "twice as good" as her.

Newsnight host Emily Maitlis also hit out at the pay gap after it emerged she was earning less than her co-presenter Evan Davis.

She was not listed as one of 96 BBC stars earning more than £150,000 which was released to outrage on Tuesday, meaning her salary is less



EMILY MAITLIS: the Newsnight hosts earns less than half the salary of her male counterpart

But it was revealed that Mr Davis, her Newsnight co-host, earns up to £299,999 a year.

Maitlis hit out at the BBC while speaking at a technology conference.

She said: "You're an industry doing so well - soon you'll be able to afford a BBC man!"

Beeb insiders revealed Ms Garvey and Ms Maitlis were just two of many furious employees who are demanding swift change at the corporation.

One said: "There is mutiny at the BBC, it is absolute chaos."

Another said: "Staff cont. on page 2, col. 1

## New Doctor...is a she!



Jodie Whittaker will play the 13th incarnation of the Time Lord.....and not everyone's happy (page 3)

News from Britain

# Cable named new Lib-Dem leader

## ■ Former Business Secretary ran unopposed

Sir Vince Cable has become the new leader of the Liberal Democrats.

The former business secretary, 74, took up the role after nominations for the post closed without him facing any challengers.

It comes after Tim Farron stood down because

he had been unable to reconcile his Christian faith with the demands of leading a "progressive, liberal" party.

The party increased its tally of MPs by just three to stand at 12 after a disappointing general election campaign.

### 'alternative agenda'

Sir Vince said Labour and the Tories had "abandoned" mainstream economics and claimed there was a need to prepare "an exit from Brexit".

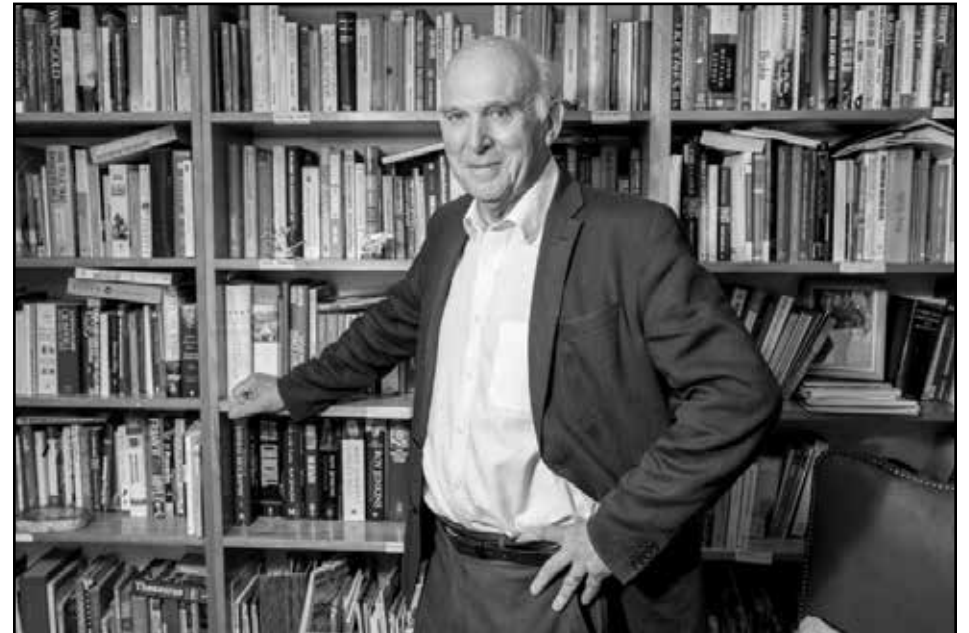
He said: "There is a huge gap in the centre of British politics and I intend to fill it. As the only party committed to staying in the single market and customs union, the Liberal

Democrats are alone in fighting to protect our economy.

"It will soon become clear that the Government can't deliver the painless Brexit it promised. So, we need to prepare for an exit from Brexit.

"Theresa May wants to take Britain back to the 1950s while Jeremy Corbyn wants to take Britain back to the 1970s. I will offer an optimistic, alternative agenda to power the country into the 2020s and beyond.

"We have a Government that can't govern and an opposition that can't oppose. Labour and the Conservatives have formed a grand coalition of chaos, driving through a hard Brexit which would deliver a massive



VINCE CABLE: "There is a huge gap in the centre of British politics"

## BBC:

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were reassured that all would be done to try and narrow the pay divide. Quite a few well-known faces were called back a few hours later and offered desultory pay rises which most people rejected out of hand.

"Agents have been called in and are dealing with it all, trying to get their clients parity with those named."

On Wednesday the BBC'S Director General Lord Hall today said he "would hope" Jodie Whittaker, the new Dr Who, would be paid the same as her male predecessor Peter Capaldi.

He told 5 News: "I would hope that the new female Dr Who, that Jodie, gets the same as Peter and I'm hugely looking forward to her taking over at Christmas."

## Crowded British skies 'running out of room'

**Air traffic controllers are warning that UK skies are running out of room for record numbers of planes.**

And they have called for a drastic modernisation in the way aircraft are guided across UK airspace.

It comes as the government launches a discussion to shape the UK's aviation industry for the next thirty years.

It wants the public to submit ideas on a wide range of subjects, from airport bag check-ins in town centres to noise reduction targets.

Aviation's rapid growth is causing headaches across the industry.

Friday saw the the busiest day of the year, with air traffic controllers handling over 8,800 flights.



AT BREAKING POINT? this week was the busiest ever for UK air traffic

They will guide some 770,000 flights across UK airspace through the summer.

That's a record, and 40,000 more than last year.

### Stretched to the limit

But the ability of the the UK's National Air Traffic Control Service (Nats) to deal with this surge is being stretched to its limit.

Jamie Hutchison, Nats Director said: "In the last few weeks we have already safely managed record-breaking daily traffic levels, but the

ageing design of UK airspace means we will soon reach the limits of what can be managed without delays rising significantly."

Delays are not just inconveniences. The Department for Transport estimates that if airspace management remains unchanged, by 2030 there will be 3,100 days' worth of flight delays - 50 times the amount seen in 2015, along with 8,000 flight cancellations a year.

In February the government launched a consultation paper on reforming airspace, and

it is expected to report back in the autumn.

"Beyond the horizon" The government paper has a broader scope. Transport Secretary Chris Grayling said: "Our new aviation strategy will look beyond the new runway at Heathrow and sets out a comprehensive long-term plan for UK aviation. It will support jobs and economic growth across the whole of the UK.

"Our vision puts the passenger at the heart of what we do, but also



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# Fans let fly as iconic Doctor is turned into a Time Lady

**THE FIRST female doctor is among us...and not everyone's happy about it.**

The long-running British sci-fi show announced on Sunday that the 13th Doctor will be played by an actress for the first time – with Jodie Whittaker, best known for her role as Beth Latimer in the crime drama Broadchurch, taking the plum role.

"It's more than an honor to play the Doctor," Whittaker said in a statement "It means remembering everyone I used to be, while stepping forward to embrace everything the Doctor stands for: Hope. I can't wait."

A huge online debate began just seconds after the news was revealed, with some die-hard fans saying they will never watch it again.

One fan of the show wrote on Twitter: "My feeling? #DoctorWho has been ripped out of his essence to make a bunch of overheated feminists happy. #RIPDoctorWho You will be missed..."

"Well! This is one less

show I have to watch! Adios #DoctorWho! A woman should not be the Doctor, just to fill a quota, so I'm out!" wrote another.

And someone else commented: "The new Doctor Who is now a Woman, and I don't like it, I will not watch the new doctor who series, so that means the series is over for me."

## 'really exciting time'

But former Doctor, actor Colin Baker was quick to praise the casting, writing: "Well I never the BBC really did do the right thing and let the Doctor be in touch with her feminine side. As a father of daughters – result!"

And Whittaker herself responded to the outcry, urging fans in a BBC interview "not to be scared by my gender... Because this is a really exciting time, and Doctor Who represents everything that's exciting about change."

"It feels completely overwhelming, as a feminist, as a woman, as an actor, as a human, as someone who wants

to continually push themselves and challenge themselves, and not be boxed in by what you're told you can and can't be," Whittaker said. "It feels incredible."

"The fans have lived through so many changes, and this is only a new, different one, not a fearful one," Whittaker added.

"To be asked to play the ultimate character, to get to play pretend in the truest form: this is why I wanted to be an actor in the first place. To be able to play someone who is literally reinvented on screen, with all the freedoms that brings: what an unbelievable opportunity. And added to that, to be the first woman in that role."

The series also has a new head honcho behind the scenes, with Chris Chibnall, who worked with Whittaker on Broadchurch, taking over as show runner.

Broadchurch's creator Chris Chibnall was recently named the new showrunner for Doctor Who, and remained relentlessly upbeat about his choice of Whittaker.



**JODIE WHITTAKER:** "The fans have lived through so many changes, and this is only a new, different one, not a fearful one."

"I always knew I wanted the 13th Doctor to be a woman and we're thrilled to have secured our number one choice," Chibnall said in a statement. "Her audition for the Doctor simply blew us all away. Jodie is an in-demand, funny, inspiring, super-smart force of nature and will bring loads of wit, strength and warmth to the role. The 13th Doctor is on her way."

And departing the Doctor, Scottish actor Peter Capaldi also praised the casting of Whittaker, who will be "regenerated" as Doctor Who. "Anyone who has seen Jodie Whittaker's work will know that she is a wonderful actress of great individuality and charm," the actor said. "She has above all the huge heart



**SUPPORT:** Outgoing Doctor Peter Capaldi praised the decision to cast the 'wonderful' Whittaker

to play this most special Whittaker's first Doctor part. She's going to be a Who episode is expected to air later this year.

## air traffic:

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recognises the need to address the impacts of aviation on communities and the environment."

Meanwhile airport capacity is expanding way beyond Heathrow's new runway.

Friday also marks the start of a £1bn investment programme to double the size of Manchester Airport's Terminal 2.

The number of planes taking off and landing at Stansted has gone up every month for almost four years.

Cardiff Airport has seen an almost 11% rise in traffic, and Luton is recording growth of 7% this year alone.

The problem of volume has been complicated by

shifts in travel patterns.

Egypt, Turkey and Tunisia have lost out to Spain, Italy and the US, which means major changes in the flows of traffic into UK airspace.

## It wasn't all bad.....

**A cyclist from Bristol got her revenge on a thief by stealing back her own bike in an audacious sting operation.**

Just hours after her £800 bike was taken, Jenni Morton-Humphreys, 30, put out an alert online, and discovered that the bike was already for sale on Facebook. The police declined to help, so – via

an intermediary – she arranged to meet the seller.

At the rendezvous, on a street corner, she asked if she could test the bike, and handed the seller a defunct set of house keys as security; then she quickly pedalled away, leaving the outraged thief yelling after her in frustration,



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News from Britain

# Thatcher overruled Minister to deny early release for Hindley and Brady

■ Files released by National Archives reveals PM disagreed with her home secretary's advice on parole for Moors Murderers

**Margaret Thatcher was horrified at the prospect of ever freeing Moors murderers Ian Brady and Myra Hindley, newly released government papers reveal.**

Files released by the National Archives show that in 1985 home secretary Leon Brittan suggested Hindley could go free after 30 years while Brady could be released after 40.

The suggestion provoked a furious reaction from Mrs Thatcher who was adamant they should both die behind bars, describing their crime as "the most hideous and cruel of modern times".

Over a period of 18 months in the 1960s, Brady and Hindley, his accomplice, kidnapped and murdered five children in north-west

England.

The bodies of three of their victims were later found buried on Saddleworth Moor near Oldham.

In 1966 they were given life sentences with the trial judge recommending they should spend "a very long time" in prison.

In 1985, in line with policy at the time, their cases came up for review for the first time by the Parole Board.

In a memorandum to the prime minister, Mr Brittan said that while he did not expect the board to recommend their release on this occasion, there would come a time when they could be safely released into the public.

"At present I have in mind a tariff of 30 years for Hindley and 40 years for Brady, implying

that after 1992 and 2002 respectively the question of release (in 1995 and 2005 at the earliest) will be determined on risk grounds rather than on grounds of retribution or deterrence," he wrote.

Mrs Thatcher, however, was having none of it.

"I think the sentences you are proposing are too short," she wrote.

"I do not think that either of these prisoners should ever be released from custody. Their crime was the most hideous and cruel of modern times."

Hindley made several appeals against her life sentence but was never released. She died in 2002, aged 60.

Brady was declared criminally insane in 1985 and confined in the high-security Ashworth Hospital where he died earlier this year aged 79.



**RESOLUTE:** Thatcher (top) wrote: I do not think that either of these prisoners should ever be released from custody.

## Crime spike biggest in ten years

**Crime in England and Wales has seen its largest annual rise in a decade, according to the Office for National Statistics.**

The total number of crimes reported to and recorded by the police rose by 10% between April 2016 and March 2017 to almost five million.

Violent crime was up by 18%, robbery by 16% and sex offences by 14%.

The figures come as Home Office data shows the number of police officers is the lowest since 1985.

A report said there were 123,142 officers across all ranks in England and Wales at the end of March this year.

Despite the rise in crime recorded by police, the Crime Survey of England and Wales, based on people's experiences of crime, showed a 7% drop.

The Crime Survey is always published on the same day as the ONS figures.

Its results are based on a face-to-face survey of 38,000 adults and children in which they are asked about their experiences of crime in the previous year.

The method means it includes crimes that are never reported to the police.

### 'High harm offences'

In the ONS statistics, nearly five million crimes were recorded by

the police in the last year - 458,021 more than the previous year.

The number of offences of violence against a person went up 18% to 175,060 offences.

Theft was up 7%, with 118,774 crimes recorded, and public order offences rose 39% to 78,697.

There were 723 homicides in the past year - made up of murders, manslaughter and infanticide cases.

The figure included the 96 Hillsborough deaths for the first time, following the inquest verdict in April 2016 that the victims had been unlawfully killed 27 years earlier.

Even without this number, there was still a



**WORRYING TREND:** Knife offences surged 24% in the past twelve months

9% rise in homicide.

There was also a 23% increase in firearms offences - equalling a further 1,200 crimes - and a 20% increase in knife crime - meaning 5,800 more offences.

John Flatley from the ONS said some of the big increases

in its figures could be explained by changes in how the police recorded crime, but this was only in some categories.

He added: "Some of the increases recorded by the police are in the low volume, but high harm - offences such as homicide and knife

crime that the Crime Survey is not designed to measure.

"If the increases in burglary and vehicle theft recorded by the police continue, we would expect these to show up in the [Crime Survey] survey in due course."

# British granddad eyes £8m World Series of Poker Prize

■ Lady Luck smiles on Hull caravan salesman

A British man has a chance of winning the biggest prize in poker after besting more than 7,200 players to make it to the final table of the game's most prestigious tournament.

John Hesp, 64, will take home over \$8m (£6.1m) if he wins the World Series of Poker's (WSOP) main event in Las Vegas.

The grandfather of seven has little experience and usually plays a £10 tournament at his local casino in Hull.

But he is already certain to walk away with at least \$1m.

Hesp's story has captivated the world of poker, with many of the game's biggest names rooting for him to win.

The semi-retired businessman, from Bridlington in East Yorkshire, has won admirers for both his colourful dress sense and cheerful demeanour at the table.

## 'Freak occurrence'

Speaking to PokerNews, Hesp, who owns a company that rents caravan homes, said he had "just been having a ball the whole week".

"It's the most amazing experience of my life... it's a completely surreal, unbelievable experience that I never in my wildest dreams would ever imagine."

The father of four, who paid \$10,000 to enter the 7,221-player tournament,

said competing in the main event was a "bucket list wish" he had had in his mind for a couple of years.

Writing on Facebook, Hesp said: "I would like to thank my wife Mandy and all my family and friends back home for supporting me in this and hope that I've done them, Bridlington and East Yorkshire proud."

British professional poker player Paul Jackson, a WSOP veteran who was in Las Vegas for some of the earlier tournaments, said: "It's so rare and difficult for someone of his limited ability to do so well.

"To get through such a large field... it's a freak occurrence that's



DOING BRIDLINGTON PROUD: John Hesp at the tables

unlikely ever to be repeated."

He added: "He seems like a really nice bloke; a good winner and a good loser. It lets people know you don't have to act like a sulky teenager like some of the players do.

"I think it's absolutely fantastic. It's great for

poker.

"I hope he goes on to win it."

Another British man, 26 year-old London poker pro Jack Sinclair, has also reached the final table. He lies eighth with 20,200,000 chips, while Hesp has the second

biggest stack, with a chip

count of 85,700,000.

The winner of the event will earn \$8,150,000, with even the first of the remaining nine players to be knocked out ensured a \$1m payday.

Play resumed at the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino on Thursday and concludes on Saturday.

# NOVEL! Jane Austen is now face of plastic £10

The new plastic £10 note has been unveiled by Bank of England governor Mark Carney at Winchester Cathedral.

The note, which follows the polymer £5, will be issued on 14 September and has a portrait of Jane Austen on the 200th anniversary of the author's death.

It is also the first Bank of England note to include a tactile feature to help visually impaired people.

Meanwhile, a limited supply of a new £2 coin honouring Jane Austen has been put into circulation by the Royal Mint.

The coin will initially only be available in tills at key locations in the Winchester and Basingstoke areas that have connections with Austen, including Winchester Cathedral and the Jane Austen House Museum.

It will be circulated more widely across the UK later this year.

## Controversy

The £10 note will be made of the same material as the £5 note, which means it also contains some traces of animal fat - an issue which caused concern for vegans and some religious groups when it was launched last September.

A petition to ban the note attracted more than 100,000 signatures but the new £10 will again contain some tallow, which is derived from meat products.

The Jane Austen quote on the note from *Pride and Prejudice* has also attracted some unfavourable comment.

The quotation: "I declare after all there is no enjoyment like reading!" is uttered by a character called Caroline Bingley who in fact has

no interest in books and is merely trying to impress Mr Darcy, a potential suitor.

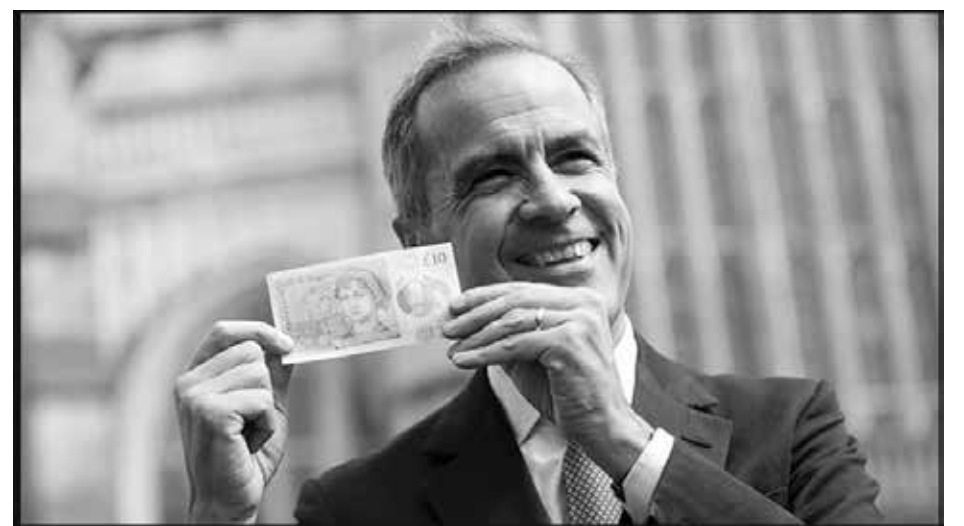
But Mr Carney defended the choice.

"It captures much of her [Jane Austen's] spirit, at least in my mind," he said. "It draws out some of the essence of some of her social satire and her insight into people's character. So it works on multiple levels."

A new polymer £20 featuring artist JMW Turner is due to be issued by 2020, but there are no plans to replace the current £50 note, which was released in 2011.

The Bank of England says the new £10 notes contain sophisticated security features and are expected to last five years, which is two-and-a-half times longer than the current note.

The tactile feature was developed in conjunction with the Royal National



Bank of England governor Mark Carney at the launch of the new note

Institute of Blind People (RNIB) and is a series of raised dots in the top left-hand corner of each note.

Bank notes are already in tiered sizes, and have bold numerals, raised print and differing colours to help blind and partially sighted people.

Launching the note in Winchester Cathedral, Austen's final resting place, Mr Carney paid tribute to the author, saying: "The new £10 note celebrates Jane Austen's work. Austen's novels have a universal

appeal and speak as powerfully today as they did when they were first published."

Victoria Cleland, the Bank's chief cashier, said: "The new £10 note marks the next exciting step in our introduction of cleaner, safer, stronger

polymer banknotes, and I am grateful to the cash industry for their work towards a smooth transition."

The design of the note includes a portrait of the novelist based on an original sketch drawn by her sister Cassandra.

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Local News

# Veteran bluesman John Mayall to play the Broad Stage in Santa Monica

■ "Godfather of British Blues" founded the legendary Bluesbreakers

ONE OF Britain's most influential musicians of the past half century can be seen performing locally when John Mayall plays the Eli and Edythe Broad Stage in Santa Monica on Friday August 25th at 7.30pm. Mayall will perform as part of a trio delivering a

career retrospective with new slants and sounds to showcase his monumental life in blues music.

Dubbed "The Godfather of British Blues", the singer, pianist, harmonica player, guitarist, and songwriter founded the band, John Mayall & the Bluesbreakers in the 1960s

- a band whose members over the years included such names as Eric Clapton, Peter Green, Jack Bruce, Mick Taylor, Walter Trout, Coco Montoya and Buddy Whittington.

In 1968 Mayall recorded the landmark album Blues from Laurel Canyon, and attracted by the West



ROCK OF AGES: John Mayall, Hughie Flint, Eric Clapton and John McVie



AGELESS: Even at 83, John Mayall is still performing and touring

Coast climate and culture, he made his permanent move from England to Los Angeles the following year and began forming bands with American musicians. Throughout the next three decades, Mayall became revered for his many jazz/rock/blues innovations featuring such notable performers as Blue Mitchell, Red Holloway, Larry Taylor, and Harvey Mandel. Mayall's popularity continued with a succession of dynamic albums including the Grammy-

nominated "Wake Up Call" that featured guest artists Buddy Guy, Mavis Staples, Albert Collins and Mick Taylor.

At 83, John Mayall is still performing and touring tirelessly. He recently completed his 66th original album, Talk About That and has 130 tour dates on the books for 2017. In an interview with People Magazine Mayall talks about the progression of the blues, "At any given time [the blues] represents the mood of society and the things that are going

on around people. It's music that is there trailing on, keeping up with the times."

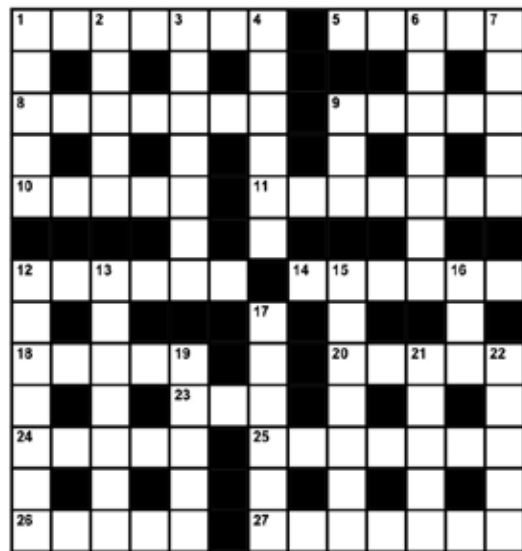
John has also recently released a couple of never before heard live albums from 1967 featuring Peter Green, John McVie and Mick Fleetwood, which along with the new studio albums have been enthusiastically received by critics and fans alike.

Ticket prices start at \$45, subject to availability. The Broad Stage is located at 1310 11th Street in Santa Monica. For tickets visit [www.thebroadstage.org](http://www.thebroadstage.org)

## The British Weekly Crossword by Myles Mellor. #282

Across

- 1 Website visitor volume (7)
- 5 Bylaws, for instance (5)
- 8 Tall grazer (7)
- 9 Raffle reward (5)
- 10 "Ta-da!" (5)
- 11 Quest (7)
- 12 Fresh (6)
- 14 Miscellany (6)
- 18 Gets a look at (5)
- 20 Dispensary inventory (5)
- 23 Pledge of Allegiance ender (3)
- 24 Upper-story room (5)
- 25 Action of wearing away (7)
- 26 Agrees (with) (5)
- 27 Hits the spot, so to speak (7)



Down

- 1 Cool (5)
- 2 Correspond (5)
- 3 One point, in tennis (7)
- 4 Heebie-jeebies (6)
- 6 Unoccupied (7)
- 7 Bee performance (5)
- 9 Singly (3)
- 12 Brings to view (7)
- 13 Fashioned (7)
- 15 Young frog (7)
- 16 Floor covering (3)
- 17 Not alert (6)
- 19 Pass rusher's tally (5)
- 21 Military groups (5)
- 22 Makes smooth, in a way (5)

### Solution to Puzzle #281

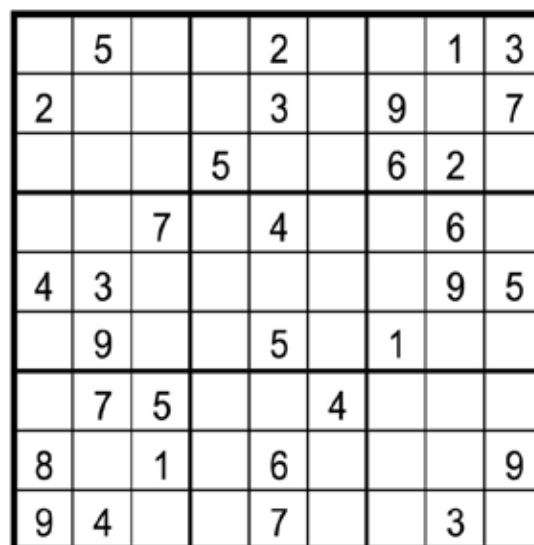


## The British Weekly Sudoku by Myles Mellor & Susan Flanagan #282

### 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 #281





# Meet a Member: Nathalie Gordon

*Meet Nathalie Gordon from London who moved to LA one year ago to pursue a career in fashion and beauty photography.*

**Was there a particular reason you chose LA?**

That's easy...the sunshine! I have only ever lived in the UK and would travel at least four times a year chasing sunshine, so I figured I'd reside somewhere that has it pretty much permanently. I also wanted to do more with my photographic career and needed new inspiration. I only got so far in London before my work and the industry started to feel a bit stale.

**What do you miss most from home?**

Friends, Family, Percy Pigs from Marks & Spencer and Vera...my Vespa!

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

I didn't really have a first impression. I'd never been to LA before I decided to move here. It came to me as if an unknown voice were telling me to pack up and go. A lot of people gave their own views of LA and some even persuaded me to go to New York - especially because I shoot a lot of beauty and cosmetics. What people have said about it being fake and plastic is totally untrue. LA has its pleasant and dark sides but you naturally navigate to your own calling.

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

I think the outdoor culture is the biggest difference. I love how LA is so spread out and versatile. You have the option to do so many things a lot of which involve the outdoors. My only wish for LA is more rooftop bars! I used to chase rooftops all over London when the weather was good. Here the sun is out 98% of the time and I think I've been to every rooftop bar/restaurant in LA!

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

YES! There are so many hidden gems in LA but my favourite has to be the "Secret Stairs" of Beachwood Canyon. I love hiking and this is such a beautiful little hike. The stairs are pretty gruelling to climb (especially if you run up them as I like to) but once you make your way through the small streets you end up in front of the Hollywood sign, passing a gorgeous scenic look of the Hollywood reservoir and even the Hollywood Castle, which I think Moby used to own?!

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

My advice would be "don't even think about NOT doing it!" Don't wait to try and have it all figured out. Just get some clothes together and do it. I came out here on a six month tourist visa to test the waters and then decided to switch and stay. Once you get to LA, hang out at Cecconi's every

Tuesday and go from there. I have made so many friends and contacts and everyone is SUPER NICE. You'll also want to adopt Bernard who is one of THE most welcoming people I've ever met.

**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?**

Well, I'd like to share the best piece of advice a friend from London gave to me, and that was to say yes to everything. When you are new in town it's a great way to get a feel for the city. You'll get to find out what you like and don't like. This was something so major for me, stepping out of my comfort zone has been a real eye opener. I've definitely grown as a person and have made fantastic friends and contacts from doing so. Plus you never know where and who you are likely to meet in LA.

**Lastly, how can we find out more about you? Are you working on anything at the moment?**

My website ([www.nathaliegordon.com](http://www.nathaliegordon.com)) and Instagram (@photonzthalie) is where you can see my latest work. I specialise in macro beauty and I've been shooting advertising campaigns for LA-based style and beauty brands plus I love shooting look books for fashion outlets. I'm currently working on a beauty series all about LIPS that I'm transforming into large-scale fine art pieces!



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## The Pub Quiz is back...at the Cat & Fiddle!

You asked and we listened!

Brits in LA Pub Quiz is coming back! So sharpen your pencils and your brains for the first trivia night at our new abode with our old friends The Cat & Fiddle Pub at their new location 742 N. Highland Avenue in Hollywood.

We know you get a lot out of our group on Facebook, but nothing compares to meeting each other in person. The feedback we get

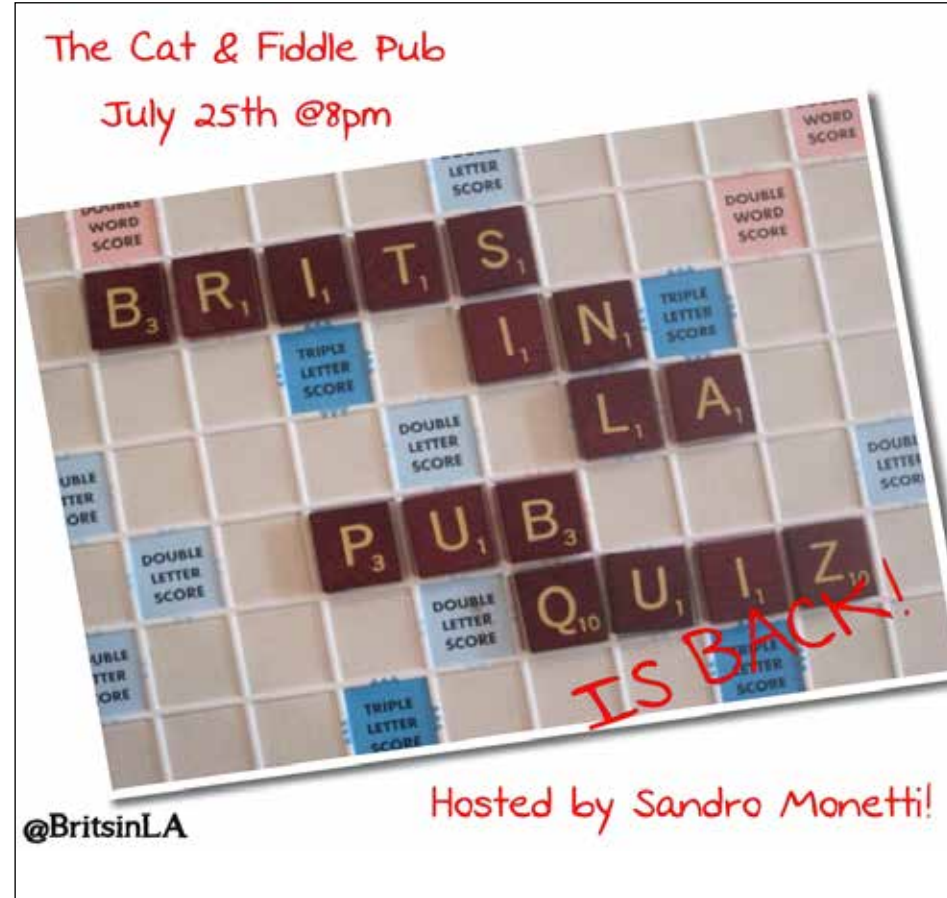
each week at our Breakfast Club is proof in the pudding. Tuesday mornings aren't feasible for everyone but perhaps a Tuesday night is?

We are delighted to welcome Sandro Monetti back in the role of Quizmaster and he will be expecting your presence for an 8pm kick off for our debut on the evening of Tuesday July 25th. The rules have changed slightly (to your advantage). Still no phones of course and

Sandro will possibly read out the last three texts of any offenders, however there is no fee to play, but we do request all participants purchase something from the Cat & the Fiddle menu, whether it be the Moscow Mule \$6 drink special brought to you by Ketel One or perhaps one of their menu items which has a wide selection from flatbread pizzas, to an array of vegetarian options including a Shepherds Pie and a Cauliflower & Red Quinoa Burger. For those of you who fancy a taste from home, there is a plethora of choice which includes Fish n' Chips, Bangers & Mash, Steak, Mushroom & Guinness Pie. I am currently trying to decide if I can fit in a Sausage Roll and a Scotch Egg or if I should save room for the Apple & Pear Crumble (with custard!!). Fortunately we are there every Tuesday for the rest of the summer so perhaps I should try to pace myself...

What do points mean? Prizes of course!

1st place team gets \$75 cash, and the runners ups are looking at prizes too. From free drinks rounds, a gift voucher to spend at The Cat up for grabs, as well as goodies from



Guinness, Fabulous Films and Diageo - further details and Sandro's rules can be found by visiting us at [www.Britsin.LA](http://www.Britsin.LA) - walk ins welcome - we will find you a team join if you are flying solo.

Talking of flying....we are also pleased to tell you that Air New Zealand have reinstated the discount codes they offer to Brits in LA members - when they recently lapsed briefly last month

a state of pandemonium commenced! I woke up to several emails, instant messages plus multiple comments on Facebook from people in a panic when they discovered their loss. But thanks to the wonderful team at ANZ all is now back to normal; so long as you book your flights before the end of August. Actual travel dates can commence after though. If you need a reminder

of the current discount codes email [ANZCodes@Britsin.LA](mailto:ANZCodes@Britsin.LA)

If you have any questions regarding any other matters please drop us a line at [BritsinLA@gmail.com](mailto:BritsinLA@gmail.com) -

hope to see some of you next Tuesday either at Breakfast or Pub Quiz.... or both!

Cheers!  
Eileen

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## Harry Styles: the rising star keeps getting what he wants!

Be careful what you wish for, Harry Styles...

Since you're a celebrity with a blossoming solo career and acting role in a Christopher Nolan movie, you just might get it.

On Wednesday night, former One Direction pin-up Styles' wish did come true for a hot second when he longed to take over Jimmy Fallon's gig as host of The Tonight Show.

Oo-er!

The "Sign of the Times" singer blew into a special jade bottle Fallon got as a gift from Stevie Nicks that's said to grant wishes. Fallon pretended to keel over from his desk as Styles hopped over to his seat. "We've got a great show for you tonight," he shouted as the audience roared.

Styles already has late-night experience, so he'd probably make a good host. He shared the stage with James Corden during a special week of The Late Late Show when he took over monologue duties and featured in multiple sketches.

He also had a bonding experience with Fallon



during a week on Saturday Night Live when Styles served as the musical guest. So, perhaps he'll be taking over the Tonight Show reins at some point, after all.

Styles appeared on the Tonight Show to promote his role in Dunkirk, the latest feature from the director Christopher Nolan, the man behind Interstellar and the Dark Knight trilogy. Shot largely for 70mm film, "Dunkirk", in theaters this weekend, dramatizes the military

operation to evacuate 40,000 pinned-down troops on the beaches of France during World War II.

"There's no like crazy backstories to any of the characters really," Styles said. "I think they're relatively blank slate[s] and it means that when you're watching it, you're kind of projecting your fear. You're almost like watching it just imagining them as you. I found it very emotional and I was in it."

Dunkirk is out in theaters on July 21.

## That's just wizard! Two new books for fans as Harry Potter turns 20

Fans are in meltdown after it was announced TWO new Harry Potter books will be released later this year to mark the 20th anniversary of The Philosopher's Stone.

The novels are called Harry Potter: A History Of Magic and Harry Potter: A Journey Through A History of Magic – and they are set to accompany an exhibition by the British Library celebrating the magical franchise's milestone.

Oo-er!

But neither release has been penned by JK Rowling, who ruled out writing any more Potter books following the release of the seventh and final novel in the series.

Boo!

The two forthcoming books are aimed at a family audience and will delve deeper into the world in which they are set, but they won't further the storyline involving lead characters Harry, played by Daniel Radcliffe, Hermione Granger (Emma Watson) and Ron Weasley (Rupert Grint).

Fans have still gone wild for the news, with one writing on Twitter: "2 new Harry Potter books incoming! Bye bye life. Well..after a long wait, I've got patience."

Another said: "2 new Harry Potter books woooh amazing"

While a third posted: "the 2 new harry potter



ROWLING: she's got a very posh frock

books coming out have me feeling all the feels i'm pure buzzing"

Since the last Potter film was released in 2011, fans have been able to get their teeth stuck into prequel Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them starring Eddie Redmayne.

The film explores the wizarding world prior to Potter and is expected to have four star-studded sequels.

Earlier this month Rowling revealed she's got the manuscript of an unpublished novel stashed away.

But Potter fans will be dismayed to hear the writer has no direct plans to publish the story... because it's written on one of her dresses!

During a recent interview with CNN,

the 51-year-old author revealed that the manuscript of almost an entire book was written on the frock last year for her 50th birthday party.

She asked pals to come dressed as their "worst personal nightmare"; her own was a lost manuscript.

The author set about scribbling away on a gown, which then became a garment and an original J.K. Rowling story combined.

How much that dress is likely to be worth now doesn't bear thinking about.

The writer said: "I wrote over a dress most of that book."

"So that book, I don't know whether it will ever be published, but it's actually hanging in a wardrobe currently."

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# Stargazing with Annie Shaw

**ARIES:** If you are interested, love is in the air currently. This can be lovers or family or your pets. Either way enjoy this time frame. Mars your boss is in watery Cancer and though this could slow things down a little. take the time to compete unfinished business.

**TAUR US:** Your finances could a problem -or the lack thereof, more than likely. Try not to freak out as it is all temporary. Family situations will also arise due to Mars in cancer. Be wise and keep a handle on your temper...things will cool down by midweek.

**GEMINI:** You would be wise to not use up all your energy next week as your boss planet Mercury will start a slow backward stroll. Whatever energy (good or bad) you are holding onto will want to escape. This is not good for your overall health; let it loose and be truthful.

**CANCER:** You may be letting go of what you consider the past; it may seem that way to you, but if you look back over the last few weeks and take stock of what worked and what did not you might feel differently.

**LEO:** You may have been a little moody or even sad this past week. This is because your old year is ending very soon. Take stock of what you have achieved and what you are wishing for the new year. Chances are you will get pretty much all of your wishes by Autumn. Happy Birthday.

**VIR GO:** This past week or so has not been as forward-moving as you like or need. This is because everything seems overwhelming to you, however next week starts out better. You will be glad to see the back of this month in some ways.

**LIBRA:** This is a time to show the world your intellectual side, the side that you don't often display to one and all. However you have achieved a certain amount of attention lately (personal or otherwise). Jupiter in your life is going to see you get your wish.

**SCORPIO:** You've had some tough times lately and its is probably making you want to hide out. It is good for you to have a time out, especially if you are licking your emotional wounds. This will not last forever, so keep an eye out for a new opportunity in any area of life to cheer you up.

**SAGITTARIUS:** This week ahead use your head (not your heart) to move through your life. There are many opportunities to regroup and start over. Whatever you are looking to change will manifest these next few days.

**CAPRICORN:** There will be changes in your regular schedules this coming week. So to be prepared is a given. Do not be uptight is the best way to deal with any difficulties, that way you will not be caught unawares.

**AQUARIUS:** Some good news is on its way. This may be in several areas, just make sure your everyday life is in order before you celebrate. Finances are still in flux and not the best for you until late month. Then you can let your hair down and celebrate.

**PISCES:** You should surround yourself with people who only have your best interests at heart these next few days. You are being greatly affected by Mars in Cancer this month, which can make you somewhat vulnerable.

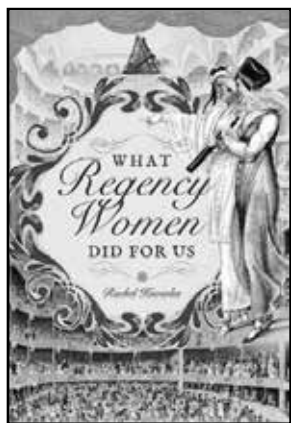


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# Regency Women: more than meets the eye

Exclusive interview with author Rachel Knowles, discussing her new book about twelve British women from the early 1800s who still matter today



"I was looking for twelve women who lived during the Regency period whose lives made an impact on the time in which they lived, but who had also left some legacy into the 21st century," says *What Regency Women Did for Us* author Rachel Knowles. "My husband Andrew and I are both historians. We spend a lot of time talking about my research. Andrew had heard part of the stories of many Regency women. During

the summer of 2015, we became intrigued with the idea that several of these women had left something of a tangible legacy into the 21st century."

Knowles, known for her history blog, describes how each of these ladies changed their world and ultimately ours. Great reading for learning about inspiring women and for research.

During the Regency era (1795 to 1837), women's lives seemed limited. Women were not considered intelligent, had little access to higher education. They had few rights. If married they became the property of their husbands. Some women prevailed despite the obstacles. The twelve women in this book come from different social backgrounds, actresses and authors or pioneers in the areas of business,

philanthropy or science.

"The title was originally a throw-away comment by Andrew that stuck," says Knowles. "We realised that it would connect with people. As a result of my blog, I have been invited to various exhibition previews, for example, the Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace and the Wallace Collection. I have been interviewed for local radio, for South Korean television, and most recently, by BBC West."

Among the women featured in the book are Jane Austen, and lesser known personalities with valuable scientific contributions such as the astronomer Caroline Herschel, the 'engineering enthusiast' Sarah Guppy, and Jane Marcet, Faraday's teacher.

For research, Knowles read biographies, and

searched for all sorts of documents about the twelve women. "I chose women of different nationalities and backgrounds who influenced different aspects of life in Regency Britain. Wherever possible, I used original sources. These included contemporary newspaper reports, memoirs and genealogical records. However, even these are not always entirely reliable. For example, in her memoirs, Madame Tussaud wanted to give the impression that she had been on intimate terms with the French royal family before the French Revolution. She claimed that she had lived at Versailles whilst teaching wax modelling to Madame Elizabeth, sister to Louis XVI. But, her residence there is unsubstantiated by the

official palace records."

"The Internet is a marvellous source of documents for the historian," says Knowles. "The vast majority of sources that I looked at were online. Google books and Archive.org both have large quantities of out-of-copyright material. I also looked at newspaper archives and family history records." She visited Bristol Archives.

Knowles' first book, published in 2015, was *A Perfect Match*, a historical romance set in late Georgian London and Weymouth.

Karyn Burnham was Knowles editor at Pen and Sword Books, but Knowles says her primary editor is her husband Andrew. Knowles doesn't have an agent.

Knowles is currently writing another historical romance, a sequel to



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*A Perfect Match*, set in 1810. She also writes historical articles for her blog RegencyHistory.net. She gives talks about the Regency period, for which she has an authentic Regency costume that she wears. Knowles lives in the seaside town of Weymouth in Dorset on the south coast of England.

*What Regency Women Did For Us* by Rachel Knowles. Paperback: 224 pages. Publisher: Pen and Sword. July 19, 2017. Language: English. ISBN: 9781473882249 \$24.95







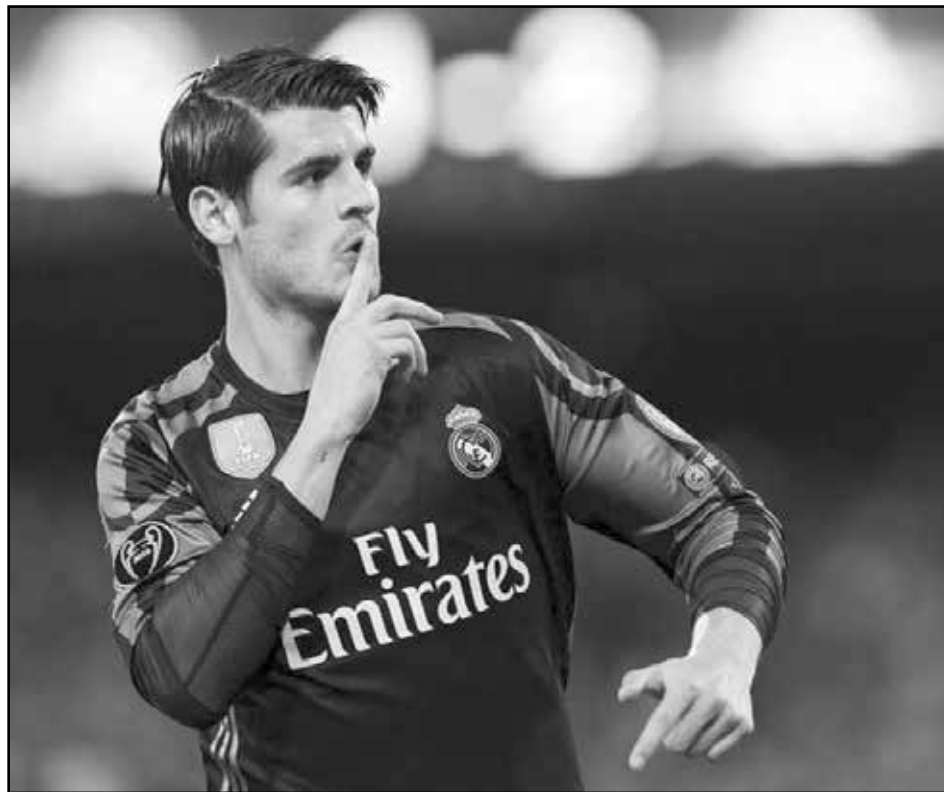








# BRITISH WEEKLY SPORT



## Morata seals Blues switch

**London:** Chelsea have reached an agreement to buy Spain international striker Alvaro Morata from Real Madrid for a reported €80 million (\$92.2 million), the two clubs announced on Wednesday.

"Chelsea Football Club and Real Madrid have agreed terms for the transfer of Alvaro Morata to Stamford Bridge," Chelsea said on their club website.

"The move is now subject to him agreeing personal terms and passing a medical."

Madrid confirmed the news as well in a brief statement on their website.

"The club wishes to express its thanks for the dedication, professionalism and exemplary conduct displayed by the player over the years, spanning his time in our academy right through to his spell as a member of the first-team squad," the statement added.

Chelsea had reportedly tabled a £62 million (€70

million, \$80 million) bid for the 24-year-old last week but Madrid, according to Spanish radio station Cadena Ser, have agreed the sale for €80 million.

Morata is expected to leave Madrid's training camp in the United States as soon as possible.

British media reported last week that Chelsea had offered Morata a five-year contract at Stamford Bridge worth £150,000 a week.

Real exercised a buy-back clause to bring Morata back from Juventus a year ago, having joined the Italian club in 2014 just days after Antonio Conte's exit in Turin.

He scored 20 goals in 43 appearances last season as Real retained their Champions League crown while edging Barcelona to the Spanish title.

Morata had previously been linked with a move to Manchester United, but their reported interest ended after the signing of Romelu Lukaku from

Everton.

The Spaniard said in April that Chelsea boss Conte, who was instrumental in persuading him to sign for Juve, had given him self-belief and that he was looking forward to working with the Italian one day.

"I feel indebted to him because he's the coach that most trusted in me, most wanted me, who made me feel I could perform at the highest level," Morata told the newspaper.

Morata's arrival in London could signal the end of his international team-mate Diego Costa's time at Chelsea, with the latter strongly tipped for a return to Atletico Madrid.

Costa was granted extra time off by the Blues and has missed the start of pre-season training after the 28-year-old revealed in June that he was not part of Conte's plans.

The Brazil-born Spain striker is keen on rejoining Atletico despite them not being allowed to register new players until January because of a transfer ban.



Javier Hernandez is Mexico's all-time leading goalscorer

## Little Pea to provide relief for Bilic?

**West Ham have agreed a deal with German club Bayer Leverkusen to sign Mexico striker Javier Hernandez for £16m.**

The 29-year-old former Manchester United player flew to London on Thursday to finalise personal terms and have a medical with the Hammers.

Meanwhile, Austria forward Marko Arnautovic is due to have a medical in the next 48 hours after West

Ham agreed a deal with Stoke City.

It is understood Stoke have accepted a fee in the region of £24m.

In May, Hernandez - widely known by the nickname Chicharito, which means 'little pea' - became Mexico's leading all-time scorer with his 47th international goal.

Hernandez scored 59 goals in 156 appearances for United after arriving at Old Trafford in 2010, before joining Leverkusen for £7.3m in

August 2015.

He has netted 39 times in 76 matches for the German club.

Arnautovic, 28, joined Stoke from Werder Bremen four years ago and is just 12 months into a four-year contract with the Potters.

He scored seven times in 35 games in all competitions last season.

West Ham signed Manchester City and England goalkeeper Joe Hart on a season-long loan deal on Tuesday.

## Football Transfer Gossip

**JOSE MOURINHO's summer signings are not yet over.** The Manchester United manager has lined up PSG defender Serge Aurier as a target after negotiations stalled with Monaco over 23-year-old Fabinho.

According to reports from Germany, out-of-favor United forward Anthony Martial may soon join Werder Bremen on a season-long loan.

United have also been linked with Paris St-Germain midfielder Marco Verratti, 24, after the Italian hired Mino Raiola as his agent.

The Red Devils are also monitoring Ross Barkley's situation at Everton as they consider a move for the 23-year-old England midfielder, but the player is reportedly keen to join Tottenham after hearing glowing reports about

manager Mauricio Pochettino.

And former United winger Gabriel Obertan, 28, is set to leave Bordeaux and sign for Bulgarian side Levski Sofia.

PSG have reportedly made an outrageous £196m bid for Barcelona's Brazilian star Neymar. PSG are willing to pay the player a signing-on fee of £45m and will offer him a five-year contract worth £596,000 a week after tax.

Liverpool are also ready to splash the cash, reportedly preparing a £70m bid for RB Leipzig midfielder Naby Keita, having had a £66m offer rejected for the 22-year-old Guinea international.

Bournemouth have rejected loan bids from Toulouse and Sunderland for 29-year-old winger Max Gradel.

## ROOT:

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but the most important thing now is to respond well and make sure we put it right."

Root stressed the need for England's batsmen to adapt to situations, accepting that they need to build the ability to absorb pressure into their games. On his own shortcomings, the 26-year-old conceded his use of the review system was poor following three squandered in the field and a failure to challenge a caught-behind off Hashim Amla in South Africa's second innings.

"It's definitely an area I want to get better at. I've always been terrible. You're going to get it wrong on a few occasions but the most important thing is you use it for the howler and not when trying to burgle a wicket."

# England have a shocker

■ Second innings collapse gifts victory to tourists as South Africa square Test Series

**JOE ROOT'S** England honeymoon has proved crushingly brief, as the recently-installed skipper was unable to stop a batting collapse which gifted South Africa a 340-run win on day four of the second Test this week.

Chasing an improbable 474, the home side were bowled out for 133, as only Alastair Cook (42) offered any prolonged resistance.

Vernon Philander and Keshav Maharaj took three wickets, while Chris Morris and Duanne Olivier claimed two apiece.

The four-match series is level at 1-1, with the third Test at The Oval beginning on 27 July.

Root will have much

to ponder for that game, specifically the make-up of their top order and whether or not to retain left-arm spinner Liam Dawson.

For South Africa, who have not lost a series in Britain since 1998, this is a first win at Trent Bridge for 52 years, in the process becoming the first touring side to win a Test on the ground for a decade.

A seventh defeat in 10 Tests is a horrible statistic for England, although the mitigating circumstance is that seven of those matches were played in unfamiliar surroundings.

However, a problem going further back is a weakness when batting second. In the past 10 matches when England have fielded first, they have won only once, a run going back to 2015.

In that time, they have been unable to settle on a top-order line-up and batting was once again their undoing in this match.

Realistically, the game was lost when they were bowled out for 205 in the first innings, but the second-innings capitulation, in less than two sessions under

warm sunshine, will the cause of greatest concern.

England coach Trevor Bayliss told reporters after the game: "I watched in a bit of disbelief. It was a poor performance. I wish I could explain it, as it has happened over the last few years – we put in one good game and win and then a poor game and lose well. We may have to have a chat but the boys are honest – they realise they have had a shocker."

Root, who is two Tests into his reign as captain, admitted the week in which their previous stronghold of Trent Bridge was ransacked had left him "feeling older" but said he felt in a position to address the long-term issues that continued on from under his predecessor, Alastair Cook.

Root has certainly learned about the pressures that follow a defeat, with two prominent former England captains criticising his side's approach.

Nasser Hussain described their attacking style as a "rubbish brand of cricket" while Michael Vaughan, Root's longtime mentor, said



**JOE ROOT:** in subdued mood after England's crushing defeat on Monday

after the first innings analysis was shared with that "maybe it's a lack of respect about what the game is".

When the latter's

analysis was shared with Root, he replied: "I think that's very unfair – I can't believe he's actually said that, to be honest.

We pride ourselves on winning series like this. Unfortunately, we've played poorly this week

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SCOREBOARD				
South Africa beat England by 340 runs				
<b>SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings</b> 335 (Ama 78, de Kock 68, Philander 54, Anderson 5-72)				
<b>ENGLAND: First Innings</b> 205 (Root 70)				
<b>SOUTH AFRICA: Second Innings</b> 343-9 dec. (Ama 87, Eggar 80, de Plessis 63, Ais 4-78)				
<b>ENGLAND: Second Innings</b> (Oversight 2-0)				
	Max	Balls	Runs	
A Cook c de Kock b Morris	119	70	42	
*captain bowled: glowed away, brilliant catch behind				
K Jennings b Philander	22	18	3	
*big gap between bat and pad, lost off stump!				
G Ballance lbw Philander	29	15	4	
*(bat in line, just ok on impact and hitting)				
J Root b Morris	32	20	6	
*(keeper removed on off stump)				
J Bairstow c Morris b Maharaj	49	29	16	
*(missed drive seemed to float off)				
B Stokes c de Kock b Philander	69	44	18	
*(straight drive, superb catch in follow through)				
M Ais c Kuhn b Maharaj	36	37	27	
*(top edge off sweep to square leg)				
L Devonson not out	27	13	5	
S Broad c Morrell b Maharaj	12	12	5	
*(big sweep to backward square leg)				
M Wood c Morris b Olivier	2	1	0	
*(short ball forced to pull)				
J Anderson c de Kock b Olivier	3	1	0	
*(long ball edged behind)				
UNK			5	
Total (44.2 overs): 133				
Fall: 1, 28, 55, 72, 94, 122, 126, 133, 133.				
Bowling: Morris: 13-4-30-0, Philander: 10-3-24-0, Olivier: 3-2-0-25-2, Morris: 6-3-7-2, Maharaj: 12-2-42-3.				
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