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# HARRIS GUILTY!

## Entertainer facing lengthy jail term after conviction on string of abuse charges

**Rolf Harris has been found guilty at his sex abuse trial. The veteran TV star and iconic children's entertainer was convicted of indecent assault following an eight week trial at Southwark Crown Court.**

The 84-year-old was accused of assaulting four girls aged between seven and 19 over three decades.

Harris remained impassive as the forewoman delivered the unanimous verdicts.

His daughter Bindi held hands with a fellow supporter, and wife Alwen and niece Jenny also watched from the public gallery as his fate was sealed.

The verdicts leave his reputation – forged during a glittering 50-year career – in tatters and will see him facing a lengthy jail sentence.

### custodial sentence

The performer was released on bail until Friday when he will be sentenced – after the British Weekly went to press.

Justice Sweeney warned the 84-year-old that given the conviction on all 12 counts it was “inevitable” that a custodial sentence would be possible.

“He must understand that”, he said, to which Harris’s barrister Sonia Woodley replied: “He does appreciate that”.

The judge told the jury: “During the case you will have had to grapple with a side of life which I suspect you would prefer not to have had to grapple with.

“You have done so in the face of daily attention of large numbers of members of the media representing the public and observation of how you have conducted yourselves.”

### ‘suffered in silence’

He excused them from jury service for 10 years.

Harris walked slowly from the building, with an emotional Alwen and Bindi on either side, and also accompanied by his niece Jenny who has attended every day of the trial.

The family was flanked by three burly security guards as they faced a throng of international media.

Harris remained silent in the face of continuous questions, cutting a dejected and downbeat figure.

The group was ushered into a waiting Audi with blacked out windows, with photographers

crowding around the car. Earlier, PR heavyweights Bell Pottinger said Harris will not be commenting on the verdicts, either here or in Australia.

Jenny Hopkins, Deputy Chief Crown Prosecutor for the CPS (Crown Prosecution Service) in London, said: “Rolf Harris used his status and position as a world famous children’s entertainer to sexually assault young girls over a period spanning 18 years.

“The victims in this case have suffered in silence for many years and have only recently found the courage to come forward. I would like to pay tribute to the bravery they displayed in coming to court and giving evidence. That bravery and determination has seen Rolf Harris brought to justice and held to account.

“Each victim, unknown to the others, described a similar pattern of behaviour; that of a man acting without fear of the consequences.

“The prosecution of sexual offences is often difficult and complex,

perhaps even more so when the allegations are from some years ago. We will continue to consider cases and wherever there is sufficient evidence and it is in the public interest, we will work with police and victims to build strong cases which can be put before a court.

“I hope today’s verdict provides other victims with the courage and confidence to come forward no matter who is

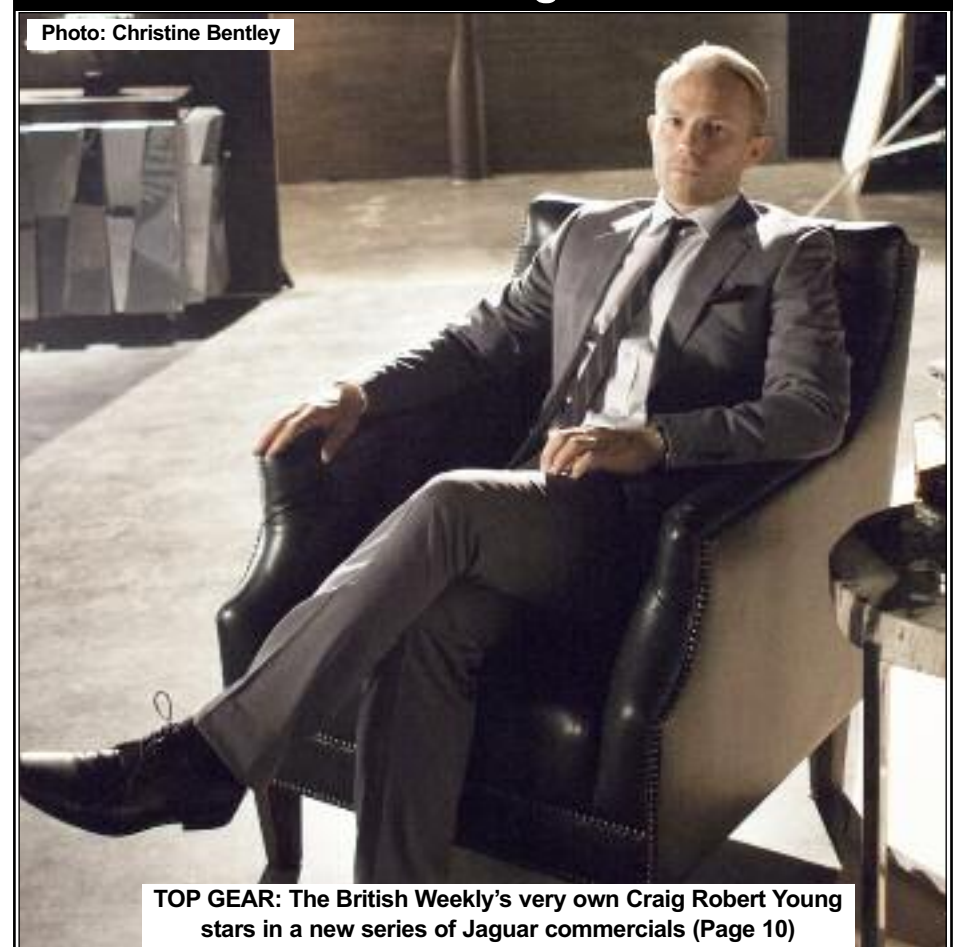
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**ASHEN FACED:** Rolf Harris leaving Southwark Crown Court after Monday’s verdict

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**TOP GEAR:** The British Weekly’s very own Craig Robert Young stars in a new series of Jaguar commercials (Page 10)

# Britain's biggest-ever warship set to launch, but will it also be the last...?

## ■ HMS Queen Elizabeth's debut at Rosyth overshadowed by concerns of huge cost overruns and Scottish Independence

The Queen was set to officially name the biggest warship Britain has ever built on Friday, the latest step in a £6.2 billion project to build a new generation of aircraft carriers – and keep Britain relevant on the high seas.

But the planned display of military might and engineering expertise comes at a time of financial uncertainty and it remains unclear if the vessel, HMS Queen Elizabeth, will be the only carrier of its kind to be deployed by the Royal Navy.

How many U.S.-built F-35 jets it will carry is an open question too for the project, which was originally slated to cost £4bn before huge cost overruns.

For Britain's naval commanders, it's a moment to savour and to lobby for greater and continued spending as politicians eye further cuts to the country's defence spending to help try to reduce large public debts.

"Credibility ... means investment in ships, submarines and aircraft

that are capable of credible standards of war-fighting," Admiral Sir George Zambellas, First Sea Lord and Chief of the Naval Staff, said ahead of the ceremony.

"Because, to put it bluntly, in our line of business, there are no prizes for coming second."

### Independence

The event, which will see a crowd of 4,000 gather at the Rosyth shipyard in the Firth of Forth to watch the queen smash a bottle of Scotch whisky against the hull, is heavy with political significance.

Scotland will vote on whether to break away from the United Kingdom on Sept. 18 and the campaign against independence hopes the event will remind Scots how many Scottish jobs are underpinned by Britain's defence sector.

The sector employs more than 12,600 people in Scotland, according to the British government, with around 4,000 jobs directly linked to the aircraft carriers project.

Prime Minister David Cameron, who is campaigning for Scotland to remain part of Britain, will attend. On the eve of the ceremony, he told Scots they'd be safer if they voted "no".

### Defence cuts

Even though it has made cuts, Britain remains the world's fourth biggest military spender and Cameron, the leader of the Conservative party, says an independent Scotland would struggle to match Britain's armed forces.

Scottish nationalists dismiss that, saying they don't want Britain's nuclear weapons on Scottish soil and wouldn't need such a powerful military anyway.

Britain has cut defence spending by around 8 percent over the last four years as part of a government plan to reduce a record budget deficit, leaving it with an army which by 2020 will be the smallest it has been since the Napoleonic Wars.

The Royal Navy has been hard hit.



**BIG BOY ON THE BLOCK:** an artist's impression of the new behemoth

It had 50,500 personnel in 1995 but now has only 33,350. The fleet size has also shrunk. In 2005, it had 11 destroyers, 20 frigates and 11 tactical submarines. Today, it has only six destroyers, 13 frigates and seven tactical submarines.

HMS Queen Elizabeth is meant to be the first of two aircraft carriers. But the fate of the second ship, the HMS Prince of Wales, is unclear.

Identical to the first, it is already being built, but the government won't decide whether Britain

will use it until a defence spending review in the second half of next year. Defence experts say it could still be mothballed or sold. The final decision will be made the government – whatever its stripe – following next year's general election.

## HARRIS:

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alleged to have carried out the abuse and when."

DCI Mick Orchard, said: "Rolf Harris has habitually denied any wrong doing forcing his victims to recount their ordeal in public.

"He committed many offences in plain sight of people as he thought his celebrity status placed him above the law.

"I want to thank the

women who came forward for their bravery, I hope today's guilty verdict will give them closure and help them to begin to move on with their lives."

Harris faced 12 charges of indecent assault between 1968 and 1986, seven of which related to a friend of his daughter.

She told the court he began assaulting her when she was just 13, but Harris claimed their sexual relationship had only begun after she turned 18 and had been

consensual.

Once seen by a UK audience as a national treasure, Harris had enjoyed years of success, netting him a multi-million pound fortune and the chance to paint the Queen.

But the downfall of an entertainer who was part of millions of British childhoods came on Monday, as Harris became the biggest scalp claimed by detectives from high profile sex crime investigation Operation Yewtree.



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## Liverpool judge jails 'truly wicked' teenage killers

Five teenagers who murdered a man in a Liverpool launderette when some of them were 13 years old have been sentenced.

The "truly wicked, marauding mob" stabbed Sean McHugh, 19, with a "sword stick" in Anfield on 30 September 2013.

Reese O'Shaughnessy, 19, was jailed for a minimum of 18 years after he was convicted alongside four others.

Andrew Hewitt, 15, Keyfer Dykstra, Corey Hewitt and Joseph McGill, all 14, were also detained by Liverpool Crown Court.

### 'Truly wicked attack'

Hewitt was sentenced to a minimum of nine years, Dykstra for a minimum of 12 years, Hewitt for a minimum of six years and McGill for a minimum of nine.

Judge Clement Goldstone described Mr McHugh's killers as "a marauding mob".

"Each of you has been convicted of the murder of Sean McHugh - a truly wicked attack in which each of you played different roles," Justice Goldstone said.

A victim impact statement from Mr McHugh's mother Lorraine that was read in court said: "They might as well have killed me."

The teenagers were part of a gang known as the Lane Heads, a rival gang to the Walton Village Heads which Mr McHugh was linked to.

Months earlier, Dykstra was stabbed in the chest by a member of the Walton Village

Heads and wanted to "avenge that stabbing", the court heard.

"The stabbing was avenged not by attacking the person responsible, but by attacking someone... by virtue of his affiliation to the Walton Village Heads," Justice Goldstone said.

The gang targeted Mr McHugh, of Beckett Street, Liverpool, after a minor dispute and found him at the Priory Road launderette at around 19:00 BST where he had left his washing. Armed with knives and the makeshift sword stick, described as similar to a broom handle but with a blade attached, the gang forced the back door to the room where Mr McHugh was hiding. He was beaten and stabbed before the group ran out.

Mr McHugh escaped and was found in an alleyway having been stabbed in the groin. He died a few days later in hospital from blood loss.

## By Gum! Tour de France makes splash in Yorkshire

The Tour de France arrived in the UK on Thursday as all 198 riders in the world's most famous bike race took part in a city centre parade before appearing at the opening ceremony event.

The team presentation and opening ceremony at Leeds Arena featured cycling stars like Britain's Chris Froome and Mark Cavendish as well as entertainment from Girls Aloud's Kimberley Walsh and the West Yorkshire-based band Embrace.

### parade

The curtain-raiser is a prelude to the opening stage of the 101st Tour, which starts in the centre of Leeds on Saturday morning.

The decision by the organizers of the world's most famous cycling race to stage the first three legs in Britain is a sign of just how far British cycling has come over the past decade.

Thursday's parade from Leeds University to the arena involved all 22



**RED WHITE AND BLUE:** Britain's recent dominance as a cycling nation was a key factor in staging the first three legs of the Tour de France in England

teams taking part in the race as well as cyclists from local clubs and community groups.

Event organisers Welcome to Yorkshire say the opening ceremony at the city's brand new arena will be the first of its kind for the Tour.

### royal welcome

Saturday's opening stage will see the teams ride to Harewood House, just north of Leeds, where the ceremonial start will be conducted by the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry.

The riders will then tackle the hills and lanes of the Yorkshire Dales before a sprint finish in Harrogate.

British hopes are pinned on Cavendish, and hundreds of thousands of people are expected to line the route to cheer him on to the finish line in his mother's home town.

The royal visitors will also be in Harrogate to welcome the leading riders and the peloton.

On Sunday, stage two will take the Tour from York to Sheffield and feature some of the toughest climbs in British cycling.

Despite the opening two stages being billed as Yorkshire's Grand Depart, the other side of the Pennines has also tapped into the Tour de France excitement with Rochdale making the most of the fact that a 0.6-mile section of stage two passes through the borough.

On Monday, the entourage moves south to Cambridge from where the teams will race in stage three to London and a finish near Buckingham Palace, on The Mall.

The Grand Depart is expected to attract up to three million spectators.



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# Even more painful: new terror alert means body searches at British airports

Holidaymakers face invasive physical checks and lengthy delays at Britain's airports amid fears that jihadists returning from Iraq and Syria plan to target transatlantic flights with laptop explosives and "body bombs".

A tough new security regime was imposed on

passengers this week after American intelligence suggested that al-Qaeda was plotting to use Western fanatics to bring down a US-bound plane.

Travellers at Heathrow were subjected to "vigorous" body searches and clothing and shoes were swabbed for traces of

explosive. Passengers were ordered to switch on laptops, mobile phones and other electronic devices, and bags were taking twice as long to pass through scanners, according to reports.

### scrutiny

Passengers boarding American-bound planes



SIGN OF THE TIMES: armed policemen at Heathrow Airport

were understood to have undergone a second round of checks before boarding their flights.

A memo sent to all airports by the Department of Transport urged staff to enhance checks, with laptops subject to particular scrutiny. In Manchester, a passenger reported taking an hour to pass through security.

David Cameron said the safety of passengers "must come first" while Nick Clegg, his deputy, warned travellers that the new checks would

be a permanent feature. It is feared that the measures will lead to a summer of long queues and delays for holidaymakers, just weeks after the chaos surrounding the passport applications backlog.

### jihadists

Airport security was stepped up across the UK, the US and other countries amid fears that al-Qaeda bomb experts have successfully designed an explosive that can bypass current checks. It is feared that Western jihadists fighting in Syria and Iraq, including hundreds of Britons, have been recruited as would-be suicide bombers.

Intelligence suggests that al-Qaeda in Yemen, known as al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), and specifically its master bomb maker Ibrahim Hassan al-Asiri, have linked up with the Jabhat al-Nusra jihadists in Syria and passed on bomb-making skills.

It was unclear whether the suspected new explosive could be deployed in an electronic item such as a laptop, soaked on clothing or surgically implanted in a bomber. All such techniques have been tried by Asiri in the past.

Beefed-up security at

foreign airports with direct flights to the US was requested by Jeh Johnson, the American secretary of homeland security. The move underlined growing White House unease at the apparent failure of the UK and other European countries to stop young Muslims heading to Syria and Iraq to join Islamist groups.

### 'unnecessary delays'

The Prime Minister said: "We take these decisions looking at the evidence in front of us and working with our partners. This is something we've discussed with the Americans and what we have done is put in place some extra precautions and extra checks. The safety of the travelling public must come first. We mustn't take any risks with that. I hope this won't lead to unnecessary delays but it's very important that we always put safety first."

A Department for Transport spokesman said most passengers should not experience "significant disruption", but Mr Clegg said the new checks were unlikely to be "a one-off, temporary thing".

"This is the world we now live in," he said on his weekly LBC radio

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phone-in. "I don't want people to think that this is some sort of blip for a week. This is part of an evolving and constant review."

The alert centred on fears that Asiri, who was behind the "underpants bomb" on a flight to Detroit on Christmas Day 2009, is passing on his expertise to fighters in Syria because he knows he could be killed at any point.

**'credible'**

Mr Johnson said: "We in national security are very concerned about the foreign fighter flow, going into Syria in particular, from the United States, from European countries, other countries, and we're tracking that population." The US government added that there was a "real time" and "credible" threat.

At Heathrow, Lisa Simeone, 57, an American journalist and airport security blogger, said security staff were carrying out "vigorous" physical searches which she likened to assault, as well as extra tests for explosives. The airport security blogger said men and women manning the scanners had adopted "invasive" methods akin to those in the US.

Ms Simeone said there was a clear change in the tactics.

She said: "I saw one woman, she was white, being really badly treated. She was patted down twice and nearly lost her balance they were being so vigorous with her."

"There was also a lot of swabbing going on, people's belongings, their clothes and shoes, they even swabbed a baby's pushchair. It was so unnecessary."

**Dolly Parton denies miming at Glastonbury**

■ Huge crowds - and not much mud - make for another memorable chapter in festival's history

**Dolly Parton was greeted by a tumultuous welcome as she headlined the famous Glastonbury rock festival on Sunday - before being forced to deny she was lip-syncing during her performance.**

Many TV viewers watching the BBC's coverage claimed the Nashville veteran was miming during a show that featured hits such as '9 To 5' and 'Jolene'.

But Parton's spokesman responded: "Dolly sings live. Some people don't know an amazing singer when they hear one."

Actor and comedian Stephen Fry had earlier

waded into the row, as he blamed a technical fault in the broadcasting equipment. He tweeted: "Believe me, that is not miming. If it appears not always to lip-sync that's an HD live processor issue. You see it with news reporters."

**mini-controversy**

But the BBC denied there was anything wrong with their gear.

And Parton was a huge hit with other showbusiness guests, with former Spice Girl Geri Halliwell breathlessly tweeting a picture of herself with the veteran entertainer, gushing "Dolly. Love Her."



**RAPTUROUS WELCOME:** Dolly Parton headlined at Glastonbury Sunday night

Parton herself was reportedly quipping to a friend after the gig, unfazed by the mini-controversy, "Honey, I don't need to fake it. My boobs may be fake, but my singing is real."

**Tributes pour in for the rocking 'Glastonbury granny'**

**A rock 'n' roll granny has died at Glastonbury Festival after returning to the event for the tenth time.**

Angela D'Arcy, 66, travelled to the festival with her family last week, but passed away on Thursday before it officially got underway.

The former school cook from Hackenthorpe, South Yorks., suffered health problems and died from natural causes.

Her family said they had been inundated with tributes, and they asked for mourners attending her funeral to wear bright colours.

Angela's husband Sean said they had been at the festival with a group of around 15 to 20 people including their daughter Gabriella.

Mum - o f - t h r e e Angela, who had one - g r a n d c h i l d , suffered from a form of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, which affects the lungs



**VETERAN:** Angela D'Arcy (right) with daughter Gabriella at Glastonbury in 2011

and causes breathing difficulties.

She suffered problems breathing and despite the efforts of medical staff at the festival, they were unable to save her.

The cause of death is still being investigated. Angela attended her first Glastonbury festival in 1999 and became a regular festival-goer - meeting Manchester United star

Wayne Rooney at the event in 2011.

Her son Luke said: "She had a big love for music and a love of fun. She was just a person that was full of fun."

"She went to her first Glastonbury in 1999 and never looked back."

He said despite her medical problems, his mum lived a full life and had many friends.

"We have had a lot of

messages and I think it is going to be a really big turnout for the funeral," Luke said.

He said the family were grateful to Glastonbury stewards and medical staff who tried to save Angela.

The family are now trying to locate her wedding ring after it was lost at the site following her jewellery being taken off.

**Fraudster jailed for lottery scam**

**A fraudster, named "Fizzy" because of his love for champagne, has been jailed for conning people out of their life savings with a bogus lottery scam.**

Frank Onyeachonam, 38, of Canning Town, east London, ran the UK-end of a global scam that was orchestrated from his native Nigeria.

The Old Bailey heard how he extracted up to £600,000 from pensioners to fund a luxurious lifestyle.

He was jailed for eight years for charges of conspiracy to defraud.

The court heard how he deliberately targeted pensioners because they were potentially vulnerable.

The scam - known as an "advance fee" fraud - saw Onyeachonam send victims emails claiming they had won millions of pounds on a non-existent Australian lottery. He asked them to send him money so he could release their winnings.

**News from Britain**

# What would the Jon Snow say? Game of Thrones star Kit Harrington smoulders in Jimmy Choo campaign

HE'S become one of television's biggest heartthrobs thanks to his role in Game of Thrones, and now ladies everywhere are set to fall in love with Kit Harrington all over again.

The 27-year-old actor looks ridiculously handsome in his first ever Jimmy Choo campaign as he promotes the designer's autumn/winter 2014 collection.

Kit - who is the first famous male to front the brand - smoulders in front of the camera wearing an array of

suave goods and sporting his trademark long hair and trimmed beard.

The photo shoot took place at a plush private residence in Beverly Hills and was shot by Peter Lindberg.

Speaking about the experience, Kit said it was "great fun and the location was stunning with panoramic views across LA".

"Working with Peter was an amazing experience, he is such a talented photographer and gave great direction," he added.



**CLEANING UP NICELY:** Kit Harrington for Jimmy Choo

Kit, who is forced to keep his locks long for Game of Thrones, is also fronting the campaign for Jimmy Choo's debut men's fragrance 'MAN' and the Carrera by Jimmy Choo sunglasses capsule collection.

In a behind-the-scenes video released by Jimmy Choo, Kit can be seen speaking about his tastes in fashion, his favourite cocktails and his love for London.

"I'd like to go for English gent, but I'm pushing it a bit there," he says of his own fashion



**AS WE KNOW HIM:** as Jon Snow in Game of Thrones

taste. "I think very fitted clothing, and hopefully kind of stylish simple, plain, simple colours, simple shades."

## Lukewarm reviews as Pythons make their final bow

The surviving members of comedy act Monty Python have received mixed reviews after the first of their live comeback shows at London's O2 Arena.

The Express called the reunion of John Cleese, Michael Palin, Eric Idle, Terry Jones and Terry Gilliam "comedy history in the making", giving it five stars.

The Independent gave the "desperately lazy production" two stars.

The show, the first of 10 performances at the venue, which holds 20,000 people, ended with a singalong of Always Look On the Bright Side of Life.

"Not a great deal of effort has gone into updating the script," wrote The Guardian's Peter Bradshaw in his three-star critique, adding the jokes "have dated".

But having declared himself a fan he added, "you'd have to have a heart of stone not to enjoy hearing them again just a bit."

"If Abba re-formed,



**'DESPERATELY LAZY'?** Messrs Gilliam, Cleese, Jones and Idle onstage this week at London's O2 Arena

nobody would expect them to avoid Dancing Queen in favour of new compositions and songs that didn't pass muster at the time."

Giving the show four stars, The Telegraph's comedy critic Dominic Cavendish branded it "more golden than olden".

"John Cleese was hoarse, Terry Jones relied on cue-cards and at times they looked lost amid the spectacular," he wrote.

"Yet you don't need to be a die-hard fan to take the view that none of that really mattered. The Pythons came, they doddered, but they conquered."

Monty Python's Flying Circus was made for TV between 1969 and 1974.

The Pythons have said

their show on 20 July will be their last ever.

**LOCAL Python fans who are unable to make it over to London** for one of the shows, fear not; you can still catch the big July 20th finale thanks to Fathom Events, who will be broadcasting the show live to cinemas nationwide on Sunday, July 20. Among the local cinemas showing the event are the Promenade 16, in Woodland Hills, the CityWalk Stadium 19, at Universal Studios and the North Hollywood 8. And the British Weekly is giving away tickets to screenings for our readers. For details, visit our website at [www.british-weekly.com](http://www.british-weekly.com).

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# On Her Majesty's Secret Service celebrates 45th anniversary with special local screening

■ George Lazenby to make appearance at Landmark show

TO SOME the name George Lazenby is just a punchline; a byword for scorn after his one stint as James Bond in *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*.

But there are others – veteran Bond fans included – who will tell you that *OHMSS* remains one of the very best excursions into

Bondage.

This month marks the 45th Anniversary of the release of the film, and to mark the occasion Landmark Theatres, as part of their Anniversary Classics Series, will present a special screening of *OHMSS* on Tuesday, July 8, at 7:00pm. And Lazenby himself will be in

attendance, in conversation with leading local film critic Stephen Farber.

The film also features a classy supporting cast that includes Diana Rigg as Bond's wife, Telly Savalas as arch-villain Blofeld, and series regulars Bernard Lee as M, Desmond Llewelyn as Q, and Lois Maxwell



UNDERAPPRECIATED? Telly Savalas as Blofeld and George Lazenby as Bond

as Money Penny. The film was directed by Peter R. Hunt, who had experience on prior Bond films as film editor and second unit director. Hunt and the producers styled a realistic Bond adventure that followed the original novel closely,

which also endears it to authentic Bond fans. The movie is enhanced by John Barry's score, and its signature love song "We Have All the Time in the World", with music by Barry and lyrics by Hal David, sung by Louis

Armstrong. Advance tickets for this event are now on sale for \$13.00. The Landmark is located at 10850 West Pico Boulevard in Los Angeles. For tickets visit: [www.landmarktheatres.com](http://www.landmarktheatres.com). - Nick Stark



PEACE OUT: Ringo Starr turns 74 this week

## Ringo celebrates Peace & Love this week in Hollywood

Ringo Starr will celebrate his birthday this Monday, July 7th, in Los Angeles where the former Beatle and his wife Barbara, together with designer John Varvatos will join family, friends and fans in front

of The Capitol Records Building and share a "Peace & Love" salute at Noon.

The now traditional Peace & Love celebration is open to the public and Ringo invites everyone everywhere to think or

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Local News/Meet a Member



**'Strange Days' - engrossing rock & roll read...**

After watching Oliver Stone's movie *The Doors* four times Dean Goodman left his job in 1992 and flew from New Zealand to Jim Morrison's old haunt of Venice Beach. Hooked on the Los Angeles lifestyle, he landed a job at Reuters news agency writing about pop music.

Now, 22 years later he has recorded his often bizarre experiences in a book, *Strange Days: The Adventures of a Grumpy Rock 'n' Roll Journalist in Los Angeles*.

Travelling around the city by bus, he landed interviews with most of the leading music figures of the 90s. He relates his interviews with David Bowie, Michael Hutchence and Gene Simmons among many others, and tells of talking with the Sex Pistols' Johnny Rotten in the bar of Ye Olde King's Head in Santa Monica. The interview ended with Rotten storming out, leaving his Guinness, which Goodman promptly drank.

Goodman is not afraid to tell stories against himself, among them how his exclusive story of the Spice Girls splitting up caused a sensation in the British newspapers and was instantly denied by the Spice Girls themselves.

The book, written with humour and insight, is a must-read for those who were either interested or involved in the Los Angeles rock scene of the 90s.

- John Hiscock

# Meet a Member: Kris Lythgoe

Meet Kris Lythgoe from London who moved to LA 10 years ago to pursue producing and writing.

always comes with a smile and you also get a menu with healthy options! I didn't need to mention the weather.

Was there a particular reason you chose LA?

I got a job here but also my family moved over in 2001, so I was lucky to have a stable base here where I could still have family Sunday lunches. It's also the mecca of entertainment, which I am in. There's a lot of competition here but there's a reason for that. This is where the work is.

What one thing do you miss from home?

It was black cabs until Uber! Now it's probably just friends.

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

A). Positive attitude! People's dreams come true here which radiates and you are only one phone call away from that dream becoming reality. B). Great service, whether you think it's false or not, service

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

The Magic Castle, which isn't really hidden, or is it? Pasadena Playhouse, where we do the Christmas Panto and Santa Anita Racetrack, where I proposed to my wife!

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

Only come here with a job. You wouldn't move to Madrid or Berlin without a job, so why do you think you can move to LA without one? But if you do come, know that it's a very tough city, you have to be here for at least three years before people take you seriously.

Lastly, how can we "follow you" on the Internet?

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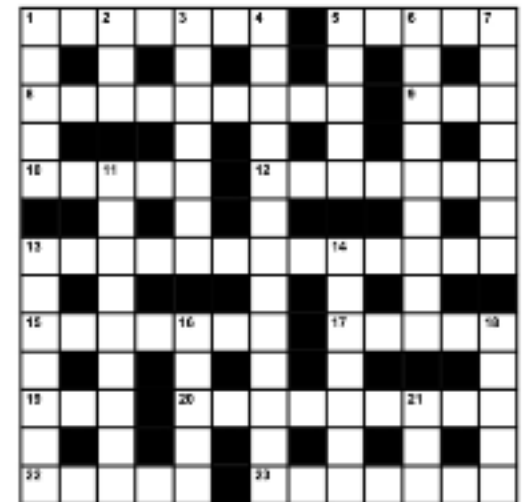
PANTO MAN: Kris Lythgoe loves the positive attitude in LA

## The British Weekly Crossword #122

Crossword by Myles Mellor

Across

- 1 Largest Israeli city (3,4)
- 5 Body fluid (5)
- 8 Injustice (9)
- 9 Bother (3)
- 10 Wiggo, for one (5)
- 12 Shake (7)
- 13 Degree (13)
- 15 Leafy green (7)
- 17 City in Saudi Arabia (5)
- 19 Badly (3)
- 20 Funny business (9)
- 22 In danger of snapping (5)
- 23 Willingly obedient from respect (7)



Down

- 1 Go-getter (5)
- 2 Aloha gift (3)
- 3 Areas for raising animals and plants in natural habitat (7)
- 4 Window cover (8,5)
- 5 Feudal lord (5)
- 6 Highest peak in the European Union (4,5)
- 7 Sanitary measures (7)
- 11 Daley Thompson's forte (9)
- 13 St. John, notably (7)
- 14 Runaway (7)
- 16 Event presenter (5)
- 18 Immeasurable cavity (5)
- 21 I, to Claudius (3)

Solution to Puzzle #121



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## Stargazing with Annie Shaw

**ARIES:** In any relationship situation you will find that whatever was a problem will begin to ease up, as Mars your boss moves forward into your money area of life. This will be in the middle of July so hang on and keep cool.

**TAURUS:** Your priority should be taking care of YOU in any area that requires attention. Be aware that Mercury, the planet of all communications, will be on your case mid-month if you resist. Now that Jupiter is in your house of family expect visits.

**GEMINI:** The sun in your money house can bring out a very generous side of you and it also favors getting a handle on any part of life (or person) that is causing you problems. Your rascally ruler Mercury is moving fast forward now.

**CANCER:** The consequences may be long-reaching for you if you fall out with another, especially a close friend or family. It's best to say nothing at all right now and then it will fizzle out for now anyway! Happy Birthday.

**LEO:** You are the lucky one this month. Jupiter, gift bringer and Santa Claus of the planets is on his way to you and is visiting for a year. Make merry, this is a super year for you overall. You need to take a few days rest this week ahead.

**VIRGO:** Your behavior may be very upsetting to others around you lately. Every time you start to obsess about something you cannot control you project it outwards. On the upside that longtime on-hold deal of any kind will probably complete by month's end.

**LIBRA:** If you have anything you need to finish up this next week is the time. After that you are super busy and making money is much on your mind. The fact is that you will manifest those things into which you put positive energy.

**SCORPIO:** Stress is the predominant force around you these days and worry is a big part of what causes stress. Take it easy, relax and know if you have tried your best at whatever is important for you then that's all you can do. Jupiter is moving in to Leo next week - very good for achieving things you desire.

**SAGITTARIUS:** You are likely busier than you thought...or will be by mid-month. Do not overextend yourself or overdo things. It's a month to catch up with things, not start anything new if you can possibly hold off until month's end, then life will be easier.

**CAPRICORN:** This could be the week that you lose it or regain it whatever this means to you. Jupiter is soon leaving your opposite sign Cancer and moving into fire sign Leo. This can bring to the surface any power struggles!!

**AQUARIUS:** Keep your life stress-free this month and plans should be in process for a trip of sorts, although late this month or August is best. Work should be improved by autumn and it's best to let things take a natural course. Don't try to achieve too much at once!

**PISCES:** You are seeing the rewards of past efforts to settle yourself into a better way of being in this Topsy Turvy life we are all experiencing these days. If you can be mellow until August, things pick up in many ways for the better. Jupiter will bring Joy to you then.



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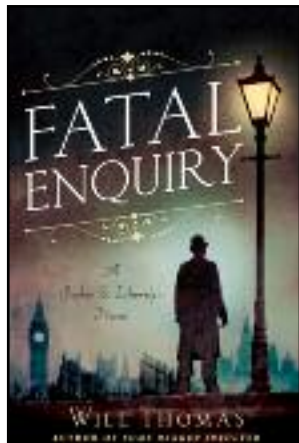
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## Fatal Enquiry: not for the squeamish....

■ Exclusive interview with author Will Thomas and a review of his sixth book in the Barker series  
Rating: ★★★

"One unexpected offshoot of my novels is the current Bartitsu/Victorian martial arts craze," says *Fatal Enquiry* author Will Thomas. "I began in 2002 by forming a Yahoo group on Victorian martial arts, merely to get the fight scenes in my first book as accurate as possible. Now the group I helped form, The Bartitsu Society, has produced three manuals, a video, and there are groups and schools in most major cities. I should say that this could not have happened without stage and movie fight coordinator Tony Wolf



(The Lord of the Rings), who has done the lion's share of the work and left me to scribble my stories. Not to mention the hundreds of dedicated teachers and students now studying the art of Bartitsu worldwide."

Readers of the Barker series may be surprised this novel has more violence and less sleuthing than the other novels, but it also offers more historical facts. The gruesome details of torture and violence are

not for the squeamish. Ultimately, it takes away from character development.

"I knew it was only a matter of time until Nightwine strolled into London again and all hell breaks loose," says Thomas. "When I wrote *Some Danger Involved*, Barker and Llewelyn meet Sebastian Nightwine and it is obvious that he and Barker have a past, and that they hate each other. Hate is too good an emotion to throw away. That became *Fatal Enquiry*."

As the book opens we meet private detective Cyrus Barker, who has been framed for the murder of a wealthy businessman. Nightwine has managed to fool the authorities and turns the tables on Barker. Barker is being chased by Scotland Yard, while Nightwine is being protected by them.

Barker goes underground to avoid arrest. With his trusted assistant Llewelyn he must prove who the real killer is before Nightwine leave the country again after his secret dealings with the British government. With his upper-class friends and network of underworld associates Barker must stay one step ahead of his nemesis and the police.

Thomas first began writing for *Sherlock Holmes* society publications and had several related poems printed in *Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine*. "Some plot elements in my novels have come out of forgotten books, published a century ago, and yet we are still dealing with the same problems, such as fundamental insurgence in Afghanistan, apartheid in Africa, and trafficking

worldwide," says Thomas. "We're fighting the same issues they fought in the Victorian Era."

Thomas says he's become quite adept at using inter-library loans and library databases. There is always a nineteenth century nonfiction book on his desk from a university. For example, a collection of jiu-jitsu manuals from The University of Notre Dame, published prior to 1910.

"I had the chance to study China and Tibet during the Qing Dynasty and especially the Taiping Rebellion," says Thomas. "I was aided by Caleb Carr's fine nonfiction book, *The Devil Soldiers*. It was the height of glory-hunting and imperialism and Tibet was like a ripe fruit, dangling just out of reach. The rumors of mystical places like Shambhala, where



BY  
**Gabrielle Pantera**

monks levitated and lived to be a hundred and fifty merely fueled the desire of explorers to be the first one to claim it."

Thomas was born in Pennsylvania and lives in the Tulsa, Oklahoma area.

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Local News

# Follow the Villain: Craig Robert Young finds it's good to be bad...

CONGRATULATIONS to the British Weekly's own Craig Robert Young, who has been revealed as the face of Jaguar's new marketing campaign, 'Follow the Villain'.

Regular readers of this newspaper will recognize Craig as the mover and shaker behind Brits in LA, the ever-expanding local social group he founded with Eileen Lee. But Craig is also a busy working actor, and his upcoming association with Jaguar looks certain to set hearts (not just cars), racing.

The luxury car-maker made quite a splash with their US Super bowl commercial earlier this year. Titled "Its Good to Be Bad", the ad featured Jaguar's new F-type performance car and a slew of renowned British acting talent including Avengers star Tom Hiddleston and Oscar-winning actor Ben Kingsley.

The Follow the Villain online miniseries features a mysterious baddie (Craig), four stunning Jaguar cars, an enigmatic leading lady, a group of antagonists, and some dramatic car chases amid striking locations.

Craig's career in on-screen villainy started on the UK award-winning TV series "Dream Team" portraying ex-con turned-pro soccer player Alex Wilkinson. Following his move to America he secured a succession of leading

roles that including three of J.J Abraham's hit productions; "Lost," "What About Brian" and the cult sci-fi phenomenon "Fringe". He is perhaps best known for his recurring role as the villainous Dracul Comescu in NCIS: Los Angeles.

Craig told us of his



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role in the latest Jaguar promotion: "I was thrilled to get behind the wheel of this beautiful, sleek, high-performance machine. 550 horsepower is sheer winning in style and I am thrilled and honored to be

chosen as the next super-villain in this fantastic series." Craig hits the big screen this coming fall playing a good guy in the multiple award-winning "Return to the Hiding Place" following a successful

limited release in eight cities in the US earlier this month.

Jaguar will be rolling out all five commercials with the hashtag #followthevillain. For a link to the ads, visit our website at www.british-weekly.com

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## Theatre etiquette: BiLA's top ten tips...

Hi Breeps:

As an avid theatre goer and a recent performer at The Malibu Playhouse, it came to my attention that there are some incredibly misbehaved audience members out there, and perhaps need a little guide on how to behave in the theatre. So I created an easy ten-point Guide to Theatre Etiquette.

### 1. Dress Nice and don't be late!

This is not your kid's baseball game. Theatre going is considered dignified, a touch of elegance and class will go a long way. And there is nothing worse than the bright light of the usher's flashlight beaming from the aisles once the show has started, or the brush of latecomers stepping on toes with hushed whispers of "excuse me, please, sorry..." It's very distracting. Last time I

checked your name is not the one above the marquee.

### 2. Don't Talk

Seriously, we don't care if that's your friend in the chorus, you don't understand what's going on, or that Adele Nazeem was better in 'Wicked'. Keep your comments until the interval or (even better) after the show. We can hear your whispers and the person next to you can't. #annoying.

### 3. Don't Heckle

You will face the wrath of fed-up actors now, like John Lacy who stepped down from the stage at the Repertory East Playhouse in Newhall, Calif., to confront a man who twice screamed "f\*g" during a Saturday performance of the two-act play 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof'. Lacy pushed the heckler and he fell to the floor. Exception to the rule?

Bad comics doing stand-up, and Pantomime, then all bets are off.

### 4. Get off your phone

Whether it be calling, texting, or using it as a vibrating plaything, turn it off. They even say before the show, "Please turn your phone off and all electronic devices." Comply. We don't care if you're waiting on that important call from Spielberg or checking the sports scores, 'grind'r-ing or tinder-ing. Perhaps checking the time or looking at who's playing the swing to Neil Patrick Harris.

### 5. No pictures or video

This is a big no -no - Just like at the movies this is against the law. The taking of Sneaky selfies or full blown recording video on your flip or phone is banned. And for good reason - This is not your kindergarten show and tell, this is artists at work, from the writer, designer and the actors. Live theatre is supposed to be appreciated LIVE! Not to be recaptured.

Recently Patti LaPone and James McAvoy both halted their shows to wait for violators to stop recording.

### 6. No slurp or munch...

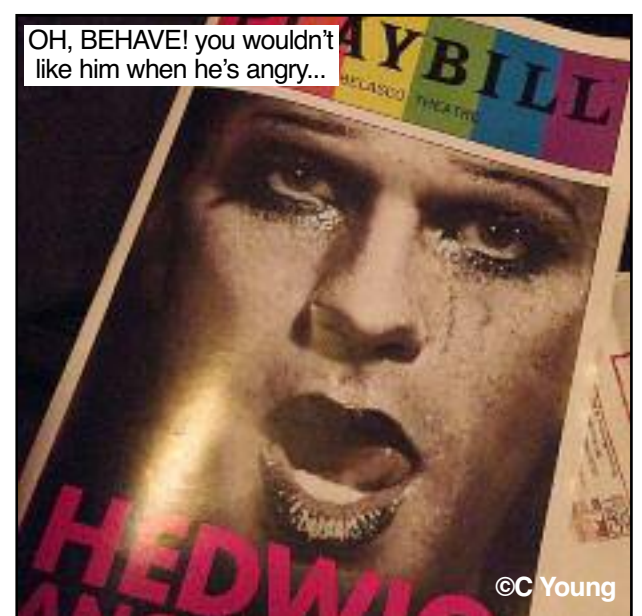
Candy wrappers. - Urgh! I don't care how hungry you are. You can't be quiet at this task. It's impossible. A sweetie is not gonna fill you up or tide you over. This is not the movies - no popcorn, nor bubble gum.

### 7. No heavy jewelry

The show probably hired a sound designer already, so dont add to it with your jingle-jangling. This 'ain't the mall or Dan Tana's. It's dark and no one can see you, so leave your Cleopatra collection of Cubic Zirconia at home in the safe! You ain't a one-man band, mmmkay?

### 8. Don't vomit or snooze

Do yourself and everyone else a favor and stay home. Audience members will look at you with utter disgust and the constant coughing, sneezing or blowing of nose will more than likely get the players sick too, then everyone else will get the understudy. Be



considerate. Nodding off and snoring is not on either.

### 9. No Fido, please!

Please, for the sake of your dog too. Do you know that your pet can feel emotion? Loud noise hurts their ears (clapping and laughter) and when a fueled scene is happening on stage, your little fluffy anxiety service dog. Guaranteed will pee

all over you. Leave it at home.

### 10. No leaving before the bow

This is the height of rudeness. Actors have spent weeks rehearsing to bring you their talents. At least have the courtesy to wait until the cast have taken their bows, and acknowledged the stage manager and crew.

Cheers! Craig

**FOR THE RECORD:** Due to an oversight in our production department, in the June 21st edition we failed to credit Kerstin Alm for her pictures of the BiLA World Cup viewing party. We are happy to correct that oversight.

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## SUAREZ:

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Speaking at a media conference on Wednesday, Barcelona club president Josep Maria Bartomeu said: "This year we are going to restructure the team in depth and we are working on that.

"We have been working on that since February, but I can't reveal things we are doing.

"We have to be discreet - we can't give clues to other teams.

"We do have a lot of negotiations at a very advanced stage, but the World Cup is going on. People are speculating about a lot of players at the World Cup, but there's a lot of different factors."

Pressed on Suarez, he said: "He's a great player, a global star and we want him to play as well as he's playing up to now. I'm speaking as a football fan.

"He's a player who needs to rebuild himself and get back to playing football."

Liverpool are pragmatic about Suarez's ambitions and are aware he would welcome a move to Spain, and particularly to Barcelona.

Suarez apologised on Monday for biting Chiellini, after which Barcelona sporting director Andoni Zubizarreta said: "Suarez has shown he is humble enough to admit an error, which is very important.

"Everyone knows Luis

is an excellent player, everyone knows last season he played in various positions in attack, but everyone also knows he is a Liverpool player."

Bartomeu described the player's decision to apologise as "honourable" and "good for football".

"He did something wrong and I think it's everybody in football's responsibility, whether it's Liverpool or others, to help him to go ahead and press on with his football career. It's not easy to admit your mistakes," he said.

Croatia midfielder Ivan Rakitic, who completed his move to Barcelona from Sevilla on Tuesday, also praised Suarez.

He said: "The fact he has had the character and the strength to go in front of everyone and say sorry says a lot about him as a person."

But on his way in at Anfield is Bayer Leverkusen's Germany under-21 international midfielder **Emre Can**.

The clubs agreed a £10m transfer for the 20-year-old last month but had to wait until the summer transfer window opened on 1 July to finalise the deal.

"Emre is an exciting young talent and I'm delighted he's chosen Liverpool," Reds boss Brendan Rodgers said.

Can is the third player to arrive at Anfield this summer, after Southampton duo Rickie Lambert and Adam Lallana.

# Redknapp seeks reunion with his old boys Rio and Caulker

Queens Park Rangers are set to sign Rio Ferdinand, while they have also agreed a fee for his fellow central defender Steven Caulker.

Ferdinand, 35, is expected to join on a free transfer after his release from Manchester United.

A bid for Cardiff City captain Caulker, 22, has been accepted but Rangers will face opposition from other clubs.

Harry Redknapp's side were promoted to the Premier League last season and the manager is keen to reshape his squad.



**HARRY RETURNS?** Ferdinand is to reunite with Redknapp

He is familiar with both players - Ferdinand played under Redknapp at West Ham and Caulker made his first team debut at Spurs while Redknapp

was at White Hart Lane.

QPR have released Andrew Johnson, Aaron Hughes and Stephane Mbia after their contracts expired, and also confirmed the

departure of former England full-back Luke Young, 34, along with Hogan Ephraim, Angelo Balanta and Tom Hitchcock.

Peckham-born Ferdinand spent 12 years at United and made 455 appearances. He won six Premier League titles, two League Cups, the Champions League and the Club World Cup while at Old Trafford.

Caulker joined Cardiff from Tottenham but has a release clause in his contract which was triggered by the club's relegation from the Premier League last season.

# Chelsea confirm Costa deal; Cole and Eto'o on the way out

Chelsea have confirmed the signing of Diego Costa after reaching agreement with Atletico Madrid.

The Stamford Bridge club had wanted the 25-year-old Spain striker to complete a £32m move prior to the World Cup.

That deadline was not met but a deal has now finally been completed.

A statement read: "Chelsea can confirm an agreement has been reached with Atletico Madrid for the transfer of Diego Costa, with Chelsea meeting the buy-out clause."

The Premier League club had already agreed to meet that fee, while the player himself told Atletico of his desire to move, but agreement proved elusive throughout June.

During that time, Costa started in Spain's first two games at the Fifa World Cup, winning the penalty that allowed Xabi Alonso

to opening the scoring in the 5-1 defeat against the Netherlands.

However, both he and Spain endured a disappointing tournament. The holders exited at the group stage as Costa was booed repeatedly by Brazil fans, who have not forgiven him for switching allegiance from the country of his birth.

Nevertheless, his tally of 27 goals in La Liga last season was bettered only by Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo (31) and Barcelona's Lionel Messi (28).

In total, Costa scored 36 goals in 52 games for Atletico last term as they won their first La Liga title since 1996 and reached the Champions League final.

But on the way out of the Bridge are **Ashley Cole and Samuel Eto'o**, both of whose contracts expired on Monday, and neither was offered fresh terms.

"Cole has a very strong claim to be the club's greatest player of all time in his position," read a statement.

"Chelsea thanks Ashley for the fantastic service throughout his eight years here and for helping to bring so many trophies home."

Eto'o departs having scored 12 goals in his 35 appearances since signing a one-year deal from Russian outfit Anzhi Makhachkala last August.

• **New manager Louis van Gaal** will be on Manchester United's summer tour even if the Netherlands reach the World Cup final.

The Reds head to the United States on 18 July for a five-match tour.

However, Van Gaal, 62, could still be in Brazil until 13 July if the Netherlands go all the way.

Assistant Ryan Giggs will take training until Van Gaal returns, but the Dutchman has

assured club officials he will be on the flight to Los Angeles.

The Netherlands booked a quarter-final meeting with Costa Rica by beating Mexico on Sunday.

If they overcome the surprise team of the tournament in Salvador on Saturday, it would ensure the Netherlands' involvement continued until at least 12 July given losing semi-finalists must compete in the third-place play-off.

United's non-World Cup players are due to report back for training on Friday, although the first couple of days are taken up with medical tests.

Even if the Dutch lose to Costa Rica, Van Gaal is unlikely to be at the club's Carrington training complex on Monday, leaving Giggs in charge, as he was for the final four games of last season following the dismissal of David Moyes.

# MURRAY: PLAY STOPS REIGN

## ■ Poor start blamed as King Andy is dethroned

Andy Murray said a poor start cost him as he lost his Wimbledon title with an error-strewn performance against Grigor Dimitrov in the quarter-finals on Wednesday.

The Briton made 37 unforced errors in a 6-4 7-6 (7-4) 6-2 defeat on Centre Court that took just two hours.

Dimitrov said afterwards he had sensed Murray was not striking the ball well as early as the warm-up.

"I felt fine in the warm-up, but obviously got off to a bad start," Murray responded.

"That was the disappointing part of the match for me. I found a way to get myself back into it at the end of the second set but the start was not good enough. You need to start better.

"When you're playing best-of-five-set matches there's time to come back into it, and I had my opportunity at the end of the second set, but didn't get it."

Dimitrov, 23, dominated after coming

through a testing first service game, and said that he had been optimistic following the knock-up.

"I think it's just a feeling," said the Bulgarian.

"I've practised quite a few times with him. I know how he's striking the ball when he's at his best. I know how he's playing when he's not at his best."

Murray had been on a 17-match winning streak at the All England Club stretching back to the London Olympics in 2012, and was looking to reach his sixth consecutive Wimbledon semi-final.

The Scot had impressed in his opening four matches and played down the weight of expectation that always surrounds him at Wimbledon.

"I handled the pressure fine," said Murray. "I started the tournament well. I was playing good tennis. Today was a bad day, from my side.

"I made many



**NORMAL SERVICE RESUMED:** Andy Murray crashed out of Wimbledon in straight sets on Wednesday

mistakes, unforced errors, and then started going for too much and taking chances that weren't really there.

"I think I hit maybe one backhand winner the entire match, which isn't normally what I do, especially on this surface, so it was a tough day all around."

### Suarez: Barcelona talks 'productive', say Liverpool

Liverpool have held "productive" talks with Barcelona over the proposed sale of striker Luis Suarez but no deal has been finalised between the clubs.

Reds chief executive Ian Ayre spent much of Wednesday in discussions with senior Barcelona officials in London.

The Reds remain adamant Suarez, 27, will not be sold for less than the release clause in his contract, believed to be between £70m and £80m.

"The talks held were

productive," a senior Liverpool source said.

"There are sensible expectations on both sides.

"Further talks and discussions will take place but no deal has yet been finalised."

Suarez, who joined Liverpool for £22.7m from Ajax in 2011 and has four years remaining on his Liverpool contract, is serving a four-month ban for biting Italy's Giorgio Chiellini during the World Cup.

Barcelona are

understood to want to pay closer to £60m for the player, and any deal may include 25-year-old Chile winger Alexis Sanchez, who is also wanted by Juventus, in part-exchange.

However, while Barcelona are willing to include Sanchez as part of the deal, Liverpool do not see the forward's involvement as crucial - and there is a growing sense at Anfield that Barcelona are close to offering a figure that the clubs can agree on.

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