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'Profoundly moving'



Britain falls silent to honor war heroes as final Tower poppy placed on Armistice Day

BRITAIN silently remembered its fallen heroes Tuesday morning as memorial ceremonies across the UK marked a particularly poignant Armistice Day.

Thousands bowed their heads in silence at military bases, churches and schools throughout the British isles to mark the moment an armistice agreement between Germany and the Allied

forces came into effect in 1918, ending World War One. But this year also marked 100 years since the outbreak of that conflict, 70 years since the D-Day landings, as

well as the end of Britain's war in Afghanistan. Prime Minister David Cameron, who stood amongst the silent crowds at the Cenotaph in Whitehall, called the

memorial "profoundly moving". He posted on Twitter: "It was profoundly moving to stand with so many at the Cenotaph today - remembering those who sacrificed so much so we that could be free." The focal point of this year's remembrance has become the 'Blood

Swept Lands and Seas of Red' installation at the Tower of London. Schoolboy army cadet Harry Hayes, 13, planted the last of the 888,246 flowers in front of a crowd of thousands. Each of the 888,246 ceramic poppies around the Tower of London represent a British or Colonial fatality during

the First World War. The installation was created by University of Derby graduate, Paul Cummins. General the Lord Dannatt, Constable of the Tower of London, said an estimated five million people had visited the city landmark to see the
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News From Britain



Glitter in court on sex charges

The former pop star Gary Glitter (above) has appeared in court to deny a series of sex offences against three girls.

He faces 10 charges relating to alleged crimes committed in the 1970s and early 1980s.

The 70-year-old, whose real name is Paul Gadd, appeared at Southwark Crown Court in London on Thursday to enter not guilty pleas to the charges.

The alleged offences include six counts of indecent assault and one charge of unlawful intercourse.

Mr Gadd is also accused of administering alcohol with the intention to "stupefy or overpower" one girl to enable him to have sex with her between January and May 1977.

The girls were aged between 12 and 14 at the time of the alleged crimes.

Mr Gadd, from Marylebone in central London, is currently on bail.

DEAD CERT: Bookies pay out on another UKiP win

■ Insurgent party all but certain to win next week's Rochester by-election

UKIP looks certain to land its second MP next week in a by-election.

Bookies are so sure they are already paying out to punters who backed its candidate in Rochester and Strood.

A Ukip spokesman said the expected by-election win would confound those who said a vote for the party was wasted. It would prove instead that "if you vote Ukip, you get Ukip".



CRUISING TO VICTORY:

Mr Reckless was the Conservative MP for the constituency until two months ago but defected, triggering the poll.

12-point lead

The odds for a win for Mark Reckless, the party's candidate, were 1-25 on Wednesday. David Stevens, of Coral, said: "As far as we're concerned, this contest is over, so anyone who has backed Ukip can go and collect and begin the celebrations now."

Ukip has a thumping 12-point lead over the Tories in the constituency, according to an opinion poll this week carried out by Tory peer Lord Ashcroft.

The Tories are on course to win only a 32 per cent share of the vote while Labour is heading for 17 per cent and the Lib Dems just two per cent.

Mr Reckless was Tory MP for the constituency until two months ago but defected, triggering the

poll.

If he wins under the banner of Nigel Farage's party he will join fellow Tory defector Douglas Carswell in the Commons, making them the first two MPs for the party.

Mr Carswell, a close friend of Mr Reckless, triumphed as the Ukip candidate in a by-election in his former constituency in Clacton, Essex, in October.

Cautious Ukip aides insisted it was not complacent despite the vote of confidence from the bookmakers. A Ukip spokesman said: "The bookies might reckon it's a done deal, but we don't. There's still a week to go. Still, it's quite something."

In a sign that the Tories fear being trounced in



ALL SMILES: UKiP Leader Nigel Farage accused the Tories of 'throwing the kitchen sink' at Rochester and Strood in a desperate bid to hang onto the seat

next Thursday's vote, David Cameron earlier this week pleaded with Labour and Lib Dem voters to back the Conservative candidate to keep Ukip out.

During a visit to the constituency on Tuesday, the Prime Minister said: "I would say to people who have voted Labour, Liberal, Green or anything, that if you want a strong local candidate and don't want some Ukip boost and all the uncertainty and instability that leads to then Kelly [Tolhurst] is the choice."

lost patience

Mr Reckless defected to Ukip on the eve of the Conservative Party conference at the

end of September.

He was greeted with rapturous scenes by Ukip activists at the party's conference in Doncaster.

When he first announced his move, senior Tories were confident they could hold the seat.

The constituency was only 271st on Ukip's list of potentially winnable targets. Yet a series of opinion polls have consistently given Ukip a substantial lead since then.

Mr Cameron has ordered every Tory MP to make a minimum of three visits to support the Tory campaign in Rochester and Strood and he has made three appearances there himself.

But Tory strategists suspect their approach of "throwing the kitchen sink" at the campaign may have backfired.

Some locals appeared to have lost patience with the numbers of Tories pouring into the constituency to ask for their vote.

At the last general election in 2010, Mr Reckless was elected as a Tory with a majority of 9,953 votes over Labour. Ukip did not contest the seat.

Corals is now offering odds of 1-20 that the anti-EU party will win a seat at next May's general election and has taken several bets of £1,000 or more that the party wins the most seats.



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Poppies:

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poppies since the first 120,000 ceramic blooms were unveiled to the public in August.

Former head of the British Army, Lord Dannatt said: "On behalf of Historic Royal Palaces and the Tower of London I would like to offer my most sincere and humble thanks to the millions of people from around the world who have supported our installation to mark the centenary anniversary of the First World War.

"From the volunteers who helped to plant the poppies, to those that have purchased their own poppy, those that dedicated names for our Roll of Honour and to all the many members of the public who have visited to pay their respects.

'family shattered'

"The great thing about it is that people are engaged with this.

"We always hoped the installation would capture the public imagination yet we could not predict the level of support we have received and for this we are truly grateful.

"Every poppy represents a life lost and a family shattered."

17,500 volunteers helped to create the crimson moat of poppies.

University of Derby Vice-Chancellor Professor John Coyne said: "We are immensely proud of Paul's success.

"This has become one of the most famous art installations of all time.

"It really is breathtaking."

The exhibition has been so popular with visitors that parts of the installment – including The Weeping Window, which is made up of thousands of poppies cascading out of the Tower's window and



NOT FORGOTTEN: A photograph of Corporal Thomas William Belton of the Kings Shropshire Light Infantry, who died in Belgium in World War One at the age of 25, is placed on railings surrounding the 'Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red' installation in the moat of the Tower of London this week

The Wave, which rises over the causeway used by visitors to enter the castle – will then travel the country.

The two features will visit towns and cities across Britain before being permanently installed at the Imperial War Museum in London and Manchester from 2018.

'challenge'

With the surge in public support and

engagement for the centenary Armistice Day commemorations, this year's Poppy Appeal is set to become the most successful yet.

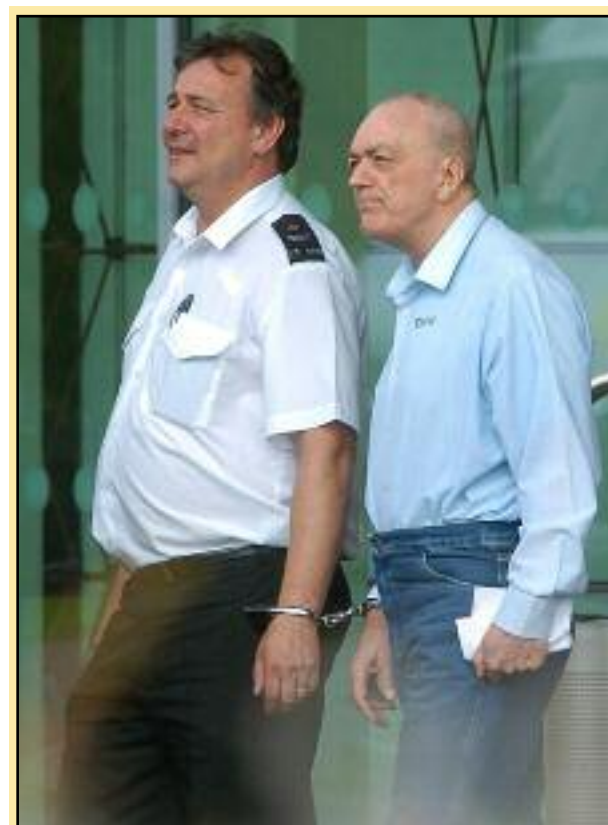
The British Legion is reportedly on target to sell more than 45 million poppies by the end of Armistice Day – one million more than were sold last year.

Head of Remembrance for the British Legion, Stephen Clarke, said: "This year it feels like

there are more poppies out in the streets and a lot of different styles of poppy, because remembrance is very personal.

"Sadly, the veterans of the Great War are no longer with us and our challenge is to make the war, and remembrance of it, relevant to new generations."

Armistice Day has been honoured on November 11 every year since 1919 - a year after Allied forces signed a deal with Germany to end World War One.



NOTORIOUS: Harry Roberts with a prison guard

Police killer Roberts released from jail

Notorious police killer Harry Roberts has been released from prison

Roberts, now 78, was jailed for life for murdering three unarmed officers in Shepherd's Bush, west London, in 1966.

Met Police Federation chairman John Tully called his release "sickening", and victims' relatives have previously condemned plans to release him.

Roberts was released from Littlehey Prison in Cambridgeshire on Tuesday. It is thought that he will now be closely

monitored.

The police officers were shot when they approached a van containing Roberts and two other gang members, John Duddy and John Witney, following an armed robbery.

Sgt Christopher Head, 30, and 25-year-old Det Con David Wombwell were shot by Roberts, while PC Geoffrey Fox, 41, was killed by Duddy.

The gang had been been sitting in the van near Wormwood Scrubs prison when the policemen approached to

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News From Britain

Warren Clarke, star of Dalziel and Pascoe, dies aged 67

British actor Warren Clarke, best known for TV role in Dalziel And Pascoe, has died aged 67 after a short illness, his agent has confirmed.

Clarke, who was born in Oldham, starred in the controversial 1971 film A Clockwork Orange, by Stanley Kubrick.

He recently appeared in the BBC One dramas Call the Midwife and Down to Earth, about a family moving to rural Devon.

The actor is due to appear in a remake of Poldark.

The series, which is due to be released next year, was his last role before his death.

Clarke, with his heavysset build and hangdog facial features, was a perfect fit for grumpy police detective Dalziel, who was translated to the screen from the books by

Reginald Hill.

The popular series ran on BBC One from 1996 to 2007 and clocked up 46 episodes, some of which he directed.

Speaking of his curmudgeonly character in 1997, Clarke said: "One of the reasons I did the series was because I loved the fact that he doesn't bow to liberal views of society."

"He's this bloke from the North who's farting, scratching and behaving badly with women."

worked with Kubrick

Clarke started his acting career on the stage of the Liverpool Playhouse and in Huddersfield Repertory.

In the 1960s, he played a number of smaller roles, including two characters in Coronation Street, before establishing his name in Kubrick's A

Clockwork Orange.

Clarke played Dim, one of the thugs who indulged in "ultraviolence" with their ringleader, played by Malcolm McDowell.

On the 40th anniversary of the film's release in 2011, Clarke said working with the legendary exacting film director was "extraordinary".

"If he thought your performance was false he would ask: 'Why are you doing that?' If you didn't have an answer, he'd shout at you. But I got on well with him and I would shout at him if I thought he was pushing us too hard," said the actor.

He said that numerous offers came from Hollywood after his performance, but he turned them down, saying: "It was stuff I didn't want to be



BUSY CAREER: Warren Clarke cut a distinctive figure onscreen with his heavysset build and hangdog facial features,

involved with."

Clarke's physical presence landed him the role of Winston Churchill in a 1974 ITV drama, Jennie, and he later played the World War Two leader on stage in Three Days in May.

Roles in Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy; Blackadder the Third and Lovejoy were added to his CV during the 1970s and 80s.

In 2005, he graced the canon of costume drama with a memorable turn as Boythorn in an adaptation of Charles Dickens' Bleak House.

Four years later he appeared in the acclaimed drama Red Riding as a corrupt police superintendent.

David Morrissey, who also starred in Red Riding, paid tribute to Clarke via



BIG BREAK: Clarke portrayed Dim, one of the Droogs in Stanley Kubrick's landmark film, A Clockwork Orange

his twitter feed.

"So sad to hear about the death of Warren Clarke. He was a very special man/great actor. We had wonderful times

together on Red Riding."

Actor Richard E Grant said: "Worked with him twice and shared a holiday in the Caribbean. Hilarious and irreverent."

Keane 'punched fan in book signing row'

MANCHESTER United legend Roy Keane allegedly punched a fan following a row about signing a copy of his autobiography, it was claimed this week.

The bust-up was reported to have taken place at a hotel where the Ireland team are staying ahead of tomorrow's Euro 2016 qualifier against Scotland.

The drama is said to have unfolded after a fan approached Keane, 43, at the team's hotel – Portmarnock Hotel and Golf Links – with a copy of his latest autobiography, The Second Half, and asked him to sign the book.

But the former midfielder is reported to have refused, prompting the fan to throw the book at him, when it is claimed a punch was thrown, knocking out the fan.

A man was taken from the team hotel to hospital in an ambulance.



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No return for British jihadis, vows Cameron

“We have to deal with the threat of foreign fighters planning attacks against our people,” says Cameron

British jihadists who fight abroad could be prevented from returning home under powers to be outlined by the PM.

David Cameron is due to announce special exclusion orders which would ban suspected fighters entering the UK unless they comply with investigation.

The controversial measure is at the heart of a planned counter-terrorism bill Mr Cameron mooted in September.

Some legal experts and ex-ministers have questioned whether the UK can ban its own citizens from returning home.

The plan to create Temporary Exclusion Orders comes after coalition talks, following the prime

minister's announcement in September of new counter-terrorism proposals.

Under the unique powers, British citizens suspected of fighting with Islamic State militants would be stopped from re-entering the country unless they gave themselves up at the border.

Each suspect would have their passport cancelled and their name would be added to a “no-fly list” that would prevent them departing for the UK.

At the same time, each suspect would be allowed to return only if they agreed to be escorted by the police before facing either prosecution or close supervision under monitoring powers.

The exclusion orders

would last for up to two years at a time and could be renewed. Breaches could lead to prison.

Government officials say that the powers were designed to either stop suspects coming back - or only coming home on the UK's terms.

“We are not taking away their citizenship,” said one official. “We are putting conditions on their ability to travel.

“This would significantly strengthen our armoury and would be among the toughest in the world in terms of cracking down on foreign fighters.”

Mr Cameron was due to give more details on Friday when he addresses the Australian parliament, after the BW went to press.



NO WAY BACK: British jihadists such as Aine Davis (left) - named in court as fighting in Syria - could face tough controls if they return to the UK

Under Prime Minister Tony Abbott, Australia passed its own counter-terror bill last month

Mr Cameron, who is in the country to attend the G20 summit, is expected to tell Australian MPs: “We have to deal with the threat of foreign fighters planning attacks against our people. Your prime minister has given a strong international lead on this, helping to galvanise the UN Security Council with

a powerful address.

“Last month this parliament passed new legislation to tackle foreign fighters. And we will shortly be introducing our own new Counter-Terrorism Bill in the UK.

“New powers for police at ports to seize passports, to stop suspects travelling and to stop British nationals returning to the UK unless they do so on our terms, new rules to prevent airlines that don't

comply with our no-fly lists or security screening measures from landing in the UK.”

If the legislation is passed, police and some border officers will be given the power to seize passports if they have reasonable suspicion that someone is travelling abroad for terror-related activity - including those under the age of 18.

The document could be held for 30 days, subject to a magistrate's review.

British terrorist ‘White Widow’ ‘shot dead by sniper in Ukraine’

A British female terrorist nicknamed the ‘White Widow’ has reportedly been shot and killed in Ukraine.

Samantha Lewthwaite, 30, was gunned down by a Russian sniper two weeks ago, according to Moscow news agency Regnum.

One of Britain's most wanted people, she was reported last month as fighting for the Islamic State's terrorists in Syria.

The extraordinary Russian claim has not yet been formally verified and her father has said he is not aware if the reports are true.

Lewthwaite was married to 7/7 suicide bomber Germaine Lindsay, 19, a Jamaican-born

Yorkshireman, and allegedly left Britain in 2009 before being linked to atrocities in Africa.

“One of the world's most wanted terrorists Samantha Lewthwaite who fought as part of a Ukrainian battalion has been killed by a volunteer sniper,” said the news agency report.

unconfirmed claim

“According to our information, the White Widow fought on the side of Ukrainian volunteer battalion Aidar as a sniper.

“She was killed by “a volunteer sniper who came to fight at the Lugansk front from Russia”.

The report continued: “The Russian sniper who killed the British terrorist

now has a price of nearly one million dollars on his head from Ukrainian special services.”

But Lewthwaite's dad, 58-year-old builder Andrew Lewthwaite, said: “I have heard nothing. No-one has told me anything about this. I'm not saying anything more about it.”

The extraordinary unconfirmed claim came amid a welter of propaganda from Moscow and Kiev over the Ukrainian crisis. Reports last month claimed Lewthwaite - a former soldier's daughter - joined Islamic State earlier this year and became one of the most powerful women in the network.

Born in Northern



LIVE BY THE SWORD...Lewthwaite, 30, who was said to be fighting for the Islamic State in Syria last month, was gunned down two weeks ago, reports claim

Ireland and schooled in Aylesbury, she was not previously linked to Ukraine. She was responsible for training a special team of female suicide bombers in Syria, it was alleged.

Lewthwaite had been viewed as the innocent

Home Counties' wife of a suicide bomber but was later seen as “the world's most dangerous female terrorist”.

In June 2012 two men and a white woman - believed to be her - wearing Islamic dress killed three and injured 25

at a beer garden in Mombasa after throwing grenades at foreigners watching England play Italy at Euro 2012.

She was also linked to another grenade attack which killed security guards in an upmarket restaurant.

Saint Bob puts the band together again – sort of

■ 30 years on, Geldof set to re-record hit to raise funds for fight against Ebola

Musician and philanthropist Sir Bob Geldof, who in 1984 inspired a generation of rock stars to record a charity single for Africa, is planning to raise money to combat Ebola with a new version of the song.

Geldof, frontman for Irish new wave band The Boomtown Rats, pulled together the Band Aid supergroup for Do They Know It's Christmas? three decades ago to help those affected by famine in Ethiopia.

And this week the musician confirmed at a conference in London that the song would be re-recorded.

famine relief

Artists already signed up for the single include Bastille, U2 frontman Bono, Coldplay singer Chris Martin, Ed Sheeran, Elbow, Ellie Goulding, Emeli Sande, Foals, One Direction, Paloma Faith, Queen drummer Roger Taylor, Sinéad O'Connor and Underworld.

The original song,



ONE IN THE SHADE? Geldof wrote the 1984 hit "Do They Know It's Christmas" with Midge Ure

which raised £8 million (\$US11 million), featured some of the era's biggest acts including U2's Bono, George Michael and David Bowie. It has been re-recorded twice in 1989 and 2004.

Geldof co-wrote the song with Ultravox singer Midge Ure. It topped the charts in 1984 and sold millions of copies, with proceeds going to Ethiopian famine relief.

They followed it up



GELDOF: 'inspired' by the courage of the medical personnel who flew to Africa to battle the Ebola outbreak with Live Aid in 1985, a transatlantic concert that raised an estimated \$US100 million for Ethiopia.

Ebola has killed 4950 people out of more than 13,000 infected since it broke out in West Africa earlier this year, according to the World Health Organisation, mostly in Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea.

John Cleese named as Britain's most influential comedian

■ Python legend tops poll of favorite comics as figures suggest British comedy is not as funny as it used to be...

MONTY Python legend John Cleese has topped a poll of Britain's most influential comedy icons.

The 75-year-old is known for his role as Basil Fawlty in Fawlty Towers as well as being part of the Monty Python clan.

Only Fools and Horses legend David Jason was a close runner up, followed by Blackadder and Mr Bean star Rowan Atkinson.

The study was commissioned to mark the launch of Monty Python: The Meaning of Live, on popular British cable channel Gold on Thursday night.

The intimate documentary tells the story of their ground-breaking performances and includes rarely seen footage.

Gold's general manager, Steve North said: "John Cleese is

known and loved by many people both old and young.

"So it may not come as a surprise that he's been named as the most influential comedy icon, above other greats such as Rowan Atkinson and David Jason.

"Shows like Monty Python and Fawlty Towers will be watched by the nation for years to come, and the recent Monty Python live show proves how successful and popular it really is."

Roger Graef, the director of the new documentary added: "Monty Python is arguably the most influential comedy group this country has ever known and it no surprise two members of the troupe have appeared in this list."

Almost two thirds of Brits admit to missing classic comedy shows like Fawlty Towers and Monty Python.

The poll found Brits believe comedians become influential because of their originality, the amount their work is talked about and how wide their audience is.

Half of the 2,000 adults polled felt modern comedians are not as funny as classic comedy actors.

Modern day comedy was described by many as too crude, not that funny and uses too much bad language.

So it's little wonder seven in ten Brits enjoy watching re-runs of old comedy shows over the Christmas period.

The late Ronnie Barker came fourth while The Office creator and star of Derek, Ricky Gervais finished off the top five.

The Vicar of Dibley's Dawn French is the highest placed female comedian on the list with her on-screen

partner Jennifer Saunders just making it into the top 20 at 19.

The late Rik Mayall, popular for his roles in The Young Ones and Bottom came eighth while Kenneth Williams and Steve Coogan, famous for creating Alan Partridge, finish off the top ten.

Other stars to make the top 20 poll of influential comedians were James Cordon, Harry Enfield and the other half of The Two Ronnies, Ronnie Corbett.

Only three women made it onto the list with French and Saunders being joined by Miranda Hart who came in at 14.

Eddie Izzard and comedian turned reality TV judge David Walliams also made the poll alongside Monty Python's Michael Palin and Arthur Lowe from Dad's Army.



SIMPLY WITHOUT PEER: John Cleese tops the poll, with Ricky Gervais (below) coming in at number five



ROBERTS:

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ask questions.

Roberts was convicted of murder in relation to all three deaths. He was given a 30-year minimum sentence and served 48 years.

The Ministry of Justice said it did not comment on individual cases, but said there were "public protection arrangements" in place to manage released prisoners.

"Offenders on life sentences are subject to strict controls for as long as their risk requires them," a spokesman said.

"If they fail to comply with these conditions they can be immediately returned to prison."

When asked about the case, Lord Thomas, Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales, said a legal structure was in place and "we have to respect it entirely".

He said it was for judges to pass sentence then for the Parole Board to "assess risk" when considering whether to release a prisoner.

Steve White, chairman of the Police Federation of England and Wales, which represents officers, said: "Police officers up and down the country will be absolutely furious and disgusted that Harry Roberts has been released."

He said he had written to Home Secretary Theresa May asking her to keep her promise to impose whole-of-life sentences on people who kill police officers - though legislation currently going through Parliament will not apply to criminals who have already been sentenced.

Reacting last month to news Roberts was to be released, Mandy Fox, daughter of PC Fox, branded the decision a "disgrace".

TRUE! Spandau Ballet patch up their differences, confirm American tour

■ Eighties icons set to play Wiltern Theater in January

GET OUT your pirate shirt and dust off your Hussar jacket, those (old) New Romantic superstars Spandau Ballet are headed back to these shores.

The quintet from North London who burst onto the British music scene in 1980 with "To Cut a Long Story Short" have overcome internal squabbles and splits before, touring the UK in 2010 and making an appearance at this year's SXSW Festival in Austin, Texas, which was the band's first concert in the US in 28 years. But this time they are really getting their act together and putting it on the road, via a world tour that includes 11 US dates and a January 25th engagement at the Wiltern Theater in Los Angeles.

documentary

Last month saw the British release of a documentary about the band's history, *Soul Boys of the Western World*, prompting speculation that the band would soon embark on a world tour. This week, they made it official.

"The film and the tour make up our new

campaign of creativity," songwriter and guitarist Gary Kemp said on Monday, shortly before the band appeared on Jimmy Kimmel Live on ABC.

Kemp says the quintet is delaying "the commercial thing of doing an album" in order to promote the film and simply reconnect with its audience. After being away from the spotlight for so long, he says the band wondered what it could offer listeners, and the answer was right in front of him.

"What we have is our story," he says.

Kemp also revealed the role played in the band's reunion by their great New Romantic rivals - Duran Duran.

'miserable'

Kemp said watching Duran Duran reform their original line up in 2003 started his journey to heal the rift between his own former band mates.

"It did spur me on," Kemp said. "I was at the Duran comeback gig with my wife and I was sitting there miserable. At that time Spandau weren't even talking. We needed closure on it. It had been



TO CUT A LONG STORY SHORT...the Kemp brothers, Tony Hadley, Steve Norman and John Keeble have put fights and lawsuits behind them to reform.



THEY WERE GOLD: Spandau Ballet in their early 1980s heyday

hell for so long. It wasn't long after I saw Duran Duran I flew down to Spain and met (sax player) Steve (Norman) for the first time. It took about five years of work before we were all sat in a room together."

The movie follows the band through their early days as the house band at legendary Covent Garden wine bar Blitz, through their breakthrough in 1980 and the string of hits that followed - accompanied by the inevitable rock star clichés of drugs, women...and falling out over money.

The band disintegrated in 1989 and things got even worse when singer Tony Hadley, Steve Norman and drummer John Keeble took sole songwriter Kemp to court seeking their share of royalties a decade later.

A comeback tour in 2009 repaired the damage, while the elephant in the room is discussed in the movie as the band talk about their anger towards Kemp and his increased fortune from writing all the band's hits.

"You wanted to disappear in your seat when we were watching it

together for the first time," Norman said. "None of us knew what the other had said when we filmed our interviews so it was interesting to watch it together."

"But that's what makes the movie work so well, its honesty," bassist Martin Kemp says. "In any film or documentary, as soon as you sniff a lie it ruins the whole one and a half hours."

Spandau have also recorded three new songs for a new compilation, *The Story*, released as a companion piece to the film.

WHERE TO SEE THEM

Spandau Ballet's 2015 US Tour Dates

- Jan. 23 - San Francisco, Calif., Warfield Theatre
- Jan. 25 - Los Angeles, Calif., The Wiltern
- Jan. 27 - Denver, Colo., Paramount Theatre
- Jan. 30 - Chicago, Ill., House Of Blues
- Jan. 31 - Detroit, Mich., Masonic Temple Theatre
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- Feb. 9 - Washington, D.C., 9:30 Club
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Brits in LA

Meet a Member: Gaby Santinelli

Meet Gaby Santinelli from London, who moved to LA 1.5 years ago to pursue...life in America

Was there a particular reason you chose LA?

I was born in New York City, and raised all over the United States before I relocated to London and pursued acting in singing in Britain. While living in London, I won an Oliver Award (Jerry Springer - The Opera National Theatre/West End), sang on feature film soundtracks (The Lord Of The Rings, Harry Potter, Star Wars, etc), acted with Colin Firth (A Summer In Genoa), and became a dual UK-US Citizen. When I felt it was time to move back to America, I chose Los Angeles over New York because my father

has been an actor here since 1989, and I wanted to live near him. Oh, and the weather: 15 years of British damp had finally crept into me bones!

What one thing do you miss from home?

I miss ironic, self-deprecating, language-based humor. And the British news.

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

The people! Luckily, I work with non-Americans all the time, as I am an Accent Coach ;-)

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

The Sunset Restaurant, Westward Beach in

Malibu. Great food, good prices, free street parking, directly on the beach...what's not to love?

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

There are not enough British characters in American television/film for the many British actors trying to make it in LA. If you are moving to America to pursue a professional acting career, you must sort out your American accent, FAST. It's not an extra add-on. It's an essential element to your Actor's tool kit. Accents require awareness, confidence, strength and stamina. Think of accents as physical



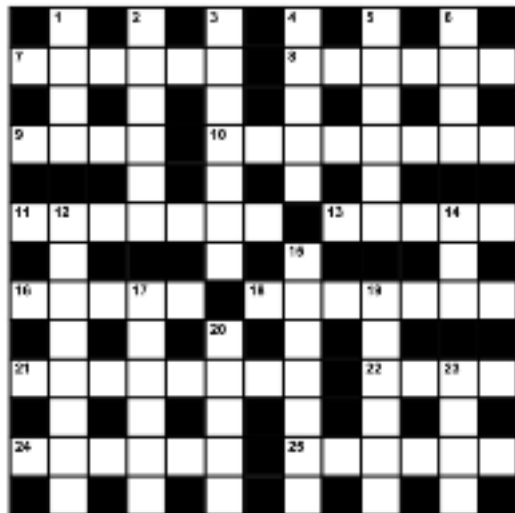
MISSING THE BRITISH NEWS: actress and accent coach Gaby Santinelli

The British Weekly Crossword #140

Crossword by Myles Mellor

Across

- 7 Bugus (6)
- 8 Florid furniture style (6)
- 9 Harp cousin (4)
- 10 Country that said no on the referendum (8)
- 11 Decree (7)
- 13 Restless (5)
- 16 Cravat (5)
- 18 Rite using water (7)
- 21 Drivel (8)
- 22 Object of devotion (4)
- 24 Little pouch (6)
- 25 Uncontrolled (6)



Down

- 1 See at a distance (4)
- 2 Chest of drawers (6)
- 3 Small bouquet (7)
- 4 Sboptalk (5)
- 5 Carve (6)
- 6 Supermarket checkers do it (4)
- 12 Stain, US spelling (8)
- 14 HRH part (3)
- 15 The Tower of London used to use one for traitors (7)
- 17 Senescence (3,3)
- 19 Sponge cake soaked in wine (6)
- 20 Eco-conscious (5)
- 23 Eye hungrily (4)

Solution to Puzzle #139



training. Are you trying to carve out some six-pack abs overnight? We all know that it cannot be done!

It takes time...and so does mastering an accent. Lastly, how can we find out more about you?

Are you on the Internet?
You can find me online at: www.gabysantinelli.com

Sudoku #8 (Medium)

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 #7



Stargazing with Annie Shaw

ARIES: As your feisty ruler Mars is in a powerful earth sign (Capricorn), be sure to keep a handle on your emotions, especially around a family member or close friend. This person may be in the wrong but it's not the time to say.

TAURUS: Financial situations are improving so be sure to keep a lid on the spending until you know how much you really have. It's likely all will be ok by the end of the month. This holiday season stay close to tried and true friends.

GEMINI: Time to look at relaxing the pace you are working at and make time for fun.

You will be ready for a short trip for pleasure and take care of your health - that is not something you can neglect. Be more open to forgiving another.

CANCER: If you search your heart you will know another person is truthful. Far too much time in your life has been wasted proving your point. Bend like the tree in the wind it will better than being rigid in the long run.

LEO: Mars the fire planet in your house of deep feelings will bring a situation to a head. The good news is if you take a look at what you have not been looking at there will be an answer.

VIRGO: Any frustrations you have in any area of life (most likely the work arena) will not last much longer. It's your attitude that counts, so keep a good one and see a better result.

LIBRA: Love is in the air for you. Your sweet ruler Venus comes along to assist you with communication issues. In the long term it is best to let go of anyone who is not working for your best and higher good.

SCORPIO: With Venus in your money house and Jupiter in your power house whatever has been unfinished in the last couple of months (think love or money) will be back. This time make sure you get a good resolution.

It's a done deal. Happy Birthday!!

SAGITTARIUS: Venus is visiting you and she is like a favorite aunt who usually brings gifts. Be ready to have extra guests this month at the holidays and even if you are not too happy about this it will end up fine. You have to stop trying to be everything to every body.

CAPRICORN: All work and no play makes for a dull life. It's not always this way and by mid- December life is due for an overall boost. Be sure to stand firm in a recent disagreement; just because you feel bad does not mean you are in the wrong!

AQUARIUS: A health or diet issue that has bugged you in the recent past will be back if you have not taken care of it. It could also be someone else's health. Be sure to finish off that home repair this month. You are going to be very busy over the holidays and you will be at your best.

PISCES: You may have been getting mixed messages from a family member and it has in the past caused you grief. This week ahead confront it in a non-threatening way and see how much faster you will be able to move past forward and resolve it.



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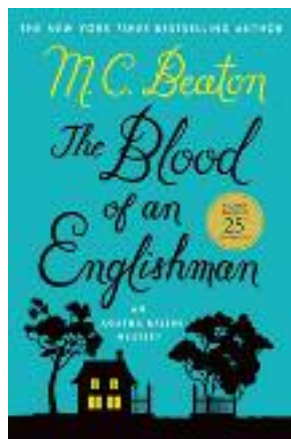
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The Blood of an Englishman: a panto mystery...

■ Exclusive interview with author M.C. Beaton and a review of her latest murder mystery, the 25th in the Agatha Raisin series

Rating: ★★★



"I loved pantomimes as a child" says *The Blood of an Englishman* author M.C. Beaton. "Particularly as I was a child in World War 2. An outing to a pantomime was to be taken away into a glittering world of unreality."

Pantomime is a distinctly British form of theatre. Typically performed during the Christmas season, pantomime adds humor

to a story loosely based on a familiar fairy tale with the audience singing along at certain parts and shouting out stock phrases and warnings to the performers.

Beaton takes the classic story *Babes in the Wood* and turns it on its ear. Beaton's writing style is engaging and the story moves at a good clip. Her story will engage you even if you

have never read one of her books. But it's not for everyone, with the depiction of the murder quite gruesome and our heroine Agatha also smokes.

Agatha Raisin indulges her friend Mrs. Bloxby, the vicar's wife, and joins her to see some local amateur theater doing a panto version of *Babes in the Wood*. The baker, a menacing ogre on stage, vanishes in a puff of green smoke...and he doesn't join the rest of the cast for the curtain call...

On her drive home Agatha sees emergency vehicles rushing toward the theater. She turns her car around and soon discovers the baker has been most foully murdered. Why? Agatha and her team of private

detectives are on the case. The more they dig the more dirt they find out about the whole cast...and the more danger they put themselves in.

"Most people talk about (my previous book) *The Vicious Vet* because they like that scene where Agatha destroys the pub loo in an effort to remove a spot from her face," says Beaton. She also wrote thirty novels for the Hamish MacBeth series, in addition to four Regency mysteries as Marion Chesney.

"It's not like the days when I was writing the Regencies and went to the Records Office in London to buy an A to Z of London 1811 to make sure I knew where all the streets were then," says

Beaton. "I didn't view any documents for this book." Beaton's main research was into the construction of the Victorian star trap, that trapdoor on a stage which lets the villain arrive and exit.

Beaton says the most surprising thing that happened while writing this book was that her husband Harry gave her as a birthday present a June trip on the Orient Express to Venice.

Beaton was recently nominated for the Library Dagger Award by the Crime Writers Association. *The Blood of an Englishman* has not been optioned for film or television.

Beaton was born in Glasgow but now divides her time mainly between homes in the



BY
Gabrielle Pantera

Cotswolds and Paris.

The Blood of an Englishman: An Agatha Raisin Mystery by M.C. Beaton. Series: Agatha Raisin Mysteries (Book 25), Hardcover: 304 pages, Publisher: Minotaur Books (September 16, 2014), Language: English, ISBN: 9780312616267 \$24.99.



The Vortex - Back By Popular Demand!

I'm looking forward to seeing *The Vortex* again... the Noel Coward play is back by popular demand this week opening at the Matrix Theatre on Melrose.

Gene Franklin Smith is back in the director's chair along with other original cast members from the Playhouse production and produced by artist and Genlux Magazine fashion editor Amanda Eliasch.

Eliasch, an award winner herself and a well-known supporter of the arts, Eliasch told *British Weekly*: "I saw this production of *The Vortex* which is now set in the sixties, back in May of this

year and fell in love with it immediately. I felt it needed a wider audience, so I reached out to the super-talented director Gene Franklin Smith and proposed that I produce it."

Of *The Vortex*, director Gene Franklin Smith says: "Coward never really wrote another play quite like *The Vortex* again. He created a juicy role for himself, including drug abuse, repressed homosexuality and Oedipal jealousy, knowing full well it would make him a star. *The Vortex* doesn't sit in the same high pantheon as *Private Lives* or *Blithe Spirit*, but it is far more contemporary

than Coward's other works, and you would swear it was written today and not 90 years ago."

Starring the remarkable talents of Shannon Holt as "Florence" and Craig Robert Young as "Nicky", *The Vortex* surprises audiences with its climactic emotional showdown between a mother and son that evokes Hamlet.

The play's original run was way back in 1924, in London, and its scandalous subject matter – along with the author's trademark wit and trenchant one-liners – made Coward an overnight sensation.

Holt and Young are

joined by an impressive cast, which includes Victoria Hoffman as Helen, Daniel Jimenez as Tom, Skye LaFontaine as Buntly and John Mawson as David.

Catch this production if you can... A big two thumbs up!

When: Opens Thursday, November 13, 2014 and runs through Sunday, December 14, 2014. Shows are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 PM and Sundays at 3 PM. Preview performance Wednesday, November 12.

How: Tickets may be purchased online at www.plays411.com/vortex or by calling (323) 960-7735. Single tickets for the preview are \$20 and \$34 for all regular performances.

Statham takes another spin as The Mechanic...

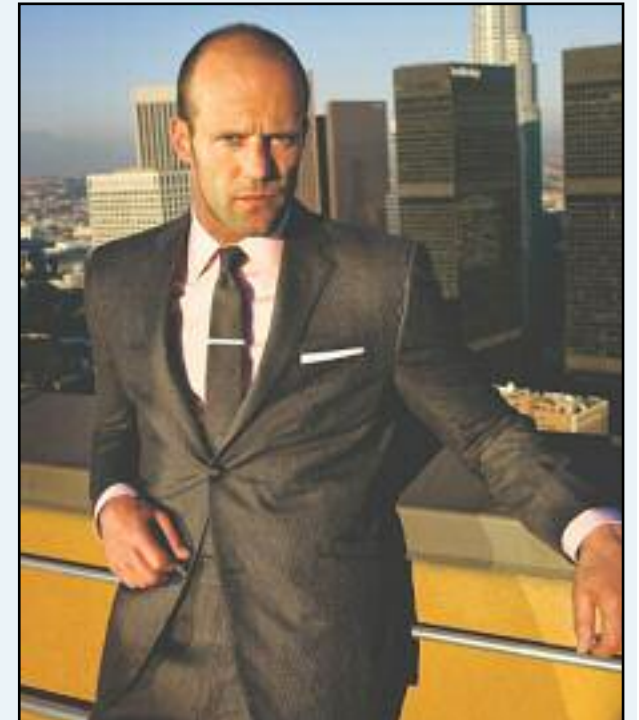
After starring in several sequels, from *Crank: High Voltage* to *The Transporter* trilogy, not to mention next spring's *Furious 7*, British star Jason Statham has found yet another one for his filmography.

I hear that Lionsgate has set *Mechanic: Resurrection* for release on January 22nd, 2016. The first film, *The Mechanic*, focused on Statham as "mechanic" Arthur Bishop, an elite assassin with a strict code and an ability to make kills look like accidents.

When Bishop's mentor is killed, he took on his son played by Ben Foster, as an apprentice and set out for revenge. So what's the sequel about now?

This time around, Statham's character Bishop is trying to live the quiet life after faking his death at the end of the first film, but his retirement probably won't last long.

Jessica Alba and Tommy Lee Jones, who



basically cancel each other out when it comes to talent, will join Statham, along with Michelle Yeoh. However, if Jones is playing the villain in the action thriller, then that sounds awesome.

Mechanic: Resurrection is being directed by Dennis Gansel, and will focus on Statham's character, Bullets Gunpunch (a.k.a. Arthur Bishop), as he seeks to kill some of the world's most

dangerous men. The script is by Philip Shelby, Tony Mosher, Rachel Long and Brian Pittman, and production is already underway in Thailand.

There's no word yet on what roles Jones, Yeoh, and Alba will be playing in the film, although we'd love to see Jones stretch himself and play a steely-eyed sarcastic mentor type for once.

Can't wait for this one!

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Battersea, Britannias, and Lear....

Hi Breeps!

This Sunday sees our friends at BAFTA dole out the prestigious awards THE BRITANNIAS on BBC America. Each year BAFTA honor the best of the best. This year is no exception with the likes of Emma Watson, Dame Judy Dench and the usually very shy Mike Leigh. Hollywood stars are also not forgotten with the charismatic Robert Downey Jr. picking up a bronzed statue. Eileen and I were lucky enough to go

along to the awards last year held at the Beverly Hilton Hotel as guests of presenting sponsor Jaguar where the infamous Sasha Baron Cohen wheelchair incident (gag) took place. So tune in this Sunday to see what shenanigans go down this year....

Sucked back in...

Thanks to many of you reading this we were able to raise enough money to bring Noel Coward's **The Vortex** to LA. We can't thank you enough. We opened on



REINVENTION: the stunning redevelopment of Battersea Power Station is creating one of the most sought-after residential areas in Europe.

Thursday to a star-studded reception, including Doris Roberts, Sofia Milos, Maya Fiennes, and producer Amanda Eliasch. The reception was hosted by British pub **The Pikey** and **Scream Famous** of Melrose displayed their new British inspired Tee-shirt collection giving 10% of all sales back to the production. Visit our Facebook page

to see all the fab photos. To get tickets for our upcoming weekend please visit www.plays411.com and search Noel Coward's "The Vortex"

During my rehearsals, I did find time to see the fabulous RSC The Globe's touring version of **King Lear** at the Broad Theatre in Santa Monica. Originally staged for outside, they keep all the house lights

up to bring the outdoor feeling inside. It closes this weekend so check it out if you possibly can, it really is a great production, and you'll get to see some of Britain's finest actors at work. 20% discount weekdays for Brits in LA. Promo code: LEAR For more information: thebroadstage.com or (310) 434 3200

Eileen was lucky enough this week to get

a sneak peek at the Frank Gehry-designed plans for the latest landmark development to hit London's river Thames – the **Battersea Power Station** apartments. In attendance were lots of you, as well as our British Consulate General **Chris O'Connor**, UKares Foundation's CEO **Fiona Harden** and one of our favourite couples, the gorgeous fashion designer **Claire Farwell** and her uber-talented opera singer partner, **Gus ... looking** spectacular as always. One of the many wonderful aspects of London is its astonishing capacity to reinvent itself through the years and the Battersea Power Station redevelopment is no exception. Expect luxe appointments and the best of everything in these wonderful riverside apartments – at a price. I hear one of the penthouse apartments could set you back a mere \$30 million. Dear Santa.....

Brit Tuesdays

This week's column is a tad shorter than usual...we have a Christmas party to organize for you in aid of one of our favourite charities - Adopt-a-letter. For more details visit www.adoptaletter.org to see how you can help an underprivileged kid this year. Some of the letters are quite heartbreaking.

Finally...Tuesdays are fast becoming BRIT TUESDAYS With breakfast in the morning at Ceconis and our fab Pub Quiz every Tuesday night at the Pikey, it doesn't feel like we've left home at all and now here comes the rain.... finally something for us Brits to moan about!!

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F1 title is Hamilton's to lose - Mansell

Former world champion Nigel Mansell says Lewis Hamilton has "one hand" on the World Championship going into the final race in Abu

Dhabi on 23 November. Hamilton leads Mercedes team-mate Nico Rosberg by 17 points, but with double points for the final race, he can be usurped if he is outside the top two.

Mansell said: "I think Lewis has got the upper hand.

"He's got the championship in one hand and I feel sure it's his to lose now."

Mansell knows all about what it feels like to lose the title in dramatic style - the British driver saw the F1 crown dramatically taken from his grasp at the final race in 1986 when his Williams suffered a puncture in the closing stages in Australia.

"Everybody felt that I was robbed from the championships and I

became the people's champion, borne out by winning the Sports Personality of the Year with the BBC," he said.

"Although I lost the World Championship I felt I won another World Championship with all the support I had."

On the subject of double points, which are being used for the first time and mean German driver Rosberg can become champion if he wins and Hamilton is third or worse, Mansell said: "I'm sitting on the fence with the double points at the last race because I don't know if that's a good thing or bad thing.

"I'd hate for either one of them to go into the last race and have a mechanical and lose the World Championship because of double points."

New boy Moyes hails La Liga

David Moyes described La Liga as "better than the Premier League" at his unveiling as Real Sociedad manager on Thursday.

Moyes, 51, who was sacked by Manchester United in April, said he took charge of the Spanish side after turning down offers from clubs in the Premier League.

"Real Sociedad tugged at my heart strings," Moyes said.

"La Liga has the finest players and great coaches and I want to test myself against the best."

He added: "It is the right time. I am well rested and I am ready to go."

Moyes has signed a contract to June 2016 and replaces Jagoba Arrasate,

who was dismissed after a poor run of form which has left the club 15th in La Liga.

There are reasons for optimism, however. Sociedad have already

beaten Real Madrid this season and recorded their second win of the

campaign on Sunday when they overcame champions Atletico Madrid.

Weekend Rugby table with columns for RUGBY UNION Internationals (England, France, Ireland, etc.), LV Cup, and RUGBY LEAGUE (Four Nations, New Zealand, etc.).

FA Cup First Round table listing various football clubs and their opponents, including Barnet, Barnsley, Basinstone, etc.

Tuesday Night's Results table showing scores for William Hill Scottish Cup, Scottish League One, and Scottish League Two.

Weekend Premiership table listing Premier League clubs and their current positions, including Burnley, Liverpool, Manchester United, etc.

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE table showing league standings with columns for Home and Away records and points.

Weekend Scotland table listing Scottish football results, including Scottish Premiership, Scottish League One, and Scottish League Two.

FIFA report 'a joke' - Dyke

Fifa's controversial new report into World Cup corruption is now pointless and a joke, according to English Football Association chairman Greg Dyke.

He made his comments after the man who investigated claims of wrongdoing said the report was "erroneous".

"It's a bit of a joke, the whole process," adding that it looked "pretty ugly for Fifa".

The report cleared Russia and Qatar of corruption allegations but criticised the FA for flouting bid rules.

The 42-page document, published Thursday morning was put together by German judge Hans-Joachim Eckert. He based his findings on the work of American lawyer Michael Garcia.

But less than four hours later Garcia, who spent two years investigating claims of corruption for Fifa, issued a statement questioning the report.

He said Eckert's findings contained "numerous materially incomplete and erroneous

representations".

Garcia said he intended to appeal to Fifa, the governing body for world football.

"It has undermined the whole process," added Dyke.

"It's now pretty ugly for Fifa if the person who did the inquiry says the judge hasn't properly reflected his inquiry.

"That's pretty serious for Fifa. It now seems the interpretation of the Garcia report is not a fair one, according to Garcia himself."

The FA was accused of trying to "curry favour" with the notorious former Fifa vice-president Jack Warner, who quit in 2011 amid bribery allegations.

The report said England's bid team tried to win the support of Warner, who is from Trinidad and Tobago, by trying to help "a person of interest to him" find a part-time job in the United Kingdom and by letting the Trinidad and Tobago Under-20 squad hold a training camp in the UK in the summer of 2009, as well as sponsoring a gala

dinner for the Caribbean Football Union, at a cost of \$55,000 (about £35,000).

Dyke said the FA had "nothing to hide".

"Within that report, most of the criticism is of people who co-operated the most fully," he said.

"If you actually didn't co-operate, you don't get criticised, which seems very weird to me. The FA, I don't think on this, has got anything to hide."

Dyke also called for Garcia's report, which runs to hundreds of pages, to be published in full.

Lord Triesman, who was chairman of the FA at the time voting for the 2018 and 2022 World Cups took place, said he also wanted to see the complete document.

He was criticised in the report for failing to co-operate with the investigation.

British MP Damien Collins described Eckert's report as "a whitewash" before Garcia's statement was issued.

Fellow MP Clive Efford, Labour's Shadow Minister for Sport, added: "Fifa has no choice but to



SCATHING: FA Chairman Dyke said the report looked 'pretty ugly for FIFA'

publish Michael Garcia's report in full if it expects anyone to believe their claims that there has been no cover-up over allegations of corruption in the World Cup bidding process."

Hassan Al Thawadi, general secretary of the Qatar 2022 organising

committee, said this week: "Throughout this whole process we've been transparent when it comes to the process of bidding for the 2022 World Cup.

"We've always been confident about the integrity of our bid. Today's report was confirmation of that."

The report noted that the Russian bid team made "only a limited amount of documents available for review".

According to the report, the Russian team hired computers that were subsequently destroyed, denying the inquiry access to email accounts.

CAHILL: no more nice guys...

ROY HODGSON has told his England players they must employ football's dark arts if they want to progress in major tournaments - and Gary Cahill is more than ready to lead the way.

The Chelsea defender revealed this week that the England boss ordered his men to be more cynical after their World Cup disaster, - something he has already learned from his club manager Jose Mourinho.

England vice-captain Cahill said: "We've been too nice, that comes with experience. We've got a very young team, but that's a big part of the game to know when to

slow things down.

"In terms of game management, there are times in the game to kill it off or slow things down when things aren't going well. And we will learn that.

"Jose has been a master of that, it's a part of play at Chelsea and that's because there are so many experienced players in the squad.

People know when to do that and not. That's something that's coming into the make up with England and that's why we are progressing.

"At first it was from the manager. The things that we addressed and it was certainly one of them.

England face Slovenia in a European Championship qualifier at Wembley on Saturday and Cahill admitted Hodgson's team have had to learn to play more direct rather than try to play out from the back.

Cahill added: "You have to know not to always play from the back. Everybody has this philosophy of playing from the back from the keeper.

"But there are times to think 'hold on, let's not play from the back this time...It's just managing the game, which maybe we are doing a lot better. It's something that has been addressed."



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2pm Wales vs Fiji (Rugby)

Sun 11/16

6.30am Ireland vs Georgia (Rugby)
9am Netherlands vs Latvia - Euro Qualifier
9am Wales vs Belgium - Euro Qualifier
11.45am Italy vs Croatia - Euro Qualifier

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1130am Portugal v Argentina (friendly)
1145am Spain v Germany (TBC)

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