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Queen's Christmas message puts focus on reconciliation

The Queen has used her Christmas Day broadcast to highlight the importance of reconciliation between people.

She spoke of the impact of the Scottish independence referendum, and also paid tribute to the moment German and British soldiers put down their weapons and met on Christmas Day 1914.

"Sometimes it seems reconciliation stands little chance... but the Christmas truce reminds us peace and goodwill have lasting power," she said.

In her address, the head of state said Christ's example taught her to "respect and value all people of whatever faith or none".

She said many felt "great disappointment" and others "great relief" after the Scottish vote which rejected independence, and "bridging these differences will take time".

In contrast, the Queen said she was reminded that Northern Ireland had already begun the journey to heal divisions when she visited a Belfast prison

turned visitor attraction centre in June.

She began her broadcast by talking about a sculpture of a man and woman embracing by Josefine de Vasconcellos and called Reconciliation.

"While my tour of the set of Game Of Thrones may have gained most attention, my visit to the Crumlin Road Gaol will remain vividly in my mind," she said.

'lasting power'

"What was once a prison during the Troubles is now a place of hope and fresh purpose; a reminder of what is possible when people reach out to one another, rather like the couple in the sculpture."

As the Queen spoke, footage of the visit was shown including the monarch walking through the famous building with Stormont First Minister Peter Robinson and Deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness - both of whom spent time in its cells in the 1970s or 1980s.

The Queen recorded her Christmas message next to an embossed brass box of the type which would have contained Christmas gifts for troops serving in



ANNUAL MESSAGE: the Queen also described sport as "a wonderful way of bringing together people and nations"

World War One in 1914.

The boxes were organised by the Sailors and Soldiers Christmas Fund created by Princess Mary, the daughter of King George V.

In the message, the Queen said of the first Christmas of the war: "Without any instruction or command, the shooting stopped and German and British soldiers met in No Man's Land. Photographs were taken and gifts exchanged. It was a Christmas truce..."

"Sometimes it seems that reconciliation stands little chance in the face of war and discord. But, as

the Christmas truce a century ago reminds us, peace and goodwill have lasting power in the hearts of men and women."

She described sport as a "wonderful way of bringing together people and nations" and this year's Commonwealth Games, staged in Glasgow during the summer, was highlighted as an example.

Images of injured servicemen and women and veterans who took part in the Invictus Games, organised by Prince Harry, were shown competing.

The Queen also

reflected on the ceramic poppy tribute to World War One casualties and those who are helping to tackle the deadly Ebola outbreak in West Africa.

The hugely popular poppy installation at the Tower of London was "a reminder of the grief of loved ones left behind", she said.

The monarch also revealed how she had been "deeply touched" by those who treated victims of Ebola.

The Queen described how the life of Jesus Christ was an "inspiration and an anchor in my life".

"Christ's example has

taught me to seek to respect and value all people, of whatever faith or none," she said.

As the Royal Marines band played to signal the end of the address, the Queen said: "On that chilly Christmas Eve in 1914 many of the German forces sang Silent Night, its haunting melody inching across the line.

"That carol is still much-loved today, a legacy of the Christmas truce, and a reminder to us all that even in the unlikeliest of places hope can still be found.

"A very happy Christmas to you all."



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Glasgow mourns as six are killed in bin lorry horror crash

■ Out-of-control truck slammed into holiday shoppers

GLASGOW was a city in mourning this week following an horrific pre-Christmas accident that left six people dead.

A runaway council bin lorry slammed into Christmas shoppers Monday afternoon in the city's busy George Square, mounting a pavement and then crashing into the Millennium Hotel. The crash killed six people and injured at least ten more. The victims were named as Jack Sweeney, 68 and Lorraine Sweeney, 69, both from Dumbarton, and their 18-year-old granddaughter Erin McQuade. The other three victims were Gillian Ewing, 52, from Edinburgh, Stephenie Tait, 29, from Glasgow and Jacqueline Morton, 51, from Glasgow.

'overwhelming'

Police investigations are continuing as to the cause of the crash but Mr. Sweeney's nephew Marc Gardiner took to Twitter shortly after the disaster to say he does not blame the driver for the deaths.

Writing the day after the horror accident, Marc tweeted: "Been a really emotional and overwhelming day and on behalf of my family I just want to say thank you to everyone around Scotland sending in there condolences and best wishes!

"I hope that the other families that are going through what me and my family are get all the support possible and I hope that the driver of the lorry makes a speedy recovery and understands

that it wasn't his fault.

"And a big thanks to all emergency services yesterday for doing everything possible.

"RIP Uncle Jackie, Aunt Lorraine and Erin, love you loads and can't believe your gone, you'll be truly missed."

The 57-year-old bin lorry driver is still being treated for his injuries at the city's Western Infirmary, the Daily Record reports.

tributes

A 14-year-old schoolgirl, who was critically ill but is now stable, is also among the four people still in hospital. Two women, aged 18 and 64, are also still undergoing treatment.

Marc's comments came as tributes continue to be paid to the six victims at the floral shrine in nearby Royal Exchange Square, just yards from where the accident took place.

Among those who have turned up to pay their

respects next to the Gallery of Modern Art are actor Martin Compston, Celtic chief executive Peter Lawwell and Rangers legend and ex-SFA boss Gordon Smith.

Prayers were also said at church services across Scotland for everyone affected by the horror accident.

On Christmas Day grieving relatives – thought to be from the McQuade family – were part of a group that arrived in Royal Exchange Square together around 12.20pm.

Six lanterns, Christmas wreaths, tea light candles and cuddly toys also form part of the moving memorial.

Overnight, thousands turned off their Christmas lights for two minutes in an act of remembrance for the victims of the crash. A Facebook page asking people to turn off their lights for two minutes was 'liked' by over 70,000



VICTIMS (clockwise from top left): Lorraine Sweeney, Erin McQuade, Jacqueline Morton, Gillian Ewing, Jack Sweeney and Stephenie Tait



COMING TOGETHER: First Minister Nicola Sturgeon visited the tribute sight

people.

Police Scotland have made a fresh appeal for anyone with footage of the incident to send it to them.

They said a "thorough and exhaustive" investigation is under way and will continue

throughout the festive period.

The brother of one of the women who is being treated at Glasgow Royal Infirmary told reporters that she could not remember anything about the incident, which

happened when she was Christmas shopping.

John Weatherall - who did not want his sister's name to be made public - said she had broken her left arm and leg in multiple places as well as facial injuries.



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Traditional Christmas service is resumed at Sandringham, - but noisy George stays home

■ Royals turn out in force for service on Norfolk estate

The Queen marked Christmas Day in traditional fashion on Thursday by attending a church service at Sandringham near her royal retreat.

Well-wishers started gathering before dawn in the bitter cold to catch a glimpse of the royals - and by mid-morning thousands of onlookers were present.

Queen Elizabeth was joined by the Duke of Edinburgh for the service at St Mary Magdalene's church on the 20,000 acre Norfolk estate.

But the Duchess of Cornwall did not attend the service on advice from doctors after she "put her back out", Clarence

House said.

Camilla "has been in pain and is receiving physiotherapy. The doctors have advised against any travel," a Clarence House spokeswoman said.

Also missing was Prince George, but he is likely to have spent the morning in the care of his nanny. His parents, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, attended.

After the service, the pair and Prince Harry greeted well-wishers outside the church.

Kate apologised to a mother and her young daughter for not bringing her son.

When Maddison Neal, aged eight from nearby

Dersingham, gave Kate a Milky Bar selection box for George, the Duchess reportedly replied: "I'm sorry we didn't bring George but you would have heard him in the



SPRIGHTLY: The Queen caught the eye in a colorful fuschia outfit



GOOD TURNOUT: the royals delighted onlookers, some of whom arrived before dawn for the best spots

DNA advance snares rapist from 1984

A man has been convicted of raping and sexually abusing three teenagers at knife-point in Hertfordshire 30 years ago.

Paul Drinkwater, now 52, of Maidenhead, Berkshire, carried out a campaign of terror over three weeks in Berkhamsted in November and December 1984.

He was found guilty at St Albans Crown Court of seven charges he denied, including rape and possessing a knife.

New DNA evidence helped secure the conviction.

Judge Marie Catterson remanded him in custody for sentencing on 30 January.

church."

Kate, who is around five months pregnant, wore a brown double-breasted coat.

The service took place before the

Queen's Christmas Day address was broadcast.

The monarch has used her traditional address to call for reconciliation, citing the Scottish referendum and Northern

Ireland.

She has also paid tribute to medical staff who have volunteered to fight Ebola in west Africa.

"I have been deeply touched this year by the

selflessness of aid workers and medical volunteers who have gone abroad to help victims of conflict or of diseases like Ebola, often at great personal risk," she said.

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Elton John marries his long-term partner Furnish

■ Couple officially wed exactly nine years after their civil partnership and post pictures of their big day on social media

Sir Elton John and David Furnish have officially married – nine years to the day after they tied the knot in a civil partnership ceremony.

The happy couple and their sons, Elijah and Zachary, all wore dark blue suits and – as proved by an overnight Instagram photograph of their footwear lined up in front of the fire – very well-polished black shoes. The sons carried the wedding rings, and in Elijah's case a toy white rabbit, as their fathers converted their civil partnership into a wedding at their Windsor estate.

Although friends, including the singer Ed Sheeran and the actors David Walliams and Liz Hurley, attended in person, millions more followed the day as social media guests. Elton John set up an Instagram account specially for the

wedding and posted the red rose-festooned invitation with their entwined initials, and the text "Sir Elton and David Furnish request the pleasure of your company to celebrate their wedding".

He followed that with an early-morning snap of a frosty garden captioned "nice day for a wedding", and promised regular updates – and indeed they came: "The tables look stunning! We had red roses at our Civil Partnership 9 years ago and they brought us so much luck." The photograph of the couple's entwined hands with Elijah and rabbit was allegedly taken with Furnish's phone by four-year-old Zachary.

low-key

Further offerings showed the guests taking their seats in a room hung with contemporary art, and the registrar rather

alarming appearing to be inside one of Damien Hirst's glass tanks – in fact she was merely standing in front of one holding a dove with outstretched wings, a piece called The Incomplete Truth.

David and Victoria Beckham's son Brooklyn obligingly tweeted the menu, which included a beef pie and warm chocolate pudding.

It was more low-key than their civil partnership ceremony in 2005 at Windsor's historic Guildhall, one of the first held after the law changed, which brought the town centre to a standstill. On that occasion hundreds of starry guests including Sarah Ferguson, Cilla Black, Ozzy Osbourne, Lulu and Ringo Starr were caught in a celebrity traffic jam trying to get through the narrow roads to the reception at the couple's home in Old Windsor.



HAPPY COUPLE: gay weddings became legal in Britain last March



BROOKLYN HEIGHTS: The extravagantly-quiffed Brooklyn Beckham and mother Victoria were among the celebrity guests in attendance for the Windsor wedding

Slimline Fergie! Duchess of York slips into sexy Santa costume

■ Duchess enjoyed festive night out at a pub in Surrey with Prince Andrew

Her slender new figure is the envy of many after she lost four stone on a strict diet.

But the Duchess of York may have been trying a little too hard to show it off at the weekend – when she donned this daring 'sexy Santa' costume for a party.

Sarah Ferguson, 55, was spotted showing off her slim-line legs in the racy outfit as she celebrated Christmas with friends and family.

As well as a fur-trimmed mini-dress

and matching hat, she also sported a pair of high-heeled knee-high brown suede boots.

The duchess was at the Fox and Hounds in Englefield Green, Surrey, with ex-husband Prince Andrew, 54, and daughter Princess Beatrice, 26.

She and Andrew, who sat at a table with friends in the pub's restaurant, relaxed as they enjoyed the live show.

A source at the party told a British tabloid: 'No one was expecting royalty

to drop in but it was just an incredible night.

'Fergie looked fantastic and it was obvious she has a new-found confidence.

The duchess recently underwent a strict dieting regime and boot camp in Swiss resort Verbier.

The former Weight Watchers spokeswoman has told of her decision to shed the pounds 'before the age of 55' after her weight ballooned to 225lbs.

The source added: 'Andrew and Fergie were

singing along to the entertainment and they were dancing to the music. It was a real royal shindig.'

The couple divorced in 1996 but have remained close.

The Prince recently revealed that he remained friends with his former wife 'more for family than anything else'.

The royal spoke about the couple's split and continued friendship in a candid interview with US satellite TV channel CNBC.



SLENDER: The duchess, 55, was seen chatting with male guests at the pub in Surrey

Singer Joe Cocker dies aged 70 after cancer battle

■ Gravel-voiced vocalist shot to fame after riveting Woodstock performance

Singer Joe Cocker, best known for his cover of The Beatles' *With A Little Help From My Friends*, has died aged 70.

The Sheffield-born singer had a career lasting more than 40 years, with hits including *You Are So Beautiful* and *Up Where We Belong*.

His agent Barrie Marshall said Cocker, who died after battling lung cancer, was "simply unique".

Sir Paul McCartney said he was a lovely guy who "brought so much to the world".

'just unique'

Cocker's friend Rick Wakeman, keyboard player for the rock band Yes, called his rendition of *With a Little Help From My Friends* "sensational" and said: "He had a voice that was just unique."

Wakeman told BBC Radio 2: "The great thing is with someone like Joe is what they leave behind, and that will be with us for years and years."

Known for his gritty voice, Cocker - a former gas fitter - began his singing career in the pubs and clubs of Sheffield in the 1960s before hitting the big time.

He was propelled to pop stardom when his version of *With A Little Help From My Friends* reached number one in 1968.

He performed the song at the famous Woodstock Festival in New York state a year later.

He was also well-known for his *Mad Dogs and Englishmen* Tour of 1970, which visited 48 cities across the US.

His duet with Jennifer

Warnes, *Up Where We Belong* - from the Richard Gere movie *An Officer And A Gentleman* - hit number one and went on to win both a Grammy and an Academy Award in 1983. He was made an OBE in 2011.

Last year, his arena tour across Europe saw him achieve a number one album in Germany and give what was to be his final concert in Hammersmith, London, in June.

Cocker, who recorded 23 studio albums and 40 albums, lived in Colorado.

Marshall said it was with "the heaviest hearts we heard that our beloved Joe Cocker passed away last night".

He continued: "He was without the doubt the greatest rock/soul voice ever to come out of Britain and remained the same man throughout his life."

Mr Marshall described Cocker as a "true star" who was also "a kind and humble man who loved to perform."

"Anyone who ever saw him live will never forget him," he added.

'Etched in our memories'

Sir Paul said he would be "forever grateful" to Cocker for turning *With A Little Help From My Friends* into a "soul anthem".

The former Beatle said: "I knew him through the years as a good mate and I was so sad to hear that he had been ill and really sad to hear today that he had passed away."

"He was a great guy, a lovely guy who brought so much to the world and we'll all miss him."

Other musicians to have

paid tribute to Cocker include Beatles drummer Ringo Starr, who tweeted: "Goodbye and God bless to Joe Cocker."

Aerosmith singer Steve Tyler tweeted: "We loved you forever, we will miss you always. RIP Joe Cocker."

Another Bryan Adams tweeted: "Joe Cocker has died. RIP my good friend, you were one of the best rock singers ever."

Meanwhile, Edgar Berger, chairman and chief executive of Sony Music Entertainment International, who signed Cocker, said he was "one of the most humble men I've ever met."

He said his voice "will forever be etched in our memories".



BANG A GONG: Joe Cocker was awarded the OBE in 2011 (above) and (below) Cocker pictured shortly after his career-making performance at Woodstock



Tributes pour in for actress Whitelaw

TRIBUTES have flowed for the acclaimed actress Billie Whitelaw, who passed away at a London nursing home this week. She was 82.

News of her death prompted a string of messages on Twitter, among them messages from Gary and Martin Kemp of Spandau Ballet fame.

Whitelaw (pictured, right) appeared with them in 1990 film *The Krays*, playing Violet Kray, mother of the criminal Kray twins, to Gary's Ronnie and Martin's Reggie.

"Deeply saddened that Billie Whitelaw has died," tweeted Gary Kemp. "I'll always remember her as a generous and towering actor, and 'Mum'."

His sentiments were



echoed by his brother Martin, who tweeted: "'Desperately sad to hear the news... an honour to get to know you on *The Krays*."

Whitelaw was well known for her role as Mrs Baylock in horror film *The Omen* and more recently appeared in the comedy *Hot Fuzz*.

That film's director Edgar Wright tweeted that he was "very sad to hear that the magnificent Billie Whitelaw passed away" while adding he was "so very happy" to

have worked with her.

Born in 1932, Whitelaw made her radio acting debut aged just 11 and made her first stage appearance in Bradford in 1950.

But the Coventry-born star's career really took off thanks to her long collaboration with playwright Samuel Beckett, who described her as a perfect actress.

Whitelaw won two Baftas, in 1969 and 1973, and appeared in a number of TV series, including BBC One's

Dixon of Dock Green.

In her autobiography *Who He?*, however, she acknowledged it was her work with Beckett that generated the most interest.

Scottish actor Douglas Henshall, US actress Mia Farrow and singer Toyah Wilcox are among others to have paid tribute to Whitelaw on Twitter.

"Thank you Billie for being a role model and an inspiration," tweeted Wilcox, while Henshall - who appeared with the actress in 1990s drama *Firm Friends* - remembered her as "lovely".

Mia Farrow, who played Whitelaw's Mrs Baylock role in the 2006 remake of *The Omen*, said she had been "magnificent" and "never less than great".

Unbroken: the rise and rise of British actor Jack O'Connell

■ With release of Angelina Jolie's epic, the Derby-born actor braces for worldwide stardom

Ten years ago, English actor Jack O'Connell was sleeping on park benches to attend auditions.

This week he's the talk of Hollywood for his performance in the lead role of Angelina Jolie's World War Two epic, Unbroken.

"I kind of assumed that it would be a longer road than this one," said the Derby-born actor. "Try telling me that at the age of 15 when I was sleeping rough in parks, because I couldn't afford to accommodate myself."

O'Connell is probably best known on these shores for his role in the popular BBC America drama *Skins*, although he first made a splash with his role in *This Is England*, the Shane Meadows skinhead drama which was released in 2006.

In *Unbroken*, O'Connell plays Louis Zamperini - the American athlete who competed at the 1936 Berlin Olympics before becoming a pilot during World War Two. Shot down over the Pacific, he survived 47 days adrift on a raft before being captured by the Japanese and endured two years of mental and

physical torture in prisoner-of-war camps.

O'Connell got to meet Zamperini twice in Los Angeles before he started shooting. Their first encounter, which was being filmed, he found "awkward and intrusive" so he asked to meet Zamperini again alone.

'normal human being'

"He was kind enough to agree, he brought me into his family home again, and I could just interact and engage with him. He got his scrap book out and I went through his highlights. He had an incredible sense of humour."

One item of "memorabilia" Zamperini showed O'Connell was a Nazi flag he had stolen from the Berlin Olympics, where he had also received a handshake from Adolf Hitler. "He nearly got himself shot doing that," O'Connell notes.

"He never considered himself superhuman, or extraordinary. He just presented himself as a normal human being that had endured a lot."

The war veteran died in July 2014, aged 97, after the film had wrapped.

O'Connell had met him for a third time by then. "It was quite celebratory, but of course I had no idea at that time that it would be our final meeting, someone like Louis you just assume is going to be around forever."

At the age of 24, O'Connell has made his name in a series of gritty roles in both TV and film.

In addition to his roles in *Skins* and *This is England*, O'Connell also impressed in the horror thriller *Eden Lake*, and opposite Michael Caine in *Harry Brown*. And he received enthusiastic reviews for prison drama *Starred Up*, which tells the story of a young offender thrown into an adult prison for being too violent.

ambition

This autumn he was also seen in '71, the debut feature film by French director Yann Demange, as a teenage soldier in Northern Ireland accidentally abandoned by his unit following a riot on the streets of Belfast.

"It's been like an apprenticeship," he told the BBC recently. "Lessons were learnt back



TOUGH NUT: O'Connell stars as athlete, pilot and prisoner of war Louis Zamperini



RISING TIDE: O'Connell hopes his higher profile will help create opportunities for people who, as he says, are "from similar backgrounds" to himself.

then and I'm going to benefit from it now, and I'm going to continue to learn, ideally, because it's an art form, and a vast one at that, and I'm just a drop in the ocean."

But O'Connell hopes his higher profile will help create opportunities for people who, as he says, are "from similar backgrounds" to himself.

His long-term ambition is to set up his own production company "so

I can, from the bottom up, create roles, create projects, create jobs and opportunities".

Expect to see lots of this talented Brit in the coming year. Apart from *Unbroken*, he will also be seen in the 17th Century romance *Tulip Fever*, alongside Alicia Vikander and Christoph Waltz; and Terry Gilliam's fantasy epic *The Man Who Killed Don Quixote*.

But he's not forgotten

roughing it for those early auditions and his first professional gig as an actor in BBC daytime drama *Doctors* in 2005.

"I had people championing me as a kid, and that made me feel like I wasn't wasting my time.

"It's quite a risky business that I've got myself into," he adds. "I'm just very thankful that it's paying off at the minute."

Helena's long-term love gone for a Burton

■ Director and actor are said to have separated amicably

Tim Burton and Helena Bonham Carter have split up while "continuing to be friends and co-parent their children", a spokeswoman has said.

The director and actor, who never married, separated amicably earlier this year and were asking for privacy for themselves and their

children, said the spokeswoman.

The pair met in 2001 during filming of *Planet Of The Apes*, which Burton directed, and have since collaborated on films including *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber Of Fleet Street*, *Alice In Wonderland* and *Dark Shadows*.

They famously live in adjoining mews houses in north London and have two children, Billy, 11, and Nell, seven.

In the past Bonham Carter, 48, has described the arrangement with Burton, 56, as "nothing more interesting than two houses knocked together", but in a 2011 interview she revealed

that their home featured weird and wonderful items including an oversized chair from the *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* set, a baby door and a gypsy caravan.

In 2012 both were given British Film Institute fellowships, the body's highest honour. In an interview at the



SPLITSVILLE: Bonham-Carter and Tim Burton

time Bonham Carter said: "It's very handy and very thoughtful for them to give us both one at the same time."

BOOK CORNER

Best books: our picks of the year



By Gabrielle Pantera

WE ALL LEAD such busy lives these days that it's hard to stay on top of all the great books that are published each year, yet alone read them! With this in mind we've compiled an end-of-year report on our favorites. Here are some you may have missed....



Historical Fiction

Bittersweet by Colleen McCullough

Her first Romance saga since the Thornbirds, *Bittersweet* is about two

sets of twins, the four Latimer sisters. The story is set in Australia in the Twenties and Thirties. Edda wants to be a doctor. Tufts wants to organize everything. Grace won't be told what to do. Kitty hopes to be known for something other than her beauty. While famous throughout New South Wales for their beauty, wit, and ambition, they chafe at the limited prospects life offers them. The girls enroll in a nurses training program that changes their lives dramatically. Each one must make a bittersweet decision about what she values most. Hardcover, pages 376, Simon & Schuster, (September 2014) ISBN: 9781476755410 \$26.00

The King's Curse by Philippa Gregory

In book six of The Cousins' War series, *Lady-in-Waiting* Margaret Pole has front row seat to the rise of King Henry VIII. Margaret is a cousin to Elizabeth of York. King Henry VII regards her as a threat to his claim to the throne. Her husband Sir Richard Pole, the governor of Wales, is a

Lancaster supporter. Arthur, the young Prince of Wales, arrives with his beautiful bride, Katherine of Aragon. Margaret becomes a friend and trusted adviser to the young couple. Prince Arthur dies suddenly. Katherine travels to London to fulfill a deathbed promise to her husband to marry his brother Henry VIII. Margaret is summoned to court where she becomes chief lady-in-waiting to Queen Katherine. Life is good for Katherine and Margaret...until Anne Boleyn catches the king's eye. Will Margaret survive the changes at court? There's a secret she knows about the Tudors. Will she reveal it? Hardcover, pages 597, Touchstone, ISBN 978145162117 \$28.99

Romance Historical

Never Judge a Lady by her Cover by Sarah MacLean The final book in Rule of Scoundrels series, *Lady Georgiana's* reputation is already ruined. The sister of a duke, before her first season she was in a major scandal. Georgiana has founded and runs a gaming hell in London. Chase is the only one know one knows her true



identity. Duncan West may be in love with Georgiana and wants to know all about her. If she reveals her secret, will he destroy her?

Holiday Themes

Christmas Brides by Suzanne Enoch et al Four novellas, holiday romances set during the Regency period in England. Some are sweet. Some are sexy. Enjoy reading these wonderfully warm stories. Mass Market Pages 401, St Martins, (October 2014) 9781250060563 \$ 7.99

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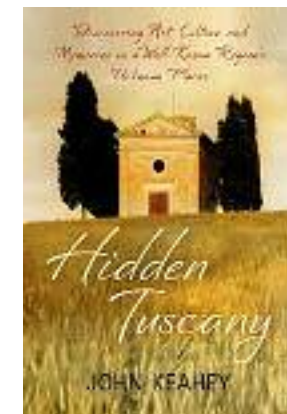
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Non-Fiction

How to Speak Brit: The Quintessential Guide to the King's English, Cockney Slang, and Other Flummoxing British by Christopher J. Moore Brit Christopher J. Moore explores the history of phrases that baffle



Americans. How did "posh" become a word for stylish? Moore's language guide informs and entertains. Hardcover: 128 pages, Publisher: Gotham (September 11, 2014), Language: English, ISBN: 9781592408986 \$20.00



Hidden Tuscany: Discovering Art, Culture, and Memories in a Well-Known Region's Unknown Places by John Keahey Author John Keahey explores the western part of Tuscany, an area rich with history, cuisine, and scenery. Discover fishing villages along the Tuscan sea. Travel inland to the foothills with cherry orchards, ancient olive groves, and sweeping vineyards. Trace the paths of Romans, Crusaders, and pilgrims who were eager to reach Rome. An armchair trip to Tuscany that can inspire you to go in person. Hardcover: 320 pages, Publisher: Thomas Dunne Books (July 15, 2014), Language: English, ISBN: 9781250024312 \$26.99



Biography

Maeve's Times: In Her Own Words by Maeve Binchy The Irish novelist and author Maeve Binchy once said she had fallen off her chair trying to hear what people were saying at the next table in a restaurant, that she was obsessively interested in the trivia of other people's lives. Binchy was surprised to become a journalist. Her parents sent a newspaper her letters home about her experiences on a kibbutz, which published them. Binchy's writing is witty and engaging with human interest that touches the heart. She covers the gamut, from life as a waitress and things mundane, to royal weddings, and the lives of playwright Samuel Beckett and prime minister Margaret Thatcher. Gain insights into Binchy's personality that shaped her writing. Hardcover: 400 pages Publisher: Knopf (October 28, 2014), Language: English ISBN: 9780385353458 \$27.95.

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ARIES: It's time for some kind of change in your routine, so what ever works - a short trip out of town or planning a longer one later – get to it. Looking ahead don't be afraid to embrace changes, which will arrive like a tidal wave in May.

TAURUS: On occasion you can pull a rabbit out of the hat and you will have the chance this year to do this. When unexpected situations arise (probably mid May onward), this will be the time to find your courage and go for it.

GEMINI: Your ruler Mercury will do his occasional backwards stroll starting in late spring. You will then have had opportunities to make sure a past promise is fulfilled. To listen to your inner voice is very important going forward in life.

CANCER: The past year has not been what you hoped or perhaps expected for sure. If you desire changes you best start straight after the holidays. However you have to remember the old saying about 'the greatest plans of mice and men'...and be patient until April.

LEO: Yes, this is a time for the Leo strength to show itself. This past year had its disappointments, however you must go with the flow this New Year and by mid March life will be looking good again. A family reunion will be very welcome in spring.

VIRGO: You are known as the worrier but this year ahead you **MUST** get the message and live more in the moment.

If you feel misunderstood early in the year this is a clue to examine where you are vulnerable.

LIBRA: Beginning in mid-April you will be very much involved in a new project in any area.

Make this the year when you do not procrastinate and just get going without pondering too much about the outcome. In other words make a decision and stick with it.

SCORPIO: Well! Here's a cheer to the end of a long, tough year in some ways. This being said, understand that the lessons, and yes there were a lot, preparing you to begin a more balanced life and times. Let go of what did not work in your life and move into a very exciting new year...all year.

SAGITTARIUS: A new venture will brighten up your life in a few weeks around late March. Finances are a little low currently so you will have to keep a handle on spending. Be dressed to be noticed these few weeks ahead so you catch the eye of whoever is looking for you and your talents.

CAPRICORN: The changes in 2015 start as soon as now, your birthday month and by the end of April you should have a good plan to carry you through the year ahead. Pluto the planet of deep changes and renewal is with you all year, so take advantage. Happy Birthday!

AQUARIUS: It the time of year to celebrate, especially if you have been out of sorts or a little blue and moody in the last year. You may have been a bit of a hermit and not realized it so now it's time to come out from wherever you have been hiding. Spring brings new friends and love is in the air. Especially near your birthday.

PISCES: Be ready for a big change in your life this early spring. You have been coasting along, not always aware of what is next these past couple of years. Now it's time to live your life and not worry what others think. You are on track for travel this coming year, both mentally and psychically, to a better life.

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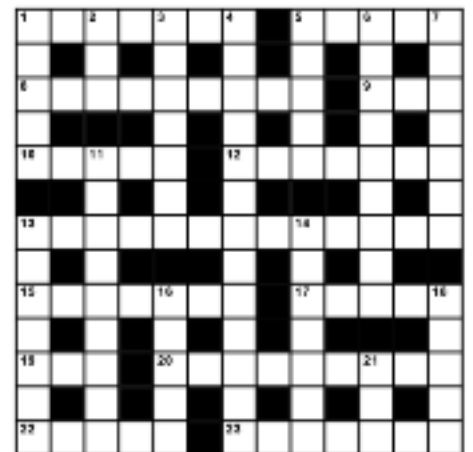
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The British Weekly Crossword #146

Crossword by Myles Mellor

Across

- 1 Fashionable area of London (7)
- 5 Light hard wood (5)
- 8 Relating to a master (9)
- 9 Really small amount (3)
- 10 Personal belief system (5)
- 12 It's shown on a topographical map (7)
- 13 Out of fashion energy source (7,6)
- 15 Pie veggie (7)
- 17 Like Samuel Beckett (5)
- 19 Successful Broadway play (3)
- 20 Gym fixture (9)
- 22 Slow in music (5)
- 23 Developing (7)



Down

- 1 Laugh provider (5)
- 2 Origin (3)
- 3 Part of a heartbeat (7)
- 4 Like Usain Bolt (4-9)
- 5 Juicy fruit (5)
- 6 Medley (9)
- 7 Advanced in years (7)
- 11 Happen upon (9)
- 13 Arctic whale (7)
- 14 Juvenile dragon flies (7)
- 16 E'en if (5)
- 18 Scrf (5)
- 21 Slippery surface (3)

Solution to Puzzle #145



The British Weekly Sudoku #14

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.

7						3		4
			4					6
6	8		2	3	7	5		
8					2	1		5
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3		9	5					8
		3	8	6	9			5
1					5			
5		6						7

Solution to Sudoku #13

2	7	6	3	1	8	9	4	5
3	5	9	4	7	6	1	2	8
8	4	1	9	5	2	7	3	6
6	9	5	2	4	1	3	8	7
7	2	3	5	8	9	6	1	4
1	8	4	7	6	3	2	5	9
9	6	8	1	3	5	4	7	2
4	1	2	8	9	7	5	6	3
5	3	7	6	2	4	8	9	1



Emma Watson goes topless in new drama!

British actress Emma Watson has graduated from Hogwarts to some decidedly more adult roles.

According to The Sun newspaper the "Harry Potter" actress goes topless in the drama "Regression".

The 24-year-old starlet's latest role, however, is anything but sexy. The drama, which co-stars Meryl Streep and Ethan

Hawke is about Angela Gray, the daughter of a man who sexually abuses her.

"Regression" isn't scheduled to hit theaters until August 2015, but reports say that the movie is being previewed in U.S. theaters, and viewers are expressing concerns over Watson's allegedly revealing scene.

One moviegoer reportedly described the scene as "useless and ineffective" adding:

"You can see her breasts but they are partially obscured. I think she may have been wearing pasties to cover her nipples."

Oo-er...

Watson has recently made some deliberate career choices to move away from her iconic Harry Potter character, the brainy teen wizard Hermione, including starring in the Biblical epic "Noah" and her upcoming political drama "Colonia Dignidad."

Meanwhile, Watson has been named "Feminist Celebrity of 2014" by an online poll conducted by Cosmopolitan in partnership with Ms. Foundation For Women.

Foundation president and CEO, Teresa Younger, said in a statement: "We celebrate all feminists every day, but today we're giving a hat tip to celebrities who are helping to promote women's equality."

The actress notably made headlines this year when she delivered a widely acclaimed speech about feminism at a United Nations meeting in September.

Sounds like young Emma is getting rather edgy these days... I like it!



by Craig Bobby Young

Christmas time in LA can be quite odd to us Brits, for whom the festive season usually means being bundled up in fleece jackets, with scarves barely exposing the face, chattering teeth and dealing with extremely long check-out queues in all the stores.

But spending the holidays in L.A. is a whole different ball game. Although the temperatures have dropped a little, we are still in the double digits at night and the days are ripe for shorts and tees. Especially at Christmas, this town seems more transient than ever, with many of us flocking to local airports to getaway to distant lands.

I'm writing this from Mexico right now, Ixtapa to be precise. And the weather is awful, which of course, being British, gives me something to complain



about! The weather definitely has an impact on people's mood. Well on the bright side, (pun intended) it makes for taking great moody photos.

For those who have stayed *in situ*, LA becomes a lot easier to circumnavigate at this time of year; the beach IS actually 20 minutes from Hollywood. You CAN get to downtown in under 15. (Which, by the way, at the wrong time of day during the rest of the year can take 45 minutes to travel 5 miles)

New Year's Eve Plans

It's always a funny one, New Year's Eve, it seems most people set their expectations too high to have a good time, and end up disappointed. Trying to spend it with the right people and how many? Which location?

Why not spend it at home and invite everyone you know and watch how all the excuses fly in. It's gray because you don't

have to let anyone down and your true friends will probably be the only ones to show! Make a punch bowl and get some nuts, cheese selection crackers and grapes and voila! a good night is had by all.

Holidays are not holidays without a little lubrication. And with that in mind here is my special holiday punch recipe (adjust accordingly)

- 1 750ml bottle of rum
- 1l of ginger beer
- 3 cups of orange juice
- 3 cups of lemonade
- 5 orange slices
- 20 Maraschino cherries plus throw in some juice
- Cinnamon spices
- Stir lots and serve.

I'll be back in the chair in the New Year and as always Brits in LA has a plenty of good stuff planned in the coming months. In the meantime please enjoy your time off and don't take the LA weather for granted....

See you in the New Year!
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

California Municipal Finance Authority
PACE Program

THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE
AUTHORITY GIVES NOTICE that:

1. Intention to Form a Contractual Assessment Program; Proposed Boundaries. Pursuant to a resolution entitled "A Resolution Declaring Intention to Finance or Refinance the Installation of Distributed Generation Renewable Energy Sources, Energy Efficiency Improvements, Water Efficiency Improvements, Seismic Strengthening Improvements, Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure and Other Work, Infrastructure or Improvements Authorized by Law," adopted on December 12, 2014 (the "Resolution of

Intention"), the Board of Directors (the "Board of Directors") of the California Municipal Finance Authority (the "Authority") has determined that it would be convenient, advantageous, and in the public interest to designate an area, which shall encompass the entire geographic territory within the boundaries of every California county and city that is a member of the Authority (collectively, the "Covered Jurisdictions"), within which the Authority and property owners within the Covered Jurisdictions may enter into contractual assessments to finance or refinance the installation of distributed generation renewable energy sources, energy efficiency improvements, water efficiency improvements, seismic strengthening improvements, electric vehicle charging infrastructure and such other work, infrastructure or improvements as may be authorized by law from time to time that are permanently fixed to real property, all in accordance with Chapter 29 of Part 3 of Division 7 of the Streets & Highways Code of the State of California, as amended ("Chapter 29") (the "Authorized Improvements").

The Authority will not enter into contractual assessments to finance or refinance the installation of Authorized Improvements with the owner of any property in a Covered Jurisdiction until such Covered Jurisdiction has provided consent as set forth in the Resolution of Intention.

The Resolution of Intention, including the exhibits thereto, is on file with the Secretary of the Board of Directors and reference is made thereto for the particular provisions thereof.

2. Report. Pursuant to the Resolution of Intention, the Board of Directors ordered preparation of a report (the "Report") at or before the time of the public hearing that contains all of the matters described in Sections 5898.22 and 5898.23.

3. Contract. Chapter 29 authorizes the Authority and property owners within the Covered Jurisdictions to enter into contractual assessments to finance or refinance the installation of Authorized Improvements. The Report will contain a draft contract (the "Contract") specifying the terms and conditions that would be agreed to by the Authority and property owners within each Covered Jurisdiction.

4. Financing Provisions. The Board of Directors determined in the Resolution of Intention that it is in the public interest for the Authority to finance or refinance the installation of Authorized Improvements in each Covered Jurisdiction. Under Chapter 29 and the Improvement Bond Act of 1915, the Authority may issue bonds that are payable by contractual assessments and the Authority may advance its own funds to finance work to be repaid through contractual assessments, and may from time to time sell bonds to reimburse itself for such advances.

5. Public Hearing. A public hearing will be held at 11:00 a.m., on January 16, 2015, at City Hall, 200 S. Anaheim Blvd., 6th Floor, Anaheim, California 92805, for the purposes of allowing interested persons to object to or inquire about the proposed contractual assessment program or any of its particulars. The public hearing may be continued from time to time as determined by the Board of Directors for a time not exceeding a total of 180 days.

At the time of the hearing, the Report will be summarized and the Board of Directors will afford all persons who are present an opportunity to comment upon, object to, or present evidence with regard to the proposed contractual assessment program, the extent of the area proposed to be included within the program, the terms and conditions of the draft Contract, or the proposed financing provisions.

6. More Information. For additional information, please contact Anthony Stubbs, California Municipal Finance Authority, at (760) 930-1333 or by e-mail at astubbs@cmfa-ca.com.

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Giroud 'sorry' for headbutt

Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger has admitted Olivier Giroud deserved to be sent off against QPR, but confirmed the striker has apologised for his dismissal.

Giroud, 28, was shown a red card for headbutting Nedum Onuoha in the second half of the Gunners' 2-1 victory on Boxing Day.

"It was a deserved red card," said Wenger, celebrating his 400th Premier League win as

Arsenal manager.

"Madness is a strong word - he didn't kill him. But he touched him and should not have done it."

Giroud will begin a three-match suspension, which includes league games against West Ham and Southampton and an FA Cup tie against Stoke.

"Olivier Giroud knows he made a mistake and I know him well enough to think that he will not do it again," added Wenger, whose team are now sixth

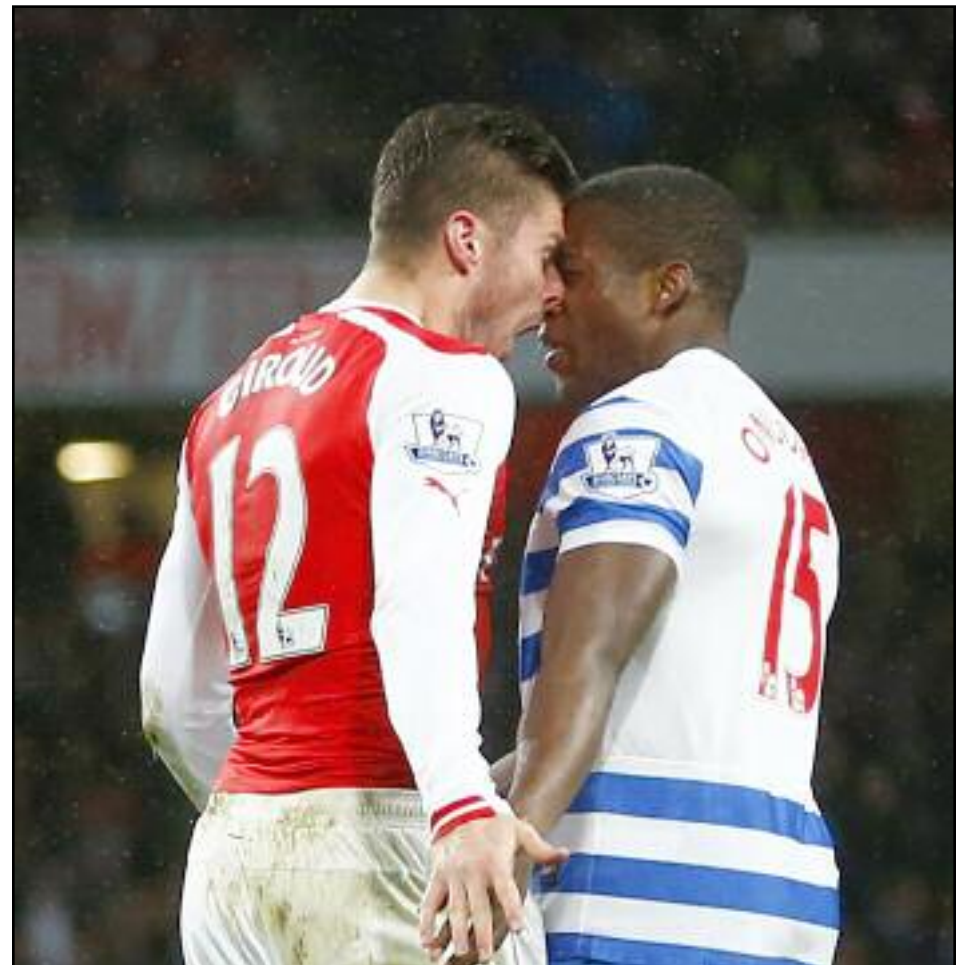
in the league.

"He told me he was pushed in the back and that projected him into the keeper. Usually he's a guy who's in control of his response."

Former England striker Alan Shearer told Match of the Day: "The reason he gets angry is that Onuoha gives him a nudge, but the reaction is pathetic."

"What on earth is he doing? His team were cruising. He's been out injured for a large part of the season and now he's going to miss three games for something like that. It's just ridiculous."

Arsenal were 1-0 up thanks to Alexis Sanchez's header before



FLASHPOINT: Giroud was dismissed for this encounter with Nedum Onuoha

December 20/21 Premier League	
ASTON VILLA (1) 1 Benteke 18	MANCHESTER UTD (0) 1 Falcao 53 Att: 41,273
HULL (0) 0	SWANSEA (1) 1 WJ 15 Att: 21,913
MANCHESTER CITY (0) 3 Silva 49, 61, Toure 81	CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 0 Att: 45,302
QPR (1) 3 Austin 24 (pen), 48, 86	WEST BROM (2) 2 Lescott 10, Varela 20 Att: 17,560
SOUTHAMPTON (1) 3 Lukaku 38 (og), Pella 65, Yoshida 82	EVERTON (0) 0 Att: 31,475
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (2) .. 2 Kane 21, Lamela 35	BURNLEY (1) 1 Barnes 27 Att: 35,681
WEST HAM (1) 2 Carroll 24, Downing 56	LEICESTER (0) 0 Att: 34,977
LIVERPOOL (1) 2 Coutinho 45, Skirlet 90	ARSENAL (1) 2 Debuchy 45, Giroud 65 Att: 44,703
NEWCASTLE (0) 0	SUNDERLAND (0) 1 Johnson 80 Att: 52,315

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Barclays Premier League
STOKE (H)..... 0 CHELSEA (A)..... 2
Tory 2, Fabregas 76
Att: 27,550

December 20/21 Scotland	
Scottish Premiership Aberdeen (H)..... 1 KILMARNOCK (A)..... 0 Pavelic 69 Att: 11,282	DUNDEE (0) 1 Drayton 58 Att: 3,209
ROSS CHTY (0) 0 HAMILTON (A)..... 1 Att: 2,968	ST JOHNSTONE (A) 1 INVERNESS (A)..... 0 Graham 52 (pen) Att: 2,891
ST MIRREN (H) 0 MOTHERWELL (H)..... 1 Att: 3,909	Sutton 72
DUNDEE UTD (A) 2 CELTIC (A)..... 1 Dillo 5, Armstrong 65	Griffin 87 Att: 12,098
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December 20/21 Football League Results

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BLACKBURN (2) 2 CHARLTON (A)..... 0 Woods 5, 19 Att: 13,231	BLACKPOOL (A) 1 BOURNEMOUTH (A)..... 0 Deauxas 65 Att: 25,784	COVENTRY (A) 1 FLEETWOOD (A)..... 1 Jackson 80 Att: 15,254	CREWE (A) 1 BRISTOL CITY (A)..... 0 Tate 74 Att: 4,827
CARDIFF (A) 2 BRENTFORD (A)..... 3 Nunes 48, Jones 75, Pritchard 11 Att: 25,784	DERBY (A) 2 NORWICH (A)..... 2 Russell 43, Martin 55 (pen) Att: 22,694	GLASGOW (A) 2 CHESTERFIELD (A)..... 3 McDonald 59, Egan 61 Att: 6,841	GLoucester (A) 0 PRESTON (A)..... 1 Att: 6,803
FULHAM (A) 4 SHEFF WED (A)..... 0 McCormack 35, Hutchinson 45 Att: 21,125	HULL CITY (A) 0 BIRMINGHAM (A)..... 1 Att: 25,784	IPSWICH (A) 2 NORTHERN DOWNS (A)..... 7 Grigg 17, 49, Swales 43 Att: 22,694	NOTTDM (A) 0 COLCHESTER (A)..... 1 Att: 6,837
LEEDS (A) 0 WATFORD (A)..... 1 Att: 18,822	LEICESTER (A) 1 NOTTINGHAM (A)..... 2 Att: 12,841	PETERBOROUGH (A) 0 DONCASTER (A)..... 1 Att: 7,793	WALSLEY (A) 1 WALSALL (A)..... 1 Att: 2,814
MANCHESTER UTD (A) 0 SHEFF UTD (A)..... 1 Att: 41,905	MANCHESTER CITY (A) 0 WOLVES (A)..... 1 Att: 45,500	NOTTS CO (A) 2 Henderson 48, Vincent 64	SHREWSBURY (A) 1 WALSLEY (A)..... 1 Att: 2,814
NEWCASTLE (A) 0 Att: 52,315	NEWCASTLE (A) 0 Att: 52,315	SHREWSBURY (A) 1 WALSLEY (A)..... 1 Att: 2,814	WALSLEY (A) 1 WALSALL (A)..... 1 Att: 2,814

Giroud's sending-off and, despite playing with 10 men for the majority of the second half, they doubled their advantage through Tomas Rosicky.

Charlie Austin set up a nervy climax, converting from the penalty spot after Mathieu Debuchy brought down Junior Holliett, but the Gunners held on to remain within touching distance of the top four.

Wenger admitted his men were nervous in the closing stages.

He said: "Our game is about psychology and the mental aspect. In the final part of the game when the result is not settled, it's always very important."

Boxing Day Premier League Results

Chelsea	2	0	West Ham
Burnley	0	1	Liverpool
C. Palace	1	3	Southampton
Everton	0	1	Stoke
Leicester	1	2	Tottenham
Man Utd	3	1	Newcastle
Sunderland	1	3	Hull
Swansea	1	0	Aston Villa
West Brom	1	3	Man. City
Arsenal	2	1	QPR

Relentless Chelsea roll on

Leaders Chelsea tightened their grip on the Premier League's top spot with a commanding victory over West Ham on Boxing Day.

The Blues had already come close through Oscar and Gary Cahill when John Terry turned in Diego Costa's header from close range.

After a tame first half, West Ham offered more in the second, but their hopes were snuffed out by Costa's drilled finish just after the hour.

Morgan Amalfitano hit the post late on but Chelsea racked up 28 shots at goal.

Chelsea look set to finish 2014 at the top of the table - and the quality of their performance suggested they may well still be there in May.

Their manager Jose Mourinho accused West Ham of playing "19th century football" after the teams' goalless draw at Stamford Bridge in January, but this Blues side, with the attacking

threat Costa and Cesc Fabregas, never looked like being denied.

The visitors' style has taken a quantum leap forward since - with 29 goals in their first 17 league games this season compared to 14 over the same period in 2013-14 - but it was clear as soon as the team sheets were published that Sam Allardyce intended a defensive performance similar to 11 months ago.

The West Ham manager dropped Alex Song and Diafra Sakho to the bench ahead of Sunday's meeting with Arsenal and told television before kick-off that "we have to stop Chelsea - it's as simple as that".

His ambitions were almost undermined by Carl Jenkinson's lapse inside the first five minutes.

The right-back, on loan from Arsenal, allowed Oscar to dart in behind him and was relieved to see the Brazilian blaze over from six yards out



JOHN TERRY: Two goals inside a week for the Blues skipper

after latching onto Willian's floated ball in.

But it was only a temporary reprieve.

Gary Cahill thumped a shot straight at Adrian and the seemingly inevitable Chelsea opener arrived after Eden Hazard almost wriggled his way in on goal.

James Collins' last-ditch

tackle had denied the Belgian on that occasion, but from the resulting corner the defender lost Terry, who was free to poke in as Costa flicked on.

The Blues did not let up and Costa punted over when well placed before Branislav Ivanovic appealed in vain for a

penalty as he went down under Andy Carroll's challenge.

For West Ham, with only 27% of possession, Chelsea's slim scoreboard advantage was the only positive to take from the first half.

The away side briefly flickered into life after the break and Terry had to be

alert to cover across and block Valencia's route to goal.

Sakho and Song were introduced for the Hammers but, just as a few concerns could be felt around Stamford Bridge, Costa's dead-eyed finish ensured the home fans could enjoy the final half hour in comfort.

Falcao catches the eye as United pick up steam

Manchester United made it 11 Boxing Day wins in a row, with a 3-1 victory against Newcastle at Old Trafford on Friday.

Wayne Rooney put United in front from a fine Radamel Falcao cross.

Excelling in central midfield, Rooney added his 12th Premier League goal against Newcastle and then provided the cross for Robin van Persie's header.

Papiss Cisse netted a late consolation from the spot for Newcastle but Louis van Gaal's team are now unbeaten in eight Premier League matches.

Newcastle could

reflect on referee Mike Jones' failure to spot Juan Mata clipping Yoan Gouffran's heels inside the box when the contest was still goalless.

But once Rooney had completed a sensational move to nudge United ahead, there was no way back for the visitors.

Falcao has made a limited impact since joining the Red Devils on loan from Monaco on transfer deadline day.

But his slide to reach Mata's cross-field pass - and first-time cross - provided Rooney with a tap-in that brought Old Trafford to its feet.

Falcao was a key figure in the second too,

nipping in to win possession inside the Newcastle half.

Phil Jones quickly found Mata, whose pass provided Rooney with the opportunity to heap even more misery on the team he has scored against in the league more often than any other.

Rooney came close to a hat-trick when he floated a free-kick onto the roof of Jak Alnwick's goal.

Instead, he had to make do with an assist, providing an excellent cross-field ball for Van Persie, who fired home from close range.

It was not a day for Newcastle's 17-year-old Adam Armstrong to

shine on his first league start. The youngster had one early run at the United defence but it was soon snuffed out.

And while Cisse at least provided some cheer near the end, the Magpies suffered their fourth successive defeat in all competitions.

Newcastle manager Alan Pardew: "The difference between the two sides was the cutting edge of United. They were really good going forward.

"When we over committed they were clinical. They didn't have a raft of chances today, our goalie only made one save from (Antonio) Valencia and



FALCAO: The Colombian striker looked sharp after struggling with injury earlier this season

other than that, he didn't have too much to do.

"We would have liked to have put more pressure on them and got more out of the game.

"We've got two home games now and we need to try and take four

points from those games to stabilise our position and then get some players back.

"We've got nine senior players not involved today and it is too many. I've had that for a good two and a half months now."

Battling City keep up the pressure

Manchester City scored three first-half goals and survived a snowstorm as they beat West Brom to stay three points behind Premier League leaders Chelsea on Boxing Day.

Fernando hooked City ahead after Ben Foster dropped a Jesus Navas cross.

Yaya Toure made it 2-0 from the spot after a foul on David Silva, who added a third with a precise finish.

club record

Heavy snow made conditions difficult after half-time and West Brom managed a late consolation when Brown Ideye netted from close range.

The win was City's ninth consecutive victory in all competitions, equalling a club record and keeping the pressure on Chelsea, who had beaten West Ham earlier in the day.

Just as in their success over Crystal Palace last weekend, it came without the defending champions fielding a recognised striker.

But that made little difference to the fluency of the visitors' attacks, with David Silva orchestrating play as they out-passed the Baggies before the break.

City were helped on their way by a mistake by West Brom keeper Ben Foster, who spilled a deflected Navas cross and allowed Fernando to swivel and score his first goal for City.

Five minutes later it was 2-0. Joleon Lescott cut out a Silva pass, but fouled the Spaniard as he pounced on to the loose ball in the area and Toure converted the resulting penalty with ease.

curling shot

West Brom could not live with the speed at which City were attacking, but fared much better when they came forward themselves.

Only poor finishing let them down, with Saido Berahino twice dragging the ball wide with only Joe Hart to beat.

James Morrison finally forced Hart into a stop of note with a fierce effort

before half-time, but by then City were out of sight thanks to Silva's deft curling shot.

The weather meant the game changed completely in the second half, with snow swirling around the ground and making visibility difficult.

'individual errors'

West Brom fared rather better but their finishing did not improve, with Silvestre Varela wasting another good opening when he fired wide at the far post.

Alan Irvine's side had won just one of their previous seven matches and they never looked capable of the kind of comeback that would have allowed them to improve that record.

They did at least end the game on a high note, with Hart's attempted punch eventually bouncing over the line off an unwitting Ideye, to give the £10m striker



HOT STREAK: Spanish midfielder David Silva added a precise finish for City's third goal in a Boxing day snowstorm at the Hawthorns

his first league goal since his arrival at The Hawthorns in the summer.

West Brom head coach Alan Irvine: "We started well, but the first time City went up the pitch they got a goal which was down to our mistake.

"We continued to look as if we might score and came very close on a

few occasions.

"We looked as if we were very much in the game but we made individual errors that when you make them in the Premier League are costly, and when you make them against Manchester City they are extremely costly."

When asked about speculation over his future, Irvine added:

"The chairman will make a decision as far as that is concerned. I can't control it.

"Can I be confident about it? Not necessarily, because I don't know what the thinking is.

"All I can do is work as hard as I do and keep on trying to get the right kind of performances and results."

English Premier League: how they stand

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Chelsea	18	14	3	1	40	13	27	45
Man City	18	13	3	2	39	15	24	42
Man United	18	10	5	3	33	19	14	35
Southampton	18	10	2	6	31	14	17	32
West Ham	18	9	4	5	29	21	8	31
Arsenal	18	8	6	4	32	22	10	30
Tottenham	18	9	3	6	24	24	0	30
Swansea C	18	8	4	6	23	19	4	28
Liverpool	18	7	4	7	22	24	-2	25
Newcastle	18	6	5	7	19	26	-7	23
Stoke City	18	6	4	8	19	23	-4	22
Everton	18	5	6	7	27	28	-1	21
Aston Villa	18	5	5	8	11	22	-11	20
Sunderland	18	3	10	5	16	27	-11	19
West Brom	18	4	5	9	18	26	-8	17
QPR	18	5	2	11	21	34	-13	17
Hull City	18	3	7	8	18	25	-7	16
Crystal P	18	3	6	9	20	30	-10	15
Burnley FC	18	3	6	9	12	27	-15	15
Leicester C	18	2	4	12	16	31	-15	10



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7am Spurs vs Man Utd (ask for replay)	Stoke vs Man. Utd. (ask for Replay)
7am Southampton vs Chelsea (ask for replay)	7am: Liverpool vs Leicester
7am: Man. City vs Burnley	7am: Southampton vs Arsenal
7am: West Ham vs Arsenal	7am: Spurs vs Chelsea
Mon: 12/29	Sat. Jan 3rd/Sun Jan 4th
Noon: Liverpool vs Swansea	FA Cup Third Round - call for details

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