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Queen faced with revolting workers

- Windsor staff could strike for the first time after vote on action over 'appalling' low pay
- Employees are 'paid below the living wage' and start on as little as £14,400 per year

The Queen is facing the first ever industrial action by staff when workers at Windsor Castle vote on working to rule over "appalling" low pay and allowances.

Castle staff start on as little as £14,400 per year, meaning they earn less than the living wage, but are expected to carry out extra duties for no extra pay, such as giving guided tours to paying visitors and acting as interpreters and first-aiders.

The Public and Commercial Services Union, which represents 120 of the 200 staff at Windsor, says the Royal household has broken promises over giving the staff extra allowances for carrying out the extra duties.

The union will ballot its members between Tuesday, March 31 and April 14, with industrial action planned from the end of April.

If the staff vote to take action, they will work to rule by refusing to carry out extra unpaid duties, which the union says would have a

"significant impact on the services provided to visitors".

All the workers involved are uniformed wardens, who work in the corridors and rooms open to the public, protecting the exhibits and helping the public, as well as working in the ticket office, cloakroom and catering outlets.

'scandalous'

Mark Serwotka, general secretary of the PCS, said: "These workers are loyal to their employer and absolutely committed to ensuring visitors are given the royal treatment.

"It is scandalous that staff are so appallingly paid and expected to do work for free that brings in money for the royal family."

The PCS says an "unsatisfactory pay offer for 2014 was only

narrowly accepted by staff on the understanding that the additional allowances would be considered this year.

"But senior officials in the Royal Households have again refused to reward staff for their goodwill and pay allowances for additional duties."

It says that "non-strike industrial action would involve withdrawal of this goodwill, and would have a significant impact on the services provided to visitors".

upkeep

Windsor Castle, the largest and oldest occupied castle in the world, attracts 1.1 million visitors each year, who between them spend more than £17 million, which is used by the Royal Collection Trust charity for the

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NO LAUGHING MATTER: Union leaders claim the Royal household has broken promises over giving the staff extra allowances for carrying out extra duties.



POSH DOSH: Windsor Castle is one of the top tourist attractions in Britain and brings in vital revenue for the upkeep of the royal residences

This Week at Westminster

Immigration must be slashed to 1950s levels, says Farage

■ UKIP leader claims Britons are so ill at ease with immigrants their children cannot play in the streets

UKIP LEADER Nigel Farage says immigration levels in the UK should be cut back to the levels of fifty years ago and growing anxiety among native-born Britons.

The UK Independence Party leader claimed voters are so ill at ease with levels of immigration in their towns that their children do not play football with their neighbours in the streets.

Farage added that people in eastern England felt a "deep level of discomfort" about the millions of immigrants who have settled in the UK in the past decade.

Unveiling an election

poster in the shadow of the white cliffs of Dover, Mr Farage said leaving Europe would cut net migration from 300,000 to just 30,000 a year by 2018.

He said: "I want to live in a community where our kids play football in the streets of an evening and live in a society that is at ease with itself.

'return to normality'

"And I sense over the last decade or more we are not at ease.

"If we went to every town up eastern England and spoke to people about how they felt, their town, their city had changed in the last 15 years, there is a deep level of discomfort,

because if you have immigration at these sorts of levels integration doesn't happen."

Mr Farage said he wanted net migration to "return to normality" to "a net 30,000 people a year" coming into this country.

He said: "A net level of about 30,000 a year is roughly what we have from 50 years from 1950 almost to the turn of the century.

"It was a level at which the country was comfortable, integration was possible and it did not crucially push down the wages of ordinary people.

"If we had a referendum at the end of



SUNNY OUTLOOK? Ukip leader Nigel Farage says leaving Europe would cut net migration from 300,000 to just 30,000 a year by 2018

this year... there is absolutely no reason why midway through this [next] Parliament we could not return to normality.

"You cannot control immigration all the while you have any open door to nearly half a billion people. That is where the immigration debate needs to start.

'good neighbours'

Mr Farage also repeated his policy that migrants with life-threatening illnesses like Aids should be turned away at the border if they do not have health insurance.

He said: "At the moment you can come to Britain, be tested and get the drugs for Aids. Those drugs are about £25,000 per year per person.

"The vast majority of people don't want that expenditure. This Government has opened us up to that.

"We all want to be good neighbours and friendly with the people in our street but generally we put the interests of our own families first."

Meanwhile, speculation is mounting that Ukip's poll surge is running out of steam, with polls showing the party's rating has dropped from 17 per cent at the beginning of the year to below 14 per cent.

One Cabinet minister said: "We believe the Ukip vote is softening and increasing coming back to us."

Meanwhile, the Conservatives have gone up nearly two

points in the polls, eating into Labour's poll lead and approaching level pegging.

A spokesman for Mr Farage said: "Nigel didn't say children were ill at ease over immigration, and therefore not playing football in the streets. He was saying that due to current, unprecedented levels of immigration, and segregation – that kids of different communities and backgrounds often don't live in the same areas, and therefore CAN'T interact and forge friendships.

"Nigel said, as you'll see in our party election broadcast.....filmed weeks ago, that he wants to see a society at ease with itself. Segregation doesn't create these conditions."

Jailed: Dim drug dealer who kept picture of himself with £250,000 cash on his iPhone

A drug dealer who snapped pictures of himself surrounded by £250,000 in cash has been jailed.

Olsi Beheluli, 24, ran a drugs operation with heroin and cocaine worth an estimated £4million.

National Crime Agency officers found a picture of him surrounded by piles

of cash on his iPhone after raids in north-west London.

Beheluli, along with his associates Besim Topalli, 29, and Azem Proshka, 23, used a "stash house" in Neasden, where counterfeit identity documents and scales were also found.

Officers also recovered

powdered caffeine and paracetamol which were to be used as cutting agents for drugs.

Beheluli, from Harrow, was found guilty of conspiring to supply class A drugs at Blackfriars Crown Court and was sentenced to 11 years in prison on Wednesday.



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Queen:

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upkeep of the royal palaces and their contents.

The staff who are proposing action are employees of the Royal Collection Trust. They are distinct from employees of the Royal Household, who include footmen, butlers and cleaners, who work specifically for the Royal family, rather than staff whose job specifically relates to the castle's role as a tourist attraction.

'above market median'

In a statement, the Royal Collection Trust said: "Warden staff are offered voluntary opportunities to receive training and develop skills to lead guided tours for visitors as part of their working day and to administer first aid, as well as to use their language skills.

"These are not compulsory aspects of their role, and it is the choice of the individual whether they wish to take part.

"Wardens at Windsor Castle are paid above market median based upon the Regional Living Wage and receive a range of benefits, including a 15% non-contributory pension and a free lunch.

"Royal Collection Trust continues to award wardens an annual performance-related pay increase of up to 2.5%, in addition to the cost of living increase (in line with treasury guidelines), as well as one-off payments to those who have reached the top of their pay scale.

"We don't anticipate any interruption to the running of tours for visitors to the Castle."

Buckingham Palace declined to comment.

NHS nurse admits raping three unconscious women in A&E unit

A former senior hospital nurse has admitted raping, sexually assaulting and spying on female patients including some who were unconscious.

Andrew Hutchinson, who worked at John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, pleaded guilty to 27 counts including rape, voyeurism and sexual assault.

The 29-year-old also admitted spying on women at a leisure centre and sexually assaulting women at a music festival.

His victims were aged between 10 and 35, Oxford Crown Court heard.

'Complicated case'

Hutchinson, from Abingdon, sexually assaulted four unconscious women, in curtained areas in the hospital's A&E department and at Wilderness music festival.

He also used a camera to spy on women and children at the White Horse Leisure Centre in Abingdon.

The offences took place between 2011 and 2013.

Hutchinson was sacked by the hospital after he was arrested.

He was arrested by Thames Valley Police on suspicion of voyeurism offences at the leisure centre in November 2013 and charged in December last year.

Police also found images on devices, including a mobile phone, a memory stick and a camera, seized from Hutchinson which revealed other incidents.

He has been remanded for sentencing on 27 April.

'Rogue practitioner'

Mark Power, from Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust, said it took "immediate action" to suspend Hutchinson in November 2013 following allegations of theft against him.

The trust also informed the Nursing and Midwifery Council and launched an internal investigation which led to his dismissal.



SICK: Andrew Hutchinson admitted raping three unconscious women at the hospital where he was a nurse, John Radcliffe in Oxfordshire

Mr Power said Hutchinson was CRB checked by the trust but he had no previous convictions so no "issues" were identified.

The trust has "robust policies and procedures to manage patients safely" within all its departments, as well as a "range of mechanisms" to safeguard vulnerable patients.

Mr Power said the "ultimate responsibility for these appalling offences must rest with Andrew Hutchinson".

He said staff had been "devastated" by his actions but added it was "not possible to eliminate the risk of a rogue practitioner entirely".

Police said all identifiable victims had been contacted and given support.

Det Ch Insp Mark Johns, of Thames Valley Police CID, said: "I am pleased Hutchinson has pleaded guilty to his offences and spared his victims having to endure a trial to receive justice.

"This has been a complicated and unusual case as the victims of his sex offences were not aware because they were not conscious. Thames Valley Police sent specially trained officers to personally speak to all the victims, who showed great courage when informed with such distressing news.

"I have no doubt Hutchinson would have continued to offend had he not been arrested."



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News From Britain

Lucky! Couple scoop £1m lottery win - for the SECOND time

A couple have scooped a £1m lottery prize for the second time - just two years after their first seven-figure win.

David and Kathleen Long, from Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire, won their first £1m in 2013.

Lottery organisers Camelot said the couple struck lucky again in the 27 March EuroMillions draw.

The firm said it was an "extraordinary situation" for someone to be fortunate enough

to win twice.

"As you can imagine, we see winners who win once who are very, very shocked. It must be even more shocking to win twice," a spokesman said.

But former HGV driver Mr Long did not seem too surprised by the windfall.

"I always knew I'd win, even the first time," he said.

"I just had a feeling it was going to be me."

Two years ago Mr Long came close to

disaster after his first winning ticket ended up in the rubbish bin after the couple mistakenly thought they had won just £2.70.

The pair have since married after being engaged for 12 years.

Mr Long said the first win had been "fantastic" and had changed their lives.

"Times had been really tough and I had been really ill for three years, unable to work leading up to it," said Mr Long.



FEELING BUBBLY: David and Kathleen Long celebrate their second big win

"I lasted three days at work and then took early retirement." "We've had an amazing 18 months, car and even finally get hitched," he said.

Church treasurer, 51, 'killed his wife by deliberately driving off motorway and into a tree because she couldn't cope with his insatiable sexual demands'

- Ian Walters veered his pick-up truck off M1 when 'very angry', court told
- Prosecution allege he crashed vehicle 'to show her who was in charge'

A violent and controlling church treasurer allegedly murdered his wife by driving their truck into a tree at 84mph just hours after she asked for a divorce because she was unable to cope with his insatiable sexual demands, a court heard this week.

Tracy Walters died after making a flurry of calls to police about sex-obsessed husband Ian in the days leading up to the M1 crash, including one that morning.

Jurors were played

motorway CCTV footage of the moment Walters, 51, a driving examiner, steered the Mitsubishi pick-up truck into trees on an embankment as they returned from a 'make or break' holiday.

The court heard how the 51-year-old, who also worked as a driving instructor, was allegedly 'very angry' at the time because his wife had asked for a divorce.

The pair, who were married in 2012, were said to have been in a 'troubled' relationship, with Walters allegedly

using sex 'as a sort of sedative' against his wife.

Jurors were told how he would often turn to violence if his wife was unwilling to satisfy his sexual demands.

The court also heard how Mrs Walters had text one of her sons seconds before the crash to say she wanted to report Walters to the police but was too afraid.

Opening the trial at Leicester Crown Court today, Charles Miskin QC said Walters had purposely crashed the pick-up truck because he

'wanted to show her who was in charge'.

The court heard how the vehicle ploughed through shrubbery before hitting the tree, leaving Mrs Walters with serious injuries.

The 48-year-old was flown to hospital but died two days later despite wearing a seatbelt and the airbags deploying.

Leicester Crown Court heard the crash took place ten days after Mrs Walters called police to their home when her husband slapped and pushed her for refusing



Ian and Tracy Walters: troubled relationship

him sex.

Police interviewed Walters, but did not arrest him.

Mr Miskin said that Walters 'risked his own life and limb' in the crash, and may have intended to kill himself, but must

also have foreseen that his wife could suffer 'really serious injury or death'. If the jury agreed, he said, then Walters was guilty of murder.

Walters denies murder. The trial at Leicester Crown Court continues.

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Cynthia Lennon, first wife of Beatles legend, dies at 75

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Case No. BP159611

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of EARL W. JOHNSON, SR.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Edith Y. Johnson in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Edith Y. Johnson be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 21, 2015 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 79 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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Cynthia Lennon, first wife of The Beatles' John Lennon, has died at her home in Spain, her family has announced.

A message on her son Julian's website said she died "following a short but brave battle with cancer".

It said: "Her son Julian Lennon was at her bedside throughout. The family are thankful for your prayers."

Julian also tweeted a picture of his mother, who was 75, inside a heart with the message "In Loving Memory".

Lennon was born Cynthia Lillian Powell in Blackpool on 10 September 1939.

She grew up in Hoylake with her parents and two elder brothers and started at Liverpool College of Art in 1957.

Cynthia met Lennon at art school when he tapped her on the back in class and simply said "Hi, I'm John".

The couple married just before Beatlemania transformed her husband into one of the most famous men in the world.

affair

At the height of The Beatles' early success she was, at the insistence of the band's management, kept in the background so their legions of female fans were not aware of her existence.

She stayed at home bringing up Julian while the Fab Four toured the world and topped the charts.

The couple divorced in 1968 after Cynthia discovered her husband's affair with Japanese artist Yoko

Ono.

Former Beatle Sir Paul McCartney said: "She was a lovely lady who I've known since our early days together in Liverpool.

"She was a good mother to Julian and will be missed by us all but I will always have great memories of our times together."

John Lennon's second wife Yoko Ono added: "She had such a strong zest for life and I felt proud how we two women stood firm in the Beatles family.

"Please join me in sending love and support to Julian at this very sad time. Love, Yoko".

While Ringo Starr tweeted: "Peace and love to Julian Lennon God bless Cynthia love Ringo and Barbara xx".

'Refined and reserved'

Hunter Davies, who wrote the only official biography of The Beatles in 1968, described Cynthia as "a lovely woman".

"When I was writing the book I spent two years with them, visiting her home and spending time with her," he said.

"She was totally different from John in that she was quiet, reserved and calm.

"She was not a hippy at all. I think it was the attraction of opposites between them. When they got together at art school everyone was amazed - she was seen as refined and reserved and nobody thought they would last."

He added: "John treated her appallingly. He slept with Yoko in their marital home and, as we discovered later, he also physically



JOHN AND CYNTHIA: the pair met at art school in Liverpool. She stayed at home bringing up Julian while the Fab Four toured the world and topped the charts.

attacked her but she was loyal to him."

Answering questions in the Independent in 1999, Cynthia Lennon said John never wrote a song for her because it was "too sloppy when you were young to dedicate anything to anybody".

'total rebel'

"Macho Northern men didn't do that in those days. I can only muse about our time together and feel from the music."

Cynthia Lennon published memoirs of her time with John and when she was publicising one of the books in 2005, she told Good Morning America she "couldn't resist being around him".

"You couldn't resist watching what he was up to," she said, "I mean, he was a total rebel.

Everybody was amazed by him".

"I have read so many books and seen so many films, and it's like we don't really exist. We are

like walk-on parts in his life. We did spend 10 years together", she added.

After divorcing Lennon, she married three more times.

In 1970 she wed Italian hotelier Roberto Bassanini and six years later married engineer John Twist from Lancashire. Both relationships ended in divorce.

She later wed former nightclub owner Noel Charles in 2002. He died in 2013.

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That's a lot of candles!

■ Siblings with a combined age of more than a THOUSAND YEARS are named oldest family in the world

A family of 12 siblings with a combined age of more than 1,000 years have officially been named the oldest in the world.

The Tweed family - comprising seven brothers and five sisters - are aged between 76 and 95 became Guinness World Record holders this week, confirming their place in the history books.

Between them, they have 33 grandchildren, 59 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great-grand-

children, and live across the UK.

A grainy black-and-white photo taken in 1939 shows the siblings in the back garden of their three-bedroom council house with parents Flo and Percy.

Brewery drayman Percy and barmaid Flo brought up their large family in Coventry and had a staggering 16 children in 21 years.

Four of the siblings have since died and some of the rest have moved further



SEASONED CITIZENS: the remarkably long-lived Tweed family, eight of whom still live in their hometown of Coventry

afield, living in Wolverhampton, Leicester, and Wales.

The Tweed's world record for the oldest family was officially dated

on November 25 last year when their combined ages totalled 1,019 years and 336 days (a combination of their years and additional days).

The third youngest child Valerie McCaffrey, 79, received an official certificate from Guinness World Records this week confirming the family's remarkable achievement.

'all very excited'

The retired telephonist, who lives in Coventry with her husband Walter, 83, says that the achievement had been a long-time coming.

'It took over a year for the record to come through.

'They need proof of everything so I was going to and from the registry office to get birth certificates and marriage certificates.

'My son Daniel also had to help with all the

computer side of things.'

However, Valerie added that when they were finally awarded their certificate it had been well worth the wait.

'Everyone was delighted when it was confirmed and we couldn't wait for the certificates to come.

'When they arrived we were all very excited, they will definitely be going up as pride of place in our houses.

'It is incredible to think we are the oldest family in the world. I knew we were a big family but to be over 1,000 years old is a remarkable achievement.'

The 12 siblings remain close and still meet up every year at their gigantic family gatherings.

Eight of them still live in Coventry where they were brought up by the mum Flo, who died aged 59 in 1956, and dad Percy, who was 73 when he died in 1958.

Valerie has traced her family tree back to 1417 when wool merchant George Tweedy moved down to Essex from Scotland.

She added that growing up with so many siblings had been very entertaining and puts her mothers regular pregnancies down to a lack of television.

'Growing up was fun all being in the same house together.

'I think 23 months was the longest time our mother went without being pregnant. But there wasn't really any television in those days.'

Valerie says that when they are reunited it is just as it once was with all the siblings getting along famously.

'It is great when we all get together. We all natter away for hours and the older brothers talk about their war service.'



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Meet A Member: Natalie Ames

Meet *Brits in LA* member Natalie Ames from London, who moved to LA three years ago to pursue acting.

Was there a particular reason you chose LA?

I fell in love with California when I first visited with my family many years ago, and as an actress, LA is the ultimate place to be for your career, so it made complete sense to move here when the opportunity presented itself. Now it feels like home, even the mini-earthquakes don't bother me any more.

What one thing do you miss from home?

A good cup of tea! It's

impossible to get a strong cup of tea out here, it usually comes with lemon and not milk and it's very weak. When I go home I bring back a huge bag of PG tips and Yorkshire tea!

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

The outdoor lifestyle! I love going to the beach, hiking and it's all on my doorstep here!

That and the amount of driving you have to do in LA is very different to London, luckily I love my Bimmer, and fortunately I manage to get a lot done on my commutes, with my handsfree.

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

Point Dume is not really hidden anymore but it's still a lovely little gem of a beach in Malibu! I often go there when Hollywood gets too much. It's a magical little place if you go early in the morning, the ocean is my sanctuary.

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

Do tons of research, save lots of money and book that ticket!

If your life was TV show, what would the theme tune be?

'Sweet Disposition' by

Temper Trap, it's my favorite song ever, and always puts me in a great mood.

Lastly, how can we find out more about you?

Are you on the Internet? Well I just shot a role on feature film 'Criminal' by director Ariel Vromen so that will be released later this year, and all my links are below! :)

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NATALIE AMES: this transplanted Londoner loves LA's outdoor lifestyle (Photo: Sage Kirkpatrick)

Dunsinane: what happened next in the Scottish Play

You know the old saying, "The more things change, the more they stay the same". Mankind appears to be behaving as it always has as well as asking the same questions of our existence.

We continue to behave in the same warlike manner, particularly in relation to ourselves and our everyday personal struggles.

In **Dunsinane**, playwright David Greig takes a crack at Shakespeare's existential problems but contextualizes them for a modern audience. Heavily influenced by current world conflicts and revolutions, Greig's play continues the story of the Scottish play from the moment when Burnim wood makes a house call and King Macbeth loses his head, and he gives us a sequel that captures the essence of Shakespearean tragedy, full of political scheming, desire, love, blood, and humor that challenges the notion of a moral war and raises

questions about ethnocentrism that still persists around the world today.

Running through the fabric of the play is Shakespeare's favorite theme of "seeming" wherein deception is made manifest on many levels - from political obfuscation to personal self-deception. The play opens with a wood that isn't a wood, a vivacious queen (Gruach) who was said to be dead, and a General (Siward) who thinks he can unite the warring tribes of Scotland. All the characters are there for different reasons, but they all use or experience deception in one form or another to endure.

Dunsinane's rich imagery is wonderfully enhanced by beautiful music and song. This is the second year the RSC and the National Theatre of Scotland have toured with this play. The many months spent repeatedly exploring and working on this



Stage Review by Catherine Siggins

DUNSINANE by David Greig
Royal Shakespeare Company & National Theatre of Scotland
at the Wallis Annenberg Theatre

play shows in the beautifully nuanced performances. Roxane Silbert's direction is forceful and focused, bringing out the plays lyrical qualities. The minimal basalt black set by Robert Innes Hopkins focuses the audience's ear to engage with the rich dialogue. Darrell D'Silva is masterful and riveting as the English general



POWERFUL STUFF: Dunsinane runs at the Wallis Annenberg Theatre in Beverly Hills through Sunday, April 5th (visit www.thewallis.org for tickets)

Siward particularly as we watch him navigate the swamps of Scottish politics and lose his way traveling a road to hell paved with his good intentions. To complement D'Silva, Siobhan Redmond is imperious and sensual as Gruach, a complex woman who 'seems' indeed to be able to

summon up the spirits of the earth to give her strength.

Greig's other antagonist is King Malcolm WHO IS self-serving, condescending, unapologetic and played with hawkish glee by Ewan Donald. The other cast members of George Brockbanks, Keith

Fleming, Tom Gill, Toyin Omari-Kinch, Arthur McBain, Matt McClure, Alex Mann, and the vocally gifted Mairi Morrison and Helen Darbyshire, are all superb.

As the saying goes - this is a play not to be missed. It is the very best of theatre from back home.

Stargazing with Annie Shaw



ARIES: This birthday time for you fiery folks is filled with challenges, some good, some not so. You have an amazing gathering of planets so if you are ready to make a go at something bigger than before this is the time. Happy Birthday!

TAURUS: Write a list of priorities and start with the biggest as your ruler is heading home. She will be helping you as the month progresses, especially in romance and any kind of relationship. It the time of year for you to spring clean.

GEMINI: Time to deal with what has been a hassle so far this year for you or others close. Uranus the troublemaker is hanging out in the area of family and friends and your boss Mercury (as always) wants action.

CANCER: A positive beginning to make peace or amends with anyone or anything that has caused you upset. Chances are you did not see the picture clearly. This month is not a time to begin anything new.

LEO: The good news is if you take control the issue currently occupying you can be sorted within a week. Any trip taken before mid-month will not achieve the expected (and hoped for) outcome. Late April is better. Good news: Jupiter visiting you is moving forward.

VIRGO: If any area of life is not going as smoothly as you expect you can let go of worry as all will be well in the end. Please wait until late April to buy that large home appliance or car. You have to keep calm and stay focused.

LIBRA: The main lesson of this month is that it's not the time to begin anything you will not have time to finish up. Mercury will hold your feet to the fire all month if you try to move before May. You can expect a nice surprise from an unexpected source.

SCORPIO: It is a long time since so many planets have affected you. In your cousin sign of Pisces Neptune is very good for romance and all the Aries planets in your work area are working overtime to set you up for better days ahead.

SAGITTARIUS: You may be right, you may be crazy, as goes the song because if you are worried about finances and are not doing anything to change the situation then it will make you crazy. The good news is that someone is on your side to help.

CAPRICORN: You may be feeling a bit restless or not in balance due to your "boss" Saturn in the fire sign Sagittarius. He is letting you know something in your life is out of balance. You will be busier than for a few years this coming month.

AQUARIUS: Your judgment in a long-term situation is way out and this week if you allow yourself to go the same route as before it will all be a waste of time. Be cool, wait and see if you can change your attitude and change the outcome.

PISCES: Your ruler Neptune is in your life for a while ahead and you will be both emotional and angry at times. This is merely a passing away of the old feelings you have lived with all your life. It is time to release and move on sooner rather than later.

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Last call for Easter Eggs! Last call for Easter Eggs!

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With all the recent hullabaloo over what many consider to be Hershey's heavy-handed enforcement of their exclusive rights to Cadbury's chocolate on this side of the pond, many British expats seem to think their favorite Easter Eggs are no longer available here.

Not true! There are still plenty of Easter Eggs at local stores including The Hare and Hounds in Thousand Oaks and Ye Olde Kings Head

Shoppe in Santa Monica. But unless Hershey's suddenly see the light this will likely be your final chance buy this classic British goodie in this part of the world.

increasing bite

For the uninitiated or for those living in a cave for the past three months, the issue arose when Pennsylvania-based Hershey, which has owned the exclusive rights to manufacture and sell Cadbury in the U.S. for nearly 30 years but had largely ignored specialty shops selling the British version, suddenly noticed that import stores were

taking an increasing bite of the company's \$7 billion business. Someone in their executive suite – or possibly their lawyers seeking a David for this corporate Goliath to slay - decided to sue to stop all imports into the U.S. and trained its legal guns on the two major importers of British sweets, LA-based LLB Imports and New Jersey's Posh-Nosh Imports.

The result is no more Cadbury Easter Eggs in the US, apart from those already imported before the lawsuit.

There's been plenty of activity on social media

with a Hershey boycott and outrage in many media outlets, but it's unlikely to produce a U-turn from the candy behemoth.

emotional issue

Nicky Perry owns Tea and Sympathy, a popular English grocery and tea shop in New York City and recently told CBS: "This is a global world now," Perry said. "You can't turn around to us and say all of a sudden we can't have bars of chocolate."

And one of our favorite American observers of British life, writer Bill Buford, whose



The Hare and the Hounds in Thousand Oaks: It's not too late to buy an English Easter egg...but it soon will be

wonderful books include the seminal examination of British football hooligans Among the Thugs, said that for Brits, a bar of Cadbury's milk chocolate was an emotional issue.

"You can imagine this warmed up in a cup on a cold morning in the mountains, this is like the bar equivalent of a steamy cup of hot chocolate," he said.

"It's not only personal preference but there's also a very sentimental idea, which is that if you grow up with this, this is England made.....It's kind of like a nationalistic food. It's hot dogs on the 4th of July."

The message of course is clear: go out and buy British Easter Eggs. Lots of them. TODAY. While you still can.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766

In the Matter of the Petition of **OCTAVIO LEDESMA ALMADA**, an adult over the age of 18 years.
Date: 04/28/15. Time: 08:30am, in Dept. J, Room 418.

It appearing that the following person whose name is to be changed is over 18 years of age: **OCTAVIO LEDESMA ALMADA**. And a petition for change of names having been duly filed with the clerk of this Court, and it appearing from said petition that said petitioners desire to have their name changed from **OCTAVIO LEDESMA ALMADA** to **OCTAVIO ALMADA**.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter of change of names appear before the above entitled court to show cause why the petition for change of name(s) should not be granted.

Any person objecting to the name changes described must file a written petition that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be published in the British Weekly, a newspaper of general circulation for the County of Los Angeles, for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of said petition. Dated: Mar. 04, 2015. Judge Dan T. Oki, Judge of the Superior Court

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Published: 03/14/15, 03/21/15, 03/28/15 and 04/04/15.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
1725 Main St. Santa Monica CA 90401

In the Matter of the Petition of **Kimberly B. Nuccio**, an adult over the age of 18 years, on behalf of **Liesel Abigail Krauss** and **Avery Hans Krauss**, minors under the age of 18 years.

The Court Orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Date: May 15, 2015 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept. K

It appearing that the following person whose name is to be changed is a minor under 18 years of age: **Liesel Abigail Krauss** and **Avery Hans Krauss**.

And a petition for change of names having been duly filed with the clerk of this Court, and it appearing from said petition that said petitioners desire to have the name changed from **Liesel Abigail Krauss** to **Liesel Abigail Nuccio** and from **Avery Hans Krauss** to **Avery Krauss Nuccio**.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The British Weekly.

Dated: March 11, 2015
Gerald Rosenberg
Judge of the Superior Court.
SS: 025156

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
300 East Olive Avenue, Burbank CA 91502

In the Matter of the Petition of Kurt Sherrard, an adult over the age of 18 years.

Date: 04/24/15. Time: 08:30am, in Dept. NCB-B

It appearing that the following person whose name is to be changed is over 18 years of age: **Kurt Sherrard**. And a petition for change of names having been duly filed with the clerk of this Court, and it appearing from said petition that said petitioners desire to have their name changed from **KURT SHERRARD** to **KURTIS TYRON ESCOBAR KING**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter of change of names appear before the above entitled court to show cause why the petition for change of name(s) should not be granted.

Any person objecting to the name changes described must file a written petition that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be published in the British Weekly, a newspaper of general circulation for the County of Los Angeles, for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of said petition. Dated: Mar. 11, 2015.

Judge Mary Thornton House
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The PM and KK: leaving no celebrity behind!

WITH Britain's general election drawing ever closer party leaders are trying harder than ever to get down with the youth of today.

And what better way to tap into a certain celebrity family's countless millions of followers than to drop a hint that you share the same bloodline...?

It seems it's not enough for David Cameron to merely be a Eton-educated blue blood, he has now revealed that he is also connected to showbiz royalty – yup, he is related to the Kardashians.

Oo-er!

Yes folks, it's true – Britain's leader is a distant relative of Kim K and Co, who is best known for breaking the Internet by baring her sizeable butt and her sex tapes.

In an interview with celebrity magazine Heat, Mr. Cameron confirmed the unlikely connection.

Asked whether he watched Kim and her family's television show 'Keeping Up With The Kardashians', Mr. Cameron replied: "No, but I'm related to them.

"Did you know I'm 13th cousins with them?"

"That's close isn't it?"

The magazine then asked if he watched the show he said he didn't – before adding he would be up for a family reunion.

According to a genealogy website, the link is via a mutual ancestor, Sir William

Spencer, born in 1555 in Oxfordshire.

It is widely known that Kim's mum, Kris, has Scottish ancestry.

So too does Mr. Cameron, whose father was born in Aberdeenshire.

In fact, the PM made a point of promoting his

Scottish heritage during the independence referendum last September.

He said at the time: "My surname goes back to the West Highlands.

It's unclear, but aside from reality TV royalty Cameron also has some pretty famous other

relatives: the Queen of England. Even though he doesn't watch KUWTK, Cameron insisted he would enjoy a family reunion.


"That would be great, thanks," he said when asked if he'd want to participate in one.

The British Prime Minister unintentionally made waves when he posted a selfie on Twitter while on the phone with President Barack Obama,




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so it's safe to say he's relatively in tune with popular culture! And who said the Tories could never end up as a rump party?!




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Brits in LA will return next week. This week's column can be found online at british-weekly.com

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England:

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once players assumed more familiar positions and others were introduced who gave them pace, drive and width.

England's run of seven straight victories since the World Cup may be over but Hodgson might regard this as a satisfactory few days. Victory against Lithuania made it five wins out of five in the Euro 2016 qualifying campaign and this was a worthwhile fact-finding mission in Italy.

Hodgson will get his players back together in June for a friendly against the Republic of Ireland in June then another key qualifier away to Slovenia.

England's formation, with Jones floundering in a defensive midfield role, also lacked width and meant that chances were at a premium, although Rooney almost took another step towards Charlton's record with a deflected shot that bounced off the woodwork.

Italy were not markedly better, although England keeper Joe Hart did well to save from Marco Parolo's 25-yard effort, but they took advantage of poor defending from England to take the lead after 29 minutes. Chiellini escaped Jones far too easily and Pelle was then afforded too much time and space to glance a header past Hart.

Italy almost doubled their lead within three minutes of the restart, Hart saving well from Citadin Eder before Pelle fired off target after Phil Jagielka's miscued clearance.

Then came Townsend's powerful strike to give England the platform for a late surge. Kane had another shot saved by Buffon late on but there was to be no decisive late contribution from either Italy or England.

Vincent Kompany's absence from Euro 2016 qualifier 'great for Wales'

Vincent Kompany's absence will be a big fillip for Wales when Belgium visit for a crucial Euro 2016 qualifier in June, says ex-Wales midfielder Mickey Thomas.

Belgium have replaced Wales at the top of Group B after Marouane Fellaini's goal secured a 1-0 win in Israel.

But Belgium's captain, Manchester City defender Kompany, will be suspended for the qualifier in Cardiff on 12 June after he was sent off against Israel.

"Losing Kompany, it doesn't get any better [for Wales]," said Thomas.

He added: "Hopefully we can exploit that weakness at the back."

Former Belgium and Tottenham Hotspur striker Nico Claesen expressed his concern about Kompany's absence.

"I hope we can manage to find someone else to replace him," said Claesen, who played at the 1986 World Cup in Mexico.

Kompany was sent off for a second booking, which ex-Tottenham Hotspur player Claesen described as "very stupid".

Belgium's win in Jerusalem saw them replace Wales as Group B leaders on goal difference.

Wales had been top of the group following Saturday's 3-0 win in Israel.

Scotland wait on UEFA decision for Georgia tie

Scotland will discover on 21 May if their Euro 2016 qualifier in Georgia will be played behind closed doors.

Uefa meet next month to decide if the Georgian Football Federation (GFF) will face sanctions following crowd disturbances at the weekend.

Play was halted twice during the 2-0 defeat by Germany in Tbilisi on Sunday when supporters invaded the pitch.

Cases against two other Group D sides - Poland and the Republic of Ireland - will also be heard at the meeting.

And the Polish Football Federation have been cited after visiting supporters were found guilty of "setting off of fireworks/throwing of objects" at the Aviva Stadium.

Georgia's next home match is against Gordon Strachan's Scotland in September.

The sides have met already in Group D, when a deflected Shaun Maloney shot gave Scotland a 1-0 win at Ibrox in October.

Scotland kept their qualifying hopes alive with a 6-1 win over Gibraltar on Sunday, and are currently third on 10 points alongside world champions Germany.

Strachan's men face Republic of Ireland in Dublin in June before the trip to Georgia.

Tuesday's Results. European Championship Qualifying Group B. ISRAEL (0) 0 BELGIUM (1) 1. International Matches ITALY (1) 1 ENGLAND (0) 1. Sky Bet League One BRADFORD (0) 0 CHESTERFIELD (1) 1.

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Sterling: I'm no money-grabber!

■ Liverpool star turns down £100k-a week deal amid rumors of move to Real, City or Bayern

Raheem Sterling told reporters this week he is not a "money-grabbing 20-year-old" after confirming he has turned down a new £100,000-a-week Liverpool deal.

He also says he will not discuss a new contract with the Reds until the summer, no matter how big a deal he might be offered in the meantime.

"It's not about the money at all," the England forward said.

"It's never been about money. I talk about winning trophies throughout my career. That's all I talk about."

He added: "I don't talk about how many cars I'm going to drive, how many houses I've got. I just purely want to be the best I can be."

Liverpool's last piece of silverware came in 2012, when they beat Cardiff on penalties to win the League Cup.

Sterling, who joined the

Reds from QPR in 2010, did not become a first-team regular until the following season.

"I don't want to be perceived as a money-grabbing 20-year-old," said the player, who has two years left on a contract worth £35,000 a week.

"I just want to be seen as a kid who loves to play football and to do the best for the team."

Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers said in February that Sterling had been offered an "incredible deal for a young player" but now accepts talks will have to wait until the summer.

"I am sure it will be resolved and the concentration for Raheem is now on his football and it is clear the terms of when those talks will begin again," Rodgers said last month.

In the interview with the BBC, Sterling also said he would have accepted

less than £100,000 a week had he been offered a new deal this time last year, when the Reds were chasing the Premier League title.

"If, at that point in time, I was offered a contract, I most definitely would have signed straight away, probably for far less money than being said now," he said. "I just think the timing was a bit off."

Sterling's future has been a source of almost endless speculation, with stories tipping him for a move to Manchester City, Arsenal, Real Madrid and Bayern Munich.

"I try to kill it off, but I don't think the public can see it that way," Sterling said. "I think they just see it as this 20-year-old boy being greedy."

"I just want to take the time to think about what I've achieved in my career so far, where I need to go and what I need to do to get better as a player."



RAHEEM STERLING: "I just want to be seen as a kid who loves to play football..."

Not dross Townsend?

Andros Townsend silenced his critics with a spectacular strike gave an experimental England line-up a creditable draw against Italy in Turin on Tuesday.

Southampton striker Graziano Pelle's first-half header looked to have put Italy on course for victory in this friendly as England struggled to get to grips with the changes made by manager Roy Hodgson after Friday's Euro 2016 qualifier win against Lithuania.

England, however, were lifted by the introduction of several substitutes and Townsend capped a second-half display that merited a draw. The Tottenham winger's rising

20-yard drive 11 minutes from time gave Italy's veteran keeper Gianluigi Buffon no chance and went some way to silencing several members of the media who had said Townsend's recent patchy form for his club meant he had no place in the England setup.

Hodgson's side ended the game on top and only a fine save from Buffon stopped England captain Wayne Rooney - who had earlier hit the bar - from adding to his total of 47 goals for his country and closing even further on Sir Bobby Charlton's all-time record of 49.

The experiment of using Phil Jones in midfield failed dismally and he

reverted to defence when Chris Smalling went off ill just before half-time. Similarly, it was a wasted night for Arsenal's Theo Walcott, misused in a forward role rather than on the wing.

There were pluses too, however, with an excellent cameo from Everton's Ross Barkley and a composed performance from Michael Carrick when he replaced Smalling.

England, for long periods, looked poor and disjointed in a performance pock-marked by wayward passing. It was no coincidence that they improved significantly

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