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# MEGHAN'S BIG DAY HEARTACHE

## Ailing father will not attend daughter's wedding

Meghan Markle has confirmed that her father, who had been expected to walk her down the aisle, will not be at her wedding to Prince Harry on Saturday.

She said she hoped he could be given space to focus on his health.

Ms Markle and Prince Harry held a rehearsal at St George's Chapel on Thursday, and a military rehearsal of the procession took place in Windsor.

Beforehand, Ms Markle's mother, Doria Ragland, met the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge for the first time.

Ms Ragland was scheduled the Queen at Windsor Castle on Friday, accompanied by Prince Harry and Ms Markle.

On Thursday afternoon, Prince Harry and Ms Markle were driven along the procession route with a police escort. The Duke and Duchess were also spotted in Windsor for the dress rehearsal.

It was the first time the duchess has been seen in public since introducing

Prince Louis, her third child, to the world on the steps of St Mary's Hospital in London little over three weeks ago.

The rehearsal in Windsor drew hundreds of children, parents and pets who were keen to get into the party mood early.

Many were dressed in red, white and blue, and waved union jacks as carriages and cavalry soldiers passed by.

The sun was out for the rehearsal - and looks set to stay for Saturday. The weather is expected to be sunny and breezy with temperatures reaching 21C (70F) in the late afternoon.

Thomas Markle had been due to arrive in the UK in the days before the wedding to meet the prince for the first time.

But in the run up to the wedding, he became caught up in controversy



after allegedly staging photographs with the paparazzi.

The pictures showed Mr Markle - apparently unaware he was being photographed - carrying out preparations for the wedding, including being

measured for a suit.

On Monday, Mr Markle reportedly told US celebrity news website TMZ that he would not attend the ceremony to avoid embarrassing his daughter.

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Meghan as a teenager with her father Thomas. She famously said: "I've always been a daddy's girl."

## News from Britain

## Prosecution of Ulster vets 'breach of natural justice' says former army chief

THE FORMER head of the Army has branded the hounding of elderly veterans over their actions in Northern Ireland a "breach of natural justice".

General Lord Dannatt, who was chief of the general staff, spoke out with three veterans already facing trial and up to 300 living with the threat of being tried for events dating back to the 1970s.

They include former Life Guards Regimental Corporal Major Dennis Hutchings, 77, who has been charged over a 1974 shooting despite having been cleared at the time.

Lord Dannatt, who as a young officer won the Military Cross in Northern Ireland, said: "There were competent authorities at every stage of the Northern Ireland campaign to investigate allegations. In this case an

investigation concluded that there was no case to answer.

"Why, 44 years later, do we think that we can hope to know more about the case than we did then?"

"Why do we think 44 years later that witnesses will have a better recollection of events now than then?"

"And how can judges get back in their minds to what the circumstances were like in Northern Ireland in 1974? They cannot. That is why it is unreasonable and unfair to put an old man like Dennis Hutchings through all this at this stage of his life.

"If the state had wanted to go after him, they could have done so five or 10 years after the event. To do it 44 years later is a breach of natural justice."

Mr Hutchings, who is very ill, denies charges

of attempted murder and attempted grievous bodily harm with intent, relating to the killing of John Pat Cunningham, 27, who was unarmed and had learning difficulties, in County Tyrone in June 1974. He was shot in the back as he ran away from an Army patrol. His family contend he ran because he feared men in uniform.

Mr Hutchings, from Cawsand, Cornwall, believes he could be the first of hundreds of soldiers to be dragged through the courts. Next month two former paratroopers in their late 60s, known only as Soldiers A and C, will appear at Belfast Crown Court charged with the murder of IRA gunman Joe McCann in 1972. A police investigation at the time did not lead to any prosecutions.

More than 3,500 people

Prince Charles, Harry's father - or she could choose to walk alone.

Ms Markle has 10 bridesmaids and pageboys, all under the age of eight.

She decided against having a maid of honour because she wanted to avoid choosing between her closest friends.



**GENERAL LORD DANNATT:** "Why, 44 years later, do we think that we can hope to know more about the case than we did then?:"

were killed in Northern Ireland, including 722 members of the Armed Forces and Police. Government sources said that 60 per cent of killings were caused by Republican terrorists, 30 per cent by Loyalist

paramilitaries and 10 per cent by members of state forces "who in almost all cases were acting within the law".

But as part of the peace agreement more than 200 suspected IRA terrorists effectively got an amnesty

after "comfort letters" told them they were no longer wanted by police.

The Police Service of Northern Ireland's legacy branch is investigating 923 cases of which 283 involve the security forces, mostly the Army.

## MEGHAN:

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TMZ later reported that Mr Markle wanted to be there - although it might not be possible because of health concerns.

In a third report, the website said that health issues and planned surgery

would prevent him from attending after all.

Ms Markle's estranged half-sister, Samantha, said he had faced "unbelievable stress".

His absence leaves a big question mark over who will walk Ms Markle down the aisle.

Her mother would be one option, as would



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## Bank official gets no credit for 'menopause' analysis

**BANK of England deputy governor Ben Broadbent faced a backlash this week after he described the economy as "menopausal".** He said the term meant "you've passed your productive peak" - but was immediately accused of being outdated and sexist.

Kathy Abernethy, of the British Menopause Society, said: "At the usual age of the menopause, about 50, women are at the peak of their careers and at their most productive running the country's businesses.

"It's a shame he was so negative. The menopause is a completely natural physical change experienced by half the population."

TUC general secretary Frances O'Grady said: "There's no need to resort to lazy, sexist comments to describe problems in the economy."

Mr Broadbent responded: "I'm sorry for my poor choice of language in an interview

and regret the offence caused.

"Economic productivity is something which affects every one of us, of all ages and genders."

In the interview, he said Britain's productivity slump may be a trough between the digital boom and the next big technological advance, possibly Artificial Intelligence. He suggested the UK economy was entering a "menopausal" era akin to a lull in the 19th century between the ages of steam and electricity.

The 53-year-old former Goldman Sachs economist provoked an outcry on Twitter. Pamela Wales called his words "outrageous and insulting".

"No wonder there is such a large gender pay gap with attitudes like these," she said.

Another Twitter user @commuterlaydee wrote: "Absolutely shameful comment by Ben Broadbent. The language

HAS to change."

Jonathan Riley called it "truly disgraceful", adding: "Perhaps reference to flabby, flaccid, balding men who have lost their potency might have been more appropriate?"

The episode is an embarrassment to the bank, which aims to promote gender diversity within its ranks. It has already come under fire after revealing its male employees are paid almost a quarter more than their female colleagues. Only one of the bank's nine-strong Monetary Policy Committee - which sets interest rates - is female. Mr Broadbent, who is tipped as a future governor, is a member. Productivity woes pose a headache for the Government and have been blamed for stagnating wages. Mr Broadbent spoke after official figures revealed that productivity fell 0.5 per cent in the first quarter.

# Security concerns could push the wedding bill above £30m

■ Harry and Meghan's big day will cost taxpayers dearly  
 ■ Terror threats lead to huge spike in security costs

Prince Harry's wedding to actress Meghan Markle is generating huge excitement around the world, but as Windsor gets ready for the TV event of the years, concerns have been raised over the cost.

According to some estimates the bill is between £24m-£30million – and the taxpayer is footing it.

Prince William's wedding to the Duchess of Cambridge in April 2011 cost the Metropolitan police about £7.2m, a Freedom of Information request showed.

With other security and preparations the total bill is believed to be around £20million.

However, Harry's big day is believed to be costing much more.

Wedding planning service Bridebook told *The Independent* it could cost as much as £32m to ensure the event remains safe.

The amount is more

than double the security needed for the 1981 wedding between Prince Charles and Diana Spencer which was estimated to have cost £4m - which equates to around £12m today.

## public purse

Extra police from around Britain are being called upon to help ensure the event goes off without a hitch, as crowds will fill Windsor to catch a glimpse of the royals.

Thames Valley Police are preparing for around 100,000 spectators.

That will make it one of the force's largest-ever security operations, which will require reinforcements from other forces.

Since Prince William's wedding the UK has experienced a surge in terror threats, meaning the cost of Harry's nuptials outside of the city will be much higher.

The couple's decision to invite more than 2,000 members of the public

to attend celebrations at Windsor Castle has also increased security costs.

The entire bill is not being caught by the public, however, since the Queen revealed said she and the rest of the royal family will pay for the traditional wedding costs like the ceremony, flowers, music and the reception - but security is likely to be paid for by the taxpayer.

Cash can also be drawn from the public purse.

Duncan Simpson, policy analyst at the TaxPayers' Alliance told *The Independent* efforts should be being made to keep the cost low, while ensuring it is safe.

He said: "The Royal Wedding is an exciting moment in the UK. Whilst the couple and those out for the day in Windsor should feel safe with the public festivities, all efforts should be made to ensure that the costs of security are kept to a minimum."

While many royal fans will argue the money will be made back in tourism, doubt has been cast on the argument.

The UK's national tourism agency Visit Britain said the country experienced a 7% increase in visitors between April and June 2011 compared to the previous year, but the good news does not appear to have hit the economy.

Figures from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) show the combination of an extra bank holiday and the warmest April for



**CROWD CONTROL:** over 100,000 spectators are expected in the streets of Windsor on Saturday

100 years contributed to a slight dip in economic activity.

This included a 1.2% fall in output in service industries, a 1.4%

drop in manufacturing production and a 1.6% fall in the index of production compared with the previous month.



**SELFIE HEAVEN:** waxwork figures of the happy couple were on prominent display in Windsor this week, creating a perfect backdrop for selfie-seekers



**WEDDING FEVER:** pro-royal sentiment ran high on the streets of Windsor on Thursday. This royal fan flew the flag in every conceivable fashion



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# Tributes flow for cancer victim Dame Tessa Jowell

■ Former Labour minister was pivotal in bringing 2012 Olympics to London

**Former Labour cabinet minister Dame Tessa Jowell has died aged 70, her family has said.**

Dame Tessa, who was diagnosed with brain cancer in May last year, suffered a haemorrhage on Friday, and had been in a coma until her death on Saturday.

She played a major role in securing the 2012 Olympics for London when she served as culture secretary.

In recent months she campaigned for more cancer treatments to be made available through the NHS.

She earned a minute-long standing ovation in the House of Lords in January for speaking about the issue.

"In the end, what gives a life meaning is not only how it is lived, but how it draws to a close," she said during her speech.

"I hope that this debate will give hope to other cancer patients, like

me, so we can live well together with cancer, not just dying of it. All of us, for longer."

## 'decent and wise'

Leading the tributes to Dame Tessa, former prime minister Tony Blair said she was a "committed public servant" who was "always true and loyal and decent and wise".

"She knew she was dying and yet she was prepared to give everything she had in order to help people in the future," Mr Blair said of her campaigning towards the end of her life.

"If anyone wants to know what politics can achieve they can just look at her life and how she lived it, and how she ended it as a testimony to all that's best in politics."

He said her impact on politics was enormous and "everything she touched turned to gold in some way, whether

it was advancing equal pay for women, starting Sure Start - which is an immense programme for children in our country - or of course bringing the Olympics to Britain".

A statement from her family said it was "with great sadness and an enormous sense of loss" that they announced the news of her death.

She died peacefully at the family home near Shipston-on-Stour in Warwickshire shortly after 22:00 BST on Saturday, the statement said.

## 'unflinching tenacity'

"Her husband David and their children Jessie and Matthew were by her side, with Jessie's husband Finn, Matthew's wife Ella, and David's children from his first marriage.

"In addition to chemotherapy and radiotherapy, in recent months doctors



**TESSA JOWELL:** "In the end, what gives a life meaning is not only how it is lived, but how it draws to a close,"

tried innovative new treatments which Tessa gladly embraced, but sadly the tumour recently progressed very quickly."

The statement thanked people for the "overwhelming support" Dame Tessa and her family had received since she became ill.

A small private funeral will be held "in the coming days" and a memorial service "open to all" at a later date.

Minister Theresa May said the dignity and courage with which Dame Tessa had confronted her illness was "humbling" and "inspirational", and

her campaigning was a "lasting tribute to a lifetime of public service".

Lord Sebastian Coe, president of the IAAF and former chairman of the London organising committee of the Olympic Games, said London 2012 would not have happened without Dame Tessa.

"She showed unflinching tenacity in persuading the prime minister and the cabinet that the government should throw its full weight behind the bid," he said.

Sarah Lindsell, CEO of the Brain Tumour

Charity, said the charity had started working with "wonderful ambassador" Dame Tessa towards the end of last year, and she praised her campaigning for cancer patients.

"Despite going through all of that and wanting to spend precious time with her family... she gave up so much of that time to continue to campaign, to ask for change, because it really matters," she told the BBC.

Former prime minister Gordon Brown said Dame Tessa would be remembered for her "courage, strength and compassion for others".

# Serial killer Nilsen dead at 72

**Serial killer Dennis Nilsen, who admitted killing at least 15 people in the 1970s and 1980s, has died in prison.**

The 72-year-old was jailed for life in 1983, with a recommendation he serve at least 25 years.

The former civil servant murdered and dismembered several of his victims, most of them homeless young gay men, at his home in Muswell Hill, north London.

He was convicted of six counts of murder and two of attempted murder.

The Prison Service said Nilsen, who was born in Fraserburgh in Aberdeenshire, died at HMP Full Sutton near

York.

The death of Nilsen will be investigated by the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman, as is normal for custody deaths, a spokesman added.

Nilsen was 37 when he was arrested, after human remains were found in a blocked drain at his home.

He and other tenants in his block of flats had complained to the landlord about the smell from the drains. An inspection by a plumber found pipes packed with human flesh.

During his trial at the Old Bailey, the court heard the remains of three bodies were found at his home and bones

from at least eight bodies were found at his previous address in Melrose Avenue, Cricklewood in north-west London.

He met his victims, all of them men, in a pub and he would take them back to his flat for a drink. Most were homeless, some were homosexuals and some were prostitutes.

His trial heard how Nilsen strangled many of his victims with a tie and then disposed of the bodies, either through hiding them under the floorboards or by cutting up the body and flushing parts down the toilet.

On many occasions, he would sit with their bodies for days before



**DENNIS NILSEN:** convicted of six counts of murder in 1983, he admitted to killing a total of 15 people at his North London home

he dismembered them.

Nilsen admitted killing at least 15 people, but he was convicted of the murders of six men.

Mr Nilsen spent 11

years in the Army, with some time spent in the catering corps where he learned certain butchery skills.

He later served briefly

as a probationary police constable before becoming a security officer with the Manpower Services Commission in 1974.

# It's the end of old money: self-made billionaires top latest UK rich list

**GONE** are the days when old money ruled in Britain – almost all of the 1,000 richest people in the country are self-made, it was revealed this week.

Ninety-four per cent of those on this year's Sunday Times Rich List built their fortunes, compared with just 43 per cent when the first list was produced in 1989. The combined fortune of the wealthiest 1,000 has risen to £724billion, up 10 per cent on last year's record

of £658billion.

List compiler Robert Watts said this was evidence that "Britain is changing". He said: "The aristocrats and inherited wealth have been elbowed out of the list and replaced by an army of self-made entrepreneurs.

**"increasingly diverse"**

"Britain's rich are getting richer but the cast of Britain's 1,000 richest people is an ever-changing and increasingly diverse cast

of people."

The first Rich List was dominated by landowners, accounting for 57 of 200 names. But now, as the list celebrates its 30th anniversary, just 29 of the richest 1,000 rely on land ownership. Instead, food and drink are now the largest sources of wealth.

Mr Watts said: "Today's super-rich include people who have set up businesses selling chocolate, sushi, pet food and eggs. We are seeing more people from

humble backgrounds, who struggled at school or who didn't even start their businesses until middle age."

Jim Ratcliffe, who this year became the first British-born industrialist to top the list with an estimated wealth of £21billion, is a perfect example – he grew up on a council estate. His sudden rise to the top of the list is because of an impressive £15.3billion added to his net worth since last year, when he was ranked 18th.

1	Jim Ratcliffe	Chemicals	£21.05bn
2	Sri and Gopi Hinduja	Industry and finance	£20.644bn
3	Sir Lan Bivaktinik	Investment, music & media	£19.259bn
4	David and Simon Reuben	Property & internet	£18.096bn
5	Lakshmi Mittal and family	Steel	£14.667bn
6	Charlene de Carvalho-Heineken and Michel de Carvalho	Inheritance, brewing & banking	£11.5bn
7	Kirsten and Jorn Rausing	Inheritance & investment	£10.848bn
8	Alisher Usmanov	Mining and investment	£10.556bn
9	Guy, George and Galen Jr Neslon and family	Retailing	£10.05bn
10	The Duke of Westminster and the Grosvenor family	Property	£9.964bn
11	Ernesto and Kirby Bertarelli	Pharmaceuticals	£9.699bn
12	Sir James Dyson and family	Household goods & technology	£9.5bn
13*	Roman Abramovich	Oil and industry	£9.333bn
13*	Hans Roesing and family	Packaging	£9.333bn
15	Sir David and Sir Frederick Barclay	Property, media & internet retailing	£7.4bn
16*	Andy Currie	Chemicals	£7bn
16*	John Reece	Chemicals	£7bn
18	Muhammad Bin Issa Al Jaber and family	Hotels, food & industry	£6.747bn
19	John Fredriksen and family	Shipping and oil services	£6.703bn
20	Carl Cadogan and family	Property	£6.7bn

Kiraty and Ernesto Bertarelli; below, Sri and Gopi Hinduja



## 20 years to £20bn: how Jim Ratcliffe topped the lot

### JIM WHO?

That was the reaction at many a breakfast table across Britain this week when the Sunday Times revealed their latest Rich List was topped by an industrialist who shrugged off humble beginnings to build a £21bn fortune in just two decades.

Jim Ratcliffe, who was born into a humble Manchester council house and attended the local grammar school, now stands astride Ineos, the vast chemicals giant he built, which boasts an annual turnover of about £45bn and employs more than 18,500 people at 181 sites across 22 countries.

Ratcliffe is well known by trade unions leaders for his tough negotiating stance, so much so that he was informally known as Dr No after one dispute, but there's no doubt that the UK's richest man champions the unloved.

Through buying up and turning around the cast-off parts of big business, the Mancunian has made his fortune.

Mr Ratcliffe, 65, has always been involved in chemicals and industry.

After graduating

with a degree in chemical engineering from the University of Birmingham in 1974, he spent a very brief spell at BP before being fired due to a mild case of eczema – a skin disease which doesn't pair well with chemical manufacturing. Ratcliffe jumped over to rival oil business Esso as a trainee accountant, and a decade later, armed with an MBA from the London Business School, moved to fabric and chemicals producer Courtaulds, before a career-changing step into the world of private equity when he joined Advent International in 1989.

### 'very focused'

Advent served as a platform for Mr Ratcliffe to learn the cut and thrust of doing deals.

But after just three years, he was already making a leap into co-owning a business based on what would become a well-worn strategy.

He and fellow businessman John Hollowood decided to buy BP's chemicals division in Hythe, Kent for £40m in 1992.

By 1994, it was valued at £100m when it floated on the London Stock Exchange.

It was a high-risk move, Mr Ratcliffe admitted.

"I started the business in the days when you had to put all your worldly goods on the table," he told the London Business School in an interview.

"I had to put 100% of the equity that I owned at that stage on the line, so that was the house, savings and even the wife and children, which makes you very focused."

The business, Inspec, went on to acquire BP's speciality chemicals business in Antwerp, Belgium.

Mr Ratcliffe left Inspec to form his own firm, Ineos, in 1998 which bought the Belgian business for £89m. The company enjoyed rapid growth based on his strategy of buying "unfashionable or unsexy facilities owned by large corporations where you'd know they would be sloppy with the fixed costs".

From 181 sites across 22 countries, Ineos generates sales of around £45bn and employs 18,500



**RATCLIFFE:** a lifetime in the chemical industry

people. Its raw materials are used in everything from packaging for toiletries, medicines and food, to mobile phones and furniture.

### Dr No moniker

Because of his decision never to float the company and thus have no City shareholders to consult, Mr Ratcliffe, who owns 60% of Ineos, has been able to move quickly on deals.

In its first 10 years, Ineos bought more

than 20 operations from huge companies such as German chemicals maker BASF, Dow Chemical of the US and ICI, once the biggest manufacturer in the UK.

Arguably, the most important of these deals was Ineos's £5bn takeover of Innovene, BP's petrochemical business, in 2005.

Overnight, it quadrupled Ineos's sales to more than £18bn and doubled its staff numbers to 15,000.

Innovene also included the Grangemouth petrochemical plant and refinery in Scotland which, in 2013, became the scene of a tense stand-off with trade unions threatening strike action over pay and pensions.

The dispute - which earned Mr Ratcliffe the Bond villain moniker of Dr No - led to Ineos announcing that it would close the petrochemical plant and cut 800 jobs.

Shortly afterwards, Ineos reversed its decision when the Unite union agreed to a survival plan to invest £300m in the plant to keep it open.

Ineos continues to expand either through acquisitions such as buying the Forties Pipeline System from BP, which delivers 40% of the UK's North Sea oil and gas or through investment into controversial areas such as fracking.

Meanwhile, Mr Ratcliffe took a surprising step away from chemicals when he announced plans to invest £600m to build a new vehicle based on the Land Rover Defender, which was discontinued in 2016.





**Brits in LA**

# Meet A Member: Sasha Gary

**Meet Sasha Gary, half a Brit, twice the wit, from New Jersey, who moved to LA 17 years ago to pursue acting.**

Was there a particular reason you chose LA?

Growing up, I flew back and forth to Liverpool, England to spend time with family. My mum is from Childwall. I chose LA because of the entertainment industry. I came here to finish University by interning on a sitcom for my last two credits. After that, I never left.

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

I miss both Liverpool and New Jersey in each unique way! It comes down to being with family, and people you love the most. I love the humor of Liverpool, I love the people, I love being able to travel from the UK to other

countries conveniently. I was very lucky to have to travelled back and forth to Liverpool growing up, as I was able to travel young, spend time with family, and be in the UK.

**What was your first impression of LA and has it changed since?**

I thought there was a great deal of opportunity here to pursue my dreams, and over the years it has changed due to the economy crashing, the entertainment industry shifting, and getting more expensive in the years I have lived here. I feel like there was more opportunity back then, and it's harder to find that same opportunity now, but not impossible.

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

Liverpool and New Jersey is the history of Liverpool

and being able to travel to NY and Philadelphia. Both places have history behind them, where Los Angeles has it's beach culture but not much else. I love the beauty of countryside in the UK, castles, and the history of Philadelphia being the oldest city in America. It contributes to the depth of the people, as well. Here it seems your only as good as you can help someone, where in the UK and New Jersey it's more about who you are as a person. There is a realness missing here in LA. I guess that's why I travel out of here during my time off!

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

I love driving to Malibu for lunch. When I feel like a long drive, I go to the county line, beginning of Ventura, to Neptune's Net. I have one cold beer,

and excellent fish and chips. It's a great people watching melting pot of motorcycle riders, surfers, and families.

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

Wherever you decide to move, find a neighborhood area that you can walk to easily, as you will find comfort in not getting in your car all the time. Plus, a great local bar you can meet new people. Make the effort to travel to the desert, San Diego and northern California. There is a lot you can do here.

**Lots of our members join our group Brits in LA seeking out words of wisdom - what is the best piece of advice you've been given?**

From my very first acting teacher, handed me this on a piece of paper "Persistence...Press on. Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not: nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not: Unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent" Calvin Coolidge



**SASHA GARY:** and below, her 'fascinating' site



I have lived by these words!

**Lastly, how can we find out more about you?**

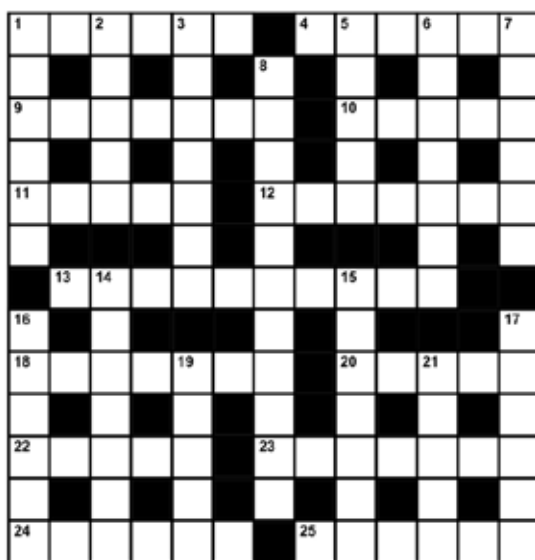
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I also teach women how to live a sustainable, healthy lifestyle, and I have even an online shop currently featuring Royal Fascinators! Find me at [www.VibrantVitalVixensShop.com](http://www.VibrantVitalVixensShop.com)

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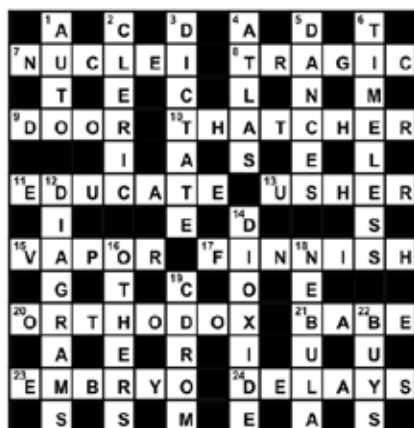
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- 13 Salisbury Plain attraction (10)
- 18 One more (7)
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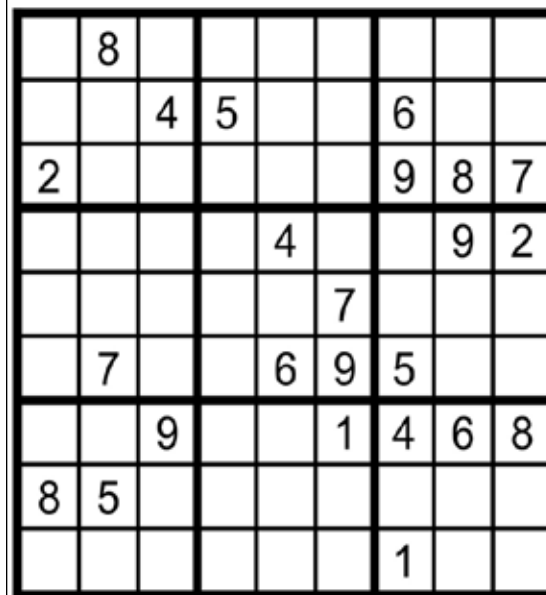
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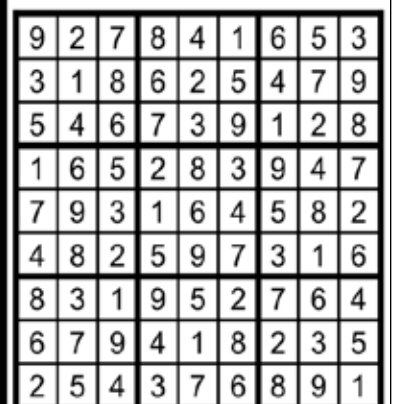


## The British Weekly Sudoku by Myles Mellor #337

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**Solution to Sudoku #336**





# Stargazing with Annie Shaw



**ARIES:** Although you seem to be in recess time, this does not mean you cannot pay attention to your life overall. You can thrive in this energy and you can make a lot of headway if you put your mind to it. This is just what you have wanted for some time.

**TAURUS:** If you feel like reaching out and asking someone for a helping hand in any area this is the time to go for it. Now that the very powerful (although unpredictable) planet Uranus is living in your life ensure you do not panic when things do not go the way you expect. Happy Birthday.

**GEMINI:** Time to deal with what has been on your mind recently, so the faster you take this in hand the better will be the results. With the end of your old year come new opportunities to own up to past mistakes and feel good in your own skin.

**CANCER:** A positive beginning of the next week would be to make peace or amends with anyone or anything that has caused you upset. You moon children like to hide away in your shell sometimes. Don't indulge yourself this week ahead.

**LEO:** Any trip taken before the end of this month will not go as planned, so take a rain check and take a later trip. With this in mind, plan for a better time frame. Family matters are in the limelight these next few days.

**VIRGO:** If any area of life currently is not going as smoothly as you expect you can let go of worry about the outcome, all will be well by month's end. Be confident when asked for your advice or opinion in a family situation.

**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. Your conscience will not allow you to take chances so listen to it well. Expect someone to contact you from your past.

**SCORPIO:** Now that Uranus is sitting staring at you from your opposite sign Taurus you can expect the unexpected. This should not make you worried, however as you are a creature of habit it may spook you a little. Everything happens for a reason. Trust the process.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Your boss Jupiter is not very proactive in your life just now. Since he is on vacation for a few weeks you should be not just acting on your intuition. This means go with the flow and do not make any big decisions for a while.

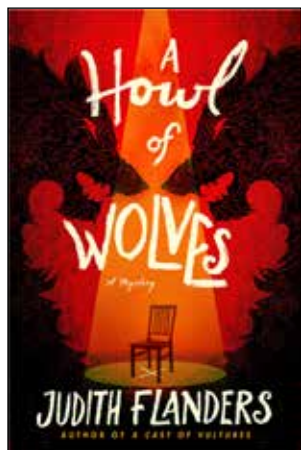
**CAPRICORN:** Your boss Saturn has brought a lot of the past up for you. Pluto has also been visiting you. This can be difficult or even downright unfair sometimes, however soon you will see that what has transpired has cleared away a lot of dead wood.

**AQUARIUS:** While your boss Uranus was in Aries he caused some problems, not only for you but for others in the world. Now that he has moved into more mellow Taurus, there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

**PISCES:** You may be feeling restless these past couple of weeks; however now the sun is in mellow Taurus life should be pleasant. You are in some kind of a rut - it is up to you to get out it. Stepping out of your comfort zone would help.

## Howl of Wolves: on the scent of murder

■ Exclusive interview with author Judith Flanders discussing her new murder mystery in the Sam Clair series



"Women, particularly middle-aged women, are often overlooked," says *A Howl of Wolves* author Judith Flanders. "I could use that overlooking as a jumping-off point. If nobody notices you, then can you do things, see things, that, as a central character, with everyone looking at you, might not be possible."

In this fourth book in the Sam Clair Mystery series, Samantha Clair

wants to support her neighbors and goes to see the play in the West End, accompanied by boyfriend Jake Field and a Scotland Yard detective. The play is quite gruesome. At the beginning of the second act there's a dummy hanging from the rafters. But it's not. It's the director of the play Campbell Davison.

The actors are horrified. Who killed Campbell? Jake starts investigating. Sam can't help but investigate too. As she learns more about Campbell she finds out the director was not well liked. The suspect list is long.

"The inspiration for the series as a whole was the idea of a woman whose business is stories, an editor in a publishing house, becoming part of a story herself," says Flanders.

"The inspiration for *A Howl of Wolves* wasn't dissimilar. It was the idea of being at a play, in the audience, being a spectator, and suddenly becoming part of the story."

"We have this default notion that 'detective' = 'man', and that when it's a woman detective, we need to have that descriptor - 'woman' - in front of the word," says Flanders. "If I were writing about a policeman, and it were 1897, then that would be true, but it hasn't been the case for a very long time, so I think, as women do in every job every day, I should just get on with it."

"I did work in a publishing house," says Flanders. "And, I did get to go to a Paris fashion show, as Sam does in the first book of this series. It was so wild,

so outside anything I had ever experienced, that I wanted to write it down. Then I realized I was, instead of editing a story, telling one. What I am doing with Sam is putting in the centre of the picture a person who conventionally is depicted on the side."

Flanders says she likes to pretend her research is arduous. "In reality, I have lunch with my publishing friends and listen to them talk. I haven't quite reached the stage of writing things down under the table, but it's come close a few times."

For *A Howl of Wolves*, Flanders read books on stage management and talked to many people working in theatre to learn the process of getting a play from script to stage.

"With all of the books, one of my big concerns

is getting the vocabulary right," says Flanders. "I know when I read about publishing, or about writers, it's often not the broad outlines that are wrong, but a turn of phrase, a word here or there."

Flanders works as a historian writing about daily life in 19th-century Britain, and sometimes ranging further afield. "I write social history, the history of daily life, mostly about 19th-century Britain, but sometimes ranging further afield," says Flanders. "So, in a way, it's the same job: I listen, I read, and I tell stories about what I've read."

Flanders was shortlisted for the Guardian First Book award for her first book, *A Circle of Sisters*, for the British Book Awards history book of the year for *The Victorian House*,



BOOK CORNER with Gabrielle Pantera

the Los Angeles Times history book of the year for *The Victorian City*, and for the CWA non-fiction Gold Dagger for *The Invention of Murder*.

Flanders is based in London, where she was born. She grew up in Canada.

Website is [judithflanders.co.uk](http://judithflanders.co.uk) and you can also find her on Facebook and Twitter.

*A Howl of Wolves: A Mystery (Sam Clair)* by Judith Flanders Series: *Sam Clair (Book 4)* Hardcover, 304 pages, Publisher: Minotaur Books (May 15, 2018), Language: English ISBN-13: 978-1250087836, \$26.99

## BRITS IN LA



## The Royal Marriage: we're finally getting over the finish line

Warning, if you are already Windsor'd out you may want to turn the page now.

I recently claimed to be not too fussed about this Royal marriage. But that was before it turned into a soap opera, and now I am completely hooked!

Angeleno in Britain doesn't have quite the same ring as Brit in LA does it? But that is what Meghan Markle is, and from where I'm standing it doesn't seem half as appealing. I can only think that those of you who came here to seek fame and fortune are now a little hesitant after seeing MM catapulted into the spotlight? It's been more Trials and Tribulations than Glitz and Glamour. I always thought she didn't know exactly what she was letting herself in for, but now, after the past week's shenanigans I don't think any of us

really had a clue either.

Ok the plus side it is more apparent what H&M have in common, (I wonder if Hennes & Mauritz have approached them yet..?).

They both have parents who claimed to detest the press attention, but were actually in cahoots with journalists purely to 'improve their image'. They both have had very checkered love lives. Meghan was previously married with one resulting in divorce. Harry's romantic endeavors are very well documented.... And last but not least, they have equally inappropriate, outspoken, embarrassing relatives.

I hope Ms. Markles knows that even the most recent dramas don't trump the Camillagate Tape. I do feel for her, as we all have skeletons in our closet. Fortunately most



**THEIR CUPS OVERFLOWETH?** Once our royal slumber party is over, it will be back to business as usual with our Brits in LA Breakfast and our fabulous Pub Quiz/Trivia Night

of us get to keep them behind closed doors. No doubt 'Keeping up with the Markles' or 'The Only Way is Windsor' will make its debut on a TV channel soon. If betting was legal in California (which it might be very soon), I would put money on the phrase 'If anyone here present objects/speak now or forever hold your peace' is omitted from the ceremony. We all know the old adage about not being able to choose your relatives, but it might have been a bit easier for

all parties if Meghan had kept her enemies closer!

If you have made it this far I will assume you are not quite sick of hearing about the Royal family. So I have a little competition for you! We have some Brits in LA Royal Wedding commemorative mugs to give away - all you need to do is email us at BritsinLA@gmail.com to enter. The only requirement is that you live in the USA, as we have to pay for the shipping!

Winners will be chosen at random next

Wednesday at noon and will be notified via email.

Don't forget that our Craig is in a play next month, at the Hollywood Fringe. There are only eight performances so don't delay and get your tickets today by visiting hollywoodfringe.org and search for Old Frenemies. Use the discount code BRITSLA. There are other Brits in LA members in the cast too, including Richard Rennie, Nick Hardcastle, Lisa Gorgin and Wendy M. Bain.

Lastly, congratulations

to this weeks Brits in LA Pub Quiz winners 'the Doctors Companions'. If you think you can knock them off their pedestal come along to the Cat & Fiddle Pub next Tuesday at 8pm. Get there a few minutes early if you need to join a team. Introduce yourself to our quizmaster Sandro Monetti and he will take care of you.

If you have any questions or comments you can drop us a line at info@britsin.la  
**Happy Nuptials!**  
**Eileen**



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**HOLD THE PHONE:** a glowing Rachel Weisz pictured in Manhattan this week

## Rachel, with a bun in the oven, snapped in the Big Apple...!

Pregnant film actress Rachel Weisz showed off her growing baby bump while out in New York earlier this week.

The glowing star, 48, looked radiant in a long dress boasting a pink floral pattern. She kept things comfy by teaming the dress with a pair of flat white trainers.

The acclaimed British actress could be seen walking to Manhattan home she shares with husband Daniel Craig.

Bond star Daniel was also spotted arriving at the couple's home on the same day. Last month Rachel announced that the couple are expecting their first child together.

Rachel recently told the New York Times: "I'll be showing soon. Daniel and I are so happy. We're going to have a little human. We can't wait to meet him or her. It's all such a mystery!"

The couple started dating in December 2010

and tied the knot in the Big Apple the following year.

Speaking about their marriage she said: "It's very personal, it's very private."

"I don't think mine's particularly exceptional apart from that we're both in the public eye."

"But I never thought I would get married."

"It was not an ambition of mine. It was the opposite."

Love this couple!

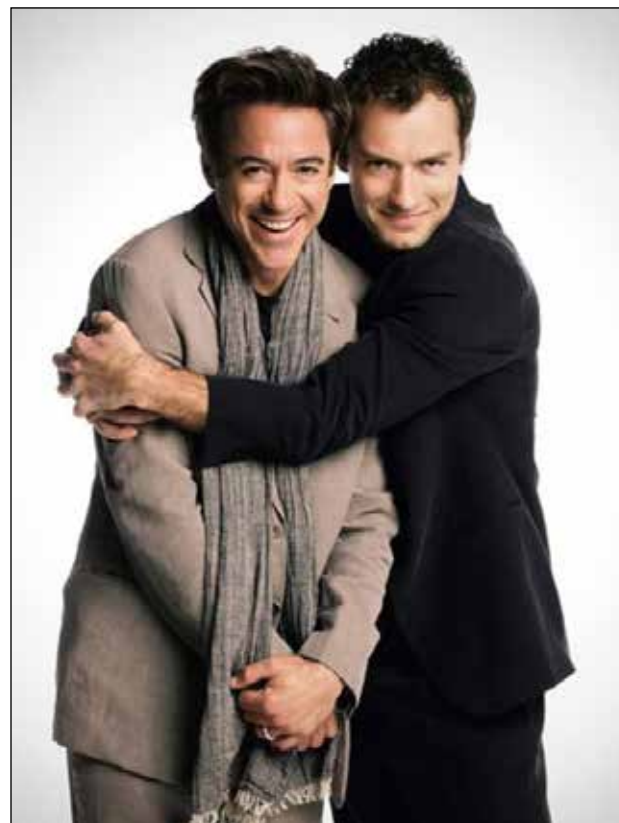
## Holmes Again! Law and Downey to team up again in third Sherlock outing

Nearly seven years after Sherlock Holmes: A Game Of Shadows hit cinemas, Warner Bros Pictures says a third installment of the Sherlock Holmes franchise is coming in 2020.

The movie studio confirmed that Robert Downey Jr will reprise his role as Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's famed detective, alongside Jude Law as his sidekick Dr Watson.

Sherlock Homes was a box-office hit for the studio when the film was released in 2009. A sequel followed in 2011. Combined, the two movies grossed more than a billion dollars.

Can't wait for this one!



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# BRITISH WEEKLY SPORT

## Big Sam: I knew they'd fire me

Former Everton manager Sam Allardyce says he knew he would be sacked before it happened, and maintains more fans backed him than wanted him out.

Allardyce left his

post on Wednesday, six months into his tenure, after finishing eighth in the Premier League.

He had a year left on the contract he signed in November, but says he learned of his fate before

meeting owner Farhad Moshiri.

"It seemed to be done and dusted through the media," he told Talksport.

"I think it was out there in the open for a couple of days. That leaves you with the certainty of what was going to happen."

Allardyce was heavily criticised by Everton fans for the team's style of play under him, but he feels the dissenting voices drowned out



"I think there were certainly more Everton fans who were happy with what we were doing and going in the right direction than the ones that weren't," - Sam Allardyce

those who supported him.

"I think there were certainly more Everton fans who were happy

with what we were doing and going in the right direction than the ones that weren't," he said.

"Those who show

discontent are the ones who are more open and vocal about it. I would say most of them didn't want me out."

Position	Club	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	Manchester City	36	22	4	2	106	27	+79	88
2	Manchester United	36	23	6	7	88	38	+50	83
3	Tottenham Hotspur	36	23	8	7	74	36	+38	77
4	Liverpool	36	21	12	5	84	36	+48	76
5	Chelsea	36	21	7	10	62	36	+26	70
6	Arsenal	36	19	6	13	74	50	+23	63
7	Burnley	36	14	12	12	38	39	-1	54
8	Everton	36	13	18	15	44	56	-14	49
9	Leicester City	36	13	11	15	56	60	-4	47
10	Newcastle United	36	12	8	18	39	47	-8	44
11	Crystal Palace	36	11	11	16	45	55	-10	44
12	Bournemouth	36	11	11	16	40	41	-1	44
13	West Ham United	36	10	12	16	48	68	-20	42
14	Westford	36	11	8	19	44	64	-20	41
15	Brighton and Hove Albion	36	9	13	16	34	54	-20	40
16	Huddersfield Town	36	9	16	19	38	58	-20	37
17	Southampton	36	7	15	16	37	56	-19	36
18	Swansea City	36	8	9	21	28	56	-28	33
19	Stoke City	36	7	12	29	31	48	-17	33
20	West Bromwich Albion	36	6	13	29	31	54	-23	31

### Weekend Football Results

League	Match	Score	Notes		
Premier League	BURNLEY (1)..... 1 BOURNEMOUTH (0) 2	Wood 39	King 74, Wilson 90		
	CRYSTAL PAL (0) .. 2 WEST BROM (0) .. 0	Zaha 70	Att: 25,357		
	HUDDERSFLD (0).... 0 ARSENAL (1)..... 1	Att: 24,122	Aubamayang 38		
	LIVERPOOL (2)..... 4 BRIGHTON (0).... 0	Salah 26, Lovren 40	Att: 50,752		
	MAN UTD (1)..... 1 WATFORD (0).... 0	Rashford 34	Att: 75,049		
	NEWCASTLE (1).... 3 CHELSEA (0)..... 0	Gayle 23	Att: 52,294		
	SOUTHMPTN (0) ... 0 MAN CITY (0).... 1	Att: 31,882	Gabriel Jesus 90		
	SWANSEA (1)..... 1 STOKE (2)..... 2	King 14	Ndiaye 31		
	TOTTENHAM (1).... 5 LEICESTER (2).... 4	Kane 7, 76	Vardy 4, 73		
	WEST HAM (1)..... 3 EVERTON (0)..... 1	Lanzini 39, 82	Niasse 74		
Sky Bet Championship Play-Off Semi-Final First Leg	MIDDLESBRO (0) .. 0 ASTON VILLA (1) .. 1	Att: 29,233	Jedincak 15		
	Sky Bet League One Play-Off Semi-Final First Leg	SCUNTHORPE (1) .. 2 ROTHERHAM (1) .. 2	Itiekwé 18 (og)	Taylor 17, Newell 54	
	Sky Bet League One Play-Off Semi-Final Second Leg	YESTERDAY	SHRWSBURY (0) ... 1 CHARLTON (0).... 0	C Morris 58	Att: 9,016
	Sky Bet League Two Play-Offs Semi-Final First Leg	COVENTRY (0)..... 1 NOTTS CO (0).... 1	McNulty 87 (pen)	Forte 49	Att: 17,404
Ladbrokes Premier League Play-Off Final Second Leg	DUNDEE (0) ..... 0 PARTICK (0) ..... 1	Att: 6,756	Doolan 63		
	MOTHERWELL (1) .. 3 HAMILTON (0) .... 0	Cifici 31, 70, Aided 73	Att: 4,699		
Ladbrokes Championship Play-Off Final Second Leg	DUMBARTON (0) ... 0 ALLOA (0) ..... 2	Att: 1,115	Stewart 90		
	Ladbrokes League One Play-Off Final Second Leg	PETERHEAD (0)..... 1 STENHSMUIR (0) 0	McLean 54	Att: 880	
Ladbrokes League Two Play-Off Final Second Leg	COVDENBTH (1) ... 3 COVE (2) ..... 2	Swan 7, 50, Smith 70	Meggison 9, 22		
	Vanarama National League Premier Play-Off	BOREHAM W (1) ... 1 TRANMERE (1) ... 2	Andrade 45	Cook 6	
CRICKET	First Test Match—Pakistan v Ireland (Dublin): Pakistan 310-9dec. (96.0 overs); Faheem Ashraf 83, Asad Shafiq 62, Shadab Khan 55; T J Murtagh 4-45). Ireland 130 (47.2 overs; Mohammad Abbas 4-44) and 64-0 (26.0 overs).				

### Manager David Moyes has left West Ham after just over six months in charge despite guiding the club to Premier League survival.

Moyes, 55, took over from Slaven Bilic on a short-term contract in November with the club in the relegation zone.

West Ham secured safety with two games to spare and finished 13th. Moyes met senior figures at the club on Monday.

The former Everton and Manchester United boss recorded nine wins and 10 draws from 31 games as West Ham boss.

"When David and his team arrived, it was the wish of both parties that the focus be only on the six months until the end of the season, at which point a decision would be made with regards to the future," said West Ham

## Moyes leaves West Ham after six months

joint-chairman David Sullivan.

"We feel that it is right to move in a different direction. We aim to appoint a high-calibre figure who we feel will

lead the club into an exciting future for our loyal supporters within the next 10 days."

Moyes' assistants Alan Irvine, Stuart Pearce and Billy McKinlay have

also left with immediate effect.

Early reports suggest the club's two preferred candidates are Rafa Benitez and Sean Dyche.

## Mo' honors for Golden Boot winner

Liverpool forward Mohamed Salah will be honoured with his own exhibit in the British Museum's Egyptian collection.

The international Egypt has impressed this season, winning the Premier League golden boot with a record 32

goals. His boots will go on display in the run up to Liverpool's Champions League final match against Real Madrid.

"The boots tell a story of a modern Egyptian icon, performing in the UK, with a truly global impact," said exhibit keeper Neal Spencer.

"This acquisition builds on our recent project to acquire objects to tell the story of day-to-day life in 20th and 21st century Egypt."

Salah also played a key role in Egypt's qualification for the World Cup and is set to feature for them in Russia this summer.

## 1966 hero Wilson dead at 83

Ray Wilson, a member of England's World Cup-winning side, has died, aged 83.

At 31, the left-back was the oldest player in Sir Alf Ramsey's starting XI which overcame West Germany 4-2 in the 1966 final at Wembley.

He spent most of his club career at Huddersfield Town before moving to Everton, where he helped the Toffees win the 1966 FA Cup.

Derbyshire-born Wilson, who also played for Oldham and Bradford City,

had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

The Terriers said in a statement they were "devastated" to learn of Wilson's death and added: "He was a regular supporter at home matchdays alongside his eldest son Russell despite battling Alzheimer's disease."

Everton also paid tribute to their former player, saying Wilson was "unquestionably one of the finest footballers to wear the royal blue jersey".

Former Toffees striker

and manager Joe Royle, who made his Everton debut the year Wilson helped them to FA Cup success, said: "He is a World Cup winner and played in the last England team that had four, maybe five, world-class players. He was certainly one of those."

"He was the best of his kind at the time."

"And he was a top guy, always there with a smile or a helpful word. I played a few reserve games with Ray and it was like listening to a maestro. He knew his stuff."

### Wednesday Results

Sky Bet Championship Play-Offs Semi-Final Second Leg	FULHAM (0) ..... 2 DERBY (0) ..... 0	Sessegnon 47, Odidi 66	Fulham win 2-1 on aggregate.
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### Tuesday Results

Sky Bet Championship Play-Offs Semi-Final Second Leg	ASTON VILLA (0) ... 0 MIDDLESBRO (0) 0	Att: 40,505	Aston Villa win 1-0 on aggregate.
FA Women's Super Lge 1	BRISTOL CITY (0) .. 0 CHELSEA (1)..... 2	Spence 10	Andersson 88

# SOUTHGATE: trusting youth 'no gamble'

England manager goes for young guns; no place for Joe Hart or Jack Wilshere

England's World Cup squad is not a gamble despite it being their third youngest in the tournament's history, says manager Gareth Southgate.

He named a 23-man squad for Russia on Wednesday, including uncapped 19-year-old defender Trent Alexander-Arnold.

"I don't see it as a gamble and I don't think being free of inhibition is gambling," said Southgate.

England start their Group G campaign against Tunisia on 18 June, before games against Panama and Belgium.

Southgate countered former England captain Gary Lineker's suggestion the tournament should be seen as nothing more than a learning curve.

"I don't think when you play or are involved with England you can

ever write off any game or any tournament. That wouldn't be acceptable," he said.

"We think this is the best group of players available, we think they can be very exciting now and even more exciting in the future.

"I don't want to limit what they think is possible because they're young and hungry and they want to have a go at things."

In his first news conference since announcing the squad, Southgate also said that he would discuss the captaincy when the players meet up on Sunday. He also stressed that it was "not the end of the road" for goalkeeper Joe Hart, who was left out of the squad.

Southgate accepted England will lack the experience of tournament favourites Brazil, Germany, Spain and France, but lamented the



**GARETH SOUTHGATE:** "We think this is the best group of players available."

lack of English players in the Premier League to choose from.

"Maybe it is brave to take players without the number of caps, but we have to give these guys belief," he said.

**Goalkeepers:** Jack Butland (Stoke), Jordan Pickford (Everton), Nick Pope (Burnley).

**Defenders:** Trent Alexander-Arnold (Liverpool), Gary Cahill (Chelsea), Fabian Delph (Manchester City), Phil Jones (Manchester United), Harry Maguire (Leicester), Danny Rose (Tottenham), John Stones (Manchester City), Kieran Trippier (Tottenham), Kyle Walker (Manchester City), Ashley Young (Manchester United).

**Midfielders:** Dele Alli, Eric Dier (both Tottenham), Jordan Henderson (Liverpool), Jesse Lingard (Manchester United), Ruben Loftus-Cheek (Chelsea).

**Forwards:** Harry Kane (Tottenham), Marcus Rashford (Manchester United), Raheem Sterling (Manchester City), Jamie Vardy (Leicester), Danny Welbeck (Arsenal).

## New City deal for Guardiola

Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola has signed a new deal which will keep him at the club until 2021.

The 47-year-old Spaniard led City to the Premier League title with a record 100 points last season.

The contract extension means his deal with City is the longest commitment the former Barcelona and Bayern Munich boss has made to a club since starting his managerial career in 2008.

"I am so happy and excited. It's a pleasure to

work here," he said.

"I enjoy working with our players every day and we will try to do our best together in the coming years. As a manager, you have to feel good to be with the players - and I feel good."

Guardiola's side won the League Cup in 2018, beating Arsenal 3-0 in the final, before claiming the league title by 19 points from rivals Manchester United.

City scored 106 goals and claimed 32 wins, both

Premier League records, as they dropped only 14 points in the league all season.

They were beaten by Wigan Athletic in the fifth round of the FA Cup and were knocked out by Liverpool in the quarter-finals of the Champions League.

"I will focus on the desire of my players to become a better team and every day that's what I will try to do - to improve on the pitch and improve our players," added Guardiola.



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