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# HILLSBOROUGH: ALL CHARGES DROPPED AGAINST TOP COP

- Bettison hits out at political 'interference' in judicial process
- Victims' families support group calls for independent review

**A former chief inspector accused of trying to blame Liverpool fans for the 1989 Hillsborough disaster has had all charges against him dropped.**

Sir Norman Bettison, then of South Yorkshire Police, had faced four counts of misconduct in a public office.

He was accused of telling lies about the "culpability of fans" and his role in the wake of the tragedy.

Prosecutors said insufficient evidence meant there was no real prospect of securing a conviction.

The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) said because of changes in the evidence of two witnesses, and the death of a third, it would discontinue the case.

The decision was taken following a review of the evidence and was confirmed at a hearing at Preston Crown Court.

Sir Norman was accused of untruthfully describing his role in the South Yorkshire Police response as "peripheral" in a 1998 comment to then chief inspector of constabulary Sir David O'Dowd when applying for the job of chief

constable in Merseyside.

He was also accused of lying to Merseyside Police Authority when he said he had never attempted to shift blame for the disaster "on to the shoulders of Liverpool supporters".

The 62-year-old, from Barnsley, South Yorkshire, was alleged to have lied in a statement issued on 13 September 2012 following the publication of the Hillsborough Independent Panel report, when he said he had never offered any interpretation other than that the behaviour of Liverpool fans did not cause the disaster.

He was also accused of misconduct over a statement released the following day in which he said he had never "besmirched" Liverpool fans.

Prosecutor Sarah Whitehouse QC told the court that since the defendant was charged in June of last year, the "state of the evidence has



**SIR NORMAN BETTISON:** his lawyer claimed that "political pressure" had been put on the investigation

changed".

She said one of the two witnesses the Crown relied on for three of the charges, relating to statements he allegedly made blaming Liverpool fans for the disaster, had since died and "significant contradictions" had come to light in the accounts given by the other witness.

Ms Whitehouse said the CPS had a duty to review the evidence and reached the decision there was no

longer a realistic prospect of conviction.

She said the remaining charge related to Sir Norman's alleged use of the word, "peripheral" in describing his role in the South Yorkshire Police response when he applied for the job of Chief Constable of Merseyside Police in 1998, which had now been "partly retracted" by one witness.

The prosecutor said all four of the counts were

part of a "narrative" of a "pattern of behaviour" but because the other three counts had been dropped, the "thread has been lost".

The court heard the prosecution relied on two witnesses, Mark Ellaby and a woman identified only as Mrs J.

It was alleged by Mr Ellaby that, over a pint in a pub while on an MBA course together in 1989, Sir Norman said he had been appointed to a team, the

role of which was to blame the fans.

Paul Greaney QC, defending Sir Norman said it took "repeated requests" from the defence for the other students to be traced by the Independent Police Complaints Commission.

When "eventually" they were, fifteen other students and a lecturer were contacted and "not a single one" recalled Sir **cont. on page 2, col. 4**

## News from Britain

# Ulster veterans rail against 'witch hunt'

■ Former soldiers up in arms over prosecutions for deaths dating back to 1972

**NORTHERN Ireland veterans this week told Government officials to end the "witch-hunt" against their comrades in a heated meeting over plans to investigate historic killings from the Troubles.**

They warned that current plans for a Historical Investigations Unit tabled by the Northern Ireland Office would give "the keys to the kingdom to Sinn Fein".

The meeting in the West Midlands – part of a UK-wide public consultation on the plans – saw veterans come from as far afield as Belfast and Belgium to tell officials to have a rethink. Four British soldiers already face charges relating to deaths dating back as far as 1972 despite having been cleared at the time.

Yet under Tony Blair's 1998 Good Friday Agreement 300 IRA terrorists were freed from prison early and 150 suspects were given "Letters of Comfort" or "On the Run Letters" guaranteeing they would not be prosecuted. One, John Downey, a suspect in the Hyde Park bombing which killed four Blues and Royals soldiers in

1982, walked free from court when his Letter of Comfort was revealed. But proposals by the Northern Ireland Office do not have a statute of limitations – or time limit – for soldiers, despite a previous pledge to include one.

Alan Barry, co-founder of Justice for Northern Ireland Veterans which organised the meeting in Sutton Coldfield town hall, said: "We are being treated abominably. We believe we are on the receiving end of a republican-led witch-hunt."

## 'being hounded'

Dennis Hutchings, 77, from Cornwall, who denies two charges relating to the 1974 shooting of a civilian, said: "Are you prepared to cancel the On the Run Letters?" He showed a letter he was given by the MoD in 1974 stating that no military personnel were to be prosecuted over the incident. Yet the elderly veteran, who is seriously ill, now faces charges of attempted murder and attempted grievous bodily harm with intent over the incident. He said: "The IRA have On the Run

Letters and I have a letter saying I would not be prosecuted, but my letter is not worth the paper it is written on."

Former Grenadier Guardsman Ian Hammond, 55, from Staffordshire, who served in Northern Ireland in the 1980s, said: "It is not a complex issue. "Why has Dennis Hutchings got a letter saying he won't be prosecuted yet he has now been arrested?"

"Every man and woman in this country knows it is wrong."

Another veteran, who did not wish to be named, demanded of officials: "Why are we being hounded? Why is this being allowed to go on? We were sent by successive Governments to do a job.

## 'keys to the kingdom'

"Now we have to pay a price because Sinn Fein wants it. Why is my family worried sick in case I get a knock on the door when I did a job my Government sent me to do?"

The veterans group meeting was held with a backdrop of posters naming individual soldiers "murdered by IRA terrorists" and introduced with a



**ALAN BARRY:** the co-founder of Justice for Northern Ireland Veterans group told the meeting; "We are being treated abominably."

clip from the group's documentary "The Great Betrayal".

Former Blues and Royals soldier Paul Young, 67, flew in from his home in Belfast to tell the Northern Ireland Office their proposals are an "appalling" attempt to rewrite history in favour

of the terrorists.

Paul also served for 23 years with the Royal Ulster Constabulary and the Police Service of Northern Ireland. He said the proposal to set up a Historical Investigations Unit stated that it "may do anything it thinks necessary" in the exercise

of its duties.

He said: "That's an absolute power to do anything it wants. Adolph Hitler and Joseph Stalin would have been delighted by that.

"This is the keys to the kingdom for Sinn Fein. They want access to all the files of the PSNI."

## Hillsboro:

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Norman expressing any "inappropriate view" about Hillsborough.

Speaking outside the court, Sir Norman said: "The loss of loved ones who will never come home from Hillsborough is an enduring tragedy. "Such a devastating loss is deserving of all of our sympathies and has always included mine. Nothing, over the last six years, has diminished my sympathy.

"My involvement in the events around Hillsborough has often been misrepresented, even in Parliament.

"Since then, I have been forced to deny, strenuously, that I was guilty of any wrongdoing in the aftermath of the disaster. Today's outcome vindicates that position.

"Six years ago, I was driven from the job that had been my vocation for 40 years, and some commentators, who didn't really know anything about me or the

facts, rushed to judgement and predetermined my guilt.

"Something I learned, though, early in my police service, is that no injustice was ever satisfactorily resolved through being unjust."

The lawyer acting for Sir Norman claimed there had been "naked political interference" in the investigation into his role following the Hillsborough disaster.

Paul Greaney QC told the court there was a "false understanding" that Sir Norman took part in a cover-up, which had been fostered by political figures, including Maria Eagle MP, who claimed in parliament that Sir Norman had tried to deflect blame for the tragedy on to Liverpool fans.

He said in court that "political pressure" had been put on the investigation, carried out by the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC).

The Hillsborough Family Support Group said: "We have grave

concerns about the handling of this case by the CPS and can confirm that we will be exercising our right to an independent review under the Right to Review scheme.

"It is our view that the wrong charge was brought in the first place and we will be using the review process to argue this point strongly.

"We know how our supporters will feel about this decision and, of course, we all share all of those feelings."

Speaking outside court, Steve Kelly, whose brother Michael died in the disaster, said: "I'm absolutely devastated. I feel as if I've been beaten up this morning.

"I feel as though we are treading water a little bit."

In a joint statement, the metro mayors for Liverpool City Region and Greater Manchester, Steve Rotherham and Andy Burnham, along with Merseyside MPs Maria Eagle, Alison McGovern and Derek Twigg said they were "disappointed" at the decision not to prosecute Sir Norman.



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# TV chef Jamie feels the heat over 'jerk' rice

## ■ Oliver blasted for 'cultural appropriation' as he launches microwaveable rice dish

TV chef Jamie Oliver was left steaming this week after claims his new "jerk rice" is offensive because it exploits Caribbean culture.

The celebrity cook, 43, tweeted that "the world has gone mad" after MP Dawn Butler accused him of using the traditional Jamaican dish to sell his microwave rice. Responding to a segment on LBC radio, he tweeted host Steve Allen: "Morning @steveallenshow. I'm still here mate, been listening everyday throughout my family holiday in Cornwall, come back to work and the world's gone mad."

"So I've been quiet as you can't give oxygen to daftness."

Oliver – who has

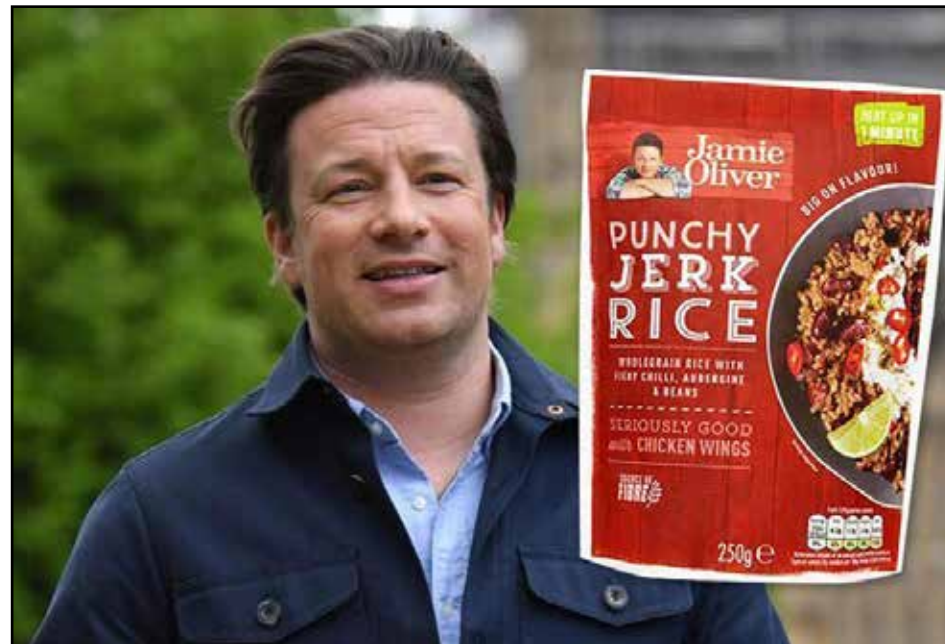
been enjoying a surfing break with his wife Jools, 43, and their five children – previously said: "When I named the rice my intention was only to show where my inspiration came from. "I've worked with flavours and spices from all over the world my whole career, learning and drawing inspiration from different countries and cultures to give a fresh twist to the food we eat every day."

Fresh from his family holiday, Oliver returned to work on Tuesday with a book-signing in Manchester Deansgate's Waterstones shop. The row was ignited on Sunday when Labour politician Ms Butler tweeted him saying: "Your jerk rice is not OK."

Ms Butler, the daughter

of Jamaican immigrants, questioned whether the chef knew what jerk was. She wrote: "I'm just wondering, do you know what Jamaican jerk actually is? It's not just a word you put before stuff to sell products. Your jerk rice is not OK. This appropriation from Jamaica needs to stop."

The Essex-born star's jerk rice dish contains garlic, ginger and jalapenos, whereas traditional jerk seasoning – which was developed by African slaves on the Caribbean island – relies principally on two ingredients: allspice and Scotch bonnet peppers. However, some people have pointed out that Indian food brand Tilda has a similar microwave rice product on the market called Black Bean,



OLIVER: the star tweeted a radio call in show this week "the world's gone daft"

Jerk and Coconut which was launched before Oliver's without any controversy.

Keith Valentine Graham, better known as Levi Roots, a British-Jamaican reggae musician, television personality and celebrity chef addressed the

controversy on the Good Morning Britain TV show with

fellow Caribbean cook Rusti Lee to discuss Oliver's decision to launch the controversial product. Roots, 60, who appeared on BBC's Dragons' Den with his now best-selling Reggae

Reggae jerk barbecue sauce, called Jamie's product a "mistake".

Rusti, 65, called the supermarket product an "insult". She said: "Jerk means barbecue. "So, you can't barbecue rice. If you tried it on a barbecue it would fall through. It's ridiculous."

## Salmond denies sex allegations



Former first minister Alex Salmond (pictured) has denied sexual misconduct allegations made against him.

According to the Daily Record, the claims date back to 2013 when he was in office.

In a statement on Thursday he said he was taking the Scottish government to court to challenge a complaints procedure which has been activated against him.

Mr Salmond (pictured, above) said some of the claims were "patently ridiculous". The Scottish

government has not commented.

The Daily Record claims Mr Salmond has been reported to police over allegations

he sexually assaulted two staff members at the first minister's official residence in Edinburgh.

In his statement, Mr Salmond denied the

allegations and said that "on the advice of Senior Counsel" he had been complaining to the Permanent Secretary to the Scottish government that the complaints procedure was "unjust" and "unlawful".

He went on: "Even now I have not been allowed to see and therefore to properly challenge the case against me," he said. "I have not been allowed to see the evidence."

## 1956 'best year to be born'

THE year 1956 has been voted the best in which to be born – with children of the 1950s more content than any subsequent generations, suggests new research.

Four in 10 Britons polled (42 per cent) said 1956 was a great year of birth because it meant missing the war, missing rationing and benefiting from

the NHS. Key bonuses included getting to watch man land on the moon (45 per cent) and seeing England win the World Cup (31 per cent). Job security (48 per cent), strong pension schemes (43 per cent) and the property boom were other reasons why 88 per cent of those born in the 1950s said they were luckier than others.

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## News From Britain

## As Brexit looms, EU nationals rush to secure British citizenship

- Applications from within EU rise almost 50% since last year
- Home office blame the upsurge on "perceived uncertainty" following the 2016 referendum result

**Migrants from the EU are rushing to get British citizenship in the wake of the Brexit referendum with an almost 50 per cent annual increase in applications.**

Applications and the granting by government of citizenship have both risen as EU nationals move secure their position in the country ahead of the UK departure from the bloc.

The surge in applications comes as net migration of EU citizens fell to its lowest level in six years as fewer people arrive looking for work or with a definite job offer.

More migrants from Poland and seven other east European states are now leaving the UK than arriving for the first time since the nations joined the EU in 2004.

Overall the number of EU nationals being granted British citizenship more than doubled between 2016 and 2017, increasing from 16,967 to 31,464.

The fall in migration from the EU and the rise in applications for citizenship suggests migrants from the bloc are uncertain about the outcome of Brexit.

Latest Home Office figures show applications for British citizenship by EU nationals living in the country rose by 47 per cent to 42,000 in the year to the end of June.

Applications have increased sharply since the EU referendum which the Home Office said is likely to be linked to "perceived uncertainty" following the referendum result.

EU nationals now

account for almost 30 per cent of all citizenship applications compared with just 11 per cent in June 2016, it added.

Grants of citizenship to Poles rose by 144 per cent to 9,980 in the year to June, Italians by 200 per cent to 5,032, Romanians by 165 per cent to 4,815, French by 149 per cent to 3,897 and Germans by 148 per cent to 3613.

The Home Office figures were among a raft of government and official statistics on immigration released this week highlighting the impact of Brexit.

Net migration remains almost three times the government's target despite the number of people arriving from the EU being at their lowest in six years, according to the latest Office for National



**BUT THEN AGAIN:** despite the rise in applications for citizenship, the number of migrants from Poland and seven other countries has fallen significantly

Statistics (ONS) figures released today.

The ONS said that overall net immigration was 270,000 last year, which it said was broadly stable.

Overall net migration from the original EU states such as Germany, France and Italy fell to 45,000 and from Romania

and Bulgaria numbers dropped to 38,000. The figures show that more people from the EU 8 - Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, Slovenia, Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia — left the UK than arrived in the year.

Net migration from outside the EU, the area

of immigration that the government can control, rose to 235,000, a level last seen in 2011.

The fall in EU migrants will fuel fears that Brexit will lead to skill shortages in particular sectors of the economy such as construction, hospitality, horticulture and social care.

## Cruise ship Briton may have jumped overboard after row with boyfriend

**A BRITISH woman who survived for 10 hours in the sea after plunging from a cruise ship off Croatia may have jumped overboard after a drunken row, it was claimed on Thursday.**

Crew are examining CCTV footage of the incident which led to air hostess Kay Longstaff (pictured) floating overnight in the Adriatic Sea. Both crew and passengers claimed safety rails around the Norwegian Star were too high to support her claim that she "fell off the back" of the vessel. One witness claimed she was drinking and arguing with her boyfriend Craig Rayment, a former oil rig worker, who has declined to comment. Her former boyfriend Luke Hopkins, 46, alleged that Miss Longstaff was "troubled"



and said he was "very worried" about her.

Miss Longstaff — originally from the West Midlands, but who now lives in Spain — was understood to have been released from hospital in the Croatian city of Pula on Tuesday. A hospital spokeswoman confirmed the 46-year-old was "physically fine".

Miss Longstaff told rescuers she survived by

singing and because she was fit — she practises yoga — while she was in the warm calm water. Her father Ron Longstaff, 76, of Solihull, said: "It is amazing that she survived. I don't know a lot about what happened at the moment, but I can say she is a wonderful daughter."

Daniel Punch, a promotions expert on the

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# Briton: Landlord in a froth as beer loses pride in being British

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92,000-ton ship, claimed on Facebook: "She didn't fall, she jumped. It was on my ship. I spoke to her throughout the whole week. She was arguing with her fella the whole time."

A fellow passenger, a Derbyshire businessman who did not want to be named, said the former Virgin air stewardess had been travelling with family and friends. He said: "She had left her handbag, which contained her passport, on the deck before falling, and the incident was captured on CCTV. Apparently she'd been drinking."

Another holidaymaker said: "When getting off the boat, seven hours late, a number of passengers were saying there had been a midnight dispute amongst the Longstaff party."

Other passengers said the railings around the ship were "rather difficult to get over".

David Radas of the Croatian ministry of maritime affairs, said the vessel's staff would be looking at surveillance footage to find out how she went overboard.

He added: "The crew had doubts she would survive. She was very relieved to be saved. When they reached the coast, she had pretty much recovered. That was also confirmed by the hospital staff."

The drama unfolded as the Norwegian Star was heading back to Venice after a seven-night east Mediterranean voyage, taking in Kotor, Montenegro and the Greek islands. Miss Longstaff is thought to have gone into the sea at midnight local time and was rescued at 9.45am.

Miss Longstaff worked for Virgin Atlantic before joining a number of private airlines. She now lives in Spain's millionaire's playground Marbella.

# Landlord in a froth as beer loses pride in being British

## ■ Trouble on tap as Bombardier is rebranded

**A PUB landlord has blasted one of Britain's biggest breweries after it changed the branding on one of its beers to remove all mentions of Englishness from its label.**

Kevin Costello, who runs the Haywain pub in Bramling, Kent, said changes made to Bombardier beer were "horrendous".

Brewers Marston's changed the branding to remove the St George's flag and mentions of England after it bought the beer's original brewer Charles Wells in July last year.

However Mr Costello still uses the old branding for Bombardier, of which he sells five barrels every week – twice as much as

any other draught beer.

The 54-year-old said: "Bombardier always used to have big campaigns around St George's Day and things like that – it was all about being English.

"But now it looks like an imperial German beer. The beer is the same, it hasn't been changed.

"I can't understand why somebody would change a brand that worked.

"If Bombardier was a Welsh or Scottish beer, I bet it wouldn't have changed. It's like Englishness doesn't matter any more."

Although Mr Costello has been sent glasses, beer mats and pump clips with the new branding, he refuses to use them.

He said: "I'm refusing to use it because I'd lose business.

"I'm using the original signage that calls it an English beer.

"I've shown the branding to all my customers and they hate it. If I went into another pub and I saw this branding on the pump, I would not buy Bombardier. I'd get something else."

A Marston's spokesman said Mr Costello's decision not to use the new marketing material was "fine with us".

He added: "The most important thing is the beer, which has not changed, and of course that the customers continue to



Kevin Costello of the Haywain pub in Kent: "It's like Englishness doesn't matter any more."

enjoy the same great beer entirely English they always have."

They said the beer, which is made with ingredients, needed a redesign to keep it 'fresh' and up to date.

# Danny Boyle quits upcoming Bond film

## ■ Oscar-winner cites creative differences

**OSCAR-WINNING director Danny Boyle has quit as director of the next James Bond film "due to creative differences".**

The news was announced in a joint tweet on the official James Bond account from Bond star Daniel Craig and producers Barbara Broccoli and Michael G. Wilson. The *Trainspotting* director, who won an Oscar for *Slumdog Millionaire* in 2008 and directed the 2012 London Olympics opening ceremony which featured a Bond cameo, was to have taken the helm for the 25th outing of the franchise.

When it was announced in May that Boyle had been hired, Wilson and Broccoli, of EON Productions, said they were "delighted" to have the "exceptionally talented" director on board. With production due to begin in December,

the split will leave the film in difficulty if it is to meet its UK release date of October 25, 2019.

Bond expert David Black, chairman of the James Bond International Fan Club, said that Boyle's individuality may have been a problem. He said: "They like a fresh approach at Eon Productions, but the Bond franchise is too big and [comes] with too many expectations for a truly individual approach. Danny Boyle might be a great director but you have to toe the line and play by the rule book with Bond.

"It's hard work pleasing everyone. It's one of those franchises with so much expectation from the makers and fans."

Mr Black thought Boyle's resignation will leave the film makers with as big a headache as they are facing in finding



'NO MORE BONDAGE': Danny Boyle (right) had jumped ship, and star Daniel Craig has insisted this will be his last outing as the iconic British agent

a replacement for Daniel Craig who has said this, his fifth outing as Bond, will be his last. Many actors have been tipped for the role including Idris Elba, Tom Hardy and Aidan Turner but this week Luther star Elba, 45, who was hotly tipped to be the first black 007 when Daniel Craig, 50, dampened down expectations with a Twitter message urging: "Don't believe the hype."

The actor, who also DJs, had previously teased

fans at a set by playing the iconic Bond theme. But at the London premiere of his directorial debut, *Yardie*, on Tuesday, Elba finally ended the speculation when asked if he preferred shaken or stirred – a nod to Bond's favourite Martini drink. He replied: "Stir-fried actually."

And when asked: "Am I looking at the next 007?", Elba responded with a firm: "No".

Coral bookmakers still have him in the running

for the role but have eased the odds to 6/5. The next favourite is Tom Hardy at 4/1, with Grantchester and *McMafia* star James Norton at 8/1. Coral has *Dunkirk* director Nolan 4/5 favourite to direct the 25th Bond film after Boyle's resignation was confirmed on Tuesday. Sam Mendes, who directed *Skyfall* and *Spectre*, was 3/1 to return. Nolan said in February: "I'd love to make a Bond film at some point."









# Stargazing with Annie Shaw



**ARIES:** This coming Autumn will be filled with new challenges. You thrive on this energy and you can make a lot of headway if you put your energy into it. While you like to be in charge keep it low key with a loved one next week.

**TAURUS:** Write a list of priorities and start with the biggest as your ruler is in a positive sign right now. If you feel like reaching out and asking someone for a helping hand in any area this is the time to go for it. It's the time of year for you to set up for the season.

**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 for yourself or others. With the new season comes new opportunities to open and feel good in your own skin.

**CANCER:** A positive beginning of the 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 middle of September will not go as planned so take a raincheck and make it later in the month. With this in mind expect and plan for a better outcome. 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 should let go of worry about the outcome; all will be well by September 15th. Be confident that this gentle yet powerful full moon this week in Pisces will assist you. Happy Birthday.

**LIBRA:** The main lesson of this week is that it's not time to begin anything you will not have time to complete. Your conscience will not allow you to take chances and rightfully so, the full moon in a water sign this weekend will bring emotions to the surface.

**SCORPIO:** Now is a great time to start a new or change a health and fitness plan, the new moon this weekend in Pisces, will feel very healing overall. You may have been in a slump or weary state of being through recent weeks. Know that it is time to get back on track in all ways.

## The British Weekly Sudoku by Myles Mellor #351

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### Solution to Sudoku #350

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## The British Weekly Crossword by Myles Mellor. #351

### Across

- 1 Incessantly (7)
- 5 Name of many English kings (5)
- 8 Not make it (7)
- 9 Business \_\_\_ (5)
- 10 Crop (5)
- 11 Golda Meir was one (7)
- 13 Earlier (6)
- 15 A spice (6)
- 18 Eye make-up (7)
- 20 Lewis Hamilton, e.g. (5)
- 23 Dummkopf (5)
- 24 In a brilliant manner (7)
- 25 A deadly sin (5)
- 26 Make bigger (7)

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- 2 Cubbyhole (5)
- 3 Lighting's discharge (7)
- 4 Open (6)
- 5 Comedy (5)
- 6 Consent (3)
- 7 Shouting (7)
- 12 Street shader (3)
- 13 Jolting (7)
- 14 Joyous (7)
- 16 Come apart (7)
- 17 Feeding stage of insects (6)
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**SAGITTARIUS:** Your boss Jupiter is moving merrily forward ready to move into your house of family and friends. He is looking for any opportunity to assist you in this area of your life. This can be you reaching out or others needing your help currently.

**CAPRICORN:** Your boss Saturn has brought a lot more responsibilities to you recently. This could seem difficult or even downright unfair at times. Remember this; however much you can handle is all you can handle. It's up to you to know when enough is enough.

**AQUARIUS:** While your boss Uranus is in Aries he has caused some problems for you and others he affects. There will be time to relax somewhat as he has moved in to the gentler sign of Taurus. Best thing for you is to look at what he is bringing up for healing and relax.

**PISCES:** You may be feeling restless these past couple of weeks, however now the sun is in your opposite sign of Virgo life should pick up some speed. The lovely full moon this weekend in your own sign will be beneficial for a while ahead.

## This Week's Pub Quiz Winners..



**Don't hate them because they're smart...**When Brits in LA Pub Quiz champions God Save The Team were greeted by as many jeers as cheers after winning for a record seventh week in a row, they had a defiant message for their beaten rivals.

"Don't boo us, just be better," said team spokeswoman Janae Williams after the August 21 triumph at The Cat and Fiddle which clinched them \$75 and extended their incredible winning run.

Running them a close second this time were Who's Next, winning passes and posters for new movie The Bookshop as well as a \$40 gift certificate for the pub on Highland Avenue.

Join the fun and games next Tuesday at the Cat and see if you can take out the champs, pictured here with quizmaster Sandro Monetti, or cheer them on to victory number eight. (Picture by Frank Sanford).

## BRITS IN LA

# Majesty, movies and more

By guest columnist SANDRO MONETTI

## All hail The Crown!

In this new golden age of television, few shows are more special or sumptuous than Netflix's right royal British treat.

The Crown beautifully dramatises history, humanises the Windsors and its 13 Emmy nominations are richly deserved.

I've been covering the royal family for CNN Headline News this

year and can tell you the show even has fans in the palace, especially Harry and Meghan who have binge watched the first two series.

The third series is currently filming and for that one, due to the jump forward in time and ageing of the characters, Olivia Coleman and Tobias Menzies have taken over the roles of the Queen and Prince

Philip so brilliantly played up to this point by Claire Foy and Matt Smith.

The Crown – or, as the Queen pronounces it in her clipped accent, "The Crine" – was celebrated at last week's wonderful BAFTA LA Garden Party at the British Consul General's Hancock Park residence where I was among the guests who lined up to get their picture taken, with crown and sceptre, at Netflix's special photo booth. Hopefully you think I cut a very regal figure in the picture that accompanies this column.

Aside from the monarchy, another uniquely British institution is the James Bond franchise and I've been busy putting together an event all fellow 007 fans will love. On September 15 at Arena Cinelounge in Hollywood, I'll host "Who's The Best James Bond?" a debate to decide which actor has been the best 007. If you want to add your voice to the argument and vote for the winner, do come along by booking at <http://www.arenascreen.com/>

event/whos-best-bond-sandro-monetti while tickets remain.

The panel of insiders debating me that night and sharing their stories will include three Brits in LA members, actor Harry van Gorkum who once auditioned to play James Bond, composer John Altman who scored that incredible tank chase sequence in Goldeneye and actor Daz Crawford who appeared in The World Is Not Enough.

Talking of exciting films, social platform MovieRanker is presenting a series of great ones on the rooftop of Hollywood's Montalban Theatre and I'll be introducing them each Friday night starting with Fight Club on August 31. If you'd like to attend that one book here at eventbrite.com and put 'Fight Club' in the search box

Oops, by even mentioning that I realise I've just broken the first rule of Fight Club (fans of the movie will understand that reference).

You can also find me hosting Brits in LA trivia each Tuesday night at The Cat and Fiddle. It's such a great laugh



so please join the fun sometime (details at [www.britsin.la](http://www.britsin.la)). There's cash and prizes to be won but the greatest thing that comes out of it are the firm friendships forged among the intense heat of competition. Talking of dear friends,

thanks to Craig and Eileen for letting me sit in for them this week by guest writing the column.

**Have a great week and God Save the Queen!**  
- SANDRO

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# Simon Cowell gets star on Hollywood Walk of Fame

■ Music mogul thanks the agents, the talent...and his dear old mum and dad



**SIMON Cowell** has received his star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on Wednesday in a star-studded ceremony.

The 58-year-old, entertainment mogul, who admitted he thought someone was winding him up about the award, was joined by his partner Lauren Silverman and their son four-year-old Eric as well as Lauren's son Adam, who she welcomed with former spouse Andrew Silverman, as the milestone event got underway in downtown Hollywood.

The music mogul, who is responsible for kick-

starting the careers of One Direction, Little Mix and Fifth Harmony, was also supported some of his proteges Kelly Clarkson and Leona Lewis at the star-studded event.

Introduced by Grammy-winner Kelly Clarkson, who won American Idol in 2002, Simon looked smart for the occasion as he proudly accepted his star in his signature crisp white shirt and black suit pants.

His emotional speech saw him pay a rare tribute to partner Lauren Silverman, who he called his 'rock', as well as honouring his late parents and the couple's four-year-

old son, Eric.

Starting his speech with a quip, Simon said: 'I would just like to ask you: why did this take so long? I'm kidding. If anyone says fame is a bad thing, I don't know what you're talking about. It's the best thing in the world.'

'I remember the first time I came to Hollywood, and that was a long time ago, thinking it was the most magical place. And now I'm looking down at this. It is so surreal I cannot tell you. And I was thinking of writing down who do I thank. Well, I have to thank the people who gave me a start.'

Praising the television network for kickstarting his television career stateside, he continued: 'To Fox, for putting our show on initially. To NBC for saving our ass on 'Got Talent' because we could not sell this show. And if it wasn't for NBC, there would be no 'Got Talent.'

"And then I have to thank all of the agents and the producers and of

course the artists. I mean, without artists, we have no show and we have no label. And what I'm most proud about I think over anything else is that we've become friends as well as business partners."

Simon praised his 'rock' Lauren in a rare tribute and admitted he'd always dreamed of having a star on the iconic pavement before getting emotional

talking about his late parents.

'And oh gosh. I suppose one thing I was also thinking about today was who would have got a bigger kick out of this? My mom and dad. And they're not here, but I have a feeling they're looking down and now I can look over to my son Eric and say: 'Maybe one day you'll get one of these as well.'



## Cheryl's sizzling new look as she gives break-up blues the boot

**THE SINGER** now known simply as Cheryl showed no signs of heartache over her recent break-up with Liam Payne as she treated her Instagram fans to a sizzling snap this week.

The 35-year-old former X Factor judge and former former Cheryl Ann Tweedy, who has been a tabloid staple since shooting to fame as part

of Girls Aloud in 2002, did not seem too worried about recent tabloid stories linking her former beau with singer Rita Ora. Cheryl posted the snap of herself looking sexy in a pair of inside-out shorts. She teamed the frayed denim cut-offs - which sell for an eye-popping £734 - with thigh-high leather boots and a cropped black

jumper.

Cheryl's skimpy attire also revealed a flash of her rose thigh tattoo. While some fans were quick to brand the singer "too thin", others rushed to her defence. One posted: "Lots of people lose weight when they're stressed or going through a rough patch in their lives. Another wrote: "Stop shaming her body."

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# Klopp laughs off title talk

**“You can discuss whatever you want - just do it without us,” Reds manager tells press after Palace win**

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp said he was “not interested in sending a statement” to his side’s title rivals after victory over Crystal Palace gave them a second successive Premier League win.

The Reds - who finished 25 points behind champions Manchester City in fourth last season - were worthy winners at Selhurst Park Monday night and join five other teams, including City, on six points after two games.

James Milner gave them the lead with a penalty after Mohamed Salah was brought down by Mamadou Sakho in the closing seconds of the first half.

Palace had young defender Aaron Wan-

Bissaka sent off with 15 minutes left after he brought down Salah when the Egyptian was through on goal.

And Sadio Mane wrapped up the points in injury time when he ran from his own half before rounding Wayne Hennessey to score.

The Eagles had chances, and Andros Townsend curled an effort on to the bar after a mistake by the otherwise impressive Naby Keita.

“It’s very early,” said Klopp, when asked whether the result confirmed Liverpool’s pre-season status as Manchester City’s closest title rivals. “I couldn’t care less really. We are not in a race with other

Premier League teams each weekend.

“It is too strong to say anything after two match days. You can discuss whatever you want - just do it without us.”

Palace manager Roy Hodgson was furious with the penalty decision - but accepted Wan-Bissaka’s red card.

For the penalty, former Liverpool defender Sakho put his arms on Salah and then twice appeared to attempt to trip the forward, who went down.

“We probably did enough to get a result,” Hodgson told BBC Sport. “I don’t think it was a penalty. I’m angered that a good result was taken from us.”



“It is too strong to say anything after two match days.” - Jurgen Klopp

## Ince brands United ‘a laughingstock’

MANCHESTER United legend Paul Ince has branded the club a ‘laughingstock’ following their shock 3-2 loss to Brighton at the weekend.

Jose Mourinho’s men were comprehensively outplayed in the first 45 minutes, going 3-1 down before Paul Pogba gave the scoreline a veneer of respectability with a 90th minute penalty.

The loss has added to simmering tension within the club’s dressing room and left the Red Devils on the brink of crisis, and the ex-midfielder pulled no punches in his criticism.

Ince turned his eye on what he called a “shambles from top to bottom” at Old Trafford, and suggested that United were the butt of their rivals’ jokes this season.

“Other clubs and fans are having a field day at the minute, seeing what is happening at Manchester United.

They’re becoming a laughing stock, and falling behind,” the former midfielder wrote for leading bookies Paddy Power.

“They finished second last season, and will probably make the top four this year, but is that what they should be striving for? No.

“Realistically, their goal should be to win the Premier League. But they just cannot compete with Manchester City or Liverpool at the minute.

“If they lose against Tottenham on Monday, for example, they could find themselves six points behind City with three games gone already.”

Mourinho has spoken publicly of his frustration at not landing his transfer targets this summer, but according to Ince he is also to blame for United’s current malaise.

“At Manchester United, everything from top to bottom is in chaos,

and it shows. Everyone - from Jose Mourinho not getting his transfer targets to the frustrated players and fans - look unhappy. So how do you expect to win anything?” he added.

“That’s the whole lot, from the top down, Ed Woodward, Jose Mourinho, Paul Pogba, everything is a total mess. You would never have seen this going on with Sir Alex Ferguson as manager, especially not playing out in public.

“I could see why it would be playing on the minds of supporters that this season might end up like the Chelsea 2015-16 one.

“I can see now that fans are turning against Jose Mourinho, and I can understand why. When you see Man City, Liverpool, Chelsea and Tottenham - they’re all playing the kind of football you expect from a Manchester United side.”



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