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# Cold snap leaves Britain shivering

**FRIGID BRITAIN** has suffered a frigid start to February, with freezing temperatures and blizzards covering much of the country.

Temperatures plummeted to -12C (9F) in the Scottish Highlands and -11C in the aptly named Chillingham Barns, in Northumberland, on Saturday night.

And although conditions had eased by midweek, bringing a welcome rise in the mercury as wind and rain swept across the country the dreaded freeze could return soon, with bookmaker Coral slashing the odds on this February being the coldest on record.

Bone-chilling, double-digit lows were recorded overnight on Saturday, with -10.4C in Redesdale, Northumberland, and -10.8C in Leeming, North Yorkshire. Braemar in the Highlands was the coldest spot in Britain at -12.6C.

The freezing weather turned the Kinder Downfall, in Derbyshire, into a challenge for ice climbers as the 100ft waterfall froze into solid sheets of ice.

Met Office meteorologist Simon Partridge said a respite from the bitter weather that disrupted travel in many parts of the country is now on the way.

He said: "Things are picking up now as we start to see milder air push in from the South," before warning: temperatures will dip again from around February 14 onwards with potential for it being well below zero with further snow showers."

Bookmaker Coral is giving odds of 4-5 on that this February will be the coldest on record.

The lowest temperature ever recorded in the UK is the -27.2C at Braemar in January, 1982.

Meanwhile, people who abandoned their cars on roads to go sledging in Dartmoor, Devon, were branded "selfish idiots" this week.

Paramedics trying to get to an injured walker were held up for more **cont. on page 2, col. 3**



**ICE CAPADES:** Temperatures fell so low over the weekend it allowed nature to provide some beautiful scenes across parts of the UK. In Derbyshire stunning icicles formed at Kinder Downfall, where the icy weather caused the 98ft (30m) waterfall to completely freeze over.

## News from Britain

# Neeson's red carpet event cancelled amid uproar over his plan to 'cosh' a black man

■ I am not a racist insists actor after revealing rage following rape of a female friend

HOLLYWOOD star Liam Neeson was caught in the middle of a race row this week as the premiere of his film *Cold Pursuit* was abruptly cancelled.

The announcement came amid continued fallout from the actor's admission that he once wanted to kill a black man at random after a friend's rape. Organisers called off the New York premiere of the revenge-themed movie just hours before it was supposed to start.

The Northern Ireland-born star has faced a fierce backlash since confessing to a "medieval" desire for revenge on his friend's behalf. Television pundit Piers Morgan led the criticism, saying: "It's like Ku Klux Klan stuff."

Earlier Neeson was mobbed and hugged by fans as he arrived to give an interview in New York. He issued no apology for his earlier remarks, saying he swiftly recognised his feelings were wrong. The actor, 66, described what led him to prowl the streets "nearly 40 years ago" to avenge his friend who he said died five years ago. He said: "I asked her, did you know the person? 'No'. His race? She said

that he was a black man. I thought, 'OK'.

"And after that there were some nights I went deliberately to black areas in this city looking to be set upon so that I could unleash physical violence. And I did it for, I'd say maybe four or five times."

He was asked whether he asked for other details of the rapist, such as was he "tall, short or small"? He replied: "I asked all those questions, I did, but I did ask her about race. If she has said he was Irish or Scot or a Brit or a Lithuanian, I know I it would have had the same effect.

"I was trying to honour, to stand up for my dear friend in this terrible medieval fashion.

"I'm a fairly intelligent guy and that's why it kinda shocked me when I came down to earth after having these horrible feelings."

He called the experience "a learning curve" and said he sought advice from the church and turned to power walking to manage his rage. Neeson also told how his childhood had affected him. "So forgive me," he said. "I was brought up in Northern

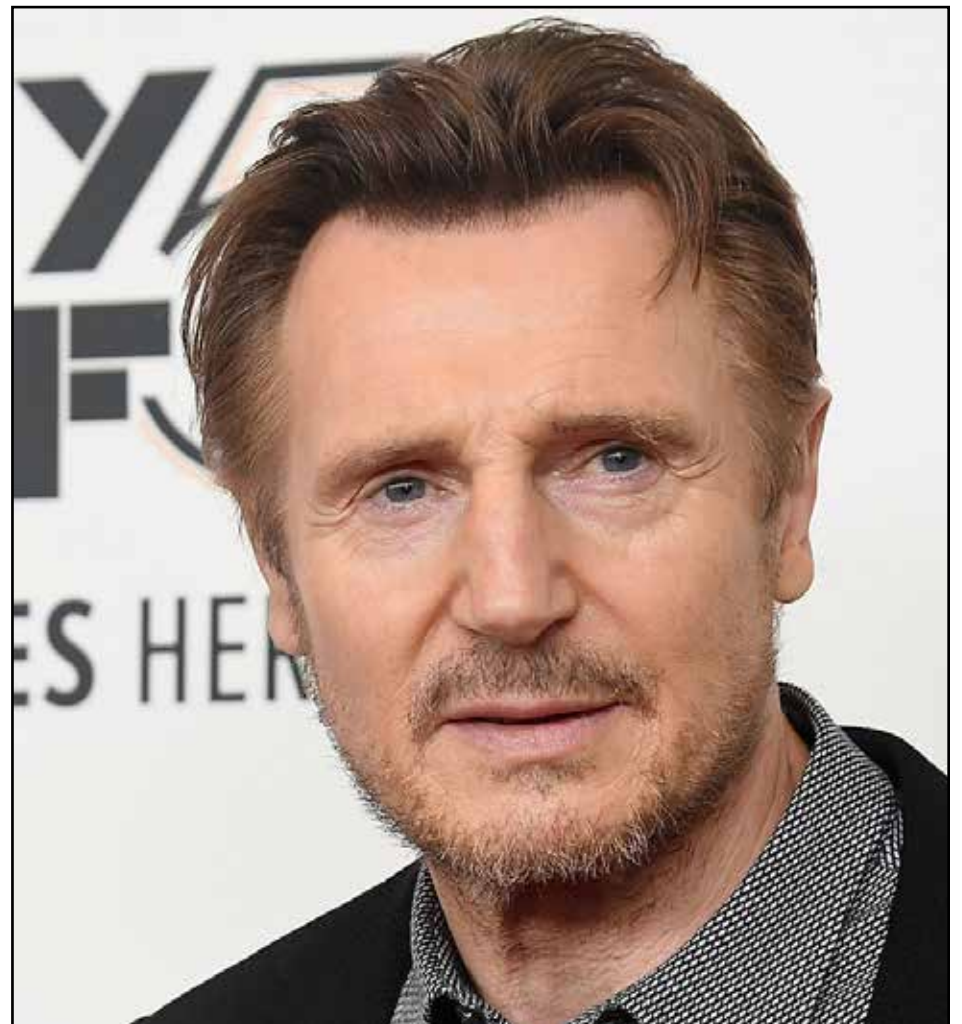
Ireland. The Troubles, the 60s, 70s and 80s. There was a war going on. I had acquaintances who were involved in the trouble, the bigotry.

"One Catholic would be killed, the next day a Protestant would be killed. One Catholic pub would be bombed, a Protestant pub would be bombed.

"We all pretend we're all politically correct but sometimes you just scratch the surface and you discover this racism and bigotry."

"All this stuff that's happening in the world, the violence, is proof of that, you know. But that primal need, I understand."

The interview was published by The Independent whose commissioning editor Kuba ShandBaptiste wrote: "Neeson crucially didn't act on his impulses and was later ashamed. "But I wonder if underlying both perhaps is a distinctive idea of black people as somehow different, uncivilised, brutalist – rather than the focus being on the fact that sexual abuse and rape are abhorrent acts, whoever commits them."



"I was trying to honour, to stand up for my dear friend in this terrible medieval fashion." - Liam Neeson

## Woman, 80, hurt in road rage attack

An 80-year-old woman suffered a fractured pelvis when a driver attacked her family in a road rage brawl.

The woman and her husband, followed by two other family members in a separate car, had driven to the Rose and Crown pub, in Barlborough, Derbyshire, on Sunday.

When they arrived, a BMW driver attacked all four of them because he felt he had been "cut up", police said.

A 34-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of

assault.

He has been released under investigation and police are appealing for witnesses.

Derbyshire Police said it is understood the BMW driver accused a 61-year-old man in the second car of abruptly pulling in front of him.

He apologised but was punched by the BMW driver and fell to the ground. The attacker then kicked him in the head several times, said police.

The 80-year-old was pushed to the ground

when she tried to help her husband, 74, who was also punched in the face when he intervened.

The woman's daughter, 54, then also tried to intervene and was punched in the face by the attacker, which caused her to fall to the ground, hit the back of her head, and lose consciousness.

Police said it is understood the attacker was restrained by his male passenger and they both left in the BMW.

The two women were taken to hospital by ambulance.

## Paramedics:

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than an hour as their ambulance was stuck in the traffic chaos. Ashley Rawlings, 31, told how he smashed his knee when he fell during a walk on Saturday but waited

in agony for help to get through. Mr Rawlings said: "I couldn't see the traffic where I was, but when I found out why the ambulance took so long I was disgusted."

Shocked witness Sophy Miles described how one of the paramedics had to

go from car to car urging drivers to move their vehicles. She said: "The paramedic was fraught.

"Her biggest priority should have been getting to that patient and not dealing with ignorant snow tourists who park wherever they fancy."



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**BEFORE THE FALL:** Charles Spencer with his first wife, Victoria Lockwood, at Althorp House

## Diana's brother Charles 'was a worthless husband'

**PRINCESS Diana's brother Earl Spencer was accused of being a "worthless" husband and father in a this week.**

The three-times married royal, 54, had a "bad reputation" according to documents published in the High Court. The papers contain allegations that his extramarital affairs were "not contestable" and that he refused to put Diana after her divorce. Spencer, a father-of-seven and uncle of Princes William and Harry, has issued a writ against his former lawyers Schillings, saying they bungled a libel action he brought against a newspaper 10 years ago.

But the law firm claims a number of the allegations made against him were "substantially justified". One is that he refused to offer Diana a roof over her head at the family estate – Althorp House in Northants – after her split from Charles. Schillings will also argue it could have been proven he had several affairs while married to his first wife Victoria Lockwood. It is another controversial episode in the life of the Earl, famous for his attack

on the Royal Family in a speech at Diana's funeral 22 years ago. His writ alleges that because the libel action was not pursued properly, the newspaper was able to repeat some of the damaging claims seven years later.

But in its defence document Schillings argues that he agreed to settle the action after its lawyers advised him more damaging information might be produced. They argue that if he had pursued the 2010 claim, it could have "caused further and greater reputational damage" when the newspaper's legal team brought "damaging evidence to prove the allegations".

It adds: "The claimant's reputation as a husband and father was so bad as to be worthless."

And it says the offending article contained "criticisms of the claimant which were either not contested or not contestable". They included: "That he had several adulterous relationships during his marriage to his first wife."

The hearing is due to begin later this year.

# How anguished Meghan begged dad to make up

**FRIENDS of the Duchess of Sussex have revealed she wrote to her father after the Royal Wedding pleading with him to repair their relationship.**

But they said when she asked him to stop speaking to the media, he responded by asking for a photo opportunity.

In a series of interviews with People magazine the friends have given fresh insight into her new life. The interviews may have been authorized by Meghan, although Kensington Palace press office appears to know nothing about them. The five friends – a longtime pal, a former co-star, a friend from Los Angeles, a former colleague and a close confidante – said they were worried that pressure on the Duchess could be affecting her pregnancy.

"We worry about what this is doing to her and the baby," the former co-star said.

"Meg spends so much time taking care of everyone else – that's her nature."

### 'close relationship'

The five friends, all speaking anonymously, paint a picture of a loving, caring and religious individual, who hands out hand warmers to the guards at Kensington Palace. They also said she has taken to her new faith in the Church of England:

"Meg is extremely faithful. We pray a lot together. We meditate. She has had, and especially now, a very close relationship with God."

Meghan, they said, was hurt by stories labelling her "Duchess Difficult", after it was reported she had ruffled feathers in the Royal Household. The stories also alleged that she and Prince Harry were growing apart from the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. One friend



**DADDY'S GIRL:** "He knows how to get in touch with her. He's never called, he's never texted," a close friend of Meghan told People Magazine this week.

gave an insight into life at Kensington Palace in the week before Harry and Meghan's wedding in May, when her father Thomas was caught staging paparazzi photographs of himself and then pulling out of the wedding. The friend said: "Even with all that, Meg and Harry were still so focused on getting him to London. At no point was there talk of 'Now that we know he lied, he's in trouble'."

"Tom wouldn't take her calls, wouldn't take Harry's calls."

"Next morning when the car got there (to take him to

the airport) he wouldn't get in.

"Meg heard he had had a heart attack and she's calling and texting, even up to the night before the wedding. "It was like, 'Please pick up. I love you and I'm scared'." The friend added: "After the wedding she wrote – 'Dad, I'm heartbroken. I love you. I have one father. Stop victimizing me through the media so we can repair our relationship'."

"Then he writes her a really long letter in return and closes it by requesting a photo op."

"And she feels like,

"That's the opposite of what I'm saying. I'm saying I don't want to communicate through the media, and you're asking me to communicate through the media. Did you hear anything I said? It's like they're ships passing."

"He knows how to get in touch with her. He's never called, he's never texted."

"It's super-painful because Meg was so dutiful. I think she will always feel genuinely devastated by what he's done."

Mr Markle claims he has tried repeatedly to contact his daughter but she will not answer his messages.



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## News From Britain

# May comes back empty handed

## ■ Resignations likely as PM makes scant progress

**Theresa May returned to Westminster on Thursday facing ministerial resignations after she left talks with EU leaders over her Brexit deal empty-handed.**

With another vote in the Commons due next week, a minister said colleagues on Ms May's own front bench are ready to quit if there is no breakthrough in talks with Brussels.

She was told on Thursday by a string of EU chiefs that the controversial backstop in the withdrawal agreement was not up for negotiation – and that she should instead change her red lines to win Labour support and take the deal over the line.

In a climbdown that is likely to enrage hardline Brexiters, she also abandoned instructions from Tory MPs to drop the backstop entirely, clarifying in meetings with EU leaders that she was instead seeking

“changes” to it.

European Commission president Jean-Claude Juncker told the prime minister on Thursday that the EU27 would not reopen the withdrawal agreement – describing it as “a carefully balanced compromise between the European Union and the UK, in which both sides have made significant concessions to arrive at a deal”.

Donald Tusk, the European Council president, said after his meeting with the PM there was “still no breakthrough in sight” and that “talks will continue”, while the European parliament's Brexit chief Guy Verhofstadt warned: “For us, an all-weather backstop is absolutely key and if there are problems with the backstop as it is absolutely seen, our proposal is to try and solve the problem in the political declaration.”

But back in Westminster

Stephen Hammond, a health minister, set a deadline of the next crunch Commons votes – on 14 February – for the prime minister to show firm evidence of progress to prevent the “catastrophe” of crashing out of the EU.

“The opportunity to ensure that no deal doesn't happen by mistake and the opportunity to block that is there,” he told *The House* magazine in an interview.

“I have no doubt that many of my colleagues and I will take that opportunity if that appears to be the eventuality.”

The warning from the anti-no-deal ministers came as the government confirmed MPs will be given a fresh opportunity to seize control of Brexit policy next week, by tabling amendments to a No 10 motion.

Cabinet ministers are likely to push again for a



**ENDGAME IN SIGHT?** Theresa May is rapidly running of time

free vote, after Greg Clark, the business secretary, said exporters faced a deadline of next week to know a no deal will be averted.

Mr Hammond – a staunch opponent of a hard Brexit until he joined the government in November – pointed out that the Commons

had already agreed that “no deal is a calamitous outcome”.

Asked if he would resign to vote for the equivalent of the Cooper amendment on 14 February, he replied: “We will all have to look into our conscience at that stage.”

“But I don't think

anyone can doubt my principles and what my view would be if that is the last opportunity.”

He added: “I've always argued for what is commonly termed as a soft Brexit. I still believe that no deal would be a catastrophe for this country.”

## Emiliano Sala: body recovered from plane is missing footballer

**The body recovered from a plane that crashed in the Channel has been formally identified as that of the Cardiff City footballer Emiliano Sala, police have said.**

The aircraft, which was also carrying the pilot David Ibbotson, crashed on 21 January, en route from Nantes to Cardiff.

“The body brought to Portland Port has been formally identified by HM Coroner for Dorset as that of professional footballer Emiliano Sala,” Dorset police said.

“The families of Mr Sala and the pilot David Ibbotson have been updated with this news and will continue to be

supported by specially trained family liaison officers.”

Football Club said in a statement: “We offer our most heartfelt sympathies and condolences to the family of Emiliano. He and David will forever remain in our thoughts.”

The wreckage of the Piper Malibu N264DB that was carrying the two men was found in the sea off the Channel Islands on Sunday, and investigators said shortly afterwards they had seen a body inside.

Efforts then began to recover and identify the body, though they were made more difficult by poor weather conditions.

On Thursday, after the body was brought to Portland in Dorset by the *Geo Ocean III* boat, police confirmed it was that of the footballer.

Sala had recently been signed by the Premier League club from the French Ligue 1 club FC Nantes. He was returning to south Wales from the French city, which he had visited to say goodbye to old friends and teammates, when the crash occurred.

On Thursday, Dorset police said the coroner would continue to investigate the circumstances of Sala's death, supported by its officers. The Air Accident Investigation Branch also



**BLUE MOOD:** a tribute left outside Cardiff City's football stadium this week

said it had decided not to continue efforts to raise the plane, which it had surveyed using a remotely operated vehicle (ROV).

“Unfortunately, attempts to recover the aircraft wreckage were unsuccessful before poor weather conditions forced

us to return the ROV to the ship,” said a statement.

“The weather forecast is poor for the foreseeable future and so the difficult decision was taken to bring the overall operation to a close.”

The AAIB said the operation to recover Sala's

body was “carried out in as dignified a way as possible” in conditions that were challenging. While it could not raise the plane, the body said “extensive video record captured by the ROV is expected to provide valuable evidence for our safety investigation”.

### Last of the Hatton gem heist gang in the dock

THE final suspect in the Hatton Garden heist is also a suspect in a "strikingly similar" burglary committed five years earlier, a court heard this week.

Michael Seed, 58, is alleged to be the man nicknamed "Basil", who remained at large after the rest of the gang were arrested.

An estimated £13.7million of gold, cash and gems were taken from 73 boxes in London's diamond district after a drill was used to bore a hole into the vault wall during the 2015 Easter weekend.

Woolwich Crown Court heard five of the six men who were there – Brian Reader, 79, John Collins, 78, Daniel Jones, 61, Carl Wood, 61, and Terry Perkins, who died last year aged 69 – have been convicted of conspiring to carry out the burglary. Prosecutor Philip Evans QC told the jury the sixth, known to the team as Basil, was not arrested at the time.

"The prosecution case is that 'Basil' was a nickname and the defendant, Michael Seed, is that man," he said.

The court heard that the probe into Hatton Garden revealed some of the same crew committed a "strikingly similar" raid in 2010. The burglary, during the late August Bank Holiday, targeted the Chatila jewellery store in central London. Jones pleaded guilty to the burglary, while Perkins died in prison before he could be tried.

"The prosecution alleges that Mr Seed was also a participant in that burglary," Mr Evans said. Seed, of Islington, north London, denies two charges of conspiracy to commit burglary and one charge of conspiracy to convert or transfer criminal property.

THE BBC has refused to say how many complaints it has received from licence fee-payers angered at Match Of The Day presenter Gary Lineker's frequent anti-Brexit tweets.

The ex-England footballer, 58, who is the taxpayer-funded BBC's highest paid presenter on £1.7million a year, uses Twitter to spread regular pro-EU messages to his 7.2 million followers. Many feel his political tweets breach strict guidelines. But the BBC, which wants to stop over 75s having free TV licences, said their own impartiality guidelines apply only staff and freelancers working for their news and current affairs. Because Lineker is a sports presenter, he is considered exempt.

to know how many complaints there have been."

The father-of four, who wants a people's vote to settle Brexit, said: "I express my views on Brexit because I care deeply about our country and its people and fear we're in danger of doing irreparable damage by leaving."

His tweets have hit out at the 17.4 million Britons who voted to leave the EU. One read: "Extraordinary to watch us take our country back and rip it to shreds in the



The staunchly pro-Brexit Daily Express recently used a Freedom of Information law to demand the BBC reveal how many people had complained about his impartiality since the EU referendum was held in 2016. But it has refused to co-operate, resulting in a series of anti-Lineker articles in the newspaper.

#### 'irreparable damage'

Tory MP David Davies said of Lineker: "He has been given a platform to express his pro-EU, anti-controlled immigration ideology to all and sundry but is in a position of enormous responsibility and it's about time he acted as such.

"It's a shame the BBC does not think licence fee-payers have a right

# Express in an uproar as BBC refuses to red card Lineker over his anti-Brexit Tweets



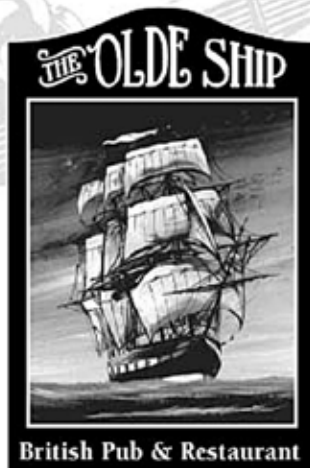
process."

Garry Miller, of BBC Sport, said: "Gary is not involved in any news or political output for the BBC and as such any expression of his personal political views does not affect the BBC's impartiality. The BBC doesn't release complaint figures."



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## Brits in LA

# Meet A Member: Maleeza Korley

Meet Maleeza Korley, a British expat raised in a hamlet in sumptuous Cornwall, UK.

## Tell us about your move to Los Angeles

As a former competitive equestrian of Scottish and Ghanian descent who lived on a remote farm, I had an interesting childhood. I moved to LA over a decade ago to pursue a career in entertainment and subsequently matchmaking.

I was ecstatic to be approved to work with underprivileged children as a counselor with Camp America at Raquette Lake summer camp. Upon arrival at camp, I was bombarded by the stark realization I had been placed in a privileged camp! On family day parents arrived in a stream of limousines, helicopters, and seaplanes. The experience was both challenging and enlightening. In addition, the energizing

Adirondack Mountains and healing waters of Lake Placid more than compensated for any faux pas!

## What do you miss most from home?

I desperately miss my horses, Yorkshire Gold tea, traditional Cornish pasties, and of course fish and chips sprinkled in malt vinegar and swaddled in yesterday's newspaper. As much as I love the constant sunshine in LA, I cannot believe I'm saying this, but I miss the four seasons! Also, seasons are the perfect excuse for a girl to shop! I miss the unique shopping experiences of Camden Market and Portobello Road. Cathartic shopping was a must. Positioned at the helm of a notable matchmaking agency I transformed careers and elevated relationships of various artists and celebrities - turning many into household names. The pitter-patter

of rain, vibrant daffodils, the crunch of autumn leaves underfoot, the old country lore of counting magpies. The pièce de resistance? Droll, dry British humour, everyone gets my jokes sans unnecessary explanation.

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

Fresh off the boat, within hours of my arrival in LA, when asked by a shop attendant, "How are you?" I shared details of the toddler kicking the back of my seat for the entire flight, the fascinating cab ride, and the upsides of flying Virgin Air with Sir Richard himself on board. Seemingly exasperated, the teller asked me to move along as he had other customers to serve!

I am told I have been blessed with the patience of a saint since that is my current daily state of mind. Deriving pleasure at turning a frown into

a pucker up and keep it moving is my mantra!

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

Opportunities, yes, it's a cliché. However, as the saying goes, "If you can't make it in the USA, you can't make it anywhere." Another difference is the sheer vastness of everything; living in LA, if you don't arrive with a driver's license, you will be taking the USA driving test in the very near future! The ability to take a hop and a skip to grab a pint of milk from the off license is non-existent. Imagine greeting a native Angeleno with a daily Cornish greeting "How are ye, my lover?" Brits quite literally speak a different language.

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

For my money the absolute best fish and chips in LA is to be found at Catch 56 on Hollywood Boulevard between Gramercy and St. Andrews. Don't be fooled by the nondescript exterior. Pop on the BBC, close your eyes and you will be transported to Old Blighty! I guarantee your taste buds will be thrilled. (catch56losangeles.com). And don't miss the Sunday brunch at the Inn Of the Seventh Ray, located at 128 Old Topanga Canyon Rd, in Topanga (innoftheseventhray.com)

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

Do your groundwork whilst you are within your comfort zone at least 6-12 months before you book your ticket! You will need a car, housing, job prospects, travel insurance, and the appropriate visa for



"Be prepared to ensure that when an opportunity comes knocking, you are always ready..."

your craft, enough funds to last the duration of your trip, then double this amount for rainy days or life's unexpected challenges. Utilize the resources available from industry pros, and reach out to expats... start by visiting [britsinla.blogspot.com/p/how-to.html](http://britsinla.blogspot.com/p/how-to.html).

## 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?

Dress rehearsal, dress rehearsal, dress rehearsal! Which covers a plethora of real-life situations: be prepared to ensure that when an opportunity comes knocking, you are

always ready to present your chosen wares at a moment's notice!

## Lastly, how can we find out more about you? Are you working on anything at the moment?

After an extensive career in matchmaking, I am continuing to introduce people to the love of their lives, and helping them thrive in their relationships. Through years of private Matchmaking and Date and Relationship Coaching, joining Matchmakers In The City as Director of Development was a lateral transition. For more visit [matchmakersinthecity.com](http://matchmakersinthecity.com)

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## This Week's Pub Quiz Winners



In a showdown more exciting than the Superbowl, a team called LA Rams 3, Maroon 5 won the latest Brits in LA Pub Quiz on Tuesday. The victors, pictured here with quizmaster Sandro Monetti, scooped the \$75 winnings at a packed Cat and Fiddle by narrowly outpointing rivals including previous champs O'Trivia Newton-John, while the team that narrowly missed out on the main prize received pairs of tickets to the new Liam Neeson movie 'Cold Pursuit'. Who will win next time? Join the fun on February 12 to find out. (Photo Credit: Frank L'e Sanford).



# Stargazing with Annie Shaw



**ARIES:** If life is not all it could be it is likely because of you filling up your time with stuff to do that is not on the top of your list. Uranus visiting you will bring this to your attention next week. It will be good to get it finished.

**TAURUS:** Your boss Venus is bringing up unresolved emotional feelings from the past. The best way is always to pay attention and try to forgive not just forget. This can be from any area of your life. On the positive side your finances are getting better.

**GEMINI:** Your boss planet Mercury is moving slowly and you would be wise to use this time to resolve several unfinished situations in your life. While you are paying attention to this you can still enjoy life.

**CANCER:** Saturn facing you in your life may be alerting you that something has to change on a deep level. As you are usually reluctant to let go of things and feelings this is a time to really change and be more fluid. Take a little alone time is a good strategy for you now.

**LEO:** You are in the spotlight these next few weeks as the Sun is in your opposite sign of Aquarius. If you have felt neglected or ignored recently this is about to change. Anything that should go is going, procrastinating could hold you back but not for long.

**VIRGO:** These next few days you can expect to get somewhat bogged down with minor details in life. Small things can look enormous and you can feel somewhat overwhelmed. Take note this is the best time of the month now to plan ahead for a few weeks.

**LIBRA:** Make sure you are getting the appreciation you deserve and enjoying the journey your life is taking. It's time for you to think about which direction you want to move forward in the next few weeks. Bear in mind that some things we cannot control, and be at peace with that.

**SCORPIO:** You may be having some health challenges which leave you melancholy. This is indeed a confusing time. Before your imagination gets the best of you remember that you are on the verge of good positive changes and nothing is as bad it seems.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Your boss planet Jupiter going merrily forward now and will ease your everyday life, if not now, by month' end. Nostalgia is a good word to explain your current mind set - just go with the flow You could be offered an opportunity by mid-month to increase your cash flow.

**CAPRICORN:** The secretive planet Pluto and your boss Saturn are currently in cahoots to rob you of any control about what transpires in your life. You can look forward to a period of calm this next week ahead. But wait until spring to start anything new.

**AQUARIUS:** Take the time to enjoy the influence of your boss Uranus in the area of communication with all things. It can bring benefits that currently you are not aware of and decisions you make this month will take a couple of months to come to fruition. It is a good time to have a Happy Birthday.

**PISCES:** With your boss Neptune visiting currently you can expect family gatherings and meetings. For your overall peace of mind it's best to remain detached in any of these discussions. Life sometimes throws a curve ball ,there is always a lesson involved, so pay attention!

## The British Weekly Sudoku by Myles Mellor #375

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**Solution to Sudoku #374**

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## The British Weekly Crossword by Myles Mellor. #375

**Across**

- English cricket ground (4)
- In the correct way (8)
- Purplish-red color (7)
- Fit for a king (5)
- Took a pic (12)
- Last word (3)
- Intrinsic (5)
- Census datum (3)
- Many sided (12)
- Pace (5)
- Explorer (7)
- Louisiana counties (8)
- Manipulative one (4)

**Down**

- Is situated in (8)
- Protein acid (5)
- Campaigned (3)
- Sweat (12)
- Invitation turndown word (7)
- Dixie pronoun (4)
- Affiliations (12)
- Kidney-related (5)
- One who goes where noone has gone before (8)
- Member of a rock band (7)
- Coral phenomena (5)
- Looking down (4)
- Mincemeat dessert (3)

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**Solution to Puzzle #374**

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## BRITS IN LA



## This coming Valentine's Day: don't look for love in all the wrong places...

*'Love is something if you give it away, you end up having more. It's just like a magic penny, lend it, spend it, you will have so many, they will roll all over the floor.'*

We used to sing this in assembly at school and it often pops into my head over the years. Seeing as Valentine's Day is coming up, I thought it rather apt to share with you all.

The USA marks this occasion in a

very American way; I suppose by that I mean it is very commercial. Kids give all of their classmates Valentine's cards and sometimes even their teachers! Don't get concerned (or excited) if your friends or work colleagues give you a card or a gift for Valentines Day, as they will no doubt be doing the same for many people.

When I first moved here I found it a little bit overbearing and rather odd; I staunchly

believed that February 14th should only be for people with amorous intentions. But now I think it is quite endearing really, plus it makes complete sense that on the annual day of amore, we express our love to those we care about most. One of my favorite Valentines was a group dinner in West Hollywood and anyone who was at a loose end and feeling lonely was invited to join. A bit like Thanksgiving really...

I do think women tend to put more onus on this date, in fact fellow Angeleno Emilee Sutherland started 'Galentines Day' back in 2014, created for her girlfriends who get sad around this time of year. Then there's our friends at Pearl's Rooftop on Sunset who are offering a Feb 14th Brunch Special where 'groups of girls (4 or more) get a special Valentine's Day Kit including a complimentary bottle of champagne and red roses.'

### Chance encounters

However, this doesn't mean that old-fashioned romance should be tossed to one side. If you have an extra special someone in your life you should be making even more of an effort, even if you do think it is silly.

I know lots of our members are looking for love...we get requests all of the time to start a dating page - Craig attempted to manage one briefly, but it is quite a big responsibility and entails an awful lot of work. Many romantic relationships have

started organically through Brits in LA though. Crossing paths at our weekly Breakfast Club, and working closely together on the Toscars are responsible for many a tryst. I have even heard of people listing items for sale (on Brits in LA Selling Pages) and cupid has struck during the transaction! My point is, that I am a true believer in relying on chance encounters happening in the most unlikely of places, but I know I am in the minority. Dating sites and apps have probably never been more popular than they are right now and I have lots of friends who have swiped right (or is it left?), and have had great success.

Which is why we chose to feature **Maleeza Korley** as this week's Meet a Member. Maleeza is a bona fide matchmaker. She works with Matchmakers in the City. It all sounds very thorough, they interview you and give you dating coaching and hopefully find you a perfect match. According to their website, sign up is free but if you have any questions drop us a line at info@Britsin.LA and we can forward on to Maleeza for you.

A p p a r e n t l y ,



**SUCCESS STORY:** Jenny and Will

American girls really DO love British Guys! I thought it was a myth perpetuated by the film Love Actually!

DateBritishGuys.com (who advertise in our weekly newsletter) just announced another happily ever after. Jenny and Will met last May through the dating site and are now engaged to be married! If you have your heart set on a 'British guy' I would highly recommend checking out their website. Or just book a trip to the UK, which

is actually how the founders met! Or even just come along to one of our events as you are bound to find one there....

**Cheers for now!**  
**Eileen**

PS: Thank you to everyone who has offered to volunteer at this years Toscars - we really do appreciate it. Goodwill is very much like a boomerang, it may take a minute to come back to you but it will and often in the most surprising ways.

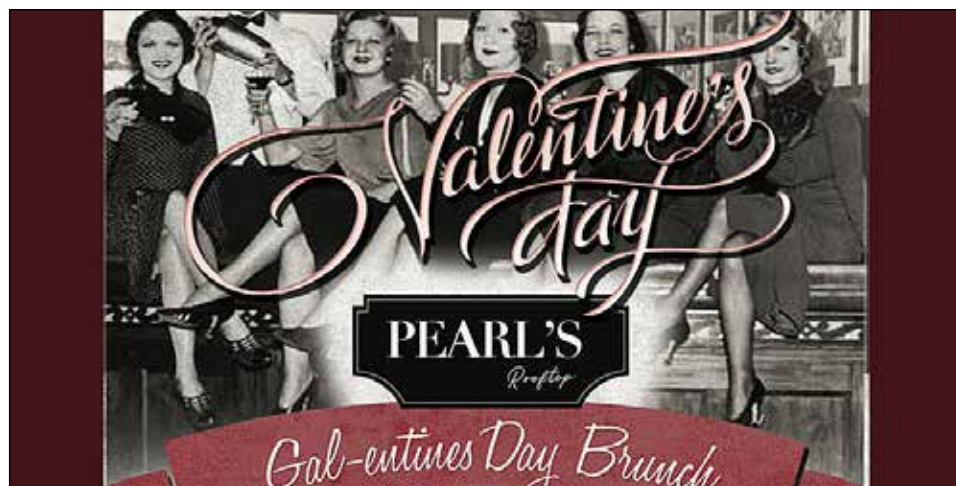


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## Oscar hopeful Grant turns super fan at nominee luncheon

Oscar nominee Richard E Grant could not hide his delight at being invited to the Academy Awards' 'nominee luncheon' in Los Angeles – like any self-respecting fan he posted a series of starstruck selfies.

The Swaziland-born actor has to be assured of at least one Oscar-related win this year — taker of most selfies with fellow nominees.

The *Withnail and I* star spent much of the star-studded affair nabbing those shortlisted for a quick selfie - and sharing them with his fans on social media.

Grant, who recently posted an emotional video to Twitter when he first received the nomination for Best Supporting Actor for his role as Jack Hock in *Can You Ever Forgive Me?*, could not wipe the smile off his face as he mugged with a string of stars including Lady Gaga, Bradley Cooper and Sam Elliot.

Seriously, just because you're a star, doesn't mean you can't get all starry-eyed when you run into Glen Close or Rami Malek, right?

Richard said: "This



**SELFIE FEVER:** Grant with Bradley Cooper

is now getting beyond 'pinch yourself' more like 'punch yourself'. Living the dream" in reference to meeting Spike Lee, Amy Adams, Regina King,



**HEAVY HITTERS:** fellow nominees Sam Elliot and Glenn Close join in the fun

and Viggo Mortensen. But one follower said: "They're lucky to rub

shoulders with you." Ah, bless him...and who among us wouldn't do the

same?! The Oscars will be held on February 24.

## Piers reveals terror as he came face to face with a serial killer

TV Host Piers Morgan has revealed that he feared he would be attacked during the filming of his new show.

The controversial *Good Morning Britain* presenter will return to screens with a new series of Confessions of a Serial Killer.

The show follows Piers as he travels to different

prisons interviewing some of the world's most ruthless murderers.

One episode will see Piers interview Bernard Giles, who has spent 45 years in prison for killing five women, with two of his victims being just 14 years old.

Piers spoke about his interview with Bernard on Wednesday's *Good Morning Britain*.

He told co-host Susanna Reid: "It was a chilling couple of hours I spent with him.

"Rarely do things affect me like that interview did but I just thought of these poor young women, two girls of 14 and the horrific way he treated them.

"And then this sort of calm admission it could have been anyone's

daughter, anyone's wife, it didn't matter to him. It was all about access."

Susanna then told Piers that the convicted killer easily could have murdered him.

"You are, I would say, two inches apart and this is someone who has no empathy. He's got nothing to lose.

"He's got a pen in his pocket, he's got glasses,

he's got weapons on him if he wants to get headlines.

"I would have assumed there was a glass screen between them, the guy is a serial killer, he doesn't care if he takes a life or causes damage to someone who is in the same room as him, is that not a concern that crosses your mind?"

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# BRITISH WEEKLY SPORT

## Another shocking collapse see England lose Second Test

**THE FEEL-GOOD factor that surrounded the England cricket team just a month ago looked distant indeed this week, as Joe Root's men lost the second Test against the West Indies - and with it the series.**

The speed of England's collapse in Antigua shocked even the most sceptical of observers who had seen problems with the side even as it had enjoyed a successful recent run.

The tourists folded in dismal fashion yet again to lose the second Test by 10 wickets as the hosts sealed the series with a match to spare.

After West Indies were bowled out for 306 - a lead of 119 - the tourists slipped from 35-0 to 132 all out, with Kemar Roach and Jason Holder taking four wickets each in Antigua.

With West Indies chasing only 14, John Campbell wrapped up victory with a six.

A three-day victory gave them a 2-0 lead in the three-match series.

It is West Indies' first Test series win over England since 2009 and their first against a side other than Bangladesh and Zimbabwe since 2012.

Holder's impressive team have a chance to secure a whitewash when

the third Test in St Lucia begins on 9 February.

This England side are not blessed with prodigious Test-match batsmen - only captain Joe Root and Ben Foakes average more than 40 and the latter has played just five matches.

But neither are West Indies, yet the hosts were able to adapt their game to eke out a vital lead on a challenging pitch, epitomised by Darren Bravo's defiant 50 off 216 balls.

Bravo batted for 342 minutes - the third slowest fifty in Test history by time. England's second innings lasted

211 minutes, the tourists having failed to learn from both their previous collapses in this series and the approach of their determined hosts.

Rory Burns cut a ball that was too close to him straight to third slip to depart for 16 and fellow opener Joe Denly - who was dropped on nought - was bowled for 17, leaving a delivery from Alzarri Joseph to end a nervy innings full of ill-advised shots.

Jonny Bairstow made 14 before he was bowled through the gate trying to drive Holder down the ground.

In total, four England batsmen were bowled, Ben Stokes dragging on when playing too far away from his body and Moeen Ali missing an attempted drive down the ground off a very full delivery, both off Roach.

Of the recognised batsmen, only Root, Foakes and perhaps Jos Buttler were undone by fine deliveries. The rest were down to poor decision-making.

England captain Joe Root cut a subdued figure after the defeat, telling

reporters: "We've been outperformed once again and that's quite hard to take. Scoring under 200 isn't going to win you many games of cricket."

"West Indies know these conditions well and they've exploited them to their advantage. They've played some really good stuff at times and made it very difficult. They're fully deserving of winning the series."

The result, with the vital Ashes series just around the corner, has prompted plenty criticism back home, with former captain Alastair Cook insisting the team must learn to adapt.

The tourists have been bowled out for 77, 246, 187 and 132.

"There's the expression of 'this is the way I play', but you have to adapt," Cook told BBC's The Cricket Social.

"Is it different players? I'm not sure it is. It might be different mindsets at different times."

"They didn't seem to show much fight. They didn't seem to show that grit," said Cook, England's all-time leading Test run-scorer.

## Weekend Football League Results

League	Match	Score
Championship	BIRMINGHAM (1)..... 2 NOTTM FOR (0)..... 0	Jota 13 Att: 24,235
	BRENTFORD (1)..... 5 BLACKBURN (2)..... 2	Benrahma 13, Watkins 58, 73, Maupay 79 Att: 9,972
	BRISTOL C (0)..... 2 SWANSEA (0)..... 0	Weimann 46 Att: 23,560
	HULL (1)..... 2 STOKE (0)..... 0	Bowen 44, Grosicki 64 Att: 12,776
	IPSWICH (0)..... 0 SHEFF WED (0)..... 1	Att: 16,888
	LEEDS (0)..... 1 NORWICH (2)..... 3	Barnford 90 Att: 36,524
	MILLWALL (0)..... 0 ROTHERHAM (0)..... 0	Att: 12,084
	READING (0)..... 0 ASTON VILLA (0)..... 0	Att: 17,458
	SHEFF UTD (0)..... 2 BOLTON (0)..... 0	McGoldrick 56, Sharp 73 Att: 26,131
	WEST BROM (1)..... 2 MIDDLESBRO (1)..... 3	Rodriguez 42, Gayle 63 Att: 24,863
League One	WIGAN (1)..... 2 QPR (0)..... 1	Widdass 8, Clarke 55 Att: 9,799
	Accrington	Postponed - due to frozen pitch.
	BARNSELY (2)..... 2 SCUNTHORPE (0)..... 0	Mowatt 16, McGeehan 41 Att: 12,150
	BURTON ALB (0)..... 0 OXFORD UTD (0)..... 0	Att: 3,197
	COVENTRY (0)..... 1 GILLINGHAM (0)..... 1	Enobakhare 68, Eaves 90 (pen) Att: 26,741
	FLEETWOOD (0)..... 1 CHARLTON (0)..... 0	Evans 68 Att: 2,742
	PETERBORO (0)..... 0 PLYMOUTH (0)..... 1	Lameiras 88 Att: 6,543
	PORTSMITH (0)..... 1 DONCASTER (1)..... 1	Bogle 54, Wilks 30 Att: 17,800
	SHRWSBURY (0)..... 0 LUTON (1)..... 3	Collins 30, 69, Pearson 53 Att: 6,859
	SOUTHEND (1)..... 1 BRISTOL RVRS (2)..... 2	Cox 39, Sercombe 20, Reilly 32 Att: 5,982
League Two	SUNDERLAND (0)..... 1 AFC WIMB'DN (0)..... 0	McGeady 67 Att: 30,424
	WALSALL (1)..... 1 ROCHDALE (1)..... 2	Edwards 36, Hamilton 60 Att: 4,021
	WYCOMBE (0)..... 0 BRADFORD (0)..... 0	Att: 4,586
	Bury	Postponed - due to frozen pitch.
	CHELTENHAM	Postponed - due to frozen pitch.
	CREWE	Postponed - due to frozen pitch.
	EXETER (2)..... 3 MK DONS (0)..... 1	Law 7, 72, Taylor 17, Walsh 48 Att: 5,766
	GRIMSBY (1)..... 3 NEWPORT (0)..... 0	Cook 17, 56, Demetriou 64 (og) Att: 3,712
	MANSFIELD (1)..... 3 MACCLESFLD (1)..... 1	Grant 8, Pearce 56, Walker 89 Att: 5,642
	NORTHMPTN (0)..... 0 COLCHESTER (1)..... 4	Nouble 25, Eisa 50, Vincent-Young 53, Szmodics 67 Att: 4,796
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	OLDHAM	Postponed - due to frozen pitch.
	PORT VALE	Postponed - due to frozen pitch.
	STEVENAGE (0)..... 1 YEovil (0)..... 0	Revell 72 Att: 2,157
	SWINDON	Postponed - due to safety reasons.
	Lincoln City	30 17 9 4 54 30 60
	Mansfield	31 15 13 3 48 24 58
	Bury	31 15 9 7 59 37 54
	Forest Green	30 13 12 5 46 28 51
	Carlisle	30 16 3 11 48 35 51

League	Match	Score
Premier League	WEST HAM (1)..... 1 LIVERPOOL (1)..... 1	Antonio 28, Mane 22 Att: 59,903
	Emirates FA Cup	Postponed - due to waterlogged pitch.
	Tuesday's Results	Postponed - due to waterlogged pitch.
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## Darts night the key to Irish victory, says Slade

Centre Henry Slade says a team-bonding darts night in London played a role in England's impressive Six Nations victory over Ireland in Dublin at the weekend.

England beat Ireland 32-20 on Saturday to start their campaign with a win.

Slade says the night, organised by the team's senior players, brought the team "together on the field".

"It feels like you're back at school playing with your mates, who you genuinely want to do well for," said Slade, who scored two tries in the win.

"We had a room, played some darts, had a couple of drinks and had a real good time.

"We do a very similar thing at Exeter at the start of pre-season and it's a great way to get to know each other.

"You feel closer to the bloke next to you because you've shared experiences off the field. It's not purely business and work - you're playing with your mates."

Coach Eddie Jones sanctioned the evening that took place at Flight Club in London on the eve of the player's departure for a week-long training camp in Portugal.

Coach Jones added: "They didn't get into trouble which was fantastic and isn't always the case when you've got 30 guys going out and having a drink!

"They wanted to go into the camp ready to go, have some stories to tell and have some togetherness. That's where we're going as a team."

RUGBY UNION	
Guinness Six Nations	
SATURDAY	
IRELAND.....20	ENGLAND.....32
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SCOTLAND.....33	ITALY.....20
Scotland—T: Kinghorn (3). Hogg, Harris. C: Laidlaw (3), Russell. Italy—T: Palazzani, Padovani, Esposito. C: Allan. P: Allan.	
FRIDAY	
FRANCE.....19	WALES.....24

## New White Hart Lane not ready for NLD

Tottenham's Premier League match against north London rivals Arsenal on 2 March will take place at Wembley because their new stadium is not ready.

Spurs were originally scheduled to move into the new ground in September but the project has suffered construction and "safety systems" delays.

The club recently said their new stadium would not be ready to host matches until at least March.

"Thank you all for bearing with us," said Spurs chairman Daniel Levy.

"These next few weeks are pivotal."

Tottenham's next scheduled home game after the Arsenal fixture is against Crystal Palace on Sunday, 17 March.

However, that could be changed as it is the weekend of the FA Cup quarter-finals and Palace are still in the competition.

"Remedial works on the safety systems in the new stadium are near completion and we shall then move forward to the final stages of testing the fire detection and alarm system and its integration with the other safety systems," said a Spurs statement.

"The success of this testing is critical to our ability to obtain a safety certificate and open the stadium.

"We shall provide a further update in due course."

The new ground, which will also host NFL games, will have a capacity of 62,062 and is located on the site of their old White Hart Lane home.

# Hazard edges closer to Chelsea exit

Eden Hazard's future at Chelsea seems in severe doubt after the forward admitted he has come to a decision about his next step, with a move to Real Madrid thought to be his preferred option.

"I know what I am going to do. I have made a decision," Hazard told the French radio station RMC, although he did not elaborate.

The interview was recorded two months ago as part of a documentary about his career, but it was only released this week and may colour the context of the guessing games that have continued to follow Hazard's every move.

Uncertainty over the 28-year-old Belgian's plans has been an unwelcome undercurrent to Chelsea's season. Hazard has publicly admitted being torn between staying at Stamford Bridge and the "dream" switch to Real, a club he referred to in October as "the best club in the world".

The manager, Maurizio Sarri, said in December that it was "time to decide" the issue but also accepts that his star player should leave if that is his wish. "If he wants to go, he has to go," Sarri said last week.

Chelsea have offered the star a new contract worth around £300,000 a



**REAL DEPARTURE?** I know what I am going to do. I have made a decision," Hazard told the French radio station RMC

week but Hazard seems resolute on his desire to play for Real, and the situation is particularly pressing given Hazard's contract expires in June 2020 and he is yet to entertain new terms. If Real and Hazard are both amenable to a deal then Chelsea are unlikely to stand in his way, although it could take a

nine-figure bid to seal his departure.

There is also uncertainty at the Bridge over the future of star midfielder Willian. The winger has caught the eye of PSG although a £60m move to the French giants on transfer deadline day last month did not go through due to paperwork issues. But the French club are

still keen to sign him and could move for the Brazilian again at the end of the season.

Like Hazard, Willian's contract expires in the summer of 2020 and could feasibly leave for free if he is not handed a new contract by then.

Chelsea do not want to offer players over the age of 30 multi-year contracts.

## REDS:

cont. from back page

Gomez and Alexander-Arnold, but they did have player of the year contender Virgil van Dijk marshalling the backline.

It is Bournemouth next for Liverpool and then the stiff tests of Bayern Munich and Manchester United to come later this month.

As for West Ham, they ended a run of three straight defeats in all competitions but perhaps will feel aggrieved not to win.

## Weekend Premier League Results

Premier League													
	HOME					AWAY							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts						
1 Liverpool	24	10	2	0	32	7	61	9	2	1	23	7	61
2 Man City	25	12	0	1	43	11	59	7	2	3	23	9	59
3 Tottenham	25	8	0	4	21	11	57	11	0	2	30	13	57
4 Chelsea	25	8	4	1	26	9	50	7	1	4	19	14	50
5 Man Utd	25	7	4	1	25	16	48	7	2	4	24	19	48
6 Arsenal	25	10	2	1	28	11	47	4	3	5	23	25	47
7 Wolves	25	6	2	5	19	18	38	5	3	4	14	14	38
8 Watford	25	5	2	5	16	18	34	4	5	4	17	16	34
9 Everton	25	6	3	4	21	19	33	3	3	6	15	17	33
10 Bournemouth	25	7	3	3	25	17	33	3	0	9	12	27	33
11 Leicester	25	4	2	6	13	13	32	5	3	5	17	18	32
12 West Ham	24	5	2	5	17	18	31	4	2	6	13	19	31
13 Brighton	25	5	4	3	15	12	27	2	2	9	12	24	27
14 Crystal Palace	25	3	3	6	8	11	26	4	2	7	18	22	26
15 Newcastle	25	4	1	8	12	18	24	2	5	5	9	15	24
16 Southampton	25	2	6	4	14	19	24	3	3	7	13	23	24
17 Burnley	25	4	2	6	15	22	24	2	4	7	11	24	24
18 Cardiff	25	5	2	6	15	23	22	1	2	9	7	23	22
19 Fulham	25	4	3	5	17	23	17	0	2	11	8	32	17
20 Huddersfield	25	1	2	10	5	20	11	1	3	8	8	26	11

BRIGHTON (0).....0		WATFORD (0).....0	
Att: 30,414		Att: 30,414	
BURNLEY (0).....1		SOUTHAMPTON (0).....1	
Barnes 90 (pen)		Redmond 55	
Att: 19,787		Att: 19,787	
CARDIFF (1).....2		AFC BOURNEMOUTH (0).....0	
Reid 5 (pen), 46		Att: 31,939	
CHELSEA (2).....5		HUDDERSFLD (0).....0	
Higuain 16, 69		Att: 40,626	
Hazard 45 (pen), 66			
Luiz 86			
CRYSTAL PALACE (1).....2		FULHAM (0).....0	
Milivojevic 25 (pen)		Att: 25,355	
Schlupp 87			
EVERTON (1).....1		WOLVES (2).....3	
Andre Gomes 27		Naves 7 (pen)	
		Jimenez 45	
		Dendoncker 66	
		Att: 39,380	
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (0).....1		NEWCASTLE (0).....0	
Son 83		Att: 41,219	

Played Sunday	
LEICESTER (0).....0	MANCHESTER UTD (1).....1
Att: 32,148	Rashford 9
MANCHESTER CITY (2).....3	ARSENAL (1).....1
Agüero 1, 44, 61	Koscielny 11
	Att: 54,483

# Pep: City 'never give up'

■ **Guardiola buoyant after midweek win puts Sky Blues back on top of Premier League**

Pep Guardiola says Manchester City have learned "to never give up" after returning to the top of the table for the first time since 15 December with a win at Everton in midweek.

A week ago City were five points adrift of Liverpool but took full advantage after Jurgen Klopp's side could only manage back-to-back draws, moving ahead of the Reds on goal difference albeit having played one game more.

"A few days ago we could have been seven points behind. Now we are top of the league. That is the best advice, the lesson is never give up," said Guardiola.

"That is a lesson for all athletes. Try to win the games, because life can change immediately."

Defender Aymeric

Laporte met David Silva's free-kick to head home his fourth goal of the season, putting City in front just before half-time.

Sergio Aguero and Raheem Sterling both spurned decent opportunities to extend City's lead after the break before Gabriel Jesus sealed victory in stoppage time.

It was far from a vintage display by City, who instead had to show their battling qualities to secure the points and regain the initiative in the title race.

Attention will now switch back to Liverpool, who can return to the summit with victory against Bournemouth on Saturday, 24 hours before City host Chelsea at Etihad Stadium.

Everton stay ninth after suffering a fourth defeat in five Premier League games at Goodison Park,



**WELCOME RETURN:** Kevin De Bruyne came on for City in the 89th minute Wednesday night

though they should take some encouragement from a resilient display that was a notable improvement on their performances in recent weeks.

Just seven days ago, Manchester City faced the prospect of falling seven points behind leaders Liverpool after slipping to a fourth Premier League defeat of the season against Newcastle the previous evening.

Wednesday's win means City have the initiative, but the dramatic change in fortunes over the past week suggests this is just the latest twist in an increasingly unpredictable title race.

HOW THEY STAND						
	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Man City	26	20	2	4	68	20 62
Liverpool	25	19	5	1	56	15 62
Tottenham	25	19	0	6	51	24 57
Chelsea	25	15	5	5	45	23 50
Man Utd	25	14	6	5	49	35 48
Arsenal	25	14	5	6	51	36 47
Wolves	25	11	5	9	33	32 38
Watford	25	9	7	9	33	34 34
Everton	26	9	6	11	36	38 33
Bournemouth	25	10	3	12	37	44 33
Leicester	25	9	5	11	30	31 32
West Ham	25	9	5	11	31	38 32
Brighton	25	7	6	12	27	36 27
C Palace	25	7	5	13	26	33 26
Newcastle	25	6	6	13	21	33 24
Southampton	25	5	9	11	27	42 24
Burnley	25	6	6	13	26	46 24
Cardiff	25	6	4	15	22	46 22
Fulham	25	4	5	16	25	55 17
Huddersfield	25	2	5	18	13	46 11

## Injuries and errors continue Reds' blip

Premier League leaders Liverpool handed a boost to their title rivals as an uncharacteristic defensive error cost them victory at West Ham on Monday night.

Jurgen Klopp's side now find themselves in second place on goal difference after Manchester City beat Everton on Wednesday night, and although they have a game in hand over their title rivals, the rapid erosion of the nine-point advantage they held on 29 December will likely cause some to point to jitters within the Liverpool dressing room.

City also defeated Arsenal on Sunday and seem to have rebounded from their January jitters, while Tottenham are only

five points behind hunt following three successive league wins. To add to Klopp's worries, there are also increasing injury concerns for his squad, with Dejan Lovren, Jordan Henderson and Georginio Wijnaldum joining Joe Gomez and Trent Alexander-Arnold on the sidelines.

"Last night we trained and after we had to change three positions," said Klopp after Monday's final whistle.

"It's just a fact, it's not an excuse. The preparation for the game was far from being perfect and we still got a point."

Some would point to the absence of injured defensive trio Lovren, cont. on page 19, col 4



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8am Man City vs Chelsea

### Mon 2/11 English Premier League

Noon Wolves vs Newcastle

### Tue 2/12 Champions League

Noon Man Utd vs PSG  
Noon Roma vs Porto

### Wed 2/13 Champions League

Noon Spurs vs Borussia Dortmund  
Noon Ajax vs Real Madrid

### Thurs 2/14 Europa League

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Noon Malmo vs Chelsea

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