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# Sorry, no rooms for you! Palace in Trump 'snub'

President and First Lady will not be staying at Buckingham Palace in forthcoming state visit

**PRESIDENT Donald Trump and his wife Melania will not be staying at Buckingham Palace on their state visit to Britain, it emerged this week.**

In what will be seen as a clear snub to the controversial US leader, officials cited accommodation problems at the 775-room residence. They said there is no space for the president and his delegation because large parts of the Palace – where visiting foreign heads of state usually stay – are closed for a £369million refurbishment. US officials could not confirm where the couple will be put up instead but Winfield House, the ambassador's residence in Regent's Park, is a possibility. A huge security operation is now being planned for the visit between June 3 and 5. Police are gearing up for unprecedented mass protests when Mr Trump arrives.

Hundreds of thousands

demonstrators are expected to converge on the Palace during the three-day stay to coincide with the 75th anniversary of D-Day in 1944. Thousands of police will be drafted in. But royal officials have privately expressed concern for their safety. They fear they will be potential targets as the Palace is expected to host a ceremonial welcome, lunch and state banquet. One official said: "I don't want to be stuck in there with hundreds of thousands of people outside protesting."

### 'warmonger'

Mr Trump will also hold talks with Theresa May at Downing Street and take part in Normandy invasion commemorations in Portsmouth. The 93-year-old monarch has invited the couple to Britain at the request



**ALL SMILES - SORT OF:** Melania and Donald Trump flanking the Queen in 2018

of the PM, who hailed it as a chance to strengthen their "deep and enduring partnership".

But shadow foreign secretary Emily Thornberry said the invite – which came as Mr Trump threatened to veto a UN resolution against the use of rape

as a weapon of war – "beggars belief".

She added: "This is a president who has systematically assaulted all the shared values that unite our two countries."

The trip follows a working visit to Britain by Mr Trump in 2018, when he had tea with

the Queen at Windsor Castle. He avoided mass protests in London, where a 20ft "Trump Baby" blimp flew close to Parliament, but the trip still involved almost 10,000 police and cost £18million.

Sabby Dhalu, of protest group Stand Up

To Trump, called the president "the world's No1 racist, warmonger and misogynist".

Not all the royals may be happy to greet him, with the Duchess of Sussex, who is an American citizen, having branded him "divisive".

## News from Britain

# Murdered journalists funeral unites bitter foes in Belfast

'The pen is mightier than the sword', priest tells leaders in moving eulogy

**BITTER political opponents buried their differences at the funeral of murdered Lyra McKee this week.**

Mourners gave a standing ovation when a priest asked why it took the death of the 29-year-old journalist to bring the two sides together.

DUP chief Arlene Foster sat next to Sinn Fein leaders at the service in Belfast's St Anne's Cathedral. Prime Minister Theresa May stood alongside her Irish counterpart Leo Varadkar. Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn also attended. Also present

was Northern Ireland Secretary Karen Bradley who has announced talks to restore power sharing – suspended in Northern Ireland for over two years.

In a moving eulogy, Father Martin Magill told around 600 mourners: "Why in God's name does it take the death of a 29-year-old woman with her whole life in front of her to get to this point?"

As loud and spontaneous applause broke out, Ms Foster and Sinn Fein leader Mary Lou McDonald looked uncomfortable before both stood up and joined

in. The Catholic priest went on: "I dare to hope that Lyra's murder on Holy Thursday night can be the doorway to a new beginning. I detect a deep desire for this.

"To those who had any part in her murder, I encourage you to reflect on Lyra McKee, journalist and writer, as a powerful example of 'The pen is mightier than the sword'. I plead with you to take the road of non-violence to achieve your political ends."

Father Magill urged anyone with information on the murder to inform police to "see a new

society built on justice and fairness, on hope and not fear".

He called on political leaders to break the power sharing deadlock.

"I pray that Lyra's murder may be the catalyst needed for parties to start talking, to reform that which was corrosive in previous assemblies and to begin anew."

McKee, who was gay and non-sectarian, was hit in the head by a stray New IRA bullet while observing rioting in Londonderry.

Months earlier she had told a close friend of her plans to propose to her



**LYRA MCKEE:** hit in the head by a stray New IRA bullet in Londonderry

partner Sara Canning, 35, and get married across the border in Donegal. Same-sex marriage is outlawed in Northern Ireland.

Stephen Lusty said: "She showed me pictures of the ring she had bought for Sara and told me of the fabulous plans she had of her proposal in May."

McKee embodied an

alternative vision of a Northern Ireland at peace, mourners heard.

She was from a Catholic background but the funeral was held in a Protestant cathedral close to her north Belfast home.

Her sister Nichola Corner said: "We can create a society where labels are meaningless. This is Lyra's legacy."

## Snap-happy Kate does it again with charming portrait as Prince Louis turns one

**WITH his rosy cheeks and bright blond hair, Prince Louis already looks a dead ringer for his father and older brother.**

These charming images, released to mark the young royal's first birthday today, show how he has grown into a lively toddler.

Little Louis has an identical right hand side-parting to that of his brother George, now five, and sister Charlotte, three, when they were his age. And the birthday boy has a clear resemblance to both George and father Prince William. The fifth-in-line to the

throne also shows off two bottom front teeth as he grins for the camera. In the snaps Louis is seen in the garden of Anmer Hall, the Norfolk home of his parents the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. The pictures were taken by Kate, who has won acclaim for her regular portraits of her



three children. Louis was named after Lord Louis Mountbatten, the beloved great-uncle of his grandfather, Prince Charles.

Louis's 37-year-old mother has a passion for photography and has taken professional-standard snaps since long before her marriage to William, 36. Kate is particularly well-known for intimate family shots.

A history of art graduate, she broke with tradition in 2015 by taking the first official images of Charlotte instead of hiring a commercial photographer.

Last year she captured the warmth to perfection of Charlotte kissing the newborn and sleeping Louis on the forehead as she cuddled him. The couple's youngest son was also pictured fast

asleep at his christening at the Royal Chapel of St James's Palace last July. Last month Kate told during a visit to a London children's centre how Louis was an energetic child who loves "bombing around" on a baby-walker. "He just wants to pull himself up all the time," she said. "He's got these little walkers and is bombing around on them."



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**CAUSE OR EFFECT?:** Anne Widdicombe said she was joining Nigel Farage's Brexit Party because Britain is an international laughing stock,

## Veteran Tory Anne Widdicombe switches to Brexit Party

Lifelong conservative Ann Widdicombe has returned to frontline politics to stand as a candidate in Nigel Farage's Brexit party in the European elections.

The former minister said the government's failure to get the UK out of the EU has forced her to put her retirement on hold and fight to ensure that Brexit happens.

Widdicombe, who served as a Conservative MP for more than two decades, told ITV's *Good Morning Britain*: "Britain is an international laughing stock, parliament is a parody. The whole thing is making the electorate very fed up and everybody, both leavers and remainers, are saying get it done. Just stop messing about."

The 71-year-old added: "What needs to happen in these European elections is for us to send a seismic shock to both major parties in the Labour heartlands and in the Conservative shires, saying the electorate has had enough, now we said what we wanted to do, just get it done and over."

Widdicombe recently described Theresa May as the worst prime minister since Sir Anthony Eden, who led Britain into the Suez crisis in 1956. Widdicombe insisted it was the duty of MPs to put the interest of the country first and accused Jeremy Corbyn, the

Labour leader, of playing a cynical game.

She said: "In these circumstances, the national good comes first – that's what everybody out there is saying and what the cloth ears in parliament are just not hearing. It's the national good which comes first."

The former shadow home secretary said she hoped Farage's new party would "sweep to victory" and send a clear message to her old party and Labour.

Writing in the *Daily Express*, she said: "I really thought my time in politics was over and done with but I felt compelled to step up. I will be voting Conservative in the local elections and I remain a member of the party but when Central Office reads this I expect they will kick me out. And if that happens, then so be it."

As she predicted, Widdicombe was expelled from the Conservative Party within 24 hours.

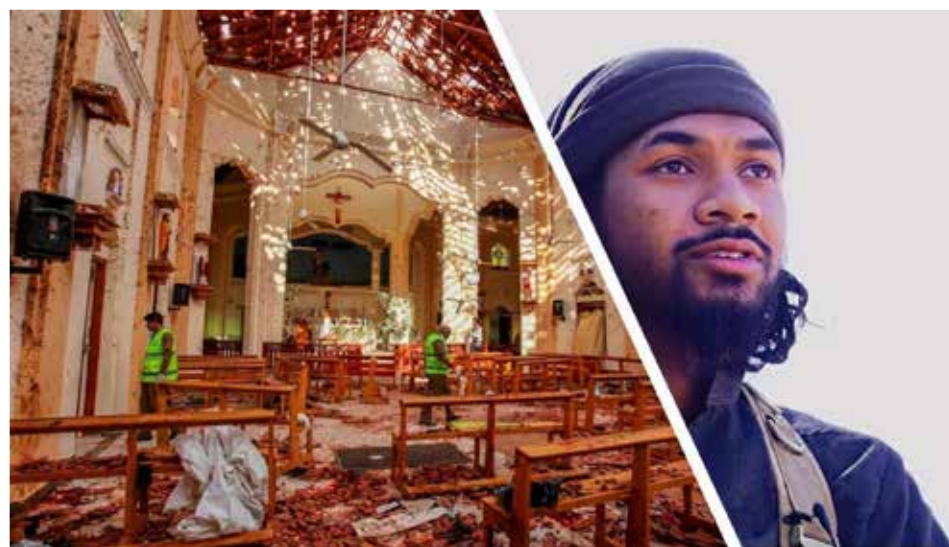
As well as Farage's new party, Change UK, formerly known as the Independent Group, launched its European election campaign in Bristol on Tuesday. The anti-Brexit party revealed a slate of 70 candidates that includes Rachel Johnson, Boris Johnson's sister, the former BBC correspondent Gavin Esler, and Victoria Groulef, a former Labour councillor.

# Sri Lankan suicide bomber studied at UK university

ONE of the Sri Lanka suicide bombers who massacred 359 innocents on Easter Sunday had studied in the UK.

Abdul Lathief Jameel Mohamed was a student in England at some point between 2006 and 2007 and later did a postgraduate course in Australia News. He was reportedly involved in the seventh explosion at the Tropical Inn Hotel in the southern Colombo suburb of Dehiwala, which claimed two lives. As the death toll climbed, one line of inquiry was that he had planned to bomb another five-star hotel and may have set off his device by mistake.

His involvement came as deputy defence minister Ruwan Wijewardene said all nine bombers – eight men and one woman – were well-educated and "financially independent". It was reported that four brothers from the well-to-do Ibrahim family have been linked to the outrage. Ilham, 32, was behind the breakfast buffet attack at the Shangri-La Hotel, which killed British mum Anita Nicholson, 42, son Alex, 14, and daughter Annabel, 11. Ilham's brother Inshaf, 36, a director of his father's spice business, was the Cinnamon Grand attacker, killing British couple Dr Sally Bradley and Bill Harrop, and businesswoman Lorraine Campbell, 55, the eighth and final British victim to be named. Another brother Ijas, 30, was reported to be in custody at press time. The youngest sibling Ismail, whose age is unknown, went missing when the family home was blown up by Ilham's pregnant wife Fatima, 25, killing their children, and three policemen. Their father Yoonus Ibrahim, 65, was also being quizzed by police.



Abdul Lathief Jameel Mohamed (right) was one of four brothers from a well-to-do family who participated in the nine-person attacks on Sunday

A neighbour said the father had "done a lot for the community".

"Most of us rent our houses from him. He is highly respected, but he has often had trouble with his sons."

Fiyaz Lafir, 49, a trustee of Colombo's Grand Central Mosque with Yoonus Ibrahim, was

shocked to learn of the family's involvement. "The first we knew was when he saw his arrest on TV," he said. "He never spoke of extremism or other terrorist incidents, he was always normal."

"We never saw his sons worship here." Mohamed Thala Farzan, named as the

bomber of St Sebastian's Church in Negombo, has denied playing any part. Sri Lanka's president has vowed to overhaul state security after it was revealed Indian intelligence services passed on information on the plot three times including at 6am on Easter Sunday.

## William backs Africa move for Harry

THE Duke of Cambridge is backing a plan to send Harry and Meghan to live in Africa, it has emerged. William would support the idea, which would tap into the couple's popularity with young people in the Commonwealth, of which Harry is youth ambassador. One source

has suggested that the Duke and Duchess of Sussex would only spend two or three months abroad in one part of the world – while others have suggested it could be for two or three years. The idea was floated by officials who believe it would boost the "soft

power" the couple have in getting UK values and message across. But sources refused to say whether William was keen on the plan because it would put distance between him and Harry after reports of a rift between the brothers and their wives.



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## News From Britain

## Scotland's largest private landowner loses four in terror attack

ONE of the world's richest men lost three of his four children in the Sri Lankan bombings. Anders Holch Povlsen, Scotland's biggest private landowner, was enjoying an Easter break with his family when they were caught up in the atrocity. The Danish clothing tycoon had three daughters and a son with wife Anne. Days before the tragedy, Mr Povlsen's daughter Alma shared a picture of her siblings – Astrid, Agnes and Alfred – on Instagram, calling them “little bears”. It is understood the family had been staying at one of the hotels targeted by the suicide bombers.

### Scottish estates

A spokesman for the businessman confirmed the deaths but declined to say which children had been killed. It is not clear if the couple and their surviving child were also injured.

Mr Povlsen, 46, is the richest man in Denmark, estimated to be worth £7billion. He owns a major share in the London-based online clothing retailer ASOS and owns Bestseller, a similar company based in Denmark. Mr Povlsen has spent £100million on 12 Scottish estates, including Aldourie Castle near Loch Ness. In a letter recently posted on his Wildland website Mr Povlsen said he and his wife planned to pass on the estates to their children. Last night financier Ben Goldsmith described Mr Povlsen's children as “angels”, and added: “There are no words to describe the tragedy of this; nor the monsters who did this.”

## ‘Tour de force’ mum, 55, named eighth victim

Victim Lorraine Campbell ‘embraced life to the full’

THE last of the eight British victims of the Sri Lanka bomb attacks has been named as IT director Lorraine Campbell.

Tributes were paid to the 55-year-old mum from Manchester, known as Loz, who had relocated to Dubai and was on a business trip to Colombo.

Her husband Neil Evans said: “Lorraine was a real tour de force. She epitomised the qualities she lived by, and was a conduit for bringing people together to both make things happen, and make them better.

“I’ve lost my best friend in the world for

all the adventures we shared and planned for the future.”

Her son Mark Campbell said the family had held out hope she had survived the deadly blasts. He said: “I guess we kind of knew (she had died) but there was that background thought with my mum that she was like a cockroach – you couldn’t kill her, couldn’t keep her down, couldn’t squash her, she always found a way.

“In a lot of our minds, (we thought) she had somehow made it.”

A statement from Ms Campbell's family added: “Lorraine, known to most people as

Loz, was a woman who embraced life to the full, and meant so much to so many people.

“There will forever be an enormous void that will never now be filled. Loz was a wife, mother, sister and aunt, and a close friend to so many people, having risen through the ranks of the IT world, working in multiple cities in the UK and abroad.”

### “Kindred spirits”

Ms Campbell was killed at the Cinnamon Grand Hotel by Inshaf Ibrahim, 36, who detonated his backpack after picking up a plate and walking to the front



LORRAINE CAMPBELL: IT director based in Dubai

of the breakfast buffet queue. Manchester GP Sally Bradley, 56, and husband Bill Harrop, a retired fireman also 56, also died there. They had been due to return to the UK soon, after buying a retirement home in the

Cotswolds. Dr Bradley's family said: “Their aim was always to experience life to the fullest. Kindred spirits, they travelled the world together, safe in each other's arms and with smiles across their faces.”

## Vinyl revival plants can't keep up with pressing demand

MUSIC fans are in a spin as surging demand for vinyl records means there are not enough pressing plants to keep up with orders.

Vinyl sales are the highest they have been since the early 1990s with nearly 4.2 million discs sold in the UK last year – generating £90million in sales. Most major and independent records in Europe are pressed by two plants – in the Czech Republic and Germany. But their output is not enough to satisfy a suddenly expanding global market, claim experts. Record distributor and

music author Graham Jones said it was a “huge” problem. “There are not enough pressing plants in the world to cope with the demand for vinyl.” He added: “We have to be careful the vinyl revival doesn't clatter out and that is a slight danger at the moment.”

Mr Jones, who wrote *The Vinyl Revival* and *The Shops That Made It Happen*, claimed one UK pressing plant had a six-month backlog of orders. However, Chris Green, of the British Phonographic Industry, said: “The possible supply issues mean that

its rate of growth may come down to a more consolidated, stable level.

“This arguably may not be a bad thing if it helps to sustain the appeal of the format.”

Record collector Mark Elliott, author of *The Ministry Of Pop*, said it was a revival “no one saw coming a decade ago”. He added: “For fans like me it's incredibly exciting to see.

“New releases are now appearing regularly in vinyl, alongside the CD edition that's been dominant for 30 years.”

Figures show vinyl



HOT OFF THE PRESS: Vinyl sales are soaring in the UK

sales rose by 128 per cent in the past three years, and account for 6.6 per cent of industry income. Arctic Monkeys' *Tranquility Base Hotel &*

Casino was last year's biggest-selling vinyl album and fastest-selling in 25 years, shifting 24,500 copies in a week.

## Easter roast served up for sun-seeking Brits

BRITAIN enjoyed a scorching Easter Sunday this week, with record-breaking temperatures across the country.

Sunseekers flocked to beaches around the UK, which was hotter than Tenerife and Morocco. Sunday's top temperature of 25C (77F), measured in Wisley, Surrey, was just half a degree shy of the

all-time UK Easter record, set in Solent, Hampshire, in 2011. But there were new Easter Sunday record temperatures set in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Not surprisingly the UK's beaches saw a bumper turnout. Formby Beach, near Liverpool, and Scarborough Beach saw huge crowds gather

for a swim and spot of sunbathing. Temperatures hit 23.4C in Cardiff and 23.3C in Edinburgh to break national Easter records for Wales and Scotland. And it reached 21C at Helen's Bay and Armagh to set a new record for Northern Ireland. Over the weekend, supermarkets saw a rush of people

stocking up for the hot weather. Sainsbury's said it expected sales of ice

lollies to be up 900 per cent over the previous week.

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# Meet A Member: Dominic Kinnaird

*Meet Dominic Kinnaird, originally from Yorkshire, Dom is a classically trained actor who really does do his own stunts...*

## Why did you make the move to LA?

I absolutely love the vibe here. People seem to be filled with positivity - they believe in their dreams and that anything is possible if you work hard enough. It's refreshing and inspiring. There is SO much opportunity here for British actors with talent.

## What do you miss most about home?

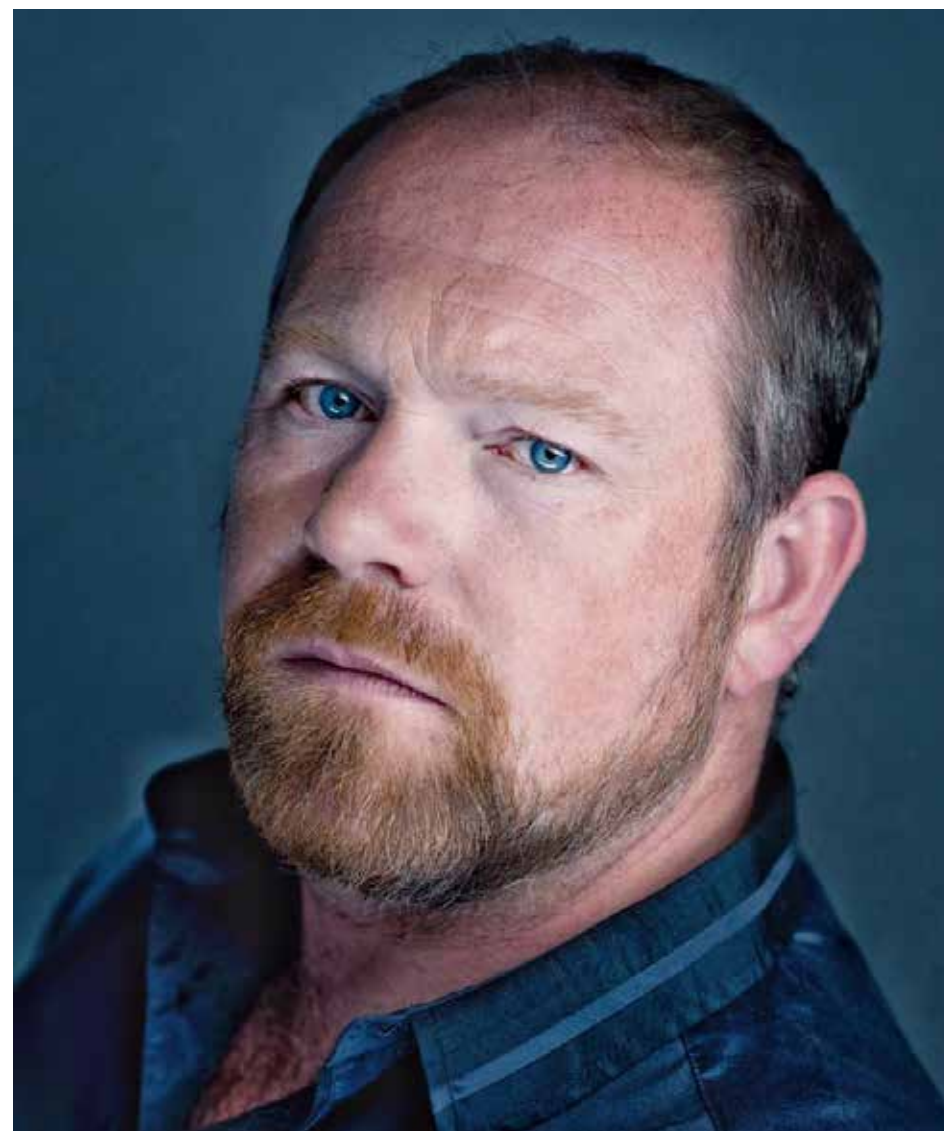
That's easy, I miss my little boy. That's why I split my time between the UK and LA, depending on filming commitments. My son loves the toys in Walmart, we Skype most

days and he loves making me walk around the store showing him toys on my camera! When I do go back home I just adore my picturesque simple village life in Buckinghamshire. My house is opposite an amazing quaint country pub and is surrounded by beautiful fields. It's a huge adjustment being here in LA.

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

I was nominated as Best Action Performer of the Year at the Action on Film Festival back in 2010. I remember I had barely enough money to make it here for the award. The Director Philippe Leone and I felt blessed just to be here. We shared a dodgy room in the cheapest seedy motel somewhere

just off the freeway towards Pasadena. We didn't really know what we were doing and we would drive to Sunset Cinema to support our film daily, often over dressed in our tuxedos. We certainly made an impression! I now rent a place in the hills with amazing, inspiring views of the Hollywood sign. It couldn't be more different. A pool a gym, and the tuxedo now stays tucked away in the cupboard unless it's a red carpet. I think LA is even more popular now, it seems safer, more friendly and there are so many lovely cars on the road. That's why the homeless situation is doubly shocking, I didn't notice that back then. Recently I went to Skid Row to help, I just couldn't believe



DOMINIC KINNAIRD: 'There is opportunity to show what you can do around every corner'

## ePassport gates to ease travel for passengers from more countries

Millions more people will be able to use ePassport gates as they arrive in the UK, under plans announced in last Autumn's Budget.

From summer 2019, eligible travellers from Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand and the United States will be able to use the ePassport gates at 14 ports, both in the UK and at Eurostar terminals at Brussels and Paris.

The ePassport gates expansion will provide an automated route through the border for an estimated additional 6 million international travellers arriving in the UK every year. The move is the next step in the government's continuing programme of work to roll out digital technology at the border and is expected to significantly improve the flow of passengers at busy airports such as Heathrow.



RELIEF AHEAD: ePassport gates are coming

ePassport gates, which are currently available for British and EU nationals, provide a faster route through the border as they allow eligible passengers to be processed quickly and securely. All passengers are automatically checked against Border Force systems and watchlists. The technology also allows Border Force officers to focus on other priority work such as identifying potential victims of trafficking. Immigration Minister

Caroline Nokes said: "We want to encourage people who boost our economy through tourism and business to travel to the UK, while at the same time maintaining border security. Expanding the number of nationalities eligible to use ePassport gates supports this aim."

"Increasing the use of digital technology is part of our ambitious programme to improve the passenger experience and meet the challenge of increased passenger numbers."

it. It gives life some perspective.

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

Lots! Brits in LA obviously, a big thanks to you guys. I have found a manager there and made some genuine new friends. It's the best place to get the lowdown. I also love the Bronson Caves in Griffith Park, where you walk through and suddenly you are surprised by a secret, a beautifully framed view of the legendary Hollywood sign. I also love the Franklin UCB Improv Theater. So much talent and a really fun night for only a few bucks. Once a week I also train in improv at Electric Improv at Venice beach. That has totally changed my life, funny improv, an electric scooter to Santa Monica Pier and then a visit to the

frozen Yogurt shop before hitting the beach. Totally blessed.

## Lots of our members join our group Brits in LA looking for words of wisdom, whats the best advice have you been given?

Collaborate, collaborate, collaborate. You can make your own successes if you work with others who are keen to make stuff happen. Making movies is a team effort so why not build your own team? There is opportunity to show what you can do around every corner. So much talent waiting just to be given a chance. Look for good people when you train and take classes. Also don't just use people, network by making genuine friendships not just useful ones. The genuine connections last and word gets around if you're so driven you

can't be trusted. Some of my biggest opportunities here have come from the most unlikely, non-film industry friends, who have hooked me up. Agents seem to need a recommendation before anything.

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

Acting and stunts keep me very busy. I've also written an awesome action film with a heart, I'm working on a comedy with an American comedian and I have just started selling my first proper mindfulness book - 'Bottomless Chocolate' its about how to build a happy, positive, rich life, full of great health, wealth and success. It's inspired by my little boy. You can find me on Imdb, Facebook, or at DomKinnaird.com.









# Stargazing with Annie Shaw



**ARIES:** If you are interested love is in the air - sooner than later. This can be lovers or family. Either way enjoy this time frame. Mars your boss is hanging out in your opposite sign of Aquarius and though this could slow things down in work or business it will not last long.

**TAURUS:** Your finances could be a problem or (more likely) the lack of them. Try not to freak out over this as it is all temporary. Health situations will resolve with the release soon of stress. Be wise and keep a handle on your emotions and it will feel better by mid-week.

**GEMINI:** You would be wise to not use up all your energy next week as then your boss planet Mercury is strolling faster, so whatever energy you are holding onto will want to escape. If you are not careful your health could suffer.

**CANCER:** You may be letting go of what you consider the past. It may seem that way to you, however look back over the last few weeks and take stock of what worked and what did not. This will be an ending only when it is done.

**LEO:** You may have felt a little moody this past week; this is because you may have come through some family or work problems. Take stock of what you have achieved and hold steady. Chances are you will get pretty much what you want if you stay the course.

**VIRGO:** This past week or so has brought less progress than you had hoped. This is because everything seems overwhelming to you, but next week starts out better. You will be glad to see the end of a longtime stressful situation, with better results soon.

**LIBRA:** The overall lesson for you lovely souls is to achieve balance in all areas. Without a doubt you have achieved a certain amount of attention lately, personal or otherwise. Make sure you do not rest on your laurels; then you will start seeing more of what you want in life.

**SCORPIO:** You have had some difficult life cycles recently, indeed for several months for some. This week ahead will start a more balanced time. Work and relationship opportunities are already gearing up for you.

**SAGITTARIUS:** This week ahead use your head (not your heart) to move through any uneasy situation, especially family matters. There are some undercurrents that you may not be aware of. However you look at your current life situation, put your attention on following through.

**CAPRICORN:** There will be changes coming soon, so do not rock any boats this coming week. Instead be prepared to go with the flow and at the same time do not take anything for granted. Do not put too much pressure on yourself or you will not be able to move forward to a fast resolution.

**AQUARIUS:** Some good news is on its way, just make sure your everyday life is in order before you take on anything else. Finances are still not as you want, however by mid-week it's looking much more positive. Your boss Uranus is settling down in earthy Taurus now.

**PISCES:** You should surround yourself with people who only have your best and highest good at heart these next few days. You are very intuitive usually and you will get to use it for your own benefit soon. These next couple of days lay low and by the month's end you will be doing much better.

## The British Weekly Sudoku by Myles Mellor #386

SUDOKU by Myles Mellor and Susan Flanagan

Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9X9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3X3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9. Puzzles come in three grades: easy, medium and difficult.

Level: Medium

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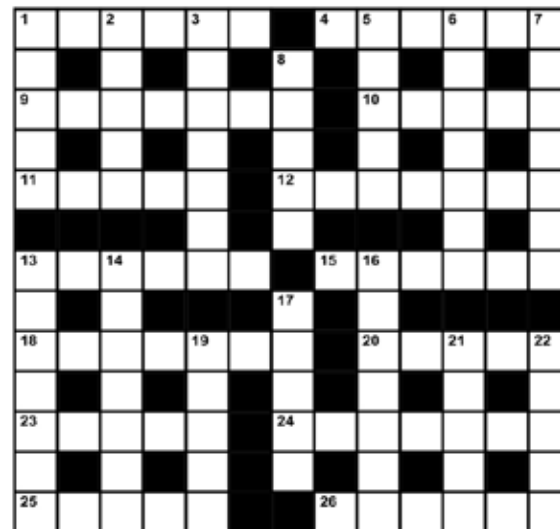
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## The British Weekly Crossword by Myles Mellor. #386

### Across

- 1 Small groups, as of bushes (6)
- 4 Capital on the River Liffey (6)
- 9 Fanatical (7)
- 10 Create (5)
- 11 Video store category (5)
- 12 Outdoors (4-3)
- 13 Irises surround them (6)
- 15 Harrowing experience (6)
- 18 College major (7)
- 20 Soaked (5)
- 23 Siphon (5)
- 24 They carry trays (7)
- 25 Dissuade (5)
- 26 Go around (6)



### Down

- 1 Belief system (5)
- 2 Beyond the usual (5)
- 3 Come out on top (7)
- 5 Reunion attendee (5)
- 6 Pipe problem (7)
- 7 Best kind of foods (7)
- 8 Voice level (5)
- 13 Made, as a case (7)
- 14 Beauty contest (7)
- 16 Willingly (7)
- 17 TV Guide listings (5)
- 19 Word with circle or tube (5)
- 21 Concert venue (5)
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## Brits in LA



## Easter blues, swag giveaways, and good news for travellers

**I hope you all had a lovely Easter?**

Is it just me or does anyone else feel that Easter celebrations have been turned up a notch or two, particularly this year? Almost on par with Christmas... I saw many a jubilant gathering posted across social media; grocery stores displays were full of everything Easter, from decorations, cards, gifts, festive baskets as well as an array of accessories and costumes! My six year-old niece even sat down and wrote to the Easter Bunny, obviously hoping that it was the same deal that one gets when writing a Santa letter! Has it all gone overboard? Or am I just being a bit of a killjoy? I realize that the commercialization of the holidays is inevitable, but

sometimes it would be quite nice to just mark the occasion without having to feel under pressure to spend a ton of cash. I do like a bit of gift giving though, so in keeping with the festive spirit I thought it would be fun to do a couple of giveaways this week.

I am currently in the UK so about we start off with some British chocolate? I know from our message boards that many of you miss it dreadfully. I have two Creme Egg Easter Eggs up for grabs! To enter to win one please email us at [info@britsin.la](mailto:info@britsin.la) and please provide your full name and street address. The winners will be picked at random on Monday 29th of April and notified via email. Please note we will only mail the prize to an address

in mainland USA, due to postage costs.

Next up is a pair of tickets (courtesy of Goldenvoice) to see Bryan Ferry at the Greek Theatre on August 29th. To enter please email us at [info@britsin.la](mailto:info@britsin.la) with your full name as it appears on your photo ID. Winner will be picked at random on May 1st and notified via email. Please note these tickets are not transferable and the winner will have to make their own travel arrangements to get to the venue.

Lastly, if you want more free stuff make sure to head along to Brits in LA Pub Quiz on Tuesday at the Cat & the Fiddle Pub (on Highland just north of Melrose), as we will be giving away lots of goodies including screening passes, posters, shot glasses and even windbreakers to promote Charlize Theron and Seth Rogan's latest movie Long Shot. I would also like to thank British magician Paul Roffman for guest hosting last Tuesday, I think he was a little surprised to discover that Ron Jeremy is a big fan of Brits in LA and a regular attendee at our quiz night. Sandro Monetti is currently in the UK but will be back next week. Everyone is welcome, including non-Brits! Even well behaved kids are allowed, due to The Cat being a full restaurant. It is always free to play and there are lots of prizes to be won. Visit our events page on FB for full details, and for those of you not on social media just get there a little before 8pm and we will find you a team to join.

Our readers from Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand and the United States will be pleased to hear the latest announcement from the British Government. From summer 2019, eligible travellers from the countries listed will be able to use the ePassport gates at 14 ports, both in the UK and at Eurostar terminals at Brussels and Paris.



WE GOT SWAG: we're giving away some classic British Easter Eggs this week

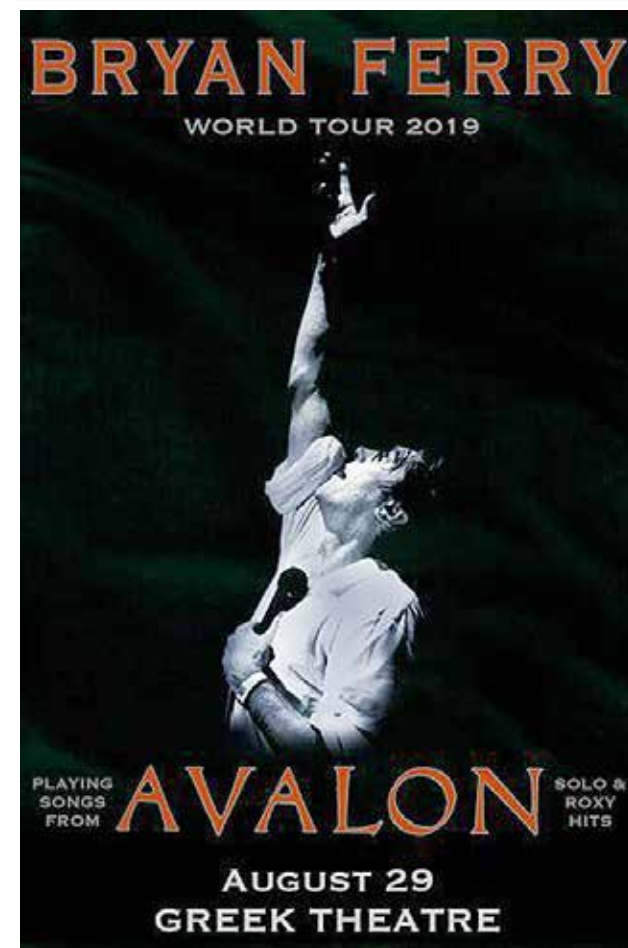


So as long as you have a passport with a biometric chip and your point of entry has the ePassport technology you should be able to speed up the process when crossing the British border. I used it very recently and was through passport control almost as swiftly as if I was using an Oyster card. Although, I did have trouble with it a few years ago; I scanned my passport but the machine kept giving me an error, which is always disconcerting when you are at the airport - it goes hand in hand with the guilt we immediately feel when walking through the 'nothing to declare' at customs (or is that just me?).

Of course the machine malfunction was nothing serious, it was because my hair was not the same color as my passport photo depicted. So don't be alarmed if you get told to 'see an agent' as it is more than likely that your picture just needs updating! Our Passport renewal guide can be found at [www.britsin.la](http://www.britsin.la)

If you have any questions or comments please do get in touch as we always love to hear from you.

**Cheers!  
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# Craig - and Malek - confirmed for next Bond installment!

**Great news folks...and not a moment too soon!**

Daniel Craig is set to return as James Bond, while Léa Seydoux will reprise her role of 007's love interest Madeleine Swann from 2015's "Spectre," it was revealed Thursday.

"Bond 25" will be back with some familiar faces returning include Ralph Fiennes as M, Naomie Harris as Money Penny, and Ben Whishaw will play Q, as well as Jeffrey Wright and Rory Kinnear. Exciting stuff!

The announcement also revealed "Bohemian Rhapsody" star Rami Malek has been confirmed as the villain in the Cary Joji Fukunaga-directed action film.

OO7-er!

Oscar winner Malek said in a video message, "I'm very much looking forward to joining the cast and crew very soon,

I will be making sure that Bond does not have an easy ride of it in his 25th outing."

Newbies making their debut in the much-anticipated film include Billy Magnussen, David Dencik, Lashana Lynch, Dali Benssalah and Ana de Armas.

Asked what she could reveal during the launch, producer Barbara Broccoli said of the as-yet-untitled flick, "Bond is not on active service when we start - he's enjoying himself in Jamaica. We consider it Bond's spiritual home. He starts his journey here. We've built an extraordinary house for him. We've got quite a ride in store for Mr. Bond."

Barbara added: "It feels incredible to be here. This is where James Bond was created.

"It's very inspiring, this is where Fleming created Bond. Down there is

where Ursula Andress came out of the sea."

The official plot summary reads: "Bond has left active service and is enjoying a tranquil life in Jamaica. His peace is short-lived when his old friend Felix Leiter from the CIA turns up asking for help.

"The mission to rescue a kidnapped scientist turns out to be far more treacherous than expected, leading Bond onto the trail of a mysterious villain armed with dangerous new technology."

The screenplay is by Neal Purvis & Robert Wade and Scott Z. Burns.

Pre-production has been far from smooth. Bond 25 was originally scheduled for release this autumn, but is not now due in cinemas until next April. Several key personnel changes have rocked pre-production, chief among them the abrupt departure



**DOUBLE TROUBLE:** Craig and Malek to star in the 25th installment of the franchise

of director Danny Boyle, who left after "creative differences" in August 2018, 14 weeks before shooting was scheduled to start.

Craig's involvement in the project wasn't always a given. Promoting Spectre, he told one interviewer he'd "rather slash [his] wrists" than reprise the role, adding that if he did it would only be for financial gain.

"I don't know what the next step is. I've no idea," he said. "Not because I'm trying to be cagey. Who the fuck knows? At the moment, we've done it. I'm not in

discussion with anybody about anything. If I did another Bond movie, it would only be for the money."

Five time Bond Daniel, said: "The movies have been an event for myself and it feels right that we are coming home here."

He also revealed his favourite Bond gadget is the classic Aston Martin DB5, seen in 1964's Goldfinger.

HBO's True Detective director Cary Joji Fukunaga said: "Daniel is my favourite Bond. I want to make sure that we make a great next chapter

in the next film. I want to make sure whoever's next has a hard job...It's definitely an honor, I am now chomping at the bit to get started."

Fukunaga is the first American to take on a James Bond film since Irvin Kershner, who helmed 1983's "Never Say Never Again" with Sean Connery.

Craig has played James Bond four times - in Casino Royale (2006), Quantum of Solace (2008), Skyfall (2012) and Spectre in 2015. This will be Daniel's last Bond Bond installment before passing the torch to someone else.

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## Klopp:

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Hazard, with 17 and 16 Premier League goals respectively.

"Mo would have deserved it again," added Klopp. "He's up there again with the top scorers and scored so many incredibly important goals for us.

"Gini Wijnaldum plays an incredible season, 100 per cent. Jordan Henderson is in a shape where if they would vote today then he would probably be in and stuff like that, so it's good."

Kloppspoketomedia on Thursday having watched Manchester City return to the top of the Premier League with victory over Manchester United on Wednesday.

The German says he was "calm" after the fixture, which left his side second in the table and requiring City to drop points in their remaining three games if the Anfield club are to win a first league title since 1990.

"For me all is good and the decision is not made yet," added Klopp. "It's not that last night was the final game of the season. It was just another game for City. They deserved to win.

"It was the result I expected. United tried whatever they can, first half especially. Unlucky in one or two moments, but over 95 minutes it was clear they can't stand up to City at the moment.

"This is our first time trying to be champion, not the last time. Last season we were 25 points behind. It's all good and we will carry on.

"We don't need to summarise the season. If we win it, we win it. If we don't there are no regrets as long as we give our best, and that's what we've done all season."

Asked how United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer can rebuild his side, Klopp answered: "They didn't help us, why should we help them?"

## Poch spurred by Eriksen contract development

"The most important thing now, not only for him, is for all the players to be focused and try to achieve the things we want." - Mauricio Pochettino

Tottenham midfielder Christian Eriksen is prepared to talk about extending his contract - but not until the end of the season, says boss Mauricio Pochettino.

The 27-year-old Denmark midfielder, who is linked with a move to Real Madrid, scored a spectacular 88th-minute winner as Spurs beat Brighton 1-0 on Tuesday.

His contract expires at the end of next season and so far he has held off committing to a new deal.

"I hope and wish Christian can be with us in the future," said Pochettino.

"I think Christian and us, we are so open to talk and we will see what happens.

"It's a situation that's a very special one and Christian is a special

person. The timing for him or for the club to be agreeing something is maybe different to another player.

"It's so close to the end of the season and there's a lot of time to talk afterwards. The most important thing now, not only for him, is for all the players to be focused and try to achieve the things we want."

Tottenham are in the semi-finals of the Champions League and will qualify for next year's tournament if they become European champions.

However, if they fail to do that then they could still qualify for the 2019-20 competition as long as they finish in the top four of the Premier League.

Eriksen's goal against Brighton, a low strike from 25 yards, kept



ERIKSEN: vital goal for Spurs on Tuesday night

Tottenham third, three points clear of fourth-placed Chelsea with three league games left.

"We're in a position now that is in our hands to be in the top four," added Pochettino. "If we

are capable of winning the next three games in the Premier League then we will be third."

## Attitude must improve, says Solskjaer

Manchester United must show "a better attitude than anyone else" if they are to close the gap on Manchester City, says manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer.

United, who lost 2-0 to City at Old Trafford on Wednesday, are sixth in the Premier League table, 25 points behind leaders City.

The derby defeat was United's seventh in nine games in all competitions.

"We certainly got a reaction," said Solskjaer, whose side lost 4-0 at Everton on Sunday.

Second-half goals from Bernardo Silva and substitute Leroy Sane took City back to the top of the table, one point ahead of Liverpool with

three games remaining.

"The first half was positive and we were pleased at the break," said Solskjaer.

"Unfortunately, we conceded two sloppy goals in the second half that could have been avoided."

United are three points off the top four, which will secure Champions League football next season, although they face fourth-placed Chelsea at Old Trafford on Sunday.

"We have to work harder," said Solskjaer.

"The first day of pre-season is going to be a big one and we will see who has looked after themselves in the summer.



MISERABLE RUN: Wednesday night's derby defeat was United's seventh in nine games in all competitions under Solskjaer

"We know we must deliver a good performance against Chelsea."

"He had a tough first season but he has turned it around. Living so close to them, we feel it more."

United striker Marcus Rashford said the performance against City

was "not like Manchester United".

"It's not right," he said. "The bare minimum is to work hard and give all for the badge, the supporters, the club and yourself."

"It has been a tough road to get to where we are. To get there and

not be putting up the same performances as we were in January is disappointing."

United have lost seven of their past nine games in all competitions, after losing only one of their first 17 following Solskjaer's appointment in December.

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# PEP: It's not over yet!

**City boss calls for calm after derby win edges them closer to title**

**Manchester City's players must remain calm after their derby victory if they are to retain the Premier League title, says manager Pep Guardiola.**

Goals from Bernardo Silva and Leroy Sane gave City a 2-0 win at Manchester United on Wednesday night to move above Liverpool at the top of the table.

City will retain the title if they win their last three league matches.

"We're still not champions with three games left," said Guardiola, whose side have one point more than Liverpool.

"I told the players don't read tomorrow, don't watch the television, just

rest and sleep a lot and go in there against Burnley [on Sunday].

"We go to Burnley and we know how tough it will be. It's important to be calm."

City reached 100 points in 2017-18 as they finished 19 points clear of United for Guardiola's first Premier League title.

His side will get to 98 points and become champions again if they beat Burnley, Leicester and Brighton in their last three games of the season.

Liverpool face Huddersfield, Newcastle and Wolves, but need City to drop points if they are to win the English title for the first time since 1989-90.



**RISE AND FALL:** Ole Gunnar Solskjaer and Pep Guardiola were a study in contrasts on the touchline at Old Trafford Wednesday night

"Both teams deserve the title, but it can be just one," added the Spaniard.



**TALENT RECOGNIZED:** four of Klopp's team made the PFA Team of the Year

## 'My Team is the team of the season' - Klopp

Manager Jurgen Klopp says seven more Liverpool players could have made the PFA Team of the Year and insists "my team is the team of the season".

The Reds saw Andrew Robertson, Trent-Alexander Arnold, Virgil van Dijk and forward Sadio Mane selected in the PFA team, which is

chosen by players, and announced on Thursday.

Manchester City had six players included, while Manchester United's Paul Pogba completed the line-up.

"There could have been four, five, six or seven more involved," said Klopp.

"They played an outstanding season in so

many moments. For me, my team is the team of the season anyway."

Liverpool's Egyptian forward Mohamed Salah and Arsenal's Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang - who have both scored 19 league goals this season - were left out, as were Tottenham's Harry Kane and Chelsea's Eden

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