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# Editor's notes...



Hello and welcome to this month's edition of **VISION**BillericayShenfield. As we approach the final few months of the year (I won't mention the C word, don't worry!), it has been fantastic to see the high street bouncing back over the past few weeks.

I have been out and about visiting some of our advertisers and speaking to new businesses which opened during the COUID-19 pandemic. I've been really impressed with them - in particular, the ones who have opened businesses recently during these tough times. It really shows entrepreneurial spirit at its finest, in my opinion.

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We can always give ourselves excuses and try to convince ourselves, due to things out of our control, to delay plans or put them off to another day, but I think we need to all take our hat off to those who are expanding during these times. COVID-19 isn't going away, so we need to

learn to live with it. Be cautious, but live life the best you can.

Having friends and family myself who had COUID-19, some who beat it and some who were less fortunate, I can say this has taught most people I meet to take every day as if it were your last. Stay positive! Hope you enjoy this month's edition.

Mik Allen

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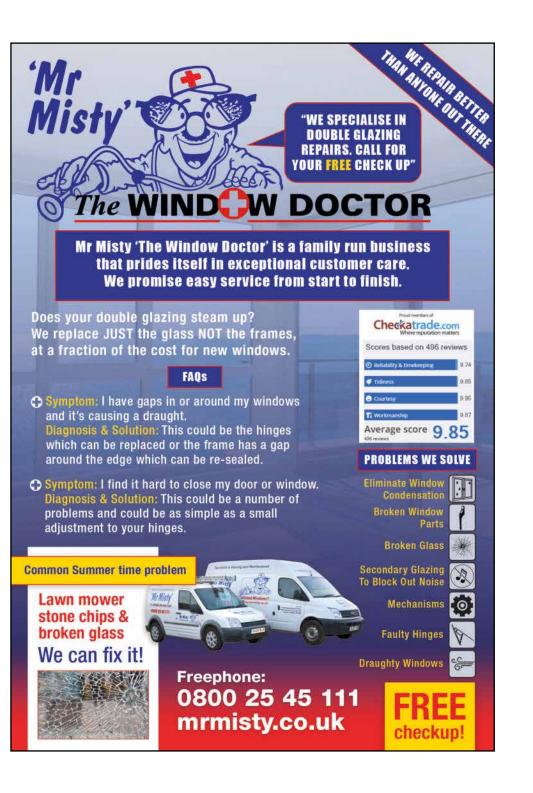
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# DOWN ON THE FARM

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FROM MASERATIS TO MASSEY FERGUSONS, JEREMY CLARKSON'S NEW LIFE IN RURAL COTSWOLDS IS PROVING A RATINGS WINNER

onsider the image of the traditional British farmer – working the land, toiling with crops, taking care of animals. He would be loud, brash, rugged, stubborn and most probably confrontational (certainly if you were to stray onto his land).

It's quite fitting, then, that all those adjectives have been used to describe former *Top Gear* host, Jeremy Clarkson, at various points in the past.

The popular presenter, who has excelled as Chris Tarrant's successor as host of *Who Wants to be a Millionaire*?, is in the second phase of a new existence, tending to his meadows in the scenic idylls of the Cotswolds. His TV show, *Clarkson's Farm*, has proved to be one of Amazon Prime's most successful original series following its launch in June.

The concept is a simple one – a city boy, Clarkson, decides to take up farming when a local villager gives up existing rights to farmland in 2019. Whilst embarking on a life in the country, a film crew follows Clarkson's every move, documenting a layman's painfully slow elevation into the farming fraternity.

Naturally, any series that showcases 'Jezza's' calming charisma should find itself onto a winner, and reviews have been good. One journalist described the presenter as "a grown man playing *Farming Simulator* in real life", and that pretty much captures what's going on.

The fields Clarkson tends to have been rotated between barley, rapeseed and wheat, although getting to the point of making money from the land has proved a huge undertaking – it was revealed that at the end of series one, Clarkson had made a total profit for the year of just £144.

"Some people will say it's about the money; for others, it's the experience," says the 61-year-old. "This has certainly been an interesting experience where I've stepped out of my comfort zone. I've swapped supercars for tractors, and I dare say I've learned something along the way."

Such has been the success of the experiment – in TV terms, if not financially for the forlorn farmer – that Amazon Prime is backing a second series.

Clarkson hopes to have sorted a few teething problems that arose during his first year in charge – not least the opening of his farm shop in Chadlington, which created a three-mile queue and necessitated police intervention to disperse the crowds.

He added: "Farming, from the outside, seems to be such a gentle, serene existence; but it's safe to say it's anything but."

And while Clarkson's foray into agriculture has more than enough to do with making good TV, he has gleaned unexpected praise from the farming world, in the way the series

lifts the lid on the tough realities of the industry.

"It's worth remembering, if we didn't have farming and agriculture in this country, we'd have nothing. It is the staple of everything around us. I always respected what those men and women do out in the field, but now my admiration is even greater."

## **KEMEMBERING**

## YEARS OF 9/

September 11 marks two decades since the largest modern-day assault on the Western world

Any people will be able to recall the events of 9/11 – a day in September 2001 when the world changed forever. It was at 8.45am that the first flight, hijacked by terrorists working for Islamic group, al Qaeda, struck the side of the north World Trade Center in New York City.

As the eyes of the world focussed in on the event, supposing a freak accident had caused the first plane to smash into the 80th floor of the 110-storey skyscraper, a second plane hit the south tower 18 minutes later. A plume of fire engulfed the area, as the aircraft's 20,000 gallons of fuel ignited.

It suddenly became clear that this was no accident. As the hours went by and the collapsing towers claimed almost 3,000 lives, President George W. Bush confirmed al Qaeda's Osama bin Laden as the organiser of the attacks. He promised retaliation would be swift.

A separate attack on the Pentagon claimed more lives, while a fourth plane crashed in a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, killing all 44 on board, despite a brave passenger revolt that attempted to overpower the hijackers.

In the aftermath, the US began the so-called War on Terror and immediately launched Operation Enduring Freedom, which removed the Taliban regime from power in Afghanistan and effectively destroyed bin Laden's terrorist network; although the war of fundamentalists continues to this day.

Air travel was transformed globally to ensure that terrorists should never again be able to gain power of an aircraft while in the air – previously, the threat had been from bombs smuggled onto flights. Meanwhile, anti-Muslim violence increased globally, and a new era of surveillance began.

Bin Laden remained at large for another decade before finally being tracked down to a hideout in Abbottabad in Pakistan. He was killed by US Navy SEALs in 2011.

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#### HOW TO CLEAN A MATTRESS IN FIVE SIMPLE STEPS

rom dust mites to dead skin, dirt to dog hair, your mattress could be harbouring a whole host of unpleasant debris, especially if you fail to clean it once every six months as recommended by cleaning experts.

Fortunately, cleaning a mattress is much easier than you might think ...

#### **STEP 1: GATHER YOUR CLEANING SUPPLIES**

To deep clean your mattress, you will need:

- > A vacuum cleaner with an upholstery attachment
- > An enzyme-based cleaner
- > Baking soda
- > Cloths

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> Cold water

#### **STEP 2: VACUUM THE MATTRESS**

Go over the entire surface of your mattress using the upholstery attachment on your vacuum cleaner. Don't forget to do the sides, and pay special attention to the seams.

#### **STEP 3: SPOT CLEAN THE MATTRESS**

You should never soak your mattress or apply water directly to it, especially if you have a memory foam one, so you need to spot clean any stains instead using an enzyme-based cleaner. Spray the cleaner on to a cloth and blot the affected area. Then apply cold water to a different cloth and blot again.

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#### **STEP 4: SPRINKLE BAKING SODA**

If you can't put your mattress outside for some fresh air, baking soda is the next best thing. Simply sprinkle a laver over your whole mattress. leave for several hours, or ideally overnight, and the baking soda will break down any acid and absorb any remaining moisture or odours. Vacuum again.

#### **STEP 5: FLIP THE MATTRESS**

Now that one side is spotless, flip your mattress over and repeat all of the above steps on the other side.

#### HOW TO PROTECT YOUR MATTRESS

- > Invest in a mattress protector
- > Use fitted sheets that are washed regularly
- > Give your pets their own designated beds
- Rotate every two to six months
- Strip your mattress, open the windows and let your mattress air once a month

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# Bonjee

f there's one home trend that Instagram can't get enough of, it's bouclé. Cosy, cute and classy all at once, it's taking over interiors all across the internet.

But what is bouclé, and why do you need it in your home? The word bouclé comes from the French 'boucler', meaning 'to curl'. A type of wool fabric, it's made from looped varn and has a heavy texture that not only looks stylish, but also has a soft, comforting feel.

Bouclé is proving to be the fabric of the year thanks to some inspiring upcycling projects and an influx of bouclé home accessories that add style to your home space, without compromising on comfort.

There are plenty of great ways to bring bouclé into your interior, ready to welcome the autumn season. Some of the main ways of introducing bouclé include:

THE OCCASIONAL CHAIR: A bouclé occasional chair makes a great addition to any space. Ideal for your bedroom or for additional seating in your living room, your new chair will make the perfect addition to your home. It can also fill a hallway or landing space to add an extra cosy touch.

THE STATEMENT BENCH: If you want to add a statement to your home, then a bouclé bench is a simple and affordable way to do it. Perfect for the hallway or your kitchen, a bouclé bench will add a country chic look to your home.

THE STYLISH ACCESSORY: If you want to do bouclé on a budget, then choosing some woollen accessories is one of the easiest ways to embrace the trend. Bouclé cushions and throws can create a softer look, and the neutral colours will blend in easily with your existing decor. As one of the top trends for the winter months, vou can be sure of finding bouclé accessories all over the high street.

THE FURNITURE MAKEOVER: If you've got a tired old armchair or sofa in need of a facelift, then a bouclé makeover could be just what vou need. You could also source a second-hand item to reupholster for an affordable and fun upcycling project. Check out #boucle on Instagram to get some inspiration.

Bouclé adds a stylish Scandinavian touch that adds the perfect amount of texture to your home. Will you be embracing the bouclé trend this season?



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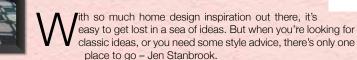




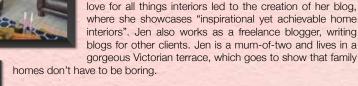


# LOVE CHIC LIVING...

#### ...inspiring home style with Jen Stanbrook



Jen is the friendly face behind Love Chic Living, a lifestyle



#### EMBRACE LOVE CHIC LIVING IN YOUR HOME

Jen's style makes the most of classic details, but also uses a lot of colour and guirky details that make her home stand out. There are some great colour blocks to enjoy in Jen's home, which show that even traditional homes can sparkle with some bold choices.

What's great about Jen's style is that it is very accessible and easy to recreate yourself. Jen uses prints and wallpaper to brighten living room spaces or to create details such as fake panelling, something that can easily be done to transform a room without much effort.

Even more classically styled areas, like the kitchen, bring in some subtle details that draw the eye, such as hexagon tiles and pops of yellow. Taking small risks with your styling can create a look that's unique to you, which is why Jen's home style is so adored.

If you want to embrace the Love Chic Living look in your home, the following tips can help you create some standout looks:

- > Don't be afraid to use patterns in your home to add some interest. Jen layers contrasting rugs to create some unique and vibrant looks.
- > Mix up your colour scheme by using muted wall colours against bold accessories. to create a look that's modern and on trend.
- Look to your high street, local independant shops or boutiques to find some amazing items.

blog that aims to "inspire with achievable home decor ideas, tips and makeovers". The blog is a great place to find home inspiration, as well as all kinds of tutorials and guides. Want to style your home the Love Chic Living way? Learn more about Jen's incredible home style. WHO IS IEN? Jen is the first person to admit she's an interiors addict. Her

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ave you got a near-empty bottle of vodka gathering dust in your cupboard? If your answer is yes, you will be pleased to know that there are countless ways to use this odourless spirit around your home.

TO DEODORISE CLOTHES: Fallen behind on your washing? Simply spritz your blazer or suit jacket with vodka and marvel as the spirit eliminates smelly bacteria and leaves your clothes odour-free.

TO CLEAN WINDOWS: Getting your windows streak-free can be a challenge, but

not anymore. All you need to do is create your own homemade window cleaner using one cup of water, half a cup of vodka and ¼ teaspoon baking soda. Spray directly onto the glass and wipe with a microfibre cloth.

**TO REMOVE GREASE:** Both straight vodka and a one-toone vodka-water mix can be used to degrease range hoods, backsplashes and countertops. You can also add a few tablespoons of vodka to your washing-up bowl to cut through the grease on oily dishes.

**TO PROLONG THE LIFE OF RAZORS**: Banish dull razors for good by cleaning the blade and then soaking in a glass of vodka for 10–15 minutes. Not only does this completely disinfect your razor, but it also helps to remove rust.

**TO REMOVE MOULD:** Vodka can be used to quickly and effectively clean mouldy spots around your home. Just pour some vodka directly onto the affected area and then scrub with a sturdy brush.

TO PRESERVE PLANTS: Vodka has the ability to inhibit ethylene production, so add a few drops of undiluted vodka to cut flowers or plants to extend their lifespan.

**TO REMOVE VOMIT STAINS:** Spray diluted vodka directly on to a vomit stain, scrub and then blot dry. Voila! No more nasty stain.







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#### COLOUR CONSIDERATION:

Although white remains the most popular choice for front doors, bold colours, such as vibrant reds and deep blues, are becoming increasingly popular for properties in cities. If you have a brick house, look for shades that sit opposite on the colour wheel. Red bricks suit blue or green tones, whereas sandstone looks great with yellow or red.

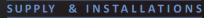
DOUBLE UP: If your property boasts a wide entrance, you are in the fortunate position to be able to select a double door. Perfect for homeowners who are looking for the wow factor, double doors come in a range of different styles and colours, with options to suit both traditional and contemporary homes.

ADDED TOUCHES: If you don't want to invest in a new front door, why not update your current one? > Add a seasonal wreath

- > Invest in new hardware, such as door handles and a letterbox
- > Upgrade your lighting with lanterns or a hanging door pendant













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ragrance zoning, also known as scent-scaping, is the process of differentiating spaces in your home using the power of fragrance. Allowing you to create zones for productivity, relaxation and invigoration, scent-scaping is one wellness trend we can definitely get on board with.

#### KITCHEN

You want this pivotal room in your home to smell fresh and bright, but you also need to consider scents that neutralise unsavoury odours. Opt for citrus-based aromas, such as lemon, lime, tangerine and grapefruit, and avoid spicy or overly sweet scents that will clash with food smells.

#### LIVING ROOM

A place to relax and unwind after a hard day, your living room should be your sanctuary for downtime. Choose scents that evoke feelings of calm, such as jasmine, cinnamon, rosemary and ambergris. Alternatively, if you are looking to create a lively, social atmosphere, herbs such as basil and sage and fruits including green apple and pomegranate are best.

#### BEDROOM

As you would expect, lavender is the perfect aroma for inducing sleep, so is ideal for using in the bedroom. However, a bedroom is not just a place to rest; you may also want to feel invigorated in the morning, which citrus, mint and eucalyptus can help with. Alternatively, set the scene for romance with amber, vanilla, sandalwood and cedarwood.

#### OFFICE SPACE

If you are working from home, you need to be able to create a clear boundary between your work space and other areas of your home. Opt for uplifting aromas that will keep your motivation levels high, such as sweet mandarin, white grapefruit and aromatic herbs such as basil and mint.

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# **Two men jailed after** killing teenager with stolen car

wo men have been jailed after a teenage boy was killed in a collision with a stolen car.

On September 18, 2020, Jack Madel (pictured left) and Tommy Wilson (pictured middle) were travelling in a Ford Kuga that had been stolen from outside Stock Brook Manor Country Club, in Billericay, the day before the crash.

Madel was driving the car at speed in Hartswood Road, Warley, while under the influence of a controlled drug. He went through a red light at a set of temporary traffic lights at the junction with St John's Road.

At the same time, James Esah (pictured right), 17, was walking near the junction.

The Kuga collided with a Mercedes that was travelling in the opposite direction, causing Madel to lose control of the Kuga and mount the path. The car struck James, then collided with a brick wall and a parked car, before rolling onto its roof (pictured inset).

The Kuga rolled over the leg of an engineer, causing minor injuries, while narrowly missing two others, who had been working to install cables under the pavement nearby.

Both Madel and Wilson ran from the scene, but were stopped and detained by members of the public before police arrived.

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Wilson was taken to hospital with a broken neck. James was also taken to hospital, but sadly died six days after the incident.

Madel, 28, of no fixed address, admitted causing death by dangerous driving at Basildon Crown Court on October 15, 2020.

He denied possession with intent to supply class A drugs and was found not guilty of the charge following a trial, which ended on August 13, 2021.

Wilson, 28, of no fixed abode, denied aggravated vehicle taking, but was convicted following the trial.

He had previously admitted possession with intent to supply class A drugs.

Madel was jailed for nine years and Wilson was jailed for six years and four months.

Inspector Mark Fraser, of the Serious Collision Investigation Unit, said: "This was a horrifying incident and I speak on behalf of all my colleagues when I say that our heartfelt sympathies are with James's family."



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# **Schools presented** with Dementia Friendly Award

wo schools have achieved the Billericay Dementia Friendly Schools Award.

Both Quilters Junior School and Quilters Infant School were presented with the award by Mark Neville, from the Alzheimer's Society.

To celebrate, the school council organised a Memory Day, where everyone was encouraged to play memory games and take part in a memory walk to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society.

All the pupils have become Dementia Friends and are taking part in a long-term pen pal project with older members of the community.

Staff have worked hard over the last two academic vears, despite disruption due to the pandemic, to keep the momentum going towards achieving the award.

Deputy headteacher of Quilters Infant School, Lydia Knights, said: "The children were very proud of themselves. It has been an honour to be part of this project and such a good learning experience for the children."

Carl Roberts, outgoing chair of the Billericay Dementia Action Alliance, praised both schools, saying: "It is absolutely inspiring, and this will no doubt have a fundamental impact on the future of how Billericay supports those living with dementia.

"I am so proud to have been witness to the incredible work taking place. Congratulations to all involved."

# Actor to join the cast of TV soap this autumn

ABillericay-based actor will be joining the cast of popular BBC soap, *EastEnders*, this autumn.

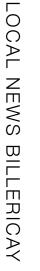
Charlie Wernham, who is well known for his previous role as Robbie Roscoe in Hollyoaks, joined Sylvia Young Theatre School's agency before appearing in The Inbetweeners and Bad Education.

Charlie said: "It was always a childhood dream of mine to be in EastEnders. It's a show that's constantly on TV in my household, as my family are massive fans, so it's always been close to my heart. I can't wait to join an incredibly talented cast."

Jon Sen, executive producer at EastEnders, added: "We're very happy to be welcoming Charlie to Walford. His character, Aaron, joins the Monroe family. "In many ways, he's the opposite to his sister, Dana, and Harvey's relationship

with them both is likely to be tested. "We look forward to Charlie's arrival on screen later this year."





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Billericay

much to the delight of keen runners.

Parkrun is a five-kilometre event for walkers. runners, volunteers and spectators that takes place every Saturday morning for free in Lake Meadows, Northlands Park and Wickford Memorial Park.

The Mayor of Basildon, councillor David Dadds, completed the Lake Meadows Parkrun in Billericav. while Basildon Borough Council's chief executive, Scott Logan, took part in the Parkrun in Wickford Memorial Park.

Chairman of the leisure and environment committee.

The three Parkruns in Basildon returned last month, councillor Craig Rimmer, said: "Parkruns are such a great thing for our borough, and I'm delighted that they have returned. They keep residents active and get them out in our parks, allowing them to experience all the benefits of spending time in the outdoors.

"The social element is so important and something I'm sure participants really can't wait to get back to.

"I encourage all residents to take part in the Parkruns. Whether you're a keen runner or just fancy a social walk with friends, family, or other friendly participants, it's a really inclusive environment that you will be fully welcomed into."

# **Care company retains outstanding status**

Ahome care company that covers Billericay, Brentwood and Upminster has revealed that it has retained its Outstanding rating from the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

Home Instead's rating was reviewed in July, with the CQC revealing last month that it had found no evidence of a need to reassess the rating or carry out a further inspection.

A spokesperson for the care company said: "I am delighted to announce that we have retained our Outstanding rating.

"Well done to our fantastic caregivers and wonderful office team, who have been incredible throughout the pandemic." Based on reviews from clients and their loved ones, the care company was also named as the most recommended home care company in the UK by homecare.co.uk



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# **MP welcomes schools'** share of £200million programme

Aschool in Billericay has received a share of £200million as part of the government's summer schools programme.

The MP for Basildon and Billericay, John Baron, welcomed the news that The Billericay School has benefited from extra funds to provide extracurricular and academic catch-up activities.

A total of 542,710 pupils were expected to attend a face-to-face summer school this year, with around 75 per cent of eligible mainstream secondary schools participating. The programme is a key part of The government's £3billion education recovery plan.

In Billericay and Basildon, the schools which

received a share of the funding are: De La Salle School, Mayflower High School, The Billericay School and The James Hornsby School.

Speaking before the summer holidays, John Baron MP said: "The government's summer school programme will help pupils whose education has been affected by the pandemic. Evidence from the Education Endowment Foundation shows that pupils who participate in such programmes can make two months' additional progress when compared to pupils who don't attend.

"These summer schools will also help pupils establish friendships before the start of the coming school year."

# Fireworks display cancelled for second time

Organisers of the popular annual fireworks display at Lake Meadows have announced that the event has been cancelled for the second year running, with a number of factors playing a part in the decision.

The show, which is organised each year by the Billericay RoundTable, was due to take place in November.

A spokesperson for Billericay RoundTable said in a statement: "Sorry it's bad news. It's a real pain to have to do this again and our group did not come to the decision lightly. We really hope you will support us with our decision.

"We want to put on the best event for our community, but there were many points which were not in our favour for making it a safe and enjoyable event, especially when the possibility of breaking even

was questionable for our charity account."

A few reasons given for the cancellation of the popular event was that Billericay RoundTable normally starts organising this event at the start of the year, but were unable to do so in 2020 as a result of the national lockdown.

The group also reviewed a variety of options to scale back the event, but all options came back as unfeasible.

A member of the group, Marcus Bennett, speaking in a video on their Facebook page, added: "We hope that we'll be coming back in 2022, with an event exactly like you would expect from us, and that we didn't think would be able to happen this year."

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# **Planning permission** granted for new modern library

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Planning permission has been granted for a new modern library in Shenfield.

Essex Housing, the county council's housing development arm, completed a public consultation in December 2020. After making several amendments to its design proposal to take account of the feedback received, it submitted a planning application in March 2021. The application was approved last month.

The plans would see the current library building, which is in need of significant repair, replaced with a larger building, with a spacious and open plan library, a commercial unit on the ground floor, and an outdoor public area.

All these community assets will be paid for by the creation and sale of nine apartments on the first and second floors of the building.

Councillor Lesley Wagland, cabinet member for economic renewal, infrastructure and planning, said:

"I'm excited about these ambitious plans to renew the library at Shenfield while making better use of this publicly owned space.

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"In addition to delivering a larger, better facilitated library, the scheme will result in a vastly improved meeting space for the community."

Councillor Louise McKinlay, deputy leader and cabinet member for community, equality, partnerships and performance, said: "This is great news for Shenfield residents and library users. The redevelopment will provide a modern building for the library, with investment delivering better facilities for the community, including an improved outdoor space and space for groups to meet.

"Community feedback was extensive and extremely positive, and I am pleased that the initial designs include suggestions received from local people who have helped to shape the future of the library."





#### Maths department wins three awards

SHENFIELD HIGH SCHOOL



Chenfield High School was recently Onamed as a HegartyMaths Super School after winning three bronze awards in different categories.

The award confirms the school as being within the top 50 schools in the categories. Shenfield Maths said on Twitter: "A big well done to all the Shenfield High School mathematicians for their hard work on

HegartyMaths this year. Bronze awards in three categories makes us a HegartyMaths Super School. Let's see if we can beat that next year."

A spokesperson for HegartyMaths said: "Shenfield High School won three awards this year in three different categories: guestions answered by a school, hours worked by pupils, and skills completed by pupils. Congratulations."

This news came a few days after GCSE results day. The school's headteacher, Carole Herman, was guick to congratulate students for their excellent results.

She said: "Congratulations to our Shenfield High Year 11s who received their results. Hard work paid off and we are proud that you got the results you deserved."

#### **Council holds open session** on tree clearance plans

rentwood Borough Council and the conservators Dof Shenfield Common held an open session to discuss plans for extensive tree clearance on the common.

Clearing the trees will enhance the features of the common, such as the lime tree avenue and pond, and improve woodland diversity and the ground flora. To move forward with the project, the council asked residents for their views in a consultation that took place on August 24.

Speaking before the consultation. Brentwood

Borough Council environment, enforcement and housing chair, councillor Maria Pearson, said: "This consultation will give residents the opportunity to see what work is being proposed, as agreed under the management plan at the Shenfield Conservators meeting earlier this year.

"Consultants and councillors will be on site to talk to residents about the scheme.

"The scheme will create a new aspect to the landscape, encouraging residents to wander and enjoy the surroundings. We hope to make the common woodland less threatening to residents and improve visibility by allowing light to the common woodland pond."

### **Residents take part in epic** trail for chance to win prizes

Residents took part in a summer Safari Trail around Shenfield, Brentwood and Ingatestone to be in with a chance of winning prizes.

The event, which started in July and ran until September 3, offered various prizes, including a trip to Colchester Zoo and Click It Local vouchers. Once participants had found all 12 animals scattered around the area, they were asked to fill in the details on a game sheet and post it into the jungle mail postbox in The Baytree Centre on Brentwood High Street.

Speaking before the trail began, Mayor of Brentwood, councillor Olivia Sanders, said: "My thanks go out to all our local community hubs, volunteers, food banks, NHS key workers and carers. I hope you and your families enjoy finding the 12 animals hidden around Brentwood, Shenfield and Ingatestone.

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#### IS CBD SAFE FOR PETS?

There is no evidence to suggest that CBD is toxic to dogs or cats, as long as it is given in the right doses and is purchased from a trusted manufacturer. In terms of potential side effects, there is currently no scientific data on CBD usage in pets but, based on humans, they could possibly experience:

- \* Dry mouth
- \* Lowered blood pressure
- \* Drowsiness

#### IS CBD FOR PETS LEGAL IN THE UK?

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The scale of Radcliffe's achievement only really became evident in the years that followed, during which no female athlete could get anywhere near her time. Even her rivals were clamouring to praise her.

American record holder Deena Kastor said: "Fans of this sport will continue viewing her 2:15 performance as iconic, heroic and a stunning sprint of 26.2 miles."

It took 16 years for the record to finally be broken, by Kenyan Brigid Kosgei at the 2019 Chicago Marathon.

Radcliffe, who made two comebacks in the sport after having children, retired in 2015. She was awarded an MBE for services to running, and now works regularly for sports media around the world. From the smallest job to the largest high profile project

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In competitive terms, Team GB exceeded expectations yet again, bringing home a total of 22 gold, 21 silver and 22 bronze medals, to finish an extraordinary fourth in the medal table, behind only the US, China and Japan.

There were incredible successes all across the board, kickstarted with Adam Peaty charging home in the 100m breaststroke.

Also in the pool, Tom Daley finally got the reward for his years of dedication, producing the performance of a lifetime alongside Matty Lee on the synchronised 10m platform.

We excelled in cycling across all disciplines, saw triathlon golds in the post-Brownlees era, exerted all our usual excellence in equestrian, and powered to pentathlon, boxing and sailing honours.

And what about Max Whitlock? His Tokyo gold saw him become the most successful gymnast ever on the pommel horse, with two Olympic and three world titles.

And while Skye Brown's medal was bronze, it was arguably the young star who courted the greatest quantity of headlines. At just 13-years-old, she confirmed in Tokyo what we all knew: That at such a tender age, the youngest ever British Olympian has the world at her feet – with her trusty skateboard close by.

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## Whether playing or presenting, the brilliant Alex Scott MBE has always kept the <u>football in focus</u>, and now her biggest challenge has begun.

Conducting a career in the public eye is undoubtedly difficult enough, but doing so always in the sneering shadow of those who diminish women in sport must be doubly challenging. For that reason, Alex Scott – former England defender, BBC Sport matchday host and summariser, and the new face of *Football Focus* – is one of the very best in the game.

The 36-year-old has had to endure her fair share of criticism since she started appearing on our screens a decade ago. In a new era of media personalities who don't subscribe to the stereotype of white middle-aged men, the London-born ex-Arsenal full-back stands out for her purposeful delivery, adept understanding of the tactical and psychological intricacies of the game, and an ability to mix expert comment with light-hearted banter.

Scott's duties as Tokyo Olympics host opposite Clare Balding further proved her versatility – even if the BBC was panned for some of its coverage – and the logical progression has been for her to step into the Saturday lunchtime *Football Focus* hotseat, recently vacated by Dan Walker.

"The show has become a real lunchtime football institution and it's such an honour to be taking over from Dan, who is one of the very best on our screens," she says.

"It's a lot of pressure and I won't pretend I'm not nervous about the opportunity, but I'm discussing my favourite subject in the world, so I'm sure I'll be fine."

Scott first discovered a passion for sport growing up around the busy streets of Poplar, East London. At the age of eight, she signed for Arsenal, playing as a striker and right-winger before being converted into a full-back. After a solitary season at Birmingham City, she moved back to the Gunners in 2005, helping win a Women's Premier League and FA Cup double. Further success followed – including clinching all domestic trophies and the UEFA Women's Cup in the 'quadruple' season – though never one to rest on her laurels, she took the opportunity to explore soccer in the United States in 2009, signing for the Boston Breakers.

She returned for a third spell at Arsenal in 2011, before finally hanging up her boots in 2018. Along the way, she became the second-most capped women's England footballer of all time. She competed for the Three Lions at seven major tournaments, winning a silver at the 2009 Women's Euros and a bronze at the 2015 Women's World Cup.

Her first TV appearances came while still playing – she was a guest on Soccer AM, had minor roles with the BBC, BT Sport and Sky Sports, and also appeared in Bear Grylls' ITV show *Mission Survive*, which she won.

By then she had already founded The Alex Scott Academy, in partnership with Kingston College and Puma, designed to help develop female footballers aged 16–19. It was the first such academy to promote the women's game in the UK. Scott was awarded an MBE for services to football in 2017. As well as hosting *Football Focus*, this year will see Scott present daytime quiz show *The Tournament*. She says: "In TV work just as in my days playing football, I am one of those people who just wants to go out there and grab as many opportunities as possible, so I'm thrilled to have new challenges in front of me."

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► According to National Geographic, beaver homes, called lodges, are usually constructed of branches and mud

The giant ground pangolin can grow to more than four-feet long. It is the largest species of pangolin alive today

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- > Check if the child is responsive. If they do not speak, gesture or open their eyes when you communicate with or gently shake them, they are unresponsive.
- Check that their airway is open and clear by placing one hand on their forehead to tilt their head back and using two fingers from your other hand to lift their chin.
- > See if the child is breathing normally by listening for sounds of breathing and watching to see if their chest moves.
- If they are unresponsive and not breathing, ask a helper to call 999/112 for emergency help and start CPR immediately. Do not leave the child or baby to make the call.
- If you are alone, give one minute of CPR as detailed below before calling 999 on speakerphone.
- > To start CPR, place the child on a firm surface and open their airway as explained above.
- > Take your hand from the forehead and pinch the soft part of the nose closed, allowing the mouth to fall open.
- > Take a breath and put your mouth around the child's to make a seal.
- > Blow gently into the mouth for up to one second until the chest rises.
- > Remove your mouth, watch the chest fall and repeat five times.
- It is vital that you perform rescue breaths, as cardiac arrest in both babies and children is most likely caused by a respiratory problem.
- > Next, kneel by them and put one hand in the centre of their chest.
- > Push down one-third of the depth of the chest, then release pressure so the chest comes back up.
- For babies under 12 months, place two fingers in the centre of the baby's chest instead of your whole hand.
- > Repeat this 30 times at a rate of 100–120 compressions per minute.
- > Alternate two breaths and 30 compressions until help arrives, the child starts to breathe normally, or a defibrillator is ready to be used.

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**COST-EFFECTIVENESS:** If you are trying to reduce your operational costs, shifting to cloud computing can help you save a significant amount of money. Running a data centre is expensive, yet cloud providers offer storage options to suit all budgets.

**ENHANCED FLEXIBILITY:** Allowing your employees to access the information they need wherever they are, cloud computing is ideal for remote working. Plus, you can monitor the operations of your business much more effectively.

NO NEED FOR A DISASTER RECOVERY PLAN: When you store data in the cloud, you do not need to worry about permanent data loss. Your data will always be available as long as you have an internet connection.

**INCREASED SECURITY:** Protecting your data is paramount in this day and age, and cloud computing is far safer than storing your data on a physical server or data centre. Not only can you delete any confidential information remotely, but clouding platforms are also incredibly difficult to hack.

**BOOSTED SCALLABILITY:** Traditionally, if you experience growth, you need to invest in additional servers and storage. However, with the cloud, you can easily increase your storage space or add new features by simply upgrading your package.

**IMPROVED COLLABORATION:** As already mentioned, cloud computing is perfect for remote workers, as employees can complete projects from different locations. However, it is also great for improving team performance, as staff members can easily share real-time data and updates with those both in and outside the office.

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#### **RISING INHERITANCES AND DEFICIT MAY HASTEN IHT CHANGE.**

In 2018, Chancellor Philip Hammond asked the Office of Tax Simplification (OTS) to review Inheritance Tax (IHT)<sup>1</sup>. However, subsequent events have meant that the tax regime for transfers of wealth between generations has not been revised, though Mr Hammond's next-butone successor, Rishi Sunak, could yet dust-off two OTS reports<sup>2</sup>.

A big deficit caused by the pandemic points to unwelcome tax rises. Some economists see tax on transfers of wealth as a way to generate revenue without stifling the economy, whilst also acting to improve social mobility. One influential think tank recently explored inheritance and inequality.

The Institute for Fiscal Studies' (IFS) April 2021 paper, Inheritance and inequality over the life cycle: What will they mean for younger generations? identifies trends that could influence policymakers' thinking on taxation of wealth transfer, whether during someone's lifetime or after death. One key finding is that inheritances have formed a rising part of national income for the past five decades.

#### **INEQUALITY OF INHERITANCE**

The IFS calculates that inheritances for those born in the 1960s will on average equal nine per cent of their other lifetime income, compared with 16 per cent for those

born in the 1980s. If this trend of rising levels of inherited wealth continues, the gap between rich and poor families can only widen; a more stringent version of IHT could mitigate that.

A major impact clearly stems from parental wealth. The IFS projects that people within each of the two age groups having parents in the top one-fifth on the wealth scale will receive average inheritances that deliver a lifetime income boost of 17 per cent or 29 per cent, respectively, but only two per cent or five per cent if their parents are in the bottom one-fifth on the wealth scale.

So, the younger group will receive a greater boost from inheritance than the older one and within both groups those with wealthier parents will benefit far more, heightening inequality. With social levelling-up prominent on a financially-stretched government's agenda, IHT changes could prove costly for the better-off.

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<sup>1</sup> gov.uk, 2018; <sup>2</sup> gov.uk, 2019

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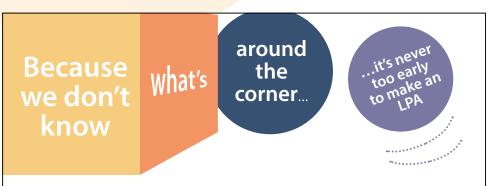


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Paula Cameron, COO commented: "Ralph and the team at Camp JoJo do an outstanding job and help so many families each year".



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# 5 Gardens to visit this autumn

ake the most of the last of the warmer days before winter sets in with a relaxing stroll around some of the finest gardens the country has to offer.

#### HERCEST CROFT GARDENS - Kington, Herefordshire, HR5 3EG

Covering more than 70 acres in the Welsh Marches and boasting spectacular views of the Black Mountains, this gem of a garden is a treelover's paradise. Home to more than 5,000 rare trees, including the National Collections of maples and birches, the more formal gardens include roses, irises and herbaceous borders.

#### EXBURY GARDENS - Exbury, near Southampton, SO45 1AZ

Famous worldwide for its Rothschild collections of rhododendrons and azaleas, when exploring these 200 acres of woodland gardens, look out for the viburnum and cotoneaster, which are particularly stunning at this time of year.

#### KNOLL GARDENS - Hampreston, Dorset, BH21 7ND

If you prefer a more intimate garden, Knoll Gardens is the perfect choice. A natural garden that exudes peace and tranquillity, it offers a handsome collection of woody plants and some of the best grasses around. Don't leave without snapping some inspirational photos for your own autumn garden.

#### THE SAVILL GARDEN - Englefield Green, Surrey, TW20 OUU

At this popular garden, each season brings something new, with autumn signalling the arrival of maples and cherries, as well as breathtaking displays of fungi. A great day out for horticultural enthusiasts and families alike.

#### SHEFFIELD PARK AND GARDEN – Haywards Heath, East Sussex, TN22 3QX

Although famous for its displays of spring flowers, this park is actually at its best in autumn, when its collection of exotic trees and shrubs comes alive in an abundance of vibrant oranges and rich reds. Ideal for anyone who loves to be surrounded by open water, enjoy the striking reflections in the lake and see all your stresses ebb away.

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One of the most popular garden design apps available, this easy-to-use app provides all the tools and advice you need to redesign your landscape. To get started, all you need is a picture of your garden. Then you can search for plants, add focal points such as water features, and create your dream space.

## GARDEN TAGS – available for free on iPhone and Android devices

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## MANO MALDE FROM THE RUNWAY TO ROSFS

s far as creative design is concerned, there's a fair amount of crossover between the artistic sensibilities of fashion and home design. After all, dealing with shapes, styles and moods should be pretty ubiquitous, right?

Proving the concept in recent times has been Manoj Malde. These days, the London-based landscape designer is widely admired at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show and recently appeared on our TV screens on BBC2's Your Garden Made Perfect.

The craft and creativity he offers now see his eponymous Manoj Malde Garden Design company operating as a renowned entity, engaged by clients with outdoor spaces of all sizes.

Yet for many years, the affable Kenya-born 54-year-old regularly traded outdoor space for the hubbub of retail outlets, the relentless nature of catwalks and the studios of fashion designers. Throughout his two-decade tenure in the fashion world, he worked in Italy, Germany, the United States, India and Hong Kong, though he was always swayed by flora and fauna. In a spectacular career switch, he began studying garden design at The English Gardening School.

The Your Garden Made Perfect host explained: "The thought process behind garden design is not unlike fashion design - the concept still begins with themes, mood boards, colour palettes and textures.

"Designing a planting scheme is like creating a beautiful silk print. I've gone from haute couture to 'hort' couture," he laughs.

As for what we can look forward to in the coming months, Manoj says more rugged, even unkempt gardens are en vogue. He also promotes the idea that creating closer synergy between the home and the garden is vital.

"Gardens are now seen as another room and an extension of our homes. This is really driving garden furniture, and there is such an excellent selection out there, while outdoor kitchens are really on trend."

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# GET Cloud

ur reliance on the cloud – that is, remote storage of everything from music to personal documents to photos – has transformed our lives, not to mention the speed of our computers and devices.

Gone are the days when our life's memories were held on hard drives or burned onto CDs. Yet there are growing fears that what we are gaining in terms of convenience, we may be losing as far as security goes, following a spate of data breaches.

With that in mind, here are five ways to keep your cloud storage safe:

#### PASSWORD STRENGTH

Using a strong password is a must, whether protecting your data or simply logging into something as mundane as a parking app. Long, unique passwords with a combination of upper- and lowercase letters, with numbers and symbols, are best.

#### FILE SHARING FOIBLES

Sharing via the cloud is one of its best features, but this 'foot in the door' also provides a route for others to potentially sneak in. It's therefore advised you regularly audit who you're sharing with. TWO FACTOR AUTHENTICATION It's a phrase that's becoming embedded

in our subconscious, and plays itself out usually by having to enter a six-digit code when logging into a platform or system. In the moment, it feels like a hassle, but by doubling your protection, you're doubling your security.

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#### **CONFLICTED CONNECTIONS**

While hackers may not be able to access your cloud storage via the conventional route, it could be that they can gain entry though connected apps or programmes (such as calendar or email), so regular checks and removal of any third-party apps you're not using is a great way of keeping your information secure.



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f you overindulged during the summer months, then this lesser-known vegetable is exactly what you need to get you feeling fighting fit again. Commonly used to support the liver and aid digestion, the black radish is sharper than other radish varieties and offers a kick of spice that is perfect for winter salads.

#### What does a black radish taste like?

When raw, black radishes are known for their spicy, bitter and pungent flavour. However, when cooked, their crunchy flesh softens and their flavour mellows and develops sweet, peppery undertones.

What are the health benefits of black radish?

Black radish has high levels of a phytonutrient called glucosinolate, which makes it useful as a healing food that is particularly good at supporting the liver, gall bladder and digestive system. It is also an antioxidant booster.

#### How to prepare and cook black radish

You do not need to peel a black radish unless it is old and the skin is very tough. Instead, scrub well and carve out any holes or cracks that may harbour dirt. When used fresh, the flesh can be thinly sliced, chopped or shredded and added to salads, stirred into grain bowls or used as a topping for tacos. When cooked, black radishes can be roasted, braised, fried and sautéed. They can also be pickled and added as a spicy element to kimchi.

Black radish perfect pairings

Thyme | Parsley | Chives | Mint | Apples | Pomegranates | Carrots | Roasted meats

#### How to store black radish

Black radishes can be stored long after harvest by submerging the roots in a box of moist sand and placing them in a cool, dark place. Shop-bought black radishes can last up to two months in a perforated plastic bag in the fridge.

# FOR GOODNESS'

WHY THE JAPANESE RICE DRINK IS BECOMING

f the beverage sake conjures up memories of a warm boozy elixir, washing down a mouthful of sticky, salty noodles - not unpleasant, but decidedly unrefined

- you may struggle with the concept of this ancient Japanese rice drink becoming a celebrated spirit among bartenders and liquor connoisseurs.

Made in much the same way as beer - polished rice is washed and steamed, then cooled before the addition of koji (a mould culture) breaks down the enzymes into fermentable sugars - sake has an umami flavour profile that makes it compatible with almost every kind of meal, or, as the Japanese proverb states: "Sake never fights with food."

As with most things, you get what you pay for, and in the case of sake, it is the polishing ratio of the rice the more milled it is with the husk and outer portion of the rice kernel removed - that determines how refined the finished product is. The more highly polished the grain, the better the quality and the higher the price,

with high-end sakes reaching the same price points as certain top-shelf whiskies.

That neatly brings us to the notion that sake ought to be served warm, which is true if it is made from low-polished rice. However, the more refined the sake, the more its floral, fruity and rich flavours sing, and the more delicious it becomes when served chilled... sticky noodles optional.

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#### **TYPES OF SAKE:**

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- > Ginjo: A premium fragrant sake with minimum 40 per cent polishing ratio. Best served chilled. > Honjozo: A light, premium sake polished to a
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rganic September is a month-long campaign to raise awareness of the benefits of organic food and farming, but is organic food really as good as it's made out to be?

#### WHAT DOES 'ORGANIC' MEAN?

The term 'organic' refers to the way agricultural products are grown and processed. Standards vary worldwide but, as a general rule, organic produce must be grown without the use of synthetic herbicides, pesticides and fertilisers or bioengineered genes.

#### PROS FOR BUYING ORGANIC FOOD:

- > Organic farming is friendlier to the environment
- > Organic processed food contains no hydrogenated fat
- > Organic food is often fresher
- > Organic farming ensures that animals are fed a natural diet and kept in free-range conditions
- > Genetically modified (GM) crops are not permitted under organic farming standards
- > Organic food contains lower levels of pesticide residues.

#### CONS FOR BUYING ORGANIC FOOD:

- > Organic food tends to go off quicker than non-organic food as it does not contain artificial preservatives
- > Organic food is more expensive
- > Organic food production does allow a limited number of chemicals to be used
- > Some research suggests that organic food is no safer or more nutritious than non-organic food.

#### ORGANIC FOOD BUYING TIPS:

- 1. Buy in season as this is when fruits and vegetables are freshest and most affordable.
- 2. Prioritise meat, eggs and dairy if your budget can stretch to this.
- 3. Know your produce pesticide levels. Some types of conventionally grown produce are higher in pesticides than others.
- 4. Shop around. You can find organic produce at your local grocer, farmer's market, online and even in the freezer section of your supermarket.
- 5. Remember that organic food doesn't always mean healthy. Organic baked goods, desserts and snacks can still be high in sugar, salt and fat.

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# Know Your Numbers!

o you know your blood pressure numbers? High blood pressure usually has no symptoms, but it can cause heart attacks, strokes, kidney disease, dementia and several other serious illnesses.

Know Your Numbers! Week 2021 aims to seek out those with undiagnosed and uncontrolled high blood pressure and promote the importance of home monitoring.

#### Why you need to Know Your Numbers!

- 1 in 2 strokes and heart attacks are the result of high blood pressure
- 1 in 3 adults in the UK have high blood pressure
   1 in 2 adults with high blood pressure don't know
- they have it or aren't receiving treatment High blood pressure costs the NHS £2.1billion every year.

#### How to check your blood pressure

In previous years, Blood Pressure UK set up free

checks across the country, but owing to social distancing measures, this year it is promoting home monitoring. This allows you to have complete control over your blood pressure and can help put your mind at ease. **HEALTH &** 

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## How to choose the right blood pressure monitor

There is a wide range of home blood pressure monitors available and you need to pick one that will deliver accuracy and reliability. Look for a monitor that is:

- Clinically validated. This means that it has been tested and gives results you can trust
- Automatic. A digital monitor with an upper arm cuff is easy to use and offers the most reliability
- Within your budget. You don't need to select the most expensive machine on the market.

You can find a list of clinically validated home blood pressure monitors on the British and Irish Hypertension Society website.

#### What is the ideal blood pressure?

An ideal blood pressure is under 120/80mmHg. High blood pressure is considered to be 140/90mmHG or higher. Seek immediate medical help if your blood pressure is 180/120mmHG or higher or you are experiencing severe headaches or blurry vision that you think is being caused by your blood pressure.

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here is something magical about running at night when the roads are quieter, there are fewer people on the pavements, and the moon is glowing. However, if you are a late-night (or early morning) jogger, you need to make sure you are keeping yourself safe.

#### TELL SOMEONE WHERE YOU ARE GOING

Before you set off on your evening run, be sure to tell a family member or friend where you are going and how long you are going to be.

#### **RUN WITH SOMEONE ELSE**

If you are nervous about running at night, ask a friend to come running with you or join a local running group. Remember, there is safety in numbers.

#### WEAR HIGH-VIS CLOTHING

You should always wear highvis clothing when running at night so that both drivers and pedestrians can clearly see you. Make sure you are visible from the front and the back.

#### CHOOSE A WELL-LIT ROUTE

If possible, pick a well-lit route for your night-time runs, or invest in a running head torch so that you can see any tripping hazards.

#### DON'T LISTEN TO LOUD MUSIC

Although your running playlist may help keep you motivated, listening to loud music while running at night is extremely dangerous. Instead, leave your headphones at home or use a low-volume setting and stay alert to what is happening around you.

#### RUN AGAINST THE TRAFFIC

If you prefer to run on the roads rather than in the park at night, make sure you run against the traffic so that you can see any vehicles heading towards you. Always be careful when crossing the road and wait for vehicles to pass before attempting to cross.

#### TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

If you feel unsafe, head for a well-lit area or go home. It is always better to be overly cautious than a little

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ctor and all-round muscle mountain, Jason Momoa, recently admitted to being bored by the same old gym routine, proclaiming that he'd rather embark on some spontaneous rock climbing, surfing and hiking in order to keep himself in shape. Of course, unlike the star of Aquaman, not many of us have made a living from staying in shape, nor do we reside in Los Angeles. Yet there are a number of fitness-enhancing outdoor exercises that use the world around us... Jason would approve.

**RUNNING AND CYCLING:** The simplest of them all – pounding the pavements or getting on our bikes are the most popular outdoor workouts.

**HIKING:** Endurance exercise such as hiking is great for both limbs and lungs, with inclines providing the perfect platform for you to hone your physical prowess while inhaling that fresh, replenishing outdoor air.

**LOG-LIFTING:** Weightlifting using logs? Why not? Not only can you work on your Rambo impression, but getting to and from the forest setting can provide a workout in itself

WOODCUTTING: How much wood would a woodcutter cut. etc. It's time to find out - take a saw with you on an everyday country walk and build arm and chest muscles by driving that serrated edge into some fallen logs or branches.

WILD SWIMMING: There is no better form of exercise than swimming, and there is nothing more invigorating than being surrounded by nature's wild waters. However, you must always ensure you are taking a dip in a designated and safe spot, preferably as part of a group.

HANGING TIGHT: A forested area will provide ample opportunities to test upper body strength with lifts, pull-ups, chin presses and other hanging practices that enable you to sample the serenity of nature around you... for as long as you can hold on. that is.



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#### Add white vinegar

If you want brighter whites that are also super soft against your skin, simply add a small cup of white vinegar to your usual whites cycle and wait for the magic to happen. Don't worry about the smell; it will dissipate after drying. Vinegar can also be sprayed on spot stains and collar/underarm stains.

#### Use baking soda

If you don't have any white vinegar to hand, baking soda can be just as effective at whitening your whites. Just combine four litres of water with one cup of baking soda and drop in all your white laundry. Leave to soak and then thoroughly rinse.

#### Soak in dissolved aspirin

Not just for banishing headaches, aspirin is also great at breaking down stains on your whites. To get the chemical process started, dissolve five white (not coloured) aspirin pills in a bucket of water and then add your items. Leave to soak and then wash as usual.

#### Lay in the sun

After your whites have been washed, rather than put them in the tumble dryer, use the natural lightening properties of the sun to whiten them. Aim to hang them out during the hottest part of the day to enjoy bright whites and fresh-smelling laundry.

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# How to repair domoged hour

o you know your sprays from your serums? Your oils from your creams? If not, we are here to help. Leave-in conditioners are the ideal haircare products for sun-damaged hair, but which one is best for your hair type?

#### Why use leave-in conditioner?

Leave-in conditioner is essentially a barrier, protecting your hair from drying out, becoming tangled and getting stripped of its nutrients.

Which type of leave-in conditioner should 1 use for my sun-damaged hair?

Conditioner in the form of milk is designed to be extremely lightweight and therefore is best suited to those with fine or flat hair. Hair milk is also good for adding body, shine and silkiness to your hair.

#### Conditioning hair oil

Oil is ideal for dry and damaged hair. You may be worried that leave-in hair oils will make your hair appear greasy. Fortunately, you can now find some great lightweight hair oils that can be applied to the roots to banish frizz and moisturise each strand of hair.

#### Conditioning hair serum

If your hair needs a lift, then a volumising leave-in serum is exactly what you need. Unlike other volumising haircare products, a conditioning serum won't dry out your hair, but instead will leave it feeling bouncy, light and hydrated.

#### Conditioning hair spray

A booster spray is the perfect conditioning product for hair that has been damaged by colouring or heat styling, with the ability to strengthen elasticity and reduce both hair loss and breakage.

#### Conditioning hair cream

If you have thick, unmanageable hair, a moisturising conditioning cream can add shine and help to tame frizz, as well as make blow-drying less of a chore.

> Top tip: Prevention is better than cure, so always make sure you protect your hair from the sun's rays by using a daily UV hair protector.

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# SELF-CATERING VS. ALL-INCLUSIVE: Mhich one is best?

olidaymakers tend to fall into two categories: those who swear by the savings of selfcatering breaks and those who love the convenience of all-inclusive. But which one is the all-round winner? Let's take a closer look.

#### PRICE

**Self-catering:** You will pay less per head up front, but you will have to budget for food and drinks once you have arrived.

**All-inclusive:** Costs are higher to book, but you are free to indulge without having to count the pennies. **Winner:** All-inclusive

#### CHOICE

**Self-catering:** You can enjoy as much authentic cuisine as you want, either in a local restaurant or home-cooked at your accommodation.

All-inclusive: You are restricted to your hotel unless you want to pay extra. Winner: Self-catering

#### ACCESSIBILITY

**Self-catering:** If your chosen accommodation is off the beaten track, you may have to utilise local public

transport to buy provisions. **All-inclusive:** With everything on your doorstep – or even on your bed if your hotel has room service – you won't even have to think about venturing out for a drink, snack or three-course meal. **Winner:** All-inclusive

#### FREEDOM

**Self-catering:** Allowing you to dine where you like, when you like, you could potentially eat at a different restaurant for every meal if you wanted to.

**All-inclusive:** With most hotels having set dining times, you are restricted as to when and what you can eat. Plus, you may feel less inclined to leave the hotel once you have already paid for all your food and drink up front.

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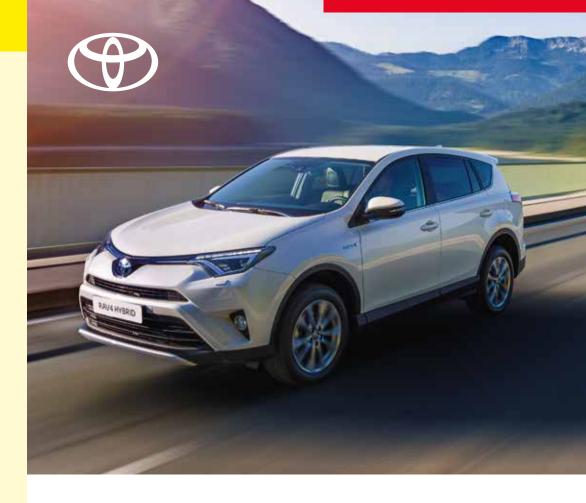
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