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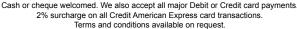






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Editor's notes...



Hello and welcome to this month's edition of VISIONHomel

This month, we look at how much money the Love Island cast are estimated to earn following the end of the show. In beauty, we show you some of the

best scents to invest in this season. In food and drink, send your kids back to school in style with creative lunch ideas. In sport, we take a look back at Usain Bolt's career as he bids farewell to the athletics track. We share our list of the best things to grow this autumn and in current affairs, we take a look at the new £10 note which will be in circulation by 2020.

In this month's local news, we report on a teen who has died in a road traffic collision, Dacorum Borough Council has announced the designs for the new splash park and we have the latest on the sinkhole on High Street Green. We also catch up with Hemel Hempstead Town Cricket Club as their season comes to an end.

Local news is important to us so if you have any stories to share, please email them to editorial@visionmaa.co.uk.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the readers and the local businesses for supporting VISION. We've recently had some great feedback from the readership who have used local advertisers and kept their £ local. Let us know your thoughts and enjoy reading.

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THE GREATEST ESCAPE

MAN-MADE MI RACLE OF DUNKIRK

n May 10, 1940, Winston Churchill took over as Prime Minister of a Britain plunged into a World War.

Within two weeks he faced one of his darkest hours, as did the nation, of his fledgling premiership - 400,000 men of the British Expeditionary Forces were trapped on the beaches of a little French seaside town of Dunkirk.

Churchill had hoped that 30,000 men could be lifted off, whilst others in the War Cabinet put the figure slightly higher at 45,000. But to everyone's total astonishment, a sort of victory was snatched out of the laws of total defeat with more than 338,226 soldiers plucked to safety from the shores.

The evacuation – codenamed Operation Dynamo

which began on May 26 and lasted eight days was achieved by the combined might of the RAF. Royal Navy and 933 vessels including a staggering 850 little ships. These were fishing boats and pleasure craft assembled for the seemingly impossible job.

As well as British forces a total of 140,000 French, Polish and Belgian troops were also saved.

Around 68,000 soldiers were either killed or ended up as prisoners of war.

And as Britain steeled itself for invasion by Hitler's troops, Churchill made one of his most famous and stirring of speeches to the House of Commons in which he vowed: "We shall fight on the beaches. we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills. We shall never surrender."

But while the nation celebrated the "Dunkirk Spirit", the new found phrase to show our true grit in the face of adversity, a despondent Churchill also warned: "We must be very careful not to assign to this the attributes of a victory. Wars are not won by evacuations".

When news of Dunkirk first broke he called it "a colossal military disaster", saving "the whole root and core and brain of the British Army" had been stranded at Dunkirk and seemed about to perish or be captured.

And few months later after several other defeats and despite the RAF winning the Battle of Britain in September of that year. Churchill, in his darker moments, was questioning whether the soldiers of the British Army had the spirit to defeat Hitler. It turned out they had more than enough

Hitler's failure to capture the British army at Dunkirk has been called one of the great turning points of the war.

Only last month Christopher Nolan's epic story Dunkirk was released in cinemas to largely appreciative audiences, which captured the amazing rescue from land, sea and air.

What made the rescue even more dramatic were the thousands of troops standing in orderly queues waiting to be lifted and then dispersing and trying to hide as the Luftwaffe bombed and strafed them with machine oun fire.

Every time after each of the air attacks, the soldiers were back in their orderly queues just waiting - and hoping – for their turn.



Isle of Man Steam Packet Company vessel Mona's Queen shortly after striking a mine on the approach to Dunkirk. May 29, 1940

at centre) was commander of the British Expeditionary Force

on a destroyer Dunkirk to berth at about May 31, 1940 Dover,

Dover following the evacuation of British troops from Dunkirk

nere are few things that faze Hollywood a-listers, but in the case of Ryan Gosling, working alongside Harrison Ford in *Blade Runner 2049* counts as the most fearful experience of his life... almost!

"It's Harrison Ford – he's an icon for generations," Gosling, who plays Officer K, begins. "It's bizarre being in his presence. I never thought I would work with him. He is why we all do what we do. He's inspiring; his work is iconic; he's the best. And he's a lot funnier than I expected. Way funnier. He's a one-liner machine."

A funny man indeed, but someone tight on process and fiercely protective over the long overdue sequel to Ridley Scott's *Blade Runner* original. And although 30 years have passed since that iconic movie broke box office records the world over, the standards remain, with Gosling big on humility when sparring with one of the industry's true greats.

"I'm always nervous for anything I do," he admits. "I think it's healthy to have a quota of anxiety. But this is *Blade Runner*. There's a lot of pressure. "The original film had a lasting effect on me. It was probably one of the first films that made me ponder the meaning, the implication. Nothing was stand-out clear. The hero wasn't obvious, the villain wasn't obvious... there were more questions than answers."

The only answers now are whether the film-loving public will embrace this spectacular comeback, and the early indications are good. Fellow *Blade Runner* newcomers Jared Leto and Robin Wright have excelled against a backdrop of intricate detail and incredible cinematography. It's a project potentially standing up as Gosling's greatest... notwithstanding the birth of his two daughters, of course.

"Being with my kids is like being in paradise; I'm so lucky," he smiles. "I was so on edge at first, but the birth of Esmeralda [in 2014] and Amanda Lee [two years later] has radically changed my life, and getting to spend time with them is so exciting."

More exciting than starring alongside Harrison Ford?

"No comment...!"











A DIY disaster can strike anywhere and at any time, so it's of utmost importance to keep yourself at the ready with a toolbox packed with equipment that's up to any job.

DON'T SCREW UP

From prying the lids off paint cans to opening child-proof battery compartments, screwdrivers are must-have tools. Look out for magnetic tips and comfortable grips to make screwing or unscrewing easier.

HAMMER TIME

No toolbox would be complete without a solid hammer, and claw hammers offer the perfect DIY mix, with one end used to drive nails in, and the other side to pull the blighters out. For better grip and superior shock absorption, try out a range of rubber and plastic handles.

THE DRILL TO WIN

You can keep borrowing your neighbour's drill, but sooner or later you'll find that it's always easier to have one at home (and it will also save you on "I'll buy you a drink" thank you gestures). Cordless drills are convenient for working anywhere, but the corded versions cost less and don't require

expensive battery replacements. Whichever type you get, an electric drill not only bores holes and drives screws but can sand and grind materials, and even be used to mix paint.

KEEPING THINGS LEVEL

A spirit level ensures you don't hang or install anything – especially that new flat-screen TV – at anything less than horizontally perfect. You can even keep things entirely hands-free with an ubermodern laser level that's sure to do the job whilst also impressing your friends.

HACKED OFF

You might have a kit full of equipment ready to mend, replace and realign, but there will also be occasions that call for some good old-fashioned dismantling. At this time, you can always rely on a trusty hacksaw to find a way through anything from plywood to metal piping, and modern versions allow for blade replacement with the utmost of ease.



f your house hasn't been graced with huge, and quantities of that most sought after

commodity, space, a few handy tricks can maximise your roominess in making the most of every available nook and cranny.

RECLAIMYOUR ROOM

Have you any spaces that are being used to hoard stuff rather than help make room? That recess under the stairs may well have been full of junk for as long as you remember, but with a little cleaning and reorganisation it could become a handy office space.

EASY ATTRACTION

If the amount of available cupboard space in your kitchen is becoming a problem, just attach a strong magnetic strip to the wall. You can then place all your metal utensils within reach while freeing up the drawers for everything else.

OPEN ENTRY

Your porch can easily become cluttered and restrict the opening to your house. If you have

space, add a small bench for shoes to be placed under and bags to be placed on top. If you can't fit in a bench, make sure to mount plenty of wall hooks to keep any stray items off the floor and out the way.

WHAT'S UNDER THE BED?

It's essential to make the most of any available space in smaller dwellings, and one of the easiest ways to do that is by attaching wheels to drawers and storing them under the bed. That way, you can keep bulky linen and the like out of the way (and out of your wardrobe) while still being able to access it at a moment's notice.

CREATIVE CORNERS

Instead of taking up unnecessary space with a freestanding table in the middle of the room, fit your shelving units into the corners of your room, thereby saving space without compromising on available places to put things.







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When it comes to interior design, celebrities can afford to go the extra mile to secure one of the best in the business, and Jeff Andrews has carved out a reputation among the mansions and mancaves of the entertainment elite as the king of bold aesthetics and

sophisticated style.

Los Angeles-based Andrews has worked with everyone from Big Bang Theory actress Kaley Cuoco to TV presenter Ryan Seacrest, Dexter's Michael C. Hall and reality super-family the Jenner-Kardashians. With his trademark approach of pushing creative boundaries in order to marry his clients' often unique and visionary requests with a sense of warmth and homeliness despite extensive use of the colour grey, Andrews stands out even among the renowned names that make up the great and the good of luxury interior design.

Highly-adaptable - with a client base that spans from the aforementioned A-listers to ambitious entrepreneurs and fashionforward families - Andrews' brand was first inspired by his upbringing in Southern California; and projects he has worked on can be

found across LA, from Tahoe to the Hidden Hills.

In 2014, Andrews partnered with Astek Wallcoverings for Glazed, a collection of wallpaper designs inspired by his love of vintage ceramics and pottery. A year later, his signature Jeff Andrews Collection for A. Rudin has been featured in Elle Décor, Veranda, Interiors, Interior Design, Angeleno and Traditional Home magazines and in 2016 he released Variations, in collaboration with Jamie Beckwith Collection on wood surfaces.

To date. Andrews has received numerous awards from California Home + Design for his work, as well as the Hue Award from Benjamin Moore, and is simply the first name on the list when it comes to styling for the stars.





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espite the ceiling being one of the largest spaces in a room, it too often gets nothing more than a coat of white paint. It is seen as the obvious colour to paint a ceiling - it's simple and traditional. But, adding a colour to the ceiling can add drama and excitement. Your walls can also be a more neutral colour without having to compromise the overall look of the room. Having a pop of colour on the ceiling can seem scary, but it can give a room a completely different look.

Low ceilings - Some may think that adding colour to a low ceiling will make the walls feel even shorter and make the room claustrophobic as a result. But, if you apply a colour to the ceiling and use a glaze of the same colour over the top, it will allow light to bounce off and through the room to make it seem lighter, which will make the room seem bigger. Recommended colours for low ceilings include sky blue, blush pink and pale purple.

Neutral walls - If you have neutral walls, the best way to get colour into a room without a feature wall is to paint the ceiling. You can then match furniture or accessories to the colour of the ceiling and it will completely change the perception of the room. Great colours for this are lime green and egg shell blue.

Mood changer - If you want your room to set a particular mood then having a coloured ceiling can be a great way to do this. If you're after a romantic feel, why not try a pink or red shade? Likewise, if you want the room to seem cool, then try a shade of pale blue - this colour is particularly good for bathrooms.



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LOCAL NEWS

from your neighbourhood



acorum Borough Council has released the design of its new splash park.

The new facility will be located in Gadebridge Park, Hemel Hempstead, and will have 59 water jets and a splash zone of more than 1.000 square metres.

Additional seasonal toilets will be built near the park, along with a kiosk which will serve refreshments

There will be a dedicated seating area for parents and will be next to a new play area, which can be enjoyed throughout the year.

Groundwork for the new site will begin in September and the splash park will be open to the public in the summer of 2018.

Hemel Hempstead Splash Park will be free to use. Councillor Janice Marshall, portfolio holder for environment and sustainability, said: "It's great that we are able to invest in this new facility in our borough's principal park. Our parks have so much to offer and this addition will be greatly enjoyed by local residents and visitors from the surrounding area."

Old Town Market returns this October

Amonthly market held on the first Sunday of each month in the picturesque high street of the Old Town in Hemel Hempstead will take place on Sunday, October 1 between 11am and 3pm.

There will be a mixture of fresh produce, local

crafts, handmade, unique and bespoke items.

There will be plenty of character, with treasures and bargains aplenty.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/ HemelHempsteadOldTownSundayMarket/



Investigations into sinkhole continue



Investigations into the sinkhole which appeared on High Street Green in Hemel Hempstead will continue to discover the best way to fill the void.

A spokesperson for Hertfordshire County Council said: "A hole in the road surface was initially reported to us on May 12, 2017 and it was quickly apparent then that this was not just a broken drain, but something more sizeable. Due to this, the road was immediately closed, and we arranged specialist investigations to tell us more about the issue.

"A specialist survey company was employed to do the investigation on our behalf and we received the report from them in mid-August. Since receiving the reports we have been calculating the complex results of the survey with help from geotechnical experts and our engineers have been considering and interpreting the information in the reports so that we can decide on next steps.

"The reports confirm that the void stretches six metres along the length of the road, and is around eight metres deep. It also highlighted that there was a small extension to the void on one side of the road and so we decided to undertake a second investigation to make sure that we were certain of the full extents of the void. This second investigation confirmed that there is nothing else causing us concern under the road in the area near the void.

"We have been working closely with Dacorum Borough Council and the affected utilities companies to ensure that any work we carry out is properly coordinated.

"Over the next few weeks will be some further investigation to ensure we know exactly the best way to fill the void. Once this has been determined we will be able to establish the timescales for filling the void.

"We apologise for the inconvenience caused and would like to thank residents and road users for their patience."

Sunnyside hosts September garden party

Sunnyside Rural Trust will be hosting its next fundraiser at Hemel Food Garden this September.

The Sunnyside Up Café Garden Party will be held on Saturday, September 16 from 11am until 3pm.

Explore magical spaces including orchards, a tranquillity garden, greenhouses, the Sunnyside Up Café and farm shop.

The party will celebrate all things local from food and drink to music and market stalls.

There will be plenty of entertainment for the children and it will be a great day out for the whole family.

Sunnyside Rural Trust works with local people with learning disabilities offering work skills in all kinds of gardening activities. Their produce is sold in the farm shops.

Formore information, visit www.sunnysideruraltrust.org.uk

Man wanted after failure to appear in court

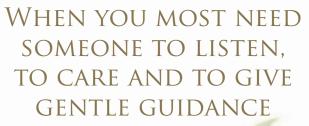


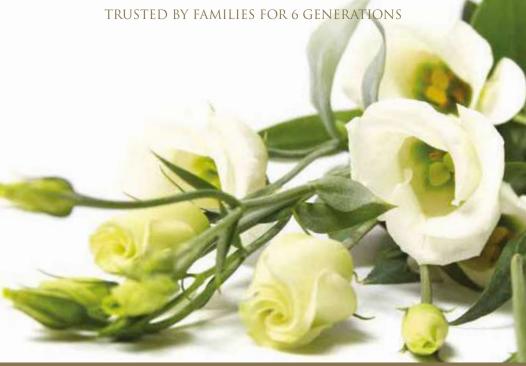
Aman is wanted by Hertfordshire Police after failing to appear in court.

Kacey Parkin, 19, from Chaucer Walk, Hemel Hempstead, had been due to appear at St Albans Magistrates' Court on Tuesday, May 16 in connection with several offences - theft of a motor vehicle, having no insurance, possession of drugs and assault on a constable.

Kacey has connections around the Hemel Hempstead area and anyone who has seen him or knows of his whereabouts is asked to contact Hertfordshire Constabulary via the non-emergency number 101 or report information online at www. contacthertspolice.uk/Report.

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Cyclists complete 200-mile challenge

Ateam of riders from BAM Construct UK Ltd cycled more than 200 miles to raise money for Alzheimer's Society in the launch of BAM Bikes 2017.

The team cycled from their HQ in Breakspear Park in Hemel Hempstead and their North-East Metro Office to the Group HQ in Bunnik, Holland to raise money for CLIC Sargent, a charity which fights for young cancer patients to ensure they thrive, not just survive.

They met up with BAM colleagues from Holland

to take part in the Ride for the Roses cycling challenge.

The team have soared past their £5,000 target and at the time of going to print have raised £6,593.

The UK team members include Jason Reed, Adrian Padley, Kris Karslake, Eddie Martin, David Carter, Andy Ewen, Carl Tilton, Richard Lewsley, Tony Goddard, Jonathan Rawstrom, Steven Thewlis, Nick Howdle, Matthew Garnett, Richard Benning, Neil Wright, Mark Talbot and Franco Fraterregio.

Teenager dies in fatal road traffic collision

A teenager has died following a road traffic collision in Hemel Hempstead. The collision happened just before 2.15pm on Friday, August 25 along the eastbound carriageway between Hemel Hempstead and St Albans, which approaches the M1.

For reasons unknown to the police at this stage, a red Vauxhall Corsa left the carriageway and collided with a tree.

An 18-year-old man, who was a passenger in the car, sadly died at the scene. The 19-year-old driver was taken to hospital with serious injuries and has since been discharged.

Police are now appealing for anyone with information to contact them.

PC Jackie Lister from the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire. Hertfordshire Forensic Collision Investigation Unit said: "I'm appealing to anyone who witnessed the collision or the events leading up to it. I'm particularly keen to speak to the driver of a blue Luton box van, who we believe may have witnessed the collision and may have information that could assist the investigation.

"I'm conscious that many drivers have dash cams fitted to their vehicles and that the incident may have been captured."

If you have information, please contact Hertfordshire Constabulary's non-emergency number 101 or report information online at www. contacthertspolice.uk/Report. If you'd prefer to provide information anonymously, contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or online at www. crimestoppers-uk.org





New health care facility under construction



Building works are currently taking place to build a new state-of-the-art health facility in Hemel Hemostead.

Construction work is well under way to transform The Marlowes Centre into a modern building where both NHS mental and physical health services will be provided.

Borras, a construction company based in St Albans, is working on the £6million joint venture between Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust and Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust to rejuvenate the building.

The construction work is expected to take six months, with services moving into the centre in the New Year.

Marion Dunstone, director of operations at HCT, added: "We're extremely excited about this project and the opportunities the new centre will provide. We will be working with the construction team over the coming months to ensure disruption to local residents and businesses is kept to a minimum."

Residents were also recently asked to help name the new community healthcare facility. At the time of going to print, this had not yet been announced.

Town set for ultrafast broadband rollout

Thousands of people living in parts of Hemel Hempstead will be among the first in the country to benefit from a new ultrafast broadband network being built by Openreach.

The town is among 26 new locations across the UK to pilot the latest G.fast technology, as part of the national rollout of ultrafast to 12 million homes and businesses by 2020.

Download speeds of up to 330Mbps - about 10 times the UK average - will be available to thousands of homes and businesses in the local area later this year.

Kieran Ingram, Openreach's director for regional infrastructure delivery in East Anglia, said: "This is great news for Hemel Hempstead. It's a real coup for the town to be at the forefront of the rollout of ultrafast broadband. Now we've identified this latest group of pilot locations, engineers will begin installing the new network. It will take a few months before people are able to use it.

"Developing the technology of the future is a key part of Openreach's work. We're the leading network provider in the UK and more than 26 million premises, using more than 580 service providers, depend on our network.

"More than nine out of 10 homes and businesses already have access to superfast speeds. Faster speeds are more important than ever, and we're sure our new ultrafast network will play an important part in the future success of the UK."

Season comes to an end for cricket club



emel Hempstead Town Cricket Club's season is coming to an end with a mixed bag of results.

The 1st XI reached the top of Division 1 with victory over Northwood on August 12, but then lost the next two games to Leverstock Green and Stevenage. This left them in fourth place with one game to go at home to Old Albian, 14 points off the top and six points off second place promotion.

The 2nd XI had a successful August with three wins out of four games and secured their place in Division 3B where they will finish fifth. Run scoring continues to be nothing outstanding, with players contributing where and when necessary.

The 3rd XI continued their dismal run of the season losing all their August games and have been confirmed as relegated from Division 5B. Graham Clark is the leading scorer with 373 runs followed by Andy Turbutt with 282.

There were high hopes for the 4th XI winning their first two games in August. A defeat and a conceded game pushed them back into the last relegation spot in Division 9A. Mike Samuels leads the run scorers with 581. Nic Benson has consistently taken wickets all season and now has 35, way ahead of the rest.



SOCIAL CLIMBERS

Brighten up your garden while maintaining privacy with wooden trellis panels that can support climbing plants and vines. Make sure they're sturdy, because these types of plants thrive and will quickly become a verdant feature of your outdoor space.

Include pops of colour with plants like clematis, honeysuckle and even grape. The one drawback of this design? It does require a degree of upkeep as vines can become unruly.

SCREEN SCENE

If you feel like something more exotic, consider screening instead. Though made of wood, this is a much prettier design than your bog-standard fence. Each wood variety offers a different aesthetic – bamboo creates an Eastern ambience, bark is more rustic, while brushwood screening will make you feel as if you're cocooned in your own little nest.

instant hedging troughs, you will be surprised by how easy it is to create this look. With so many varieties, you can create something very specific to you. If you want it to look neat and boxy, for example, choose a pre-clipped Buxus sempervirens, or if you want something wilder, opt for beech.

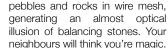
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ARDENING

ROCK SOLID

If you believe a garden wall is even duller than a fence, think again. Garden landscapers have had to become innovative with evolving modern gardens, and the result is some very interesting designs.

For something minimalist, consider a stacked wall where tiles and slabs of rock are piled to create a mosaic effect. Or look into the trend of encasing





Channel your inner Edward Scissorhands and invest in a hedge. Whether you want to cultivate your own hedging plants or buy pre-groomed



...from garlic to rose, things to grow in autumn

Root vegetables

Don't let your vegetable plot sit neglected over the colder months, as there are plenty of slow-growing varieties that benefit from sitting undisturbed under the soil throughout the long winter... though you may want to keep an eye on them and have a fleece or two on hand in case it becomes icv.

> Onions and shallots are incredibly easy to grow and require very little attention once they're underground. Garlic is another no-brainer that comes in an array of delicious varieties, like the elegant Wight Cristo, or the more substantial and creamy Chesnok Red, as is the Aquadulce Claudia variety of broad beans which, planted now, will yield an abundant early-spring harvest.

Winter greens

You may be surprised to learn that it is possible to grow leafy vegetables when the temperature drops, though

these do fare better in a greenhouse or under polytunnels, cloches and cold frames. The benefit of these verdant wonders is that, all going well, leaves like lamb's lettuce and mustard can be picked through the winter and included in salads. Chard is another hardy plant which tolerates very

few pests and is tough in the face of diseases, surviving as well in colder conditions where others might fail.

Blooming beauties

It may sadden you to see your flowerbed so barren, but by planting seeds and bulbs now you will ensure a glorious and colourful spring. Tulips, daffodils and Camassia bulbs are all perfect for getting into the soil in September, though it's important to ensure the area can drain to avoid flooding; and be sure to mark the area to prevent you from accidentally digging it up later.

Bare-root roses, too, are perfect for planting now, though no later, as when the ground freezes, nothing can grow at all.







o Farah's exit from the world athletes stage was no more dramatic than his greatest victories, but this is far from the end for Great Britain's most successful middle-distance runner of all time.

It says a lot of Mo Farah that despite failing to clinch the dynamic double he so craved at the World Championships, his status as a true British sporting icon is secure.

In London at the start of August, he once again whipped a partisan home crowd into a sprint frenzy, with millions watching at home performing slightly less energetic physical tributes to the athlete's efforts as they punched the air and gave out high fives.

Wrapping up his track career in front of an adoring home crowd was always Mo Farah's intention, and although, ultimately, Ethiopian Muktar Edris spoiled the party, to bid farewell in a stadium that in 2012 gave the athlete his greatest ever win, was fitting.

Farah slumped to the floor as his desperate lunge for the line proved a distance too far, yet five days previously he was sprinting away from the pack in customary fashion as he retained his 10.000m title with a stunning victory.

"Fear has always been what has kept me going; it's what keeps me competitive," he admits. "I guess I don't want this journey to end. I know it will one day but I've worked so hard to put myself in this place and the only way to stay here is to keep motivated... to keep trying hard and make sure the dream doesn't end."

Having achieved everything he set out to on the track, that dream now sees the 34-year-old move up to marathon distance. Combining the short and long-distance specialisms was unsustainable, and specific endurance training will now replace the guick-fire nature of track athletics.

"I'm excited - of course I am," he says. "It's a whole new challenge, and having dipped my toe in the water I'm sure I can be competitive at that distance."

What Farah leaves behind is an incredible legacy, and perhaps one that will never be bettered by a British athlete - 2012 and 2016 Olympic golds at both 5,000m and 10,000m; World and European Championship medal hauls that are in double figures; British record holder at both those distances (as well as 3,000m, for what it's worth).

The truth is, Farah's legacy is not in his own achievements, it's in inspiring the next generation of track athletes. Not since the days of Steve Cram has one of our own made middle-distance running popular and inspirational, yet across the country people of all ages are being inspired to put on running shoes and push their physical endurance to the limits.

"Running for me has always been a great way of freeing the mind and finding clarity," he says. "To be competitive and to give people pleasure along the way has been a real bonus, but at the start for me it was always a case of clearing the mind.

"I've been lucky to transform it into a career and I'll always be grateful for that."



HEALTH FITNE S

THE PRESSUR

ow to take your blood pressure reading on a digital monitor, and what it means. You don't always have to trek to your doctor's surgery to have your blood pressure checked, and particularly if yours is being monitored it will be essential to have the means to do it at home. Some people find taking blood readings intimidating, but the reality is it's a very simple procedure and it might just save your life.

So, find a quiet place where you know you won't be disturbed and be sure to have an empty bladder as a full one can affect the reading. Remove any tight clothing or roll up your sleeve, and rest here for five to 10 minutes with your back straight in the chair, legs uncrossed, with your forearm rested at heart level, palm facing up.

Locate your pulse by lightly pressing your index and middle fingers slightly to the inside centre of the bend of your elbow (where the brachial artery is), then slide the cuff onto your arm, ensuring the stethoscope is over the artery – it should be snug but not too tight. Then, hold the bulb in the other hand and turn the monitor on, either inflating the cuff by hand or pressing the button to inflate automatically.

Now watch the gauge. Keep inflating the cuff until the gauge reads about 30 points (mmHg) above your expected systolic pressure. Once the monitor beeps, the reading is complete and allows the cuff to deflate. Record the date, time. plus the systolic (number on left) and diastolic (number on right) pressures.

If your blood pressure seems higher than usual, don't panic. Many factors can influence it, such as stress, smoking, cold temperatures. exercise and even caffeine: so keep note of these

Hypertension, or high blood pressure, is dangerous as it can lead to strokes or heart failure, but it can also be treated with simple lifestyle changes such as more exercise and quitting smoking.





he summer months are on their way out for another year. In the winter, it can be so tempting to sit at home with a cup of hot chocolate wrapped up in a blanket watching your favourite TV series, but why not challenge yourself to go from couch to 5K?

Motivation is key. Try to find a 5K event happening at the end of the year - this will give you motivation to get up and get training. With this simple training plan, you will go from couch potato to an expert runner in just nine weeks. There's no better time to start.

For each run, begin with a 5 minute brisk warm up

Week 1: Alternate 60 seconds of running with 90 seconds of walking for 20 minutes.

Week 2: Alternate 90 seconds of running with 2 minutes of walking for 20 minutes.

Week 3: Complete two repetitions of 90 seconds of running, 90 seconds of walking, 3 minutes of running and 3 minutes of walking.

Week 4: 3 minutes of running, 90 seconds walking, 5 minutes running, 2 and a half minutes walking, 3 minutes running, 90 seconds walking, 5 minutes running.

Week 5: Things start to step up in week five with three different workouts.

RUN 1: 5 minutes running, 3 minutes walking, 5 minutes running, 3 minutes walking, 5 minutes running.

RUN 2: 8 minutes running, 5 minutes walking, 8 minutes running.

RUN 3: 20 minutes running with no walking.

Week 6:

RUN 1: 5 minutes running, 3 minutes walking, 8 minutes running, 3 minutes walking, 5 minutes

RUN 2: 10 minutes running, 3 minutes walking, 10 minutes running.

RUN 3: 25 minutes running with no walking.

Week 7: 25 minutes running.

Week 8: 28 minutes running.

Week 9: 30 minutes running.

Need more tips and advice? Visit www.nhs.uk/ Livewell/c25k/Pages/couch-to-5k



The Issue

THE HISTORY OF FASHION'S MOST INFAMOUS ISSUE

It requires months of preparation, gets bigger every year and even has its own film...they call it "The September Issue". So what is this publishing phenomena that leaves fashion editors trembling in its wake? Quite simply, it's the biggest and most lucrative magazine release in the media calendar.

> Don't be surprised to see women lugging around inch-thick copies of Vogue and Elle in their handbags at this time of year, because the September issue is always mighty, with publishing houses jostling to maximise pagination (and advertising) in representing the most up-to-date looks and the world's biggest stars. Looking for evidence? Well, US Vogue's 2015 issue was a back-breaking 832 pages and featured woman-of-the-moment, Beyoncé, on its cover.

Why is it so important? One theory is that consumers see September as a fresh start... a moment in the year in which they can set out to transform both their image and their wardrobe. Naturally, the fashion industry wants to capitalise on that.

Also, of the two main style seasons – spring/summer, autumn/winter – the latter is generally seen as the more important. And fashion houses, like their consumers, view the magazine market as the most direct method for the re-invention and re-invigoration of brand potential, leading them to invest in lengthy advertising spreads.

In 2007, filmmaker R. J. Cutler had the privilege of spending an extended period experiencing the behind-the-scenes drama at the US Voque offices, as infamous editor-in-chief Anna Wintour and her team painstakingly compiled their showpiece September issue. The September Issue documentary, shown two years later, was positively received and seemed to spark even more fascination with the annual event.

A decade later, the landscape has changed enormously for publishing given the ever-increasing amounts we consume online, but it seems this iconic issue is as much an autumn tradition as conkers, rustic soup and falling leaves, and will be here for some time to come.



HOW TO UPDATE YOUR AUTUMN WARDROBE WITHOUT SPENDING A FORTUNE

Then September rolls around, we can feel pressured into hitting the high street, frantically filling our baskets with all the hottest catwalk trends. The result - you're left stylish but bankrupt before the season has even begun. A better approach, therefore, is to invest in key pieces to upgrade your wardrobe gradually as the months progress.

Start by having a sort-out. Pack away any summer clothes that only work in the warmer months - sarongs, flip flops, etc. - but leave out more versatile pieces like dresses that can be worn with tights and under jumpers, or thin sweaters that you can pair with jeans and a leather jacket for a laid-back autumnal outfit.

Next, you want to freshen up and sort all your warmer garments from last year. Dry-clean coats and wool dresses and throw away any jumpers that are looking too tatty. September is a sensible time to buy basics like knitwear as shops have an abundance of it and often fill their shelves with promotions. Go for fabrics that are warm and age well, like wool or cashmere, and in colours that are versatile; plus consider going for a bigger size than usual to allow for lavers underneath.

With the foundation of your wardrobe in place, you can now shop for some hardworking essentials: a good quality winter coat, like a wool trench or duffel, a pair of everyday leather boots and, if you're brave enough, leather leggings which can be worn dressed up or down and will see you through to those spring months.

These practical steps can help transform your wardrobe while protecting your budget, and for those who look forward to their pre-season splurge, don't fret the point is, with a strong array of versatile essentials at your disposal, you can afford to dress to impress on any day during the season.





LOOKS TO fall for

If you've been keeping your make-up low-key and au naturel over the summer months, you may want to switch it up to something a little more glamorous as we head towards what is traditionally regarded as the more rustic part of the year.

heavy metal

Metallic is going to be a big look this season, so don't be afraid to go bold with eyeshadow that really shines. Warm up fairer complexions with brown and red tones, while darker skins look great with vibrant greens and lilacs. A good look should also be able to adapt to your mood, so wear a faint shimmer in the office and then layer it up for 'after dark'.

all brows allowed

Big, beautiful eyebrows are still very much on trend, and if you've let yours grow wild over the summer, now is the perfect time to get them plucked or threaded into a perfect shape. Those of us who have less than impressive natural brows can find an abundance of powders and brow gels to create this look, which requires only a touch of mascara and lip balm to create a flawless overall finish.

Berry lips were all over the catwalk this season, from dark purple Cupid's bows to mouths subtly stained as if by cherry jam. The trick to pulling off this look is to wear what makes you comfortable; matte, bold lips look gorgeous but require lip liner and frequent touch-ups, whereas a crimson lip stain finished with gloss or balm requires very little upkeep.

flash the lash

Eyelashes are making a comeback, albeit in a subtler, much prettier way. Taking a cue from Twiggy, this look is about layering up mascara, particularly on the lower lashes.

If your lashes are fair, invest in some individual glue-ons along your lower lid to create that spidery, eye-opening effect. Simple, pretty and very romantic.



Want a weekend break in a city that offers rich history, world-class art and cheap beer? It has to be Berlin...

FRIDAY 4PM...GET A TASTE OF TURKEY

As soon as you land, head to the Kreuzkölln neighbourhood, where on a Friday you will find a Turkish market with luxurious fabrics, delectable candies and liquorice and the scent of a thousand spices. Afterwards, pop into Hard Wax – a must visit for vinyl heads.

7PM...DINE LIKE A STAR

Fame is the latest venture from the guys behind the now-defunct Bar 25 techno club. Dinner is a classy affair with a rotating menu and an emphasis on local produce. Afterwards head to Kater Blau, a nightclub located conveniently next door.

SATURDAY 10AM...IT'S GOT TO BE 700

The oldest and best-known zoo in Germany, the Berlin Zoological garden is paradise with many enclosures designed to emulate animals' natural habitats.

1PM...SPLASH OUT AT BIKINI

This exciting new shopping centre stars streetwear stores, pop-up and a window which looks into the zoo's baboon enclosure. Grab a bite to eat on the third floor in Bikini's rooftop 'garden'.

3PM...HIT THE WALL

Grab a rental bike and take The Berlin Wall

recreational route.

10PM...SECRET SUPPER

For a deliciously different and rather clandestine dinner, head to Nobelhart und Schmutzig. Upon ringing the bell of this nondescript eatery, you will be whisked inside and fed a delectable 10-course menu. For a late-night beer hop over to Vagabund Brauerei, a local brewery with a dazzling array of ales.

SUNDAY 10AM...ART PARTY

Head to Gemäldegalerie to marvel at the work of the old masters: Caravaggio, Rubens and Raphael, or for a more visceral experience head to Bötzow Berlin, a cavernous converted brewery which hosts the likes of Norbert Bisky and Carlos Quintana.

12PM...BRUNCH IN BANGKOK

Every Sunday in the western district of Wilmersdorf, Berlin's Prussian park hosts 'Thai Park', a Southeast Asian food market. Stroll through the gorgeous gardens and marvel at the magic of this magnificent metropolis.

WHEN'S THE BEST TIME TO VISIT?

Berlin are holding this year's Oktoberfest between September 22 and October 15. The streets will be buzzing with tourists and locals enjoying the world's largest beer festival. There will also be mountains of traditional, hearty food to demolish and traditional folk music. Germany is already known for its famously cheap beer - there's no better time to enjoy an ice-cold pint with a group of friends.



Cheques

Continued from last month here are four more food swaps for staying in shape while saving money.



Crisps for roasted chickpeas

Crisps, however tasty, offer little nutritionally – unlike yummy spiced chickpeas. Drain one can of chickpeas and toss with smoked paprika, ground cumin, ground coriander and a little oil, before roasting for 35 minutes in a low oven. For a sweeter snack, roast with honey and sesame oil and a pinch of salt and post-roast finish with a sprinkle of sesame seeds.



Cordials are having a moment, and mixed with sparkling water can taste convincingly like your favourite tipple. Elderflower, passion fruit and raspberry and rose cordials are all refreshing and convincingly booze-like, minus the hangover.





Traditional fry-up for huevos rancheros

Not everything about a fry-up is bad, but you would do well to ditch the toast, hash browns and bacon, which is why huevos rancheros is a tasty switch. Start with a warm tortilla base, then pile up eggs, refried beans, guacamole, grilled chorizo and fresh tomato salsa.

Knickerbocker glory for yoghurt sundae

This is a surprisingly tasty and rather beautiful dessert swap. Make a fresh berry coulis by whipping up berries with a little maple syrup (strain out seeds), then layer fresh berries, Greek yoghurt and granola (homemade is best) in a glass and drizzle with the coulis.





Have you ever wondered what the lion stamp on your egg means? No, it's not for decoration. It is in fact a mark that means your egg is part of the British Lion scheme – one of the UK's most successful food safety schemes.

More than 90 per cent of the UK's eggs are now produced under the scheme and more than 130 billion British Lion eggs have been sold since its launch in 1998.

The British Lion scheme has been responsible for a drastic reduction to the presence of salmonella in UK eggs. All eggs that carry the lion stamp are under strict requirements of the British Lion Code of Practice, including that all hens are vaccinated against salmonella and a 'passport' system ensuring that all hens, eggs and feed are fully retraceable.

In the news recently, supermarkets have been urgently withdrawing products from their shelves which may have used contaminated eggs. This happened because UK food safety inspectors

were trying to trace 700,000 imported eggs contaminated with Fipronil, a toxic insecticide which is harmful to humans.

According to the World Health Organization, the toxic substance can damage the liver, thyroid glands and kidneys if ingested in large amounts over time.

The Food Standards Agency said the products affected are processed foods in which egg is one ingredient among many others, mostly used in sandwich fillings or other chilled foods.

However, as the number of contaminated eggs imported only represents around 0.007% of eggs consumed in the UK every year, they believe it is unlikely there is any risk to public health from consuming these foods.

Eighty five per cent of the eggs consumed in the UK are laid here. For peace of mind, check that your eggs have the British Lion

that your eggs have the British Lion stamp and you can be reassured that these eggs are safe to consume.

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The Lunch Bun

Send your kids back to school in style with lunch ideas they'll never get bored of.

go bento

Bento is a great way of not only making your little one's lunchtime more exciting, but also keeping it fresh, as all the separate foods come in their own little compartments. To create your own, you may want to invest in a specially-designed bento lunchbox, but you can also just place cupcake papers in a traditional Tupperware variety. Include things like a sandwich or wrap, carrot sticks with a separate hummus dip, boiled eggs, chopped fruit or berries, and a small cake.

Make it fun

Brighten up their lunchtime with a fun surprise stowed in their box. For example, if your child likes pirates, give their lunch a theme and make fruit kebabs on plastic swords, or include a treasure map. Make them giggle with smiley faces drawn onto boiled egg shells and cut their sarnies with heart cookie cutters, or reward them for finishing their lunch with a sweet note hidden underneath the food.

Sneak in veg

Ensuring your children eat a balanced diet is hard, especially when they're out to school every day. The trick is to smuggle the good stuff into snacks they love. For example, if your child loves muffins, make a batch packed with fruit or bake savoury ones with spinach and goats' cheese. If they love pasta, make a batch of tomato spirals with hidden veggie goodness, or make oat bars loaded with fruit and seeds for an extra nutritional boost.

Mix it up

Kids love diversity, so don't feel the need to stick to sarnies and crisps. Savoury tarts, frittatas, couscous salads and sausage rolls are all yummy served cold, and can be made in bulk at the start of the week.

Ultimately, you know your child best, so what better way to give them a boost throughout their school day than with a lunch that's personal, tasty and full of goodness?



THE NEW £10 NOTE

ollowing the launch of the new polymer fivers earlier this year, the Bank of England has now released an updated version of the £10 note, complete with a very important historical figure.

Until 2017, the former £10 note, resplendent with Charles Darwin's bearded visage, was the oldest note in English circulation – having first appeared in our purses and wallets at the turn of the millennium. But following the successful integration of far more resilient polymer fivers a few months back, the Bank of England has replaced the Darwin-bedecked tenner with an updated version featuring treasured author Jane Austen.

Austen is now the only woman – apart from the Queen – to feature on an English bank note, following the withdrawal of the old £5 notes which showcased Elizabeth Fry. Austen's inclusion on the new tenner was among current Bank of England governor Mark Carney's first announcements upon coming to the role in 2013.

The new design – which marks the 200th anniversary of the *Pride and Prejudice* author's death – will enter circulation in September. Alongside the portrait of Austen, which was commissioned by her nephew James Edward Austen Leigh (which itself was adapted from a sketch drawn by the author's sister, Cassandra), this newest note also features Pride and Prejudice character Elizabeth Bennet and a depiction of Jane Austen's writing table and quills, plus the famous quotation, "I declare after all there is no enjoyment like reading."

The new note is made of polymer and will contain traces of animal fat – although the Bank of England says it is working on a new formula to print future versions without tallow. There are also plans to bring out a new £20 note featuring renowned English artist J. M. W. Turner. That should be with us by the year 2020



HAS ELVIS

GONE FOREVER?

Ivis Presley's posthumous popularity is plummeting with a third of British young adults having never heard one of his songs.

And to make matters worse the value of his merchandise is sinking and some music industry experts say the king of rock'n'roll may end up being remembered as nothing more than a goofy tribute act.

Although his image remains one of the most iconic in music history, the same cannot be said for his songs.

Elvis has left the building – or rather, for some, he never got there in the first place.

In a recent YouGov poll of 2,034 British adults, a hefty 29 per cent of 18 to 24-yearolds said they had never listened to an Elvis song, with none of this age group listening to him daily and only eight per cent listening monthly. Asked what they thought of other veteran stars, about twice as many said they liked the Beatles (23 per cent) and David Bowie (25 per cent) "a lot" compared with the King (12 per cent).

Even if there's evidence of dwindling reverence among youngsters, the YouGov data clearly shows Elvis's popularity among older generations is still high. Despite this, with the value of rare Elvis merchandise in free fall, his Graceland estate will be acutely aware of the financial repercussions of failing to connect with younger audiences.

There's no denying Elvis maintains posthumous popularity: Spotify reveals he achieved 382million streams in 2016. But his figures look less impressive compared to other deceased stars such as David Bowie (who clocked in at more than 600m), Michael Jackson (also more than 600m), or the long-disbanded Beatles (1.3bn).

Elvis has fallen to the status of "novelty act", according to David Hesmondhalgh, an author and professor of music at the University of Leeds, who says any musician whose image transcends their music will ultimately fade away.

He said: "If you ask a small child about Elvis, the fact he died on a toilet through overeating or wore a silly suit is all that registers. The music has become far less important than the caricature. His image has been cheapened."

Lee Arthur, the founder of A1 Star Tributes, a firm that brands itself as Europe's top tribute act agency, said: "Any fat bloke can throw on an Elvis costume and sing stupidly down the pub for $\mathfrak{L}100$.

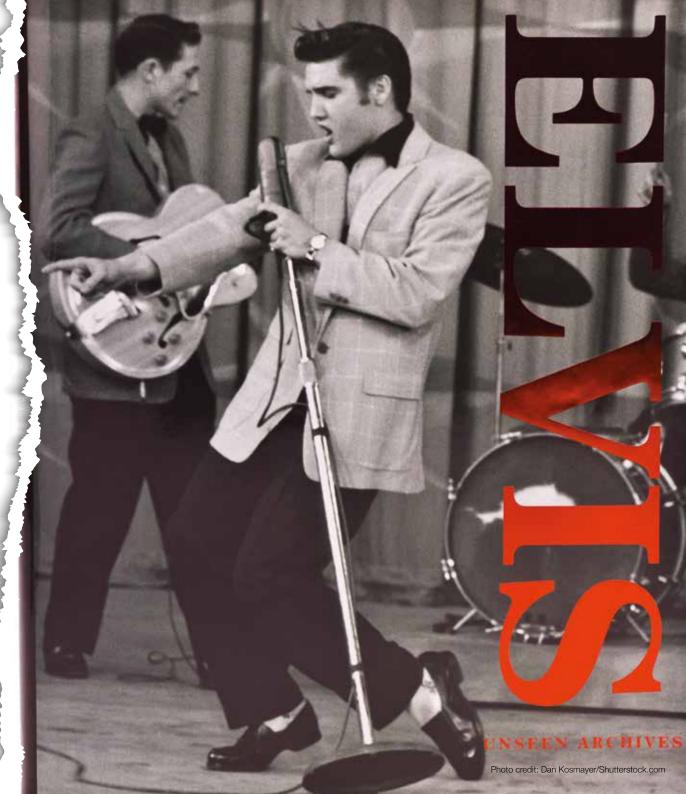
"I don't know about America, but it's really damaged demand over here."

Elvis tribute acts were once big business, but with so many cheap knock-offs, Arthur says punters are now more interested in Gary Barlow and Michael Bublé lookalikes.

The agency has 10 "professional" Elvis impersonators on its books, who will belt out a pitch-perfect *Hound Dog* and pose in wedding photos for £450. Mr Arthur, however, says he can charge at least double that for his Michael Jackson impersonators.

"With MJ, the audience can have more of a dance and a singalong," Arthur said

Elvis's golden period was between 1956 and 1960, when his televised "snake hip" dance routines hypnotised teenagers across the world. During this period, he dominated the charts, clocking up 12 No.1s.



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fter one of the most successful series to date, Love Island finalists have been thrown back into the real world. The show has given many of the contestants a platform to launch their careers and they are certainly making the most of it. Some of them have been offered modelling jobs, presenter jobs and all of these come with huge salaries.

Kem & Amber

Love Island 2017 winners Kem Cetinav and Amber Davies ended up sharing the £50,000 prize fund and since leaving the show have been in huge demand. As well as several TV appearances, the pair landed themselves a temporary presenting role, covering the showbiz gossip on Good Morning Britain. Amber has also landed a fashion contract with Motel Rocks and will release her own clothing range later this year, whilst Kem kick-started his modelling £600.000 career with Boohoo Man.



While Alex Beattie and Montana Brown have confirmed they have split, the pair have both received fashion deals off the back of their Love Island stint. Montana has become the UK's first brand ambassador for Pretty Little Thing and Alex has reportedly signed a six-figure modelling deal with Boohoo Man.





£100,000

£1.8million

Marcel & Gabby

Marcel Somerville and Gabby Allen were one of the first couples to become official in the villa. The pair have had several TV and radio appearances and will be doing club appearances together. Marcel was also hired as the face of Boohoo Man's latest campaign alongside two of his fellow islanders.



£750.000

£5,000 per PA

Dom & Jessica

Although they both departed early from the Love Island villa, this pair are one of the estimated highest earners to come out of the show. Jessica will earn a huge sum through modelling, personal appearances, product endorsements and social media posts. Dom is also jumping on the social media and PA bandwagon to bring home the cash.



£1.4million

£2million



endless demands of children wanting new shoes, sparkly fidget spinners or junk food, why not instil in them a grown-up

approach to finance - one which will help them make the uneasy transition



from dependent to independent? There are so many ways for kids to learn the value of money and methods to earn it. You could pay them a couple of quid to wash the car every weekend, or better yet, if you're friendly with your neighbours you can rope their cars in too. Have them undertake some of the chores

you don't like - but make sure they're safe if unsupervised. Pulling up weeds in the garden, loading the dishwasher and maybe even doing the ironing (with a little quidance) are all good options. Another approach is to make them face the idea of selling off their old gear, something they may be reluctant to embrace until they realise the end result: new, better stuff. It's never a good idea to let a child loose on eBay or Facebook though, so vou'll find vourself not just supervising but running the whole enterprise. People are surprisingly willing to pay

> For a more entrepreneurial approach, there's always the classic lemonade stand in the front garden; or how about baking biscuits, making their own ice cream (with a possibly new flavour) or even getting craftier with things such as home-made kites or T-shirt printing? Just don't let them fall foul of the

Working Time Regulations...



Premier League Hospitality at Vicarage Road







SIR ELTON JOHN

UNBOLTED **SPORT** sain Bolt bids farewell, but his presence remains at every athletics track the world over. The world of sport is filled with fabulous imperfections, but there are some so brazen, so unmistakably wrong, you have to wonder if the Greek god Heracles (he of sports, athletes and erm, border crossings) isn't looking down with a smirk to match that of 100m champion Justin Gatlin. For Usain Bolt's utterly unique athletics career to end in defeat to a double drugs cheat has, in one sense, done nothing for the sport's credibility. But actually, look closer, and it's done little too to diminish the iconic status the Jamaican has cultivated. Bolt is a man whose influence stretches well outside the world of sport - a modern hero who has talent, charisma. confidence and humility in abundance. And on the track, there are serious question marks over whether his achievements will ever be bettered. The three fastest 100m runs ever, 200m world record holder, plus a time of 8.7secs recorded for the last 100m of a 150m event in Manchester in 2009 – that's the fastest a human Then you have eight Olympic golds and a haul of World Championship medals that reaches double figures. Although his descent from the top has been gradual, and evident in his fastest season times at 100m sliding from 9.58secs in 2009 to 9.8secs this year, his utter domination of short-form athletics has seen him leave in his wake a proliferation of frustrated and awe-struck competitors. That dominance may have come to an end in London at the start of August – and perhaps racing into his 30th year proved a step (or sprint) too far - but Bolt's legacy lives on. For as Gods go, this one isn't Greek, nor is he fictional - Usain St Leo Bolt is very much present now, and still inspiring lives (and athletes) the world over.

FOR PEATY'S

Thile most careers tend to vield greater rewards as time goes on, for athletes the achievement clock starts ticking early. Yet while some seem to perpetually be reaching for but never guite touching the sky, there are others - like events, Peaty is the man to beat. As legend has Adam Peaty MBE - who blaze a trail.

At just 22 years old, the Staffordshire-born breaststroke specialist has achieved an envious string of successes: 2016 Olympic champion, world champion in 2015 and 2017,

50-metre European champion in 2014 and 2016, 100-metre Commonwealth champion in 2014, and a world record holder to boot. Peaty is simply an incredible athlete. He has won gold at all four major event levels and, even more impressively, has won all four gold medals at once in a single event - that being the 100-metre

breaststroke at

the 2016 Olympics - which puts him alongside the only other British swimming greats, Rebecca Adlington and David Wilkie, to have done so.

With his world records in the 50 and 100-metre it, although at the tender age of 12 he was setting records at his home club in Uttoxeter, he didn't even consider taking swimming seriously until one evening, when preparing for a night on the town, he heard that one of his peers from the junior circuit had reached the semi-finals in the 2012

> Olympics. His competitive spirit sparked. and Peaty has never looked back.

Now, it appears Peaty's only competition is himself. With his 100-metre world record of just over 57 seconds, he's looking to beat that in what he's calling 'Project 56'. As he told BBC Sport: "I don't think I've even started to reach my peak yet. I need that man strength to come through now. I'm still on boy strenath."



RECORD BREAKING YEAR FOR FOOTBALL TRANSFERS

It was another record-breaking summer transfer window for the Premier League, despite big deals failing to materialise.

With TV rights being sold for astronomical figures, top-tier clubs have deeper pockets than ever before. On deadline day alone, a whopping £210million was spent - £55million more than last year's record. That could have been even more with Arsenal agreeing a £92million deal for Monaco's Thomas Lemar before backing down, In total, a staggering record £1.4billion was spent during the summer transfer window.

Manchester United boss Jose Mourinho lured Romelu Lukaku to Old Trafford with a £75million swoop from Everton. He may have missed a penalty during United's 2-0 win against Leicester City, but he has already scored three goals in his opening three Premier League games for the club.

Arsenal's signing of Alexandre Lacazette also

proved to be worth every penny of his club-record fee by scoring just 94 seconds into his Premier League debut against Leicester City. The French international has signed a five-year deal at the Emirates.

After missing out on bringing Lukaku back to Stamford Bridge, champions Chelsea snapped up Real Madrid's Alvaro Morata for a club-record fee of almost £60million. During his time in Spain. Morata picked up two Champions League winners medals.

Outside of the Premier League, French side Paris St-Germain signed Brazil forward Neymar for a world record fee of €222million (around £200million). The deal smashes the previous record set by Paul Pogba when he returned to Manchester United from Juventus for £89million in August 2016. The former Barcelona player has bagged himself an impressive £515,000 a week during his five-year stay in the French capital.



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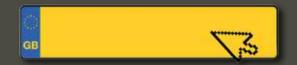
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ollowing the French government's commitment to free the roads of polluting vehicles, the UK has announced that there will be a ban imposed on the sale of all diesel and petrol vehicles, coming into force in 2040.

It's surely no secret that the global situation around climate change is in a fragile state, and more steps are being taken at the highest level of state government to ensure ecosystems are protected from our continuing reliance on polluting fuels.

To that end, the UK has announced that by 2040 there will be a ban in place on the sale of all diesel and petrol cars; this has come about due to fears that the rising levels of nitrogen oxide caused by these vehicles are becoming increasingly damaging to people's health.

The government has warned that the move, which will also take in hybrid vehicles, is needed because of the 'unnecessary and avoidable' impact that poor air quality is beginning to have. Ministers

believe it poses the largest environmental risk to public health in the UK, costing up to £2.7billion in lost productivity in 2015, and some have even called for the creation of Clean Air Zones, which motorists will be charged to use.

The move has been made after months of legal battles and forms part of the current government's dedication to implementing a clean-air plan that has seen similar action around the continent. Also included in this vision is a heavy focus on the steps that can be taken to help councils improve air quality in specific areas where emissions have breached EU thresholds, as well as measures to be urgently brought in by local authorities that have repeatedly breached EU rules. This includes the retrofitting of buses and other public transport, changing road layouts and altering features such as roundabouts and speed humps.

It all adds up to the planet's biggest 'clean air' boost in years, and not before time.





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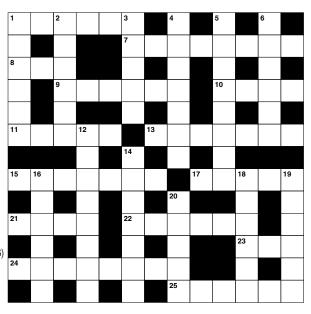




- 1. Graduates of an academic institution (6)
- 7. Cord for fastening footwear (8)
- 8. Hedwig, for example, in Harry Potter (3)
- 9. Put inside another (6)
- 10. Thrash (4)
- 11. Bedfordshire town (5)
- **13.** Friendly (7)
- 15. Ingest (7)
- 17. Stare (anaq) (5)
- 21. Just and unbiased (4)
- 22. Selfishness (6)
- 23. Frozen water (3)
- 24. Solitary (8)
- 25. Sudden forward thrusts (6)

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- 1. Open declaration of affirmation (6)
- 2. Raise (6)
- 3. Small piece of land (5)
- 4. The Pope (7)
- 5. Dress clothes (4,4)
- 6. Real (6)
- 12. Perceived (8)
- 14. Tallest species of penguin (7)



- 16. Public speaker (6)
- 19. Matures (of fruit) (6)
- 18. Domesticating (6)
- **20.** Original (5)

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- ▶The Palace of Westminster has eight bars, six restaurants, 1,000 rooms, 100 staircases, 11 courtyards, a hair salon and a rifle-shooting range
- ►More than 1.000 bodies are buried underneath Aldgate station, in a plague pit built in 1665
- ► Underneath the Ministry of Defence's main building in Whitehall is Henry VIII's wine cellar
- ▶To pass the knowledge test required of cab drivers in London, you must master 320 basic routes, 25,000 streets scattered within those routes and about 20,000 landmarks and places of interest within a six-mile radius of Charing Cross
- ►Among the many items people have left on the Tube are a samurai sword, a stuffed pufferfish, a human skull and a coffin

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