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Hello and welcome to the first edition of VISIONLoughton.

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Due to the success

of **VISION** over the last two

years, we have now launched our fourth magazine in Essex, with a combination of entertaining and

topical stories alongside promoting local businesses. We are able to support those within the community, whilst bringing quality content to your doorstep. We want to support the community by promoting events and highlighting news within Loughton with our Local News and What's On pages.

In local news this month, 39 drivers were caught out during a traffic operation, a woman is raising funds for the people who helped to rescue a

cat and Loughton Art Trail receives thousands of pounds from the Big Lottery Fund.

There is a bit of something for everyone in this publication.

We welcome any of your stories for our local news pages. So if you have a story to share please send it to loughton@visionmag.co.uk

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# Going Solo

he recent troubles experienced by Ant McPartlin have offered the world a scenario once thought impossible - the sight of Dec presenting alone. We look at some famous duos to see whether parting ways brought solo success or whether they should have stayed put.



#### LAUREL AND HARDY

The biggest comedy duo in the era of classic Hollywood, Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy made waves for two decades up to the Second World War with their iconic brand of slapstick humour. With decades of TV comedy under their belts, the pair couldn't garner any attention as solo artists, preferring instead to remain dual performers until Hardy's death in 1957.

VERDICT: Better Together





These two much-loved comediennes paved the way for a generation of female entertainment when their show was given one of the biggest budgets in BBC history. Jennifer Saunders went on to win an Emmy Award, and star in Absolutely Fabulous. Dawn French, meanwhile, fronted The Vicar of Dibley series, and even became the voice of Terry's Chocolate Orange for a time.

VERDICT: Solo Success





Ronnie Barker and Ronnie Corbett wrote themselves into the pantheon of British entertainment greats with their sketch show. Ronnie Barker embarked on successful solo projects in the form of Open All Hours and Porridge, to rich acclaim, but the consistency of The Two Ronnies remained until Barker's passing in 2005. Corbett followed him to the comedy convention in the sky two years ago.

VERDICT: Better Together



#### AMY POELHER AND TINA FEY

This pair of Transatlantic funny-women first found fame on Saturday Night Live, co-anchoring the now famous Weekly Update segment. Following that, they worked both separately and together, on films such as the Fey-penned 2004 cult hit Mean Girls, 2015's Sisters, and won a Golden Globe each for Fey's 30 Rock and Poelher's Parks and Recreation.

VERDICT: Solo Success



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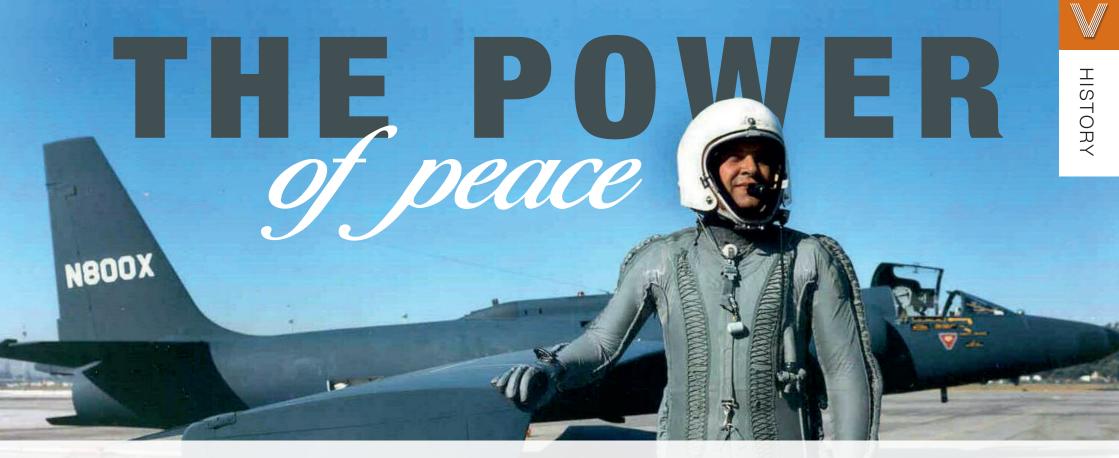




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elations between Russia and the West are at such a low that we are now on the brink of a new cold war.

The poisoning of former Soviet spy Sergei Skripal, 66, and his 33-year-old daughter in Salisbury from the nerve agent Novichok has led to mass expulsions round the world of Russian diplomats.

Despite denials of the attack on March 4, Russia is firmly in the dock. Russia Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov has made the ludicrous suggestion that it was Britain itself that carried out the attack on the double agent because the UK Government has found itself in a difficult situation, unable to fulfil promises it made about Brexit.

There is a clear comparison of present-day tensions to the bitter ideological and military rivalry that existed between the Soviet Union and the West from the 1950s to the end of the 1980s.

One man who has vivid memories of those days

in the Sixties is Gary Powers Junior, 50, whose dad, also named Gary, was a pilot who worked for the CIA and who had been captured when his U2 spy plane had been shot down in 1960.

It was the catalyst for a nerve shredding two years when the world was brought to the brink of nuclear war.

The story was a central point in the film *Bridge* of *Spies* starring Tom Hanks as attorney James Donovan, the man who masterminded the spy swap which saw Gary return to the US.

The New York lawyer was the man who worked tirelessly behind the scenes as the fingers of US President John Kennedy and Russia's Nikita Khrushchev hovered over nuclear buttons during the Cuban crisis of 1962. It was the closet the two super-powers have ever come to war.

It was Donovan's negotiations which led to a dramatic peace deal.

He walked across a frost-covered bridge in Cold War Berlin. By his side was British-born KGB spy Rudolf Abel - a man ironically the lawyer had saved from the death penalty at his trial.

On the other side of the Glienicke Bridge in Berlin - the so-called Bridge of Spies, as other spy swaps would take place in later years, was Gary Powers.

Years after his father was shot down and captured there lingered the suspicion that he might have been a traitor who had deliberately crashed his plane. Gary Jnr was technical consultant on the film.

He says he was thrilled by the film.

"So much has been written and said about my father that has not been fair to him but this film does set the record straight," he said.

"The film shows that he was a hero to our country. Steven Spielberg has done a fantastic job and the family are thrilled with *Bridge of Spies*.

"Not only have they recaptured the Cold War

era perfectly, but he has been able to convey the tension and uncertainty that surrounded all those events."

Based on his father's diaries and talks they had before his death about the U2 incident, he was able to give the director and his team an accurate account of what took place.

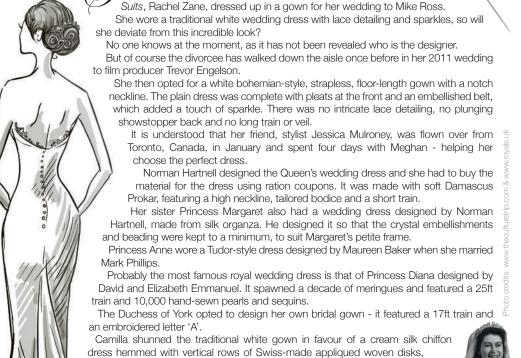
On May 1, 1960 Powers took off from Peshawar in Pakistan for what he thought was a routine nine-hour mission codenamed Grand Slam.

"Four hours into the flight a missile exploded near to the tail of the U2 as he flew over Sverdlovsk," said Gary.

In the spilt seconds Powers had to bail out he was unable to reach a self-destruct button that would have blown up the U2.

Almost two months after his capture he was convicted of spying and sentenced to 10 years in jail, including seven years' hard labour.

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and a matching oyster silk basket weave coat. Robinson Valentine designed the outfit, and she wore accessories by L.K.Bennett and Philip Treacy.

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tunning Meghan Markle has already looked fabulous in a wedding dress. She certainly had the whoa factor as her character in the US TV series

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## He's the Man

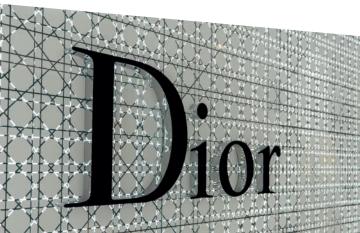
queals of delight rang out in fashion circles when it was announced that Kim Jones would be taking the reins of Dior Homme, so what can we can expect from this ground-breaking designer?

Kim Jones is the kind of understated creative you probably wouldn't recognise in the street, but you definitely know his work. Within the fashion industry, he is referred to as 'Louis Vuitton's secret weapon' thanks to his part in transforming the brand known primarily for its overpriced luggage, into a formidable player in men's streetwear. In short, during his 11 years as Men's Artistic Director he brought the famous LV monogram back to life.

What sets the dynamic Londoner apart is his ability to combine classic tailoring with modern urban sensibilities. After graduating from Central Saint Martins, Jones immediately began shaping his unique vision, and soon after starting his eponymous label (which became instantly popular in Japan) he found himself collaborating with the likes of Topshop and Alexander McQueen along with art direction for magazines such as Dazed & Confused and Arena Homme +.

To Louis Vuitton he brought serious streetstyle kudos, in the form of tracksuits, trainers and graphic tees that, thanks to his background in tailoring, were slim cut and stylish to keep them on the right side of fashion. Last year marked possibly his finest moment with the French Fashion house: a blockbuster collaboration with Supreme – a brand referred to as 'the Louis Vuitton of streetwear'.

So, what can we expect from his move to Dior Homme, a house well known for skinny suits and fashion sneakers? Most likely he will simply build on the legacy of his predecessor Kris Van Assche, infusing even more street influences, reaching out to collaborators and enlisting other young talents to realise his impeccable vision. Having recently appointed Yoon, an experimental Tokyo designer, as the brand's head of jewellery, you can bet his first collection in June won't be anything but extraordinary.







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#### JOIN THE CREW

For maximum impact with minimum fuss, make this the year you finally follow the likes of Ryan Reynolds and go bold with the hair clippers. Grade one back and sides, with a grade six on top, ideally getting your barber to scissor-cut the top to that length so you can get a little more texture into it, rather than leaving

it too rounded, gives you a simple style for the 9-5. Just remember to book back in with your barber every week to 10 days, or risk losing those sharp lines.

#### **BLONDE AMBITION**

Looser, chopped fringes dyed bleach blonde have been popularised by everyone from footballers to popstars - with the chameleonically coiffured Zayn Malik offering a masterclass in dyed hair almost every other day. It's a bold and stylish look, but also one worth forking out a bit for. Home dye jobs are the grooming equivalent of playing with fire (and you'll certainly feel the burn if you get it wrong), but if you're brave enough, give it a try, and remember to use a deep conditioner once a week whilst investing in some purple shampoo to stop that bright white mellowing to a vellow.

#### PLAYING IT LONG

Longer-haired lads may be looking to ditch the manbun and opt for something a little sleeker and refined. We've come a long way from the glam-rock hairdos of the 1970s, while stars like Brad Pitt and Jared Leto have popularised the shoulder-length slickedback look. It's just a case of ditching layering in order to maximise length and chic sleekness.



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ay fever sufferers rejoice. We have some great tips for helping you survive the season; and yes, you can even go outside.

#### Keep an eye on the pollen count

Warm and dry days generally have a higher pollen count, whereas thanks to the rain washing pollen out the air, wetter days have less. So, keep an eye on pollen forecasts and stay indoors as much as possible when it's really high. Certain times of day also bring about an increase in pollen, usually early morning (7am to 10am) and late afternoon (4pm to 7pm).

#### Protect yourself when outside

You can't live like a hermit just because the sun is out, so apply barrier balm around your nostrils (Vaseline works too), and buy a peaked hat and some wraparound shades.

#### Remove allergens daily

Hay fever sufferers know that feeling of being bombarded by pollen, and unfortunately there is no way of stopping it getting to you entirely. Saline spray is a really effective way to wash out all the allergens clinging to your nostrils, so carry one with you. Showering (including hair) and changing your clothes when you get home on high pollen day also helps.

#### Protect your home

Keeping windows closed on high pollen days is an obvious place to start, but pollen can also sneak in on pets that have been outside, and line-dried clothes. So, avoid snuggling up to poochie, and buy an indoor drying rack.

#### Zimit time in the city

Despite usually having a lower pollen count than the countryside, all the pollution in urban areas irritates your respiratory tract, making it harder to cope with other allergens.

#### If all else fails, head to the seaside

Not that you need another excuse for that weekend in Southend, but you'll be pleased to know that the sea breeze blows pollen inland, making seaside resorts a veritable paradise for hay fever sufferers.



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eghan Markle's wedding bouquet is certain to contain a sprig of myrtle, a tradition for royal brides dating back to 1840 when Queen Victoria married Prince Albert. The myrtle for royal brides is almost always cut from a bush at Osborne House, Queen Victoria's residence on the Isle of Wight.

Myrtle symbolises hope and love.

Meghan and Prince Harry have chosen to work with London-based florist Philippa Craddock. For arrangements in St George's Chapel and St George's Hall, she will be using branches of beech, birch and hornbeam, along with white garden roses, peonies and foxgloves.

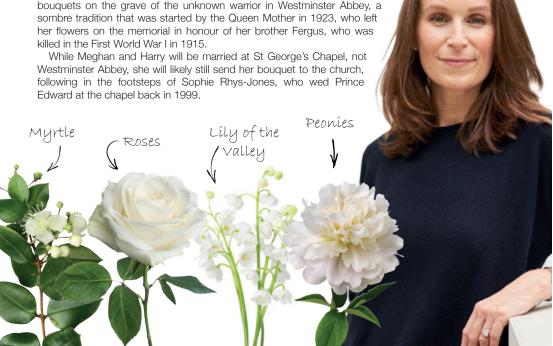
There is speculation that Meghan will pay a tribute to her late mother-in-law Princess Diana with her bouquet as the Duchess of Cambridge did in 2011.

While Catherine's small, simple bouquet served as a stark contrast to Diana's enormous cascading collection of blooms, both featured lily of the valley. Other British royal brides who have incorporated the local flower in their bouquets are Princess Margaret in 1960, Princess Anne in 1973, and Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, when she wed Prince Charles in 2005.

Meghan is also expected to carry peonies down the aisle. They are said to be her favourite flower as are roses. But royal bouquets tend to be white.

white, free flowing wedding bouquet. It included three types of rather exotic looking orchids: cattleya, cyripedium and odontoglossum - all British-grown - and of course myrtle. Following their weddings, it is also customary for royal brides to leave their bouquets on the grave of the unknown warrior in Westminster Abbey, a

For her marriage to Prince Philip, the then Princess Elizabeth had chosen an all-



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#### SACRED SPACE

As we become ever more aware that tech is taking over our lives and the dangerous health implications of that, more and more people are seeking to make their bedroom a gadget-free zone so that they can get in touch with their more contemplative side. This can include just banning electricals such as phones and TVs, or going as far as creating a corner of the room specifically designed for reflection and meditation. Either way, it's time to reclaim your bedroom for you.

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#### 2. Bird feeder

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#### 3. Sprinkler

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#### 4. Painting

Create a masterpiece with just a plastic bottle and some paint. Simply paint the plastic bottle to make it look like whatever animal you like - we love the owl.

#### 5. Money pot

You will need two plastic bottles of the same size, a zip and a needle and thread for this activity. Simply cut around the bottles about a quarter of the way up from the bottom. Then, sew the zip around the edge of the cut bottles. You can then make a slit in the top bottle, or just use the zip to put your money in and out.











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British icon Dame Helen Mirren reveals her thoughts on ageing, her inability to resist a juicy role and why you should never call her a movie star.

here's no stopping Dame Helen Mirren. Smart, sexy, and outspoken, the actress is still revelling in the career renaissance that began at age 46 when she began playing *Prime Suspect's* DCI Jane Tennison. Born in London to an English mother and Russian father, Mirren has long been a feminist trailblazer who occupies iconic status today among Hollywood's hopeful young starlets.

Her performances have inspired generations of women - distinguished by a palpable intelligence and steely determination whether playing a military commander (Eye in the Sky), royalty (The Queen), or a Mossad agent (The Debt). If ever there was an archetype of an actress suited to playing strong women, it would be her.

Currently, the formidable and iconic actress is appearing in *The Leisure Seeker*, directed by acclaimed Italian filmmaker Paolo Virzi, and co-starring Donald Sutherland. A compelling romance that depicts the interactions between a woman with terminal cancer and her husband, who's suffering from Alzheimer's. And while the elegant star undoubtedly looks fantastic for her 72 years, she is characteristically candid about the inevitable pitfalls of ageing. "If I have to be honest, there is nothing that pleasant about growing old. You learn to accept your age and all the faults that come with it and you console yourself by believing you are wiser," Mirren says sagely.

"When you're a teenager it seems impossible to think of becoming old. But then you learn to accept it and renounce many things that seemed so important before, like plunging necklines and miniskirts," she adds with a laugh.

Over the years, her sharp wit, cutting humour and boundless talent have earned her 'national treasure' status. Mirren is also incredibly humble, and despite her extensive back catalogue and slew of awards, she refutes the suggestion of being a 'movie star'. "No, I've never thought of myself as that, never considered myself anything close. I'm a working actress, who's been fortunate and lucky, and sometimes the stars align in a certain way," she says, firmly.

Her life off-camera is also admirably straightforward. Mirren has never had children, stating in the past that she has "no maternal instinct whatsoever", and has spent the past 32 years together with Hollywood director Taylor Hackford (Ray, An Officer and a Gentleman). They were married in 1997 and currently divide their time between homes in Los Angeles and the village of Tiggiano in Puglia, Italy.

Even she admits it would be easy at this point to while away the days soaking up the wonders of Italy, but unfortunately for Mirren, she has one terrible weakness. "I can never find the willpower to say 'no' to a very good part when one comes along," she confesses.

"I often tell my husband, 'I've done enough, I'm not going to keep pushing myself.' But he's so used to hearing me say that he doesn't even pay attention to me anymore when I make that kind of a declaration. The terrible truth is that I simply cannot resist a good role."

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## **LOCAL NEWS**

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adets young and old were welcomed into the Opolice family and honoured for their achievements at a special ceremony in Loughton.

Nine cadets from the Epping Forest unit proudly passed out in front of friends, family and special guests including Chief Inspector Lewis Basford and Deputy Lieutenant Michael Chapman.

The latest intake of cadets pledged their oath and received top marks for their marching during the event on Tuesday. March 27: the culmination of six months' hard work.

As part of the ceremony, cadets were also promoted to the following positions: Head Cadet (Mitchell Tassie), Deputy Head Cadet (Emily Brew), Squad Leader (Kayleigh Woods and Mia Ballantyne) and Deputy Squad Leader (Kayleigh Tyler and Jack Bowen).

A number of our more experienced cadets were recognised for their hard work, development and progression since joining the unit.

PC Rob Hance said: "The Epping Forest Volunteer Police Cadets (VPC) have accomplished some amazing things since we opened our doors back in 2015.

"Each one of the team have shown incredible commitment and their progression has been nothing short of fantastic.

"They should all be extremely proud of their achievements.

"The unit continues to make a huge difference to the local community by going above and beyond."

For more information about the Volunteer Police Cadet scheme, visit www.essex.police.uk/join-thepolice-en/volunteers/cadets

#### **Boy arrested after car stolen and crashed**

ssex Police arrested a 16-year-old boy on Suspicion of burglary after a car was stolen in Loughton on Friday, April 20.

They received reports at 2.40am that a home in Roydon Close had been broken into and keys and a vehicle had been taken.

The stolen vehicle then crashed into a parked car in Manford Way, Hainault, and a boy was arrested at the

scene. At the time of writing, he remained in custody for questioning.

We believe another suspect remains outstanding and we urge anyone with information or dash cam footage to call 101 quoting crime reference 42/53541/18.

Additionally, you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.















## Police appeal following verbal harassment of women groups

ssex Police would like to speak to anyone who was on High Road in Loughton between 12.30am and 1am on Sunday, April 8.

Four men, aged between 18 and 25, were verbally harassing groups of women.

They then approached a group of four women just before 1am.

The women were walking from High Road when they were approached by the suspects who shouted abuse at them.

Whilst the other three men verbally harassed the women, one of the men assaulted the women by throwing a container at them which had an unknown liquid inside. This man was also reported to be in

possession of a small kitchen knife.

None of the victims came into contact with the unknown liquid.

As the victims walked off, the suspects threw objects at them, causing no injuries.

If you have any information about this incident, please call 101 and ask for Loughton Community Policing Hub. The reference to quote is 35 of 08/04.

Alternatively, you can contact the Crimestoppers charity anonymously on 0800 555 111 or use the anonymous online form at Crimestoppers-uk.org

No personal details are taken, information cannot be traced or recorded and you will never need to go to court.

#### **Drivers caught out during traffic operation**

↑ traffic operation held in Loughton recently saw 39 Adrivers driving without a seatbelt and 19 drivers were found to be driving while using a mobile phone.

Officers from Essex Police's Casualty Reduction Section were in Loughton as part of a dedicated operation to help to reduce those killed and seriously injured on the roads by using a combination of engagement and enforcement.

Throughout the operation, 39 drivers were dealt with for failing to wear a seatbelt while driving and 19 drivers were found to be driving while using a mobile phone; each driver received six points and a fine.

A 46-year-old man from London was arrested on suspicion of driving while under the influence of drugs. He was released pending further enquiries.

Eleven drivers were found to be driving without a

valid MOT and a further 11 drivers were found to be driving in excess of the speed limit.

Two drivers were found to be driving without valid insurance and both had their cars seized under Section 165. One driver was found to be driving while disqualified.

The School Speed Watch group gave verbal warnings to 13 drivers during the operation.

Matt Hine, operational tasking supervisor at the Casualty Reduction Section, said: "Driving without wearing a seatbelt poses a serious and potentially fatal risk, not just to you but to everyone else in the vehicle at the time. It is an avoidable risk and it's really important that this offence remains an absolute priority for Essex Police and our partners within the Safer Essex Roads Partnership."



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## Art trail receives £10k grant

↑ n art trail in Loughton received a £10,000 grant Afrom the Big Lottery Fund recently.

Loughton Art Trail committee was honoured and overjoyed to receive the grant to help towards their upcoming Art Trail this month.

The Loughton Art Trail, an annual community festival

running from May 12 to June 2, aims to bring the people in the community together through the arts, turning Loughton into a townwide art exhibition.

Art will be exhibited in local organisations and businesses, with talks, walks, workshops and children's activities.

Jenna Thorne, creative arts coordinator at LifeWorks Creative Arts Centre and Art Trail secretary, said: "This much-needed

grant will enable us to reach more people through publicity, provide more exhibition space and materials. involve more local businesses, hold more events, and most importantly help to raise the profile of local artists through the opportunity to lead workshops and share their work with the community.

"We are incredibly grateful to the National Lottery Fund for the opportunity to celebrate our town and the people, artists, businesses, organisations and groups that make it special."

> You can walk the Loughton Art Trail on May 19, where you will visit most of the exhibitions.

The walk will begin from Debden station. The walk will be for approximately two hours, mainly downhill and ending at the Last Post for some refreshments. This walk is for all.

To take part in the walk, meet outside Debden central line station at 11.30am.

There is a car park at Debden and Loughton station. This walk will be led by local photographer Ruth Batten.

For more information on the Loughton Art Trail, visit www.loughtonarttrail.co.uk

#### **Woman raising funds to** thank those who rescued cat



Awoman from Loughton is raising money to say thank you to the people who helped to rescue an injured cat who had been left to fend for himself.

Jan Jeffery is hoping to raise £500 for Cat Protection Waltham Forest who rescued JJ the cat, who had been abandoned by his owner.

Jan said: "He was being fed by good people Anita and Suzie, but he was aggressive if handled. He sustained a nasty injury to his neck/face that became infected.

"His injury had resulted in many days staying at vets. He has been neutered and tested for feline diseases, which have come back negative.

"Cat Protection is a charity surviving on generous cat loving people. Please donate for JJ and Cat Protection."

At the time of going to print, £150 had been raised of the £500 target.

To donate, please visit www.justgiving.com/ crowdfunding/ian-iefferv

#### Man fined for illegal driveway

man from Loughton was fined recently for huilding an illegal driveway.

Mr Ivor Crandon pleaded guilty after failing to comply with the requirements of a Planning Enforcement Notice served on him in July 2012.

An inspection on October 24, 2017 revealed that the notice hadn't been complied with.

At an appeal at Chelmsford Crown Court on April 13, Mr Crandon was fined £2,400. He is also liable to pay prosecution costs of £508.26 and a victim surcharge of £170.

Mr Crandon stated that he is currently instructing arboriculture experts to prepare a method statement for ensuring that trees protected by tree preservation orders are not adversely affected by the removal of the driveway.

#### **Man charged for several burglaries**

ssex Police have charged a man in connection with a burglary at a jewellery shop and nine counts of burglary from changing room lockers in Loughton.

A 31-year-old, of no fixed address, appeared at Chelmsford Magistrates' Court on Saturday, April 21, charged with burglary and going equipped.

At the time of going to print, he had been remanded to appear at Chelmsford Crown Court at a date to be confirmed.

This follows nine reports of burglary from lockers inside the men's changing rooms in Loughton Leisure Centre, in Traps Hill, between Wednesday, March 21, and Thursday, April 19.

It also follows a burglary at Franklin Jewellers, in High Road, at around 7.15pm on Friday, March 2, where jewellery worth a five-figure sum was stolen.

#### **Couple fined after failing to** clear rubbish



Acouple from Loughton were fined by Epping Forest District Council last month after failing to clear rubbish from the front and rear of their property.

Mr Salinder Minhas and Mrs Parminder Minhas pleaded quilty to the offence served on them in November 2017.

They were required to remove rubbish from their front and rear gardens and from the flat roof of the garage which was creating an eyesore.

Chelmsford Magistrates' Court fined Mr Minhas £110 and ordered him to pay £308 towards the council's prosecution costs together with the statutory victim surcharge of £30.

Mrs Minhas was fined £100 and ordered to pay costs of £308 and a victim surcharge of £30.

The fines had been reduced by one third due to Mr and Mrs Minhas pleading guilty at the first hearing and taking into account their current financial situation.



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# Royal Weddings I THE CAKES

#### A LOOK AT THE CAKES OF ROYAL WEDDINGS PAST

rince Harry and his bride to be Meghan Markle have decided they don't want to get fruity on their wedding day and have bucked tradition of not having a traditional fruitcake.

Instead they have gone for a much more modern style - an organic lemon elderflower wedding cake.

The couple have turned to pastry chef and food writer Claire Ptak, below, owner of Violet Bakery in east London, to make the cake, which will be covered with buttercream and decorated with fresh flowers.

His brother Prince William and wife Catherine chose a multi-tiered fruit cake was made by baker Fiona Cairns, and while the decorations were pretty traditional – it featured edible flowers including an English rose, Scottish thistle, Welsh daffodil and Irish shamrock – they also had a chocolate biscuit cake by McVitie's.

Prince Charles has had two bites of the wedding cake. When he married Camilla in 2005, bakers

Sophisticake from Lincolnshire had just four weeks' notice to bake one.

The finished cake weighed in at 17 stone, took around 130 hours to coat and decorate and was made with 20 bottles of brandy. The firm also had to make 2,500 additional slices to fill special commemorative tins.

For his wedding to Diana in 1981 the official wedding cake was a fruitcake with cream cheese frosting. It was five-foot high, weighed 18 stone and was made by David Avery, the head baker of the Naval Armed Forces.

McVitie and Price Ltd, using ingredients given as a wedding gift by the Australian Girl Guides Association, made the official wedding cake at the Queen's wedding.

It was an enormous, ornate affair and stood nine foot tall and was covered in intricately carved cathedral-like designs. It is said to have been cut using Prince Philip's sword. It even had its own nickname – the 10,000-mile wedding cake.



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#### HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT PET FOR YOUR HOME

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For those living in small homes with little or no garden, it is wise to choose an animal which isn't going to take over. Budgies and parrots are a charming but low maintenance option, while cats make great companions and their desire for independence means they are happy to make a life of their own outside - though you will need to ensure your home is accessible, so they can come and go as they please, and be aware of any big roads directly near you.

Large and energetic dogs are likely to bring chaos to a modest abode,

so go for a small, calmer breed like a poodle or shih tzu. But remember that ALL dogs need regular

Small, furry animals like hamsters and gerbils make a great first pet for kids, but they can also bring great joy to adults who seek company but have little time or space. Fish are another option for those looking for a more self-sufficient addition to their family bear in mind that tropical fish can be considerably more expensive than the cold-water variety due to their need for a heated aguarium.

Finally, if you've got a sizeable house and garden consider anything from rabbits to a tortoise, to big, boisterous pooches. But don't forget that all animals need a great deal

> of love and attention, so when choosing, don't just consider the size of your home, but the size of your heart too.



re you fed up with buying the same generic Father's Day presents for your children to give to their daddy year in and year out? Why not try something different this year and help your child make their own DIY gift? This simple homemade flowerpot is the ideal gift for any green-fingered daddy or grandad and is guaranteed to take pride of place in your garden.

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- Paint brushes
- \$ 1 x ice cube trav

#### How to make:

- Lay down some newspaper or an old sheet to protect your floor.
- Fill your ice cube tray with your preferred colours (be sure to include green for the stem and leaves).
- Place your pot on the newspaper/sheet.
- Paint the rim of the pot in your chosen colour (younger ones may need some help with this).
- Help your child paint their hand and tilt the pot slightly to allow them to press their handprint onto it.
- Repeat around the pot in as many different colours as you would like.
- Take a brush and paint on a green stem and two leaves below each of the handprints (as per the image above).
- And voila. You have your homemade handprint flowerpots.

#### Optional:

You can also personalise your handprint flowerpot by writing 'Happy Father's Day, love from {insert your child's name here}' around the rim of the pot.

Or you could even go one step further and fill your pot with compost and their father's preferred plant or herbs.

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This year's Masters at Augusta saw a reigning champion fall from grace spectacularly, while a controversial competitor rose to take the coveted green jacket...

It was on the Friday of this year's Masters Tournament when the current champ, Sergio Garcia, lined up his second shot on the 15th hole. At two over, his was certainly still in the running to defend his title – even if his performance had failed to offer the usual flash and pizzazz we've come to expect of him. But from the moment his lofted attempt over the water hazard guarding the green landed near the hole, only to spin back down the steep slope and disappear into the murky depths, the death knell sounded, and we knew we were in for a new winner.

Four more submerged shots later, and Garcia had equalled the worst score for a hole in the tournament's history - 13 on a par five.

While the Spaniard struggled, one fellow pro was making a concerted effort to inherit the a soon-to-be-vacated trophy. But it wasn't Rory McIlroy – so desperate to achieve his first Masters win – or Jordan Spieth or Rickie Fowler, though both the latter made big gains on the final day to just miss out on top spot. Instead, this year's inductee into the roll-call of golfing green jackets – his first major tournament win – was Texas-native Patrick Reed.

Reed's -16, one-stroke victory, was an impressive statement from a man more used to making his name in his home country with Ryder Cup and Presidents Cup wins – victories that have earned him the moniker 'Captain America'. It was strange, then, that even as Reed made his way into the lead, the crowd's overwhelming response was to lavish support on competitors Mollroy et al.

Even when 27-year-old Reed had confirmed his place among such former champs and golfing greats as Tiger Woods, Nick Faldo and the indomitable Gary Player, the tone was still lacklustre. Why was it that in spite of this being the American's greatest day, there was none of the usual adulation that follows a Masters winner in the immediate aftermath of his triumph?

Perhaps it's because, for years, Reed has been somewhat of a controversial figure both on and off the green. In 2014, he described himself as "one of the top five players in the world", in spite of being just 23 at the time, and having never even played in a major tournament, let alone won one. The same year, at the Ryder Cup, Reed trash-talked his vice-captain Tiger Woods. Later, countryman Jordan Spieth would reveal that the usually mellow Woods quipped back at the brash upstart, saying: "Don't worry, Patrick, you only need 74 more wins and 14 more majors..."

These days, Reed's fellow golfers have become accustomed to his antics, which include the 'drinking offences' that Reed said made him leave Georgia State University, or the oft-denied but enduring allegations of cheating and stealing from the locker room that have also arisen from his time at UGA.

Then there's the messy relationship with his parents that culminated in his wife reportedly escorting Mr and Mrs Reed from the US Open course in 2014. Neither came to see their son's Masters triumph, despite actually living in Augusta.

So while Patrick Reed may well have finally laid his hands on the major tournament win he has long believed was due, it remains to be seen whether his past will ever allow him to be taken to the hearts of golf fans.

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Technology has come a long way, especially aviation. In 1947, it took four days and seven stops to travel from Australia to the UK with the original 'kangaroo route'. It also cost around £525 when the average wage was a mere £7.

Nowadays, the journey is both guicker and more

affordable with the average Australian weekly wage at \$1,600 and a return fare from Perth to London costing less than \$1,300.

Athletes competing at the Commonwealth Games would have had to set off days before they were due to compete just to complete the gruelling journey. But nowadays, they can hop on a plane and be at their destination within 24 hours.

In 1962, Prince Philip travelled to Perth to open the British Empire and Commonwealth Games. Travelling by boat, he set off several weeks before he was due to open the event.

The land down under is now easier to access than ever before. With the new development, tourist numbers are sure to increase with people from Britain taking advantage of the journey.

#### PUZZLES & TRIVIA



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- 3. Manufactures (8)
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## Royal Weddings THE WINDFALL

rince Harry and his new wife Meghan Markle are expected to boost Britain's coffers by £500million on their wedding day.

Experts predict the cash will come rolling in as thousands of visitors are expected to flock to the UK for the ceremony at St George's Chapel, Windsor, on May 19, while millions more around the world will watch on TV.

Brands Finance says the increase in tourism, combined with sales of roval memorabilia and the knock-on effect of spending in Britain's shops, bars and restaurants will be huge.

Chief executive David Haigh said the biggest chunk will come from tourism.

He said: "We think approximately £200million will come from tourism, travel and hotels."

Mr Haigh also estimates that royal wedding parties will generate about £150million and souvenirs will, he believes, rake in about £50million. Another £100million at least will be generated in free advertising for UK PLC.

Major royal events are always big money spinners. In 2012, the Diamond Jubilee celebrations boosted

tourism by £390million. Harry and Meghan's wedding also means a windfall for local residents, who look set to cash

online marketplace people to let out their homes on a shortbasis. savs Windsor residents

£353 by leasing their homes when the couple tie

Maidenhead homeowners could be in line to make an average of £162 while those in Slough could make £141 by offering up their homes to tourists from May 18 to May 20.

James McClure, general manager for Airbnb. said: "The royal wedding has provided a welcome tourism boost, putting the UK in the spotlight once

Listings on the Airbnb site include a three-bed Windsor townhouse in Helena Road with an asking price of £1,000 per night and a four-bedroom property in Clewer priced at £1,750 a night.

The company says quest arrivals for the May weekend have risen by 362 per cent in Maidenhead compared to the same period last year.

Arrivals in Windsor are also up by 194 per cent while neighbouring Slough has seen a staggering 1.438 per cent rise, the research revealed.

It does not stop there though with the British fashion and magazine industry raking it in because of the popularity of Meghan and her soon-to-be sister-inlaw. The Duchess of Cambridge. for at least the next 10 years.



# COUNTING the cash

fter years of little change on the currency front, Britain has recently enjoyed an influx of shiny new notes and contemporary coinage. But with the deadlines for spending your old dosh long gone, what can you do about all that unusable wonga?

Everyone should by now be used to our new national coins and notes. Those brand spanking 12 sided pound nuggets, fantastic fivers and tough tenners have entered the UK's money circulation with relatively few hiccups. But for those of us who may have a few of the old editions still stuck down the back of the sofa or crammed in a jar, it may appear that these outdated coins and notes are completely useless in this brave new world of modernised moolah.

Fear not, however, because you can still rely on the Bank of England, who have decreed that their notes "retain their face value for all time". In short, your 1983 £1 coin will always be worth a tidy guid, and no one can take that away from you.

What it doesn't mean is the spending power of that coin remains the same, so while they still have value, don't try to pay for goods and services with them, as vendors do not have a legal obligation to accept them. Of course, they might if you ask nicely, but the work involved for retailers - independents and chains alike - in monetising these dated coins makes accepting them a false

Instead, head into your local bank, building society or post office. There, you can exchange them for new currency, no questions asked... except perhaps "where have you been for the past few months?", and perhaps "do you still have a black and white telly at home?". Ignore the jibes and cash out.









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## WHAT'S ON in your area

#### **Organ Recital**

St John's, Church Lane, Loughton, Essex, IG10 1PD

May 11, 8pm - 10,30pm

Organ Recital, performed by the City of London and Eastern Society of Organists. There will be light refreshments served during

Seating is not reserved so come early and select your favourite seat.

Tickets are also available on the door. Entry is £8 and concessions £7, only sold on the door.

Please visit www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/organ-recitaltickets-44947117037?aff=ebopdstthelist for more information and tickets.

#### Tower Tours of the St John's Church Tower

St John's, Church Lane, Loughton, Essex, **IG10 1PD** 

May 12, 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Visit the Tower of St John's Church, Church Lane, Loughton. Learn a little about the art of bell ringing and climb above the tower for very good views of Loughton.

There may be the chance to try ringing a bell, depending on numbers.

Adults and children aged eight and over only please. Ability to climb the 37 stone spiral steps to the bell tower is required. Tours will take about 30 minutes. Free entry, but donations welcome.

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Loughton Methodist Church, 260 High Road, Loughton, IG10 1RB May 19, 7.30pm - 10pm



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#### **Loughton Showcase**

Lopping Hall, 189 High Road, Loughton, **IG10 4LF** 

May 20, 1pm - 3pm

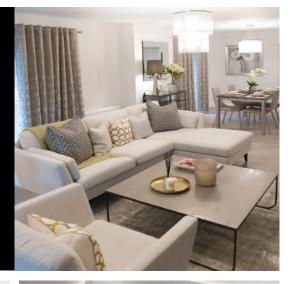
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