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Editor's notes...



this month's edition of VISIONWoodbridge. It's been yet another hugely busy month here at **VISION**, with lots of work going into pulling this latest edition together. I

hope you enjoy reading it. I always find this one of the more challenging issues to produce as you often find many of the people that contribute in various ways have a bit of time off here and there, spending time with families and going on holidays., but I like a challenge.

It's back to the routine now though. Schools are back, holidays are now nothing more than memories and photos in an album and we look forward to doing it all again next summer.

- Personally, I didn't go away this summer due to the fact we have a new-born in the house and also my daughter is just beginning to get herself settled into nursery.
- We did, however, head up to Norfolk for a few days to spend a bit of time with relatives who live there.

It was very nice to have a change of environment for a little while.

In local news this month, a band supports Ed Sheeran at his gig in Chantry Park, tributes are paid to the former town mayor and Woodbridge Town FC has a great start to the season. Have a great month.

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E MAY HAVE NOT BEEN THE FAVOURED CHOICE, BUT RESERVE JUDGEMENT ON THIS OCCASION, AS NEW PRIME MINISTER BORIS JOHNSON MAY JUST BE THIS COUNTRY'S SAVING GRACE.

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Given that our political system has always existed while stuffed clumsily in the pocket of the ultimate organisational irony – that we are governed by a set-up of MPs whose very being means acting in opposition to one another – it's a miracle we've made it this far.

Sure, over the centuries, the Houses of Parliament appear to have bumbled, burst and bludgeoned their way through a variety of issues, but there is a sense that never before have a collected band of representatives been so unapologetically unhelpful towards each other, whilst displaying such plain disregard for those who put them there in the first place – the electorate.

We've been left in a parlous state, where even some of the most ardent Leave or Remain campaigners have had the last bit of political puff forced out of them by a string of events that has dragged on longer than the annual trot around the Eurovision juries.

And yet, now, it may be that finally our very own 'Euro vision' is forming, and thank goodness we have someone like Boris Johnson to drag it up on stage, stand it in front of the microphone and cover its ears as the rest of the continent offers a resounding 'nul points' to its little ditty.

In reality, Boris is the best we have. Theresa May's position was a poisoned chalice from the start, Jeremy Hunt you feel would have simply toed the same drab, pointlessly formal line, and Jeremy Corbyn has taken three years to finally decide he's a Remainer. And for the respect of what little democracy we have left, a second referendum, however it was being dressed up, was never an option.

We are at a stage now where we need to put political allegiances aside and just get on with leaving the EU on October 31 in the most clinical way possible, and as BoJo has proved several times already in his career, he is a leader, a motivator and a driving force for positive, unerring, often brazen action.

Whether Boris will make a good Prime Minister should, at this point, be seen as secondary to the real job in hand, although even on that front, his merciless, almost dramatic dressing down of Corbyn in his first House of Commons debate at least shows a glimpse of a political future where humour, drama and liberal dashes of sarcasm may replace an overstayed period of shouting, shuffling, sneering and downright childish gameplay from those who should know better.

As yes, 55-year-old Boris may well still represent a cumbersome orator from another era, but during his time as London Mayor – and all those Boris bikes – as columnist and magazine editor, and as Foreign Secretary, he made very real change happen. The man is no fool.

Ultimately, what you get with Boris Johnson is charisma, action, and perhaps a little entertainment thrown in for good measure. Sure, he will speak out of turn, he will wobble precariously on the line of acceptability, but he will also put both barrels behind the country he loves, even at risk of throwing himself under the bus... or is it a bike?



or 60 years Marcel Marceau's talent for pantomime entertained audiences around the world.

He was also the man whose act inspired Michael Jackson's famous moonwalk. But few of his adoring fans realised that behind the mask of his most famous character, chalk-faced Bip the clown, there was a true hero.

During the Second World War he saved hundreds of Jewish children from the Holocaust. Masquerading as a boy scout, Marcel evacuated a Jewish orphanage in eastern France. He told the children he was

taking them on a vacation in the Alps, and led them to safety in Switzerland. Marcel made the perilous journey three times, saving hundreds of Jewish orphans.

He was able to avoid detection by entertaining the children with silent pantomime.

Born to a Jewish family in Strasbourg, France in 1923, young Marcel Mangel discovered Charlie Chaplin at the age of five and became an avid fan.

When Marcel was 16, the Nazis marched into France, and the Jews of Strasbourg - near the German border - had to flee. Marcel changed his last name to Marceau to avoid being identified as Jewish, and joined the French Resistance movement.

Documentary filmmaker, Phillipe Mora, whose father fought alongside Marcel in the French Resistance, said: "Marceau started miming to keep children quiet as they were escaping. It had nothing to do with show business. He was miming for his life."

Marcel's kosher butcher father perished at Auschwitz.

Marcel later said: "My name is Mangel. I am Jewish. Perhaps that, unconsciously, contributed towards my choice of silence." In his first major performance, Marcel entertained 3,000 US troops after the liberation of Paris in August 1944. In 1947, Marcel created his beloved character Bip, a childlike

everyman with a stovepipe hat and a red carnation.

In 2001, Marcel was awarded the Wallenberg Medal for his acts of courage during the Holocaust.

Until his death at age 84, Marcel performed 300 times a year and taught four hours a day at his pantomime school in Paris. He died on Yom Kippur, 2007.





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# Band support Sheeran after winning competition

Asinger from Woodbridge and her band won a nationwide competition to open up for Ed Sheeran on the last date of his two-year tour in his hometown. It was a jam-packed bank holiday weekend for Caswell after shows at Reading and Leeds Festival and they finished with a performance in front of a crowd of 40,000 people at Chantry Park in Ipswich on August 26.

As previously reported in **VISION**Woodbridge, Caswell smashed the semi-finals of the Hoax Live Sessions competition and, on August 16, were crowned the winners, bagging them the opportunity to open up for fellow Suffolk star, Ed Sheeran.

Lead singer Kristin said: "It was amazing and very unexpected. We were up against bands from London and Manchester and the fact that we actually won felt incredible. We were representing the East and Ed even told us he was really happy a Suffolk band won.

"Over the past two months, I have really stepped up my game and having Reading and Leeds Festivals just before the Ed Sheeran gig definitely helped and was kind of extra prep for us.

"The whole thing has been the best experience of my life. I've done a lot of gigging but this was a whole other ball game."

Following the performance at Chantry Park, Caswell are more focussed than ever to achieve their goals.

Kristin continued: "Performing at Chantry Park definitely got us excited. We want to have our own sold out headline shows, but we've got a lot of work to do.

"We want to focus on making more music, supporting other artists on tour and book more festivals. One night with Ed Sheeran and our social media numbers have rocketed.

"I've had hundreds of lovely messages telling me how much they loved the performance.

"The hospitality and kindness shown by Ed and his team was unreal, I'll remember it forever as the best day of my life."

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# **Star condemns housing** plans for former council depot

lans to build 100 new homes on the site of the former district council headquarters in Woodbridge would change the character of one of Suffolk's most important historic towns.

That's the view of comedian, actor and television present Griff Rhys Jones, president of the Victorian Society, who has spoken out against the plans for the flats at Suffolk Coastal District Council's former Melton Hill site.

There were over 400 letters objecting to the planning application lodged in April 2016 and locals say they didn't have an opportunity to comment on the scheme as a consultation was carried out behind closed doors.

After the first application was withdrawn and a second application was refused, a third application has now been submitted for high density blocks of

flats on the riverside location.

In a letter to the East Anglian Daily Times, Mr Rhys Jones urged planners at East Suffolk Council to think about what will happen if the application is passed and to recognise the strength of local opposition to the proposal.

It reads: "A passer-by would also notice several beautiful mature trees, a fine Victorian house and an imposing and dignified Edwardian building and wonder how such things could possibly be swept away.

"The planning committee must surely listen to the Woodbridge Society, the National Trust, Historic England and the Suffolk Preservation Society, who have all expressed reservations."

Of 215 public comments received by East Suffolk Council, 214 object to the application.

# **Tributes paid to former town mayor**

ributes have been paid to Les Binns, former mayor of Woodbridge, after he died last month.

Mr Binns, who was 88, served as mayor of Woodbridge three times, from 2001 to 2002, 2008 to 2009 and 2009 to 2010, as well as serving three terms as a town councillor.

Professionally, Mr Binns was an executive director of nursing for the NHS Trust. After his retirement, he continued to visit town council staff and his final gift to the town were 24 roses planted in memory of his wife Sylvia, which can be seen in Scouts Corner, Elmhurst Park.

Kate Lacey, clerk to Woodbridge Town Council, said: "He was a delightful man and the staff loved him. Woodbridge was dear to him and he was a strong part of the town. He was public-spirited, generous to the town and the town council, and above all an absolute gentleman."

Mr Binns leaves two sons, Steve and Mark, and five grandchildren.





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Money was raised from the annual Golf Day, which was held at Seckford Golf Club on July 3 and attended by members and friends of WBBC.

The group meet at Seckford Golf Club every Tuesday from 7am to 9am.

For more information, visit www.woodbridgebbc. co.uk or email Peter Berry on peter@peter-berry. co.uk

# Finalists announced for community awards

Residents and businesses from Woodbridge are amongst those announced as finalists of the 2019 East Suffolk Business and Community Awards.

The awards recognise and celebrate the hard work and successes of the groups, individuals and businesses within the East Suffolk community.

Winners will be announced at an awards dinner on October 3, which is being held at The Hangar, Milsoms Kesgrave Hall.

Amongst the finalists are Woodbridge Tennis Club and Woodbridge Rugby Club, who have both been shortlisted for the Club of the Year award.

Choose Woodbridge has been named as a finalist for the Encouraging Tourism award.

Councillor Letitia Smith, cabinet member for communities, leisure and tourism at East Suffolk Council, said: "The awards are a great opportunity for us to recognise and celebrate the hard-working up to the whole of East Suffolk and so it was fantastic to read about some of the great things that are happening throughout the east coast. "Judging is never as easy as it sounds and with such a large amount of entries this year, it was extremely difficult for us judges to pick out a

local groups, individuals and businesses who

are making a real difference in our communities.

"As always, the standard of nominees was

very high and all those nominated should be

Ufford Park, added: "Having been a judge

for the past three years, I am always very

impressed by the high standard of entries; from

the more well-known larger companies, to the

"This year is the first year entries have opened

extremely proud of their achievements." Sponsor and judge. Debbie Ratcliffe from

smaller businesses and individuals.

winner for each category."

# Woodpeckers have great start to season

Woodbridge Town FC had the perfect start to the season after winning their first five games in the Thurlow Nunn Premier Division.

A 4-0 opening away win at Long Melford was followed with a 4-1 home win over Kirkley and Pakefield and an FA Cup win over Coggeshall United 1-0.

A 3-1 away win at Swaffham Town and a 5-1 home win against Walsham Le Willows continued the great start.

An FA cup loss away to higher league Waltham Abbey followed, but the Woodpeckers were soon back to winning ways with a 3-1 home win against Brantham Athletic.

Upcoming home fixtures include:

> October 9 - Leiston (Suffolk Premier Cup)

>October 19 - Haverhill Rovers

There may also be a FA Vase match on October 12. At the time of going to print, the Woodpeckers were awaiting news of their opponents.

Keep an eye on the Woodbridge FC website for any changes.



# NEWS FROM THE BOAT YARD

When we make discoveries about our past it helps us to understand where we came from and work out where we are going. But often it also leaves lots of unanswered questions.

That's how we feel about the excavation at Sutton Hoo in 1939.

What was found there was the early medieval grave of Raedwald, an important Anglo-Saxon king. Within the burial ground there was a host of treasure now in a special show at the British Museum along with the impression of the rotted-away timbers of a ship - a clinker-built rowboat about 90ft long.

For a long time historians have been trying to understand exactly how this vessel performed on water as well as more about Anglo Saxon skills, trade and seamanship.

And now we are about to reconstruct this incredible ship at The Longshed in Woodbridge, using traditional building methods and a host of experts, to find some of the answers to our many questions.

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It might sound like just a bit of fun but actually this build is a serious scientific endeavour and an example of experimental archaeology.

As a result, in two years' time we hope to trial the ghost ship on the river and sea and hopefully lots of people will be able to see it and row it.

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# Anger growing against bypass plans

Plans for the Ipswich Northern Bypass are not acceptable and do not stack up, Woodbridge Town Council were told.

That's the view of Dr Therese Coffey MP for Suffolk Coastal, who sent a letter to be read out at a town council meeting at the end of last month.

Dr Coffey MP said she is concerned the project, which will greatly affect Woodbridge, is already a fait accompli, and believes it will come hand in hand with more housing for the area and called upon Suffolk County Council to be more transparent about this aspect.

Dr Coffey said she believed a campaign to improve the A14 should be looked at and said the controversial bypass is riddled with problems.

She explained: "The cost of the project is estimated

to be £500m - £560m. Given recent experiences, I think increasing that by at least 50 per cent is more realistic. While the government has recently awarded substantial capital investment to support housing growth, I cannot see £500m being made available unless approximately 50,000 homes were being built." A public meeting to discuss the project was held at

Woodbridge Town Council at the end of August.

Stop The Ipswich Northern Bypass, a pressure group against the plan, says its mission is to stop any bypass as "it is solely for the purpose of concreting over huge swathes of the countryside in order to build a vast number of new houses above and beyond the national requirement. It would be an environmental disaster and would ruin thousands of people's lives and livelihoods."

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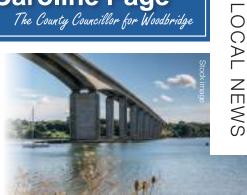


Clearing my childhood home, I realise how many things have vanished from our lives. Who dials a number? I don't reckon any young people do. And why would they? They've never seen a phone with a dial.

Our old house still had a proper flush toilet. And by this, I mean none of your namby-pamby low-level push-button affairs. It was a whopping big cast iron cistern (stamped The Cam) with a good solid chain. There was no doubting when it had flushed. It had been in the house perhaps 150 years - but it was still going strong.

And then - the map. Ipswich Northern Route? The Suffolk road map in my parents' house didn't even have the Orwell Bridge on it. I remember my father teaching me to map-read in the car by making me navigate - using that very same paper map - back from Sutton Hoo to Cambridge. He told me it was "a skill everyone needed to know", and I have used it ever since.

Nowadays, maps have been replaced by an electronic voice that never shows you the overview but gives you instructions instead. Is this a good thing? Does our idea of making things easier actually



make them better?

When my children were young, a little circular bus ran hourly around Woodbridge helping old people and young parents alike. It was swept away not because it was poorly used, but because more money could be made elsewhere. When my children were older, there were still late buses for teenagers, concertgoers and theatregoers to get back from Ipswich to Woodbridge. All gone. And as from this month, we can't even visit hospital by bus in the evening. Yes, there are more cars, of course, but isn't it sometimes true that when we seek to mend, we end?

# Popular pub receives Best Wine Award



The Unruly Pig was announced as the winner at the award ceremony held at The Royal Lancaster Hotel in London on September 5.

Head chef Dave Wall and owner Brendan Padfield attended the event and were presented the award by Hugh Dennis, *Outnumbered* and *Mock the Week* star.

The traditional pub was given the award for their outstanding wine list and cellar.

Brendan said: "We offer a superb selection of wine by the glass, there's a little something for everyone.

"We're so proud of our outstanding Unruly team and everything we've achieved. We're all on cloud nine.

"I'd just like to thank our customers for their amazing support and kind words. Even at the event they were sending messages and it means so much to us all."



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# News from Councillor Geoff Holdcroft

Town Councillor for Woodbridge Riverside

his month Woodbridge is holding its first Car Free Day on Saturday, September 21 - an event which I hope will bring the town together in celebrating many of the wonderful things about Woodbridge that we perhaps at our peril take for granted.

The event, organised by Woodbridge Town Council, with the backing of Choose

Woodbridge, Transition Woodbridge and many other organisations, will allow everyone to experience just what a pedestrianised Woodbridge would feel like. There will be lots of entertainment and activities to encourage you to come into town and the traders will also be outside their shops too. Over the past few years I have been part of a Thoroughfare Working Group who have been tackling the thorny issue of making the centre of town a safe place to stroll, shop and relax in whilst allowing business and residents to access their premises. If the Car Free Day is a success, then I can see the work of that group being able to deliver a solution that is acceptable to all.

If you can travel on foot, by bicycle or public transport it would be greatly appreciated; there will be extra provision for bicycle racks on the day to encourage this. In addition, the Woodbridge Memory Bike will be in and around the Thoroughfare helping those people who can't get into town by themselves.

# Festival welcomes "astounding response"

More than 1,000 people gathered at the end of last month to celebrate the Woodbridge Festival of Art and Music in the town's Elmhurst Park.

Bands and djs from around the country combined with local talent to serve up a rich and varied programme of music from famed Hacienda DJ Justin Robertson, to Suffolk's own Bessie Turner, fresh from supporting Ed Sheeran, and New Zealand avantgarde performer Dudley Benson.

The event opened on the main stage with a choir of 40 from Planet Voices, followed by Laura Wyatt, Peter Hepworth and The Brackish Edge.

The Eco-zone provided an educational aspect to support the festival's sustainability theme, while the Kids' zone offered an array of art, crafts and yoga for children.

In a quieter corner of the park, local writers gathered in the Spoken Word area to read and discuss their work.

Programme director Ben Osbourne said: "We had an astounding response from the community, exceeding all our expectations not only in audience numbers, but also heartfelt enthusiasm.

"It's hard to imagine a more inclusive event. All the artists performed brilliantly and were warmly received, which was amazing.

"Events this size are great because the acts are able to feel a direct relationship with the audience that doesn't happen at bigger events. It was an afternoon of absolute pleasure. None of us can wait for next year. A massive enormous thank you to Woodbridge." Festival co-organiser Richard Litchfield said: "To continue the tradition of music events here in the past, this one has had a really strong focus on community involvement, combined with local talent and renowned performers from outside the area.

"A big thank you to all our supporters including Adnams, The Table, New Street Market, Smashing Wines, Suffolk Digital, Planet Music Academy, East Suffolk Council, Rachel Smith-Lyte and Woodbridge Town Council for providing us with a wonderful venue. "We'd like this to be the first of many events, so please watch this space."



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# HOW TO BRING THE UNDERWATER WORLD INSIDE

here is something tranquil, calming and reassuring about the sea, to the extent that a recent trend finds us recreating the gentle serenity of the coast within our own homes.

Where in the past an underwater theme would have been the domain of the kids' bedrooms, experimenting with maritime design even in our main living spaces - consider blues, turquoises and light greens - can add colour, complexion and an element of fun.

And you don't have to go all out on themed furniture. Sometimes just very subtle references to the sea can have the best effect, such as scallop-patterned chains or edging to drawers or units.

Wallpaper can add smart, subtle references to the coast, either in swathes of brilliant blue and subtle sandy brown, or as a detailed design that perhaps showcases boats, shells or beach huts. And while you're at it, rugs and carpets with irregular, fluffy edges can move and sway in much the same elegant, carefree way as a receding tide. Patterned cushions can add a very simple effect too - think traditional blue and white with perhaps a splash of yellow.

The subtle placement of objects and art can also really bring on that feeling of being in a sub-agua wonderland inside of your home. Driftwood, for instance, is one of the most curious, curved, beautifully artistic things you can have, even as a stand-alone object or used as picture frames or stand-alone shelf decoration. And when adding watercolours, sculptures and other more covertly obvious nods to the beach, you can quickly build a mood that gives you everything the coast offers without the hassle of sand getting caught between your toes.

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# Alex Kemsley ...taking the PL\_NGE

# THE SWIMMING POOL DESIGNER DIVING HEADLONG INTO BIG BUSINESS

o combine the pleasure of a favourite pastime with the satisfaction and comfort gleaned from making money and having a successful career... well, that's everyone's dream, surely.

To make that perfect life come true requires dedication, belief and an unrelenting pursuit of excellence, and for swimming pool designer Alex Kemsley that journey started way back at the age of nine.

It was whilst still in single digits – albeit with the help of his father – he built his first pool. And in the immediate years that followed, the young designer's eye for detail very quickly became evident, with a drive for business being complemented by his pursuit of the perfect balance between health and luxury.

"Any nine-year-old boy would enjoy operating an earth mover to dig out a hole big enough for a pool," Alex begins, "but I couldn't have guessed that day that it would become my life's work. "To go from building a family pool with dad at my childhood home to designing the world's most talked about pool has been an incredible journey." Sugar

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That iconic pool he references has been built by his company, Compass, and is named Infinity London. It is a 200m high – it sits on top of a 55-storey building – 360-degree roof-top pool set to tower over the capital's skyline. It is formed around cutting-edge design, powered by computer technology and with renewable values at its core... for instance, it is heated by the by-product of creating cool air in the very building it sits atop.

As you would imagine, the designer's level of client is already unparalleled in the world of pool design, with footballers, musicians and TV stars commissioning Kemsley to create, configure and install designs that start with six-figure price tags. And with double-digit growth, the evidence is that demand for going for a dip is Brexit-proof... if not waterproof.







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ailway sleepers have a mystery and charm

all of their own... to the extent that an object originally recycled from the trackbed is now being produced from freshly felled trees, such is its popularity amongst gardeners.

While some people choose to leave the sleeper to extol its original rustic beauty, others like to explore the range of treatments that can brighten. soften or reshape this hunk of wood, from sanding back to varnishing or painting.

Here are a few uses for railway sleepers:

Solid enough to hold the weight of a train, it makes sense that a railway sleeper's most accepted use is in the ground. As characterful steps - laid either sideways or pushed together lengthways - this is a great use that can guide an eye deep into a garden's charm.

# EDGING

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Flower beds and lawns can look smart and tidy when utilising the brilliant straight lines of a railway sleeper. For a rustic object, this hunk of wood can offer an unexpectedly contemporary line that will shape and present your plant life.

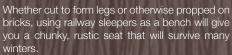
Alternatively, cut the sleepers and stack face up, experimenting with different lengths to give your beds a feel of ascending excellence.

# WALLS

Railway sleepers presented as a wall not only makes a visually pleasing bank of wood, but will provide you with considerable strength at the same time. Whether housing a compost pile or offering a place for you to store garden objects out of view, these weighty objects will stand up to storage.

Consider drilling solar lights in too to make your garden a charming night-time escape.

# BENCHES



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# POSTING

Why new *Dragons' Den* enterprise impresario Sara Davies is a calling card for all businesses hoping to grow out of nothing.

Anyone who has seen the new series of *Dragons' Den* will have clocked a new face on the panel of fire-breathing business behemoths.

Terrestrial television's most successful new business show resumed its 17th series at the start of August. And with Jenny Campbell having stepped back from investment duties at the end of the last run of programmes, the much-vaunted seat two – once occupied by James Caan, Richard Farleigh and Hilary Devey – was instead filled by a new backer; and someone able to empathise with all areas of the entrepreneurial spectrum.

To the untrained eye, County Durham-born Sara Davies MBE represents a friendly, warm, welcoming, empathetic member of Britain's most feared panel. And so she should – the 35-year-old was brought up in rather simple surroundings in the north-east, and launched her debut business, Crafter's Companion, from her university student accomodation.

Her idea was simple – she offered a tool that could create bespoke envelopes for handmade cards. It came at a time when craft had begun to boom in the UK, and such an obvious gap in the market was there to be exploited. Sure enough, by the time Davies graduated, the enterprise was turning over  $\pounds$ 500,000 a year.

These days, Crafter's Companion exports to over 40 countries, employs 190 people worldwide, and can boast an annual turnover of £25million – not bad for an idea not just written on the back of an envelope, but was the envelope itself.

# PROFITS

It all adds up to someone perfectly in touch with the qualities required to take a ground level business and move it to the next level. In the opening episodes we see Sara's approach as firm but fair, sympathetic yet system-driven.

"I think my background isn't too dissimilar to that of the other Dragons," she says.

"It's not like we were born into huge amounts of wealth. For us it's just been a case of having a good idea, going with it, then using the profits from that to try other avenues.

"As I say to a lot of young companies, sometimes getting that first idea right makes it 10 times easier to fuel all those that follow. That's because you have a springboard, you have experience, and the chances are you have contacts, as your next move is most likely to be in a familiar area."

As the 18th business wizard to step into the show, Davies is the youngest, proving that the world of modern business, even at corporate level, isn't the domain of those who have spent decades climbing up through the system.

> "While it takes time to understand the mechanics of enterprise, I believe the spark to make money and to make a difference is there from childhood. That's not something you can learn – you either have it or you don't," she says.

Davies is already making a difference in the den. While, straight away, she put her hand in her pocket to make real the dreams of the next generation of business whizz, she is at the same time inspiring a brand of Sunday night armchair money-makers as well – are you one of them?

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Certainly, in terms of numbers, PayPal's domination of the market is a good marker as to its reputation. This year it will top 300 million active accounts, with sign-ups rising by 17 per cent year on year.

The organisation operate several layers of security behind each account, with recipients of money never receiving sensitive financial information such as credit card or bank account details. There is also the PayPal Purchase Protection scheme, which acts as an insurance policy for outgoing payments, and in general any disputes come down firmly on the side of the customer as opposed to the seller.

PayPal have even offered cash incentives to any buffs uncovering potential security flaws, vulnerabilities or breaches in the company's digital data defence system. And with the system draped in data encryption and anti-fraud technology, it might be said that a PayPal account is actually safer to use than a credit card, bank account or a cheque book.

However, the premise isn't all on the corporation. There will always be someone wanting to tread in your digital footprint, and as with any security system, the set-up is only as tight as the actions of those using it, so users are frequently reminded to stay diligent when it comes to logins and passwords.

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# FEAR FESH

or some reason, even the most confident cook can feel some trepidation when faced with the task of preparing and cooking fish, but with these simple tips you will be cooking up a fishy storm in no time.



As a nation we love canned tuna, but we are definitely missing a trick by not experimenting with the fresh variety which is firm in texture and mild to taste.

A good marinade is essential when preparing fresh tuna as not only will it help the fish taste delicious; it will also keep it moist during cooking.

We recommend grilling your tuna steak for a quick and tasty meal. For a half-inch thick steak, grill for four to six minutes. The fish should flake when tested and still be pink in the middle.





Who doesn't love a piece of battered cod and chips on a Friday night? But that doesn't have to be the only time you enjoy this flavoursome fish.

For best results, we recommend baking your cod in foil with lemon and garlic. Simply preheat your oven to 180C and bake for 15 minutes for six to eight ounce fillets or 20 minutes for a whole fillet.

You will know your cod is cooked when it appears opaque and flaky.

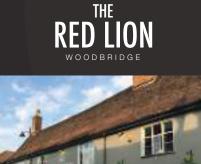
A truly luxurious fish, salmon is also extremely versatile. It can be pan-seared, grilled, roasted, poached, smoked or cured.

Most salmon are sold with the bones removed but it is worth checking for any stragglers by rubbing your finger gently along the fillet.

If you are planning to pan-sear or roast the salmon, we advise keeping the skin on. Based on a half-inch thick piece, you should roast for six minutes or four if you prefer your salmon a touch rare.





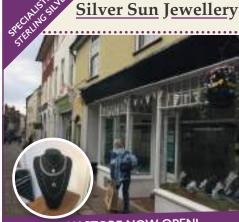


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# BRING ME Sunshine

f you can't wait for the cooler months so that you can embrace darker tones, then you may want to look away now. This autumn is all about the bright and mood-enhancing colour yellow.

But before you decide to become a recluse until this trend has passed, let us reassure you that this colour can suit everyone; you just need to find your shade.

# MELLOW YELLOW

If the thought of wearing bright yellow brings you out in a cold sweat, then a butter shade is what you need. For the ladies, look out for a full-length cotton dress that will see you through this transitional season. Men should focus on accessories; a pale yellow tie will work wonders to spruce up a suit or layer up with a chunky scarf.

# PALE ALE

For those who are really not sure about this colour, choose a shirt in the palest yellow you can find and wear it in place of a crisp white one. Team with a pastel tailored jacket and cropped trouser for an easy and bang on trend outfit.

# DARK CHEDDAR

Want a bit of warmth? This shade can best be described as dark yellow with a hint of orange; think butterscotch. Perfect for both sexes this autumn; snap up a leather jacket and trouser combo or play it safe with a simple dark yellow shirt.

# FLUORESCENT YELLOW

The high street is awash with neon this season; from flashy suits to casual sportswear to the simple tee. Women and men alike can't go wrong with a stylish head to toe electric yellow suit or for those wanting a slightly less obvious look a simple bright yellow vest top or t-shirt can work wonders on both your mood and your outfit.



# smooth

hether you are a hair oil convert or are still suspicious of this product that promises to drive away dry locks for good, you can't fail to notice the hype that surrounds oils at the moment.

Are they too good to be true or is there an oil perfect for you?

# Cocount Oil: Best for dry/damaged hair

A real multi-tasker, coconut oil contains fatty acids, vitamins and minerals that penetrate the hair leaving it smooth, silky and supple.

# **Argan Oil:** Best for frizzy or coarse hair that is prone to areasiness

This oil is often referred to as liquid gold mainly due to its golden colour but also because of the benefits it offers. It is 100 per cent natural and contains antioxidants and vitamin E which helps nourish and protect your hair.

# Jojoba Oil: Best for beards and dandruff sufferers

This oil has the clever ability to not mess with your scalp's natural balance of oils, but it still penetrates your hair's follicles, moisturising them from within.

# Almond Oil: Best for hair growth or reducing hair loss

Like other oils it contains fatty acids and proteins that help protect and nourish your hair, but almond oil also contains magnesium which helps prevent breakages and aids hair growth.

# Olive Oil: Best for brightening dull, frizzy hair

Most people have olive oil in their kitchen, but did you know you can also use it in the bathroom? Due to its protective and exfoliating properties, olive oil can be used in place of conditioner to create a smooth shine after shampooing.

# Manula Oil: Best for sun exposed hair

Summer make feel like a distant memory but the effects on your hair are visible for all to see. Marula oil, which has a distinctively fruity aroma, is ideal for treating sun-damaged hair.

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AUTUMN escapes

# ROME

Notoriously busy during July and August, the Italian capital regains its resplendent simplicity as the autumn months come about. A drop in tourist numbers means you can fully appreciate Rome's stunning architecture, take your time over pizza or pasta, and explore winding backstreets without an accompaniment of trudging tourists. Of all Europe's cities, it is probably the one that feels most different in autumn.

# CYPRUS

If sun and sand is still your thing, then Cyprus will hold its sizzling summer feel more than most other European destinations. Even in the echoes of autumn, temperatures remain in the high 20s, and

with an eclectic coastline, charming Mediterranean villages and a combination of vineyards and mountains, there are a variety of terrains and colours to ensure you stay charmed by your surroundings.

TRAVE

# AFRICAN SAFARIS

For the perfect African safari, an autumn break is perfect. Temperatures all year round tend to vary very little – in Kenya, for instance, the lowest average of 27 in June is only four degrees off the January peak month. Other locations such as Botswana and its Okavango Delta can offer water-flooded expanses that cool hot limbs whilst offering incredible, expansive views over some of the world's most incredible creatures.

# VIETNAM

Or perhaps for somewhere completely different, get in right at the start of Vietnam's dry season with an October escape to a land of rich wildlife, absorbing culture and complicated history that, these days, lures tourists looking for provenance and purpose as much as a place to relax and unwind.





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PINEAPPLE HEAD

Why sleeping with a pineapple in your room can aid sleep

arning... the next time your partner asks if you want to get fruity in the bedroom it may be that they have only one thing in mind

Recent research from NASA, no less, suggests that sleeping with a pineapple in your room can stop you from snoring; and that, in turn, will help you - and anyone nearby - sleep better. It's thought one in four people are forced to kip elsewhere on nights when their loved one's sound effects get out of hand, but a simple trip to the greengrocer could unite couples again.

That's because pineapples produce huge amounts of oxygen, and the release of this improves air quality throughout the night and our own ability to sleep.

Scientists now believe a combination of air purity and a sensible quantity of well-regulated rest (7 to 8 hours) are vital for our daily wellbeing. Sleep not only improves our ability to function mentally, but serves to help the body fight off germs and infections.

While pineapples seem to be getting all the good press at the moment, there are a number of other plants that have a surprisingly buoyant effect on air purification. These include aloe vera, dwarf date palm, weeping fig, English ivv. Boston Fern and Chinese evergreen.

And one final tip when you find yourself in the local supermarket selecting your prickly night-time partner - pick up an extra pineapple to consume before you put your pyjamas on. That's because boffins have revealed that pineapples are high in melatonin, a hormone that can help reset your circadian rhythm, getting sleep and waking cycles back to normal whilst even offering one of your five a day.

mie foster

# What is the best way to lose fat?

It's probably the fitness question that gets asked most - but it also has the simplest answer, writes fitness coach, *Julie Foster*.

Simply put, there is no "best way" to lose fat. Fat loss is simply using more calories than you eat. When you consume less calories than you are using, this is called a calorific deficit.

Achieving this in the most efficient way possible is the best way to lose fat so below are some good pointers you can use to reach your goal.

Before you even think about exercising, it's essential you make sure your diet is right. Work out how many calories you need to consume in a day to lose weight, and stick to it.

Compound exercises are the best way to approach weight training. These are the big movements that use multiple muscle groups and often the whole body; think of a squat with a weighted barbell on your back.

This uses every muscle in your legs, your bum and your back. This burns more calories and uses more energy than, say, a bicep curl, which targets only one muscle. Low intensity aerobic exercises done over long duration use fat as a primary fuel source. If you swim at a slow pace for an hour, fat is being used to fuel you, rather than carbohydrates. However, increase the intensity to moderate or vigorous pace and you are under more stress. More stress equals more calories being burned.

Fat is also burned in the hours after exercise. You burn more calories by doing short bursts of high intensity exercise with a brief rest period in-between than by doing light and long duration exercise.

So swim a length hard, and rest for a short period, and repeat and you will be losing more fat than if you were to just swim slowly for the same duration.

For best results, you should combine strength training with aerobic training. You will burn more calories and do it faster than if you only trained one or the other.

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As well as a Masters Degree in Paediatric Musculoskeletal Health, Rebecca is registered with the General Chiropractic Council, is a member of the British Chiropractic Association, a fellow of the Royal College of Chiropractors and a fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine. This is truly a profession where Rebecca feels she can use her head, hands and heart to improve the quality of her patients' lives.

As well as her work, Rebecca is also a Mum and

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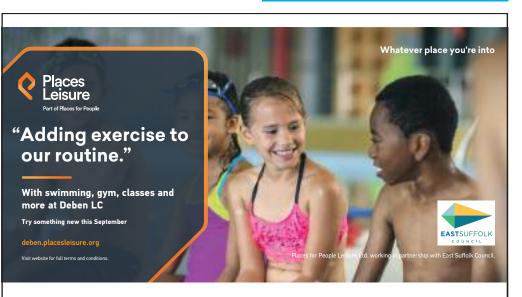
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sports brand, it's perhaps surprising to learn of such difficult humble beginnings for Nike. It all started back in 1964 when Bill Bowerman and his University of Oregon runner Phil Knights decided they could do a better job of designing running

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And yet, the fact they were correct in their belief almost wasn't enough. As Blue Ribbon Sports, the company began offering design changes to Tiger, who would ship increasing quantities with varying degrees of technical progression and reliability. Such was the fragility of the business in the 1960s that Knight had to continue

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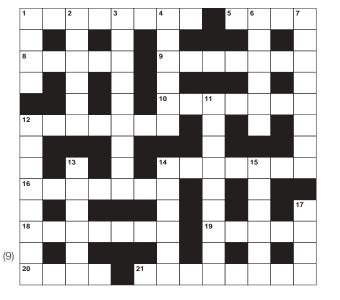
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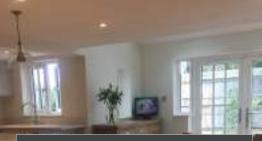
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