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# COVID: First vaccine doses 'by end of year

*"Britain has a tough few months ahead but there is light at the end of the tunnel"*

**FRONTLINE health staff could get a coronavirus vaccine by the end of the year before it is rolled out across the UK in early 2021, it emerged this week.**

Professor Jonathan Van-Tam, England's deputy chief medical officer, also revealed in private that the NHS is preparing to launch a vaccine shortly after Christmas.

He told MPs: "We aren't light years away from it. It isn't a totally unrealistic suggestion that we could deploy a vaccine soon after Christmas."

"That would have a significant impact on hospital admissions and deaths."

It is believed healthcare frontline workers would be the first to receive the vaccine as it becomes available, followed by vulnerable people.

Government adviser Professor Jeremy Farrar said this week: "We are in for a really difficult time. But there is light at the end of the tunnel. I think we have to be honest and realistic and say that we are in for

three to six months of a very difficult period.

"The temperatures drop, we are all indoors more often, we have the other infections that come this time of year."

Prof Farrar, from the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies, added the festive season "will be tough this year" and "not like a normal Christmas".

### 'portfolio of vaccines'

But he predicted more than one Covid-19 vaccine could become available in the first three months of the new year.

He said: "Britain has access to any number of different vaccines across a range of different approaches. Vaccines

come in all different styles and approaches and Britain has got a portfolio of vaccines through which more than one, I'm sure, will come through in the first quarter of next year."

Prof Van-Tam is

expecting the third stage results from the Oxford vaccine by the end of next month.

The Government has already secured 100 million doses of the jab.

Kate Bingham, chair of the UK's Vaccine Taskforce, told reporters: "Development of a vaccine by Christmas is possible but remains our most optimistic prediction."

"We have been open about the fact that developing a vaccine is a complex process which could take many months and has no guarantees."

She added: "We have to wait for the results of the vaccines currently in clinical trials to know whether they are effective and even then we are unlikely to have a fully protective vaccine for some time."

"Alongside the acceleration of vaccine development, the Vaccine Taskforce is ensuring the country's



The Government had so far invested £47million in vaccine programs

vaccine manufacturing capabilities are scaled up, so that if a vaccine is found and is effective it can be made available to the public as quickly as possible."

Business Secretary Alok Sharma said in May the Government had so far invested £47million in vaccine programmes at Oxford and Imperial College London.

He also announced a further £84million in new funding "to help

accelerate their work".

The Government has also pledged £250million to the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovation to accelerate work to find a vaccine. Hundreds of thousands of doses of another potential vaccine have already been manufactured in Belgium.

The Pfizer jab is being stockpiled at the drug giant's plant in Puurs, near Antwerp.

The US corporation is planning to produce up

to 100 million doses this year, of which 40 million will end up in the UK.

The jab is currently being tested on 44,000 people. Everyone is expected to need two doses.

Pfizer's UK boss Ben Osborn said: "It was great to see the first vial coming off the manufacturing line. It just brought a tremendous smile to my face to see all of this work actually result in a

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## News From Britain

# Wales lockdown 'will ruin economy'

## ■ Businesses to 'pay the price' of harsh rules

WALES is being plunged into a "disproportionate" full lockdown that will have a severe impact on jobs and businesses, campaigners warned this week.

First Minister Mark Drakeford said everyone will be required to stay at home for a fortnight after the "sharp and deep" shutdown comes into force from 6pm on Friday.

The only exceptions during the so-called firebreak will be critical workers and employees in jobs where working from home is not possible.

Labour politician Mr Drakeford said the action is needed to stop the NHS becoming overwhelmed.

But critics demanded to see the evidence behind the draconian measure and warned that Wales is now facing rolling lockdowns that will devastate jobs and businesses.

Conservative Paul Davies, who is opposition leader in the Welsh Assembly, said: "Sadly, the First Minister has failed to get public support for this second Wales-wide lockdown, failing to be

open and transparent about the evidence to justify this lockdown and what his actions will entail for the future.

"The Welsh government also has to be honest that this road they are taking us down is committing Wales to rolling Wales-wide lockdowns.

"This is not a two-week break to solve the pandemic – it is likely that we will see regular lockdowns across the rest of the year."

### 'disproportionate'

The "firebreak" covers all of Wales despite some areas like Powys, Pembrokeshire and Ceredigion having low rates of coronavirus.

Fay Jones, Tory MP for Brecon and Radnorshire, said it was a "disproportionate response" and warned that businesses are "having to pay the price" in areas where there are few infections.

On Monday a further 626 cases of Covid-19 were reported in Wales, bringing the total number of confirmed cases to 36,253.

The death toll has reached 1,712 after another fatality was recorded.

Public Health Wales reported 4,127 new confirmed cases of coronavirus between October 9 and 15, though the real level of infections is believed to be higher.

The R value – the number of people each coronavirus patient infects – across Wales is between 1.1 and 1.4, while the seven-day rolling incidence rate for Wales is more than 130 cases per 100,000 people.

Modelling by Swansea University estimates that with an R value of 1.4, there would be 2,500 Covid-19 deaths between October 12 and December 31.

Meanwhile TAG, the Technical Advisory Group of experts who advise the Welsh government, warns that Wales is tracking to its reasonable worst-case scenario of around 18,000 hospitalisations and 6,000 deaths due to Covid-19 over winter.

During the lockdown, all non essential retail, leisure, hospitality and



The rate of infection is currently 1.4, and the seven day rolling incidence rate for Wales stands at more than 120 cases per 100,000 population

tourism businesses will close.

Community centres, libraries and recycling centres will also have to shut, while places of worship will also be closed other than for funerals and wedding ceremonies. Childcare facilities will stay open, with primary and specialist schools re-opening after the half-term break.

People will not be able to meet indoors or outdoors with anyone they do not live with, with exceptions for those living alone – who will be allowed to join with one other household.

All gatherings are banned, including Halloween and Bonfire Night celebrations, but an exception will be made for Remembrance Sunday on November 8 to allow small organised events by local authorities and

the British Legion to go ahead.

Holidaymakers from outside Wales have also been told they must cancel any bookings during the shutdown.

Mr Drakeford said: "It is with a heavy heart that I once again ask everyone to stay at home and businesses to shut.

"We are all tired of coronavirus and the many rules and regulations we all have to live with. We all want to see an end to this pandemic and our lives returned to us. Unfortunately, we do not yet have a vaccine, which will allow us to do that.

"This firebreak is our best chance of regaining control of the virus and avoiding a much-longer – and damaging – national lockdown. We have a small window of opportunity to act."

He admitted he couldn't

"rule out the need for further action of this sort". Businesses affected by the lockdown will be supported with a fund of almost £300million, which will open next week.

### Grants

Every business covered by the small business rates relief will receive £1,000, while small and mediumsized retail, leisure and hospitality businesses that have to close will get a one-off £5,000 payment.

The Welsh government said "additional discretionary grants" and support for smaller businesses would also be available. An £80million fund announced last week to help businesses develop in the longer term will be increased to £100million, with £20million ring-fenced for tourism and hospitality.

## Vaccine:

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product." It is believed emergency approval for the vaccine will be sought in the US next month.

Thousands of NHS staff are expected to undergo training to administer a Covid-19 vaccine before the end of the year.

New regulations introduced at the weekend aim to expand the number of health

professionals who are able to administer potential vaccines.

The Government said the expanded workforce would undergo a "robust training programme" to ensure safety after changes to the Human Medicines Regulations 2012 came into force on Friday. Health Secretary Matt Hancock said: "These changes will help us in doing everything we can to make sure we are ready to roll out a safe and effective vaccine as soon

as it has passed clinical trials and undergone checks by the regulator."

Virologist Dr Robert Lambkin-Williams said: "The UK in particular is doing very well. There's lots and lots of safety that has to be done. No corners are being cut."

It was revealed this week there had been a further 16,982 lab-confirmed cases of coronavirus in the UK, bringing the total to 722,409. A further 67 people had died, bringing the UK's total to 43,646.



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# 'Only national unity will defeat virus'

**BRITAIN must heal its divisions to boost the economy and fight rising Covid infection rates, Boris Johnson said this week.**

The prime minister called for local leaders to pull together and work with the Government to conquer the virus.

Johnson's plea came as one business leader said only a united front can get the UK through the pandemic. Damian Waters, of the Confederation of British Industry, said: "National unity is essential to maintaining the confidence needed to help our economy and compliance to reduce rising infection rates."

After imposing sweeping lockdown restrictions on Greater Manchester following a furious row with city chiefs, the PM pledged to co-operate with authorities in areas suffering Covid surges.

## 'deeply disappointing'

Mr Johnson said: "I hope and expect central and local government will continue to work closely together, as we are seeing in Merseyside, Lancashire, London and many other parts of the country.

"Because, ultimately, all of us want to protect the NHS and in doing so save lives."

Mr Waters, the North-west director of the CBI, backed his call. He said: "It's deeply disappointing to witness divisions between local and central government, which have hindered Greater Manchester businesses' ability to plan for the challenges ahead.

"Business knows public health must come first, and recognises that getting a grip on rising infection rates is vital to maintain confidence and avoid further restrictions in the months ahead. Yet there is no escaping

the impact of additional restrictions across tiers two and three."

Mr Johnson announced that the Government will enforce the strictest lockdown rules under his Local Covid Alert regime on Greater Manchester after furious local leaders, led by Labour mayor Andy Burnham, rejected his "generous and extensive offer" of financial support from Whitehall.

Failure to act by slapping on the lockdown curbs would put lives and hospitals at risk, the PM said.

He added: "I know that these restrictions are tough, both on businesses and individuals.

"And believe me no one wants to be putting these things into effect. "But that is why we are putting in place a comprehensive package of support."

Mr Johnson spoke at a Covid-19 press conference on Tuesday, where he appeared with deputy chief medical officer Professor Jonathan Van-Tam and NHS England medical director Professor Stephen Powis.

Prof Van-Tam warned the number of deaths in the second coronavirus wave will continue to rise, with 241 recorded on Monday – the highest one-day total since June.

He said: "Do I expect the trend in deaths to continue upwards? Yes, unfortunately I do."

Tough restrictions including closing many pubs and bars and banning household mixing indoors and in most outdoor settings will come into force across Greater Manchester from midnight on Friday.

Ministers are now in talks with local authority leaders in South Yorkshire, West Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire and the North-east about imposing top level lockdown restrictions.

Mr Johnson's decision to

press ahead with declaring Greater Manchester a "very high risk" area under his thre-tier Covid Alert regime without the cooperation of local leaders followed nearly 10 days of wrangling.

Mr Burnham rejected an offer of an extra £60million in Government support, claiming the city needed an extra £5million to support the low paid from the impact of the restrictions on businesses.

Government sources insisted the cash was still on offer if local leaders were prepared to cooperate with ministers on enforcing restrictions.

Mr Johnson said local lockdowns had to be imposed to clamp down on new surges of the killer disease.

He insisted he had sought cooperation from Mr Burnham but had been unable to reach an agreement.

He said: "Over the last 10 days, we have sought to agree an approach with local leaders in Greater Manchester. Unfortunately, agreement hasn't been reached.

"And I do regret this. As I said last week, we would have a better chance of defeating the virus if we work together.

"We made a generous and extensive offer to support Manchester's businesses.

"This offer was proportionate to the support we have given Merseyside and Lancashire, but the mayor didn't accept this unfortunately.

"And given the public health situation, I must now proceed with moving Greater Manchester to the very high alert level because not to act would put Manchester's NHS, and the lives of many of Manchester's residents, at risk."

Mr Johnson said he hoped the mayor and other council leaders "will now work with



Mr Johnson spoke at a Covid-19 press conference on Tuesday

us to implement these measures".

He said the Government will give Greater Manchester an extra £22million but declined to comment on whether the full

£60million discussed in the negotiations was still on offer.

Mr Burnham said: "It's brutal, to be honest. This is no way to run a country in a national crisis.

"It's not right, they

should not be doing this.

"I don't believe that we can proceed as a country on this basis through the pandemic by grinding communities down, through punishing financial negotiations."

## In lockdown, but love is in the air....

**A QUARTER of couples said their relationship improved during lockdown, a survey has found.**

Romantic relationships were more likely to get better than worse during the pandemic, while the majority stayed the same, according to the Open University.

Its study of 1,319 UK adults found that around one in 10 respondents (11 per cent) said

their relationship had deteriorated between March and late July/early August.

More quality time together, talking, emotional support and thoughtful gestures were commonly reported by the 26 per cent of respondents whose relationships improved.

The report by Jacqui Gabb, professor of sociology and intimacy, said: "The UK lockdown

enabled many parents to spend more time with their children.

"More co-parenting could improve relationships for women – who are usually the main carers of children.

"I have studied long-term couple relationships for years and I cannot stress enough how important it is to simply talk, to discuss feelings and not to brush issues under the carpet and let them fester."



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## News from Britain



Leslie said he could not remember being at the party in 2008

## TV presenter Leslie weeps as jury clears him of assault

**FORMER Blue Peter presenter John Leslie choked back tears on Monday as he was cleared of groping a woman at a party.**

Leslie, 55, rubbed his eyes and nodded thanks to the jury who acquitted him after just 23 minutes' deliberation.

As he left the dock he hugged his father Les Stott who attended every day of his son's week-long trial.

The former TV star had been accused of grabbing the woman's breasts with both hands moments after they met at the celebrity Christmas bash.

### 'Ludicrous'

She claimed he laughed in her face and went off to the bar without saying a word. Leslie described the allegation of sexual assault as "crazy" and "ludicrous".

He told jurors he could not even remember being at the function in London's Soho in 2008.

"I would not have touched her like some mannequin and walked off," he said.

It was the second time Leslie had walked free from Southwark Crown Court in south London.

In 2003, he was cleared when two charges of

indecent assault made by a woman were dropped.

The court also heard he was arrested and interviewed by police in 2008 regarding an allegation of rape and indecent assault said to have happened in 1995. But there no further action was taken.

Leslie told the jury he had been portrayed as an "aggressive, sexual monster" by sections of the media but insisted he would never sexually assault a woman. He told how in 2002 he was wrongly identified on TV as an unnamed alleged rapist in an autobiography by former girlfriend Ulrika Jonsson.

Presenter Matthew Wright later apologised, saying he named him in error. Ms Jonsson has never made any complaint to police.

Leslie, from Edinburgh, described the fall-out as "Armageddon". He had become reclusive, paranoid, depressed and suicidal amid the allegation. "I lost everything."

During the trial he was supported by stars Anthea Turner, Diane-Louise Jordan and Yvette Fielding along with former *This Morning* cohost Fern Britton.

# Spencer Davis dead at 81

"Intelligent, generous man" was at center of 1960s British music scene

**THE founder of 1960s beat band The Spencer Davis Group, famous for Gimme Some Lovin' and Keep On Running, has died at 81.**

Spencer Davis passed away in hospital while being treated for pneumonia, said his friend and agent Bob Birk.

Mr Birk said the guitarist, who leaves his partner Jane and three children, was "a highly ethical, very talented, good hearted, extremely intelligent, generous man".

Known in music circles as the Professor, Swansea-born Spencer was exposed to genres such as skiffle, jazz, and blues when he moved



Spencer Davis passed away in hospital while being treated for pneumonia

to the West Midlands in 1960 to study German at Birmingham University.

In 1963 he formed the Rhythm and Blues Quartet, which later became The Spencer

Davis Group.

His bandmates were brothers Steve and Muff Winwood and Pete York. The group topped the UK singles chart twice and had seven top 40

singles.

Other hits included Somebody Help Me and I'm A Man. Gimme Some Lovin' featured in The Blues Brothers and Notting Hill.

## More than 100 birdwatchers descend on Norfolk salt marsh to catch glimpse of rare rufous bush chat

**Hundreds of excited birdwatchers from all over the country have flocked to the Norfolk marshes to catch sight of a tiny rare bird last seen in Britain 40 years ago.**

The rufous-tailed scrub robin, otherwise known as a rufous bush chat, had avid birders all a-flutter this weekend when it appeared in Stiffkey, Norfolk. Despite lockdown rules tightening in parts of the country, keen twitchers drove hundreds of miles to catch a glimpse of the bird just six inches tall, and weighing less than an ounce.

Within hours of it first being sighted at 7.15am on Saturday, almost 300 people had arrived.

Unlike other exotic birds with their vibrant plumage and striking songs, this one just has pale brown feathers and a thrush-like trill described as having a sad tone.

Yet bird lovers are still all of aflutter, because the rufous bush chat has not been seen on UK shores for 40 years. It is more used to spending its winters in



TWITCHER ALERT: the scene at Stiffkey, Norfolk

Africa and Asia, rather than the much colder climes of British salt marshes.

The last time a rufous bush chat was recorded in Britain was at Prawle Point in Devon, in 1980.

Dick Filby, of Rare Bird Alert, told reporters the bird 'would have been heading for a tropical climate and went the wrong way.'

While acknowledging this rare event on British

shores has caused excitement among nature lovers, Norfolk police has issued a warning against crowds gathering at the location and for people to maintain Covid safety guidelines.

Chief Superintendent Chris Balmer said: 'We would ask that people do not continue to attend the location as we have had to remind many of the Covid

regulations.

People may arrive on their own, but some have started to gather in groups larger than six to be able to see the bird.

'This is a breach of the law. In the first instance, officers will engage, explain and encourage people to leave, but enforcement is an option and we will be issuing fixed penalty notices should people not comply.'

# Worried young help to slow spread of Covid

■ Infection rates reduced as fears over mounting deaths improve social distancing

The rise in coronavirus cases in England has slowed as young people have been frightened into following social-distancing rules, officials believe.

The trend appears to have been a key factor in helping the northeast to escape Tier 3 restrictions.

Concern about "long Covid" has been suggested as one reason for the young changing their behaviour.

A key government "gold" meeting on the pandemic, chaired by Matt Hancock, the health secretary, was told on Wednesday that infection rates appeared to be falling among younger people, slowing the national surge in cases.

Although the government is "very cautious" about the trend, there is tentative optimism that a rise in cases after university freshers' week has been driven down and younger people have changed their behaviour as deaths go up.

## tighter measures

Cases are still rising in the over-60s and hospital admissions and deaths are expected to carry on rising as a result. However, after a rise in infections was seen in the young first, there are hopes that a fall in the same group could be followed by an easing of infections in older adults.

Analysis has found

that student-dominated areas now have infection rates 2.5 times higher than elsewhere, down from five times higher two weeks ago.

Infections among teenagers in the northeast have fallen by about a sixth in the past two weeks, government figures show, and as cases level off in the region it is understood that talks on moving Tyneside and Teesside into Tier 3 have been "paused".

Andy Preston, the mayor of Middlesbrough council, told reporters: "My understanding is they're watching us very closely and are minded to put us in Tier 3 but we've got a week to watch the numbers."

The government believes that tighter measures imposed on the region a month ago are starting to have an



**THE GOOD OLD DAYS:** young people at Frank's Cafe, a roof top bar in Peckham, south-east London

effect: there were 276.1 cases of coronavirus per 100,000 people in the northeast for the week to October 16, down from 316.6 the previous week. The prime minister's spokesman said that the R rate in the region had "fallen slightly".

In other developments: 191 more Covid-19 deaths and 26,688 new infections were reported in Britain. Another 996 patients were admitted to hospital with the virus, bringing the total over the past seven days to

6,463.

Rishi Sunak, the chancellor, will say that the government will shoulder a greater share of the wages of those made to work part-time in Covid-hit jobs.

The government's chief scientific advisers warned of "dire consequences for the NHS" if younger people were allowed to return to normal life while the elderly were shielded.

Angela Rayner, the deputy Labour leader, apologised after calling a

Tory MP "scum" during a heated debate on Covid measures.

Negotiations on Tier 3 restrictions are continuing with Nottinghamshire, although talks with West Yorkshire appear to have broken down after it was confirmed that South Yorkshire would move into Tier 3 on Saturday.

The Joint Biosecurity Centre (JBC) promised on Wednesday that thresholds for putting areas into Tier 2 and 3 would be published "as soon as possible".

## Wales nationalizes train service after Covid passenger slump

Wales has nationalized its train operations after a large drop in passenger numbers due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The day-to-day running of rail services will be brought under direct public control, ending the franchise run by Keolis and Amey since 2018.

The Welsh government's transport minister, Ken Skates, said the move, to be completed by February, would help secure the future of Transport for Wales passenger services and protect jobs.

He said the move would still allow the Welsh government's plans for a Metro system in south Wales, part of the original franchise

agreement, to go ahead, and that there would be a new partnership with Keolis and Amey to help deliver transport services.

Passenger numbers dropped to as little as 5% of normal levels after the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic, with Wales imposing longer and more stringent restrictions on travel than other parts of the UK.

Skates said: "The last few months have been extremely challenging for public transport in Wales and across the UK. Covid has significantly impacted passenger revenues, and the Welsh government has had to step in with significant support to stabilise the network and keep it running."

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## Brits in LA



## Jennifer Hosten and Evelyn Dove: two trailblazing Black women you should know of...

Member Andrew Glave takes a trip down memory lane of some great and maybe forgotten Black and British historic figures of the last century.

When Jennifer Hosten first arrived in the U.K. from Grenada for the 1970 Miss World contest, she had no idea there would be such a media frenzy around the competition - and its participants. She quickly realized that she would have to do the best she could to stand out.

But Hosten not only stood out - she went on to take home the top honours, becoming the first Black woman to win the international beauty pageant since it was established in 1951. But that wasn't the only thing that made the 1970 competition, which took place in London's Royal Albert Hall, different from years past. It also featured two contestants from South Africa at the

height of apartheid: Pearl Janssen, a Black woman who came in second in the competition behind Hosten, and Jillian Jessup, a White woman. And it was disrupted on the night of the competition by British women's liberation protesters. Women from small countries, and particularly women of colour really were not expected to be more than a number in the contest.

The night of the competition saw the women's liberation protesters sneak into the venue incognito, with flour, vegetables and flyers in their handbags, ready to launch the protest when all the Miss World contestants were on-stage. These women's intention was to criticize the contest organizers, not the contestants, and that staging the protest that way would have maximum impact on the night. Yet the protesters became infuriated when

host Bob Hope started telling misogynistic jokes, and they decided to launch the protest early while Hope was doing his bit, putting a pause to the proceedings for about 15 minutes.

More controversy then followed after the result was announced. The BBC and newspapers received numerous protests about the result and accusations of racism were made by all sides. Four of the nine judges had given first-place votes to Miss Sweden, while Miss Grenada received only two firsts while receiving the most overall points. Furthermore, the Prime Minister of Grenada, Sir Eric Gairy, was on the judging panel. Although there were judges from several other countries which also took part in the contest, there were many accusations that the contest had been rigged. Some of the audience gathered in the street outside Royal Albert Hall after the contest and chanted "Swe-den, Swe-den". Four days later the organising director, Julia Morley, resigned because of the intense pressure from the newspapers. Years later Miss Sweden, Marjorie Christel Johansson, was reported as saying that she had been cheated out of the title.

Hosten joined Bob Hope on his annual tour to U.S. forces overseas and made numerous other personal appearances

all over the world with quiet dignity despite the controversy surrounding her victory. These days she is a proud mother to two, and grandmother to five grandchildren. She works as a Grenadian radio announcer, development worker, diplomat and author. Hosten released her memoir's titled "Miss World 1970: How I Entered a Pageant and Wound Up Making History", which was launched in the UK on March 10, 2020 and is available on Amazon. Hosten's life was made into a film, *Misbehaviour*, a 2020 British comedy-drama film directed by Philippa Lowthorpe.

### 'Britain's first black female superstar'

Before Shirley Bassey there was Evelyn Dove, a huge star in the 1920s and '30s, who helped create a glamorous new image for Black women.

One of the true pioneers of the booming cabaret age of the 1920s, Evelyn thrilled audiences around the world and her exquisite stage costumes helped to make her one of the most glamorous women of her time. In 1936, amidst a frenzy of public interest, she became the first black British singer to try and conquer America. She headlined a cabaret show at New York's popular Connie's Inn. At the time the venue rivalled the Cotton Club as a showcase for the best in black talent.

Evelyn educated privately until she studied singing, piano and elocution at the Royal Academy of Music. As a trained contralto in the early 1920s she hoped for a career on the concert platform, but this was almost impossible in Britain for a black singer at that time. Evelyn worked in London cabaret shows instead and the all-black cast jazz revues that toured Britain and eventually took her to Europe where she was a sensation.



Jennifer Hosten (above) was the first Black Miss World, while Evelyn Dove (below) was the first Black woman to perform on BBC Radio



She spent several years in Italy where she proved to be enormously popular with audiences and in 1932 travelled to Paris to replace the legendary Josephine Baker as the star attraction of the Casino de Paris. For the revue, Evelyn wore Josephine's flimsy, revealing costume. Consequently, the prim and proper middle-class English girl scandalized her family by appearing semi-naked on stage in Paris and it was said that her respectable and strait-laced West African father disowned her. AS WWII approached she returned to Britain where she enjoyed the same appeal as the 'Forces Sweetheart', Vera Lynn. The BBC employed Evelyn all through the war, and she proved to be one of radio's most popular singers, appearing in a

wide range of music and variety programs.

In the 1920s and 1930s many African American expatriates settled in Europe including Josephine Baker, Adelaide Hall and Elisabeth Welch. They captivated audiences with their songs, beauty, elegance and style. But Evelyn stood alone as a black Briton who joined these trailblazers. They were women who created a glamorous new image for black women in show business, far removed from the bandanna-wearing mammy.

Evelyn Dove was a trailblazer who was ahead of her time, forging new barriers and facing up to her own personal struggles with determination and defiance. Her spirit remains alive in all of us.

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# Stargazing with Annie Shaw



**ARIES:** Your boss Aries is digging deeper in your life and his job is to reveal what you have been ignoring or dismissing. Just be sure you take things in hand before next week.

**TAURUS:** This is a time for you to sort out your mind space as well as the physical space you are currently living in. Get it straightened out and you may even get outdoors to get some energy.

**GEMINI:** Best to go with the current flow which is likely slower than you want. This is due to your boss Mercury moving backwards at a snail's pace. Nothing much you really can change until Early next month.

**CANCER:** You water signs are feeling this time frame more deeply than most other people. You have Mercury going backwards in your cousin sign Scorpio. Uncertainty is all around so just relax and do something you are certain you can complete.

**LEO:** Just don't forget to breathe and relax, it's the best way to get through this uncertain time. You are innovative by nature, so get your thoughts aligned and just move slowly forward.

**VIRGO:** Worry is no stranger in your life. It is actually a normal way for you, however now your boss Mercury is going backwards it's time to take action on anything pending.

**LIBRA:** While it is a time of uncertainty it need not be a time for worry. Mercury going backwards in your money house will help you with extra funds. Perhaps from an unexpected source.

**SCORPIO:** This time could feel especially uncertain for you if you allow yourself to think too much. You are okay with your own company usually, so keep a positive attitude. Your finances are looking up these next few weeks. Happy Birthday.

**SAGITTARIUS:** There are some folks who do not have any idea why you can currently take life in your stride and remain in good spirits. This is just one of your many positive traits. Feel good no matter what - you will be ok.

**CAPRICORN:** You are about to get busier in the next week or so. Whatever the situation is make time to relax and be aware of your thoughts, which often affect your actions. Life will go on regardless.

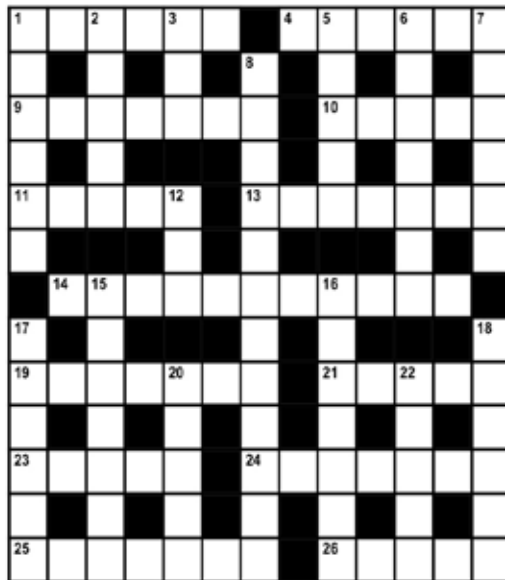
**AQUARIUS:** While the current times are uncertain, knowing you can help other people can really help you to get through it. You should also benefit by working on new healthy habits overall.

**PISCES:** While your boss Neptune is living with you it is a time when you are more likely to procrastinate. As one of the most sensitive signs, don't feel guilty. It's fine to lay low while you can.

## The British Weekly Crossword by Myles Mellor. #462

**Across**

- 1 Evergreen tree (6)
- 4 Day-long race place (2,4)
- 9 It's optional with a haircut (7)
- 10 Broadcast medium (5)
- 11 Catchers gloves (5)
- 13 Glistened (7)
- 14 Hanging over an existing surface (11)
- 19 Big reindeer (7)
- 21 Formula 1 great, first name (5)
- 23 Togetherness (5)
- 24 Feeler (7)
- 25 Salad basis, usually (7)
- 26 Gave some slack (5)



**Down**

- 1 Oil source (6)
- 2 Bake a turkey (5)
- 3 Vessel (3)
- 5 Spine-chilling (5)
- 6 Between the thorax and pelvis (7)
- 7 Dueling weapons (6)
- 8 Compliment (12)
- 12 Isaac Newton's title (3)
- 15 Judgment (7)
- 16 Artist's paint board (7)
- 17 Real (6)
- 18 Wight, for one (6)
- 20 Marshy stream (5)
- 22 Craves (5)

**Solution to Puzzle #461**



## The British Weekly Sudoku by Myles Mellor #462



**Solution to Sudoku #461**

4	3	9	5	7	2	1	8	6
6	8	2	4	3	1	9	5	7
1	5	7	8	6	9	3	4	2
2	7	6	9	4	3	8	1	5
8	9	4	1	5	6	2	7	3
5	1	3	7	2	8	4	6	9
3	6	5	2	1	4	7	9	8
9	2	1	6	8	7	5	3	4
7	4	8	3	9	5	6	2	1

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WEDNESDAY RESULTS

UEFA Champions Lge Group A, Group B, Group C, Group D results including Chelsea, Real Madrid, Bayern Munich, etc.

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opener. The forward took down a long punt with a brilliant first touch before drifting left and squaring the ball for Lucas, who had taken his fellow Brazilian's place in the middle. The midfielder finished off the move with a low shot. Bale had a relatively quiet 61 minutes on the right of the attack, although his ball did lead to the second goal. The move began with a swift counter-attack on the right before Erik Lamela found the Welshman, whose low ball was turned in by unfortunate Panamanian Andrade.

Bale was replaced by Son Heung-min, with Mourinho also choosing to bring on midfielders Dele Alli and Moussa Sissoko, having started the match with only three players who featured in the 3-3 draw against West Ham.

Alli came close to adding a third before Son did, when he fired in from Vinicius' gorgeous assist, and the Brazilian came off moments later.

Lennon upbeat despite Hoops loss

Neil Lennon was "encouraged" despite his Celtic side being overcome by Serie A leaders AC Milan in their Europa League group stage opener in Glasgow on Thursday.

The hosts started brightly after Saturday's abject Old Firm defeat, but were chastened by easy scores for Rade Krunic and Brahim Diaz.

Lennon's men rallied after two half-time changes, with substitute Mohamed Elyounoussi's header giving the Scottish champions hope before Jens Petter Hauge nipped in late on to secure the win for the Rossoneri.

"It was markedly better than the weekend. It was encouraging," said the

Celtic manager. "I don't like losing but there were a lot of good signs for me. "I wanted an improvement and we got a big improvement. Part of me is quite pleased with that."

Against Milan too often good positions were not capitalised upon, with the visitors showing Celtic how it is done at the other end.

Samu Castillejo was given time to float in a teasing cross that Shane Duffy got caught under. Young defender Stephen Welsh was not close enough to Krunic, and the Bosnian glanced in the opener after 14 minutes.

Milan extended their lead when they a retreating Celtic defence and the ball was fed to Diaz. Duffy did not get close enough as Callum McGregor attempted to help, but the Spaniard's cool finish bypassed them both to make it two.

The impressive Diego Laxalt volleyed just over in a warning shot, before Elyounoussi's short run and header from a Christie corner stirred hopes of a comeback. But H a u g e ' s injury-time goal on the breakaway was a harsh blow as Celtic's group campaign commenced with a defeat.

TUESDAY RESULTS

UEFA Champions Lge Group E, Group F, Group G, Group H results including Chelsea, Real Madrid, Bayern Munich, etc.

SCOTLAND

Scottish Premiership, Scottish Championship, Scottish League One, Scottish League Two results including Celtic, Rangers, Aberdeen, etc.

MONDAY RESULTS

Premier League results including Leeds, Wolves, West Brom, Burnley.

HOW THEY STAND table showing league positions for various teams.

WEEKEND PREMIER LEAGUE RESULTS

Chelsea, Southampton, Everton, Liverpool, Manchester City, Arsenal, Newcastle, Manchester Utd, Crystal Palace, Leicester, Sheffield Utd, Tottenham, West Ham, Brighton, Aston Villa, Fulham, West Ham, Tottenham, West Ham results.

sky bet LEAGUE ONE EFL results including Bournemouth, Barnsley, Bristol R, Birmingham, Blackpool, Brentford, Luton, Middlesbrough, Rotherham, Swans, Wycombe, Preston, Cardiff.

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# "Fantastic" Partey shines in Gunners comeback

"I think he was fantastic and there is much more to come from him."

Arsenal boss Mikel Arteta said there is more to come from "fantastic" Thomas Partey after the midfielder's superb full debut in the 2-1 Europa League win at Rapid Vienna on Thursday.

David Luiz and Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang scored two goals in five second-half minutes after a Bernd Leno mistake had gifted Taxiarchis Fountas the opener to ensure the Gunners began Group B with a victory.

But it was the performance of £45m deadline day signing Partey that stood out. The

former Atletico Madrid player was a calm presence in midfield, breaking down attacks and building play with apparently effortless ease.

It was only Partey's second appearance in an Arsenal shirt after a late cameo in the 1-0 defeat by Manchester City in the Premier League at the weekend, and Arteta is excited by what is to come from the Ghana international.

"I think he held the midfield by himself in the second half when we were a little bit more

open," said the Arsenal boss. "He started to take more chances attacking certain spaces with some players.

"I think he was fantastic and there is much more to come from him."

After a tight first half in which chances were few and far between, the hosts took the lead after a big error by Leno. The goalkeeper's attempted pass was intercepted by Fountas, who then fired home from a tight angle.

Another error by Leno almost gifted the Austrians a second when



**PARTEY TIME:** The Ghanaian midfielder shone for Arsenal in Vienna

he hit a clearance straight at Fountas, but he was able to recover and parry the striker's effort.

Arsenal lacked quality in the final third as they struggled to open up the hosts but found their bite when Aubameyang came off the bench.

Luiz put Arsenal level when he headed in Nicolas Pepe's free-kick and Aubameyang secured the win when he

tapped in from Hector Bellerin's excellent assist.

Leno still looked nervous dealing with passes back to him and another poor clearance hit Luiz and deflected to Fountas, but this time Rapid Vienna's top scorer could not capitalise.

But despite those mistakes, Arteta is not considering giving up on playing out from the back.

He added: "In a split second you have to make a decision, you have to make the right touch and the right pass. The opponents as well are intuitive and they are waiting for that.

"It's something we have to keep working on because we want to play the way I want to. It's necessary that I keep using both in our build-up play."



**ANOTHER PROMISING DEBUT:** Vinicius, Bale and Moura celebrate the opening goal for Spurs against LASK on Thursday night

## Vinicius can play with Kane - Mourinho

Carlos Vinicius can play alongside Harry Kane in attack and not just be his stand-in, manager Jose Mourinho said after the Brazilian impressed on his debut in Tottenham's 3-0 win over LASK in the Europa League.

The 25-year-old, on loan from Benfica, set up Lucas Moura for the opening goal in the 18th minute before his cushioned header for Son Heung-min resulted in Spurs' third in Thursday night's match.

Vinicius might also have scored the second goal, but Gareth Bale's low ball from the right intended for him was inadvertently turned in

by LASK left-back Andres Andrade.

"He played well but can do better," said the Portuguese boss. "Considering the circumstances and that it was his first match, I'm really happy. The only thing that was missing was one goal, but he's much more than that.

"He's not selfish and is a good target man. He can play with Kane when his good period arrives and won't just be the guy to cover him. I am very happy."

Although many eyes would have been on Bale, making his first start in a Spurs shirt since 2013, attention was

also focused on 6ft 3in Brazilian Vinicius. The 25-year-old joined Benfica from Napoli, where he was denied a chance to play, in 2019 and scored 24 goals in 18 matches before his loan move to the London club in the last window, which could become permanent.

He made a very good first impression for Mourinho, which almost became a great impression in the ninth minute when he headed a simple chance wide from six yards. Vinicius was visibly frustrated by his miss, but atoned for mistake with a brilliant piece of skill for the

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