

★ Now that the excitement of playing Lord Grantham in *Downton Abbey* is a fading memory, **Hugh Bonneville** is going back to the boards. He will appear at Chichester Theatre in *Enemy Of The People*, a play about a subject close to his heart – freedom of speech. “It’s about a man who upholds the freedom to do the right thing, and blow the whistle,” says Hugh. Of playing to an audience – something he has not done for 12 years, he adds: “It could be like getting back on a bike or maybe I will need stabilisers.” Hugh, 52, should have no worries. He started out on stage in productions of *School For Scandal* and *‘Tis Pity She’s A Whore*. Then film fame beckoned with seminal roles in *Scenes Of A Sexual Nature* and *Conspiracy Of Silence*.



★ **Martin Kemp** reckons that being diagnosed with two brain tumours in the 1990s was the best thing that ever happened to him. “It made me grow up,” says the Spandau Ballet star, 54, left, who made a complete recovery after having the tumours removed (and a protective metal plate implanted over his brain). “It taught me to look after myself a lot better. I work out every day, watch what I eat, and I don’t drink any more. I have epilepsy, which is quite common for anyone who has a brain tumour or is recovering from one. “But I’m still here and I can tell others, ‘Look at me – you too can get through something like this.’”

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Fergie's killer PA looking for love...

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SECRETS: Jane Andrews was Fergie's close confidante

SINGLE men, beware! The Duchess of York's former aide Jane Andrews, who was jailed for stabbing to death her wealthy boyfriend Tom Cressman, is back in the community... and looking for love. Miss Andrews, who was Fergie's confidante for nine years, is registered as “LadyJane1987” on a dating website which specialises in matching women with millionaires, stating she is looking for a serious relationship or an “intimate” fling with men aged 18-59. Sporting a new blonde look Andrews, 49, is free after spending 14 years in jail for killing Mr Cressman. She is living in a northern seaside resort where she has bought a cottage with the profit she made on the £450,000 sale of her flat in London's Battersea. An Old Bailey jury rejected her claim that she was acting in self-defence when she battered her boyfriend around the head with a cricket bat before stabbing him in the heart. The trial heard that she had a history of severe mood swings and had been angered by Mr Cressman's refusal to marry her. A former friend of Miss Andrews tells me: “I think it's very alarming that Jane wants to date men again, given her history. And particularly in light of what former detective superintendent Jim

Dickie said after the Parole Board's decision to release her. “He warned, ‘I think Andrews is going to be a threat to any man she befriends and who rejects the idea of having a relationship with her.’” Mr Cressman's family strongly opposed her early release. His brother Rick said: “When a guilty person is handed a life sentence, it should be for life, not just a few years. I don't think she deserves a second chance after what she did. We are concerned at the possibility of her committing a similar crime in the future.” Two years ago I disclosed that Jane, who was privy to many of the Duchess's secrets, including her serial infidelities during her marriage to Prince Andrew and her feud with Prince Philip, was writing a book about her time working as Fergie's factotum. The carpenter's daughter from Cleethorpes became so close to Fergie that she was soon running the Duchess's life as well as her wardrobe, taking over her finances when the profligate royal was millions in debt. Jane also knew all about her love affairs; the two even shared lovers, once falling out over an Italian boyfriend. Jane may also expose a string of other flings, including her liaisons with two tabloid royal correspondents.



A cheeky new satirical series, *The Windsors*, which starts on Channel 4 next month, portrays **Prince Edward** as a skinflint who buys his clothes in charity shops and earns extra cash by babysitting for William and Kate. “It's a subject full of possibilities; there will certainly be lots of romping,” promises Jilly, who is going to her first football match today, to watch Forest Green Rovers at Nailsworth in Gloucestershire.

“Yes,” a close friend says firmly. “His wife Sophie has learned to expect pretty poor presents from him. For her birthday he gave her a nylon garment cover. He told her he would have had her monogram put on it but it would have cost too much. Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie fare even worse in the series. They are depicted wearing burkas as they head to Syria on what they think will be “another free holiday”.

On her desk at Windsor Castle, the **Queen** keeps one of the “Solar Queen” statues that became popular in her *Diamond Jubilee*. “It drives me mad,” she told her cousin Lady Elizabeth Anson with a giggle. “The sun comes out and it goes ‘click, click, click’ and I see myself waving to me!”

Her Majesty will have been heartened to receive loyal greetings from another influential queen. Sir Elton John's partner, **David Furnish**, graciously informs the Sovereign: “In a changing world, where there seem to be fewer and fewer things to believe in, you set a shining example of honour, consistency, hard work and devotion to duty.” And he should know.

As Johnny Rotten, he showed scant respect for the Queen – his Sex Pistols song about her was banned in the 1970s. But age seems to have mellowed this once-snarling punk. When **John Lydon** was told of the Sovereign's birthday, he said: “Really, is she 90? Wow that's a really good achievement!” Of his own 60 years, he adds: “I'm hoping to live for a long old time. I don't know why our culture implies that we become decrepit and should just hide under a carpet. That's a nonsense.” But he's less than impressed with today's younger generation, about whom he sniffs: “I think they're becoming internet-sploit and pizza-delivery-in-20 minutes ruined.”



★ A blow for fans of *Indian Summers*: Channel 4 is axing the series set in 1932 in the gin-soaked colonial retreat of Simla. Producers are not commissioning a third series after viewing figures dropped against competition from *The Night Manager*. The decision is sad for admirers of **Henry Lloyd-Hughes**, 30, who plays an ambitious aide to the Viceroy of India. It was a big break for the St Paul's-educated actor, whose biggest previous role was playing the *Interbeckers* school bully **Mark Donovan**.

To prepare for the *Indian Summers* part, he took the unusual step of volunteering with the civil service for several weeks. He says: “I wanted to know what kind of person did that job. Not just did that job but felt a calling to serve the British Empire.” Incidentally, Henry's made followers may be disappointed to learn he's not gay, despite some naughty chatter to the contrary. He used a six-day break in filming *Indian Summers* to marry his girlfriend, a journalist, with whom he now lives in South London.



★ At a time when we have been applauding the fitness of a 90-year-old woman who leads a very full life, another hard-working nonagenarian now has to use a walking stick. “I've got deep vein thrombosis,” says **Nicholas Parsons**, 92. “You usually get DVT from travelling on aeroplanes but I haven't even been on a plane. My poor wife has to give me an injection in the stomach every day. And I have to walk with a stick which makes me feel like an old man.” Dear Nicholas is certainly not old in mind and spirit, having never missed an edition of *Just A Minute* for 49 years. He attributes his longevity to “I think it's to ‘eating plenty of burnt sausages’.”

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★ **Oooh, look you!** There's much excitement in Wales, amid talk of an imminent state visit by Miss **Catherine Zeta-Jones**, the most famous personage to come out of the seaside resort of Mumbles since, well, Ian Hislop. The lovely Catherine, 46, will soon be on her way to the roost that hubby Michael Douglas has built for her shortly after their marriage 16 years ago, a £2million cliff-top home in Limeslade Bay, on the Gower Peninsula. It is looked after by Catherine's father Dai and her mother Pat. Catherine and Michael will be bringing their children, Dylan, 15, and Carys, 13, but not Michael's son Cameron Douglas, 37, who has recently been released from prison after serving a seven-year stretch for drug smuggling. Although she is now a Hollywood star, Catherine has always remained close to her roots in Wales, where as a teenager she made her acting debut in Annie at Swansea's Grand Theatre. Only last month she received an award from the Lord Mayor for helping to put the city on the map and Catherine enthused: "It's not what I have done for Swansea but what Swansea has done for me. There's no place like home – and what a wonderful place to call home."



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Good nudes for Kate's break-up?

THE IMPENDING divorce between Kate Moss and her husband Jamie Hince is said to have reached an acrimonious stage, with delicate negotiations over intimate diaries which the guitarist kept during his five-year marriage to the hard-partying supermodel. I'm told by a mutual friend of the pair: "The nudes are important for Jamie, not just because they are intimate studies of Kate but because he's proud of them. As for him ever dreaming of publishing those diaries, he's not that sort of chap."

As it happens Kate had already come to the conclusion the snaps were part of her past and had relented from pressure from her young boyfriend Count Nikolai von Bismarck (also a keen photographer) who didn't want them in her home in Highgate, North London, which he is now sharing.

Another apparent dispute between Kate and her husband, who have been apart for a year, is said to be over his visiting rights to Archie, their Staffordshire bull terrier. The couple did not have any children, although Kate has a daughter, Lila Grace, 13, with her ex-partner, publisher Jefferson Hack.

Adds the friend: "Jamie is still hurt as he feels Kate rubbed his nose in it with her new man (or rather, boy). While Jamie is anything but a greedy guy, it's fair to say there are sticking points in their divorce. But hopefully they are working their way to a reasonable conclusion."



STICKING POINTS: Hince and Moss



Picture: SPLASH NEWS

Margot's London lovenest

Closer and closer **grr Hollywood star MARGOT ROBBIE** and Surrey-born **TOM ACKERLEY**, who have celebrated their third anniversary by buying a modest house in London's West Kensington. The Australian actress, 26, met Tom, the handsome son of a Godalming estate agent, when he was an assistant director on the war drama *Suite Francaise* (a brilliant film, incidentally). Despite Miss Robbie's rapid rise from a modest start in the Aussie soap *Neighbours* – she has since starred with Leonardo DiCaprio in *The Wolf of Wall Street* and is Jane in *The Legend of Tarzan* – she and Tom were until a few weeks ago living in a houseshare in Clapham, South London. Now they have moved into their own roost the other side of the river. Margot has said that before she met Tom, also 26, she had been the "ultimate single gal". She added: "The idea of relationships made me want to vomit. And then this crept up on me... and I was like, 'This makes so much sense, the way nothing has ever made sense before.'" Although the *Suicide Squad* star now divides her time between Los Angeles and London, Margot has declared she would want to move back to her native Queensland if she was to have a family. "I want tons of children," she said. "I grew up in a family of four so that sounds like a good number."



CHARITY WORK: Lady Viola Grosvenor

★ While the new Duke of Westminster has been heralded as the country's most eligible bachelor, having inherited £9billion on the death of his father, the change in the hierarchy means his sister, **Lady Viola Grosvenor**, is a prize target for those bounders who plot to marry into money, rather than earn it. Unfortunately for any bounty-hunting lounge lizards, 23-year-old Lady Viola is more interested in following her father's example of working for charity, rather than allowing her trust fund to be diverted to settling the drink and gambling bills of opportunistic seducers. Sharing the single-mindedness of her elder sister Edwina, who is fervent about prison reform, Viola's interests lie with helping underprivileged children. She has been working for the charity **Kidscape**, which says her role has been specialising in "workshops which help to raise young people's confidence so that they are able to deal with bullying situations effectively". Gold-diggers, beware.

★ Congratulations to heiress **India Rose James**, who has given birth to a girl at London's Portland hospital, just days after accepting a marriage proposal from her boyfriend **Hugh Harris**, guitarist with rock band The Kooks. India, 24, and elder sister Fawn inherited £45million from their grandfather Paul Raymond, who owned 60 acres of Soho, central London, where he launched the first topless dancing club in 1958. India had been in a two-year relationship with the Earl of Yarborough's son Will Pelham but they broke up after she was caught in a clinch with rocker Hugh outside Annabel's club last September. Although her fortune makes her richer than the Queen, India Rose scoffs at the idea of chauffeurs and private jets. "I don't drive and I don't have a driver," she says. When asked if she has a "PJ," she responds: "Private jet? I thought you meant pyjamas."



BIG NEWS: New parents Hugh and India Rose

★ **Tom Hiddleston** has a pessimistic view of the world's future, believing civilisation could soon implode. "I certainly felt it during the banking crisis recently. When you go to the cashpoint and your card doesn't work any more, what happens then? And we came very close, didn't we?"



★ **No wonder Sir Philip Green** needs all that loot he extracted from BHS. A guest who has been aboard the tarnished knight's new £100million gin palace, *Lionheart*, says the 40 members of crew have orders from the portly plutocrat, 64, to dispose of the black towels after they've been used once, and the same goes for the myriad number of black candles which are lit each evening. Which means the staff have an awful lot of towels and candles to give away whenever Sir Shifty's bingship docks anywhere.

★ Warns the **Night Manager** star, 35: "We are all complicit in this forced narrative that it's all going to be fine all of the time but when you actually take a step second to look at history you see it isn't fine, that we lurched from crisis to crisis."

★ With Ed Balls about to be out of the house for a while as he waltzes his way into the BBC's **Strictly Come Dancing**, his wife **Yvette Cooper MP** will have time to prepare the couple's home for those Syrian refugees she volunteered to take in. Or not. Last year Miss Cooper, 47, along with Sir Bob Geldof and a handful of other winners, announced that she would be setting an example to the nation by welcoming a Syrian family into one of her two homes. So far no Syrian refugees have crossed the Labour MP's threshold and she has been evasive when the matter is raised. Indeed when she was questioned by Sunday Express columnist Nick Ferraro on his IBC show, her reply was a masterclass in evasion, with Miss Cooper coming over all Vicky Pollard, blustering "Yeah, but, no, but, no...". Last week Yvette branded Prime Minister Theresa May "a disgrace" for not welcoming more Syrian refugees into Britain. Yet still her own spare bedrooms remain empty.

★ **New sports minister Tracey Crouch** is loving her brief. *The Tory MP for Chatham* is particularly keen on football – a game that as a girl she was told she shouldn't be playing because "getting muddy and sweaty wasn't ladylike". Until recently Tracey, 41, coached a girls' football team, a role which she says stopped her taking herself too seriously because the parents "took the mickey out of me for things like my skinny legs being too white for my shorts".

★ **Joanna Lumley** worries about her granddaughters, who are 11 and 13, growing up too fast. "When we were young, we were much more childlike. We stayed in the nest for longer. I never went racking out with boys at a young age. There's a season for these things and I think we ought to be a bit sterner about it." Joanna, 70, adds: "I don't think we should say, 'You can wear nail varnish because you're five.' You go, 'No, that's an alluring thing you wear when you're a grown-up.' You can't give everything to children all the time."

★ The cult of celebrity is getting out of hand, says **Ricky Gervais**, who observes: "There's a new profession called 'being famous'. Soon we'll run out of doctors, because they all want to quit and be singers." The downside of his own star status is that people believe the 55-year-old Office actor richer than he is. "They think I've got billions so they try to catch you out by asking 'How much is a pint of milk?'" I always say, "I don't know, mate. But here's a grand. Go buy one, keep the change."



★ A quick visit to Manchester, for a gathering of the cast of *The Real Housewives of Cheshire*, where there was much talk about hair and make-up (not least what brand of mascara might be favoured by the city's mayoral candidate, Bambi-eyed Andy Burnham). The toast of the evening at the new Menagerie bar was the *Housewives* series' least vacuous star, **Soema Malhotra**, a fashion designer whose creations have been sported by Miley Cyrus and the Duchess of Cambridge. Soema, 44, who started her Forever Unique brand with husband Sandeep in 2008, has a commercial incentive for embroiling herself into the *Housewives*' world of big houses, big hair and even bigger egos. She hopes that the boost to her profile will help eclipse rival designer Victoria Beckham. "I want to be bigger and better than her," she says modestly. "For me, it's all about global domination."

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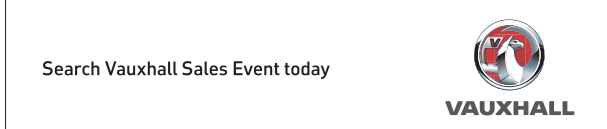
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It has taken three years for **Miranda Kerr** to recover from her divorce from British actor Orlando Bloom, admitting she didn't think "that level of sadness existed". So I'm glad to hear she celebrated a new chapter in her life at an engagement party yesterday with her new love **Evan Spiegel**, the billionaire co-founder of the image messaging app Snapchat. The Australian beauty, 33, accepted Evan's proposal in the summer but the loved-up pair left it until this weekend to invite their chums to an engagement party in Bel Air, California.

Spiegel, 26, who co-founded Snapchat while still at Stanford University - and now, as CEO, is one of the world's youngest self-made billionaires - fell for the former Victoria's Secret model at a Louis Vuitton dinner in New York. At the time she was still getting over her three-year marriage to Orlando, with whom she has a son, five-year-old Flynn.

Miranda has said she shares a "conservative" attitude with Evan. "He's a real homebody like me. We have little dinner parties for our friends and he loves my cooking," she says. "We come from different worlds but we have common values: a sense of loyalty, family and honesty."

Long may it last!

Adam Helliker

Trump will win says Ivana's pal

DONALD TRUMP will win the election for president this week because Americans are fed up with the status quo and want a man who will make big changes, believes society hostess Liz Brewer, one of his closest allies in London. "He's unstoppable and wouldn't have started this process unless he thought he could win, because he's a very determined man who has to win everything he gets involved in," says Liz, who knows Trump through his first wife Ivana, 67, with whom she is in almost daily contact. "I'm not saying he's the most likeable man but it is the Republican Party, not the candidate, that people will be voting for." "And it is not as if Donald will be in sole charge at the White House. He will be surrounded by an enormous group of Republican advisers who will be able to shape policy. He's always been good at choosing the

★ That sparkling ray of sunshine **Morrissey** is deeply offended by shows such as *The Voice* and *The X Factor*. "I object to the dumbshow comic-strip of, say, the *X-factor*, which simply humiliates people and doesn't actually create any stars," moans the 57-year-old Mancunian singer-songwriter. "Young people who are serious about singing wouldn't ever appear on the *X-factor* because it has entered the language as an institution for sugar-capped teeth victims whose fame fades at the end of its first month."



CONFIDENT: Ivana Trump with Liz Brewer

★ Princess Margaret was simply "Charlie's aunty", a sad figure who drank and smoked too much. That was the view of **Vanessa Kirby**, until she began playing the Queen's sister in the new Netflix series *The Crown*.

Now Vanessa, 28, sees Margaret differently. Someone who was part of a moving love story, who was unable to marry the man she adored (Peter Townsend) and settled for second best (Lord Snowdon). A woman who had to forsake romance for convention and excitement for tradition.

"She is rebelling, trying to defy the conventions that you can't escape when you're a royal. You see it a little bit with Prince Harry," muses Vanessa.

"I became fully immersed in her life. I even put a picture of Margaret in our 'loo,'" she says of her research for the first series, which shows the new Queen getting to grips with both her state responsibilities and trying to keep her wayward younger sister in check.

"Of course there were elements of her that weren't especially nice - especially later on. I heard lots of stories about her putting people down or turning up drunk to events. Playing Margaret did make me realise how alone, unhappy and unloved she was. And she smoked far too much."

Indeed Margaret, who died in 2002, got through two packets of Chesterfields a day for decades... as I recall from a gathering in Belgravia when, in the absence of an ashtray, she asked me to hold out my hand to receive the royal fag ash. She did it lead reward me with a peck on the cheek as she left.

★ The news that Swedish *fursome* **Abba** may be Bjorn again, albeit as holograms on a 2018 tour, has excited **Georgina Castle**, one of the newer members of the cast of *Mamma Mia!*, the West End musical based on the group's favourite songs.

"The show is already a huge hit but I think all the rumours about Abba will only add to the interest," says Georgina, 23, the daughter of former tennis professional-turned-broadcaster Andrew Castle.

The only problem for Georgina is that performing in such an exuberant show, and singing numbers like *Voulez-Vous* and *Honey, Honey*, means that she's on such a high when she leaves the *Nobello Theatre* she finds it hard to relax when she reaches home in *Clapham*.

"The reaction of the audience, with most of them up on their feet and singing at the end, makes you so happy and sweeps you away so much that you can't sleep afterwards," says Georgina, whose maternal grandparents were particularly excited over her being in *Mamma Mia!* as they are Swedish. Meanwhile talks are continuing over whether *Agathe*, 66, *Ejorn*, 71, *Benny*, 69, and *Frida*, 70, will actually take to the stage as a group for the first time in 35 years.

Since signing a multimillion pound deal with former *Spice Girls* manager *Simon Fuller*, all the chatter has been about Abba making "virtual reality" appearances as holograms rather than in the flesh. Still, as we know, it's really all about the *Money Money Money*.

★ Now that he has more time on his hands, **Nigel Farage** is being besieged by offers from reality TV shows. He tells me that he is "utterly bemused" at the sums being bandied around (including £750,000 to be dropped into the jungle for 'I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here!')

"I've been approached by lots of people and I'm keeping open-minded about everything," he said at a Westminster gathering to launch All Out War, the brilliant book on the EU referendum by former Sunday Express political editor Tim Shipman.

Anyway, Farage, 52, might not have time for prancing around the jungle or drinking himself silly on *Celebrity Big Brother*, according to another guest at the party, *Arron Banks*. UKip's biggest donor believes Nigel may have to ride to the rescue of the beleaguered party again. Asked if Farage would return as leader, the businessman, 50, said: "If Mrs May doesn't deliver on Brexit, I think he'll have to come back."



★ For all those lustful lassies who lay awake wondering just what floats **Aidan Turner's** boat, the brooding actor has come up with his ideal woman. He says the woman he most admires is... **Tracey Emin**. Yes, her - the messy artist whose work includes *Everyone I Have Ever Slept With 1963-1995*, a tent appliqued with the names of the poor saps with whom she had enjoyed carnal relations.

Later, as a nominee for the Turner Prize, she exhibited *My Bed*, consisting of her stained mattress, on which she had spent weeks getting up to all sorts of grubby behaviour.

"I'm sort of obsessed with Tracey," declares Aidan, 33, who is also something of an artist himself. "I'd like to work with her in some capacity. I don't know how. I'll ask the universe and it might come up with an answer."

Although Miss Emin is 20 years' his senior, she is at least single. Last summer she said she was so frustrated by her "disastrous" love life that she had decided to marry a rock she had found under a tree in France. Keep well clear, Aidan, she's absolutely barking.

★ So this is what **David Cameron** has been doing since he left Downing Street. The premier who took such a close interest in his own *hatch* (remember, he gave his barber an MBE) has now started his own hair salon in *Cheam, Surrey*. Or not.

The salon is owned by a hairdresser who happens to share the same name as the former PM, and who tells me: "People often smile when they walk past and look at the name. Someone joked the other day that it was Cameron still making cuts. I actually met him when he came to *Cheam* just before he first became Prime Minister."

"When I told him we had the same name he asked me if I knew what Cameron meant in Scottish Gaelic. He said, 'It means crooked nose but neither you or I have one!'"



★ After a tricky few years, during which she divorced her husband Tom Ellis, **Tamzin Outhwaite** is feeling far more secure and enjoying a new lease of life as a stage actress. Tamzin, 45, is receiving rave reviews for her West End appearance in Alan Ayckbourn's *How The Other Half Lives*. Indeed the former *EastEnders* star says she now prefers theatre to TV. "You get instant gratification from an audience who are laughing at what you do," she says. "At the end you bow and people applaud you – what's not to love?"

And having finally recovered from her 2014 split from Tom (the hunky chef in *Miranda*) Tamzin is back on the dating scene. "I've got my confidence back and feel desirable again. I'm certainly up for it," she declares perkily.

She was devastated when Welshman Tom, 37, confessed to a night of illicit rumpy-pumpy while away filming in America. The couple attempted to patch up their seven-year marriage but eventually Tom left home and Tamzin filed for divorce. Fortunately the whole ghastly business has not left her too cynical about marriage. "I'm not desperate to get married again but I'm not against it," she says. "I never lost faith and I hope I never become anti-me."



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Knee op dilemma for Queen

FOR THE first time at the State Opening of Parliament, the Queen avoided the 26 steps at the sovereign's entrance to the Palace of Westminster by using a lift, giving credence to chatter in royal circles that Her Majesty has been told by doctors that she needs a complete knee replacement.

It is said the Queen has repeatedly put off the operation because it would mean not being able to undertake any official engagements for at least six weeks after leaving hospital. If she did finally agree to surgery it would probably be scheduled for August, when she has fewer engagements and could convalesce at Balmoral.

Although she is otherwise in excellent health, the 90-year-old has long suffered from knee trouble. She first had an operation on her right knee in 2003 after damaging the cartilage when she stumbled on uneven ground at Newmarket racecourse.

A few months later she had keyhole surgery to remove torn cartilage from her left knee.

There is talk that Adrian Fairbank, the surgeon who assisted at her last operation, had told the Queen that she needs a knee replacement if she wants to avoid increased pain. He advised that surgery would be preferable to using a walking stick, taking anti-inflammatory drugs and needing regular injections in her knee joint.

The root of the problem lies in her



PAIN: HM has left knee bandaged and uses a cane in 2004 after her last op

love of horseriding, which has put her joints under considerable strain over the years.

Courtiers dismiss speculation about surgery, pointing out that the Queen still walks unaided as she carries out more than 300 engagements a year.

However they concede that "modest adjustments" are being made to avoid undue strain, such as the handrail for HM's use which is to be installed outside St Paul's Cathedral to help her negotiate the 24 steps for a service on 10 June marking her official birthday.

Police have been keen to play down the lapse in security last week when convicted murderer Denis Hennessy was found wandering around the grounds of Buckingham Palace after scaling the perimeter wall. A flunkey points out the intruder would have found it tricky to clamber into the Palace itself since the walls have now been coated in "anti-climb" paint. Just as well. Staff still shiver at the memory of Michael Fagan, who took up the sledge after climbing up a drainpipe and breaking into her bedroom in 1982.

Reports at the time suggested that the Queen had a long conversation with Fagan to stall him while security was summoned. Fagan has since told it differently. "Nah," he cackled. "She went past me and ran out of the room; her little bare feet running across the floor."

When, finally, Her Majesty managed to summon help, it was her footman Paul Whybrow who stood watch until the police came. Fagan recalls: "The servant came and said, 'You look like you need a drink.' He took me to the Queen's pantry, across the landing, where I presume she cooks her baked beans and whatever – and took a bottle of Famous Grouse from the shelf and poured me a whisky."

Since his brief moment of fame, the unemployed Fagan, now 68, has had several further brushes with the law, including a charge of indecent exposure. At least HM was spared that indignity.

★ That old rocker **Rick Wakeman** admits to having an "excessive" personality. The Yes musician, who was 67 last week, says: "Cars – I can't have one. I had to have 22. Keyboards – I can't have two, I had to have 22. Wives – I've had four."

★ No wonder **Michael Portillo** spends so much time on trains these days. "I always feel a bit sorry I didn't have any electric trains as a child. I had a clockwork railway," sighs the former Tory Defence Minister, 62. "I feel I had a rather deprived childhood, because my friends had lovely electric ones. Even today I'm very moved by model railways."

★ BBC presenter **Huw Edwards** is awfully pleased that he has had laser eye surgery. "I had my eyes zapped so there's no more specs, no more contact lenses after 40 years of aid," preens the Welsh broadcaster, 54. Huw is very sensitive about his appearance after being likened by Jeremy Paxman to an "evangelical preacher on a wet Sunday morning in Merthyr Tydfil".



★ If **James McAvoy** wants to indulge in a spot of comfort eating after his roles – earlier this month he announced that he and wife Anne-Marie Duff are splitting up – he may have to make a trip to his home city of Glasgow. The actor, 37, (left) admits to a weakness for that old Scottish cliché, the deep-fried Mars bar. Not just done the ordinary way though. "I like it 'posh', with filo pastry and a little bit of cream in there," he says. "You freeze it all and drop it into the deep-fat fryer for 45 seconds. It's brilliant."

The bookworm with beauty

A world without books would be a very bleak place indeed for **KATE BECKINSALE**, who gets jumpy if she doesn't have enough novels to read on her travels.

"I always take at least six with me, because I get panicky if I don't have another one ready," chirps the actress, 42. "I wake up, brush my teeth, open a book. My house is full of books; they're under the bed, everywhere."

"There are certain bookshops I'll go to and buy 15 and they'll say, 'That'll keep you going'. And I'll think, '**** I can't come in here now'. It's like being a drinker."

Kate, whose father Richard, star of the TV series *Porridge*, died when she was five, adds that her love of reading means she would gladly return to Oxford, where she studied modern languages. She says wistfully: "I'd love to go back to read English Literature."



★ Amid all the gossip about which actor will replace Daniel Craig as the next 007, I hear the favourite as far as producer Barbara Broccoli is concerned is **Damien Lewis** (right).

"You can forget Tom Hiddleston, Idris Elba and all the rest, Barbara wants Ginger Bond," reports my man polishing his Aston Martin. Old Etonian Lewis, 45, has never said never to the role, when he was last asked if he was being lined up for it, he joked: "I would tell you but I would have to kill you."

Landing the role would tickle Damien's daughter Manon, nine, and eight-year-old son Gulliver.

When the actor's wife Hoken McCrory, 47, handed over parenting duties to him while she played Medea at the National Theatre in 2014, she was alarmed to see signs of them turning ferar.

"He was waking them up at night to go on bat watches and camping expeditions," she said. "At one point, my daughter told me, with great pride, that she hadn't combed her hair for a week."

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★ **Angela Rippon** believes that as she matures she understands men better. "I love them for all the things that make them different – their humour, companionship, intelligence and gentleness," she enthuses.

But although Miss Rippon, 71, has found fulfilment with any number of professional projects, including last week's BBC documentary on dementia, there has been precious little activity on her own romantic front. "If it happens, it happens. It doesn't bother me," says the Plymouth-born broadcaster.

"I have a very full life with wonderful people – men and women. I'm happy with my own company; shopping, watching TV, doing a jigsaw."

The only child of an engineer and china shop manageress, Angela met her husband Christopher Dare at a YNCA dance shortly after she had left grammar school and just before she started work on a local newspaper.

They divorced after 22 years and she is reticent to talk about any subsequent serious contenders for her heart, although her frostiness thaws momentarily when asked about her most romantic experience.

She smiles: "Let's just say it involves the second movement of Shostakovich's piano concerto No 2."



★ She may be a renowned ghost hunter yet **Yvette Fielding** admits she gets spooked by horror movies.

Even though she spends much of her time tracking sinister spirits for her TV show *Most Haunted*, Yvette, 47, says she gets the heebie-jeebies from scary films.

"I won't watch anything with a paranormal flavour because it preys on my mind. And what I don't do is look in the mirror when I brush my teeth in case I see someone else behind me. I keep my head down, every time." Spooky.

★ Amid all that tub-thumping for Brexit, not to mention his duties as MP for Uxbridge, it's heartening to hear that **Boris Johnson** is redoubling his efforts as a pianist.

"I'm still convinced that there's a brilliant musician inside me, struggling to get out. But I must admit that he's proving hard to liberate," trumpets BoJo. "I failed Grade One piano but I've taken it up again."

He also sings. Before he cleared his desk at City Hall, the erstwhile Mayor of London treated staff to a rendition of Three Little Birds by Bob Marley.



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★ Since her ascendance to international stardom after playing the sensuous blonde in *The Night Manager*, ELIZABETH DEBICKI has become used to staying in an endless succession of five-star hotels. But she's had enough of nomadic luxury. "I can't do it any more," sighs the Australian-born actress, 26. "I need my own kitchen to make myself a cup of tea." Happily the willowy Elizabeth now has the domestic normality she craves, living in an East London flat while she stars in *The Red Barn* at the National Theatre. At home she can indulge herself, doing normal things like watching *The Great British Bake Off*. "That show has become such a symbol of freedom for me," she muses. "I love baking. For everyone under stress in their work life, certain things become symbols of peace, like watching TV or eating a chocolate biscuit." In her own little haven she can follow the advice given to her by friend Cate Blanchett. "She told me to always wash your own socks," says Elizabeth: "It's very therapeutic to do your own laundry."

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★ Things may get heated in the Yorkshire household where James Norton will be spending Christmas with his parents. The *Ampleforth*-educated actor, 31, who returns in *Grantchester* on ITV next Saturday, says: "It's games that take up a lot of our time. Things like charades and the game Mafia. It's a kind of witch-hunt, murder-mystery thing, all about deception. "It can get to 8pm after a boozy lunch and nobody is talking to each other because they're so furious after the game."

Romance returns for milder Marco

GIVEN Marco Pierre White's volatile temperament, it is not surprising that his four-year romance with Emilia Fox has been more off than on, with sightings of the pair becoming luncheons. Earlier this year the tortuous relationship finally seemed to have gone off the boil, with Emilia's father, actor Edward Fox, confirming that Marco's "many responsibilities" (he's still married to his third wife Mati by whom he has three children) had put paid to any chance of a happy future for the couple. But now the two are together again, with the *Silent Witness* star, 42, making regular visits to Marco's new home near Salisbury Cathedral in Wiltshire. Their rapprochement



CLOSER: Marco Pierre White and Emilia Fox

owes much to the cook's calmer demeanour – he recently declared that he was "tired of feuds and fighting" and was happier leading a more reclusive life. Marco, 55 last week, also credits Emilia with acting as a go-between with his wayward son Marco Jr, 21, who has said: "She is the reason I'm still close to my father. I've pushed him to the brink." Heavily tattooed Marco Jr was in more trouble recently when he was found guilty of fraudulently using an ex-girlfriend's credit card to buy goods worth £2,500. The Fox family will be keeping their fingers crossed that this rekindled romance will work. As her father observes: "Mille is very pretty and that's a wonderful thing, but prettiness doesn't necessarily equate to being happy. All I want is for her to be happy."

For quite a while during the early days of his marriage to Princess Anne, Tim Laurence (right) had to contend with barbed comments from courtiers that he was a man who had married way above his station – all because he had dared to fall for the Queen's daughter while working as an equerry at Buckingham Palace. Happily the former naval officer is now acknowledged as a model royal in-law; to the extent that I hear he has become a pivotal figure when it comes to putting a smile on everyone's faces during the Queen's Christmas holiday. Indeed he's a veritable Minister of Festive Fun at Sandringham. A member of the royal circle tells me: "Tim is very affable and has a great repertoire of party games, which can be very useful in the evenings are dragging a bit. He gets us into teams for games such as swinging oranges between our legs, or moving matchboxes between each other only using our chins." Such larks!



★ The Queen's head cook, Mark Flanagan, is seeking two assistant chefs who, apart from knowing one end of a food processor from another, must also have "an understanding of kitchen French (given it is *la langue* in which all royal menus are still written). Prospective applicants for the chefs *de partie* will be paid £20,000-a-year with lodgings in Buckingham Palace but they will have to tread warily around Flanagan, a mercurial figure who has a temper as hot as Gordon Ramsay. Flanagan recently looked like a pressure cooker about to pop its lid when asked the dish that most tickled Her Majesty's fancy. He snapped: "If I said what my favourite was, wherever she went people would try to give her that, and after 50 times something is not your favourite any more, is it?" Fortunately his predecessor, Darren McGrady, is not so coy. One of HM's favourite dishes was, he says, scrambled eggs with smoked salmon and a dusting of truffle. "But she was too frugal to ever order fresh truffles and only really enjoyed them at Christmas when the truffles were sent as a gift."

★ He once claimed that nothing would make him return to playing James Bond but Daniel Craig is now being tempted back into the 007 role... by Shakespeare. The actor is now appearing on the New York stage, in a modern-day version of *Othello*. And there on the first night to congratulate him on his portrayal of Iago was the play's "low-profile" producer Barbara Broccoli – who is also the power behind the Bond movie franchise. Yesterday, a senior source at her film-making studio Eon said: "Daniel talked about walking away from Bond because he wanted to stretch his artistic muscles in a challenging role. "So Barbara decided to give him what he wants in the hope that, when the play's run comes to an end, he'll return the favour by walking back to star in *Bond 25*, our next movie, which does not yet have a title." Says a source close to Craig, 48, who is seen above with *Spectre* co-star Lea Seydoux: "He is thrilled that every single performance of *Othello* is sold out. "He and Barbara are now as close as they have ever been and it wouldn't surprise anyone, in either of their inner circles, if he were to agree to return as 007."

★ One person who is thrilled to bits that *Love Actually* has been voted the country's most popular seasonal film is one of its stars Martine McCutcheon, who will be settling down to watch it for the umpteenth time over the holidays (it is being screened seven times on various channels). The gorgeously dimpled actress, 40, tells me: "I still get people running up to me and saying how the film is part of their family tradition at Christmas and I'm so grateful to have been part of something that has touched so many. "I came to be in it because Richard Curtis had seen me in *EastEnders* and wrote the part for me. At the time I had been thinking about giving up the industry so I will always be grateful for his confidence. "I later found out that Hugh Grant had also championed me for it which was a big compliment because I had fallen a bit in love with him after *Four Weddings and A Funeral*." After making *Love Actually* in 2003, Martine was besieged with offers but found herself in no state to take on more work when a spell of ME saw her spiral into depression, followed by bankruptcy. Happily, her perkiness has been restored, helped by her hubby, musician Jack McManus, 32, and Rafferty, their son, who will be two in February. She says she is now "in a really good place" after just finishing a fourth album and filming with Alan Davies in *The Bromley Boys*, a 1960s football memoir.



★ John Cleese finds seasonal bonhomie a trifle forced. "I always worry about not living up to expectations," sighs the tortured beanpole. "I suppose if all else fails I can put on a party hat and do funny walks around the dining room making sure I don't give granny a kick." The concept of Christmas shopping is an even bigger ordeal for Cleese, 77. "There's so much tension about that people seem to go out of character and start barging about and forgetting their manners," he grumbles, although he does let slip a soft side. "I love buying cuddly toys even if I haven't anyone to buy them for. They always look like they deserve a nice home."

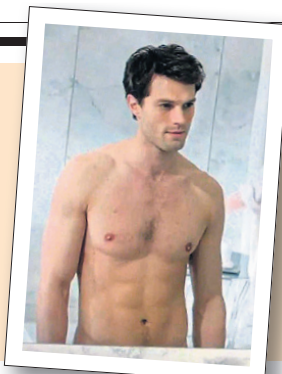
★ Lucy Worsley's BBC TV series *Six Wives* has attracted a few jibes about how much she likes dipping into the dressing-up box. Not that the historian minds a bit of criticism. "I have no shame or dignity when it comes to trying to get people interested in history, so if that involves dressing up or larking about, so be it," the chief curator at Historic Royal Palaces tells me. "And I think that clothes can be an extremely good porthole into the past." Meanwhile Lucy, 43, who lives in south London with her husband, architect Mark Hines, is hoping that her forthcoming book for children, *Queen Victoria*, will be as warmly received as her first. She says of the public's renewed interest in Victoria: "I think that our own Queen, having passed the 60-year mark, makes us look back to the only other one of her predecessors to have done it before."



★ Not so long ago, before all the drooling over Aidan Turner's toned torso, it was Jamie Dornan who was attracting the heavy breathing as the randy rascal with a penchant for light sadomasochism in Fifty Shades Of Grey.

The fuss died down and Jamie, 34, concentrated on his role in Anthropoid, the new film about the assassination of Reinhard Heydrich, a monstrous senior figure in the Third Reich. He has also been filming a sequel to Fifty Shades, involving further duvet-rumpling with his co-star Dakota Johnson.

When Dornan has time off, this son of an Irish gynaecologist has not exactly been whooping it up. As he admits: "I have the quietest family life. My wife (Amelia) and I were watching a movie last night. We'd got the kids to bed and I had a glass of red wine in my hand. I was like, 'I don't even think I can finish this.' It was 8.30. I was like, 'Is it too early to go to bed?'" She said, "We can't go to bed before nine." We just about scraped it. I was holding my eyelids open."



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Dave goes job hunting on the web

IS DAVID CAMERON finding it more difficult than he thought to seek fulfilling employment after his hastily curtailed premiership? He has updated his entry on LinkedIn, the networking website favoured by professionals, especially those looking to change jobs.

Among the details of his career, his LinkedIn profile states: "I was Prime Minister from May 2010 until July 2016. Before becoming an MP, I worked in business and government. After graduating, I worked for the Conservative Party Research Department and then as a Special Adviser in government."

While Cameron's financial situation could not be described as desperate (although his salary was cut from £150,000 to the £75,000 of an ordinary backbencher) he has listed in the MPs register of personal interests that he's paying £2,650-a-week to rent a house in Chelsea until the end of October, when the tenants will move from the house he owns in Notting Hill.

So is he hoping to catch the attention of a future employer via LinkedIn, which is described as the ideal site for bosses to check the connections of candidates for plum jobs?

"It's not me, as far as I know!" said Mr Cameron when I asked whether he had placed himself on LinkedIn. But after I urged him to look at the entry,



he added: "There obviously is a site for me, but it was done by the office." As to the question of whether he had any news on what he would be doing career-wise, he replied: "Nothing to report."

The ex-PM, who will be 50 next month, remains the MP for Witney, and has said he plans to stand again for the Oxfordshire seat in the 2020 election. Since his Brexit-induced exit from Downing Street, he has enjoyed holidays in Corsica, Cornwall, and on his father-in-law's estate on Jura in the Hebrides.

With politicians returning to Westminster fray tomorrow, it's time for Dave to find that next big challenge.



★ His children's books have sometimes been criticised for covering difficult subjects such as war and bereavement, but Michael Mørup thinks it's important to be honest about sensitive issues.

"We need to get children to think, to ask questions, because increasingly these stories have become more relevant for them," he says. "They can witness themselves the refugees coming across on boats from Syria; the bombing of places; they see it all now. It used to be in their sitting rooms, now it's on their iPads in their bedrooms. It's closer and closer, so the more we tell them, with sensitivity, the more important it becomes to their growing up."

Following the success of War Horse, the latest stage adaptation of a Mørup tale is 946: The Amazing Story Of Adolphus Tips at London's Globe Theatre, based on an episode in the Second World War that was hushed up for decades.

The "946" in the title is the shocking tally of servicemen who were killed because of a communications blunder while they were doing practice runs for D-Day on Slapton Sands in Devon. Another tricky subject, but it's yet another hit for this most brilliant of storytellers.

★ Rosie Huntington-Whiteley, who has been named as the highest paid British model in the world (after earning £6million last year from flashing her lingerie) has had to forego a few pleasures to reach her pert position.

The Plymouth-born cutie, 29, keeps herself in peak shape with a new regime that bans sugar, dairy, gluten and alcohol. In fact most of the things she loves. No wonder Rosie has called the diet, which is supervised by naturopath doctor Nigma Talib, a "big, brutal, challenge".

She says: "I grew up on a farm so it has always been about meat and two veg. But this diet has made me much more aware of a healthy balance, although it's not something that would be realistic to keep up all year. I will definitely be re-introducing cakes and some wine here and there." Dr Talib, whose diet is also followed by actress Sienna Miller and make-up artist Charlotte Tilbury, believes food and drink have a direct impact on faces, resulting in symptoms she identifies as "dairy face", "wine face" or "sugar face". In Rosie's case, it's a happy (albeit hungry) face.



★ Fay Ripley, who is back in the reborn Cold Feet on ITV tomorrow night, seems a sunny sort of poppet. But her outlook wasn't always so breezy.

"I was at a low point in my 20s and early 30s," admits the Wimbledon-born mother of two, who is married to actor Daniel Lapaine.

"I spent most of that time crying about not having a boyfriend and my career not being what I wanted it to be.

"I was miserable, just emotional and silly. And then I got it out of my system and as you get older, your focus changes from 'I have to get into that pencil skirt' to 'I just have to have a bath'. All those things that were huge issues seem to fall away.

"I still cry, just about different things. Since I've had children, I only have to watch the last five minutes of a documentary and I'm weeping; animal shows and family reunion programmes are the worst."

★ In tonight's episode of Victoria, Jenna Colman will feel the first romantic stirrings for the German cousin she will marry. And off-screen the actress's passion continues to throb for Tom Hughes, who plays Prince Albert.

As first revealed here in June, the winsome Miss Colman broke the news to her previous beau, the Game of Thrones hunk Richard Madden, that she had fallen for her Chester-born co-star Tom, who like her is 30.

A member of the series' production crew reports that just like the royal couple, Jenna and Tom are in the early bloom of a "very full" relationship.

Indeed Jenna could almost be talking about Tom when she describes Victoria's love affair with Albert.

She has said: "They were a very active couple in every sense, and we certainly don't shy away from the fire and the passion. Often, it's in the bedroom that they work through their arguments. Those scenes were great to film together. We had exactly the same instincts and for me, Tom is the perfect Albert."



★ For all his onscreen swagger when it comes to conquering Everest or drinking his own urine, Bear Grylls (left) admits he's not as courageous as he used to be.

"I got more full of fear as life goes on," sighs the adventurer. "I struggle with jumping out of planes; I struggle with groups of people I don't know. I struggle with self-belief a lot of the time. I'm not the invincible hero."

Bear (whose real name is Edward - he was given the nickname by his sister when he was a baby) should just think of his grandfather when he next needs to man up.

Brigadier Ted Grylls was tasked with capturing Nazi scientists after the D-Day landings and spiriting them away to the West to stop their secrets falling into Soviet hands.

That's real courage.

★ John Cleese grows ever more pessimistic as he nudges towards his 77th birthday. "The whole world is completely broken," moans the tortured beanpole. "The a**holes always end up in charge and they're very, very greedy; most people don't get a fair cut. The old values, which taught us that money and ego aren't everything, have faded away with conventional religion, and I don't see them coming back. So the situation is hopeless." How his native Westonsuper-Mare must miss Cleese's joie-de-vivre.



★ Broadcaster Miles Jupp is still tingling with excitement over his encounter with George Clooney. "George told me about hosting a fundraiser for Barack Obama at his house and having to turn one of his guest bathrooms into a chemical attack refuge for the President.

"It was hard for me to match that story. I probably told him how we had someone manning a fire exit on Balamory Live."



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Assad's man sees no bombs

DESPITE worldwide coverage of children being killed in the besieged city of Aleppo, Syrian president Bashar al-Assad's father-in-law, who is a cardiologist in London, claims not to have seen any pictures of victims of the bombing being carried out by Syrian and Russian forces.

When asked how he felt about the appalling injuries and deaths being caused by his son-in-law's regime, Dr Fawaz Akhras retorted: "What children? I've seen no children being bombed."

When I approached Dr Akhras last week outside the private Cromwell hospital in Earl's Court, where he is a consultant, he said: "You ask about children being bombed, what about the children bombed in Iraq?"

The next day the Syrian president spoke of "cleansing" Aleppo, where his Russian-backed campaign has used cluster bombs and nerve gas, prompting international calls for an investigation into war crimes. Syria's civil war, now in its sixth year, has killed 300,000 people and left millions homeless.

Dr Akhras, 69, who supports his son-in-law's rule, continues to lead a privileged life in Britain, living with his wife Sahar in Acton where his house, incidentally has a giant satellite dish to pick up Arabic television, should he wish to see coverage of Assad's atrocities.

It is here that the couple raised their daughter Asma, now Syria's First Lady, who went to a primary school in Ealing. Asma later worked for the investment bank JP Morgan and grew close to her future husband, Bashar Assad, when he came to London in 1992 to study ophthalmology at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington.

Regular readers may recall that I have previously asked Dr Akhras, who also has a surgery in Harley Street, how, as a doctor who has devoted his career to saving lives, he could be sympathetic to a regime that is destroying them.

One enquiry resulted in a legal letter from him protesting that he was "a medical practitioner, not a politician and had decided to keep his own views to himself". Yet emails intercepted by a Syrian opposition group showed Akhras giving Assad detailed advice about how the regime should spin its suppression of the rebel uprising.



BLIND EYE: A well-publicised picture of a child victim of Assad's bombing. Yet Dr Akhras, below, says he has seen no children being bombed in Aleppo



★ Bumping into Charles Wilson, the pugnacious former newspaper editor who was married to Anne Robinson, I asked whether he had seen the TV presenter's new series, Britain's Secrets With Anne Robinson. "She comes across as rather scary," I observed. "You should try being married to her," retorted the former Royal Marines boating instructor - who survived a bitter custody battle with Miss Robinson over their daughter Emma, now 33.

★ Now that SHERIDAN SMITH has taken her bow at the last West End performance of Funny Girl, she will have some time to concentrate on her love life, or lack of it. But the Lincolnshire-born star won't have long to find a boyfriend; in January she starts taking Funny Girl on a nationwide tour, beginning in Manchester and ending eight months later in Plymouth.

The actress, whose longest relationship was with James Corden, has talked of her longing for a mate, saying: "I would love to have someone."

The trouble is that Sheridan, 35, is not that keen on going out with actors and "when you work all the time, you only meet people in your line of work. But I'm not fussy. I just mean that I don't have a type. Who knows who I'll fall in love with?"

"So at home it's just me and my dogs (she has three pugs, Trish, Enid Blyton and Barry Manlow). Sometimes I'm scared I'm going to end up as a 70-year-old spinster with hundreds of dogs who lives on a hill and smells of wee."

★ Meeting the Queen is, believe psychologists, one of the most common dreams. Now we learn that even Her Majesty's sister had them.

According to AN Wilson, who has written a biography of the Queen, the late Princess Margaret told him she had recurring dreams about the monarch. Margaret said that the dream was all about the Queen "disapproving of me", and when she woke up she would feel desperate.

Speaking at the Cheltenham Literature Festival, the author said that the princess told him: "When I woke up in the morning after the dream, I just have to hear her voice. I phone her up and say, 'Hello' and she says, 'Hello' and then we hang up."



★ No matter how many times Donald Trump trips himself up with his "locker room" attitude to women, he's well on his way to the White House, believes one London society hostess who knows him well.

Former debutante Liz Brown, the etiquette expert on the TV series Ladette To Lady, knows Trump through his first wife Ivana, to whom she is still close. Following the Trumps' divorce, she holidayed with Ivana and hosted lavish parties for her - as in our picture, with Ivana on the right - at such occasions as Ascot.

"Donald and Ivana remained very friendly after their divorce and it is a credit to both of them that they raised three such wonderful children," says Liz.

"But it is true that he is a misogynist and a megalomaniac. He has always been full of himself and he can be very intimidating. "Most of the 'red-blooded macho' stuff he got up to was known about when he was chosen by the Republicans as their candidate, and he doesn't go into anything unless he thinks he can win. You can't underestimate him and I wouldn't be surprised if he's elected, because Americans are fed up and want a man who can make a change."

★ Gazing at Ed Balls holding court at a party in Chelsea, Yvette Cooper nodded in agreement with me, yes, her husband had definitely become "campier" since he started sashaying his way around the floor of Strictly Come Dancing.

"Mind you, he's always been quite camp, he used to love dressing up for the children's Christmas parties in Downing Street," giggled Yvette, the Labour MP for Normanton who was shadow foreign secretary until last year.

Yvette added that doing Strictly had given her hubby an "extra new dimension" in the absence of politics, which had been all-consuming until he lost his seat in 2015. Ed had been at the heart of New Labour and had expected to become Chancellor.

At the party to launch Inside Story, the memoirs of former Times political editor Philip Webster, Balls looked wistful when I asked if he missed Westminster. "Yes, I do, very much," he sighed. "But then if I was planning a return to politics I'm not sure I would be dancing the samba in a green suit."



★ When it comes to the longevity of The Rolling Stones, attention is often focused on Mick Jagger reaching 73. But don't forget Bill Wyman, the "boring" bass guitarist who was with the band from the start, and who will be 80 next week. Poor old Bill, who left the Stones in 1993, has been largely relegated to the background, his part in musical history overshadowed by his notorious marriage to an 18-year-old when he was 49.

He was universally castigated when he admitted that he had first dated Mandi Smith (left) when she was just 13. He later volunteered to step to the police about the relationship, but no action was taken.

Wyman's marriage to Smith collapsed bitterly in 1991, and he has since defended his relationship with her, which had the approval of her mother. "It was very emotional and special at the time," he said. "A lot of people understood, but a lot didn't." Wyman is now married to Suzanne Acosta, with whom he has three daughters.

There will be a concert at the O2 in London to celebrate Wyman's birthday, with Mark Knopfler, Robert Plant and Mick Hucknall. Joining them will be newcomer Hollie Stephenson, a jazz singer who is only 18 years old. That should keep Bill happy.

★ Jeremy Paxman has lost his religious faith, dutifully informing the vicar of his Oxfordshire church that he doubts the existence of God. He reflects: "I told him: 'I'm sorry but I made an error for the past five years in coming to church. I'm not going to come anymore. I will bring my daughter to Sunday school as it is important she understands the parameters of our faith, but as far as I'm concerned it is all over.'"

Adds Pazo (who blames his aggressive temperament on being bullied at Malvern College) "I have finally concluded that there is no greater being." Apart, of course, from himself.



★ While Adele spent last week in Washington, where she was invited for a private tour of the White House by Michelle Obama, the singer's half-brother leads a rather more prosaic life as a student in the Welsh town of Llantwit Major.

Cameron, 20, shares a father, Mark Evans, with Adele, but has seen little of his famous relative, although she did invite him to a concert she gave in Birmingham earlier this year.

Before then Cameron, a keen rugby player who is studying sports medicine at Cardiff University, had said that the singer's schedule meant the two rarely saw each other. They grew up in different parts of the country - him in rural Wales and her in north London - but came into each other's lives in 2007. He has said: "She's so busy that we're not really close."

★ It's time for green-fingered men to primp their petunias and bolster their begonias: after a prolonged absence from our screens **Charlie Dimmock**, once described as "horticultural Viagra", returns later this month with her own BBC programme, *Garden Rescue*.

The buxom Miss Dimmock sprang to prominence after her bra-less appearances on *Ground Force* turned her into an unexpected sex symbol. But the fame, which she now describes as "overwhelming", did little for her long-term love life.

After a handful of relationships (including one with the microphone operator on *Ground Force*) Charlie, 49, now lives alone in her mother's old house in the New Forest with a menagerie of cats, dogs and horses, and despairs of meeting the right man.

"Where do I find someone?" she asks. "I wouldn't go into a wine bar to look for a man. I think I intimidate men. "Fit like someone who made me laugh and was practical."

So come on, chaps. Time to put down that magazine in the potting shed and help Charlie find a bosom buddy.



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Goldsmith started all this off!

THE TYCOON who first began the battle for a referendum to be held on the UK's membership of the European Union, Sir James Goldsmith, died 17 years ago, but his widow admits he might have been perplexed by the situation the country is now in following the vote.

"We're certainly in a hell of a muddle," Lady Annabel Goldsmith tells me. "Things are very different now so I can't be sure of how Jimmy would have felt but I doubt he would have changed his views on the need for a referendum."

Sir James poured £20million of his fortune into forming the Referendum Party in 1995 to lobby for a vote on the nature of Britain's relationship with Europe and to fight against the introduction of the euro.

In the 1997 general election the party fielded a candidate in nearly every constituency, polling some 800,000 votes and unseating a handful of Tory MPs. But Goldsmith's campaigning had been restricted by his advancing pancreatic cancer, and he died aged 64, just a few weeks after the election.

"He believed in a referendum passionately and he put his heart and soul into it in his last few months," says Annabel. "He went to John Major three times to seek a referendum but Major refused. If he had agreed things might well have been very different for our country."

Goldsmith himself stood in Putney against the Conservative ex-minister David Mellor and although he polled only 1,518 votes (and Mellor lost to Labour) he took delight in standing on



BREXIT PIONEER: Sir James Goldsmith with wife Lady Annabel

the platform at the declaration and joining hecklers in chanting "Out! Out! Out!" at the enraged Mellor.

The crushed Tory's riposte to Goldsmith was: "You can get off back to Mexico [to which Goldsmith had retired in 1987 anticipating that year's stock market crash] knowing that your attempt to buy the British political system has failed."

"Up your hacienda, Jimmy!"



Many of the courtiers who have served the Queen have admired her dedication to duty. Sir Edward Ford, who was her assistant private secretary from her accession until he retired in 1967, reckoned the reason for her success was not just an abundance of common sense. He also credits it to "her lack of imagination, which may have helped keep her steady".

He added that unlike her late sister Princess Margaret, "the Queen is not flirtatious at all, never has been. That's her secret." Not necessarily a view shared by our gardening correspondent Alan Titchmarsh, who detected a twinkle in HM's eye when, during his investiture for an MBE, she told him: "You give a lot of ladies a lot of pleasure."



★ I've often wondered why **Emma Bunton** has never got round to a wedding, given that she's been engaged to her boyfriend, singer **Jade Jones**, above, for six years, and that they have two children together. Especially as Emma, 40, keeps banging on about

how wonderful her man is (even if Jade is an odd name for a bloke).

In the past Baby Spice, as I still prefer to call her, swooned soppyly about him: "We're great friends who still fancy each other and talk about everything. We never let anything fester."

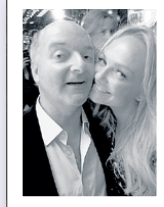
"It is easy to be complacent but Jade always tells me she loves me every day."

So when Emma came over to say hello to me at the *AbFab* film premiere (inset), it was the perfect moment to quiz her about a wedding.

"Don't ask me - it's Jade who seems in no hurry!" she replied. "Besides, one of the problems is that I'm terrible at organising. I couldn't arrange a p***-up in a brewery," giggled the gorgeous one.

"So who knows? I mean, one day we might decide to run off and elope. Or just do it in the garden. But then again it might not happen."

So, there's still hope then.



★ **Raymond Blanc** serves Michelin-starred food at his restaurants but the fare he has eaten himself has not always been of such a high standard. The chef, 66, says that while helping in the garden during his French childhood, his father scooped up a handful of earth and told him to taste it.

"The soil was so astringent, acid, bitter, a thousand flavours," he says. It was only years later that Blanc dared ask his father why he had asked him to do it.

"It was then I learned my papa had a sense of humour because he told me: 'Oh, that was a joke!'"

★ Who says **Theresa May** doesn't have a sense of humour? A contemporary at Oxford, where Theresa met her future husband Philip at a Conservative Association dance, recalls: "Phil was a lot of fun and she was too. It's a myth that she wasn't jolly because she was."

"She would come up with plenty of witticisms. Although, to be fair, a lot of them were about cricket."



★ After a rare few months without a man in tow, **Sienna Miller** is feeling frisky again. The renowned flirty-pants is ready for some male company... but only chaps with an above-average IQ need apply.

"I like intelligence. It's the only thing I've ever been attracted to," declares the 34-year-old actress. "Someone staggeringly beautiful and totally chis is totally ugly to me. It sounds silly but I like bookish academics who are slightly odd, and borderline - on the spectrum."

Sienna's previous lovers include (deep breath) actors Jude Law, Daniel Craig, Rhys Ifans, Balthazar Getty, plus a clutch of lesser-known chaps.

Last year she broke off her engagement to another actor, Tom Sturridge, by whom she has a three-year-old daughter, Marlowe.

Any male hopeful of winning Miss Miller's affection should be aware that paternity duties may be involved.

"I'm feeling very broody for more babies," sighs Sienna, "and my daughter is desperate to have a sibling."



★ Getting older doesn't mean **Boy George** is going to tone it down too much.

"My policy is to get a bigger house not a smaller house. And bigger hats," says the Bexley-born singer, who has just turned 55, and who gave up drinking eight years ago.

"I'm not going to downsize. To me it's apologetic to tone it down. There are no bungalows in my future. Paris of Versailles. That's how I see it."



LOVE TEST: Rachel is learning Russian for Pasha

★ Countdown's number cruncher **Rachel Riley** is concerned by the way people become less inquisitive as they get older.

"We're often discouraged from asking questions in case we look stupid. As we've seen in recent political developments perhaps we should not accept everything we're told," Rachel told me at Shell's Make the Future Festival, a gathering of entrepreneurs and inventors in London.

The Oxford maths graduate was particularly struck by the ingenuity of bio-bean, a company which recycles used coffee beans into pellets to make fuel for heating buildings.

She said: "It's amazing to think that all that stuff which is thrown away by coffee shops can be turned into fuel that's cheaper than coal. It just shows you how curiosity can lead to simple but brilliant ideas."

Rachel, 30, has been exercising her own brain by learning Russian, a useful skill since she is entwined with professional dancer **Pasha Kovalev**, 36, with whom she waltzed off while both were on the BBC's *Strictly Come Dancing*.

"I've just come back from a holiday with Pasha and his mother, who doesn't speak any English, so that tested me," she says. "I can now hold small conversations and order food."

Might she soon be saying "I do" in Russian if Pasha proposes? "We're quite happy as we are," she replies firmly. "We don't feel we have to conform to traditional conventions about things like marriage and children."

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★ The outcome of the EU referendum is not the only thing David Cameron is wrestling to control. He's trying to watch his weight, aiming to be in good shape in readiness for the inevitable holiday pictures (remember those awkward snaps of the barechested PM on a Cornish beach as he struggled to put on his bathing trunks under a towel?)

So Dave is on another diet, cutting back on cakes and dairy products. This regime has, however, an unfortunate side effect – a shortening of the premier's temper, as he is deprived of his favourite late-night vice: a bowl of Bird's custard, to which he likes to add double cream. This predilection began at Eton, where he would sneak into the kitchens and use his special smile to ask Cook for extra dollops. Reports my man in Downing Street: "David is disciplined about most things but really struggles with giving up the custard. Sam has cleared out all the Bird's packets from the kitchen but I wouldn't be surprised if he starts smuggling some in his red box. He's that desperate for a fix."

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★ What would we do without Brian May to guide us through life? "I try to make sense of it all, what I should be doing with the power that's been given to me..." muses the bouffant-haired, badge-defending Queen guitarist. "I think the answer is: to use whatever I have to try to change the world for the better. "I feel strongly that we've veered so far off the path of decency. We need a radical shake-up." And a haircut.



DETOX TIME: Ab Fab's Jennifer and Joanna

★ The acquisitiveness of neurotic PR Edina Monsoon in Absolutely Fabulous mirrors the increasing greed of society today, believes her creator Jennifer Saunders. "Chatting about the forthcoming Ab Fab film, Jennifer says: "Edina's house is getting bigger and bigger because she wants everything. It's her psychological weakness to fill the empty hole she can't fill with food and champagne. "She's a symptom of what people have become, with a big extension plus a swimming pool that she wouldn't even think about using. I think the modern world is a very strange place to be. Things are so fast-moving but eventually we'll all end up wanting a digital detox." Indeed we will, sweetie darling.

Parkinson did look after Flora

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AFTER Cecil Parkinson's death earlier this year, the Tory grandee was widely criticised for leaving nothing in his will to Flora, the lovechild he fathered with his secretary Sara Keays.

The multi-millionaire former party chairman left his entire fortune, including homes in Hertfordshire and Spain, to his wife Ann and their three adult daughters, in what was reported as "a final snub" to Flora, 32, who has learning disabilities resulting from a childhood brain tumour.

But at his memorial service in Westminster last week (at which Sara and Flora were notably absent) a close family friend told me that before his death from cancer at the age of 84, Lord Parkinson had set up a "very generous" trust fund for the illegitimate daughter whom he had always refused to meet.

The friend said: "Some may still hold the view that Cecil behaved callously because he never saw Flora but he had promised Ann that he would never contact her."

"He made very generous provision for her, acknowledging ongoing health needs. She will be looked after until the day she dies. He was not the b***** that Sara made him out to be."

The smooth Cecil was a favourite of Margaret Thatcher who wanted to anoint him as her successor but his political career was torpedoed by the revelation of his 12-year affair with his Commons secretary and her claims that he had promised he would leave his wife.

He resigned as Trade Secretary in 1983 but was able to return to the front benches in 1987, later moving to the Lords.

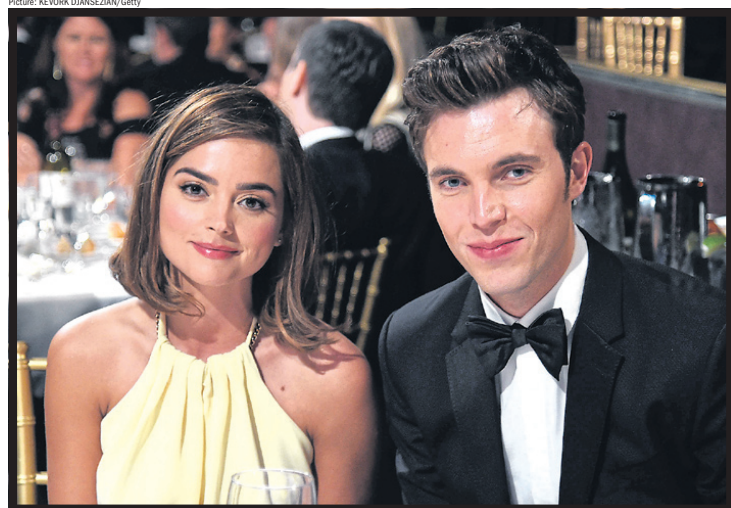
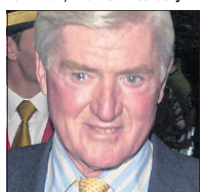
In an interview when she reached 18, Flora said: "The hardest part is not being able to see my dad. It's so upsetting that I try not to think about it too much. I feel jealous of other people who go on holiday with their fathers, when I don't."

While Sara, now 69, lives quietly in the country with Flora, who has Asperger's, Lord Parkinson's eldest daughter Mary, who gave a tribute at the service, has also overcome her own problems.

She became addicted to drugs and alcohol at university, nearly dying three times from heroin overdoses. Mary has since revealed her admiration for her father's former mistress for the way she has brought up Flora.

"I think Sara Keays has done a brilliant job," she said. "It's clearly been quite a struggle to get her daughter to this stage."

GENEROUS PROVISION: Flora Keays is believed to have a trust fund, set up by her father Cecil Parkinson, who died in January



★ The love affair between Victoria and Prince Albert was passionate and all-consuming so it's perhaps fitting that JENNA COLEMAN, who plays the young queen in a forthcoming ITV series, has fallen for the actor who is her royal consort, TOM HUGHES. The talk among the programme's production crew is that the winsome Jenna, 30, best known as Doctor Who's former companion, has been rehearsing more than just her lines with Chester-born Tom, also 30, who has replaced her previous beau, Game Of Thrones hunk Richard Madden. Last year Jenna was the subject of media excitement when she was snapped enjoying a tactile chat with Prince Harry, at a party after a polo match. The two were huddled in a corner for much of the evening and Harry's hand, noted one observer, "kept wandering" to Jenna's knee during their conversation. Then again, it was dark.

★ Even though Donald Trump doesn't command the respect he might wish for in most parts of Britain, the putative president, 69, plainly has some fans at the Aberdeen golf club he owns. "Our merchandising figures are the best ever," a corporate spokesman tells me about the range of goods on sale at the Trump International Golf Links. Indeed who could resist Trump-embazoned cashmere jumpers at £225, whiskey (£195), or a £49 bottle of Ivanka fragrance (named after The Donald's daughter)?



★ In the BBC drama New Blood, Anna Chancellor plays the head of the Serious Fraud Office, a post she would never aspire to in real life. "I could never have had a job like this because I hardly passed any of what they now call GCSEs," hoots Anna, 51, who made her name as "Duckface", Hugh Grant's jilted girlfriend in Four Weddings And A Funeral. "I was a very bad learner, somebody who was naturally geared towards being an artistic person, but I got a grant to go to drama school. If that road had been closed down to me I just wonder who I would have been." As it turned out she now leads a "very contented" existence, living in a west London suburb with her husband Redha Debbah, an Algerian engineer whom she met 20 years ago when he was her minicab driver.

★ Princess Beatrice has often been criticised for her fondness for holidays – the 27-year-old stars satirised in the comedy series The Windsors when her character asked a boss if the statutory 30 days' holiday in her contract was missing a nought at the end. But on Thursday she performed three engagements while in York, popping in to York Minster, the theatre and a chocolate factory. Exhausting! She's earned a long break somewhere hot now.



★ There's fresh hope for fans of The Night Manager: Tom Hiddleston has hinted there may be a sequel to the BBC adaptation of John Le Carré's novel. The star, 35, says he feels the character he played, hotel concierge-turned-spy Jonathan Pine, has more work to do in his future. "Pine is very much at the beginning of his journey. He's really just starting and this is his first experience of being a field agent."

The hit drama was based on Le Carré's novel of the same name and although the author has not written a follow-up, there are rumours of talks about another series between the BBC and the production firm run by the writer's two sons.

Le Carré's elder son Simon Cornwell says guardedly: "When a show has had 10 million viewers people are going to say let's talk about doing more."

But nobody has made any decisions yet.

★ Damian Lewis and his wife Helen McCrory enjoy considerable acclaim in their acting careers but the couple are not having much success influencing their offspring. Manon, nine, and eight-year-old Gulliver, to keep their home in North London tidy.

"We tried an incentive to help around the house by giving them money," says Damian, 45. "They got 10p for making their bed and 10p for taking their plate from the table after meals, then 10p for managing to remember their school bag in the morning. "It worked for a while but then they became a bit cynical about our hard-fought negotiations and said, "We don't want your 10p any more." So we went back to shouting at them, which seems to work just as well."

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★ **Sir Trevor McDonald** is not happy about the days getting chillier. The bibulous broadcaster, 77, still hasn't got used to British winters despite it being 50 years since he moved here from Trinidad. "I couldn't understand what the romance about snow was all about," he shivers. "I always hated the winters, all this business of overcoats and so many pockets. "I'm still struggling with winters and how to dress in them."



Author **Kathy Lette**, 58, is already embracing the party season. The princess of puns observes: "Generally speaking, you know you've been to a good bash when you wake up in an unfamiliar nation with nipple jewellery."

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★ She's only three but **Brendan Cole's** daughter Aurelia is already showing talent as a dancer. "She can really move, she's definitely got rhythm. She goes to ballet with her little friends, it's very sweet," preens her daddy. New Zealander **Brendan, 40**, and his wife **Zoe** called their daughter the "best present ever" when she was born on Christmas Day 2012. Not that he's envisaging a future for her on Strictly. "I'm thinking tennis. Wimbledon final, 15 years from now. Let's push for that."



Sir Red Nose's reward?

GIVEN her disapproval of the way **David Cameron** sprinkled baubles on his chums, the first tranche of worthies submitted to Theresa May for approval for the New Year's honours list is unlikely to contain many surprises. But one of the better-known names she may have ticked with her Mont Blanc pen is scriptwriter and producer **Richard Curtis**.

Old Harrovian **Curtis**, who turned 60 last month, has made a fortune from writing *Blackadder*, *The Vicar Of Dibley* and the *Bridget Jones* films but it is for his charity work for *Comic Relief*, which has raised an incredible £1 billion since he co-founded it in 1985, that his name has been submitted to the honours committee for an upgrade from his present CBE to a knighthood.

But would a K for all his red-nose japes, and his contribution to rom-coms, make him any more inclined to have a romantic moment and propose to **Emma Freud**, his playmate of 26 years, with whom he has four children? Unlikely, says his chums, even if **Emma** might quite like to become **Lady Curtis**. She has had to accept that **Richard** has what one friend says is "a pathological fear of weddings" (just think of his 1994 hit film *Four Weddings And A Funeral*). Indeed for a woman who is the great-granddaughter of **Sigmund Freud**, **Emma, 55**, is not given to over-analysing her position and is, ostensibly, happy to share **Richard's** life and their homes in *Notting Hill*, *Henley* and *Suffolk*.

Even if **Curtis's** last film was called... *About Time*.



Weddings And A Funeral. Indeed for a woman who is the great-granddaughter of Sigmund Freud, Emma, 55, is not given to over-analysing her position and is, ostensibly, happy to share Richard's life and their homes in Notting Hill, Henley and Suffolk.

★ If it's any consolation, for **Larry Lamb** after being voted out of the *Celebrity Jungle*, he can bask in the praise of a former contestant, **Lady Colin Campbell** - who was once also his lover.

Lady C, 67, who survived her own feisty experience *Down Under* last year, tells me: "I thought he did very well. He was very much the paterfamilias [head of the household] and he's very caring and nurturing." She still keeps "in loose touch" with the former *EastEnders* star, with whom she is pictured when they dated 38 years ago, and of whose romantic process she still retains warm memories.

Of their six months together she enthuses: "It was a wonderful time, he was gloriously attractive, pumping testosterone in all directions. "He was a very naughty boy but we weren't meant for the long haul."



Will his defeat in Richmond cause **Zac Goldsmith** to bow out of public life? Not if his mother **Lady Annabel Goldsmith, 82**, has anything to do with it. "He'll bounce back," she tells me. "I don't know what his plans are but everything is very raw at the moment. What he will do is relax and spend some time with his children. He hasn't had any rest for a long time."

★ Her jealous rivals have always wondered just how **MINNIE DRIVER** managed to be so successful when it came to attracting a plethora of alpha males, with an exhausting list of paramours that have included **Matt Damon, John Cusack, Josh Brolin and Matt LeBlanc**.

Indeed the Hollywood-based actress joked about her love life: "There was one time I realised I'd slept with a whole billboard! My sister pointed it out when we were driving past and we laughed so hard."

Now **Minnie**, who grew up in *Mayfair* but moved to *California* when she hit the big time in *Good Will Hunting*, has disclosed that her winning way with men is: treat them like dogs.

Says **Minnie, 46**, who is now entwined with writer **Neville Wakefield**: "The best training I ever received in my understanding of boys was having *Labradors*. They need three things: to be run a lot, to be fed a lot and to be loved a lot. If you can cover those three bases, you're good to go."

"We women tend to over-complicate relationships with our men, which we should never do because they're very simple creatures - not simple as in stupid but simple in the best way, meaning straightforward and pragmatic."



The only way is downhill

The producers of *The Jump* are getting desperate in their search for celebrities prepared to master various winter sports for the show. Not surprising really, given its poor ratings and a propensity to land contestants in hospital (**Ola Jordan, Rebecca Adlington** and **Tina Hobley** are among those who have sustained injuries after tumbling in the snow).

Channel Four's latest signing for the next series is **Lydia Bright**. Who? Well, for the uninitiated, she is a star of the ITV show *The Only Way Is Essex*, and has her own fashion shop in *Brentwood*. So there.

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Anyway, the best of luck to **Miss Bright**, who is no stranger to injuring herself on television. She put a fish hook through her finger while on *Bear Grylls's* show *The Island*. But she might need some protection against the priapic **Spencer**.



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★ A seasonal tip from **Kirstie Allsopp**: "Don't be a Christmas martyr," she advises. "If your family are coming, send out an email saying, 'I'm sure you don't want me to be a tired grump, so tell me what your strong point is and that can be your job'."

And another one from **Heston Blumenthal**: "Only invite numerous people to your Christmas dinner if you think you can cope. I've lost count of the number of people I've met who invited over 20 guests to their house and subsequently went mad with stress as a result."



★ What's the food that makes **Bake Off** winner **Candice Brown, 31**, really happy? "Chicken nuggets are my ultimate guilty pleasure," she purrs. "There's something so simple and innocent about the nugget. I'd eat them every day if I could."

★ Is **Eamonn Holmes, 57**, likely to have his collar felt as the latest celebrity accused of inappropriate behaviour? "He once twanged a woman's bikini straps on holiday, thinking it was me," reveals his wife and *This Morning* co-host **Ruth Langford, 56**.

★ The builders are working overtime at *Sandringham*, with orders to get the house's biggest room ready in time for the Royal Family's Christmas. The gilded ballroom has remained closed for the past few months for "essential repairs".

The ballroom plays a big part in the royal festivities. It is where they all gather on Christmas Eve to receive presents from the Queen and on a table at one end **HM keeps the hand-cut wooden jig saw she starts each December**.

A fresh puzzle is sent to her every year by the *British Jigsaw Library*, based in *Wiltshire*. And **we betide anyone** who tries to complete it before she does.

★ This should give **Prince Harry** something to laugh about with his squeeze **Meghan Markle**. An American magazine is trumpeting a "cross-dressing scandal which will shock the royals", after obtaining photographs exposing **Meghan's** half-brother **Tom Markle** as "a moustachioed transvestite", including one of him in a party dress fondling an ample pair of false breasts. It's unlikely to disturb **Harry**, given some of the louche fancy-dress parties he enjoyed while in the Army.

★ **Fay Weldon** recalls the time she was invited to a writers' reception at *Buckingham Palace* with fellow author **Beryl Bainbridge**, who became tetchy after being told by a flunkie that she could not smoke. "She was telling this woman what a terribly boring party it was," says **Fay**. "Someone dragged her away, telling her, 'You can't speak to the Queen like that!'"

"Oh dear," said **Beryl**. "I thought it was *Verla Lynn*."

★ It's just as well that **Darren McGrady** is no longer a chef in the royal kitchens, given his antipathy to corgis.

What really annoyed him was that along with devising dishes for the Queen (she says she preferred the blander the better) he also had to prepare fare for her poodles. "We actually had a royal menu for the corgis," discloses **Darren**, who now runs a catering company in *Texas*.

"I would list each day what the dogs were to have. One day it would be beef, the next day chicken, then lamb, then rabbit."

"The worst time was flying with the Queen to *Scotland*, when we'd have to be in suits and the dogs would lie by your feet and get hairs everywhere. You'd try to push them away without them yelping. They're nasty, yapp little dogs."



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