

Court & Social

Court Circular



WINDSOR CASTLE

April 29th
His Excellency Mr Sidya Ould Elhadj was received in audience by The Queen today via video link and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador from the Islamic Republic of Mauritania to the Court of St James's.

Her Excellency Ms Simona Leskovar was received in audience by Her Majesty via video link and presented the Letters of Recall of her predecessor and her own Letters of Credence as Ambassador from the Republic of Slovenia to the Court of St James's.

Sir Philip Barton (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs) was present.

KENSINGTON PALACE

April 29th
The Duke of Cambridge, Joint Patron, the Royal Foundation of The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, this morning held a Meeting for the Earthshot Prize via video link.

His Royal Highness, Joint Patron, the Royal Foundation of The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, this afternoon held a Meeting with Ambassador Caroline Kennedy (Honorary President of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation) via video link.

Forthcoming marriage

Mr J. Pargeter and Miss A. Pendleton

The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Richard Pargeter, of Faringdon, Oxfordshire, and Romney Pargeter, of Buscot, Oxfordshire, and Alice, younger daughter of John and Christine Pendleton, of Clunton, Shropshire.

The marriage is planned for summer 2021.

Online ref: 594560

RAF appointments

Air Cdre P.T.G. Lester to be promoted Air Vice-Marshal in the RAFR and appointed to the Senior Directing Staff of the Royal College of Defence Studies, London, with effect from May 4, 2021, in succession to Air Vice-Marshal J. Philliban.
Air Cdre M.R. Flewin to be Head of Operations, Plans and Training, United Kingdom Space Command, RAF High Wycombe, in May 2021. This is a new post.
Air Cdre D.K.R. Daborn to be Assistant Chief of Staff Medical, Headquarters Air Command, and Head RAF Medical Services in August 2021 in succession to Air Cdre D.C. McLoughlin, who will attend the Royal College of

ST JAMES'S PALACE

April 29th
The Earl of Wessex, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this morning held a Meeting via video link.

His Royal Highness later spoke to representatives from health, education and charitable organisations across Tyne and Wear via video link, at which Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Tyne and Wear (Mrs Susan Winfield) was present.

The Earl of Wessex afterwards spoke to representatives from young people's organisations across Tyne and Wear via video link.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

April 29th
The Princess Royal, President, National Equine Forum, today presented the Sir Colin Spedding Award.

Her Royal Highness, President, British Olympic Association, this afternoon attended the Executive Board Meeting via video link.

The Princess Royal afterwards attended the Weir Group's One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration Meeting via video link, at which Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Glasgow (Councillor Philip Braat, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost) was present.

KENSINGTON PALACE

April 29th
The Duke of Gloucester, Vice Patron, National Churches Trust, this afternoon attended the book launch of "the Treasures of English Churches: Witnesses to the History of a Nation" via video link.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Honorary President, the Lawn Tennis Association, this afternoon held a Meeting with Mr David

Rawlinson (President) and Mrs Sandra Procter (Deputy President) via video link.

For more details about the Royal Family visit the Royal website at www.royal.uk

Today's birthdays

The King of Sweden is 75.
Lord Sanderson of Bowden, company chairman, 88; Sir Keith Povey, HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary, 2002-05, 78; the Rev Prof Paul Fiddes, Professor of Systematic Theology, University of Oxford, and Director of Research, Regent's Park College, Oxford, 2007-19, 74; Sir Brian Langstaff, a former High Court Judge, Northern Ireland, 73; Mr Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary-General, 72; Mr Kenneth Pyne, cartoonist, 70; Lord Darroch of Kew, former diplomat; 67; Lord Kitchin, a Justice of the Supreme Court, 66; Mr Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada, 2006-2015, 62; Sir Geoffrey Cox, QC, MP, 61; Miss Diana Vernon, Headmistress, City of London School for Girls, 2007-14, 60; Ms Justine Greening, former Conservative Cabinet Minister, 52; Mr Jamie Staff, racing cyclist and coach; World and Olympic Champion, 48; Mr David Stone, cyclist; Paralympic gold medallist, mixed road race T1-2 and bronze medallist, mixed time trial T1-2, London 2012, 40; and Mr Jonathan Brownlee, duathlete and triathlete; Olympic bronze medallist, triathlon, London 2012, and silver medallist, Rio 2016, 31.

Today is the anniversary of the inauguration of Gen George Washington as first President of the United States in 1789 and of the suicide of Adolf Hitler in 1945.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

The Daily Telegraph

LONDON, SATURDAY APRIL 30, 1921

NEW BETTING SYSTEM. MAJOR'S AMAZING STORY.

What has been described as an amazing story of human credulity was continued at the Marylebone Police-court yesterday at the remand hearing of a prosecution against Maudsley John Dudley, commission agent, of Spanish-place-mansions, W.; Alfred Dean, independent, of Curzon-street, W.; and James Brennan, professional backer of horses, of Warrington-gardens, W., on a charge of conspiring with a fourth man, Ernest Rhodes, to obtaining £2,000 and £300 by fraud from Major Ballantyne Alexander Large, a shipbroker, of 23, Longridge-road, Earl's-court.

Mr. Herbert Muskett, solicitor, prosecuted; Mr. Huntly Jenkins defended Dudley, and Mr. Turrell and Mr. King were counsel for Dean and Brennan.

Major Large, continuing his story, stated that on July 27 Brennan called for him at the De Vere Hotel in a motor-car and drove him and Rhodes to Goodwood. On the course they met Dudley, who explained that he and Brennan would be busy in Tattersall's Ring. After the second race Dudley came out and said he had backed a horse for Rhodes, and the witness and they had won £500 each. Witness said he had not authorised the transaction, and having thanked Dudley he told him he did not wish to invest any further money in racing. Just before the Stewards Cup was run Major Large said he ascertained from a bookmaker that the price of Pth was 20 to 1, and having mentioned the fact to Dudley he said it was very strange the price should have altered to that extent, seeing

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Deaths

BARRETT.—Sally died peacefully after a long illness on 27th April 2021, aged 78. Beloved wife to Peter and much loved mother to Fiona (Mark) and Helen (William) and Granny to Ammie, Harry and Josh. Donations, if desired, to the Thames Hospice.
Online ref: A249438

BIBBY.—Ann Mary (née Chessher) died peacefully at home on 26th April at the age of 93. Beloved mother to Sarah, Juliet and Nicola and Granny to Emily, Victoria, Thomas, Will and Sarah. She will be greatly missed. Private family funeral. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to The Donkey Sanctuary or Naomi House c/o A.H. Freemantle, 46 South St, Titchfield, PO14 4DY.
Online ref: A249419

BRAMBLEY.—Frank Wg Cdr, AFC ret'd. Passed away on 26th April at the Royal United Hospital, Bath. Husband of Sheila, father to Paul and Ian, father-in-law to Jo, Grandpa to Sophie and William. Family funeral on 13th May.
Online ref: A249440

CHADWYCK-HEALEY.—Nicholas Gerald, on 24th April 2021, aged 74, from cancer. Much loved father of Cherry and Gerald and stepfather of Paul and Edward. Private funeral. Donations in lieu of flowers to Cancer Research UK would be much appreciated.
Online ref: A249431

CROSS.—Jean Margaret at home on 20th April, aged 86 years. Private funeral service. Family flowers only by request. Donations, if desired, can be sent directly to the British Heart Foundation. Enquiries please to Sally Hunter M.S. Independent Funeral Directors. Tel: 01695 424888.
Online ref: 594693

GUTH.—Winifred (Peggy) died peacefully at her nursing home on 27th April aged 102. She will be greatly missed by her many friends. Donations, if wished, to Meadow House Hospice, Ealing Hospital, UB1 3HW.
Online ref: 594702

MAKEPEACE.—Commander Alan (Max) Edwin Makepeace RN (ret'd), passed away peacefully at home on 28th April, after a short illness. Much loved father of Stephen and Helen, father-in-law, grandfather and great grandfather.
Online ref: A249439

NICKERSON.—Dr Edward George. Died on 15th April 2021 near Romsey, aged 98 years. Husband of Beryl and father of the late Simon. Teacher at Ryde, Isle of Wight; Headteacher and diplomat in Zambia. Doctorate awarded by Stanford University for his work on apartheid.
Online ref: 594667

RENNISON.—Patricia (Gosforth). Passed away peacefully on April 24th, aged 90 years. Loved mother, grandmother and aunt. A private service will be held at Saltwell Crematorium. All enquiries to John Bardgett Funeral Directors. Tel: 0191 2739292.
Online ref: 594634

ROWLAND.—Mark Brinley, died unexpectedly aged 55 on 6th April 2021. Beloved husband of Helen, devoted father to Arabella, Esta and Molly. Much loved brother of Nick, nephew, cousin and friend to so many. He will be greatly missed by us all. Private family funeral. Service of thanksgiving to be advised in due course. No flowers please.
Online ref: A249446

SPENCER.—Johnny died at home in Kent on 20th February 2021, aged 71. Artist, writer, collector, provocateur and musicologist. Beloved father, husband, brother, son, uncle and godfather. Johnny was a critical friend to many and will be remembered as a man of great charm, kindness, humour and style. For all of us who went along with him for any part of his journey, it was full of laughter and insight, discovery and challenge but most of all love and happiness. Survived by his wife Jacqueline, son John, mother Pat and sister Lesley. Funeral was held at St Leonard's, Badlesmere, on 30th March.
Online ref: A249445

WINANDY.—Brenda Frances died peacefully at home on 20th April 2021, aged 87. Much loved mother to Denise and Helen, and Nanna to Callum, Charlotte, James, Sophie and Josef. Any enquiries to W.C. Littleproud & Son Funeral Directors, Dereham, Norfolk. Tel: 01362 695458.
Online ref: A249447

Acknowledgments

LANGTRY.—(Peterculter). Alison would like to thank all family and friends for the cards, flowers, calls, and support during this difficult and sad time. Thanks to Brian Smith Funeral Services, and to Meg Taylor for her comforting service. Finally, thank you to all who donated to MIND.
Online ref: 594694

In memoriam

HARTWELL.—Edward Cyril, died on 30th April 2020. A year ago we lost a wonderful father, grandfather and great grandfather. Please join us in raising a glass to him today. Always in our thoughts. Susan, Jane and Philippa. If you would like to make a donation in Eddie's memory to the RNLI please use the link below - thank you. www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jane-miller25
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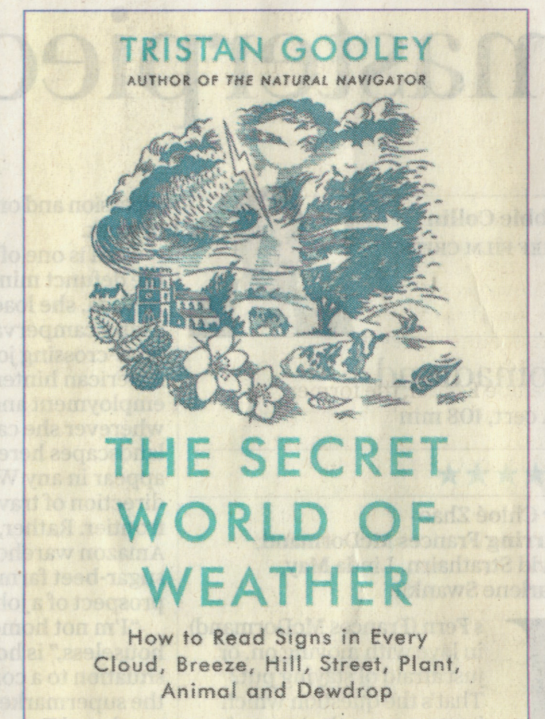
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All aboard! A brand new production of the timeless musical comedy *Anything Goes* is set to make a splash in London's West End. The hit show based on Cole Porter's musical opens this July. Megan Mullally (*Will & Grace*) stars as the delectable Reno Sweeney with

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Head RAF Medical Services in August 2021 in succession to Air Cdre D.C. McLoughlin, who will attend the Royal College of Defence Studies.
Gp Capt N.J.A. Huntley to be Deputy Support Force Commander and A4 Force Element Commander with effect from July 8, 2021. This is a new post.

Diplomatic news

Ms Natacha Alexander has been appointed as the next UK Permanent Representative to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris in succession to Mr Chris Sharrock. Ms Alexander will hold the personal rank of Ambassador and is due to take up her appointment during June 2021.

Bridge news

The Lambourne Jersey Festival of Bridge is taking place online this year, writes **Julian Pottage**, **Bridge Correspondent**, and two of the festival's main events, the Swiss Pairs Championship and the Multiple Teams Championship, have concluded. The winners are:

Swiss Pairs: 1st Jill Skinner and Jeremy Willans, 159 VPs; 2nd Paul Reed and John Honey, 158 VPs; and 3rd Brian Senior and Nigel Bird, 157 VPs.

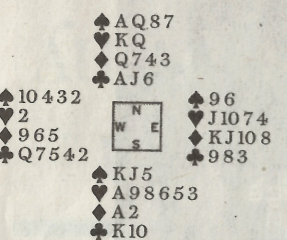
Multiple Teams: 1st Jeremy Willans, Jill Skinner, Ian Draper and Gwyneth Davies, 97 VPs; 2nd Nick Stevens, Clive Owen, Giles Ip and Andy Cope, 91 VPs; and 3rd Colin Wilson, Diana Avis, Frances Connell and Gerald Soper, 89 VPs.

Bridge Hand

Troubles on tour

By Tom Townsend

Dealer North Love all



West	North	East	South
pass	1♦	pass	1♥
pass	2NT(1)	pass	3♥(2)
pass	3NT	pass	4♣(3)
pass	4♥	pass	4NT(4)
pass	5♦(5)	dble(6)	6♥
pass	pass	pass	pass

- 18-19 balanced
- Six-plus hearts, forcing
- Cue-bid, hearts as trumps
- Roman Key Card Blackwood
- Zero or three out of five
- Requesting a diamond lead

Contract 6♥ by South
Opening Lead ♦5

THE FIRST big World Bridge Tour (WBT) event ended in controversial fashion. Apple played France Sud in one semifinal of the Masters. Midway through this long match on BBO, Apple's Pierre Franceschetti typed something in French to his left-hand opponent, Philippe Poizat. This was in full public view, and amounted to an accusation of cheating in the bidding of the previous hand.

France Sud, aggrieved that Franceschetti had not been immediately removed from the

Large said he ascertained from a bookmaker that the price of Pthah was 20 to 1, and having mentioned the fact to Dudley he said it was very strange the price should have altered to that extent, seeing that his voucher showed only 14 to 1. Dudley seemed very excited, said the market had all gone wrong; he was unable to lay the money off, and they all stood to lose a lot of money.

Mr. Muskett: Did Pthah win? - No, it didn't. Rhodes seemed very upset and said he could not afford to lose £9,000 like that. After one of the races Dudley came running up to Rhodes and witness on the lawn, and, apologising for not having been able to find them before the race, said he had backed a horse in the race then running for £1,500 for both Rhodes and witness, because he felt responsible for their losses and it would pull them out. Witness demurred, but Rhodes seemed quite pleased Major Large said he did not know the name of the horse, but it lost, and Dudley said, "Now you owe £1,000."

About Sept. 10 the major said he called at Spanish-place-mansions in response to a telephone message. Dudley said he felt responsible for witness's losses at Goodwood, and as a unique opportunity had arisen concerning racing in Paris, he had decided to let him into the business so that he could square up the losses. A certain horse, he said, had been kept for a certain race in Paris and it was arranged that the horse should win. He could not divulge the name, but it would win at not less than 6 to 1, and he and his friends were investing thousands of pounds. He then offered to allow witness to invest £500, but said he could not possibly allow more. The major replied that he had not the money, but in the result he gave Dudley a cheque for £300.

Mr. Muskett: You hadn't learnt your lesson? - No.

Dudley explained that it was a cash transaction made with French bookmakers. On Sept. 13 Major Large said he crossed with Rhodes to France, and having met Dudley, they travelled to Paris. Next day they attended a racecourse outside Paris. Dudley refused to divulge the name of the horse he had referred to until it went to the post, but as four horses were passing the stand he pointed to one as Dawn and said that was the horse on which witness's money had been invested and it would win. As a matter of fact it lost - it ran a bad third.

Chess

Jones melts away

By Malcolm Pein

ENGLAND international Gawain Jones had a bruising introduction to the Meltwater Tour on Chess24, as he lost his last eight games to end with just 3/15 in the preliminary rounds. Jones started reasonably well and was on 2/4 before he was bluffed by Levon Aronian in the fifth round and lost a complex endgame after 104 moves. Two draws followed, before the losing run. To his credit, Jones kept playing aggressively and victory over Alireza Firouzja should have been his.

Magnus Carlsen remained undefeated, although he was put under pressure by Hikaru Nakamura and was busted for a move against Jan-Krzysztof Duda. Carlsen's eagerly awaited battle with 15-year-old Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa did not disappoint. The youngster secured a slight edge and even turned down a draw by repetition, before Carlsen held a rook and pawn endgame. Carlsen topped the 16-player field with 10.5/15. Nakamura scored 9.5/15, as did Shak Mamedyarov, who played this wonderful sacrificial attack arising from the rarely-played Blumenfeld Gambit which secures Black a strong centre and queenside pressure for the pawn.

With the characteristic Blumenfeld plan of 13...Qe8!, Shak starts a kingside attack as well.

J-K. Duda - S. Mamedyarov
 NIC Classic Prelim. Chess24.com
 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nb3 c5 4.d5 b5
 5.dxe6 fxe6 6.cxb5 d5 7.g3 a6
 8.bxa6 Nc6 9.Bg2 Be7 10.0-0 0-0
 11.Nc3 Bxa6 12.b3 h6 13.Bb2 Qe8!
 14.Rc1 Qh5 15.Re1! (Not 15.Na4
 Ne4 16.Nd2? Bxe2 and if 16.a3 Bb5

PLEASANT—Anthony John passed away on 12th April aged 91. Adored husband to Anne, and much loved father of Brandon and Suzanne, his guidance and support will be forever in our hearts. Enquiries to Cooper & Son, Uckfield, E Sussex. Tel: 01825 763763.
 Online ref: 594627

RANK—The Honourable Moira, peacefully on 22nd April 2021, aged 101. Beloved wife to Peter Woodwork (d. 1943) and Joe (d. 1999). Much loved mother of Caroline, Colin and Camilla, adored grandmother and great grandmother. Private funeral at Kemble Church on 18th May at 12 noon. No flowers please. Donations to The Nehemiah Project. www.tnp.org.uk
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 Matthew 5.8

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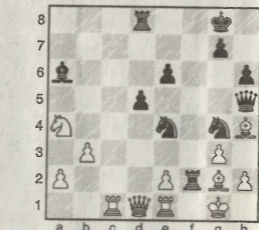
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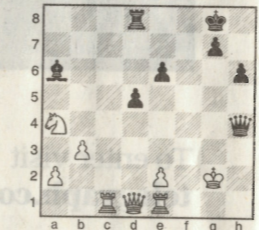
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21.Bxe4 Rxe2 22.Bf3 Rxe4!
 23.gxh4 Qxh4 24.Bxg4 Qxg4+
 25.Kh2 Qh4+ 26.Kg2 Black to play and win:



Answer:
 26...d4!!
 Rd4 and Rh5 is the hidden point of
 26...d4!! 27.Nc5 Qg4+ 0-1 28.Rh2

The hit show based on Cole Porter's musical opens this July. Megan Mullally (*Will & Grace*) stars as the delectable Reno Sweeney, with Olivier- and Tony-award winner Robert Lindsay (*My Family*) as Moonface Martin, national treasure Felicity Kendal (*The Good Life*) as Evangeline Harcourt and much-loved West End legend Gary Wilmot as Elisha J. Whitney.

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Southwark Pipeline Installation Project

IOG UK Ltd has made an application for consent to the Oil and Gas Authority ("the OGA") in relation to the above project.

Summary of Project

Installation of an offshore subsea 5.67km 24" pipeline between the Thames pipeline, and the Southwark platform, located in Block numbers 49/21c and 49/26 approximately 52km from the Norfolk coast between December 2021 and March 2022.

Environmental Impact Assessment and Consent Process

In accordance with the above-mentioned Regulations, the project is subject to an environmental impact assessment procedure.

The OGA is responsible for deciding whether or not to grant consent for the project, but agreement to the grant of consent must be obtained from the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy ("the Secretary of State") prior to consent being granted. The Secretary of State's decision on whether to agree to the grant of consent is based on the environmental impact assessment for the project.

The range of possible decisions in response to the application of consent is:

- the Secretary of State agrees to the OGA's grant of consent following the Secretary of State's conclusion regarding the environmental effects of the project, and the OGA grants consent, so the project may proceed;
- the Secretary of State refuses to agree to the OGA's grant of consent following the Secretary of State's conclusion regarding the environmental effects of the project, so the project may not proceed; or
- the Secretary of State agrees to the OGA's grant of consent following the Secretary of State's conclusion regarding the environmental effects of the project, but the OGA does not grant consent, so the project may not proceed.

Where the Secretary of State agrees to the grant of consent, conditions that IOG UK Ltd must comply with may be attached to the agreement, including environmental conditions to avoid, prevent, reduce or offset any significant adverse effects on the environment, and measure to monitor such conditions.

Notice of the decisions of the Secretary of State and OGA decisions for the project will be published at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-2020-eia-regulations#environmental-impact-assessments-eia> where information on the Secretary of State's decision to agree to or refuse to agree to the grant of consent will also be made available.

Access to Further Information

Copies of this notice, the summary of the project and the Environmental Statement can be viewed and downloaded at <https://www.io.gov.uk/assets/core-project-phase-1/southwark/> and at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-2020-eia-regulations#environmental-impact-assessments-eia>. Access shall remain at least three months after the date on which the Secretary of State publishes the notice under Regulation 16(1) (publication of consent decisions).

A copy of the Environmental Statement and summary of the project may also be obtained by post or email. Requests should be made to IOG plc, Endeavour House, 189 Shaftesbury Avenue, London, WC2H 8JR, by email to info@iog.co.uk or by telephone +44 (0) 20 7036 1400 by 31/05/2021.

Public Consultation

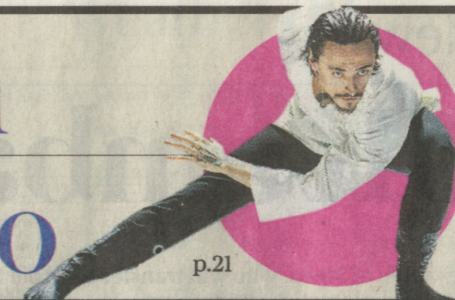
Representations, comments or questions relating to the project may be made to the Secretary of State by 31/05/2021. All representations should quote reference number D/4257/2020 and may be made by letter or by email to:

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 AB1 Building, Crimon Place, Aberdeen, AB10 1BJ, BST@beis.gov.uk

Judicial Review

A person aggrieved by the grant of consent for a project may use the procedure to apply for judicial review regarding the decisions made in respect of this project. A court may allow proceedings to challenge a decision made in respect of the Regulations.

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Distancing not needed at big events, PM to be told

Report to say crowds can return from June 21 after trials with fans found no increase in Covid cases

By Ben Riley-Smith POLITICAL EDITOR

SOCIAL distancing can be scrapped from June 21 for large events, the Prime Minister will be told next week, after initial results from a pilot scheme found no spike in Covid cases among attendees.

An interim report into the reopening trials will advise Boris Johnson that crowds can return safely and without social distancing, provided measures such as staggering entries and good ventilation are put in place.

Government scientists have been monitoring the impact of letting fans back into the FA Cup semi-final, Carabao Cup final and the snooker World Championships.

Conclusions based on the early data are contained in the report and covering note to be given to ministers next week, details of which *The Daily Telegraph* has obtained.

The science board on the Events

Johnson revealed his roadmap in February that sports events, theatres, cinemas and business conferences can reopen again with packed crowds in June.

A source familiar with the report said ministers will be told the pilots have shown "there are some effective ways to manage risk that could remove the need to have social distancing at events".

The mitigating measures to be named in the report include staggered entry times, clear communication with attendees and better ventilation at indoor venues.

The conclusions will be framed as an "initial view" from scientists, with more pilot events coming next month, as well as reflecting the low levels of Covid-19 currently in the country.

A string of much-anticipated decisions about the shape of life in Britain for the rest of the year are expected in the next two months.

Rows are already playing out about when and how borders will reopen for summer holidays, why vaccinated people cannot enjoy more freedoms and the degree to which Covid "passports" should be used within the UK.

Yesterday it emerged British and for

Starmer on the paper trail



CHRISTOPHER FURLONG



Judith Woods Gen-Z are kind to everyone – apart from their elders

Features



are contained in the report and covering note to be given to ministers next week, details of which *The Daily Telegraph* has obtained.

The science board on the Events Research Programme, which is being run by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, has found that many of the protective measures put in place in the trial events appear to be working.

It is the clearest indication since Mr

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2,445
DAILY CORONAVIRUS CASES

-8.6%
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127,502
DEATHS **+22**

summer holidays, why vaccinated people cannot enjoy more freedoms and the degree to which Covid "passports" should be used within the UK.

Yesterday it emerged British and foreign tourists with a "health pass" – either offering proof of vaccination or a negative PCR test – will be able to visit France again from June 9, according to leaked plans.

Two major stages remain in Mr Johnson's reopening "roadmap" – May 17, when indoor mixing will be allowed again and the overseas holiday ban could lift; and June 21, when the vast majority of other restrictions are expected to end.

Throughout April and May the Government has been trialling the reopening of events with large crowds, both indoor and outdoor, in the hope of allowing full reopenings from June 21.

The events were designed in conjunction with government scientists who monitor everything from Covid case levels and air flow, to crowd behaviour and points of gathering.

Already 4,000 people have attended the FA Cup semi-final and 8,000 people

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Sir Keir Starmer took a not-so-subtle dig at the Prime Minister yesterday when the Labour leader visited the Manchester branch of the John Lewis department store and allowed himself to be photographed eyeing up some gold wallpaper *Report: Page 6*

Tech giants face racism crackdown

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SOCIAL media giants that fail to crack down on racism will face multimillion-pound fines under new duty-of-care laws to be unveiled next month.

On the eve of football's weekend boycott of social media over abuse, *The Daily Telegraph* can disclose that racism will for the first time be proscribed in law as an Ofcom-regulated online harm.

Firms repeatedly failing to take down racist posts and tackle perpetrators face fines of up to 10 per cent of their global turnover or £18million, whichever is higher. The online harms Bill, to be

unveiled in the Queen's Speech next month, will define racism as a statutory online harm alongside anti-Semitism and the promotion of suicide or self-harm.

From 3pm today English Football goes silent on social media until 11.59pm on Monday in protest at the failure of the tech platforms to prevent abuse. Organisations including the Football Association, Premier League and EFL, will suspend their accounts, joined by bodies representing rugby, cricket, tennis, cycling, darts and sports broadcasters.

Writing in *The Daily Telegraph*, Steve Hatch, a senior Facebook executive, says it has "clear rules" against hate speech but cannot stop people being

prejudiced. "Zero tolerance doesn't mean zero incidence," he writes. "We can't stop people from being prejudiced, or from typing abuse."

Ofcom will also get powers to protect free speech by stopping "woke" social media firms removing controversial comments by politicians or Right-wing commentators. It will be able to intervene to protect "freedom of expression" and "content of democratic importance". It follows YouTube's removal of Julia Hartley-Brewer's lockdown comments and Twitter's decision to close Donald Trump's account.

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BUSINESS

NatWest would move to London if Scots split

NatWest will move its headquarters out of Scotland after 294 years if the country becomes independent, chief executive Alison Rose has said.

Ms Rose said the bailed-out bank would be forced to act because it is simply too big for the Scottish economy to support. The lender – which last year changed its name from Royal Bank of Scotland – holds around £770 billion of assets, almost five times Scotland's GDP. The warning comes days before Scots go to the polls.

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NEWS

Blood pressure pills 'can benefit all adults'

All adults would benefit from taking a daily blood pressure pill to cut their risk of heart attack and stroke, a study has found. Oxford University concluded that reducing blood pressure was protective even when it was within what is considered to be the healthy range. In what is being described as a "paradigm shift", it found that one daily dose cut the risk of serious cardiovascular disease by about 10 per cent, regardless of a person's blood pressure to start with.

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NEWS

A full house of female ambassadors

The UK's first female ambassador to France means all UK ambassadorships in key postings around the world are now held by women. It was announced yesterday that Menna Rawlings had been appointed Her Majesty's Ambassador to the French Republic. She joins other senior female ambassadors including Dame Karen Pierce in Washington, Caroline Wilson in Beijing, Jill Gallard in Berlin, Deborah Bronnert in Moscow, Jill Morris in Rome and Julia Longbottom in Tokyo.

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SPORT

Lord's gets its first look at the Hundred

English cricket's new Hundred concept was trialled yesterday for the first time when two MCC women's teams did battle at the sport's spiritual home of Lord's. Each innings of 100 balls was split into 20 five-ball segments, with the progress of play displayed on a simplified scoreboard. The term "wickets" was still in use following the outcry over a proposed change of the vocabulary to "outs". The new competition will begin officially on July 21.

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