

2 LINDA AND ANNE NOLAN

Sisters both diagnosed with cancer



Linda and Anne Nolan, two members of Irish pop group The Nolans, have revealed they are both battling cancer again, with the sisters receiving their diagnoses just days apart.

Anne, 69, was diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer in April, while Linda, 62, was told she had incurable liver cancer days later. A statement on the Nolans' Twitter feed said: "For the past few months during lockdown, Linda and Anne have been battling cancer and chemotherapy together. We will get through this together, as a family."

Anne was previously diagnosed with the disease in 2000, with Linda also battling different forms of cancer in 2006, 2007 and 2017.

The siblings' current cancer battles come seven years after they and their younger sister Coleen, 55, lost another sister, Bernie, to breast cancer in July 2013, aged 52.

4 THE QUEEN

Sends sympathy after Beirut explosion



The Queen has sent a message of condolence to the President of the Republic of Lebanon following a devastating explosion in the capital Beirut. Writing on behalf of herself and husband the Duke of Edinburgh, Her Majesty said they were "deeply saddened" by the news of the incident that occurred in the city's port.

In the message, shared by Buckingham Palace online, she added: "Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of those who have been injured or lost their lives, and all those whose homes and livelihoods have been affected."

The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall also sent a message to President Michel Aoun in which they described last week's explosion as an "unimaginable devastation". At least 137 people have been reported dead and 5,000 injured, with up to 300,000 left homeless.

3 WILL YOUNG

Twin brother Rupert dies aged 41



Rupert Young, the twin brother of British singer Will Young, has died aged 41. A spokesperson for the former *Pop Idol* winner confirmed his brother's death and asked for privacy for the family during this "very difficult and sad time".

Rupert suffered from mental health issues for several years, being diagnosed with dysthymia – a depressive mood condition – in 2005. Will's brother had also previously been open about his battle with alcoholism, which led him to set up The Mood Foundation in 2008.

In a 2008 interview, Rupert told *The Telegraph* he had "suffered from addiction, self-harm and major depression", and had found his brother's success difficult to deal with.

"It seemed bizarre to me that two people who are genetically the same could behave in such different ways," he said.

5 JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE

Second child for star and wife Jessica Biel



US singer Justin Timberlake and his actress wife Jessica Biel have welcomed a baby boy, their second child together.

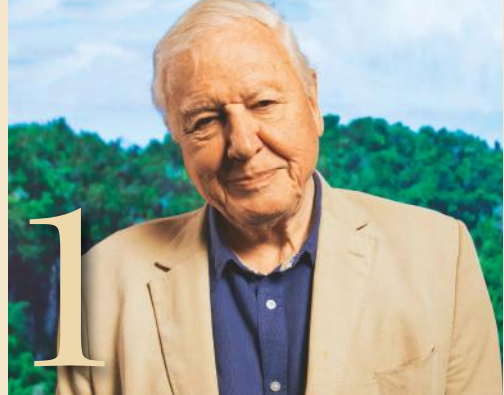
Jessica, 38, secretly gave birth in July, with Justin's friend and collaborator Brian McKnight confirming the news last week in an interview with *Hollywood Life*.

Brian said: "He just had a new baby. I think that's going to be really inspiring for him and he'll have some new music based on that, I'm sure."

Justin, 39, and Jessica are already parents to five-year-old son Silas and the couple are said to be enjoying life as a family of four at home in Big Sky, Montana, in the Rocky Mountains.

The pair first started dating in 2007 and got engaged in 2011. They married the following year in a star-studded ceremony in Puglia, Italy, covered in **HELLO!** magazine.

STORY OF THE WEEK



Sir David Attenborough and rapper Dave in TV tie-up

Legendary broadcaster Sir David Attenborough has joined forces with British rapper Dave for a one-off special episode of the Bafta-award-winning nature show *Planet Earth*.

The one-hour show, titled *Planet Earth: A Celebration*, will feature eight memorable moments from previous series *Planet Earth II* and *Blue Planet* set to new music. The programme will be narrated by Sir David, 94, with Dave, 22, playing the piano alongside the BBC Concert Orchestra.

Brit award winner Dave said: "I've always been a fan of powerful natural history documentaries. This is a programme where nature and music come together, so it was only right that I lent my talent, my time and my attention to this project."

Dave added that it was a pleasure to work with "legend" Sir David for the broadcast.

"He has shown what it means to care for something and have a passion, and that translates to all walks of life who can take David Attenborough's ethos towards nature and apply it to anything that you do – and that inspires me."

Famous German composer Hans Zimmer, 64, has also worked on the upcoming BBC1 special, writing a selection of new compositions and adapting original scores to complement the wildlife action displayed on screen. Viewers can expect to see an octopus fighting off a shark and a just-born baby iguana fleeing from some snakes. The programme, which is due to air this summer, will be Sir David's first natural history programme of 2020.

Lord Hall, the BBC director-general, said: "This thrilling journey around the world promises to lift everyone's spirits."

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Quote of the week

'In primary school, a boy wrote on a bit of paper: "Name: Leigh-Anne. Age: Nine. Nationality: Jungle." I saw it and my heart just dropped'

Little Mix's Leigh-Anne Pinnock recalls the racism she experienced as a child



6 DAME SHIRLEY BASSEY

Legendary diva announces swansong album



Dame Shirley Bassey is to release one last album to thank fans for 70 years in showbusiness. The 83-year-old's next album will be her first one in more than five years and will feature new songs alongside classic tracks that reflect her life and career.

She said: "My new album is a celebration of 70 years in showbiz, 70 years of support from my fans and 70 years of music. I've trodden the boards of many stages and kicked up many a diamante heel. The songs I have chosen all feel very personal and connected to my life."

The Cardiff-born songstress began her career in the 1950s, going on to sell nearly 140 million records. She is the only singer to record three James Bond theme songs, having performed the lead tracks for *Goldfinger*, *Diamonds Are Forever* and *Moonraker*.

7 ANT & DEC

I'm a Celebrity... moves to UK



ITV has announced that this year's series of *I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!* will be filmed in the UK.

The popular reality show will return for its 20th series this autumn, with Ant McPartlin and Declan Donnelly hosting the show live from a ruined castle in the British countryside.

ITV bosses said coronavirus was to blame for the show's change in location, as the team could not return to film in the Springbrook National Park in Queensland, Australia.

Richard Cowles, director of entertainment at ITV Studios, said: "Our celebrities will probably have to swap shorts for thermals, but they can still look forward to a basic diet of rice and beans and plenty of thrills and surprises along the way."

In keeping with the new location, this year's crop of celebrities will now compete to become the first king or queen of the castle.

BEYONCE KNOWLES

Singer's new video features all-star line-up



Beyoncé has unveiled a new video for her 2019 track *Brown Skin Girl*, which includes cameos from supermodel Naomi Campbell, actress Lupita Nyong'o and Beyoncé's Destiny's Child bandmate Kelly Rowland. The six-minute video, which also stars

her eight-year-old daughter Blue Ivy Carter, features the women dressed as debutantes and champions black identity and beauty.

The 38-year-old said: "We wanted every character to be shot in a regal light. Jenn Nkiru [the director] came up with the black debutantes. It was important that we are all in this together and we're all celebrating each other." The song, which refers to Naomi, Lupita and Kelly in the lyrics, appears on new album *Black is King*.

SIAN WILLIAMS

Newsreader to work as NHS therapist



Channel 5 news presenter Sian Williams is to begin work as an NHS trauma counsellor from September.

The ex-BBC newsreader, 55, decided to train as a psychologist shortly after her breast cancer diagnosis and subsequent recovery in 2014. She also cited her medical family as another influence, with Sian's mother and grandmother having been nurses and her son an A&E doctor.

Reflecting on her new off-screen role, the former *BBC Breakfast* host said: "I don't look like a television person when I'm delivering therapy. My hair's scraped back, I'm wearing no make-up."

Sian will continue to present Channel 5 news as well as counselling patients; she is due to complete her psychology doctorate next year.

HARRY MAGUIRE

Footballer 'scared' during Greek police brawl



Manchester United captain Harry Maguire has told how he feared for his life and thought he was being kidnapped during an altercation with plain-clothed Greek police officers who arrested him on the island of Mykonos in August.

The 27-year-old footballer, who was holidaying with his family and fiancée Fern Hawkins, claims their minibus was targeted by officers who struck him and told him his career was over. He told the BBC: "They hit me a lot on the legs. It wasn't on my mind. I was in that much of a panic. Fear. Scared for my life."

The England player was given a suspended sentence in a Greek court last week, but it has been annulled after Harry's lawyers successfully appealed for a retrial.

ALFIE AND SARAH BOE

Tenor splits from wife of 16 years

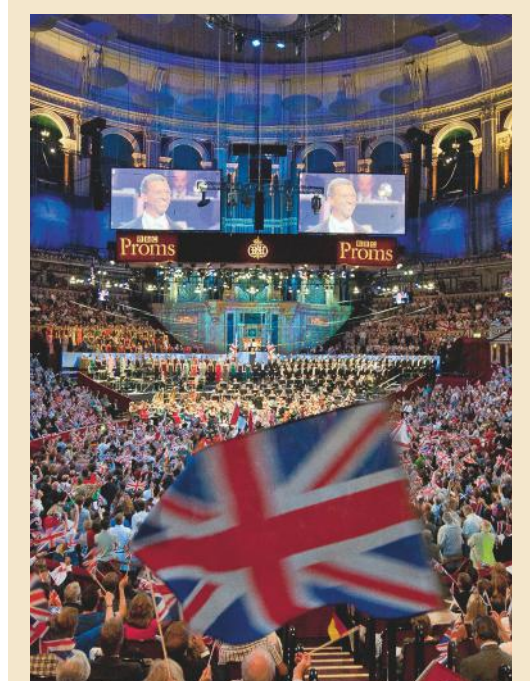


Musical theatre star Alfie Boe has separated from his wife Sarah after 16 years of marriage. Reports claimed the couple had split after increased tension during lockdown and that Alfie has since signed up to celebrity dating app Raya.

In a statement, the 46-year-old said he had split from Sarah but that "other parts of the story though are absolute nonsense". He added: "I have nothing but love and respect for Sarah who's been an incredible partner and an amazing mother to our two beautiful children and everything is very amicable."

The pair met in San Francisco in 2003, when Alfie was rehearsing for opera *La Bohème*, and married a year later. They have two children – Grace, 12, and Alfred, eight.

STORY OF THE WEEK



Boris Johnson wades into BBC Proms row

Prime Minister Boris Johnson has criticised the BBC after it decided not to include singers performing the lyrics to *Land of Hope and Glory* and *Rule, Britannia!* at the Last Night of the Proms.

Last week, the BBC announced that the words to the two British anthems would not be sung because of Covid-19 restrictions – with a smaller orchestra and chorus unable to perform the song properly. Other sources suggested the lyrics had been dropped for their links to colonialism and slavery in the wake of the Black Lives Matter movement.

Boris said: "I think it's time we stopped our cringing embarrassment about our history, about our traditions, and about our culture, and we stopped this general fight of self-recrimination and wetness, I wanted to get that off my chest."

The Prime Minister's comments follow a campaign launched to get Dame Vera Lynn's rendition of *Land of Hope and Glory* to No. 1 in the singles chart in the wake of the BBC decision. The 1994 track reached the top of the UK iTunes music chart within hours of the campaign's launch, which was endorsed online by actor Laurence Fox. The BBC's action also prompted the launch of an online petition calling for the lyrics of the two songs to be reinstated, which received 56,000 signatures.

BBC director general Lord Hall has backed the words-free Last Night, stating: "We have come to the right conclusion, which is a creative conclusion, an artistic conclusion... it is there in a medley of instrumentals playing around sea shanties and all of that and I suspect it will be back next year."

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Quote of the week

'I always wanted to play Wolverine'

Keanu Reeves (left) wishes he'd got his claws into Hugh Jackman's Marvel comic film role



THE QUEEN

Royal nod for British pianist Imogen Cooper



The Queen has selected pianist Imogen Cooper as the winner of Her Majesty's Medal for Music 2019. The classical musician has become the 15th recipient of the annual award.

The 70-year-old pianist has garnered international acclaim for her performances and received a CBE for services to music in 2007. She also established the Imogen Cooper Music Trust in 2015 to help tutor young musicians just starting out in the industry.

In a statement, Imogen said that she was "humbled and honoured" to receive the prestigious award, adding: "I believe that the power of music is like no other within the arts – vitally necessary to calibrate, stimulate, move and nurture us in these turbulent times."

USAIN BOLT

Sprinter tests positive after birthday bash



Retired Jamaican runner Usain Bolt is quarantining after testing positive for coronavirus just days after his 34th birthday celebrations.

A surprise birthday party was thrown for the eight-time Olympic gold medalist and attended by famous friends including England footballer Raheem Sterling – but reports said no social-distancing measures were observed.

Jamaica's health minister Dr Christopher Tufton confirmed the test results and said contact tracing was in progress. In a video on Instagram, Usain said: "I am trying to be responsible so I am going to stay in and stay here for my friends."

Meanwhile, a spokesperson for Manchester City midfielder Raheem, 25, has confirmed he has tested negative for coronavirus.

2 VICK HOPE
DJ and *Strictly* star joins BBC Radio 1



Vick Hope is joining BBC Radio 1 to co-host the station's weekly Sunday evening show. She will present the *Life Hacks* programme, focusing on issues such as mental health and relationships, with Katie Thistleton from 6 September, replacing Cel Spellman, who has left to pursue other opportunities. Vick will also

present *Official Chart: First Look*, discussing the singles charts for the following week.

"Joining the BBC Radio 1 family is an absolute dream come true," said the 30-year-old presenter. "I grew up listening to Radio 1 religiously and am honoured to present *Life Hacks*, a show that is so important to me and so many listeners."

Vick, who appeared on *Strictly Come Dancing* in 2018, co-hosted Capital FM's breakfast show with Roman Kemp for three years, before leaving the station in February.

4 MILLIE MACKINTOSH
Baby Sienna diagnosed with hip problem

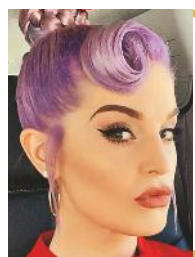


Former *Made in Chelsea* star Millie Mackintosh has revealed her three-month-old daughter Sienna has been diagnosed with hip dysplasia.

Sharing a photo on Instagram of her cradling the little girl, Millie, 31, wrote a lengthy caption detailing the "emotional few days" the family experienced after hearing about the condition, which happens when the ball-and-socket joint of the hip does not properly form.

She said: "I was shocked and saddened to learn she has in fact got developmental hip dysplasia and the treatment is to wear a special harness all the time for 6-12 weeks."

"Apparently, it has a 90% chance of totally correcting her hip, so she hopefully shouldn't need surgery or have any issues with her movement, so we are remaining positive and grateful that we found out early."



Quote of the week

'Yes... I'm bragging because I worked hard and it feels good!!!'

TV star **Kelly Osbourne** (left) refuses to make light of her six-stone weight loss

6 MICHELLE KEEGAN
Our Girl cancelled after star leaves



BBC 1 has announced there will not be a fifth series of its hit army drama *Our Girl* following the departure of its star Michelle Keegan.

The actress, who played Sergeant Georgie Lane for four years, left the show in January to spend more time in the UK with her husband Mark Wright. She had taken on the role in 2016, replacing former *EastEnders* star Lacey Turner.

Speaking last week, *Our Girl* creator Tony Grounds said the series had reached a natural end with Michelle's storyline.

"With the finale of series four showing Georgie ready to move on with her life, it feels like the right time for us to do the same," he said.

However, he added: "Michelle and I are keen to continue our working relationship and who knows? Maybe we'll catch up with Georgie in the future."

3 JENNIFER GREY
Ready to star in *Dirty Dancing* sequel



Jennifer Grey is to star in a *Dirty Dancing* sequel, more than 33 years after appearing in the original film.

The 60-year-old actress, who played Baby Houseman alongside Patrick Swayze as dance teacher Johnny Castle in the 1987 hit romance, has signed on as both star and executive producer.

Little else is known about the project, which will be directed by Jonathan Levine and produced by Lionsgate Films.

"It will be exactly the kind of romantic, nostalgic movie that the franchise's fans have been waiting for and that have made it the biggest-selling library title in the company's history," said Jon Feltheimer, chief executive of Lionsgate.

Dirty Dancing made £164m at the global box office, while its theme song (*I've Had*) *The Time of My Life* won an Oscar, Golden Globe and a Grammy.

5 DWAYNE JOHNSON
Named this year's highest-paid male actor



For the second year in a row, actor Dwayne Johnson has topped *Forbes* magazine's list of the world's highest-earning male film stars.

The ex-wrestler, known as "The Rock", reportedly earned \$87.5m (£67m) in the 12 months ending June 2020. This includes proceeds from his Project Rock fitness clothing line as well as the \$23.5m he was paid for the upcoming Netflix film *Red Notice*.

In second place is Dwayne's co-star in the film, Canadian actor Ryan Reynolds, with an estimated \$71.5m earnings, while former rapper Mark Wahlberg came in third place with \$58m.

Dwayne also tops marketing company Hopper HQ's Instagram Rich List, with the marketing company claiming the 48-year-old can earn more than \$1m for one sponsored post on the social media site.

7 THOMAS VAN STRAUBENZEE
Princess's godfather marries her teacher



Princess Charlotte's godfather Thomas van Straubenzee has married Lucy Lanigan-O'Keeffe – one of the young royal's teachers at Thomas's Battersea school.

The couple (together left) exchanged vows at Chelsea Old Church in London on 24 July, with only family present in keeping with coronavirus restrictions. They are expected to hold another celebration with friends at a later date.

Thomas, 38, and Lucy, 32, had originally planned to marry in April, with Prince William, who has known the groom since schooldays, reportedly on duty as an usher and Charlotte as one of the flower girls. However, the Covid-19 pandemic meant the ceremony was postponed and neither the Duke nor his family were present.

This is the second marriage for Thomas, who divorced Lady Melissa Percy in 2016.

STORY OF THE WEEK



1 Baby joy for Ed Sheeran and wife Cherry

Chart-topper Ed Sheeran and his wife Cherry are expecting their first child together, it has been revealed. The baby is due in a matter of weeks.

"Ed and Cherry are over the moon," a source said. "They're very excited, but have kept things very low key."

"Lockdown was a perfect excuse not to be seen out and about too much, but things are getting closer and the excitement has been building so they have started telling friends and family," the source added.

"They're just making the last of the preparations at home and the baby is expected later this summer. It's a really happy time and their families are all totally delighted for them and cannot wait to meet the new arrival."

The singer announced last December he was taking an extended break from his career to spend time with Cherry, whom he married in a private ceremony with close friends and family in December 2018.

The baby will be the heir to Ed's considerable fortune. The 29-year-old star is worth £200m, according to the *Sunday Times Rich List*, after selling more than 150 million records worldwide. He has also amassed a huge property portfolio, owning 27 homes in and outside London, with an estimated worth of £57m.

In addition, Ed has several acres of land around the £3.7m Suffolk house where he and Cherry, 27, live. Dubbed "Sheeranville" by locals, the estate contains a pub, swimming pool and hot tub, walled kitchen garden, an underground cinema, an orchard, a recording studio, a gym and a pond, as well as an area where the couple keep goats, chicken and sheep.

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