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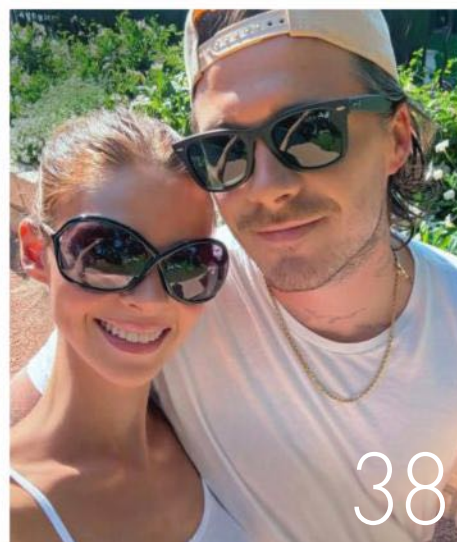


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ARTISTIC FLAIR

The gallerists María Porto and David Bardía open the doors to their vibrant home on the outskirts of Madrid



María and David pose at the entrance to their home with one of their classic cars



The house's facade;
and (below) the back
garden, featuring a
wrought-iron piece by
the Spanish sculptor
Joaquin Esquer





Few people know the Spanish art scene better than María Porto. Recently named one of *El Español* and *Magas*'s Top 100 Women Leaders, she was previously one of the youngest directors ever to take the helm of Madrid's historic Marlborough Gallery.

"Although I started right at the bottom, on reception, that was actually where I learnt the ropes," she says. "Having worked my way through almost every department, the opportunity to run the gallery finally came."

It was a remarkable milestone. "By the age of 34, I'd already spent 12 years at Marlborough. It was an incredible time and it opened so many doors for me, but I knew I didn't want to start and end my career at the same company. I felt the need to take the next step and build something of my own, so I decided to take a leap of faith."

A few years ago, it seemed as though she was stepping back from the art world. In reality, María had simply chosen to operate behind the scenes.

Now, having returned with renewed energy, she is running an art gallery in Madrid with her partner, David Bardía, a collector and fellow gallerist who also boasts a prestigious background in antiques. ►

"It's our passion and way of life," María says of the couple's love of art. The grand staircase (right) features paintings by José Palacios, Manolo Valdés, Luis Gordillo and Blanca Muñoz





One of the living areas, boasting an Italian table with a black Marquina marble top and a work by the Spanish artist Lucio Muñoz above the fireplace

María and David met through a mutual friend just after the Covid-19 pandemic, when she was hunting for a work by Joan Miró on behalf of a friend – a piece that David happened to have.

“We closed the deal and stayed in touch. Everything developed slowly and naturally, almost without us realising, until we both realised that there was more to it than just work,” María says.

“David is incredibly professional, which I respected from the start. When you’re both passionate about what you do, working together is easy. We also respect each other’s boundaries. We know where the other’s strengths lie, and that’s what makes us a good team.”

Together, they are the perfect pairing. “She has an extraordinary eye for spotting an artist and capturing the true essence of a piece,” David says. “I’m perhaps more analytical and methodical. We balance each other out, and that shows in both the gallery and our day-to-day lives.”

Now, they are opening the doors to their spectacular home on the outskirts of Madrid – a sanctuary with views of El Escorial, a Spanish royal site, in the distance.

“We love the peace here, the sheer sense of calm,” they say. “Designing the interiors was a natural extension of our work as gallerists. Piece by piece, we filled it with art, which is our passion and our way of life.”

Because for the couple, this is much more than just a place to live. “It’s a space where we can truly switch off from the daily hustle and bustle and just enjoy being surrounded by nature.”

María, when did you decide that art would be your life’s work?

“I’ve always been passionate about art. From a very young age, my father [Juan Antonio Porto, one of Spain’s most prominent screenwriters] immersed us in it, teaching us to look at the world with curiosity and sensitivity. However, it was during the year I worked with the ►





María relaxes on an upholstered chaise longue in the main bedroom; the space opens into a bathroom (left), where a crystal chandelier and a Venetian bath can be seen



The gallery in the hallway of the first floor features oil paintings by Ángela Mena and Ana Malta, as well as an engraving by Martín Chirino

Marlborough Gallery at the Arco art fair that I knew for certain I wanted to be a gallerist.

"I think it's one of the most beautiful professions in the world because it enables you to experience art from so many different angles. For me, being a gallerist is a journey of constant learning."

What led you and David to open your own gallery in Madrid, and how did your art space inside Spain's flagship luxury department store, El Corte Inglés, inspire this new path?

"David and I initially crossed paths in the secondary market. We started collaborating because he had such a solid track record in that sector, whereas I brought a deeper knowledge of the primary market."

"Gradually, the idea of joining forces took shape. We saw an opportunity to build on what he had already established by bringing in a more gallery-focused vision."

"Over time, I took over that side of the business, which led to a much more structured partnership. At the time, I was already running an art space inside El Corte Inglés, and I realised that my real passion was to democratise art – to bring it closer to the public."

Have you tried to pass on this love of art to your son, Diego?

"Diego is incredibly cultured. I'm certain that, to a large extent, the life he's lived has shaped him. I couldn't be prouder of the man he's become. He's someone of real integrity, with strong values and a wonderful sensitivity."

"He hasn't had it easy. Raising a child alone and carrying all that responsibility is no mean feat. Of course, there were sacrifices along the way, and things we had to miss out on, but ►





María in the main dining room, which is dominated by a vibrant landscape by Abraham Lacalle. Left: the beautifully dressed table, styled by Joaquín Torres



The couple pose in their kitchen. Right: French oak barrels from Bodegas Portia sit alongside stainless-steel wine racks designed by Sir Norman Foster



Diego has turned out to be a truly exceptional human being.”

There was a time when the art world thought you had stepped away from your career. Who is María Porto today, and how has your outlook changed in this second chapter?

“In truth, I never stopped working. I focused more on the secondary market, which is much more discreet and less in the public eye, but I never left – first, because I couldn’t live without it, and second, because I needed to earn a living.

“Deep down, María Porto is still that same girl from 1992 who dreamt of running a gallery. My enthusiasm is just as strong as it was then, only now it’s backed by years of experience.”

How did you cope during the times when your personal life overshadowed your career?

“I’ve learnt that if you’re resilient and keep working hard, time has a way of putting things in perspective.

“It has also shown me that, even now, the path can still be more challenging for a woman than for a man – that’s just a reality of the journey.

“But above all, I’ve learnt that if you work at your dreams day by day, without giving up or losing your drive, they will always win out in the end.”

What are your plans for the near future?

“For me, continuing to work as a team is how we build the future. I dream of opening new spaces, crossing borders, bringing our project to new places and watching it grow.

“Years from now, I still want to be at the forefront of the gallery scene, discovering new perspectives and supporting artists who started out young and are establishing themselves. ►





The terrace table is also styled by Joaquín Torres. Above: David and María in the back garden



"Most of all, I want to leave behind a living, nurtured legacy, so that when we are no longer here, others can carry the torch with that same passion, dedication and love for art."

David, how long have you lived in this house?

"We've lived here for several years. I actually built it from scratch before I met María; it was a personal project and a challenge I'd always dreamt of tackling, and now I get to share it with her."

"Designing the interiors felt like a natural extension of our work as gallerists. We chose every single piece with the same care we'd use to curate an exhibition, looking for harmony, dialogue and emotion."

"The mix of materials, neutral tones and warm textures enabled us to create a serene atmosphere where the art in each room really takes centre stage."

What is it like to share both your personal and professional lives?

"Living and working together has been a brilliant learning curve. We share the same aesthetic



"I want to leave behind a living, nurtured legacy," says María, pictured in the garden. The garage (below) houses the gallerists' collection of classic cars

vision but we bring different perspectives to the table, which enriches our work and keeps the creative spark alive.

"On a personal level, María is my wife, my partner in crime and my muse. Professionally, she's the best partner I could ask for. This house – our shared space – is a true reflection of that connection: a blend of two ways of understanding art, love and life."

How would you define who you are today, and how has your passion for art shaped your life?

"Today, I'd define myself as someone who is hardworking, methodical, professional, approachable and consistent – someone who lives life with both heart and perspective."

"Art has shaped every chapter of my life. It's never been just a job – it's my way of understanding the world."



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CHAKA AND ALEXANDRA SEE DOUBLE

Alexandra Burke, who is currently starring in *I'm Every Woman – The Chaka Khan Musical*, came face to face with the legendary singer herself last week.

The biographical show charts the Queen of Funk's rise to fame.

"This musical is more than my story – it's every woman's story," Chaka Khan, 73, said.

"It's about finding your voice, owning your truth and rising through everything life throws at you. I'm honoured to see my journey brought to the stage with such strength and authenticity."

The production is running for a limited season at the Troubadour Wembley Park Theatre until 27 September.

A photograph of actresses Juno Temple and Hannah Waddingham at a red carpet event. Juno Temple, on the left, has long, curly blonde hair and is wearing a teal, backless dress with a wide, sparkling choker necklace. Hannah Waddingham, on the right, has short blonde hair and is wearing a black strapless dress with a red and gold patterned detail on the side. They are both smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a blue and yellow wall with the words "TED LASSO" partially visible in large white letters.

JUNO AND HANNAH TEAM UP

The *Ted Lasso* co-stars Juno Temple and Hannah Waddingham demonstrated their unshakeable bond at the show's season four premiere in New York.

While promoting the new series, Juno revealed that she had secretly tied the knot with her boyfriend, Michal Szymanski, whom she met while filming season two.

Hannah shared that she had acted as matchmaker: "She said, 'Can I ask him on a date?' I said, 'Yes you can.' He was my driver."

She added that Juno and Michal could not be better suited but admitted that she had jokingly warned Michal early on: "Look after my girl or I will punch you square in the face."

THE INSIDE STORY



EMMA'S VINTAGE GLAMOUR

The actress Emma Roberts looked ethereal as she married the actor Cody John in Sun Valley, Idaho, surrounded by close friends and family, including her aunt Julia Roberts.

The *Scream Queens* star, 35, wore a vintage-inspired custom-made Monique Lhuillier gown with a detachable lace shawl, while Cody wore a custom Ferragamo suit.

Emma said: "I did not want a traditional white dress but more of an antique, almost tea-stained white. I had told them I wanted to look like a ghost in photos."

The couple met on a blind date in Los Angeles in 2022. Their first date lasted for eight hours and they have been inseparable ever since.



MADONNA AND KYLIE'S PRIDE MOMENT

Pop royalty united in spectacular fashion as Madonna welcomed Kylie Minogue as a surprise guest to the stage at WorldPride Amsterdam 2026.

The pair embraced and danced together before Kylie, 58, joined in the grand finale, duetting on a remix of Madonna's latest single, Love Sensation.

Madonna, 67, closed her set with Sorry and Hung Up, both hits from her 2005 album Confessions on a Dance Floor.

The Queen of Pop has been delighting fans around the globe with a series of exclusive Club Confessions appearances following the release of her UK No 1 album Confessions II.

THE INSIDE STORY



DUA AND CALLUM'S DATE NIGHT

Newlyweds Dua Lipa and Callum Turner made their first red-carpet appearance since tying the knot, posing together at the New York premiere of his new film, *One Night Only*.

The singer, 30, dazzled in a sheer, form-fitting black Ferragamo gown with a plunging neck, paired with chunky jewellery and a sleek ponytail, while Callum, 36, looked smart in a navy double-breasted Louis Vuitton suit.

The couple couldn't keep their eyes off each other all evening.

Callum stars alongside Monica Barbaro and Maya Hawke in the romantic comedy, which is set in a world in which single people are allowed to be intimate with one another only one night of the year.

A full-page photograph of Diana Ross performing on stage. She is wearing a shimmering, sequined, sleeveless dress with long, feathery sleeves. She has her arms outstretched and is singing into a microphone. The background is a soft, out-of-focus pink and purple light.

Clockwise from this image: Diana Ross, Paris Hilton, Raye and Melanie Chisholm delight crowds at the Pride on the Park festival

A LOVE SUPREME

Motown legend Diana Ross thrills fans as Paris Hilton joins the stars flocking to Brighton to celebrate Pride

Diana Ross headlined a star-studded line-up at Brighton & Hove Pride, where the Motown legend unveiled a “special song” that she had written for the occasion.

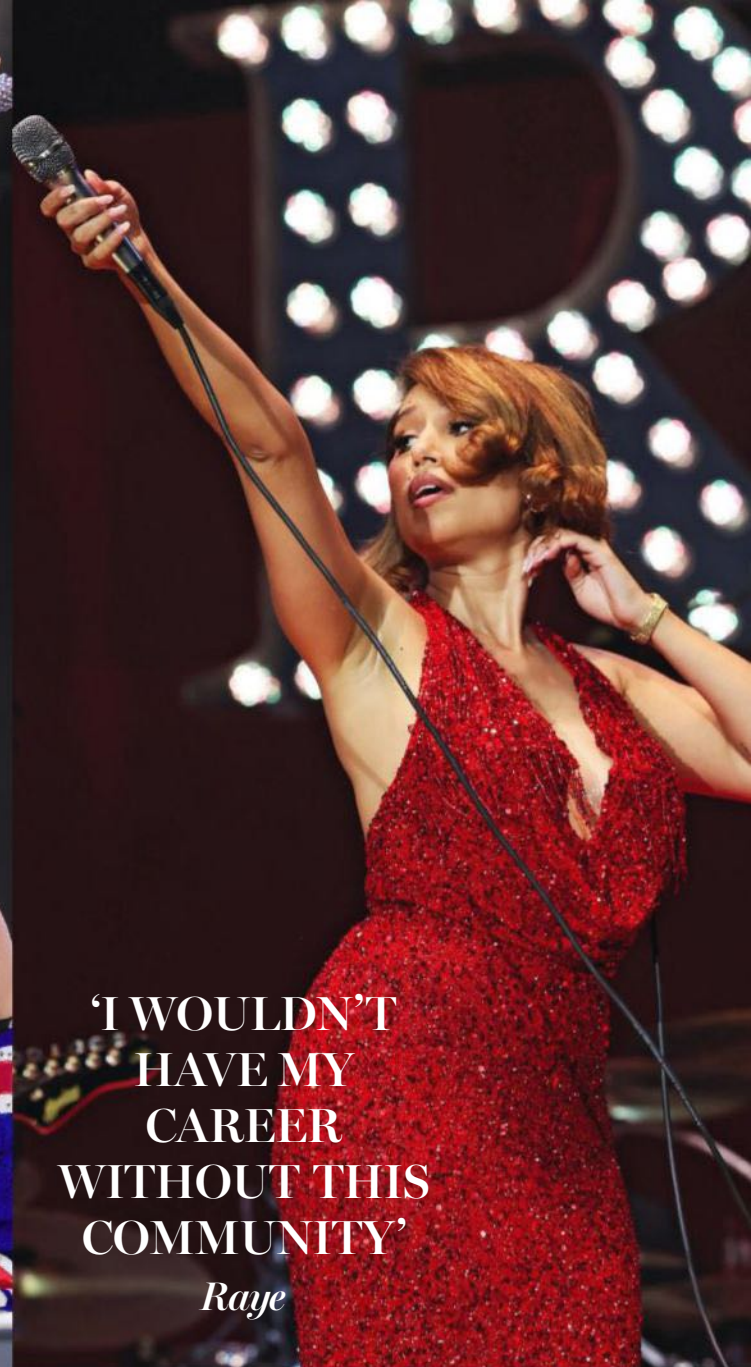
She dedicated the track – which featured lyrics including “joy, joy, joy, freedom, always be you” – to the audience at the Pride on the Park festival in Preston Park.

Diana, 82, who rose to fame as a member of The Supremes in the Sixties, wore three head-turning outfits during a 90-minute set that spanned decades of her music career.

Earlier in the day, Paris Hilton had performed, cheered on by her children, Phoenix, three, and London, two. She was also supported by her younger sister, Nicky Hilton Rothschild, and her children, who had flown in from their holiday in St Tropez.

The DJ, 45, shared video clips of the cousins playing together backstage, as well as footage of her mother, Kathy Hilton, watching her perform.

Paris, who took to the stage in a sequined Union Jack dress, wrote on Instagram: “My family coming out to support me means the



**‘I WOULDN’T
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Raye

world to me. Brighton Pride, you’ve been the hottest crowd. I love you, and I love this community so much. Such a dream come true.”

The former Spice Girl Melanie Chisholm, 52, who had just returned from her honeymoon in Ibiza with her new husband, the Australian model Chris Dingwall, chose a typically sporty ensemble – a cropped top, shorts and sunglasses – for her DJ set.

PARTY TIME

“Pride, always the best party. Thank you Brighton!” she later wrote on social media, posting clips of herself playing the Spice Girls’ hit Wannabe.

“DJ’ing for me, I get to play the songs I really love and dance like a loon,” Melanie said later, also sharing her admiration for Motown star Diana. “You look at artists like Diana Ross, performing here at Pride, and you just think: ‘What an inspiration.’”

The Saturday event was headlined by the singer Raye, 28, who first played the festival in 2018 and returned to support Christina Aguilera in 2022. “I wouldn’t have my career without this community,” she told the crowd.

Other acts included the drag queen Ru Paul and the singers Jessie J and Leigh-Anne Pinnoch. The former Little Mix star, 34, who is expecting her third child with her husband, the footballer Andre Gray, had bejewelled her baby bump for the occasion.

The event marked the 35th anniversary of Pride in Brighton, with hundreds of thousands of people turning out to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community.

Pride on the Park, the city’s annual fundraising event for local community groups, has a stellar history: previous performers have included Mariah Carey, Britney Spears, Dua Lipa and Kylie Minogue. **H**

REPORT: MIRANDA THOMPSON



LA DOLCE VITA

With summer in full swing, celebrities find time to rest and relax in idyllic holiday destinations



JENNIFER LOPEZ

Jennifer Lopez has been soaking up the sunshine on a European holiday with her 18-year-old twins, Max and Oskar, before they begin studying at college this autumn.

The family have been touring Italy, exploring everything from the canals of Venice and art galleries of Milan to the Colosseum in Rome.

"Road tripping with my coconuts before they head off to college," the singer wrote on Instagram, posting photos from their trip.

The twins' father is Jennifer's former husband Marc Anthony.

JUDE BELLINGHAM

The England footballer Jude Bellingham jetted off to Hawaii for a hard-earned rest following the Fifa World Cup.

"Aloha," wrote the Real Madrid midfielder, 23, on Instagram. He also posted photos of the tropical island, with one image showing the sports star enjoying a game of cards on a sun lounger.

His rumoured girlfriend, Ashlyn Castro, posted similar snaps, suggesting that the pair are on a romantic break. They have been linked since 2024 but are yet to confirm their relationship.

Jude cemented himself as one of England's greats during the 2026 World Cup, scoring a record-breaking seven goals. ►



SIMONE BILES

As the most decorated gymnast in history, Simone Biles certainly deserves a holiday – and the athlete, 29, seemed to be in her happy place as she posed by a swimming pool.

The getaway came after Simone experienced a “serious medical emergency” in June, when she told fans that “almost dying wasn’t on my bingo card earlier this week”. Thankfully, she looks back to full health.

Simone is married to the NFL star Jonathan Owens, whom she met through the celebrity dating app Raya. They married in 2023 in a courthouse ceremony in Houston, followed by a lavish celebration in Cabo San Lucas,



CRISTIANO RONALDO

The Portuguese footballer Cristiano Ronaldo shared family photos on social media during a summer getaway.

Cristiano, 41, posed with his fiancée, the Argentine-Spanish model Georgina Rodríguez, 32, and Cristiano Jr, 16, his son from a previous relationship.

The couple are parents to Alana, eight, and Bella, four, and Cristiano is also a father to twins Eva and Mateo, nine.

Posting a photo of the family boarding their private plane, he wrote: "Pai Feliz," which translates as: "Happy father."

Cristiano, who plays for the Saudi Arabian club Al-Nassr, recently announced that the 2026 World Cup would be his last.



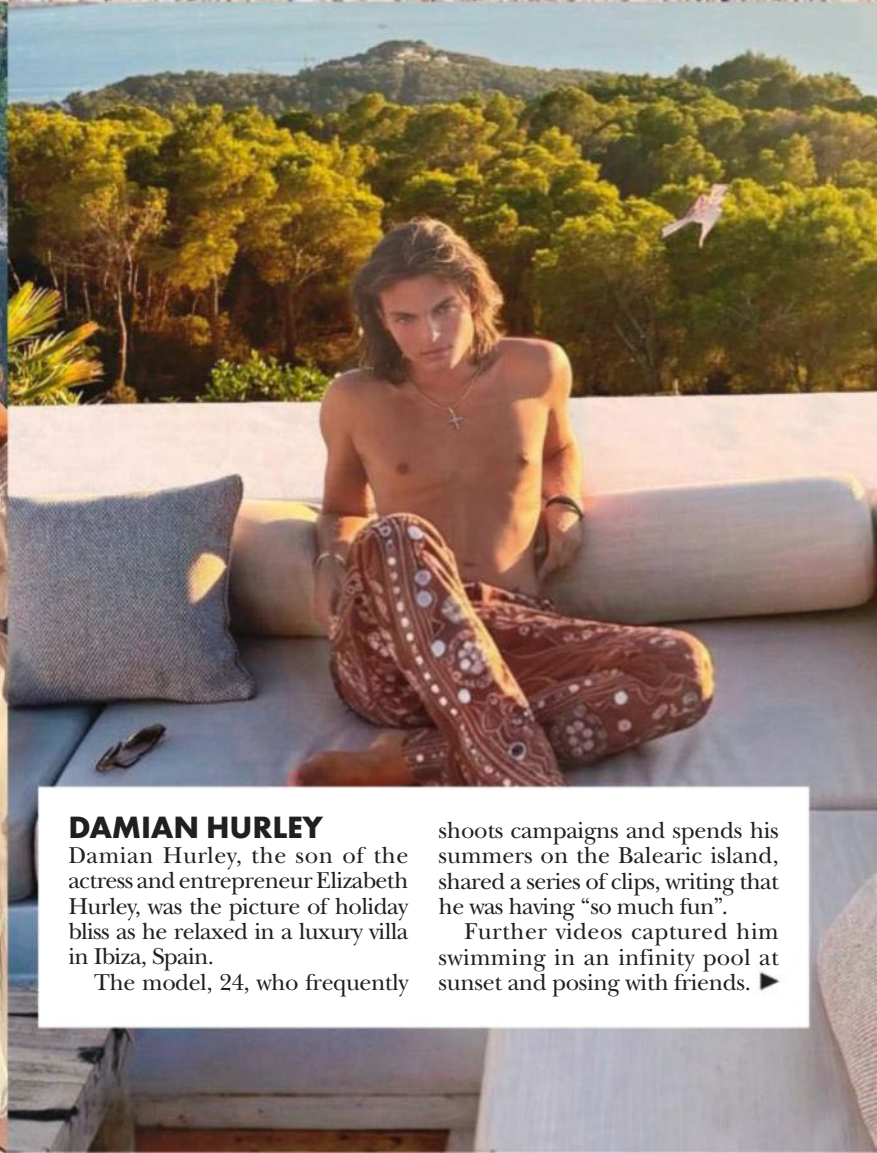
AMY SCHUMER

It was a girls' getaway for the actress and comedienne Amy Schumer as she joined famous friends Jennifer Aniston and Courteney Cox on the Spanish party island of Ibiza, the group co-ordinating in summery outfits.

The 45-year-old shared a series of unfiltered pictures from the

deck of a luxury yacht, writing: "I never knew there would be days like this. No filter as per ushe."

Amy's carefree break follows her split from her former husband, the chef Chris Fischer. The couple – who have a son, Gene, seven – announced their separation last December, following seven years of marriage.



DAMIAN HURLEY

Damian Hurley, the son of the actress and entrepreneur Elizabeth Hurley, was the picture of holiday bliss as he relaxed in a luxury villa in Ibiza, Spain.

The model, 24, who frequently

shoots campaigns and spends his summers on the Balearic island, shared a series of clips, writing that he was having "so much fun".

Further videos captured him swimming in an infinity pool at sunset and posing with friends. ►



NICKY HILTON ROTHSCHILD

The designer and model Nicky Hilton Rothschild took a break to catch some rays on France's idyllic Côte d'Azur.

Nicky, 42, who lives in London with her husband, James Rothschild, 41, and their three children – Lily-Grace, ten, Theodora or “Teddy”, eight, and Chasen, four – posted photos on Instagram with the caption: “My favourite place with my favourite people.”

The family visited a quaint town near St Tropez, with Nicky writing: “A morning at the beautiful open-air market in Ramatuelle.”

KIM KARDASHIAN

“Lakemaxxing” is the term that the reality TV star Kim Kardashian used to sum up her summer break with her family.

Kim, 45, shared a carousel of images on Instagram from her recent lakeside holiday. They included a photo of a fun paddleboard session with her niece Penelope, the daughter of Kim’s sister Kourtney Kardashian Barker and her former partner Scott Disick. Penelope celebrated her 14th birthday on 8 July.

The Skims founder has four children with her former husband, Ye, previously known as Kanye West: North, 13, Saint, ten, Chicago, eight, and **H** Psalm, seven.

A full-length portrait of Halle Berry against a dark grey background. She is wearing a floor-length, sleeveless, high-necked dress covered in intricate silver and gold sequins and beads. Her hair is styled in a short, wavy bob with light brown highlights. She is smiling gently at the camera, with her right hand resting on her hip and her left hand resting on her waist. She is wearing a large diamond ring on her left ring finger and a matching diamond bracelet on her left wrist. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of her dress and her features.

'THIS IS MY GREATEST ACT'

*Halle Berry on turning 60, fighting ageism
and why she isn't afraid of getting older*

This week, the Academy Award-winning actress Halle Berry, known for playing superheroes and a Bond girl alike, turns 60 – and she couldn't be happier.

"I feel really good about it," she says. "I feel as though I'm at the best time of my life, as an actor and in everything I do. I've called this period 'my greatest act' and I really do believe that."

"Being an actor, an entrepreneur and a woman at this age and getting to do what I'm truly passionate about is incredibly fulfilling. So I'm not afraid of getting older, I'm just excited about what comes next."

Her most recent Hollywood hit is the thriller film *Crime 101*, in which she stars alongside Chris Hemsworth. She describes it as "a really sexy heist movie with great characters, great action, car chases and lots of surprises".

Halle plays Sharon, an insurance broker for the rich and powerful, who has "spent her career doing her job, waiting for her moment to get what she deserves, only for it to be denied her because of the age she is".

POWERFUL ROLE

It struck a chord. "I really jumped at the idea of ageism and what that means for a woman and how it can be so hard to fight against that," Halle says. "This feels so relevant to where I am in my life and some issues that I've been dealing with."

"I instantly felt as though I knew who this woman was. I really relate to being a woman of a certain age and what we're facing today in the world we're living in."

"Women are still being discarded and being made to feel unvalued, as if we have nothing left to contribute because of age. So to be able to portray this character and have my say through art was wildly gratifying."

Halle has long been open about how frustrating she has found the focus on her looks. "To be described as pretty isn't a bad thing, but I've always felt I'm more than that," she says. "It's reductive to



Halle wins the Academy Award for best actress in 2002; and (above) with her fiancé, the musician Van Hunt



be described by your looks alone and not by how hard you've worked. I really feel this is my time to show that I'm something other than just that."

It is 24 years since Halle made history when she won the best actress prize for *Monster's Ball* at the Academy Awards – yet she remains the only black actress to have done so.

"It was the most wonderful, glorious, important night of my professional career," she says. "Nothing will ever compare to the glory and the shock of that moment for me."

"I'm still so proud of the fact that it's part of history and my great-grandchildren will be able to say: 'Hey, my great-grandmother won an Oscar!' That feels good."

"But life quickly went back to normal after that night. Oscars are great for that night. You get a pat on the back, but then you go back to being an actor, trying to make a living. I learned long ago to not take the highs or lows too personally."

HITTING THE BIG TIME

Halle enjoyed further success in 2002, when she also appeared in the James Bond film *Die Another Day* with Pierce Brosnan, making her a household name around the world. But her star had already been on the rise for a decade, ever since her first movie role, in Spike Lee's 1991 film *Jungle Fever* at the age of 24.

In 1999, she won a Golden Globe for *Face of an Angel*, in which she played the Old ▶



Halle makes a memorable entrance as Bond girl Jinx in 2002's *Die Another Day*. Below: Halle with Chris Hemsworth in her latest film, *Crime 101*



Hollywood star Dorothy Dandridge, followed by an Emmy Award in 2000 for her work as an executive producer on the film.

Since her Oscar win, she has played Catwoman and Storm in *X-Men*, as well as starring with Keanu Reeves in *John Wick: Chapter 3 – Parabellum*. “I have a lot to be proud of,” Halle says. “I’m grateful for that. But the thing I’m most proud of is my kids.”

Halle, who has been married three times, has two children: daughter Nahla Ariela, 18, with her former boyfriend, the model Gabriel Aubry, and son Maceo-Robert, 12, with her third husband, the French actor Olivier Martinez. “They are the best things in my life,” she says.

The actress’s own childhood had its challenges. She grew up in Cleveland, Ohio, after her father left Halle, her older sister, Heidi, and her mother when Halle was young. She remained estranged from her father, and he died in 2003.

She met her fiancé and partner of six years, the musician Van Hunt, during the Covid-19 pandemic, when his brother set them up virtually; the pair texted and called for months before they met. Last year, Van proposed, and, after initially leaving him on hold, she has now said yes.

HELPING HAND

In recent years, Halle has added “entrepreneur” to her glittering CV: in 2020, she founded her own menopause-care company, Respin, after discovering that painful sex with her partner was caused by a lack of oestrogen.

The star is devoted to what she has called her “menopause mission” of aiming to break down stigma around menopause by sharing her story.

As for her work in film, she is hoping to repeat the experience of her 2020 directorial debut, *Bruised*, in which she played a disgraced MMA fighter.

“Directing that movie was such a defining time in my life. It’s something I hope to do again in the future,” she says. “I feel as though I still have so much more to do.” **H**

INTERVIEW: HILARY ROSE / FEATS PRESS

Crime 101 is available to stream on Amazon Prime

A full-page photograph of Halle Berry standing on a wooden deck at a tropical resort. She is wearing a dark, sleeveless, high-necked dress with a large floral pattern in white and light brown. The dress has a cutout at the waist. She is looking off to the side, away from the camera. The background features palm trees, a swimming pool, and a wooden building. The lighting is bright, suggesting daytime.

"I have so much more to do," says Halle, pictured on holiday before her 60th birthday

"MY GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN WILL BE ABLE TO SAY: 'HEY, MY GREAT-GRANDMOTHER WON AN OSCAR!'"

BOHO STYLE

The designer Matthew Williamson unveils his new homeware store in Mallorca and opens up about his relationship with his daughter, Skye





Matthew's shop, Caserra 71, is in Deià, the village where he lives with his former partner, Joseph Velosa, and their daughter, Skye

On a quiet street of honey-coloured buildings in perhaps Mallorca's prettiest village, Matthew Williamson is proudly overseeing his shop of beautiful objects.

The designer, who received royal favour in 2012 when the Duchess of Cambridge, as Kate was then, wore one of his dresses, is best known for spurring the boho-chic fashion trend championed by Kate Moss and Sienna Miller.

Now, he has opened Caserra 71, a den of unapologetically exuberant design on the high street in Deià on the Mediterranean island's north-west coast.

Matthew's vision is spread across three rooms, although he has plans to extend into the basement.

"The idea is to create a relaxed gathering space as an extension of the store: less of a bar but more of a deli serving drinks, small plates, pastries and dried goods – somewhere that feels intimate and very much part of the Caserra 71 experience," he tells **HELLO!** in this exclusive interview.

"I'm so busy with the store right now that this is most likely to happen in 2027."

Matthew, 54, who was born in Manchester and founded his eponymous fashion house in 1997,

named the shop after the year of his birth and the Spanish word for "house in the mountains".

"It grew organically from my love of collecting vintage pieces, and my career in interior and fashion design," he says.

"It's a reflection of everything I love and have learnt poured into one space – beautiful craftsmanship, character and timeless design.

"I knew it was the next chapter for me as soon as I saw the house become available. It sits on the main street in Deià, where me and my family have lived for the past ten years."

HIDDEN TREASURES

Its contents are a magpie's fancy from markets across Europe, he says. "The thrill is always in discovering something unexpected – a beautifully weathered piece of furniture, hand-thrown ceramics or antique textiles with incredible patina. It's the hunt I enjoy as much as the find.

"My favourite spots so far to find great fashion and homeware have been Barcelona, Amsterdam and Berlin. Sourcing is one of my favourite parts of my new job."

Matthew lives in the village with Joseph Velosa, his former partner and the co-founder of his ►





Matthew with (above) Jade Jagger and Kate Moss in 1999; and (right) with Skye

Left: The Duchess of Cambridge, as Kate was then, wears one of the award-winning designer's dresses in 2012



fashion label, and their daughter, Skye, ten. He and Joseph ended their romantic relationship in 2004, after more than ten years, but were able to make the shift from lovers to best friends. How do they make it work?

"Joseph and I have been together for 33 years," the designer says. "We're focused on creating a happy, supportive environment for our daughter, Skye. Mutual respect is key, and friendship and a 50/50 shared workload wherever possible seem to work well for us."

CREATIVE FLOW

Matthew's favourite space at home is the garden, where he has his morning coffee and enjoys dinners with Joseph and Skye most evenings.

His typical day involves dropping Skye at school before working in the shop and finding time for "a good few hours" at his design studio at home.

"I'm loving painting at the moment, so I'll try to fit in some time for that," he says.

"With Skye, it's the simple things – beach time, walks, swimming and exploring the island together. She also loves to work alongside me creatively in the studio, which is where we can spend hours together and have a good natter."

Matthew was drawn to Mallorca because of its "extraordinary quality of light", beautiful architecture and slower pace of life. It is now his home, and although he misses the buzz of London, he returns once every six weeks for work.

"I'm continually surprised by the creative community here and how inspiring the island remains throughout the year," he says. "Mallorca once had quite a bad reputation, but I think

those days are long gone. It's full of amazing people working on great creative projects."

At home, his most precious item of furniture is a vintage Spanish table lamp cut from wood and shell squares. In London, it is a glass chandelier in his sitting room that he acquired in New York 20 years ago.

Back in Deià, customers who enter the shop through a door decorated with Moorish arches are coaxed into a carefully curated world.

"I want it to feel more like stepping into someone's home than a traditional shop – a place where every object has a story and invites conversation," he says.

"So far, I've been overwhelmed by people's reactions when they visit. It's a really nice feeling to have the space finished and in use after a nine-month-long renovation last year."

Asked what advice he would offer people designing their own interiors, he says: "Don't rush it. Try to take a bit of time, as the best interiors evolve slowly over time. Buy what you genuinely love rather than following trends, and don't be afraid to mix periods, textures and influences."

As for the fact that one of his dresses was chosen by Kate, now the Princess of Wales, when she attended a gala screening in aid of the Tusk Trust in 2012, he thinks it was a wonderful moment.

"Whenever someone high-profile chooses to wear your work, it brings global attention, and of course that's valuable when building a brand. More than anything, it was a great honour."

INTERVIEW: JACK MALVERN

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Matthew has developed a passion for sourcing items from markets across Europe





Nicola and Brooklyn
Peltz Beckham are at the
centre of a new book
examining the Beckham
family feud

THE LONG GAME

*An explosive new book unpacks the origins
of the Beckham family feud, as author
Alison Boshoff reveals what's next for
Sir David and Lady Beckham's empire*

Brooklyn and Nicola with Sir Elton John's family and friends on the Côte d'Azur this month, where they narrowly avoided a run-in with David and Victoria (below)



It was a dramatic near miss on the Côte d'Azur. Sir David and Lady Beckham were spotted just a stone's throw from their estranged eldest son, Brooklyn Peltz Beckham, in a striking reminder that one of Britain's most famous families remains deeply divided.

While Brooklyn, 27, and his wife, Nicola Peltz Beckham, 31, soaked up the sun aboard Sir Elton John's yacht last week, David and Victoria walked hand in hand to a nearby Italian restaurant.

The Beckhams had spent the previous days cruising around the island of Formentera, accompanied by the rest of their children: Romeo, 23, Cruz, 21, and Harper, 15, plus Romeo's girlfriend, Kim Turnbull, 25.

The sighting comes as an explosive new book promises to shine a light on what really happened behind the scenes to break the family's once rock-solid bond.

EXCLUSIVE INSIGHTS

Brand Beckham by Alison Boshoff, published on 13 August, examines the origins of the bitter rift while charting how David and Victoria built their formidable global empire. But it is the insight relating to the feud between Brooklyn and his parents that is undoubtedly one of the most revealing aspects of the book.

Speaking exclusively to **HELLO!**, Alison says that the estrangement will not be ending any time soon, although Brooklyn's recent outing with Elton, his godfather, could offer a glimmer of hope. The singer is a long-time confidant of the Beckhams.

"I wouldn't be surprised if family friends like Sir Elton John, whom both sides really respect, were able to broker some kind of peace," Alison says. "I think that's the best chance of it ►"



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STORY’

Brooklyn with his younger siblings,
Cruz, Romeo and Harper, in a photo
shared by David to mark Father’s
Day last year; and (right) renewing
his vows with Nicola, also in 2025



happening, because it's now reached the 'speak to me through my lawyers' point."

She adds: "Especially on Brooklyn's side, the more people I spoke to [for the book], the more I came to understand that the schism is complete as far as he's concerned. Victoria and David are still sticking to their view that they've done nothing wrong, and until that changes on either side there isn't a prospect of reconciliation."

It has been more than six months since Brooklyn revealed the full extent of the rift with his family, levelling shocking allegations against them. One of the most intriguing parts of his statement, made in January via Instagram, was his recollection of an awkward dance involving his mother at his lavish wedding to Nicola in Palm Beach in April 2022.

Speculation mounted as to who was really at fault, but trouble had been brewing for a long time before the controversial dancefloor incident, in which Victoria was accused of trying to take the spotlight away from the bride.

"It was a mystery to me about what had gone on at the wedding, as I didn't understand why that dance had landed with such an explosive force," Alison says. "But then someone told me that the Beckhams and the Peltz Beckhams hadn't been on speaking terms for three months in the run-up to the wedding. Now I can see why the dance landed like a declaration of war."

"Nicola's dad [the American billionaire Nelson Peltz] had paid all this money and she had changed into a new dress just before the dance – it was a big moment. I think anyone who was there knew that something had gone badly wrong at that point. If only a proper apology had been made at the time, we might not be here."

Indeed, the wedding tension was so severe that Brooklyn and Nicola no longer even celebrate their original anniversary. Instead, the couple marked a fresh start last week by sharing photos from their vow renewal in August 2025 at the Peltz family estate in Westchester, New York, where Nicola's father, Nelson, officiated.

WEATHERING STORMS

Some critics have placed the blame for the feud squarely with Nicola, but Alison says that isn't a fair assumption. "Some have said that Nicola is manipulative, but I think that's something people say about women who know their mind and don't feel inclined to give way. Why should she compromise? This is her relationship."

"Equally with David and Victoria, I can totally see where they're coming from."

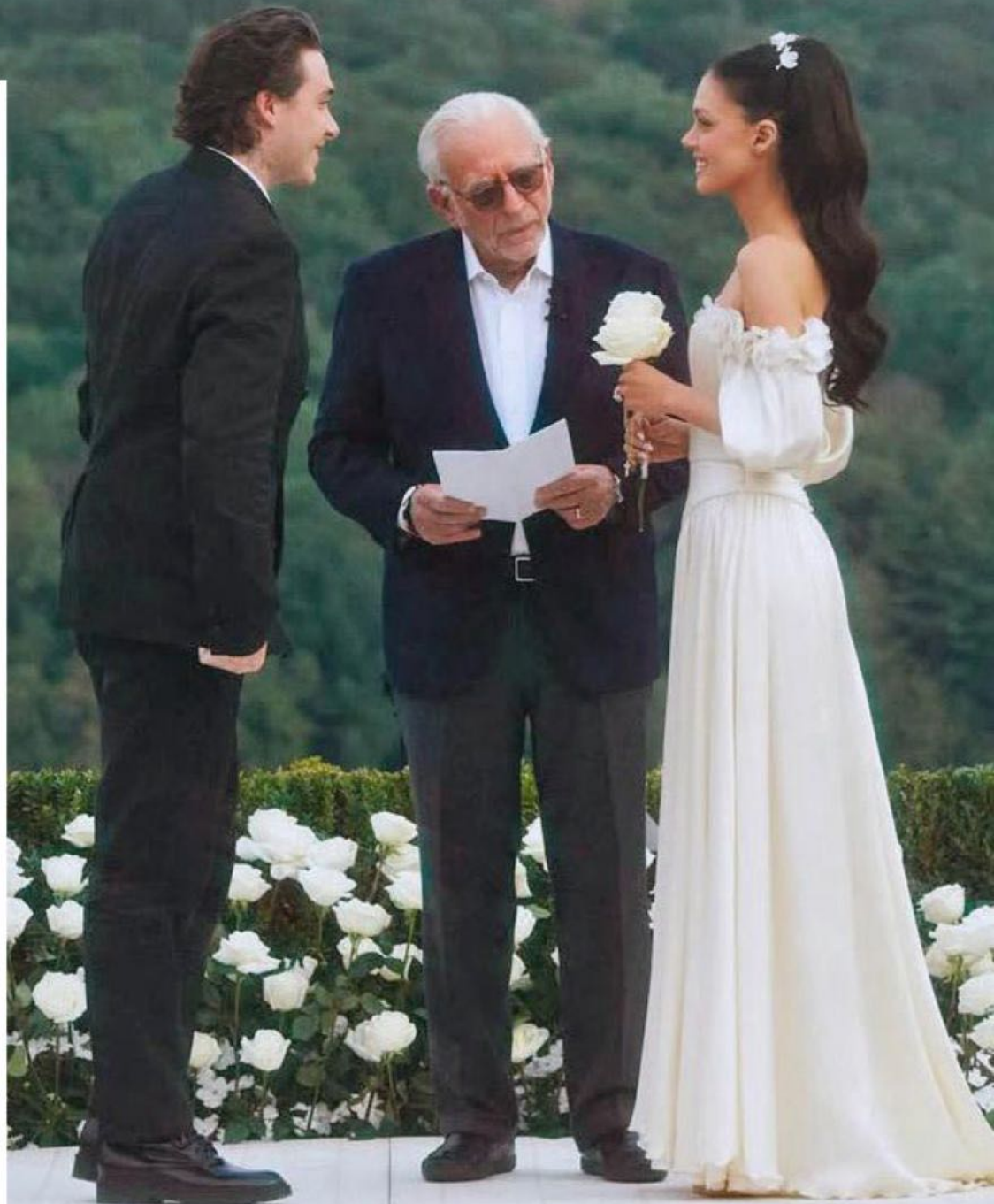
Although the estrangement shows no sign of ending, it does appear to have united David and Victoria as a couple. They have weathered some storms over the course of their 27-year marriage but now appear to be stronger than ever.

"I was told that the Covid-19 lockdown was good for them, as it meant they were together as a family unit and realised how much they enjoyed each other's company," Alison says.

"When the Nicola thing started to unravel, I'm told that it brought them closer together because they are united about it and support each other. They've come out very strong as a couple and don't seem ever to have been happier."

One of Brooklyn's most damning accusations was that the family dynamic was fabricated in order to boost Brand Beckham.

"For my entire life, my parents have controlled narratives in the press about our family," he wrote in January. "The performative social-media posts, family events and inauthentic relationships have been a fixture of the life I was born into. My ►



David and Victoria with (from left) Romeo and his former girlfriend Mia Regan, Cruz, Harper, Brooklyn and Nicola in 2023 at the UK premiere of the Netflix documentary Beckham

David and Victoria pose with Cruz, Romeo and his girlfriend, Kim Turnbull, and Cruz's girlfriend, Jackie Apostel, in support of Romeo's fashion label, Intra, in May



family values public promotion and endorsement above all else. Brand Beckham comes first.”

Alison says: “What is really fascinating to me is the interplay between the family and celebrity power, and how that has defined all of the relationships between father and son and husband and wife. Yet at the heart of the whole conflict, it’s a love story and a family story.

“Everyone’s got a family, so everyone can relate, and many go through these exact flashpoints when somebody chooses a life partner. They might not be the life partner that your parents really love, but as soon as you express an opinion you’re setting yourself up for a conflict in which your child will 100% stand by the person they’ve chosen.”

FAMILY FORTUNES

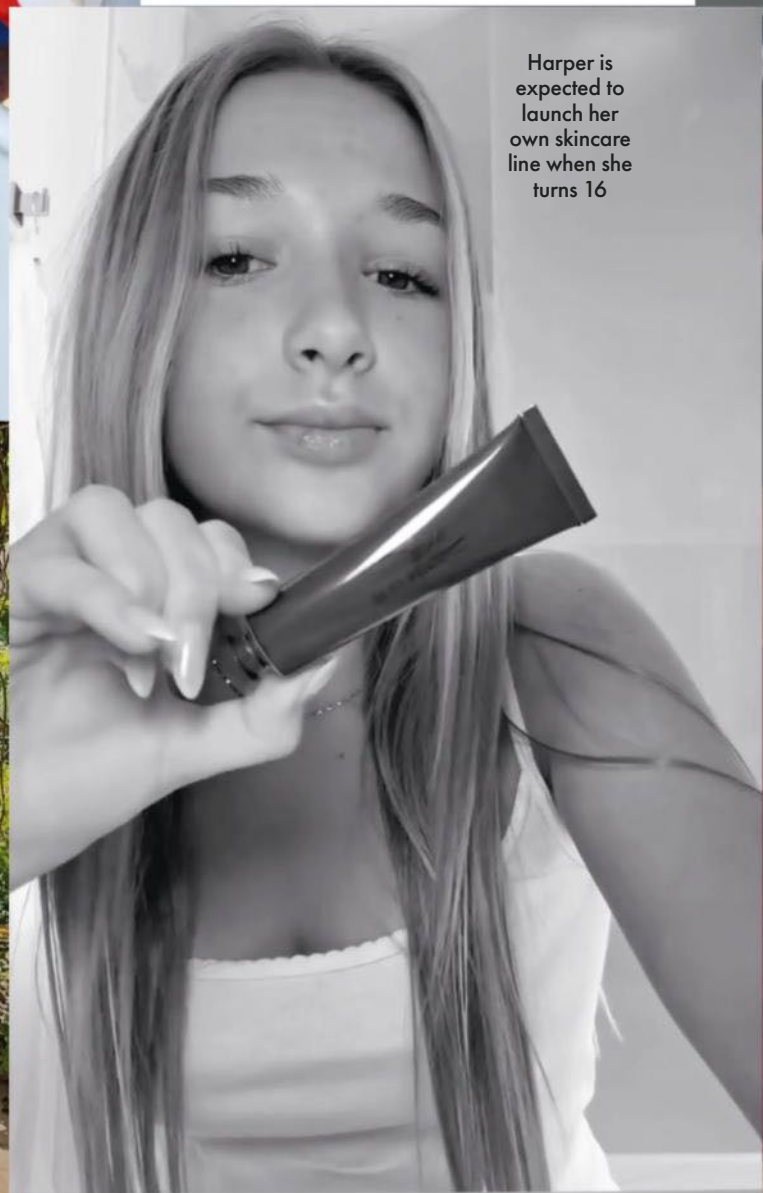
The unstoppable rise of David and Victoria to worldwide fame and fortune has been impressive: the former England football captain was recently declared a billionaire, making him the UK’s first sportsman to reach that milestone.

Alison says in her book that the couple have turned fame into an art form.

“I think that’s why it’s such a fascinating story,” she tells us. “One source told me that they were like social-media influencers before such a thing existed. This is why they were so brilliant at being celebrities and why they are where they are now.”

Their happiness was only enhanced when David was knighted by the King last year. “David is genuinely a proud Englishman and a devout royalist, and it’s the honour of his life that he’s been able to have a friendship with the King and

Harper is expected to launch her own skincare line when she turns 16



Brooklyn and Nicola in January

David is made a knight by the King last year – a career highlight for the devoted royalist



receive a knighthood,” Alison says. “He is an amazing ambassador for England.”

Meanwhile, the feud has continued to develop since Alison finished her book earlier this year. Harper is now implicated, after the teenager was captured by paparazzi delivering a letter to her brother at his home in Los Angeles. A spokesperson representing Brooklyn and Nicola claimed that it was a choreographed move – something that sources close to David and Victoria deny.

David, Victoria and their three younger children – plus Cruz’s girlfriend, Jackie Apostel, 30 – spent the best part of a month in the US during this summer’s FIFA World Cup, not once crossing paths with Brooklyn, who in turn took part in a controversial advert for DoorDash in which he appeared to poke fun at the estrangement.

“He must have been incredibly badly advised [to do that],” Alison says. “Everything that people in his camp have said to me is that he’s hurt and wants to be left in peace, so I don’t understand why he did it.”

LOOKING AHEAD

Harper seems to be the next young Beckham tipped for individual fame, following in the footsteps of Romeo, a model, and Cruz, a musician. It is believed that she will launch a beauty brand, focusing on clean skincare products for young people, as early as next year, when she turns 16.

There’s likely to be more on the horizon for David, who reportedly made about £19m from a series of partnerships and endorsements around this year’s World Cup. “I know his team are eternally ambitious, always looking out for the next big deal,” Alison says.

The author doesn’t believe that the controversy has damaged the Beckham brand. “It’s made them all the more exciting and interesting, putting them at the centre of global conversations,” she says.

“It’s made David and Victoria look sympathetic – and not really addressing it in public has made them look quite dignified in response to Brooklyn’s loud complaints.”

She thinks there will be even more success in the coming months. Victoria’s beauty brand, Victoria Beckham Beauty, continues to go from strength to strength, while her fashion label recently turned a profit. Romeo’s modelling career is thriving and Cruz recently performed in the US.

“I was speaking to someone who said they actually think that this year has been David’s biggest one yet,” Alison says, “and that next year would probably be even bigger.”



INTERVIEW: LAURA BENJAMIN

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I PREDICT SOME QUIET

As the Kaiser Chiefs record a new album, frontman Ricky Wilson tells us how becoming a father has changed his rock'n'roll lifestyle

Being a rock star has never been quite the same for Ricky Wilson, the frontman of the Kaiser Chiefs, since his twins were born.

The lead singer of the band, whose hits include *Ruby* and *I Predict a Riot*, says that he often gets his songwriting inspiration as he wakes from a dream.

But since the arrival of the couple's twins in 2022, Ricky's wife, the stylist Grace Zito, "gets very annoyed" with the musician if he disturbs her during the night. Instead, he has to sneak to the bathroom before sending a "quite echoey" voice note to his band mates.

The night before our interview, Ricky jotted down a lyric that came to him in a dream and which seemed, in the darkness of his bedroom, to be "the most brilliant thing in the world".

As soon as he woke, he turned excitedly to what he had written: "If I was A, then I'd rather B." His sense of disappointment is palpable.

Ricky, 48, reveals that the Kaiser Chiefs began recording their ninth studio album at the beginning of August. Will he use the lyric? "I don't think it's going to be the first line of the first song," he says.

He is also quick to debunk the myth that another of his hits, *Ruby*, is a reference to the band's former drummer's labrador.

"It was based on one of the band members' mum's Weimaraners. It walked in at exactly the time the chorus was being written. Nick [Hodgson] has said that he went [to the dog]: 'Ruby, Ruby, Ruby, Ruby!' I thought: 'That'll do.'"

Having children has not only reshaped his understanding of sleeplessness but also transformed his creative process, he says.

"I can't remember what it was like beforehand," he says. "The only thing I do know is that when anyone who hasn't got kids mentions that they're tired, it's one of the most annoying things in the world. [I think]: 'You've no idea.'"

"You get a lot less time to [be creative], but it makes it a lot easier because it's not the be-all-and-end-all. I do find that when I'm on, I'm really on."

ROYAL ENCOUNTERS

Life as a rock star has led to several meetings with the Duke of Sussex, who visited the band earlier in their career when they were backstage in a portable cabin.

"I've met him a few times, and I've always really liked him," Ricky says of Prince Harry. "I don't know whether he's pretending to be down to earth or he is down to earth. I'm pretending to be a rock star. God knows in this household I'm not."

The singer says he finds that extremely famous people such as Sir Paul McCartney know what their fans want and how to give it to them. "They're very good at being exactly what you want them to be. [Harry] was very good at that, and he made me feel as though I was his friend," he says.

A former coach on the TV talent contest *The Voice*, Ricky has also branched out into acting, making a cameo as the Teen Angel in the Secret Cinema production of *Grease: The Immersive Movie Musical* this summer.

Now, he is excited about reaching a touring milestone of 1,500 live gigs and promoting *Scenic Route Finder*, a free mapping tool created by the insurer Tempcover that can locate beauty spots along a route. "I'm a sucker for a lighthouse, and if there's a lighthouse on my journey, I will make the kids get out," he says. **H**

INTERVIEW: JACK MALVERN

Ricky has teamed up with Tempcover to launch the Scenic Route Finder, a free tool that helps drivers to find scenic alternative routes for their journeys



Ricky with his wife, Grace; and (below) performing with the Kaiser Chiefs during the opening ceremony of the Invictus Games in The Hague in 2022

Ricky struts his stuff
on stage at the
Tramlines Festival
in Sheffield in July

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‘MY BABY’S A BRIDE’

*TV host Lorraine Kelly sheds tears of joy as her daughter,
Rosie Kelly Smith, marries Steve White in true Scottish style*



Rosie's exquisite lace dress and bespoke Italian-style veil are by the British designer Suzanne Neville. Left: The newlyweds with the bride's parents, Lorraine Kelly and Steve Smith



Rosie with her mother, Lorraine, who says the day was perfect and went by in a flash



When Rosie Kelly Smith and her fiancé, Steve White, were deciding where to get married, a clear front-runner emerged. Having spent part of her childhood in Scotland – the country where Rosie's mother, the TV presenter Lorraine Kelly, and father, Steve Smith, were born and raised – the couple knew it was the destination of their dreams.

Late last month, they made that dream come true, tying the knot in a magical ceremony that included touching nods to Rosie's family heritage.

"I'd always wanted to get married in Scotland," Rosie tells **HELLO!** as she and Steve, both 32, share their wedding photos exclusively with us. "We looked at a couple of places in London online, but they just didn't feel right."

Rosie, a journalist and content creator, and Steve, an insurance operations manager, fell in love with Sir Andy Murray's Cromlix hotel, near Dunblane, on their first holiday in Scotland when their daughter, Billie, was just two months old.

It was there that they were declared husband and wife on 25 July in front of their closest family and friends, having hired all 20 of the resort's rooms for their guests to ensure absolute privacy.

"We picked Cromlix as it's in the middle of Scotland but it's also very remote," Rosie says. "You can't see any other buildings when you look out of the windows, so it feels as though you're in the Highlands, which is nice."

"We wanted somewhere we could take over and have as our own. My mum always tells this story about how she was covering a beach wedding on GMTV and you could hear the bingo in the background... I didn't want that. We wanted people staying on site and feeling as though they were on holiday."

"My mum was very excited, and it was easier for my grandmother [Anne Kelly, Lorraine's mother, who lives in Scotland] as well."

PROUD MOTHER

"It was the perfect day," Lorraine tells **HELLO!** "I think the word I would use to describe it is 'joyful', and it was also really relaxed. I kept saying to Rosie: 'I remember my wedding – everything went by so fast. Once an hour, you've got to stand and take it all in.' Of course, I didn't heed my own advice and it all went by in a flash."

In addition to the mother of the bride, famous guests included Dr Amir Khan and Dr Hilary Jones, respectively the current and former health experts on ITV's Lorraine, and the stylist Mark Heyes. "I had two doctors there in case anyone fell over," Rosie jokes.

Steve's mother and father, Helen and Andy, and his brother Simon and sister Jess also travelled to Scotland for the big day. Rosie's matron of honour was her best friend, Amber Macleod-McBrien, and the groom's joint best men were Ryan Collier and Dom Hindson.

The other member of their wedding party was the couple's daughter, Billie, who was given the important job of flower girl.

Kicking off the celebrations, Rosie, Steve and Billie travelled to Edinburgh a few days before the wedding to tie up loose ends, including obtaining a marriage licence.

They arrived at Cromlix the day before the ceremony, hosting welcome drinks for their guests on the Friday night.

On the morning of the big day, Rosie, Billie, Amber and Lorraine – who wore a dress by Coast – got ready in the bridal suite. Rosie's exquisite lace dress, by Suzanne Neville, featured full-length sleeves, scalloped details, a small ►



Mark Heyes, the resident fashion stylist on Lorraine's TV show, laces up Rosie's dress

train and buttons down the back. She accessorised with a bespoke Italian-style lace veil – also by Suzanne Neville – as well as Dinny Hall earrings and shoes from Jimmy Choo.

The elegant gown had captured Rosie's attention as soon as she saw it online, when she immediately added it to her wedding mood board. Despite trying on dresses in other stores, she couldn't get the Suzanne Neville gown out of her mind, so she arranged to visit the label's atelier in Knightsbridge to try it on.

"I had been manifesting it, and when I tried it on, I knew straight away that this was it," she says. "I had looked at so many styles but this one was always in the back of my head. When my mum saw me in it, she cried."

Lorraine adds: "I was crying at every single one she tried on, saying: 'That's gorgeous, that's gorgeous,' and she would say: 'Mum, that's not really helping!'"

ROYAL INSPIRATION

The look, Rosie says, was inspired by a certain royal bride. "Until Kate Middleton got married, I had thought you couldn't do long sleeves without being much older. But she looked beautiful, so I wanted to wear something elegant like that."

At 2pm, the humanist ceremony began with traditional Scottish pipers welcoming the guests. The room was decorated with flowers supplied by the Edinburgh-based florist Fiona Hay, who hails from Broughty Ferry, where Rosie lived as a child.

The pastel-coloured arrangements included shades of light pink, lavender and lilac, and featured peonies and roses. In a nod to the couple's Scottish and English heritage, the buttonholes sported by the wedding party included both a thistle and a rose.

Paying tribute to her mother and father's wedding in 1992, Rosie wrapped her bouquet with a piece of the same Douglas tartan that Lorraine had used in her own wedding invitations. "That's my daughter – pure thoughtfulness," Lorraine says of the touching gesture.

The bride was preceded down the aisle by Amber, who wore a dress by Rat & Boa and



The couple's daughter, Billie, scatters petals in her role as flower girl. Below: The groom and the bride's father exchange a smile



carried the couple's daughter. Billie wore an ivory sateen ruffle dress by Angel & Rocket and a matching floral headband from Monsoon, and scattered her flower petals on the ground just before her mother walked up the aisle.

Waiting for both Billie and Rosie was a nervous Steve, who wore a tuxedo from Suitsupply. As a small string ensemble began to perform the Scottish folk song Caledonia, Rosie made her way up the aisle on the arm of her father, Steve.

EMOTIONAL MOMENT

"When I saw Rosie, I just thought: 'Wow,'" Steve tells **HELLO!** "I was incredibly nervous but I was very relieved to see her. It felt as though there was this whole symbolism of her walking down with her dad and I was close to tears. I could see that Steve [her father] wasn't crying either but we were both silently emotional."

One person who did cry happy tears – all day – was Lorraine, especially when she saw Rosie dressed as a bride for the first time.

"It was a mixture of: 'Oh my gosh, I can't believe my baby is a bride and a mother and she looks so beautiful.' The dress was perfect and she radiated sheer happiness," Lorraine says.

"I was so proud of her. When I saw her standing there looking like that, all the emotion came ►



The couple exchange traditional vows in a humanist ceremony



Lorraine with her
granddaughter, Billie

Rosie with
her mother,
Lorraine, and
grandmother,
Anne



out. I did cry quite a lot; that was a beautiful, beautiful moment.”

Seeing her husband walk their daughter up the aisle also resulted in tears being shed. “I think that was the moment when I really did completely lose it. Amber had carried Billie down the aisle and it felt as though nothing could top that. But then Rosie walked in with her dad and he looked so proud and happy. It was lovely.”

The ceremony was conducted by Susan Mathieson, who, in keeping with humanist tradition, told those gathered the story of how Rosie and Steve’s romance blossomed after they met online. Traditional vows were then recited before the couple exchanged rings, which were both by the designer Elizabeth MacDonald;

Steve’s was made of plain gold while Rosie’s included diamonds. Steve’s mother, Helen, and Lorraine served as witnesses.

After being declared husband and wife, the newlyweds walked down the aisle to the song Bonnie Dundee – the same song Lorraine had picked for her big day.

TIME TO CELEBRATE

The guests then moved into a marquee in the hotel’s grounds for the reception. Drinks and canapes, including truffled mushroom arancini and chicken satay, were served before everyone sat down to dinner at four long tables decorated with small flowers in glass jars and brass candlesticks holding white candles. Rosie, Steve,

their parents, Rosie’s matron of honour and the groom’s siblings were on the top table.

Guests enjoyed starters of ham hock terrine, chicken Caesar croquettes or heritage tomato salad, and main courses of corn-fed chicken breast, braised lamb en croute or pesto roasted aubergine. Dessert was chocolate torte, lemon torte or white chocolate mousse, all catered by the hotel.

The groom, his best men and both his and Rosie’s fathers all delivered speeches, which left everyone in tears. “[My husband] Steve’s speech was from the heart, like my dad’s at my wedding,” Lorraine says.

“He welcomed everybody from all four corners of the Earth, because my brother had come from Singapore and we had relatives from Germany ►



Rosie with Lorraine and her TV colleagues Dr Hilary Jones, Dr Amir Khan and Mark Heyes

Below: Billie joins her parents as they cut the cake



and people coming from all over the UK, as far away as Orkney.

"He was so proud of his girl. I don't think there was one person who wasn't having a wee tear when he spoke," Lorraine said.

Rosie says she struggled to keep her emotions in check when her new husband spoke about how much he loved seeing her as a mother to Billie. Steve also paid tribute to Gordon, Rosie's uncle on her father's side, who passed away last year.

Then it was time for the newlyweds to cut the two-tier wedding cake, which was from Liggy's Cakes, with their daughter's help. Featuring one tier of red velvet and another of lemon and blueberry, it was decorated with a tiny iced figure of the couple's beloved dachshund, Ruby, which Rosie had organised as a surprise.

HITTING THE DANCEFLOOR

The band Killer City Sound then started the party, with the couple choosing the song *Birds of a Feather* by Billie Eilish for their first dance. Billie joined them on the dancefloor during the song, swaying with her parents as Rosie held her in her arms.

Guests also took part in a traditional Scottish ceilidh; Rosie had posted a video tutorial on the couple's wedding website so that guests could practise ahead of the day. Towards the end of the evening, the bride gave her grandmother Anne her bouquet to take home.

"It was so wonderful to have four generations there," Lorraine says. "My mum's not been too well – she's got a terrible kidney illness and she's very frail now, compared with what she was. But on the day, she looked absolutely incredible, and she felt incredible as well. She lasted until ►

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ENJOY EACH MOMENT

The couple fell in love with Sir Andy Murray's Cromlix hotel when they visited shortly after their daughter was born, and booked all the rooms for the wedding party to ensure privacy





Guests were sent instructions so that they could join in the Scottish ceilidh

Facing page: Rosie wears a white silk Rixo mini dress for the party

about 10pm and she was so touched that Rosie gave her the bouquet. She had an audience with Dr Amir and Dr Hilary; she was a wee bit like the Queen Mother, with people coming up and paying homage to her, which was great."

Lorraine adds: "I don't think there are many families these days that would have a great-grandmother, grandmother, daughter and granddaughter together. We are very lucky."

After Rosie slipped into a white silk Rixo mini dress and Zara shoes – and Billie changed into a tutu-style outfit from Rhyme – the festivities continued, with DJ James Eden from Johnny Ross Music spinning tunes until the party ended at 1am. For anyone flagging in energy, a pizza van from Dough Man's Land arrived at 10pm to offer late-night snacks.

The newlyweds then spent the night at the hotel before enjoying a farewell breakfast with their guests the following morning. From there, they spent two days in Edinburgh before returning to their home in Berkshire. They plan to honeymoon in Ravello, Italy, in September.

Rosie and Steve got engaged two years ago while on holiday with their families in Spain – the two sets of parents own homes near the same resort – but wanted to wait until Billie was a little older before making their union official.

"I wanted her to be a bit more aware of what was going on," Rosie says. "I didn't want to get married straight away because I was postpartum and didn't know what time or day it was, so I was prepared to wait until I felt as though I could put on a wedding dress and be a bit more with it."

FUTURE PLANS

Are they considering adding to their family? "We found the first year really challenging, so we're TBC. We're not closed off but we're taking it day by day, because Billie's getting to the terrible twos," Steve says.

What they have done is combine their surnames. "I'm the last Smith," says Rosie, who is an only child. "So we're doing Smith-White."

The couple met on Hinge in April 2023. Although they were unsure if the other was

interested after their first date, Steve says that a "vibe" prompted them to meet again.

"We agreed to go on a few more dates and see what would happen," he says. "We were both quite shy initially. A couple of months in, we had really open and honest conversations, so we knew we were on the same page."

Six months later, Rosie became pregnant with Billie. "I've always said that Steve – and I don't want this to sound boring, because it's not – feels very safe. I know people talk about fireworks, which are also there, but all I need is that steady calmness," she says.

That has helped the couple to navigate a busy chapter in their lives; Rosie also published her debut book, *Mother to Mother*, this year.

"We've done a lot in three years and now we want to slow down and enjoy it. We've gone through lots of big changes, so now hopefully there will be a period of calm."



INTERVIEW: LAURA BENJAMIN
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THE MIDDLETON INFLUENCE

As Prince George, Princess Charlotte and Prince Louis attend the Commonwealth Games, we reveal the role their grandparents play in keeping their feet on the ground





The Prince and Princess of Wales arrive at Glasgow's Ovo Hydro arena with Charlotte, Louis and George

They could have been any ordinary family enjoying a fun day out, but the appearance of Prince George, Princess Charlotte and Prince Louis at the Commonwealth Games earlier this month marked a milestone.

The trio joined their parents, the Prince and Princess of Wales, in the stands at Glasgow's Ovo Hydro arena, where the siblings' close bond was clear to see as they sat side by side to watch the sporting action.

It was a rare informal public outing for the three young royals, who have most often been

seen together at official events such as their grandfather the King's coronation and Trooping the Colour, as well as Christmas Day at Sandringham and Easter at Windsor.

SCOTTISH DEBUT

It was the youngsters' first public appearance in Scotland, where William and Kate are known as the Duke and Duchess of Rothesay.

It was also the first time that Louis had attended a major sports event, and he didn't disappoint royal fans who have become accustomed to his playful antics. ►



Charlotte catches up with her great-uncle and (below) great-aunt, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh

Facing page: An enthusiastic Louis, wearing a colourful bucket hat, keeps royal watchers entertained



The Prince, wearing a colourful bucket hat, appeared to be in his element as he watched the netball semi-final between Australia and Jamaica, smiling, pulling faces and covering his eyes when the tension perhaps became too much.

The event also revealed the close and comfortable bond that the Wales children share with their great-uncle and great-aunt the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, who sat alongside them, with Prince Edward appearing to explain some match rules to Charlotte as well as passing Louis a sweet.

The day provided an opportunity for William and Kate to continue to gently introduce George, 13, Charlotte, 11, and Louis, eight, to the type of public engagements that will one day become part of their lives.

The children stood shyly alongside their parents as they met athletes from Team Wales and gamely accepted high-fives from the Games' unicorn mascot, Finnie.

As their parents chatted to twin gymnasts Abigail and Emily Roper, who had both won bronze medals earlier in the week, Kate turned to her younger son and said: "Louis, you're perfecting your handstand at the moment."

Louis replied: "A bit – Charlotte says I'm not very good."

Meanwhile, George gave a typically teenage response when the TV presenter Gethin Jones asked if he wanted to see his parents on a tandem bicycle in the velodrome.

"No," George replied, prompting laughter from Kate. "We embarrass you enough as it is," William said.

"The children are the future royal family, so William and Kate accept that they need to be seen in public sometimes," Robert Jobson, author of *The Windsor Legacy*, tells **HELLO!**.

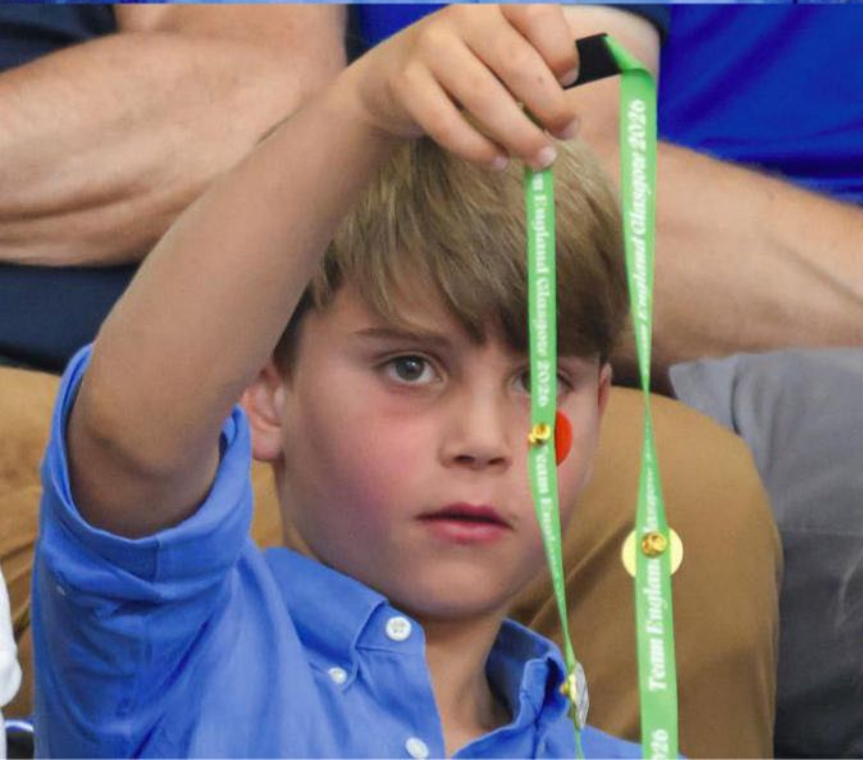
NATURAL STARS

"The reality is that they're still very protective of them, but in certain situations it works, and I think this worked really well. It's also good for the kids without overwhelming them.

"They're very natural when they're out – they sat among the crowd and weren't given special treatment. They know they get privileges and I'm sure they're told that it's a great honour for them to meet these athletes."

Robert adds: "Louis is a character, there's no doubt about that. The public love him and it's nice to see all three of them together."

The children's love of sport is something instilled in them by their parents from a young age. It runs in the family: the Princess's parents, ►





George relaxes
as the family
take in the track
cycling at the
Sir Chris Hoy
Velodrome

**‘THEY’RE VERY NATURAL WHEN THEY’RE OUT – THEY
WEREN’T GIVEN SPECIAL TREATMENT’**



Kate watches a netball match with Charlotte and (below right) shares a hug with Sophie

Michael and Carole Middleton, encouraged Kate and her siblings, Pippa and James, to participate in sport while they were growing up, in the belief that it would build confidence.

The Middletons' influence does not end there, with William and Kate having incorporated Carole's hands-on approach to parenting – dubbed “the Middleton model” by commentators – in their own family life.

This includes spending plenty of time outdoors, sitting down together for family meals and imparting a strong work ethic.

“I had a very happy childhood. It was great fun. I'm very lucky,” Kate has said. “I come from a very strong family. My parents were hugely dedicated to us. Now, as a parent, I really appreciate how much they sacrificed for us.

“They would come to every sports match – I was very keen on sport. They'd be the ones on the sidelines shouting, and we'd always have family holidays together.”

Unlike previous generations of royal parents, William and Kate have followed suit, taking turns to do the school run, regularly attending their children's sports matches and stepping back from work during the school holidays.

For William, who grew up in royal residences and experienced his parents' bitter divorce and the death of his mother, Diana, Princess of Wales, when he was a teenager, the Middletons' cosy and caring family provided him with the stability he had missed out on.

“Mike and Carole have been really loving and

caring and really fun. They've been very welcoming to me, so I've really felt part of the family,” he said when he and Kate got engaged in 2010. “It's very important that you have a loving family behind you.”

Carole, an entrepreneur who built a multimillion-pound party supplies business, is the linchpin of that tight family bond, and described her grandparenting style in an interview in 2021.

“I want to run down the hills, climb the trees and go through the tunnel at the playground. As long as I'm able to, that's what I'll be doing,” she said. “I cook with them, I muck around dancing, we go on bike rides. I have tried hard to be a listening grandmother and mother-in-law.

“That is why we are all still close, because our relationship has evolved as my children have had children.”

THE MIDDLETON FACTOR

Simon Vigar, the royal correspondent for 5 News and author of the new book *The Four Wives of Windsor*, says that the Middletons' influence on the next generation of royals should not be underestimated.

“[William and Kate's] children are having a very similar childhood to the ones Catherine, Pippa and James had,” he recently told **HELLO!**'s *A Right Royal Podcast*.

“I was told by one of my sources that the late Queen, very early on, identified what a good thing Catherine was, and how the absolute ►





backbone was the Middletons. I think the Middleton family will have a huge impact on the future of the monarchy.”

This sense of normal family life has always been important to William and Kate – just as it was to William’s mother, Diana, who used to take him and his brother, Prince Harry, to McDonald’s and make them queue for rides at theme parks rather than receive special treatment.

DIANA’S LEGACY

Ken Wharfe, Diana’s former police protection officer, has previously told **HELLO!** how she used to refuse – or would pass on to charitable causes – unsolicited gifts sent to the young princes, so that they wouldn’t become spoiled.

“Diana was the first person to make sure her boys had some sort of normal lifestyle, and that is continuing with the Wales children,” Simon says. “George, Charlotte and Louis have a more normal childhood than William and Harry did.”

As Kate has said: “It’s not how many toys they’ve got or what sort of trips you go on with them; it’s simply making sure that they’ve got the right emotional support.”

It is this philosophy, passed down from the previous generation, that seems sure to help secure the future of the next. **H**

REPORT: TRACY SCHAVERIEN



The Wales family are greeted by royal fans; and (above) William and Kate enjoy the sporting action with Sophie

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Sport runs in the Middleton family, as Kate proves by completing the Three Peaks Challenge. From left: Carole Middleton, William, Louis, George, Kate, Charlotte, Michael Middleton and James Middleton, with his dog Isla



LITTLE ROYAL CHERUB

Princess Eugenie and Jack Brooksbank welcome their third child, a baby girl, in Portugal

Clutching her father's finger, the newborn daughter of Princess Eugenie and Jack Brooksbank made her public debut in a portrait showing her with angel wings on the back of her sleepsuit.

The baby, who was not named immediately, became 15th in the line of succession upon her birth on Monday 4 July in a hospital in Lisbon, Portugal, putting her ahead of both the Duke of Edinburgh and the Princess Royal, her great-uncle and great-aunt.

Eugenie, 36, the younger daughter of Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor and Sarah Ferguson, made the announcement on Instagram. "Jack and I are so excited to announce Baby Girl Brooksbank!! We are beyond in love with our girlie."

The royal family also posted the photo on Instagram, noting: "Their Majesties The King and Queen and other members of the royal family were delighted to be informed of the news."

FAMILY OF FIVE

Both Eugenie and the baby, who weighed 6lb 9oz, are understood to be doing well. **HELLO!** has learnt that the Princess and her husband are taking time to decide on a name as they spend time with their sons, August, five, and Ernest, three.

Edoardo Mapelli Mozzi, Princess Beatrice's husband and the new baby's uncle, responded to the announcement with three heart emojis.

Eugenie's relative Flora Vesterberg, granddaughter of Princess Alexandra, wrote a message of congratulations, noting that "our



Eugenie and Jack at her cousin Peter Phillips's wedding in June, a month after they revealed her pregnancy with a photo of their sons holding a scan

daughters are only a few weeks apart". Flora gave birth to Isabel Marina Vesterberg on 8 July.

It is unusual for a member of the line of succession to be born outside the UK, with one recent exception being the Duke and Duchess of Sussex's daughter, Princess Lilibet, in 2021.

Eugenie's third child will automatically receive a British passport because both of her parents are British, but will not automatically qualify for Portuguese citizenship because her parents would need to have lived in Portugal for at least five years.

The couple, whose sons were both born in the private Portland Hospital in London, have divided their time between Portugal and their royal residence in London since 2022.

The baby was shown in hospital with her father, a businessman whose career has included working for the property investor Mike Meldman, a friend of the actor George Clooney, and as a bar manager at the now-defunct nightclub Mahiki.

In a nod to her royal connections, she wore a pink pointelle sleepsuit by Marie-Chantal London, the luxury babywear brand founded by Crown Princess Marie-Chantal of Greece, with a hat bearing the same signature wing motif.

The birth will come as a relief to Eugenie's parents, Andrew and Sarah, who have retreated from public life after revelations about their close relationship with the late sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. As a direct result of the scandals, the King stripped Andrew of his remaining titles and evicted the former couple from their 30-room mansion, Royal Lodge. Andrew denies any wrongdoing.

INSPIRED BY MOTHERHOOD

Eugenie has described motherhood as "mind-blowing", saying: "Becoming a parent is the most special, mind-blowing experience of a person's life. My children make my world go around."

In an earlier interview with **HELLO!**, she spoke of how August's birth in February 2021 inspired her to make the world a better place.

"Since August came into my life, it's affected my desire to do more. Priorities change when you have children; you want to do everything you can for them, and for your grandchildren. He's only two, but I hope that what I'm doing will seep through and that one day he takes it on, too." **H**

REPORT: JACK MALVERN





In a nod to her royal connections, the newborn wears an outfit from the babywear brand founded by Crown Princess Marie-Chantal of Greece, whose signature motif is a pair of wings

THE ROYAL BRIEF



PRINCESS AIKO OF JAPAN

The only daughter of Emperor Naruhito attended one of Japan's most sacred Shinto ceremonies at the Grand Shrines of Ise, which are rebuilt every 20 years. She joined local residents in pulling a rope to drag sacred timber to the site in Mie Prefecture, central Japan. The Princess is the subject of much speculation after the passing of a new law that would enable her to marry a commoner without being expelled from the royal family.



THE PRINCESS ROYAL

Crowds applauded the Princess Royal and her husband, Vice Admiral Sir Tim Laurence, as they arrived on the Isle of Wight to mark 200 years of Cowes Week. Princess Anne's itinerary included a reception at the Island Sailing Club, of which she is patron.

THE SPANISH ROYAL FAMILY

Princess Leonor and Infanta Sofia flanked their grandmother Queen Sofia as they gathered for their family's traditional summer reception at Marivent Palace (meaning the Palace of Sea and Wind) in Mallorca. The sisters, who attended the reception for the first time last year, joined their parents, King Felipe and Queen Letizia.



THE KING

Standing by a pink arbour at the Castle of Mey in Caithness, the monarch posed with a pot of pink-and-white striped King's Roses. Charles planted the flowers in the garden once overseen by his grandmother, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, who bought the 15-bedroom castle in 1952 because she thought it "might be rather fun to have a small house so far away – the air is lovely, and one looks at Orkney from the drawing room".



BRAD PITT & ANGELINA JOLIE

Bitter battle over vineyard deepens

Brad Pitt is demanding that Angelina Jolie reveal her post-split film earnings as their legal battle over Château Miraval continues. Lawyers for Brad, 62, have requested financial records relating to Angelina's income following their separation in 2016, focusing on the period from 2017 to 2019.

Angelina, 51, who previously submitted records of her earnings in 2020 and 2021, is fighting the motion. Her legal team argue that her earnings from films have no bearing on the dispute relating to the French vineyard, which the stars co-owned from 2008 until 2021.



LYNDA LA PLANTE

Author fears driving ban will end career

The best-selling crime author Lynda La Plante has been handed a six-month driving ban, despite tearfully telling a court that it would end her career. The screenwriter, 83, told Lavender Hill Magistrates' Court that she needed her car to meet criminal sources for research and to walk her guard dog, Theo, adding that the emotional strain of a ban would force her to quit writing.

Lynda pleaded guilty to breaking a 20mph speed limit near her home in Kingston-upon-Thames five times between November 2025 and April this year.



ARIANA GRANDE

Star departs the public eye

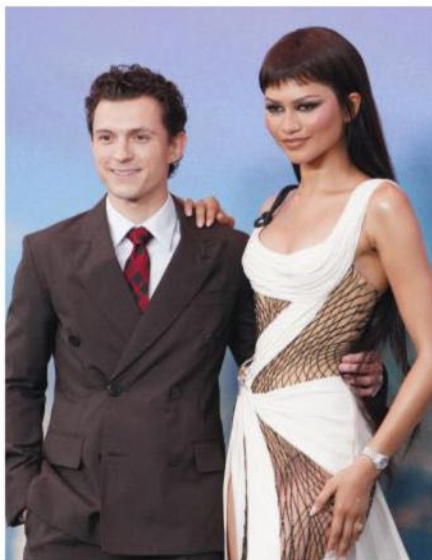
Ariana Grande has announced that she will be taking a break from the limelight following the conclusion of her Eternal Sunshine Tour in London on 1 September.

The decision follows years of intense public scrutiny regarding her appearance, particularly during the press tours for her films *Wicked* and *Wicked: For Good*.

The singer and Academy Award-nominated actress, 33, has pulled out of next year's London production of *Sunday in the Park with George*, in which she was to appear alongside Jonathan Bailey.

7 DAYS

THE NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW



STORY OF THE WEEK

TOM HOLLAND & ZENDAYA

Stars celebrate marriage in Surrey

The Hollywood power couple Zendaya and Tom Holland celebrated their marriage with a reception in the UK.

The *Euphoria* actress, 29, and the *Spider-Man* actor, 30, hosted a lavish party for family and friends at the Beaverbrook estate in Surrey, which is just a short distance from Tom's home town of Kingston upon Thames.

Reports indicate that guests and staff were subject to a strict phone ban, while Tom's three younger brothers – Sam, Harry and Paddy – took on key roles during the celebrations.

The festivities follow reports that the pair secretly tied the knot earlier this year, an occasion to which Law Roach, Zendaya's longtime stylist, later alluded when he dropped hints about the actress's custom-made wedding gown.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

‘I’m more confident at 52, so why would I want to make myself look like I’m 30?’

Hannah Waddingham celebrates her age

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POPPY OLIVER

Jamie and Jools's daughter is engaged

Jamie and Jools Oliver's eldest daughter, Poppy, has revealed that she is engaged to Ben, her partner of five years.

Jools shared the news on Instagram, where she posted photos from the engagement celebrations, including an image showing Poppy's ring.

The milestone is a significant one for the family. Poppy, 24, will be the first of the five Oliver children – the youngest of whom is nine years old – to tie the knot. Jools, 51, wrote: "Our first baby Poppy Honey is getting married. We are so excited, proud and happy. Ben we all adore you."



ANDREW MOUNTBATTEN-WINDSOR

Provides statement about alleged stalker

Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor has provided a witness statement in court after coming face to face with an alleged stalker wearing a balaclava.

The former Duke of York, 66, told Westminster Magistrates' Court that he was chased in a confrontation close to Marsh Farm, his home on the Sandringham estate in Norfolk.

Alex Jenkinson, 39, is charged with using threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour towards Andrew on 6 May. Suffolk Police are also applying for a civil Stalking Protection Order against Jenkinson.



MYLENE KLASS

Presenter opens up about health scare

Mylene Klass has revealed that she suffered a breast cancer scare and underwent urgent medical tests. The presenter and singer, 48, opened up after waiting anxiously for her results.

"Girls. A massive reminder to check yourselves," she told her followers on Instagram last week after finding a lump in her arm, adding: "3 cysts and 3 lymph nodes later, I'm ok BUT the days of waiting meant I reorganised my life into a new set of priorities and 'what ifs' only to thankfully get the all clear and then experience the weird 'reordering' of going back to 'normal'."

Jenny, who has been famous since she was 16, still owns a pair of her former boyfriend Matt Goss's jeans

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'I WAS BURNT OUT'

The presenter Jenny Powell on tackling imposter syndrome, the benefits of therapy and why her fifties are a 'beautiful' age

In the Nineties, Jenny Powell broke down barriers as a young black woman appearing on some of British TV's biggest entertainment shows. Now 58, the Greatest Hits radio host is inspiring her 270,000 followers on Instagram by opening up about women's health, parenting and dating after divorce.

"It's now, more than ever, that people tap me on the shoulder because I was on so many shows that resonated with them," Jenny tells Atech Jewel in this week's episode of **HELLO!**'s Second Act podcast.

"Back then, I was pretty oblivious to the fame thing. We didn't even have time to walk down the street because we were always out on location."

Jenny's career began when she was 16, after she won a competition to present the pop-music programme No Limits. Millions of viewers watched as she went on to host Top of the Pops, a string of Saturday morning TV shows (including Gimme 5 with a young Ant and Dec) and Wheel of Fortune.

High-profile relationships with pop stars such as Matt Goss from Bros and Take That's Jason Orange kept her in the newspaper headlines – and at the mercy of jealous fans who would post lit cigarette butts through her letterbox. "I've still got a pair of Matt's jeans in my mum's loft," she laughs.

NEWFOUND CONFIDENCE

Despite her popularity, Jenny struggled with imposter syndrome – something she still battles against. "I remember thinking, 'This job that I've won, it's just going to be this, and then I'll go back', and I've done that for the past 40 years."

She credits therapy for helping her to regain confidence in her fifties, after she suffered burnout triggered by trauma built up over the years due to health issues, her divorce from the entrepreneur Toby Baxendale in 2009 (the couple have two daughters, Constance and Pollyanna) and the death of her father in 2021.

"The [therapists] put a few things in place for me, because I was burnt out," she says. "Before [therapy], I went back to work, because then you don't have to deal and heal."

Now, Jenny, who is hosting the Rewind Festival in Henley-on-Thames this month, is happier than ever. "This is a beautiful age," says the star, who has been engaged to the sports therapist Martin Lowe since 2014. "I was too much of a people-pleaser before. I'm in control now. It's only in

your second part where that confidence comes through, where you do trust yourself, your decisions and what you think and feel." **H**



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FIT FOR THE QUEEN

The best-selling author Cecelia Ahern on the Queen's mission to get people reading and the best compliment she has ever received

Cecelia Ahern is one of the most successful writers of her generation. Her smash-hit debut book, *PS I Love You*, was published in 2004 when she was only 21, and she has since written a new novel every year.

The 44-year-old has sold more than 25 million books around the world, with several adapted for the big screen, including a 2007 film version of *PS I Love You* starring Hilary Swank and the 2022 Apple TV anthology series *Roar* with Nicole Kidman and Cynthia Erivo.

The daughter of the former Irish taoiseach Bertie Ahern, Cecelia was part of the girl band Shimma, who placed third in Ireland's national selection show for the Eurovision Song Contest in 2000. She then embarked on a degree in journalism and media communications before moving into writing fiction.

Cecelia, who lives in Ireland with her husband and their three children, will join other authors including Kate Mosse, Jojo Moyes, Meg Mason and Elif Shafak at the Queen's Reading Room Festival, which takes place at Chatsworth in the Peak District from 19 to 20 September.

Cecelia, how do you feel about appearing at the Queen's Reading Room Festival?

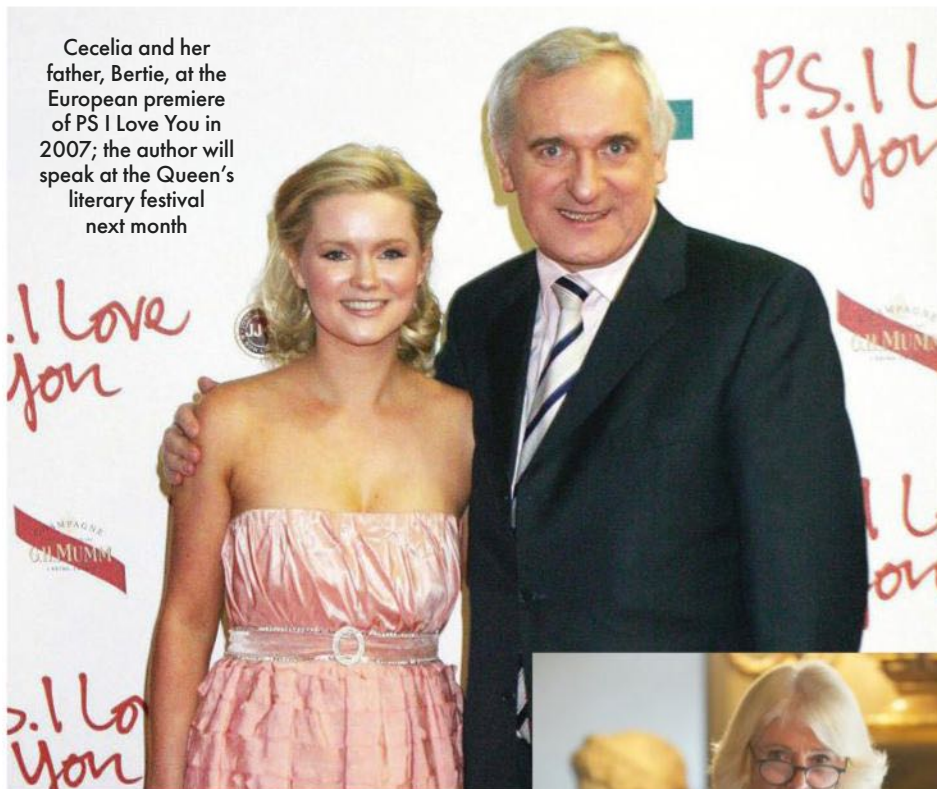
"I'm really looking forward to it, it's such an honour to be invited. And I'm so excited that it's at Chatsworth, which is such a stunning building. There's an incredible list of authors and I will be getting to meet my readers, which I love doing. I am really excited to connect with other writers and have chats with them about the book world."

Have you met the Queen before? She has been known to attend the festival in person...

"No I haven't, and it would be an honour to meet her. It would be fantastic if she was there. I think it's amazing that she's shining a light on books and the importance of reading. I'm always

CULTURE

DON'T MISS THIS WEEK...



Cecelia and her father, Bertie, at the European premiere of PS I Love You in 2007; the author will speak at the Queen's literary festival next month

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grateful to anybody who puts that so high on their list of importance."

You met the late Queen Elizabeth II during her historic visit to Dublin Castle in 2011...

"I met her when I came along as my dad's date. I remember that her eyes really captured you; they were very twinkly. She was with Prince Philip and there were hundreds of people to meet but I felt she was taking in everything, really registering everybody there. It was very special."

What is your new book, *Love Unlocked*, about?

"It is about a bridge in Dublin which is famous for having love locks, and when they're removed couples all around the world start breaking up."

"My characters Melody and Al, who are complete strangers, join forces to investigate what's going on. Of course, while they're trying to solve everybody else's heartbreak, it unlocks their own."

You just published your first children's book, *Detective Thingy Majiggy*. Did you run your idea for it past your children?

"I have a six-year-old who I read with every night and I was really excited for her to be able to read one of my books; she's so invested in my writing and wanted to be a part of it. She helped me pick out the illustrations and we talked about the story all the time."



What do your children think of your success?

"I think they're proud of me, but obviously to them I'm just their mother. My daughter is 16 and she came on a tour I did – I told her she didn't have to sit in the audience every night and she said, 'I will, because you're actually really interesting.' That was the best compliment I've ever been given."

How do you feel seeing your characters on screen?

"For all the moments of pain [in getting the adaptations made], there are so many moments of excitement and joy. I love the collaboration and seeing someone else's interpretation and that the book gets a whole new life."

Did growing up as a politician's daughter make you want to embrace the spotlight?

"I didn't ever want to get into politics, I knew it wasn't for me. When I was younger, I was doing singing and dancing and that was a public thing. [Shimma] had a five-album deal with Polydor, but when my music career came to an end I knew I didn't want to do it any more. I really put my head down and focused on my degree."

You live in the village where you grew up. Have you ever considered moving elsewhere?

"I'm in a place which is grounded and lovely and I also get to see the world when I travel. It's a really nice place to raise your children, my family is there and it's where I feel safe and happy."

INTERVIEW: LAURA BENJAMIN

Love Unlocked by Cecelia Ahern is out on 27 August, published by HarperCollins. Book tickets for the Queen's Reading Room Festival at chatsworth.org



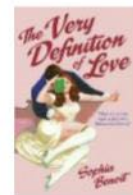
FILM TONY

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EVENT

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BOOK

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Set in 1816, this Regency romance follows Harriet Bancroft as she enters an arranged marriage with the womanising Lord Alexander, which enables her to keep working on her dictionary of modern slang. But soon, feelings start to complicate things...
By Sophia Benoit, out now, published by Piatkus, priced £10.99



TV POSSESSION

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STYLE

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Zoë Kravitz is sleek and chic in New York



GET THE LOOK

Zoë Kravitz

1. Massimo Dutti long flowing trench coat, £199 2. Celine CL40194U Triomphe 03A sunglasses, £410 3. Mint Velvet red beaded charm necklace, £35 4. & Other Stories cotton shirt, £77

5. M&S straight-legged trousers with stretch, £26 6. Vivienne Westwood Albane ring, £195 7. Flattered Xena leather ankle boots, £275 8. Mansur Gavriel grained leather tote bag, £725



RETRO RIVIERA

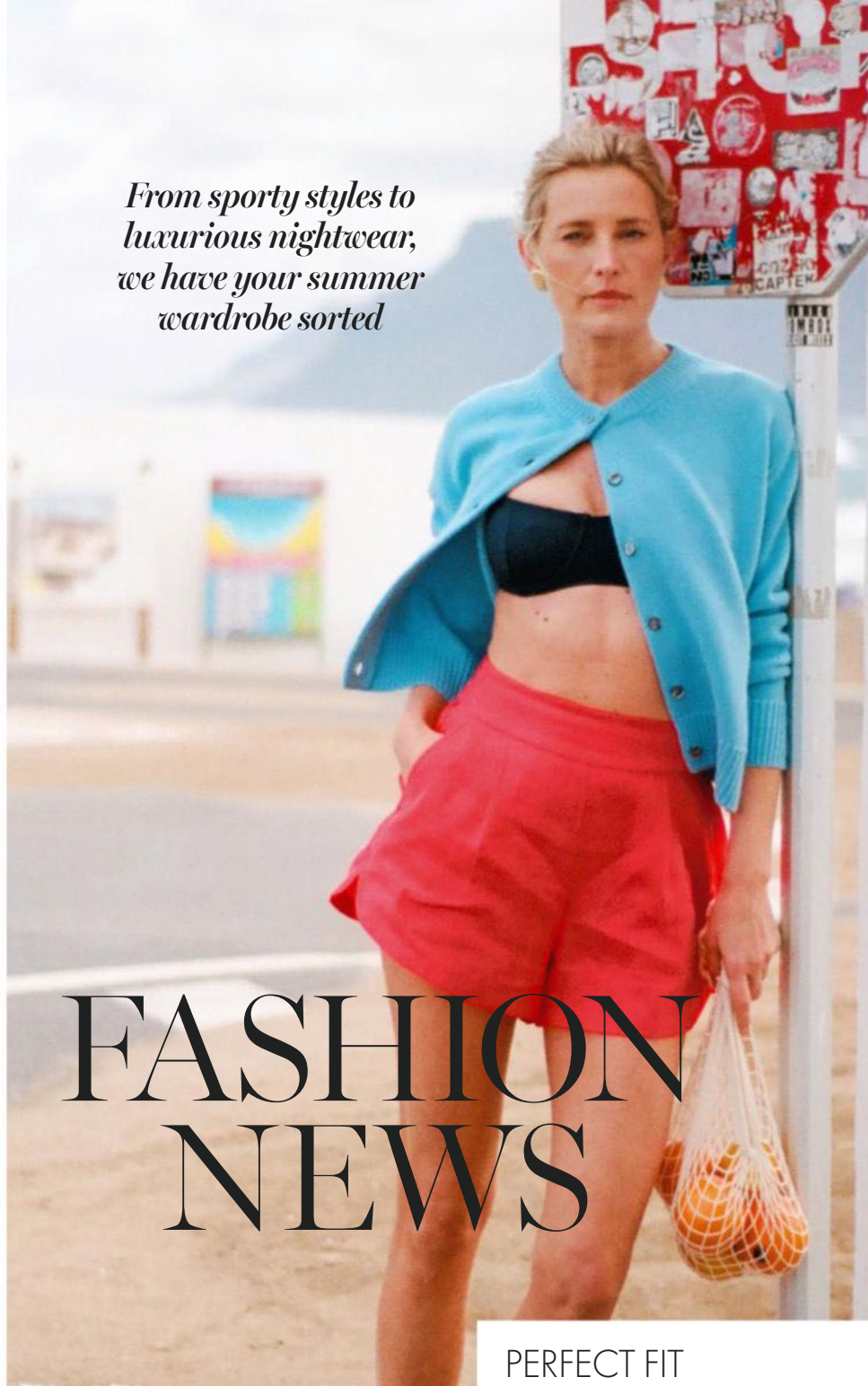
A couple of weeks ago, I was invited to preview the latest **Adidas Originals x Asos** collaboration (previous collections have sold out fast). Joining the popular **lace-hem shorts**, reimagined in pale blue with navy trim (£45), are a **striped knit polo** with a contrast collar (£65) and **balloon trousers** in cream check seersucker (£80), which I tried on as a set. Someone said I looked like the wife of a DJ, which raised a smile. The collection is inspired by the French Riviera, and the labels have also unveiled their first menswear collaboration, fronted by the Arsenal and England footballer Noni Madueke.

CHARM HOUSE

I'm suddenly very taken with jewellery, perhaps because it adds an extra layer to an outfit when it's simply too hot to layer clothes. **Tilly Sveaas**, best known for its signature T-bar necklaces, has added 24 new charms to its glorious collection. Among my favourites are the colourful enamel designs that provide an unexpected pop of colour. And where to keep one's growing jewellery collection? To mark its tenth anniversary, the brand has launched **vegan leather jewellery boxes** in four fun colourways (£125).



From sporty styles to luxurious nightwear, we have your summer wardrobe sorted



FASHION NEWS

PERFECT FIT

I came across **Sea-m**, a small independent British brand, on Instagram and was immediately drawn to its **Jetty shorts** (£105). Designed by a woman (with curves) for women, the pieces are thoughtfully cut to flatter. Naturally, I ordered a pair and can confirm that they fit perfectly, thanks to the side zip and elasticated waistband. Other standouts include the **Bay tank** (£115), with its racer neckline, criss-cross back and cut-out button details, and the **Aber dress** (£175), finished with three buttons at the back of the neck, a scalloped hem and deep side pockets. For now, the collection is available in off-white, tomato red and citrus – a pale yellow – with more colours set to be added seasonally.

FASHION



MODERN CLASSIC

Designer handbags have reached such extortionate prices that they're out of reach for most of us. Thankfully, there are still plenty of pieces available from mid-range accessory brands that feel like an investment without venturing into eye-watering territory. One of my favourites is the French label **Polène**, where bags start from £390. The shapes and colours are modern yet practical, and they wear beautifully – take it from someone who, when handed a large bag, will inevitably fill it to the brim. The latest launch is the **Shuldo** (£640), crafted from soft, supple calf leather that moulds comfortably to the shoulder. It's roomy enough for all the essentials needed for a day out – although, knowing me, it will quickly be filled with plenty of non-essentials, too.



A FASHION EDITOR'S LOVE LETTER TO...

The King's Trust as it turns 50

"As part of the King's Trust's 50th anniversary celebrations, guests including Sir Rod and Lady Stewart, Ewan McGregor and the former Scotland footballer Gordon Strachan gathered at the Gleneagles Hotel in the heart of Scotland for an unforgettable day of fashion, music and fundraising.

"Following a welcome reception featuring Laurent-Perrier Champagne, guests were led – by bagpipes, naturally – into the hotel's ballroom for a catwalk show hosted by Ewan [pictured above with Becky]. 'Thank you for being here for this truly special day,' he said as he took to the stage. 'It is my honour to be the host of this.'

"Models took to the catwalk after we heard a recorded message from the King, who reflected on the charity's remarkable legacy. 'Over the past 50 years, the work of my trust has proved beyond doubt that supporting young people through personal development and the acquisition of self-confidence and self-esteem can make a real difference and transform lives,' he said.

"Before sitting down to a three-course lunch, guests were treated to an intimate performance by Rod, accompanied by Jools Holland on the piano. As he took to the stage, the legendary singer admitted: 'I've done Glastonbury, but I'm more nervous today.'

"In one of the afternoon's most touching unscripted moments, Rod paid tribute to his late friend Bonnie Tyler. 'We lost a good friend of mine in the past 24 hours,' he told the audience, before breaking into a few heartfelt lines from her hit song It's a Heartache.

"The day concluded with a live auction, conducted by Bonhams, that raised £750,000 for the charity. Standout lots included two VIP tickets to the Fifa World Cup final, which fetched a whopping £75,000."

Becky Donaldson, HELLO!'s head of fashion

EVENING IN

My nightwear drawer has been expanding in recent years, and I think there are a few reasons why. For one,

I don't go out nearly as much as I did in my twenties and thirties, so it makes sense to change into something a little nicer for an evening at home. A

beautiful pair of pyjamas feels like one of life's more affordable luxuries, so I'm always on the lookout for new designs. The latest to catch my eye is the limited-edition collaboration

between **The Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection** and **Eberjey**, featuring prints inspired by the sea. They're almost too beautiful to reserve for bedtime, and are definitely gorgeous enough to leave the house in. Prices start at £130.



CHECK IT OUT

Gingham is ticking all the sartorial boxes this summer – here's how to dress it up or down

Gingham is a timeless print, and it's having a moment in the sunshine after the Princess of Wales wore it to the DMMI Royal Charity Polo Cup last month.

Kate, who was supporting her husband, the Prince of Wales, at the event in Windsor, looked relaxed and happy in Temperley London's Stirling dress, a black-and-white sleeveless design in a lightweight jacquard voile fabric with a square neckline, a waist tie and an elegant midi length. She completed the look with nude Camilla Elphick slingbacks and Sézane's Gabrielle earrings.

Kate's look is likely to have been a tribute to the designer Alice Temperley, who had announced only days earlier that she would be stepping away from her eponymous fashion label – and it was perhaps also a nod to Diana, Princess of Wales, who attended the same event 40 years earlier wearing bright pink gingham trousers (naturally – it was the Eighties).

Although a royal endorsement always gets the internet talking, the enduring appeal of a gingham dress lies in its versatility. It looks just as good with barely-there sandals in a heatwave as it does with heels for special occasions or with box-fresh trainers for an effortless weekend look.

If you'd like to emulate Kate's style, Rixo's Chandra midi dress is a gingham number designed to look like a French vintage-market find without the need for a trip across the Channel. Made from crisp cotton and featuring delicate bow details and pretty ruffled sleeves, it can be styled with mesh ballet flats for a modern touch. Rixo is a female-founded British brand that aims to create 'forever pieces' and has been worn by the Princess herself.

Other covetable gingham dresses include Marks & Spencer's high-necked, puff-sleeved style, which you could wear with knee-high boots come autumn, and the drop-waisted Petra midi from the Australian brand Dissh. Dress it up with wedges or down with a slouchy cardigan and slides.

If, like Diana, you're more of a dopamine dresser, Ro&Zo's cobalt-blue Raya dress is perfect for holidays or late-summer parties, while Faithfull's chic red co-ords are designed to look like the dream gingham midi, though they can also be worn separately.



SARAH JESSICA PARKER

SIENNA MILLER

THE PRINCESS OF WALES



1. Dissh Petra midi dress, £205
2. Arket seersucker dress, £75
3. Rixo Chandra cotton midi dress, £225
4. & Other Stories draped dress, £119
5. M&S midi dress, £38



Diana, Princess of Wales, was also a fan of gingham



NOBODY'S CHILD
Quinn midi dress, £89



FAITHFULL
Janne top, £160, and Cales skirt, £180



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RAILS
Adine dress, £268

RO&ZO
Raya blue check
square-necked
dress, £169



THE APPEAL
OF GINGHAM
LIES IN ITS
VERSATILITY



1. Arket circle skirt, £95, and cotton shirt, £75 2. With Nothing Underneath Sloane dress, £160 3. Nobody's Child Cora drop-waisted dress, £79 4. Cos raw-cut cotton dress, £95 5. Mulberry Small Roxanne leather bag, £1,295 6. Rails Romina skirt, £218, and Aja top, £198

KEEPING YOUR COOL

*We share the heatwave-friendly
pieces we're wearing to the
office this summer*

Give us Brits an autumn day and most of us can pull off a put-together look – but faced with a heatwave, we’re in crisis mode. How many times over the past few weeks have you found yourself replying: “Good, but hot,” when someone asks how you are?

With temperatures soaring well above the seasonal average, it feels as though we’re settling into a new kind of British summer.

As hot days become less of an exception and more of a norm, I’ve started to rethink my summer wardrobe for days in the office – particularly when I’m attending events, where looking put-together is non-negotiable.

Rather than scrambling to get dressed each morning, I now rely on a handful of tried-and-tested rules to help me stay cool – in two senses of the word.

CHOOSE NATURAL FABRICS

Natural fibres are far more breathable than synthetics, and when temperatures rise, every little helps. Lightweight linen is one of my summer staples. I don’t worry too much about creasing – it’s part of the fabric’s charm – and modern linen blends tend to wrinkle far less than they used to.

My wardrobe includes a few pairs of linen drawstring trousers in different colours, as well as an ankle-length white linen skirt that I wear with a matching tank top for a smarter look or with a lightweight T-shirt or vest for days when I don’t have to worry as much.

Although it might seem counterintuitive, I actually prefer wearing loose, floaty pieces to exposing lots of skin. Relaxed silhouettes enable air to circulate while protecting you from the sun, making them feel surprisingly cool and comfortable on even the hottest days.

EXPERIMENT WITH ACCESSORIES

Layering garments is a great way to show personality, and really does complete an outfit. But as temperatures climb, we can do without the extra layers.

Instead, I’ve been experimenting with accessories to add interest to simpler looks. I might tie a silk scarf or bandana around my bag handle to add a pop of colour, and I’ve also been wearing

more jewellery, such as pendants with interesting charms, colourful bracelets or sculptural earrings to make an outfit feel more considered.

DON’T FORGET PROPORTIONS

The fact that it’s hot doesn’t mean that anything goes. Oversized pieces are chic, but it’s about balance. Pairing a baggy top with baggy bottoms can look a little too relaxed for the office, while a look comprising fitted pieces from head to toe can look out of place.

Instead, balance your proportions. If you’re wearing tailored shorts or slim-fitting trousers, add an oversized striped shirt, a draped T-shirt or a relaxed linen blouse. If you’re opting for wide-legged linen trousers or a flowing midi skirt, a fitted vest or ribbed knit will create a more polished silhouette.

LOOK OUT FOR AUSSIE BRANDS

When it comes to dressing for warm weather, Australian labels have a head start. Designing for hot climates is in their DNA, so they’re well-versed in making effortless summer dressing look easy.

Dissh is my latest crush, but St Agni and Sir are close seconds. All three brands excel at breezy but polished silhouettes.

‘FABRIC CREASING IS PART OF LINEN’S CHARM’

WEAR LIGHTER COLOURS

It may sound obvious, but I always gravitate towards lighter shades in a heatwave. White, cream, stone, pale blue and soft neutrals reflect more sunlight than darker colours, making them a cooler choice on warm days.

If head-to-toe pale tones start to feel a little too soft, I’ll ground the look with black leather shoes and a matching bag or – my favourite – a big pop of colour, such as tomato red or mint green. The contrast gives the outfit a sharper, more modern edge.



1. Arkitaip The Amelie ruffled dress, £275 2. Dissh Annabel V-neck midi dress, £205

FIVE OF THE BEST SUMMER ACCESSORIES



THE LEATHER THONGS
Senso
Norah I sandals, £109



THE BASKET HAT
Tu
Mono straw cloche hat, £14



THE SQUARE SCARF
Hobbs
Mora scarf, £49



THE CUTE BAG
Verafied
Butter ring-handle bag, £153



THE SLIPPER SHOES
Aeyde
Rega round-toed suede mules, £280

4 WAYS TO WEAR

SATURDAY LUNCH



SUNDAY STROLL



DINNER DATE



WORK MEETING



FASHION

Pick your foundation pieces, then style them for any occasion

SUMMER IN THE CITY



DESK TO DRINKS



RED JACKET

DISSH
Jean track jacket,
£235

GIRLS' LUNCH



WEEKEND ERRAND



1
THE DESIGNER
SHADES

CHIMI Sally sunglasses,
£105 (were £175)



Pick of the sales TOP TEN

*If you're looking to find some
last-minute bargains, check out
our expert tips*

2

THE
STATEMENT
JEWELS

JENNIFER BEHR
Aspyn gold-toned crystal earrings,
£160 (were £320)



The smartest wardrobes are built on timeless pieces that transcend trends and seasons, remaining in your wardrobe for years – and sale season provides an ideal opportunity to invest in designer staples and fine jewellery at a fraction of the original price.

Create a wish list on Net-a-Porter and resist the urge to buy immediately – its popular sale events often make investment pieces even more attainable.

Put an item in your folder and either wait for it to be further reduced or for the online platform to offer a time-limited code giving you an extra 20% off – this happens a number of times during the sale period.

If you have a favourite label, follow it on Instagram, where final markdowns are frequently announced. There are discounts of up to 70% on everything from sunglasses to accessories.

Sales are also the perfect excuse to embrace a trend you may have overlooked or didn't want to invest in at full price – Zara's special-prices section is a hidden gem.

Prioritise beautifully cut shirts, luxurious knitwear and elevated essentials to create a capsule wardrobe of pieces that are classic enough to wear for years.

3
THE
CAPSULE
PIECE

THEORY
Classic straight
pull-on trousers,
£153 (were £255)



THE OUTER
LAYER

REALLY WILD
Spring trench coat,
£348 (was £695)





5
THE
INVESTMENT
PIECE

TOTEME
Bevel medium textured-suede
tote, £660 (was £1,100)



6
THE
VERSATILE
TRACKIE

FATFACE
Cleo tapered ponte trousers,
£28 (were £49.50), and
Sienna crew-necked
sweatshirt, £26 (was £42)



9

THE ELEVATED
KNIT

NAVYGREY
The Cardigan, £206.50 (was £295)



7
THE TREND
PIECE

ZARA
Pleated balloon trousers,
£19.99 (were £29.99)



8
THE USEFUL
SHIRT

ARKET
Cotton-silk shirt,
£58.20 (was £95)



10
THE
TRANSITIONAL
DRESS

SEASALT CORNWALL
Grass Wave dress,
£41 (was £90)



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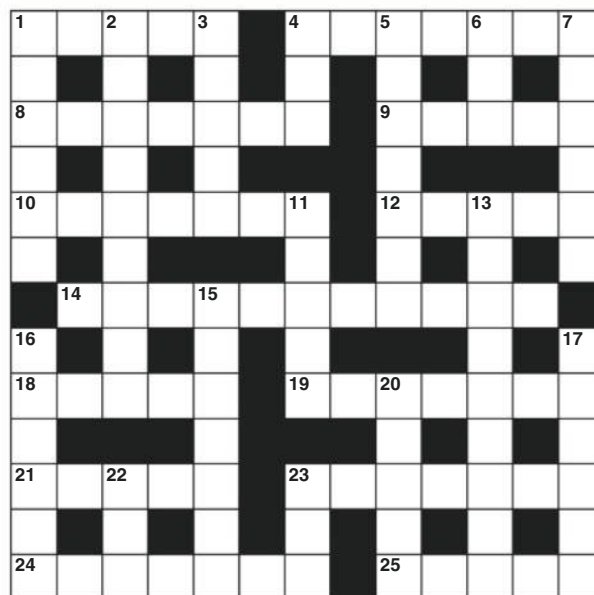
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Locate all these cakes in the grid. The answers always appear in a straight line – forwards, backwards, up, down or diagonally. You can use letters in the grid more than once.

BAKLAVA
BRIOCHE
BROWNIE
CARROT
CHEESECAKE
CUPCAKE
ECLAIR
FRUITCAKE
GATEAU
MACAROON

MADELEINE
MUFFIN
PARKIN
SCONE
SHORTCAKE
SPONGE
STRUDEL
TART
TEACAKE
TURNOVER

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Become rotten (2,3)
- 4 Fresh start (7)
- 8 Public vehicle halt (3,4)
- 9 Brownish tone of old photographs (5)
- 10 Slowly become known (4,3)
- 12 Tree with white bark (5)
- 14 Chance occurrence of events (11)
- 18 Praise highly (5)
- 19 Absence of noise (7)
- 21 Serious danger (5)
- 23 Fireworks that rise high into the sky (7)
- 24 Amount of money given in a single payment (4,3)
- 25 (Water) gauge (5)

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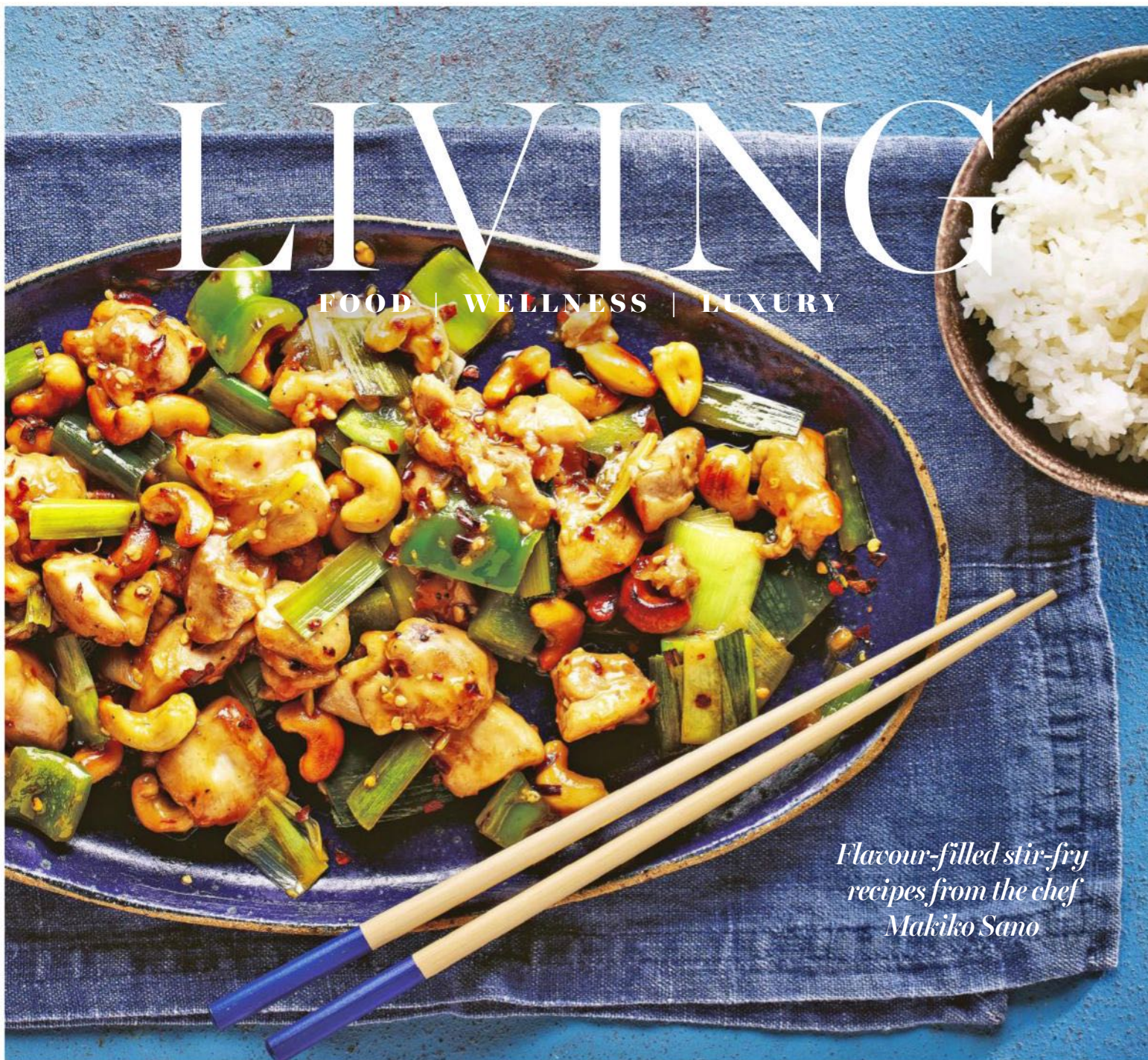
- 1 Eat greedily (6)
- 2 S American dance (5,4)
- 3 Same again (5)
- 4 Roughly tear (3)
- 5 Perceivable (7)
- 6 Distinguished guest (init) (3)
- 7 Abhor (6)
- 11 Identical siblings (5)
- 13 Become linked again (9)
- 15 Stinging weeds (7)
- 16 Friend contacted by post (3,3)
- 17 Person who bans unsuitable films (6)
- 20 Substitute doctor (5)
- 22 Edge (3)
- 23 Male sheep (3)

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS



LIVING

FOOD | WELLNESS | LUXURY



*Flavour-filled stir-fry
recipes from the chef
Makiko Sano*

KUNG PAO CHICKEN *Serves 2*

INGREDIENTS

- 300g/10½oz boneless, skinless chicken thighs, cut into uniform 2cm/¾in cubes

- 3 tbsp vegetable oil
- 60g/2oz raw cashew nuts
- 2 tsp very finely chopped garlic
- 2 tsp very finely chopped ginger
- 2 tsp chilli flakes (adjust to taste)
- 1 green pepper, cut into 2cm/¾in cubes

- ½ leek, sliced lengthways, then into 2cm/¾in strips

- 1 tbsp sesame oil, for finishing

For the marinade

- 1 tbsp sake, Shaoxing wine or Chinese rice wine
- 1 tbsp soy sauce
- 1½ tbsp potato starch

- Pinch each of salt and pepper

For the sauce

- 2 tbsp sake, Shaoxing wine or Chinese rice wine
- 2 tsp sugar
- 2 tsp rice vinegar
- 1½ tbsp light soy sauce
- Pinch of black pepper
- 1 tsp potato starch

1. Place the chicken in a mixing bowl with the marinade ingredients and mix thoroughly until all of the pieces are well coated. Set aside to marinate for 15 to 30 minutes.

2. In a small bowl, stir the sauce ingredients until the sugar dissolves and the potato starch is

fully incorporated. Set aside.

3. Heat the oil in a hot wok or a large frying pan over a medium heat. Once heated, gently tip in the raw cashew nuts and stir continuously for 1 to 2 minutes until they become golden brown. Remove the nuts with a slotted spoon, reserving the oil in the wok, then place them on kitchen paper to drain.

4. Bring the oil in the wok back to a medium heat and add the marinated chicken pieces, spreading them evenly around the base of the wok. Stir-fry for 3 to 4 minutes, until the chicken begins to turn white. Add the garlic, ginger and chilli flakes,

then continue stir-frying for a further 3 minutes until aromatic.

5. Increase the heat to high and toss in the green pepper cubes and leek strips. Stir-fry for 1 minute, keeping everything in the wok moving rapidly. Give the sauce mixture a quick stir and pour it into the wok. Stir through quickly to coat all of the ingredients and cook for about 2 minutes until the sauce thickens and becomes glossy.

6. Add the cashews and toss to combine. Turn off the heat and drizzle the sesame oil over everything. Stir, transfer immediately to a large dish and serve with steamed rice. ►

FOOD

STIR-FRIED EGGS WITH TOMATOES *Serves 2*

"We don't often associate wok-style cooking with breakfast ingredients such as eggs and tomatoes, but in Chinese cooking, they are often used for a quick and easy 'any time' meal. The heat of the wok, along with the addition of the mayonnaise, enables the eggs to retain their fluffiness, while the tomatoes add a refreshing juiciness."

INGREDIENTS

- 3 medium eggs
- 1 tsp mayonnaise
- 1 tsp vegetable stock

(bouillon) powder

- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 medium tomatoes, stalk removed and cut into eighths
- 2 pinches of salt
- Coarsely ground black pepper, to taste
- 2 spring onions, finely chopped, to garnish

1. Crack the eggs into a mixing bowl and beat them lightly. Add the mayonnaise and stock powder, then stir well to combine.

2. Heat the vegetable oil in a hot wok or a frying pan over a medium heat. Once hot, pour in the beaten egg mixture. Stir vigorously with chopsticks or a spatula, creating a soft scramble. When the eggs are still slightly wet but beginning to set, remove the wok from the heat and transfer the eggs to a plate.

3. Wipe any excess oil from the wok with kitchen paper, then return it to a medium heat. Add the tomato wedges and stir-fry for

2 to 3 minutes until they begin to soften and release their juices. The tomatoes should break down slightly but still maintain some shape.

4. Return the partially cooked eggs to the pan with the tomatoes. Add the salt and black pepper, then gently stir-fry everything for 30 to 45 seconds, until the eggs have finished cooking.

5. Once the eggs are just cooked through, serve immediately, garnished with spring onions.

"The heat of the wok enables the eggs to retain their fluffiness, while the tomatoes add a refreshing juiciness"





FRIED TO PERFECTION

Fast, fresh and flexible, stir-frying is a time-honoured technique guaranteed to create delicious meals in a matter of minutes. Written by the chef and Japanese food expert Makiko Sano and offering recipes inspired by Asian cuisines, *Stir Fry* shows you how to master the art of high-heat cooking – with one pan on one flame – to make mouth-watering meals for every occasion.

Stir Fry: 80 Easy Stir Fry Recipes by Makiko Sano, with photography by Simon Smith, is out on 3 September, published by Welbeck, priced £20

MU SHU PORK Serves 4-6

"This is a classic northern Chinese stir-fry dish that combines tender, finely sliced pork with the fluffiness of scrambled eggs and the bite of crisp vegetables.

"As with many stir-fries, cooking the components separately guarantees optimal texture preservation."

INGREDIENTS

- 300g/10½oz pork fillet or shoulder, frozen and cut across the grain into 5mm x 5cm/¼in x 2in slices
- 15g/½oz dried wood ear mushrooms, soaked in warm water for 20-30 minutes, or 150g/5oz fresh shiitake mushrooms
- 5 tbsp vegetable oil
- 4 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 3 cloves garlic, very finely chopped
- 2 tsp fresh ginger, julienned (cut into thin matchsticks)
- 2 large carrots, julienned
- 100g/3½oz bamboo shoots, sliced (optional)
- ¼ head of white cabbage, finely shredded
- 4-5 spring onions, cut into 5cm/2in pieces

- 1 tsp sesame oil, for finishing

For the marinade

- 1 tbsp cornflour
- 1 tbsp light soy sauce
- 1 tsp Chinese rice wine or dry sherry

- ½ tsp sesame oil
- 1 tsp vegetable oil
- ¼ tsp white pepper

For the sauce

- 2 tbsp light soy sauce
- 1 tbsp oyster sauce
- 1 tsp dark soy sauce
- 1 tsp caster sugar
- ½ tsp sesame oil
- 85ml/3fl oz chicken stock

To serve

- 8-12 Chinese pancakes, warmed, or large lettuce leaves
- 4 tbsp hoisin sauce
- Extra spring onions, julienned

1. Place the pork in a bowl and add the marinade ingredients. Mix until all of the pieces are well coated, then set aside to marinate for 20 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, prepare the sauce.

Whisk all the ingredients together until the sugar fully dissolves, then set aside.

3. When they are soft and expanded, drain the wood ear mushrooms thoroughly, remove any tough stalks and cut into bite-sized pieces. Alternatively, slice the fresh shiitake mushrooms.

4. Heat 1 tablespoon of the vegetable oil in a hot wok or a large frying pan over a medium heat. Pour in the beaten eggs and gently scramble until just set but still slightly wet – slightly undercooking the eggs now prevents them becoming rubbery in the final dish. Remove the eggs and set aside.

5. Increase the heat under the wok to medium-high and add another tablespoon of the vegetable oil. Add the pork pieces and stir-fry for 2 to 3 minutes, until just cooked through and starting to brown slightly. Remove the pork and set aside.

6. Wipe the wok clean with kitchen

paper and heat the remaining oil over a high heat until it shimmers. Add the garlic and ginger, then stir-fry for 15 to 20 seconds. Now add the mushrooms, carrots and bamboo shoots and continue to stir-fry for 2 to 3 minutes, until they begin to soften. Add the shredded cabbage and stir-fry for 1 to 2 minutes, until it begins to wilt but still has some crunch.

7. Return the pork and scrambled eggs to the wok, breaking up the eggs into smaller pieces as you toss everything together. Spoon the sauce mixture over everything and stir-fry for 1 to 2 minutes, until all of the ingredients are well coated and heated through.

8. Toss in the spring onion and stir for 30 seconds, then drizzle with the sesame oil and give everything a final vigorous toss.

9. Serve immediately, accompanied by warmed pancakes (or lettuce leaves), hoisin sauce and spring onions.





MY LITTLE LUXURIES

Maddy Sangster

The jewellery designer shares her take on luxury – Japanese food, trips to Bali and the perfect dirty martini

Maddy Sangster became the creative director of the jewellery house Heavenly London in 2020. Founded by her mother, Belinda Scott, at her kitchen table in 1993, the brand began as a mail-order business before evolving into a destination for lab-grown diamonds, moissanite and other alternatives to mined stones.

Although the business has grown in scope, it remains family-run and has worked with the same trusted suppliers for over three decades.

Maddy lives in Wiltshire with her husband, Sam, their three children and their dogs, Jagger and Coco.

survival: good skincare, lots of hydration and anything that makes me look as though I've had eight hours' sleep. Some of my favourite products are Elizabeth Arden's Eight Hour Cream, ZO Skin Health's Hydrating Crème and Beauty of Joseon's SPF 50 sunscreen. I wear Chanel's Sycomore fragrance. **I love vintage designer stores.** There's something incredibly luxurious about finding beautifully made pieces from another era.

Aside from sentimental pieces like my engagement ring, my mother-in-law made me a custom

My perfect evening is a delicious dirty martini – the one at The Connaught Bar in Mayfair being the ultimate – followed by dinner at nearby Zuma, with lots of laughing and bed by midnight.

Living in the countryside, we're surrounded by fantastic British pubs, but as a result, I'm slightly pub food-ed out. Anything Pan-Asian or Japanese is right up my street.

Shoes and jewellery – from Heavenly, of course – are my biggest indulgence, mainly because neither discriminate based on your hair day or how much weight you've put on. I just bought a beautiful pair of gold flats from Elina Linardaki and I am obsessed.

My husband and I have started going on a non-negotiable dog walk first thing in the morning. We listen to each other uninterrupted with a mug of coffee from our brilliant new Sage coffee machine and it's become the most important part of my day. With three kids, it can be hard to find time to properly talk.

I'm a Tesla convert now. After years of filling up a large car, there's something incredibly satisfying about silently gliding past petrol stations.

At this stage of life, beauty is less of a ten-step routine and more about

'REAL LUXURY IS WEARING THINGS YOU LOVE CONSTANTLY'

Bombé ring with Theo Fennell, and it's truly the most exquisite thing I've ever seen.

Bali is my ultimate long-haul destination. The people are magnetic and it buzzes with spirituality. We went with my kids two years ago and I treasure the memories every day.

Paris is also very special, but London has my heart. I also love Zermatt, in Switzerland, as my mum lives there. The food is some of the best in the world.

I don't really use handbags, but when I travel, I always pack one or two Heavenly pieces, which I wear every single day. I'm not someone who saves jewellery for the "best" occasions – I think real luxury is wearing things you love constantly.

For an evening in, I wear If Only If nightwear. I own about 11 of its nighties and my kids now have the cutest ones too.



1. Zermatt in Switzerland, where Maddy loves the food
2. If Only If India nightgown, £145
3. Heavenly London The Gold Nox Ring, £180
4. The Connaught Bar, Mayfair
5. Elina Linardaki The Poet shoes, £219
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