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The Ramadan Pavilion will be lit up at sunset every day to mark the ending of the fast during Ramadan (Credit David Lindsay)

'Infinite Light'

Striking double-archway structure of a Ramadan Pavilion launches in Bradford

A stunning new structural artwork - the 'Ramadan Pavillion', has been unveiled as part of Bradford's 2025 UK City of Culture celebrations, marking the start of the holy month of Ramadan and the launch of Ramadan Festival 2025.

Designed by artist Zarah Hussain and Bradford-based architectural designer Fatima Mejbil, 'Infinite Light', is designed as a striking double-archway structure drawing on diverse architectural traditions from around the world.

A site-specific structure, the Pavilion responding to the Ramadan Festival 2025 theme of 'Connection' and has been designed to appeal to all communities in Bradford.

The lower arch takes inspiration from the elegant colonnaded courtyards often seen in sacred and civic spaces, such as those surrounding the holy sanctuary in Mecca, built in the 16th century.

The higher arch is influenced by Venetian Gothic architecture, known for its pointed and ornate forms, as seen in Bradford's own City Hall, completed in the 1870s by local architect Henry Francis Lockwood.

The Ramadan Pavilion has been designed as a contemplative space welcoming people of all faiths and none and celebrating Bradford's rich cultural heritage and diverse communities.

Fatima Mejbil, architectural designer of Ramadan Pavilion 2025 said: "From the outset, I was excited about the opportunity to design Ramadan Tent Project's biennial Ramadan Pavilion in partnership with Bradford 2025 UK City of Culture, especially given the Ramadan Festival 2025 theme of Connection."

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Open Iftar (Credit: Acacia Diana)

Bradford 2025 UK City of Culture Partners with Ramadan Tent Project to celebrate the Islamic holy month

As part of Bradford 2025 UK City of Culture, Centenary Square will be the home to the second ever Ramadan Pavilion, an outdoor structure celebrating the holy month and Bradford's multifaith communities inspired by the Festival's theme of 'Connection'.

The Bradford 2025 UK City of Culture (Bradford 2025) and the award-winning charity Ramadan Tent Project have partnered to bring the Ramadan Festival, Ramadan Pavilion and two of their national Open Iftar events to Bradford - celebrating the Muslim holy month and the cultural diversity of Bradford District.

Ramadan Festival 2023 saw the launch of the world's inaugural Ramadan Pavilion, a commissioned structure inspired by the month of Ramadan which celebrates the lived experiences of Muslims across the UK and the globe.

This year it will be hosted in Bradford's Centenary Square in partnership with Bradford 2025 for the second edition of the Ramadan Pavilion.

Ramadan Tent Project will be organising Open Iftar events in iconic venues across the country, celebrating connection and unity across all communities throughout the holy month of Ramadan. Open Iftar is Ramadan Tent Project's flagship initiative and the UK's largest community event in Ramadan.

Open Iftar invites people from all walks of life and is open to people of all faiths and none to increase community harmony, belonging, softening hearts and minds, and turning strangers into friends. 'Iftar' is the meal that is prepared and offered to Muslims observing Ramadan when breaking their fast from sunrise to sunset.

As part of the partnership between Bradford 2025 and Ramadan Tent Project, two Open Iftar events will take place on the 21 and 22 March at One City Park, Bradford.

Shanaz Gulzar, Creative Director of Bradford 2025, commented: "Bradford 2025 is delighted to welcome the Ramadan Pavilion and Open Iftars to our city as part of our UK City of Culture celebrations.

"Ramadan is a time of reflection, community, and generosity—values that are deeply embedded in Bradford's story. Our district is a vibrant mix of cultures and faiths, and this is a chance for people from all backgrounds to come together, share in the spirit of

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The Ramadan Tent Project Open Iftar (Credit: Acacia Diana)

Ramadan, and experience its significance.

“Through our partnership with Ramadan Tent Project, we are embracing the rich diversity of our city, honouring traditions, and opening our doors to welcome everyone.”

Omar Salha, Founder and CEO of Ramadan Tent Project said: “For over a decade Ramadan Tent Project has connected and convened more than one million people from all backgrounds through the UK’s annual Ramadan Festival. We are excited to welcome people of all faiths and none, with a focus on this year’s Ramadan Festival theme of ‘Connection’.

“This year, we are delighted to partner with Bradford 2025 – the UK’s City of Culture, and feature some of our key activations, including the Welcome Ramadan Conference, Ramadan Pavilion and Open Iftar.

“We are proud to represent a pillar of Britain’s rich cultural ecology celebrating community, belonging and inclusion with Bradford 2025.

“Ramadan holds profound significance for millions observing across the UK and many more across the globe. It is a time of deep introspection, reflection, and self-discipline. It is also a time to connect with family, friends, and the wider community through acts of service and charity.

“It is wonderful to be welcomed back by some of the UK’s most historic and iconic venues as hosts of our Open Iftar events and indeed to receive overwhelming interest from new partners and spaces across the capital and the UK. This truly echoes the spirit of Ramadan Tent Project and our Festival theme of ‘Connection’ which seeks to connect more hearts and minds, weaving a tapestry of belonging and connection towards a harmonious society.

“We look forward to welcoming thousands of visitors, from all faith backgrounds and none, throughout Ramadan Festival 2025.”

To find out more, and how you can book your place for an Open Iftar event, please visit: www.ramadantentproject.com/ramadan-festival-2025

Open Iftars are events designed to connect and unite people across communities, and Bradford will hold the Open Iftars on 21st and 22nd March.



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“Bradford’s rich architectural heritage and its vibrant, diverse community provided the perfect backdrop for the Pavilion to unite the city’s past and present.

“My initial approach was grounded in understanding the context, both the physical space and the people it would serve.

“Bradford is a city that has a powerful sense of place, with its stunning architecture and diverse communities. We wanted to create something that would encourage people to pause and truly appreciate the heritage around them, something that would inspire a sense of pride in the city’s rich history.”

Zarah Hussain, artist of Ramadan Pavilion 2025 adds: “I know Bradford quite well. I lived in the city for a while in my twenties, I am very familiar with the Town Hall and Centenary Square, however there are lots of things I don’t know about the city!

“While researching this project, I discovered the Town Hall was designed by Francis Henry Lockwood in 1873 in a style called Venetian Gothic, inspired by 14th-century Venice, with pointed arches, tracery stonework, and pinnacles.

“What interests me so much is that there are Connections everywhere - no culture is completely isolated. As humans we are constantly borrowing from each other and being inspired by different communities. I think that respect between different people is at the core of what culture is.”

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“This year, we are delighted to

see the return of our biennial Ramadan Pavilion to the Festival as part of our key partnership with Bradford 2025 UK City of Culture.

“The Ramadan Pavilion is designed to serve not only as a physical structure and installation in the public realm which inspires visitors to connect to Islamic arts and architecture, but also a space for thousands of visitors to engage, celebrate and learn about Islam, Ramadan, Muslim history, culture, and heritage.

“We are proud to represent a pillar of Britain’s rich cultural ecology celebrating community, belonging and inclusion weaving a tapestry of belonging and connection towards a harmonious society.

“We look forward to welcoming thousands of visitors, from all faith backgrounds and none, to visit the Ramadan Pavilion at Centenary Square and join our events in Bradford and across the UK throughout Ramadan Festival 2025.”

To find out more about Ramadan Pavilion and Ramadan Tent Project’s Ramadan Festival head to ramadantentproject.com and Bradford2025.co.uk



Street marshals receive commendation

Trained security staff who provide support on Leeds's streets have received a special commendation for their work after saving a woman's life earlier this year.

The street marshals are out in the city centre most Friday and Saturday nights offering support and assistance to anyone who needs it between 3pm and 3am.

During a shift in January they responded to a call about a woman in need, and as they approached her they discovered she was not in a good state of mind and at

risk. The marshals quickly intervened with care and compassion and supported her until the police and ambulance arrived.

At a Night Safe Leeds partnership street briefing on Friday night (14 February), the street marshals received a commendation from the council for their outstanding contributions to public safety and for averting many potentially serious situations.

The street marshals are an integral part of Night Safe Leeds, an initiative bringing together all the on-street

support available to people who live, work and visit the city centre, and raising awareness of how to stay safe.

As they patrol the streets in high vis orange jackets, the marshals provide reassurance to the public, look out for vulnerable people to offer help, and step in to diffuse situations before they escalate.

Councillor Mary Harland, Leeds City Council's executive member for communities, customer service and community safety, said: "We launched the Night Safe Leeds initiative to spread the word

on the measures you can take to keep yourself safe when you're out and about in the city centre. Any form of anti-social behaviour and crime is unacceptable, and we want people to feel safe and be safe whatever time of day or night they are out in Leeds.

"This commendation is so well deserved by the street marshals, they are doing a vital job in supporting our residents and visitors. Nightlife is a big part of what makes Leeds the place that it is and if something doesn't feel right, there is support around."



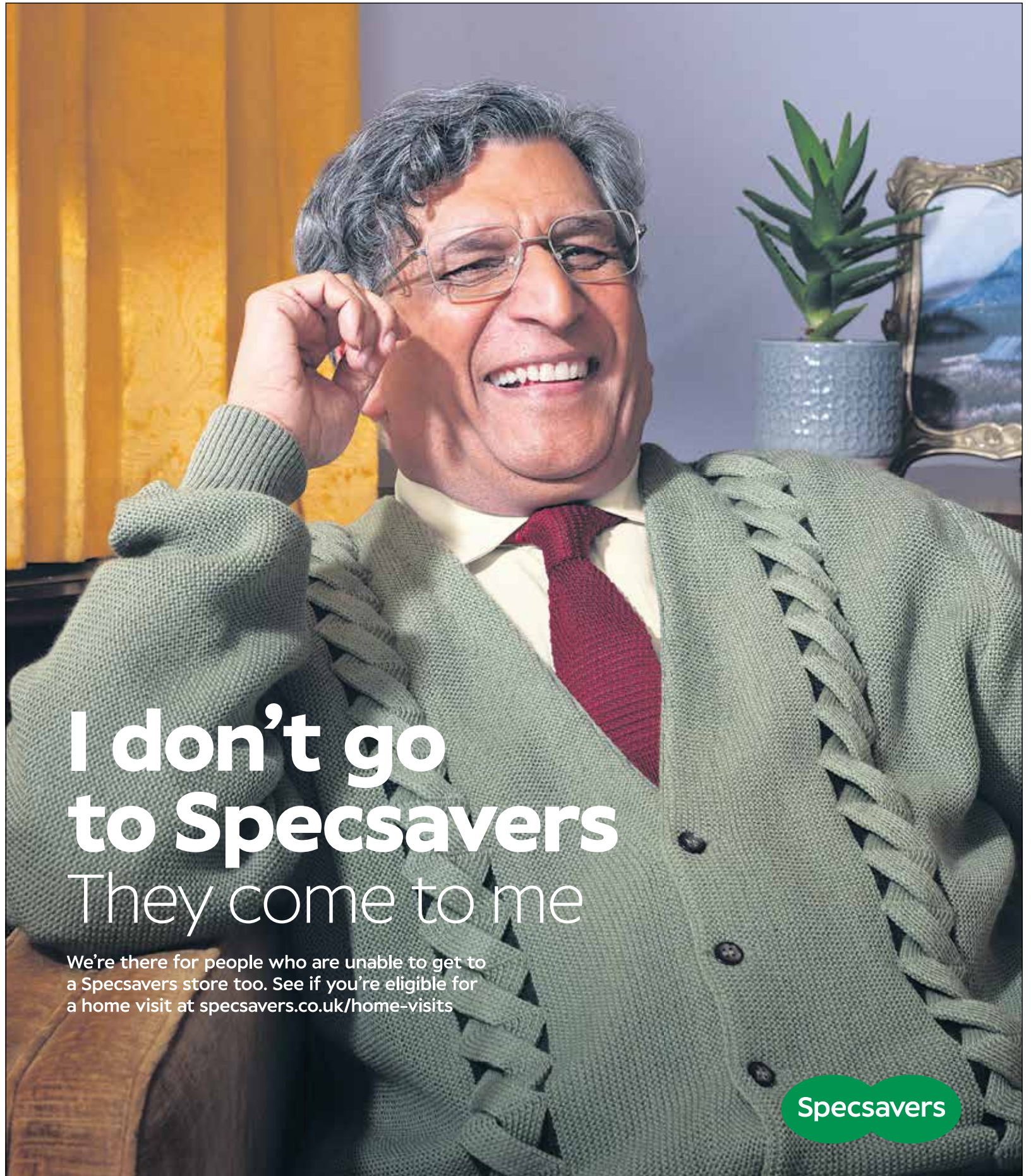
Councillor Scott Patient joins YHCC as Vice Chair for West Yorkshire

Councillor Scott Patient, Deputy Leader of Calderdale Council, is the new Vice Chair for West Yorkshire for the Yorkshire & Humber Climate Commission. He takes over from Cllr Jack Hemingway, who is Deputy Leader of Wakefield Council.

Cllr Patient, who represents Luddendenfoot ward, is the Cabinet Member for Climate Action and Housing. He also sits on the Calderdale Flood Recovery & Resilience Programme Board, and chairs Calderdale's Climate Action Partnership. In 2019, he was a joint proposer of Calderdale's climate emergency declaration, and has since helped shape structures and projects at the council that helped Calderdale win the prestigious MJ Award for Climate Leadership in 2024.

Cllr Patient was in the first cohort to undertake Local Government Association (LGA) climate training and in turn has delivered LGA-run climate sessions.

He is a 2023 graduate of UK100's Climate Leadership Academy and helped Tracy Brabin to develop her green manifesto prior to her election as Mayor of West Yorkshire.



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Fake doctor who prescribed bizarre remedies inspires play

The story of a man who falsely posed as a doctor for 30 years is the inspiration behind a new play produced by Theatre in the Mill, an arts organisation based on the University of Bradford campus.

Muhammed Saeed treated thousands of patients from the practice he ran in Darfield Street, Manningham, Bradford, but he was not medically qualified.

He prescribed one patient suffering from a cold with shampoo to be taken twice a day. Another was prescribed a substance similar to creosote [normally used to preserve timber] to treat toothache.

'Teaspoon of Shampoo', from Theatre in the Mill, based on the University of Bradford campus, is a dramatisation based on Mr Saeed's life.

Written by Dr Shabina Aslam, Artistic Director at Theatre in the Mill, the play, performed on campus from Wednesday 5 March to Saturday 8 March, follows the recording of a true-crime podcast inspired by this true story.

It features dramatic recollections of key moments in Mr Saeed's life, known as Dr Muhammed Saad in the play. At the end of the production, the audience is asked to decide if its main character was ultimately innocent or guilty.

Mr Saeed was finally exposed in 1990 and a subsequent police investigation discovered he had taken on the medical qualifications of a Pakistan-based doctor who shared the same name.

He was jailed for five years in 1992 after being convicted of four charges of obtaining pay by false pretences and property by deception. He died in 2003.

Dr Aslam, who grew up in Bradford, was told about the story by a family member in 2020 and then researched archive newspaper coverage of the 1992 trial, initially writing a short story based on the case before the new play.

Dr Aslam said: "I could not believe that I had stumbled on such an amazing story. I spent hours researching it.

"I originally wrote it as a short story for myself, but I got it published as a 'zine and then I thought it was a really good opportunity to turn it into a piece of theatre. The play is a South Asian feminist perspective of the story.

"The play is inspired by true events. It is a dramatisation. It shows him in different ways including arrogant and falling apart. The audience is offered different views of one character. The play looks at the doctor as a fallible human being."

The production sees community collaborators from Manningham supported by practice-led research from the University of Leeds, including researcher, Dr Rob Eagle. The performances follow workshops with community and professional actors, which were held last year.

Theatre in the Mill is classed as a National Portfolio Organisation by Arts Council England, one of around 800 across the country. Its status means it is recognised as making a significant contribution to the local and national arts scene.

'Teaspoon of Shampoo' will be performed at Theatre in the Mill from Wednesday 5 March to Saturday 8 March, from 19:30 with a matinee performance from 14:30 on the final day.

Dr Saad, played by Umar Butt, on his knees (Credit: Kimia Modaressi/University of Bradford)



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Gurvin's parents fled religious persecution in Afghanistan, she's the first in her family to graduate from university



Inspiring

A woman who was the first person in her family to go to school has graduated with a master's in human rights law from the University of Bristol.

Gurvin Chopra, whose parents fled religious persecution in Afghanistan, made a speech to a crowd of around 1,000 graduating students and their loved ones, in which she spoke about what a "privilege it is to pursue an education".

Chopra's parents – Jaspal and Waryam Chopra – were forced to leave their home country in 2000 by the Taliban because of their Sikh religion.

Although neither received any education, and cannot read or write, they encouraged Gurvin and her two younger siblings to work hard at school.

"In Afghanistan, women and girls have been denied the right to an education, the right to be seen and heard. These are privileges that I, through education, have been fortunate to receive and foster."

Growing up in west London, Gurvin would read the family's post, fill out their forms and read books to her brother and sister. These early experiences propelled her toward a career in law.

"In their youth my parents weren't really allowed to participate in education," Gurvin said. "My grandfather died young and my dad had to work, and there was a cultural element of what a woman's place was.

Despite that, they've always seen the value in education.

"I always saw education as a way out and a way of making myself different from the women I saw growing up, who often didn't work.

"I've found education really empowering in breaking away from that, developing a voice and helping the people around me."

After finishing her Law undergraduate degree in 2023 at the University of Bristol, for which she received a bursary, Gurvin went on to study for a master's in Human Rights Law.

Gurvin also volunteered with the University's Law Clinic, where law students provide free legal help to those in need, and founded the Taylor Swift Society, which now

has hundreds of members.

Now working as an elected officer for Bristol Students' Union, Gurvin has also set-up a charity, The Beathard Project, that seeks to uncover miscarriages of justice to posthumously exonerate people who have been executed for alleged crimes.

Congratulating the graduating class, she said: "For me, as an Afghan woman, the significance of this day cannot be overstated. In Afghanistan,

women and girls have been denied the right to an education, the right to be seen and heard. These are privileges that I, through education, have been fortunate to receive and foster.

"As the only educated woman in my family, it is an honour and privilege to have earned my master's in human rights law. It is through my education that I have been able to see first-hand how access to education can be life-changing, in providing a voice, freedoms and, most importantly, choices.

"So, as we all celebrate the end of

this chapter, we must remember the power education has in transforming lives, and more importantly the privileges we hold and the responsibilities we bear in ensuring that these opportunities are available to all."

Prof Michele Acuto, the University of Bristol's Pro Vice-Chancellor for Global Engagement, conducted Gurvin's graduation ceremony.

Prof Acuto said: "My heartfelt congratulations to Gurvin for the many incredible things she has already achieved, and for her outstanding service to the student community too.

"She has demonstrated the kind of 'global civic' leadership we aspire to in our strategy, and is an inspiration to us all.

"Gurvin is a credit to the amazing students we have the chance to host at University. We have no doubt that she will have every success in the future, and I look forward to more collaboration with Gurvin in this and the years to come!"

After finishing her year-long service as a students' union officer, Gurvin plans to work on her charity before becoming a human rights lawyer.

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Social housing issue? Know how to complain.

Everyone deserves a safe and secure home. If you live in social housing, you can sometimes have problems with your home. But you don't have to put up with this. Knowing how to complain is the key to making things right.

If you or someone you know lives in social housing, and a problem with your home is giving you sleepless nights, your landlord is the first point of contact to deal with your issue. They are responsible for fixing issues including:

- damp and mould
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- changes you need to your home if you are disabled
- anti-social behaviour, such as noisy neighbours

There are three-steps to complaining. By following them you have the best chance of getting your problem fixed.

Know the three steps to complain

Step 1. Report it to your landlord

First, report the issue to your landlord. This is who you pay your rent to – it could be your local council or a housing association. You can usually do this on their website, or by using their email or phone number.

Step 2. Complain to your landlord

If you've reported an issue and you feel it's not properly sorted, complain to your landlord. Remember, you have a right to complain if you're not happy. Your landlord will explain how to complain on their website. When you make a complaint to your landlord about a problem that has not been fixed, they are legally required to respond to issues fairly and effectively. Landlords must take your complaint seriously and cannot punish you in any way for raising a problem or making a complaint.

Landlords have 2 stages to their complaints process.

Stage 1: They must get back to you within 10 working days from the day you logged your complaint.

Stage 2: If your complaint still hasn't been resolved, it can go to stage 2. Landlords must respond within 20 working days. They will send you a final response, which may explain how they plan to fix things.

When you make a complaint to your landlord about a problem that has not been fixed, the staff **should**:

- ✓ Explain the complaints process and how long it will take
- ✓ Be polite and respectful to you

They **should not**:

- ✗ Suggest that it is wrong to complain
- ✗ Tell you that your problems have been caused by your lifestyle or religion

Step 3. Escalate to the Housing Ombudsman

If you're still not happy with what your landlord says in their final response to a complaint, you can tell the Housing Ombudsman.

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- People wanting to maximise their State Pension by plugging gaps in their National Insurance record have contributed to a total of 68,673 years, worth £35 million, using the

online service since April last year HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) has revealed.

Analysis of the digital service has shown:

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- The average online top-up payment is £1,835

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£35 million added to State Pension pots

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The Check your State Pension forecast service on GOV.UK is the quickest and easiest way customers can check what their pension will be in retirement and take action if they need to. People can also use the HMRC app to check their State Pension forecast.

Angela MacDonald, HMRC's Second Permanent Secretary and Deputy Chief Executive, said: "There are just 2 months left to check and fill any gaps in your National Insurance record

from 2006 onwards to boost your State Pension entitlement. Don't delay - it is quick and easy to check your National Insurance record on GOV.UK and it could help your finances in retirement."

Since the launch of the enhanced digital service in April last year, more than 4.3 million people have used it to check their State Pension forecast.

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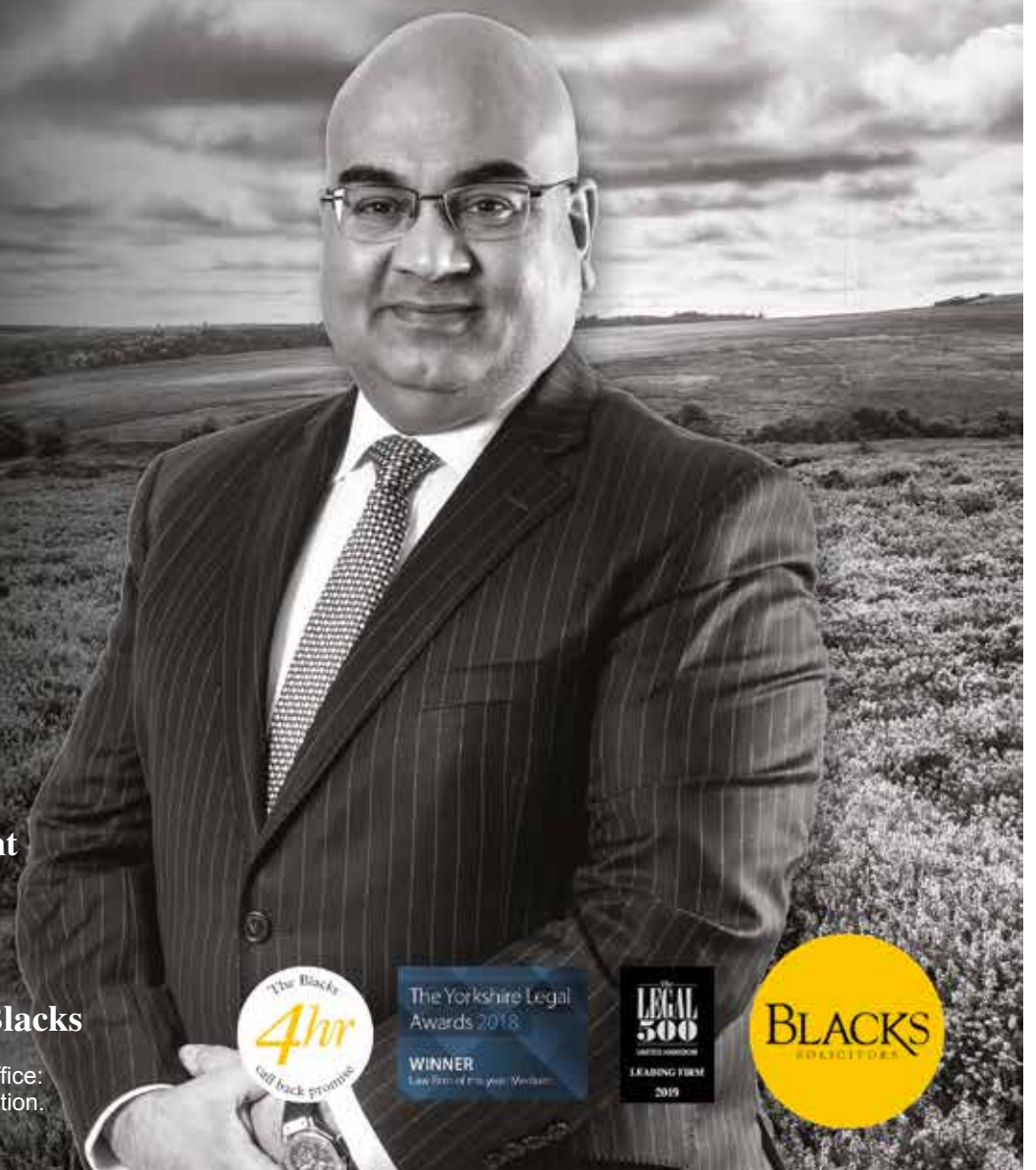
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Fusion of two cultures

A musical celebration of cultures: South Asian stars to shine at St George's Hall

British-Indian soprano Natasha Agarwa



On 29 March, St George's Hall in Bradford will host a spectacular concert that promises to be a landmark event for music lovers.

Yorkshire Symphony Orchestra and Bradford Festival Choral Society will present an unforgettable evening featuring two extraordinary works: the evening will begin with Reena Esmail's 'This Love Between Us', a powerful piece that intertwines Indian and European classical traditions, featuring sitar, tabla, symphony orchestra, and choir.

With its themes of unity and cultural harmony it's an apt reflection of Bradford's diverse community.

Following the interval, audiences will be treated to Carl Orff's Carmina Burana, one of the most exhilarating choral works ever written. With its dramatic intensity and iconic O Fortuna, this piece will showcase the sheer power and brilliance of the assembled forces.

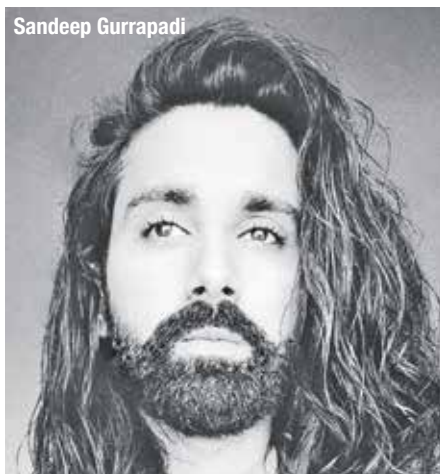
Headlining the evening are four outstanding South Asian soloists who have made their mark on the global stage. British-Indian soprano Natasha Agarwal, known for her "presence of real note" (Seen and Heard International), brings her powerful vocals to this performance. Natasha has performed with Opera North, Welsh National Opera, and the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

Joining her is Shivani Rattan, a versatile mezzo-soprano and choral conductor. With expertise in both Western and Indian choral traditions, Shivani has worked with the National Youth Choir and leading ensembles such as Papagena. She has also composed Three Indian Celebration Songs, which have been performed worldwide and celebrated for their contribution to diversifying choral music.



Shivani Rattan

The tenor soloist, Sandeep Gurrapadi, is an Indian-American artist who has performed across the UK, India, China, and the US. A contemporary classical specialist, Sandeep has premiered works at prestigious venues



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Oscar Castellino

like the Barbican Centre and the London Festival of American Music.

Completing the quartet is Oscar Castellino, an operatic baritone originally from Mumbai who transitioned from software engineering to a thriving international singing career. An alumnus of the Royal College of Music, Oscar has performed with Welsh National Opera and Scottish Opera and is pioneering operatic compositions in Indian languages.

This concert is more than just an evening of world-class music; it is a celebration of South Asian talent coming together with musical forces who are part of Yorkshire's cultural heritage. With standard ticket prices ranging from £17.75 to £35.75, great offers for families, school groups and under 30s, this event is accessible to all music lovers.

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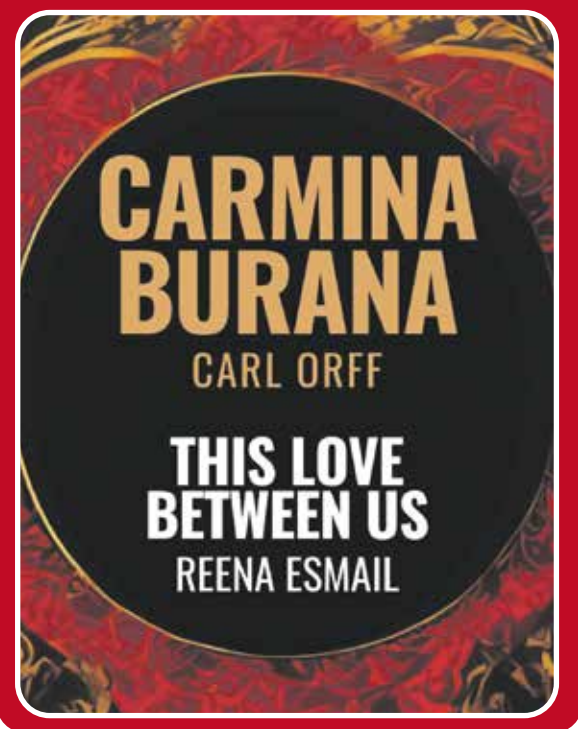
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Youngsters offered voucher prizes for films of life in Bradford

An initiative developed to drill down into the detail of the health and well-being of Bradford's youth is hoping to inspire young people to tell their own stories by mixing photos and video from family archives with newer footage shot with their phones.

Chosen as the UK's City of Culture in 2025, Bradford already has a long affinity with film and photography, boasting the national museum and the birthplace of David Hockney, one of the 20th century's most influential artists.

But Born In Bradford's My Life My City project is hoping to unearth contemporary talent by challenging TikTokers and Insta aces aged 11 to 18 to compile their own five-minute movie, with generous prizes on offer for those judged to be the best.

Entries must be submitted by October 1 this year in one of three categories:

- **My Life:** For film-makers wishing to document their life from birth to the present day, perhaps using family pictures and archived film footage tracking how they have changed as they've grown up.

- **My City:** For those who prefer

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- **My Life, My City:** For budding directors who want to document both their own journey and how it fits into life in Bradford.

But it's not just a contest for the seasoned film makers. All who sign up will be offered learning packs as well as hands-on advice and guidance from professionals via webinars and at drop-in sessions.

The only stipulations are that the film must be no more than five minutes long and filmed by someone aged 11 to 18 living at a Bradford address. Collaborations and multiple entries are allowed with the films to be assessed by a panel of professional film-makers.

The best five films will win their makers £500 vouchers. Ten more will also receive £100 voucher each. All 15 prize winners will then be invited to spend a day at the School of Arts and Creative Technologies at the University of York where they will get hands-on experience of television production and learn how to create their very own TV show!



Born in Bradford's Age of Wonder programme coordinator Zarina Mirza said: "We'd love to see as many young people as possible have a go so we've made it as easy as we can. This is your chance to make history in the most fun and positive way for our awesome city."

"You can use existing images or video footage which might already be in family collections and then mix that up with more recent material or new video filmed this summer if you prefer. It's really up to each entrant to decide how they put their film together."

"If you're still not comfortable

working on your own, it's fine to join up with a group with friends.

"But, other than a summer of fun and positivity, what we hope the project also achieves is to provide an absorbing and authentic insight into what life is like for Bradford's young people – told in their own words and with their own images."

As a project director and competition judge Pishdaad Moderassi also assured young entrants that technical proficiency is by no means essential.

He said: "You don't need a fancy camera – your phone is fine for new

footage – and it can be a documentary, a musical, an animated film; it's entirely up to you. What the judges are really going to be looking for are character and creativity."

"There are lots of editing apps out there but everyone who signs up will be added to our mailing list so they can receive a help pack as well as invitations to join in with workshops and webinars on how to film and edit your project."

To learn more about the Born in Bradford initiative, please visit: www.borninbradford.nhs.uk/about-us/

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Turkiye-Syria earthquakes survivors still in camps and need support

Two years on from the deadly Turkiye-Syria earthquakes, thousands of survivors are still languishing in harsh conditions in camps in northwest Syria, where they struggle to get enough food, water, healthcare or earn an income.

The 7.8 magnitude earthquakes, which struck on 6 February 2023, were the worst to hit the region in over a century, killing around 57,000 people and destroying or damaging more than 137,000 homes as well as vital services such as schools and health centres. The cost of recovery and reconstruction is estimated at up to \$80 billion.

In the two years since, Islamic Relief has been helping to rebuild homes, services and livelihoods, but the charity says the pace of recovery is too slow.

Rajab Haj Salem, head of Islamic Relief's office in Idlib in northwest Syria, said: "It's so sad to see the situation for earthquake survivors in the camps here."

Two years later, many of them are still traumatised by the earthquakes. They still relive the moment that ripped apart their entire lives. Many are doubly hurt by being stuck in camps and having to depend on aid. People just want support to rebuild their homes so they can leave the camps and live in dignity.

Conditions in the camps are very harsh, with shortages of almost everything, from food and water to healthcare and education. Many people don't have dignified shelters and they can't access jobs or a decent livelihood. In the winter months now it gets very cold and people's tents get flooded or blown down by high winds.

Islamic Relief is providing aid in the camps and helping to rebuild homes and livelihoods, but it's not enough. More international support is needed to help them recover. People in the camps message our staff, asking the world not to forget about them."

The earthquake survivors are among more than one million people living in camps in northwest Syria, with many other families made homeless by the horrific violence that people have endured over the past 14 years.

The end of the Assad government in December 2024 has brought many people hope of rebuilding a better future for Syria, but the country needs international support to recover from more than a decade of destruction and loss.

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A third of UK workers looking to greener pastures in 2025

The latest research from The Global Payroll Association (GPA) reveals that a third of UK workers could jump ship from their current employer in 2025, with widespread dissatisfaction around factors such as pay and job security the key reasons for looking to greener pastures.

GPA has commissioned a survey of UK workers to gain insight into what proportion are considering a new job or career change in 2025, alongside the reasons for satisfaction or dissatisfaction with their current position.

The survey reveals that almost a fifth (18%) of respondents describe themselves as being dissatisfied in their current role.

Furthermore, almost a fifth (18%) describe feeling a lack of job security, suggesting that there is significant concern among the UK workforce that they could be let go at any given moment. To bring this point home, only a quarter (25%) of workers say they feel 'very secure'.

There is also considerable concern when it comes to salary with 37% of respondents believing that they are underpaid.

Even broader concern exists when it comes to career progression with almost half (46%) believing that there is no opportunity to progress in their current company. Meanwhile, only 9% believe that there is 'plenty' of opportunity.

When asked what they consider to

be their most important professional priorities, 'a good work/life balance' was by far the most important aspect for 60% of respondents, with salary also ranking highly at 19%.

With underlying concerns around job security, salary and the opportunity to progress, it's no surprise that a third of those surveyed may be looking to greener pastures in 2025, with 24% intending to test the waters within the recruitment space, while 9% stated they intended to move on this year.

However, whilst a good number of employees may be frustrated with their own personal professional position within the current company, there was a greater degree of positivity shown towards their wider

employer.

When asked how inclusive they believe their workplace to be, 63% of workers say it is either completely or mostly inclusive, and only 5% say not at all inclusive.

When asked if they think they work in an innovative workplace, 80% say, to one extent or another, yes.

Melanie Pizzey, CEO and Founder of the Global Payroll Association, says: "It's alarming to see such a large proportion of people expressing dissatisfaction at work. And they're not just talking about small aggravations that everyone feels one time or another, they're unhappy with the core elements of their career such as job security, suitable remuneration and opportunities to progress up the

ladder.

And while increasing people's pay is difficult, not least since UK companies have come under significant pressure from recent increases in the living wage and NI contributions, they can still be doing things to maximise employee retention.

"To start with, listen carefully when workers say that achieving a good work/life balance is of utmost importance, and take care to clearly explain to employees what opportunities lay in their future should they perform well.

These simple considerations can supercharge job satisfaction, increase loyalty, and improve retention; ultimately improving bottom lines."

Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive, Professor Aleks Subic and Dr Jason Wouhra OBE



Aston University installs new Chancellor

Business leader Dr Jason Wouhra OBE officially becomes Aston University's Chancellor

His installation ceremony was part of University's first winter graduation, which was held in Birmingham city centre

This year also marks 130 years since the foundation of Birmingham Municipal Technical School which eventually evolved into Aston University.

Birmingham entrepreneur and business leader Dr Jason Wouhra OBE has been officially installed as Aston University's new Chancellor.

Dr Wouhra, Aston University's youngest Chancellor and the first of Asian heritage, was presented with the chancellor's chain at the beginning of the University's first winter graduation which was held at Symphony Hall in Birmingham city centre. Spread across three ceremonies, approximately 4,500

graduates and guests attended the event.

The decision to hold a ceremony in the city centre coincides with the University marking 130 years since the foundation of Birmingham Municipal Technical School, the educational establishment which in 1966 evolved into Aston University when it gained its Royal Charter.

Dr Wouhra is Aston's fifth Chancellor, and as ceremonial head of the University his high-profile role includes presiding over events and conferring degrees upon hundreds of graduating students each year.

A trailblazing business leader and entrepreneur, Dr Wouhra was previously awarded an honorary doctorate by Aston for his contribution to entrepreneurship and business development in 2014.

A former director of East End Foods, Dr Wouhra is the founder and chief executive of Lioncroft Wholesale - a

leading UK independent business - as well as the current chairman of Unitas, the UK's largest independent wholesale buying group.

Outside of the food and drink industry, Dr Wouhra was awarded an OBE by Her Majesty the Queen in 2017 for services to business and international trade, and in 2013 became the youngest and first chair of Asian heritage of the Institute of Directors in the West Midlands - a position which saw him take on a business advisory role for the then-Prime Minister David Cameron.

He was appointed to Aston University's governing body, the University Council, in June 2020, and last year launched the Lioncroft Foundation to support charitable initiatives across the globe.

His installation ceremony as part of winter graduation was presided over by Aston University's Vice-Chancellor and

Chief Executive, Professor Aleks Subic, who said:

"Graduation is a significant milestone for our students, and I'm delighted that this year's winter ceremonies also marked the installation of our new Chancellor, Dr Wouhra. He brings an impressive track record as an entrepreneur and business leader, with a profound belief in education's power to transform lives—qualities that will both inspire and nurture our next generation of leaders. With the appointment of our first Chancellor of Asian heritage at Aston University, we are demonstrating our commitment to creating an inclusive, entrepreneurial and transformational university deeply engaged with businesses and community in Birmingham and the broader West Midlands region."

Dr Wouhra said: "It is a huge honour and a privilege to be officially installed as Chancellor of Aston University, and

it is of course deeply humbling to be the youngest ever Chancellor and first of Asian - and in particular Sikh - heritage in Europe.

"But today's ceremony was rightly about our graduates, who I know with the lessons of our university under their belt can go on to achieve extraordinary things. The city of Birmingham - with Aston University at its core - has a history of incredible entrepreneurship, and I hope those who graduated today take with them the essence of that entrepreneurial spirit. It's the ethos that I have built my career on, and I look forward to working with the university team to further instill that mindset into our students to continue to help set them apart and leave a lasting legacy for the UK and beyond for generations to come."

Dr Wouhra replaces Sir John Sunderland who served in office for the past 13 years.



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Ranvir Singh to host Convention of the North 2025

Good Morning Britain presenter and University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) chancellor, Ranvir Singh, will host the sixth annual Convention of the North this February.

Singh studied a postgraduate degree at UCLan before taking on roles at BBC North West Tonight and BBC News 24. She is now Political Editor of Good Morning Britain and has been chancellor of the university since 2017.

The two-day event will take place in Lancashire on February 27 and 28 at County Hall and UCLan in the centre of the Preston.

The event in Preston follows previous Convention of the North events held in Rotherham, Gateshead, Liverpool, Manchester and Leeds.

Last year saw more than 800 delegates come to Leeds and participate in the development of the Manifesto for the North.

Ranvir Singh has been announced as the host of Convention of the North 2025 in Preston.

Taking place at County Hall and University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) on February 27 and 28, the 2025 event will bring together business, community, academic, and political leaders to discuss how they can address the pressing challenges and opportunities facing the North of England.

Singh was born in Preston and studied a postgraduate degree at UCLan before embarking on a storied career in journalism and broadcasting.

For years she was co-host of North West Tonight alongside Gordon Burns and has been political editor of Good Morning Britain on ITV since 2012, as well as an occasional host of Lorraine.

Since its inception in 2018, Convention of the North has been a pivotal forum for fostering collaboration across sectors.

Previous conventions have been held in Leeds, Gateshead, Rotherham, Liverpool, and Manchester, each building on the momentum to create a "powerful, unifying voice of the North."

For the 2025 iteration of the Convention, there will be a particular focus on skills and innovation.

Lancashire, as the host county, will use the platform to highlight its strengths—not just as a vital player in the North but as a region delivering solutions that have a national impact.

Phillippa Williamson, Leader of Lancashire County Council, said: "Hosting the Convention of the North in Preston is a moment of pride for Lancashire. This is our chance to show how our skills, innovation, and determination are driving economic growth and shaping a future we can all be proud of."

"With Ranvir at the helm, we're ready to demonstrate Lancashire's leading role on the national stage."

This year, the discussions will be crucial in the post-election period, where it is essential for the North to present a clear, coordinated, cross-party agenda to the new government.

Clare Hayward MBE DL, Co-Chair of the Convention, said: "The Convention of the North is now a landmark annual event for those interested and invested in the region."

"We are defining and creating our future by committing to a spirit of collaboration, focusing on our priorities to help close the UK's productivity gap and using the dividends of devolution to unlock the region's full potential for sustainable, healthy and inclusive growth."



Journalist, broadcaster and university chancellor, Ranvir Singh, will host the event at the University of Central Lancashire in Preston this month

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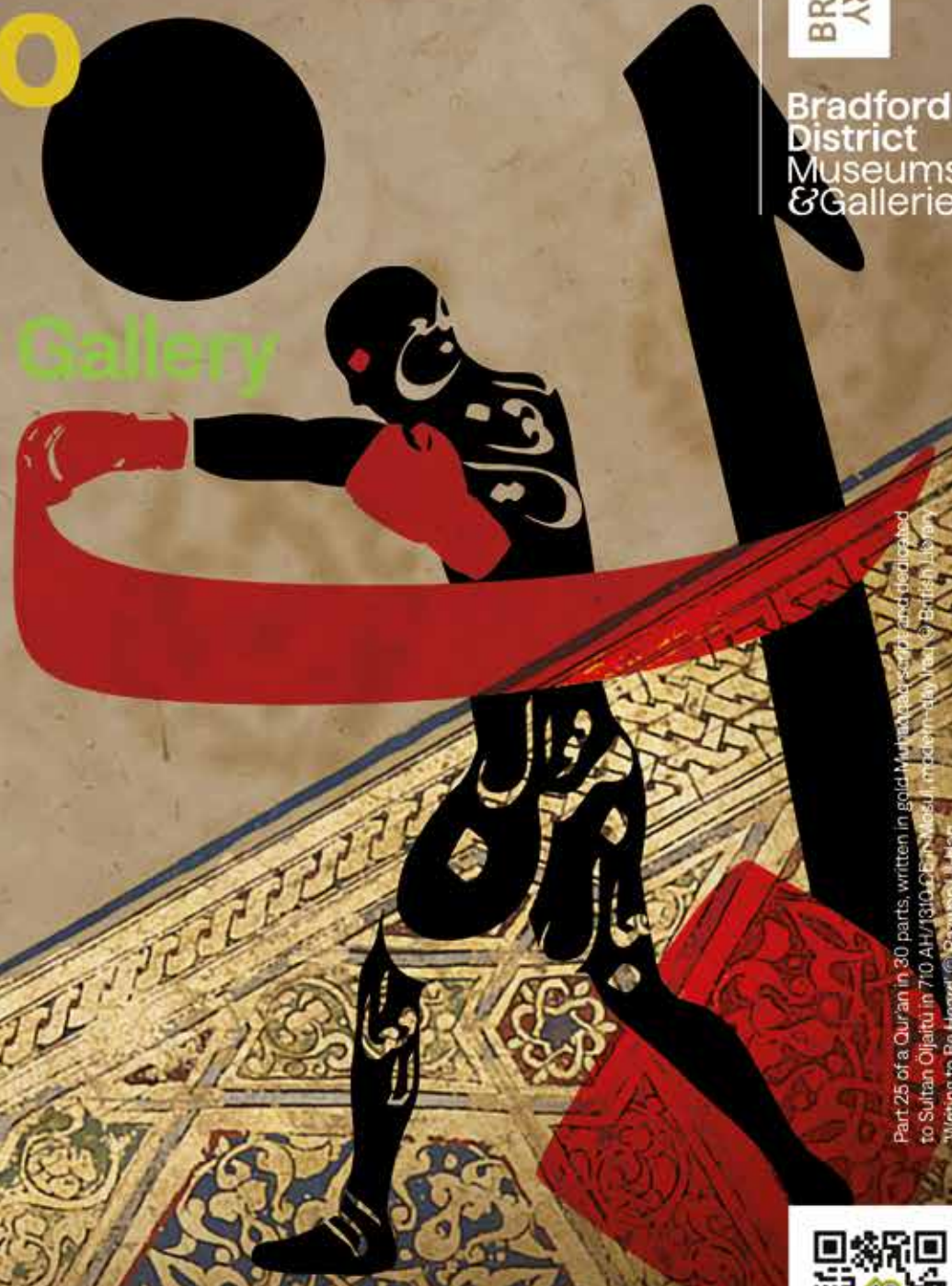
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£2.4 million for multi-faith research project probes the meaning of life

Asking the 'Big Questions'



The University of Birmingham has been awarded £2.4million to advance global research into the world's religious traditions and their connection to the meaning of life.

The Global Philosophy of Religion Project: Fundamental Spiritual Reality, Human Purpose, and Living Well has been funded by the John Templeton Foundation, with support from a group of philanthropists from the global Jain community, as well as alumni funds, AHRC funded PhDs, and a Marie Curie Fellowship.

Led by Dr Martin Pickup, with support from Dr Marie-Hélène Gorisse and Professor David Cheetham and their team, the project aims to

transform the philosophy of religion into a truly global and diverse field.

Dr Pickup, Associate Professor of Philosophy said: "This funding will allow us to build on the success of the first phase of the Global Philosophy of Religion Project. The second phase will consider what role (if any) fundamental spiritual realities like God might play in human purpose, the meaning of life and what it is to live well.

We will engage with traditions from all over the world, expanding to including those at the crossroads between religions, philosophies, spiritualities and ways of life, such as Jainism, Buddhism, Confucianism,

"It is an exciting time for our team. This project will not only enhance academic research but also foster global perspectives and strengthen local links with diverse religious traditions, making a meaningful impact on society."

as well as the 'spiritual but not religious.'"

The researchers will delve into these 'Big Questions' from a multi-faith perspective, engaging with global traditions to inspire meaningful conversations and provide teaching and training opportunities to support the next generation of scholars. It will continue to focus on geographical regions across Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East which are underrepresented in the field.

The project will support academic activities in these areas through funding streams for research, teaching, training, public engagement, and impact. This will include major

international conferences as well as a series of local events.

Dr Pickup concluded: "By fostering high-quality research across diverse religious traditions and geographical regions, the project aims to make significant progress on central questions of human existence, reinforcing the University of Birmingham's commitment to world-leading research and societal impact.

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Is AI Prone To Hallucinations?

With the recent launch of DeepSeek, a Chinese competitor to ChatGPT, Artificial Intelligence (“AI”) continues to dominate news headlines. As with everyone else, the legal profession is (slowly) beginning to use AI. However, the case of *Olsen and Another v Finansielt Stabilitet A/S* serves as a cautionary tale about the perils of relying on AI.

In that case Mr and Mrs Olsen, a couple who were in their 60s, were appealing against a decision to register a Danish judgment against them for over €5.8m and 1.25m Danish kroner given by a Danish Court in favour of Finansielt Stabilitet A/S, a Danish financial institution. Finansielt Stabilitet A/S was seeking to enforce the Danish judgment in England as Mr and Mrs Olsen had moved to England from Denmark in 2011.

Mr and Mrs Olsen’s appeal was successful in that although the judgment was validly registered the Judge held that it was unenforceable because the limitation period had expired under Danish law and therefore the judgment could

be enforced in England.

However, during their appeal Mr and Mrs Olsen (who were litigants in person but with lawyers providing assistance in the background) relied on a case which did not actually exist. It is not clear whether this case had been “hallucinated” by AI. Mr and Mrs Olsen informed the Court that the case had been sourced from a European business network comprising of law firms and three major banks and that the case had been sourced from their internal databases. Due to their longstanding relation with Mr and Mrs Olsen, this network had provided pro-bono advisory support to them. Mr and Mrs Olsen apologised to the Court and said that they had been poorly advised.

The Judge “narrowly and somewhat reluctantly” decided that Mr and Mrs Olsen should not be penalised for contempt of court, but he ordered that, despite being the successful party in the appeal, Mr and Mrs Olsen should not be entitled to recover any of their costs of the appeal due to their “bad misconduct”. The Judge stated that even if Mr and Mrs Olsen were unaware that the case which they had presented to the Court was not authentic, misleading the Court, even inadvertently, was very serious because it struck at the heart of the judicial process.

This case should serve as a warning to litigants and to lawyers of the risk of relying on information obtained from AI programs in the preparation of legal cases.

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What started as a simple backyard beekeeping hobby in London has blossomed into a mission to change the way people experience honey.

When Hive & Keeper founder discovered the ever-changing flavours of honey straight from the hive, she realised something was missing from supermarket shelves - real, raw, and unrepeatable honey.

Unlike mass-produced honey, which is often blended for consistency, each jar from Hive & Keeper is a time capsule of nature. “Honey is like a photograph,” she explains. “It captures the exact moment it was made - the flowers in bloom, the weather, and the bees’ needs at that time. A week later, it’s a completely different honey.”

And that’s not surprising when you hear that it takes more than a million visits to flowers to make one jar of honey. It’s impossible for bees to replicate that mix of flowers ever again.

Hive & Keeper’s realisation of the uniqueness of each jar of honey sparked a mission: to support small-scale British beekeepers and celebrate the uniqueness of each harvest.

Every jar is labeled with the beekeeper’s name, location, the date the honey was collected, and how many jars were made.

With a growing network of small-scale beekeepers across Britain, Hive & Keeper is about more than just honey - it’s about sustainability, local craftsmanship, and protecting Britain’s natural landscapes.

All of Hive & Keeper’s beekeepers are good custodians of their bees and the woodlands, meadows, gardens and fields they keep them in; working closely with farmers, landowners, and councils to encourage pollinator-friendly environments, from wild meadows to city gardens.

Based just outside Leeds, Hive & Keeper packs its honeys in hay from nearby fields, adding an extra sensory treat when opening a box - the scent of a Yorkshire summer.

For those looking to taste honey as nature intended, Hive & Keeper is offering 10% off with the code UKBEES at www.hiveandkeeper.com.

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Trouble falling asleep?

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Falling asleep isn't always easy; we spend almost one third of our lives asleep, and yet many of us still struggle. Luckily, experts at Meditopia have revealed five hacks to can help you transition into sleep, while also improving your sleep quality.



Trouble falling asleep?

Swap coffee for chamomile

If you're a coffee person and are having difficulty falling asleep, you may have been drinking too much caffeine during the day.

Try not to drink more than 2 cups, especially later in the day. To keep your energy up during the day, try getting some fresh air, or doing some stretches rather than refilling your coffee cup. Caffeine can disrupt your sleep cycle, making it harder for you to fall asleep.

Chamomile tea, which can be found for as little as 89p in shops like Aldi, is a great alternative hot drink that will help you wind down and relax at bedtime. In the evening, make the switch from coffee to chamomile and see the difference in your sleep.

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Blue light and sleep

Many of us want to watch something on TV or spend some time scrolling through social media in the evening. However, research shows that devices that emit blue light aren't good for our eyes or our sleep.

A study found that individuals who use blue light filtering lenses compared to regular lenses two hours before sleep show fewer symptoms of insomnia and have better sleep quality.

In light of these findings, it's best for you not to look at your phone, computer, or television at least one hour before bed. Instead, you can try listening to the radio, or a podcast, or a sleep story.

There are lots of alternatives, but if you need to use screens, it's best to turn on the night screen mode in order to help filter the blue light.





Sleep environment

Technological devices carry lots of stimuli, which can make us anxious. It's better to limit those stimuli as it gets closer to bedtime to give your mind time to relax after a long day.

Try dimming the lights during the evening, putting on a chilled melody in the background, or reading a book.



Ease your mind into sleep

Now that you feel clean, calm, and rested, you may notice your mind wandering among thoughts, plans, hypothetical arguments, and so on. You're not alone, as that's something many of us experience.

One thing that can help with this is meditation. There are lots of sleep meditations online to guide you on your way to a peaceful, rest-filled sleep. Alternatively, try listening to calming music or sleep stories.

Another way to relax is by trying some low-impact stretching. Our bodies and minds are interconnected, which is why moving your body if you feel tired or anxious can be helpful. You can try moving your head gently side to side, rolling your shoulders while taking deep breaths, and stretching your hamstrings and hips by reaching for your toes in bed.

Breathing exercises go hand in hand with stretching. Breathing connects your body and mind, helping you to stay present. With each breath, let go of intrusive thoughts and allow your body to get heavier on your bed.

Sleep hygiene

Take a warm shower, allowing your body to release the tension with the help of some hot water. Change your sheets and pyjamas. Clean fabric with a soft smell can help create a good environment for a restful sleep.

Put a few drops of soothing and relaxing lavender oil on your pillow. You can massage your head, neck, hands, or shoulders with lavender oil as well, letting the smell calm you down.

Open your window for a little while to allow fresh air to circulate into your room.



Get help

Sleeping is essential to our daily routines, and it's important to find something that helps you. Last but not least, don't hesitate to seek out professional help for your sleep struggles. You can visit your doctor or see a therapist about any difficulties you're having.

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Hadiqa Kiani pays tribute to Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan and the Sabri Brothers

Renowned Pakistani artist Hadiqa Kiani is set to unveil her latest musical venture, 'Hayat' ('Life').

Hadiqa Kiani's extraordinary Qawwali project pays homage to the soulful genre of Qawwali, Kiani brings her unique artistry to classic pieces, celebrating the rich heritage and legends who shaped its legacy.

Hadiqa Kiani is a powerhouse of South Asian music and one of the most celebrated artists to emerge from the region. With an illustrious career spanning over three decades, she has received numerous awards and accolades, solidifying her place as a musical icon. Known for her mastery across a wide range of genres - pop, folk, Sufi, and now Qawwali.

Her timeless hit 'Boohey Barian' continues to resonate with fans worldwide, and her viral Qawwali 'Jannay Iss Dil' - also launched on Sufiscore - cemented her status as a formidable force in the dynamic and challenging Qawwali tradition.

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Qawwali reimagined

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With her exceptional ability to connect deeply with audiences, Kiani has proven herself a legend who honours tradition while pushing creative boundaries.

Performing in both Urdu and Punjabi, Kiani's 'Hayat' offers a profound exploration of the emotional and spiritual depth of Qawwali. The project features renditions of beloved classics alongside original compositions, presenting a seamless blend of traditional and contemporary interpretations.

'Hayat' includes two tracks that honour the poetic genius of Pakistan's most esteemed poets. The first, 'Paisa Bolta Hain,' is a powerful poem by Sail Azad (1938-2018) whose main melody was written by the Sabri Brothers, Ghulam Farid Sabri and Maqbool Ahmed Sabri.

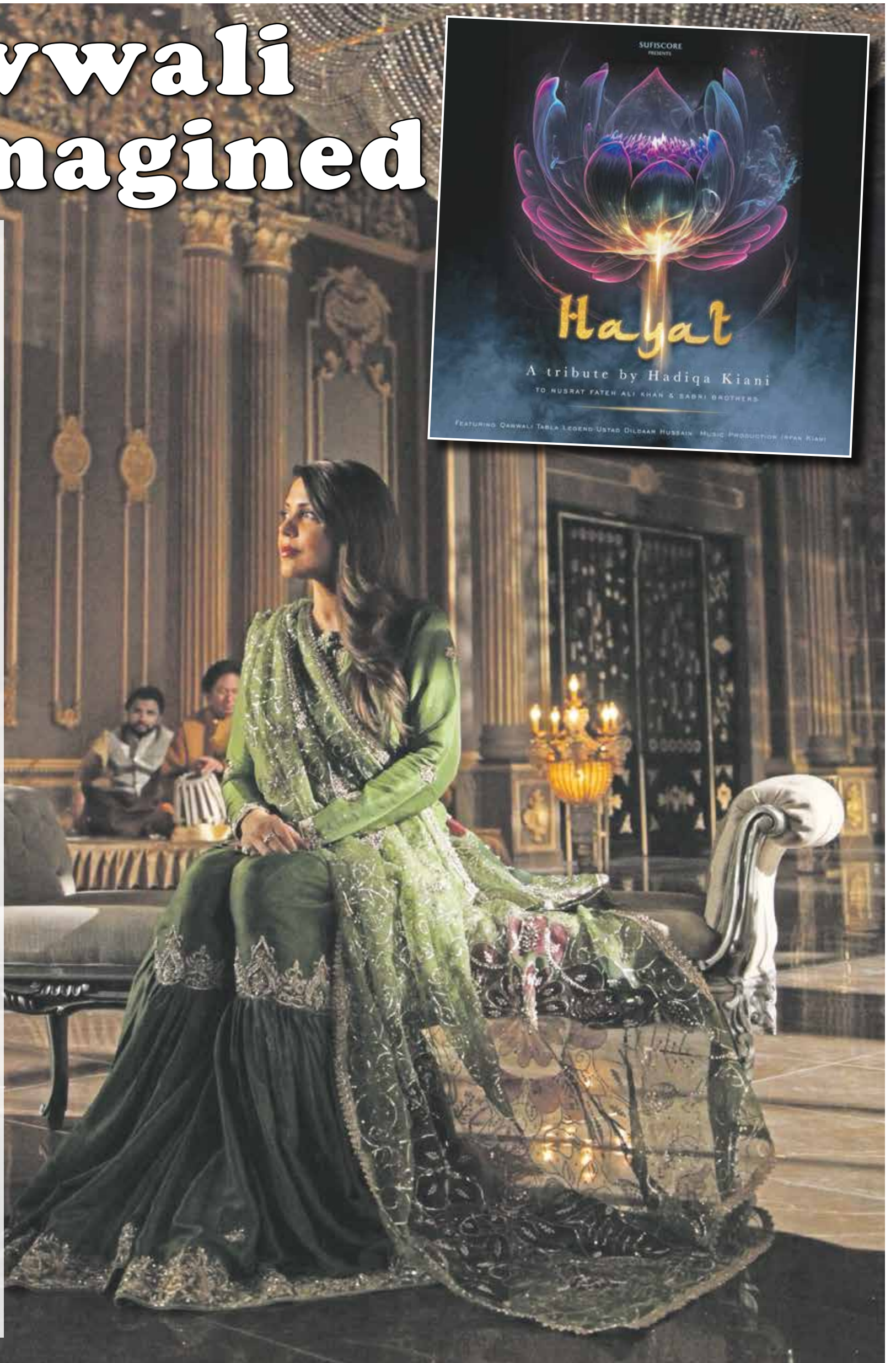
Hadiqa Kiana has added an additional melody to 'Paisa Bolta Hain,' which is known for his incisive commentary on societal and economic issues.

The second, 'Dil Lagi,' by Purnam Allahbadi (1940-2009), delves into themes of love and devotion with a timeless resonance. Adding to this artistic tapestry, Kiani also revisits the 16th-century mystical poem 'Saanson Ki Mala' by Hindu mystic Meerabai, a piece popularised internationally by the legendary King of Qawwali, Ustad Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan (1948-1997).

Speaking about the project, Kiani shared: "'Hayat' is my humble tribute to the genre of Qawwali and the legends who brought life and immortality to it.

Through these songs, I hope to connect audiences with the spiritual essence and timeless beauty of Qawwali, while also celebrating the unity it fosters across cultures and generations."

'Hayat's' release coincides with Kiani's continued efforts to expand the reach of Pakistani music on the global stage. Blending the traditional with the contemporary, Hadiqa Kiani creates an everlasting impact through her music.



WHAT'S ON

in cinemas this month

Captain America:

Brave New World

Starring: Anthony Mackie, Harrison Ford, Danny Ramirez, Liv Tyler, Rosa Salazar, Giancarlo Esposito, Tim Blake Nelson, Shira Haas, Jóhannes Haukur Jóhannesson, Takehiro Hira, Kosha Roquemore, Carl Lumbly

Director: Julius Onahs

Cert: TBC

Genre: Action/Family/Sci-Fi

Release Date: 14/02/2025

After meeting with newly elected U.S. President Thaddeus Ross, played by Harrison Ford in his Marvel Cinematic Universe debut, Sam finds himself in the middle of an international incident. He must discover the reason behind a nefarious global plot before the true mastermind has the entire world seeing red.

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WHAT'S ON

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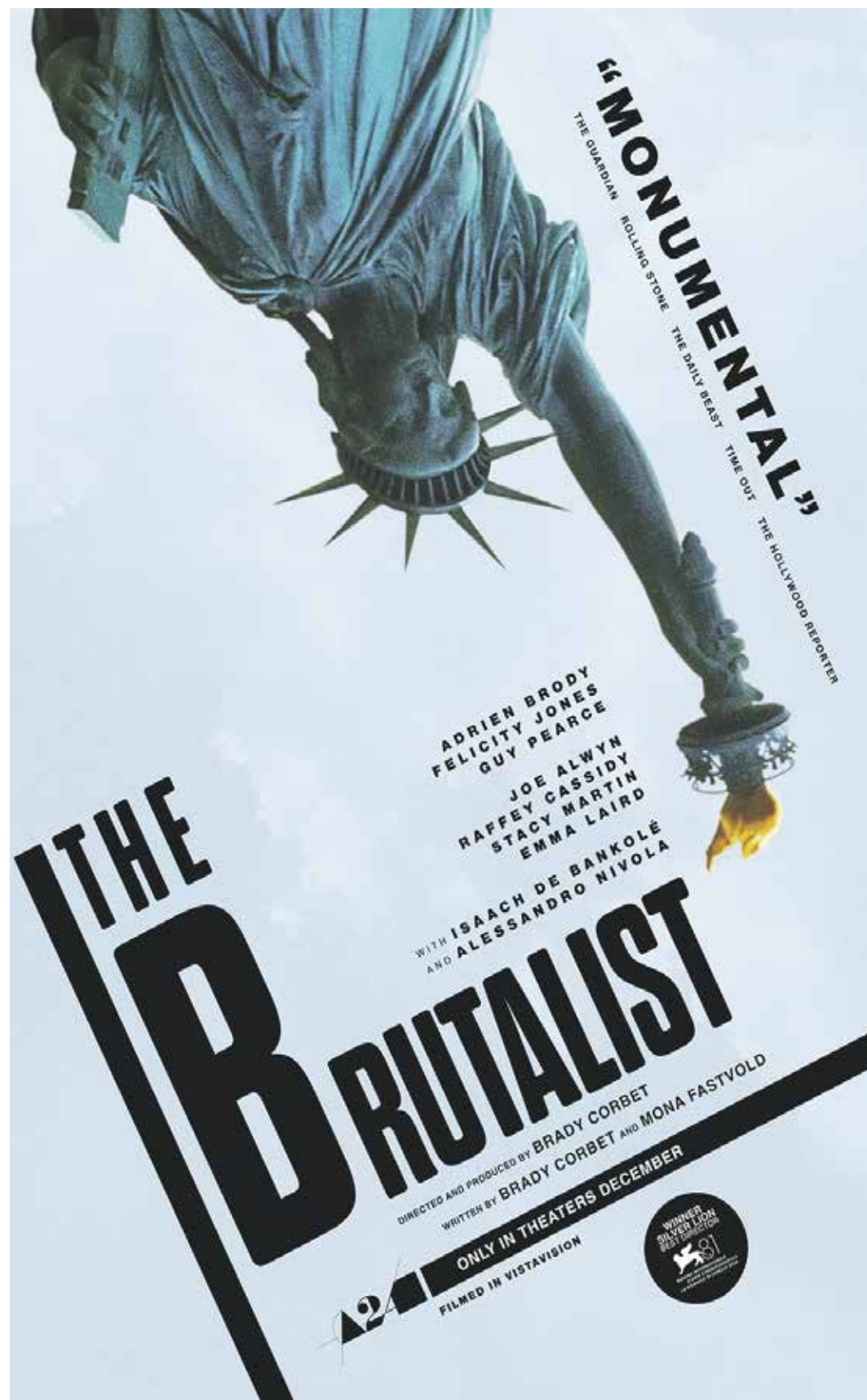
Starring: Guy Pearce, Adrien Brody, Isaach De Bankolé, Stacy Martin, Emma Laird, Raffey Cassidy, Joe Alwyn, Felicity Jones, Alessandro Nivola

Director: Brady Corbet

Cert: 18 Genre: Drama Release Date: 24/1/2025

When visionary architect László Toth and his wife Erzsébet flee post-war Europe in 1947 to rebuild their legacy and witness the birth of modern America,

their lives are changed forever by a mysterious and wealthy client. This film will contain a 15m intermission.



Hard Truths

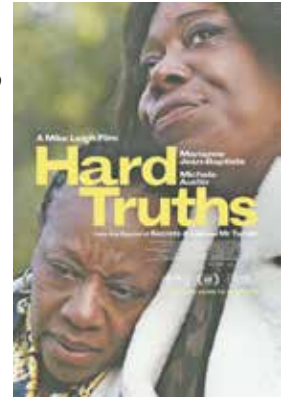
Starring: Marianne Jean-Baptiste, Michele Austin

Director: Mike Leigh

Cert: 12A Genre: Drama

Release Date: 31/01/2025

From acclaimed filmmaker Mike Leigh, comes Hard Truths. Starring BAFTA award-winner Marianne Jean-Baptiste and Michele Austin. Coming soon to cinemas.



September 5

Starring: Leonie Benesch, Ben Chaplin, Zinedine Soualem, Georgina Rich, Corey Johnson, Marcus Rutherford, Daniel Adeosun, Benjamin Walker, Ferdinand Dörfler, John Magaro, Peter Sarsgaard

Director: Tim Fehlbaum

Cert: 15 Genre: Drama

Release Date: 5/2/2025

"September 5" unveils the decisive moment that forever changed media coverage and continues to impact live news today. Set during the 1972 Munich Summer Olympics, the film follows an American Sports broadcasting team that quickly adapted from sports reporting to live coverage of the Israeli athletes taken hostage. Through this lens, "September 5" provides a fresh perspective on the live broadcast seen globally by an estimated one billion people at the time.

At the heart of the story is Geoff (John Magaro), a young and ambitious producer striving to prove himself to his boss, the legendary TV executive Roone Arledge (Peter Sarsgaard).

Together with German interpreter Marianne (Leonie Benesch) and his mentor Marvin Bader (Ben Chaplin), Geoff unexpectedly takes the helm of the live coverage. As narratives shift, time ticks away, and conflicting rumours spread, with the hostages' lives hanging in the balance, Geoff grapples with tough decisions while confronting his own moral compass.



Dog Man

Starring: Pete Davidson, Isla Fisher, Ricky Gervais, Poppy Liu, Stephen Root, Billy Boyd, Lil Rel Howery

Director: Peter Hastings

Cert: U **Genre:** Animation/Comedy/Fantasy

Release Date: 7/2/2025

From DreamWorks Animation—creators of the beloved blockbuster franchises Kung Fu Panda, How to Train Your Dragon and The Boss Baby - comes the canine-crime-fighting film adaptation of Dav Pilkey's

New York Times bestselling literary phenomenon: Dog Man.

When a faithful police dog and his human police officer owner are injured together on the job, a harebrained but

life-saving surgery fuses the two of them together and Dog Man is born. Dog Man is sworn to protect and serve - and fetch, sit and roll over.



Love Hurts

Starring: Ariana DeBose, Daniel Wu, Mustafa Shakir, Lio Tipton, André Eriksen, Marshawn Lynch, Cam Gigandet, Rhys Darby, Sean Astin, Ke Huy Quan

Director: Jonathan Eusebio

Cert: 15 **Genre:** Action

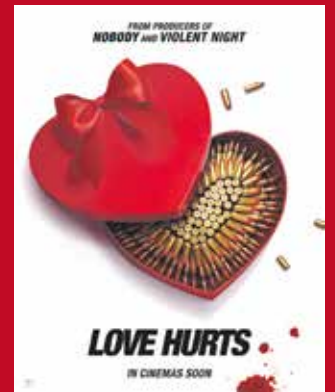
Release Date: 7/2/2025

No matter how hard you try, you can't break up with your past.

This Valentine's Day, Oscar winner Ke Huy Quan (Everything Everywhere All at Once, Loki) rockets into his first major leading man role as an unlikely hero, a seemingly mild-mannered realtor with a dark secret that he is desperate to leave behind. Spoiler alert: He won't.

From 87North - producers of the groundbreaking action films Nobody, Violent Night, Bullet Train, Atomic Blonde and The Fall Guy- comes a visceral, high-octane story of wrath and revenge.

Quan stars as Marvin Gable, a realtor working the Milwaukee suburbs, where 'For Sale' signs bloom. Gable receives a crimson envelope from Rose (Oscar® winner Ariana DeBose; West Side Story, Argyll), a former



partner-in-crime that he had left for dead. She's not happy.

Now, Marvin is thrust back into a world of ruthless hitmen, filled with double-crosses and open houses turned into deadly war zones. With his brother Knuckles (Daniel Wu; Tomb Raider, Warcraft), a volatile crime lord, hunting him, Marvin must confront the choices that haunt him and the history he never truly buried.

Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy

Starring: Renée Zellweger, Hugh Grant, Emma Thompson, Colin Firth, Isla Fisher, Leo Woodall, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Nico Parker, Shirley Henderson, Jim Broadbent, Celia Imrie, Leila Farzad, James Callis, Joanna Scanlan, Gemma Jones, Sally Phillips, Sarah Solemani, Josette Simon

Director: Michael Morris

Cert: 15 **Genre:** Comedy/Drama

Release Date: 13/02/2025

Bridget Jones navigates life as a widow and single mom with the help of her family, friends, and former lover, Daniel. Back to work and on the apps, she's pursued by a younger man and maybe - just maybe - her son's science teacher.



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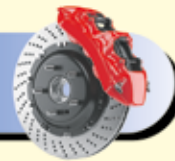


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Valkyrie hypercar

Aston Martin begins a thrilling new chapter in its illustrious competition history with the reveal of its new addition

Aston Martin begins a thrilling new chapter in its illustrious competition history with the reveal of its Valkyrie hypercar – a pure racer bred from the road that will return the British ultra-luxury performance car brand to the pinnacle of endurance motor sport and allow it to bid for overall victory at the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

The only competitor that is derived from a road-legal hypercar, the Valkyrie is the first racing car built to the FIA's 'Hypercar' regulations that will contest both the FIA World Endurance Championship [WEC] and the US-based IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship [IMSA].

It will make its world competition debut when the works Aston Martin THOR Team enters two Valkyries in the opening round of the 2025 WEC, at the Qatar 1812Km on 28 February.

The ultimate road-legal hypercar developed for the track

The new car, developed by Aston Martin Performance Technologies and THOR, is unique in the top Hypercar division of global endurance motorsport in that it is the only one among its contemporaries to derive its roots from an existing production-based extreme performance car – Aston Martin Valkyrie, the ultimate hypercar.

The race-optimised carbon fibre chassis Valkyrie is powered by a modified, lean-burn version of the sensational Cosworth-built 6.5-litre naturally aspirated V12 engine, which in standard road-going form revs to 11,000rpm and develops over 1000bhp.

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One year after the announcement of the project jointly developed by collector car dealer La Squadra and Atelier Zagato, the pair is bringing its first car in production guise to the world-renowned Rétromobile exhibition in Paris.

The bespoke configuration of this AGTZ Twin Tail was developed in partnership with the Client, who drew inspiration from the late 1960s racing legend, the iconic A220.

The AGTZ Twin Tail was born out of the need to tell the dramatic story of the A220: a racing icon of the late 1960s that, in a visionary move by its creators, shed its long, aerodynamically shaped tail, originally designed for the high-speed straights of the 24 Hours of Le Mans race, in favour of a compact, agile form. The decision was radical but ingenious: the French car went on to achieve historic success in its new specialisation: hill climbing.

More than half a century later, this legend remains an enduring source of inspiration for collector car dealer La Squadra and the renowned design studio Atelier Zagato.

Their joint efforts have resulted in the AGTZ Twin Tail: a contemporary tribute to the A220, telling its story through a unique design feature - a removable rear body section. The driver can effortlessly switch between the Long Tail or the Short Tail configurations in a matter of minutes and use the removed Tail as a piece of functional art that can be displayed in a garage.

This collector's car - a rolling sculpture - is built around the underpinnings of the A220's spiritual successor, the currently produced A110. Each AGTZ Twin Tail will be handcrafted at Atelier Zagato, one of the world's most respected coachbuilders, operating in Milan uninterrupted since 1919. Production is strictly limited to just 19 units, and the first one in the series, Commission #3, has now left the legendary workshop.

AGTZ Twin Tail Commission #3: Owner Writes the Next Chapter in History

Each of the 19 AGTZ Twin Tail units will be uniquely tailored as a result of an extensive customisation process fostered through personal dialogue and visits to the car's construction site at Atelier Zagato.

The contribution of the Patrons to the creativity and the value of the AGTZ Twin Tail project is clearly exemplified in this first completed client car. Commission #3 is an owner's personal take on the original A220 story. It refers to one of the later cars built over the two-year period — chassis #1736, completed in 1969. Updated with an aerodynamically sculpted nose, prominent radiators mounted into the massive tail, and mechanical refinements, it showed some promising performance during the 24 Hours Le Mans test, however retired prematurely from the race due to technical issues.

Today, AGTZ Twin Tail Commission #3 revives this story on French soil at the 2025 Rétromobile show. With a striking livery reminiscent of the 1969 24h Le Mans Race and a host of bespoke details — including wheels designed specifically for this commission — Commission #3's specification brings back the spirit of the Golden Era of racing in a faithful, and yet overtly progressive manner.

Celebrating its 49th edition this year, Rétromobile is one of the world's premier classic and collector car exhibitions. The global debut of the first AGTZ Twin Tail client car at this event underscores the project's leading position in the high-end automotive segment and further establishes La Squadra's strong presence on the international stage.

Meanwhile, work at Atelier Zagato continues at full pace: the next AGTZ Twin Tail commissions are already in progress and set to be unveiled soon. With production capped at just 19 units, the order book is filling up quickly, with only a few remaining slots still available.



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The power unit is enhanced and adapted to meet the performance window of the Hypercar class and developed to withstand the rigours of top-level long-distance competition. The choice of a V12 throughout the Valkyrie bloodline offers clear performance benefits, while also matching the Aston Martin aesthetic for a pure racing

solution.

On reliability and durability, the hypercar regulations, including a power limit of 500kW (680bhp), offer advantages for a V12 that had robustness built in from its inception to match its high duty-cycle as a road car. For racing, fuel efficiency has become a particular focus of development.

The racing suspension configuration features double

wishbones front and rear, with pushrod actuated torsion bar springs with adjustable side and central dampers. The Valkyrie runs on 18-inch Michelin Pilot Sport tyres that are mandatory under the Hypercar regulations.

Since the Valkyrie hypercar's first test runs in July 2024, The Heart of Racing has embarked on an extensive evaluation programme, which has topped 15,000km.

Testing began in the UK at Donington Park and Silverstone, then moved on to Vallelunga and Jerez, before continuing in Bahrain, Qatar, Road Atlanta, Sebring and Daytona to ensure a cross-section of tracks appropriate to the dual race programme.

The WEC season is made up of eight rounds. Following the season opener in Qatar, the championship includes European races at Imola

and Spa-Francorchamps, the 24 Hours of Le Mans in June, then Interlagos in Brazil, COTA in Austin, Texas, Fuji in Japan and the finale in Bahrain on November 8.

The IMSA schedule is made up of 11 rounds, including the Sebring 12 Hours and Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta, plus other major US venues such as Long Beach, Laguna Seca, Watkins Glen and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

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55ABR £4,000 TEL: 07733 244 444	ALII HSN £3,000 OMO (ALI HASSAN) TEL: 07946 162 099	ASIIIZZ £2,500 (ASH IZZ) TEL: 07985 455 057	BD55 CAB £2,995 OMO TEL: 077970 914 137	DRIIARY £12,000 (DR HARY) TEL: 07985 455 057	ETIIANVJ £10,000 (E VIJAY) TEL: 07985 455 057	GUILAM OFFERS OVER £5,000 TEL: 07974 246 877	JIVEE £1500 OMO TEL: 07974 246 877	KHII LAK £1,000 TEL: 01274 414141 MON - FRI: 9-5.30	MAIIIMD £20,000 (M AHMAD) TEL: 07985 455 057	MSIIALE £9,500 (MS HALE) TEL: 07985 455 057	NEIIFOX £29,000 (NEIL FOX) TEL: 07985 455 057	PAIIISHA £9,000 (P AISHA) TEL: 07985 455 057	RVIIJAY £10,000 (R VIJAY) TEL: 07985 455 057
786 KAM £25,000 TEL: 07733 244 444	AMO3EAR £3,000 OMO TEL: 07956 342 385	ASII NAK £1,500 OMO TEL: 07983 590 591	BD55TAN £2,495 TEL: 07790 376 861	DRIIAYS £8,000 (DR HAYS) TEL: 07985 455 057	ETIIANVJ £650 OMO (EVIL CAR) TEL: 07411 953 337	GVIIJAY £10,000 (G VIJAY) TEL: 07985 455 057	J4 NGS £10,000 TEL: 07815 114 201	KHII NGZ £13,000 TEL: 07921 576 971	MAIIIMD £29,000 (M AHMED) TEL: 07985 455 057	MSIIALY £9,500 (MS HALY) TEL: 07985 455 057	N KIIANZ £1,500 OMO (NKHANZ) TEL: 07946 162 099	PAII VEZ £1,500 OMO TEL: 01274 414141 MON - FRI: 9-5.30	RYIIISAF £15,000 (R YUSUF) TEL: 07985 455 057
786 MAK £10,000 OMO TEL: 07971 827 098	AMO4EAR £3,000 OMO TEL: 07956 342 385	ASII NJT £1,500 OMO TEL: 07983 590 591	BEIOLD £19,000 (BEHOLD) TEL: 07720 376 861	DR SINGG OFFERS TEL: 07985 455 057	EYIIISAF £15,400 (E YUSUF) TEL: 07985 455 057	GVIIISAF £15,400 (G YUSUF) TEL: 07985 455 057	J4UEO £2,495 TEL: 07954 389 874	KH59 LED £3,000 TEL: 07970 281 994	MAIIIMD £1800 (MAHMUD) TEL: 07867 861 193	MSIIHAWK £9,500 (MS HAWK) TEL: 07985 455 057	NLIICAS £7,000 (N LUCAS) TEL: 07985 455 057	PDIIIEEP £7,000 (P DILEEP) TEL: 07985 455 057	RYIIISUF £15,000 (R YUSUF) TEL: 07985 455 057
B2 GK OFFERS TEL: 07787 334 567	AMII AAD £2,000 OMO TEL: 01274 414141 MON - FRI: 9-5.30	ASII4NSX £15,000 OMO TEL: 07908 472 121	BHO4GUL OFFERS (BHOGUL) TEL: 07970 026 653	DR5ISHA £995 (DR. SHISHA / SHA) TEL: 07834 531 683	EYIIISUF £15,000 (E YUSUF) TEL: 07985 455 057	GVIIISUF £15,000 (G YUSUF) TEL: 07985 455 057	JAIIALS £15,000 (J ALLALS) TEL: 07985 455 057	KKIIIMAR £15,000 (K KUMAR) TEL: 07985 455 057	MAII RYM £1,500 OMO TEL: 01274 414141 MON - FRI: 9-5.30	MSIIHAYS £9,500 (MS HAYS) TEL: 07985 455 057	NOII SHN £2,500 OMO (N SHAN) TEL: 07946 162 099	PDIIIEEP £1,500 OMO (P DIIEEP) TEL: 07985 455 057	SOIIILJA £10,000 (SOULJA) TEL: 0786 615 234
A17JEO £5,000 OMO (AMJED) TEL: 07971 732 789	AMII EEN £5,000 OMO TEL: 01274 414141 MON - FRI: 9-5.30	A SH4ZD £10,000 OMO TEL: 07976 024 735	BH54RAT OFFERS (BHARAT) TEL: 07970 026 653	DR 5 5OOD £8,000 T: 07740 784 983 privateplates@hotmail.co.uk	FI 6UJR £2,500 (F1 GUJR) TEL: 07985 455 057	HOOSAYN £1,900 OMO (HUSSAIN) TEL: 07985 455 057	JAIIMED £10,000 (J AHMAD) TEL: 07985 455 057	KU55 OOM £2,000 TEL: 07588 326 444	MA55 UDD £4,000 TEL: 07588 326 444	MSIIAN £7,500 (M SUSAN) TEL: 07985 455 057	NSIIAN £7,500 (N SUSAN) TEL: 07985 455 057	PKIINGS £14,000 (P KIINGS) TEL: 07985 455 057	SII ETK OFFERS (SHEIKH) TEL: 07815 114 201
A212 JAN OFFERS OVER £5,000 TEL: 07817 615 022	AMII SAR £2,500 OMO TEL: 01274 414141 MON - FRI: 9-5.30	AT44H £8,500 OMO (NO WITHHELD No) TEL: 07786 424 251	BSIIAUN £15,000 (B SHAUN) TEL: 07985 455 057	DSIIAUN £7,500 (D SUSAN) TEL: 07985 455 057	F44EEM £4,500 TEL: 07825 040 037	HOIIVER £7,500 (H OLIVER) TEL: 07985 455 057	JAS5BYN £8,995 OMO TEL: 07779 324 610	KVIIJAY £10,000 (K VIJAY) TEL: 07985 455 057	MA55 UMM £2,800 TEL: 07588 326 444	MSIIAMMAD £10,000 (MOHAMMAD) TEL: 07867 861 193	NSIIAUN £1,500 OMO TEL: 01274 414141 MON - FRI: 9-5.30	PKIINGS £7,500 (P KIINGS) TEL: 07985 455 057	SII OHL £5,000 TEL: 07900 895 552
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SHIOAEB OFFERS T: 07754 852 402 MON - FRI: 9-5-30	SOII BYA £2,000 TEL: 01274 414141 MON - FRI: 9-5-30	TAIIMAD £10,000 (T AHMAD) TEL: 07985 455 057	TYIISAF £15,400 (T YUSAF) TEL: 07985 455 057	VY55 HNU £3,500 TEL: 07588 326 444	WGIPTA £6,995 (W GUPTA) TEL: 07985 455 057	XYIISAF £15,400 (X YUSAF) TEL: 07985 455 057
SHIOABY £4,000 ONO TEL: 07828 695 464	SPIRITY £15,000 (SPORTY) TEL: 07985 455 057	TAIYRS £1,500 (TAHYRS) TEL: 07867 886 786	TYIISUF £15,000 (T YUSUF) TEL: 07985 455 057	WOIIVER £5,500 (W OLIVER) TEL: 07985 455 057	WKIIMAR £15,000 (W KIIMAR) TEL: 07985 455 057	YIINES OFFERS (YOUNAS) TEL: 07834 016 393
SHIOKET OFFERS T: 07754 852 402 no withheld numbers	STIIGGG £20,000 ONO TEL: 07786 510 000	TAI3BYS £1,600 ONO TEL: 07557 387 547	UAIMAD £10,000 (U AHMAD) TEL: 07985 455 057	W2I JAS £1,200 ONO TEL: 07925 757 677	WMIILES £7,500 (W MILES) TEL: 07985 455 057	YSIILMA £4,000 ONO (SALMA) TEL: 07969 598 969
SHIOKUT OFFERS T: 07754 852 402 no withheld numbers	SURB7IT £1,500 (SURBJIT) TEL: 07985 589 631	TA55LYM £4,895 ONO TEL: 07779 324 610	UDIIEEP £7,000 (U DILEEP) TEL: 07985 455 057	W3DDDY £5,000 ONO TEL: 07779 994 695	WSIISAN £7,500 (W SUSAN) TEL: 07985 455 057	Y55ANA OFFERS TEL: 07835 316 786
SHII AED £1,000 TEL: 01274 414141 MON - FRI: 9-5-30	SYIISAF £15,400 (S YUSAF) TEL: 07985 455 057	TA55TEE £5,000 T: 07740 784 983 privateplates@hotmail.co.uk	UKIIRD OFFERS TEL: 07522 199 997	W33DY K £5,000 ONO TEL: 07779 994 695	WYIISAF £15,400 (W YUSUF) TEL: 07985 455 057	Y9 ALT £30,000 TEL: 07525 817 453
SHII AFS £1,500 TEL: 01274 414141 MON - FRI: 9-5-30	SYIISUF £15,000 (S YUSUF) TEL: 07985 455 057	TA55TYE £5,000 T: 07740 784 983 privateplates@hotmail.co.uk	UMM444R £4,995 TEL: 07707 747 776	W33NTD £1,800 (WANTED) TEL: 01202 877 038	WYIISUF £15,000 (W YUSUF) TEL: 07985 455 057	YAIIMAD £10,000 (Y AHMAD) TEL: 07985 455 057
SHIIAHZ £6,000 TEL: 07921 576 971	TOYSR £15,000 ONO TEL: 07973 787 934	TA67 ETS £6,000 ONO TEL: 07908 472 121	UYIISAF £15,400 (U YUSAF) TEL: 07985 455 057	W4JLD £1,995 TEL: 07854 389 874	X3 SINGS £3,500 (SINGHS) TEL: 07833 333 870	YAIYAA £15,000 (YAYYAA) TEL: 07985 455 057
SHII ANY £2,000 TEL: 01274 414141 MON - FRI: 9-5-30	TIUUCS OFFERS TEL: 07581 169 231	TAHIR £100,000 (TAHIR) TEL: 07403 302 725	VOIIRAS £2,000 (VOHRA) TEL: 07867 886 786	W4KY R £1,500 TEL: 07786 615 234	X 7BY X £1,500 TEL: 07767 778 798	YEIICOM £49,000 (YELL COM) TEL: 07985 455 057
SHIIKEL £4,999 ONO (SHAKEL) TEL: 07863 845 709	TI4 REK OFFERS (TARIC) TEL: 07508 066 661	TBIATT £7,000 (T BHATT) TEL: 07985 455 057	VOIIVER £6,900 (V OLIVER) TEL: 07985 455 057	W4LYT £2,000 TEL: 07854 435 656	XAL IIX £15,000 TEL: 07733 244 444	YDIIEEP £7,000 (Y DILEEP) TEL: 07985 455 057
SHII OBY £1,000 TEL: 01274 414141 MON - FRI: 9-5-30	TI9 ARX OFFERS (TIGER X) TEL: 07837 780 981	TDIIEEP £7,000 (T DILEEP) TEL: 07985 455 057	V 4RFN £1,000 TEL: 07967 193 033	WAIIEEM £15,000 (WAHEEM) TEL: 07985 455 057	X BAIG £50,000 TEL: 07947 979 777	YKIIMAR £15,000 (Y KIIMAR) TEL: 07985 455 057
SHIIPER £15,000 (SHIPER) TEL: 07865 455 057	TILI 786 £1,500 ONO TEL: 07974 179 156	TERIK VALUED AT OVER £60K TEL: 07739 413 695	V 44MJD £850 ONO TEL: 07803 012 253	WAIISHA £9,000 (W AISHA) TEL: 07985 455 057	X K04SER OFFERS TEL: 07811 146 312	YUIONES OFFERS T: 07754 852 402 no withheld numbers
SHIYLA £1,000,000 TEL: 07969 914 041	T44 RKK £2,200 ONO TEL: 07926 095 168	TJIDGE £15,500 (T JUDGE) TEL: 07985 455 057	VAIIMAD £10,000 (V AHMAD) TEL: 07985 455 057	WAIITAD £10,000 (WANTED) TEL: 07778 881 126	X KIIAN X £2,700 TEL: 07786 087 155	YVIIJAY £10,000 (Y VIJAY) TEL: 07985 455 057
SHI2ADH £3,000 ONO TEL: 07870 993 553	T444BYS £995 ONO TEL: 07896 896 431	TKINGS £14,000 (T KINGS) TEL: 07985 455 057	VBIATT £7,000 (V BHATT) TEL: 07985 455 057	WAH330K £2,500 (W AHMED K) TEL: 07973 159 979	XKIIMAR £15,000 (X KIIMAR) TEL: 07985 455 057	Y44SCR £2,500 ONO TEL: 07828 159 318
SHI2ANH £3,000 ONO TEL: 07870 993 553	T8NHD £15,000 (TAWHED) TEL: 07842 955 147	TMIILES £7,500 (T MILES) TEL: 07985 455 057	VDIIEEP £7,000 (V DILEEP) TEL: 07985 455 057	RYIISUF £15,000 (R YUSUF) TEL: 07985 455 057	XMIILES £7,500 (X MILES) TEL: 07985 455 057	
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SH54ZHD £5,725 TEL: 07802 183 450	TAIATS £1,500 (TALLAT) TEL: 07867 886 786	TSIISAN £7,500 (T SUSAN) TEL: 07985 455 057	VYIISAF £15,400 (V YUSAF) TEL: 07985 455 057	WASIIF £10,000 TEL: 07867 861 193	XXIO MAR OFFERS TEL: 07928 473 771	

5 NAS £30,000 TEL: 07540 176 854	CHIEFS £20,000 ONO TEL: 07786 615 234	PIINEM £2,995 ONO (PUNEM) TEL: 07305 700 800
ATT4H £8,500 ONO TEL: 07786 424 251	K7 PPA £3,995 ONO TEL: 07890 201 854	UK I IORD OFFERS TEL: 07522 199 997
H4 SSB £12,995 ONO TEL: 07440 766 843	L99HOR OFFERS TEL: 07850 706 930	YA55EEM £75,000 ONO TEL: 07887 837 553
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Bradford 2025 and Creative Lives support over 50 local organisations through the ‘Do Your Thing Awards’

Bradford 2025 and Creative Lives have announced the recipients of ‘Do Your Thing’ micro-awards which support community-driven creative projects across the district to celebrate the everyday creativity of Bradford’s residents.

As part of the UK City of Culture programme over 50 grassroots creative groups have been selected under the UK City of Culture programme, and will receive a share of just over £20,000 to open-up opportunities for cultural participation in a multitude of ways.

One of the successful applicants are The Baji Bantams - Bradford City’s first fans group for South Asian women, to bring the community together with cultural music at the Bradford City Community Foundation. They are supported by ISSE (Inspire Support Sports Empower).

Another organisation included is ‘SEND Salaam’, who will hold a sensory art session for children with special educational needs and disabilities in the Girington area, working with Summat Creative.

Rhiannon Hannon, Bradford 2025’s Director of Creative Engagement says: “We had an incredible number of applications, and we’re ever inspired and impressed by the creativity taking place every day in every area of our district. Bradford 2025 is all about making culture more available and accessible all across Bradford, and these organisations are showing how this can be done every day.”

Robin Simpson, Chief Executive of Creative Lives adds “Creative Lives was thrilled to receive an incredible 161 applications from local creative groups across Bradford, demonstrating the amazing breadth and diversity of grassroots creativity happening in communities throughout the district.

“We are delighted to be able to support 54 groups through ‘Do Your Thing’ micro-awards, but the quality and ambition shown by all applicants was truly inspiring and we hope all the groups will stay connected with Creative Lives as we continue our commitment to championing community-led creative activity in Bradford during 2025 and beyond.”

ISSE (Inspire Support Sports Empower) will work with The Baji Bantams - Bradford City’s first fans group for South Asian women



Mahum Fatima from SEND Salaam states “We’re really happy to have been selected as one of the recipients of Do Your Thing. We want to show Bradford how amazing and talented our young SEND children are!

This award will enable us to raise awareness around hidden disabilities and help make art accessible to the local community.”

This news follows the recent Bradford 2025 announcement of ‘Our

Patch’, a large-scale district-wide programme in collaboration with local artists, community organisations and residents, breaking down barriers to cultural participation by bringing the arts right to the community’s doorstep.

Find out more on how Bradford 2025 is putting local people at the heart of the UK City of Culture at bradford2025.co.uk/take-part and more on the work of Creative Lives at creative-lives.org.

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For many riders, this marks their fourth ride between these iconic cities, bringing their collective total to over 2,000 kilometres ridden under some of the harshest cycling conditions on earth.

Shamsul Abdin, Head of H&K Cycle Club, commented: "This ride went far beyond a test of endurance. Every kilometre symbolises hope and life for children in critical need. I am incredibly proud of the team - many of whom have dedicated themselves to this journey year after year.

With each push of the pedal, we helped fund life-saving surgeries for children who otherwise may not survive. It's the strength of these children that drove us forward through the most challenging moments."

The route, first conquered by the H&K Cycle Club in 2022, has only ever been completed by this team. They have faced unrelenting desert heat, crowded highways, brutal headwinds and the exhaustion that comes from cycling for days in extreme conditions. Yet, the goal - saving children's lives - made the hardship worth enduring.

Funds raised from the event will support Muntada Aid's Little Hearts project, a vital initiative that has been transforming lives since its founding in 2012.

Little Hearts delivers free, life-saving surgeries for children from disadvantaged backgrounds across Africa and beyond, reaching nearly 3,000 children across 15 countries to date.

Kabir Miah, Programmes Manager at Muntada Aid, added, "The dedication and resilience of the H&K Cycle Club serve as a beacon of hope.

"Every single pound raised provides a fighting chance for a child who may otherwise face a life cut short. This ride wasn't just about cycling but about giving children a chance to live long and healthy lives."

The H&K Cycle Club invites supporters to join them in making a difference. Every donation brings them closer to their £500,000 target and closer to saving hundreds of lives.



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A cycling club has completed the awe-inspiring 550-kilometre journey from Mecca to Medina last week to help raise vital funds for children suffering from Congenital Heart Defects in Africa. H&K Cycle Club's fourth annual challenge sees the team aiming to raise an unprecedented £500,000, building on the £350,000 they have already secured through past rides. This gruelling expedition pushed the cyclists through the heart of the Saudi desert, where they braved headwinds, scorching 40°C heat, and over 550 kilometres of rugged terrain. **Continued on pages 46 & 47**

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