# Court & Social



WINDSOR CASTLE April 28th The President of the Swiss Confederation visited The Queen

By command of Her Majesty, Mr Alistair Harrison (Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps) called upon His Excellency the Hon George Brandis at Australia House, Strand, London WC2, this evening in order to bid farewell to His Excellency upon relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for the Commonwealth of Australia in

CLARENCE HOUSE

April 28th
The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall this morning visited the BBC World Service, Broadcasting House, London W1, and were received by Colonel Jane Davis (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London).

His Royal Highness afterwards visited West London Welcome and was received by Mr Kevin McGrath (Deputy Lieutenant of Greater London).
The Prince of Wales, Patron,

this afternoon visited World Jewish Relief, Oscar Joseph House

### **Forthcoming** marriages

# Capt A.C.H. Irvine and Dr O.T.R. Olubodun

The engagement is announced between Capt Angus Christopher Hamilton Irvine, The Rifles, elder son of Mr and Mrs Alastair Irvine, of Great Humby, Lincolnshire, and Dr Oluwaseun Temiladeoluwa Rachael Olubodun, elder daughter of the late Ms Adekemi Olubodun, of Swanscombe, Kent. Online ref: 607238

### Mr A.J. Ramsden and Miss T.A. Burke

The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Mr and Mrs Jack Ramsden, of Newmarket, Suffolk, and Tamra, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Burke, of Melbourne, Victoria. Online ref: 607243

### Mr T.E. Hirst and Miss J.G.R. Smith

The engagement is announced between Thomas, younger son of Mr and Mrs Timothy Hirst, of South Pool, Devon, and Julia, only daughter of Mr Philip Smith and Ms Ann Robilliard, of St Peter Port, Guernsey. Online ref: 607217

### Wedding

### Mr B.J. Hughes and Miss J.C. Finch

The marriage took place on Thursday, April 28, 2022, at Cooling Castle Barn, Rochester, between Bradley Joseph, eldest son of Paul Hughes, of Gillingham, Kent, and Kym Hughes, of Strood. Kent, and Joanna Claire, younger daughter of Rodney and Lisa Finch, of Hoo, Kent.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Miss Kelly Finch, Miss Amber Hankin and Miss Phoebe Upton. Mr Dan Houseman was best man.

The honeymoon will take place in autumn 2022.  $On line\ ref: 597213$ 

# **Bridge news**

The Finals of the Portland Bowl, the knockout teams event for universities, have taken place at the Portland Club in London, which sponsors the event, writes
Julian Pottage, Bridge Correspondent.
In one semi-final, Oxford A

beat Oxford B by 95 IMPs (190-95), and Warwick A had conceded the other semi-final to Cambridge B prior to the weekend. In the final, Oxford A beat Cambridge B by 25 IMPS (126-101), and thus retained the Portland Bowl.
The Oxford A line-up was

Lawrence Wang, Yining Yang, Ewa Wieczorek and Sam Anoyrkatis, the same playing members who won last year, and with the addition of non-playing captain Charlie Bucknell. The Cambridge B team was Kripa Panchagnula, Daniel Winter, Charles Gong, Nicholas Lee, Jack Lawrence, Oscar Selby and NPC Lucia Arce.

### 54 Crewys Road, London NW2, and was received by Mr Martin Russell (Deputy Lieutenant of

Greater London) His Royal Highness later received The President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

KENSINGTON PALACE

April 28th
The Duke of Cambridge this morning spoke via video link to residents of Australia who have been affected by the recent

ST JAMES'S PALACE

April 28th
The Earl and Countess of Wessex, on behalf of The Queen in celebration of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, today carried out the following engagements in

St Lucia, Windward Islands. Their Royal Highnesses this morning visited Camille Henry Memorial School, Avenida Santa Isabel, Castries.
The Earl and Countess of

Wessex afterwards visited Patricia D. James Secondary School, Tapon Avenue, Bisee.
Their Royal Highnesses later

visited Pigeon Island, Gros Islet. The Earl and Countess of Wessex this evening departed Hewanorra International Airport for the United Kingdom.

ST JAMES'S PALACE April 28th
The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-

Chief, Intelligence Corps, this

morning received Lieutenant General Sir James Hockenhull

(Colonel Commandant) and Colonel Michael Peebles (Corps Colonel).

Her Royal Highness, Chief Commandant for Women in the Royal Navy, received Rear Admira Judith Terry.

The Princess Royal, President, the City and Guilds of London Institute, this afternoon presented the Princess Royal Training Award at Mansion House, London EC4. Her Royal Highness, Royal Patron, the Security Institute, late attended the Annual General Meeting at Carisbrooke Hall,

Street, London W2. The Princess Royal this evening attended the British Wireless Dinner Club's Centenary Dinner at the Royal Air Force Club, 128 Piccadilly, London W1, and was received by Mr Kevin Traverse-Healy (Deputy Lieutenant of Greater London).

Victory Services Club, Seymour

ST JAMES'S PALACE April 28th

Princess Alexandra, Patron and Air Chief Commandant, Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service, and Patron, Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service, this afternoon visited the Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre, Stanford Hall, Stanford on Soar, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire (Sir John Peace).

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge celebrate the 11th anniversary of their marriage today.

### Today's birthdays

Mr Frank Auerbach, painter, is 91; Mr David Tindle, painter, 90; Gen Sir Peter de la Billière, Commander, British Forces Middle East, 1990-91, 88; **Lord** Rothschild, company chairman, 86; **Mr Zubin Mehta,** conductor, 86; Mr Jonah Barrington, former squash player, 81; Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, former Conservative Government Minister; President, Royal Geographical Society, 80; Baroness Fritchie, Commissioner for Public Appointments, 1999-2005, 80; Baroness Deech, Principal of St Anne's College, Oxford, 1991-2004, 79; **Mr Johnny** Miller, former golfer; Open Champion 1976, 75; Sir John Holmes, Chairman, Electoral Commission, 2018-21; Director, Ditchley Foundation, 2010-16, 71; Sir Daniel Day-Lewis, actor, 65; Miss Michelle Pfeiffer, actress and producer, 64; Mrs Susan le Jeune d'Allegeershecque, diplomat; High Commissioner to Canada, 2018-21, 59; **Mr André Agassi,** former tennis player; Wimbledon Men's Singles Champion, 1992, 52; Mr Brendan **Purcell,** Performance Director, British Rowing, 2018-21, 52; and Ms Helena Lucas, sailor; Paralympic gold medallist,

Today is the anniversary of Lt James Cook landing at Botany Bay, Australia, in 1770.

single-person keelboat (2.4 mR), London 2012, 47.

### ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

# The Daily Telegraph.

# LEGAL SEPARATION. AN EVIL SYSTEM.

### By a Correspondent

Every important measure for reforming the divorce laws brought forward for very many years has contained a proposal either for abolishing judicial separation or for greatly modifying that particular form of relief in matrimonial disputes. Those who have made the closest study of the effects of separation-orders have over and over again pronounced them to be mischievous, morally and socially, and a few examples of this testimony may serve to establish a case at any rate for

serious consideration. Not very long ago Mr. Justice Hill, a Divorce Court judge of five years' experience, granted a married woman a decree of judicial separation "with great reluctance," having arrived at the conviction that "nothing is more mischievous than having people separated and not divorced." Some years earlier the late Mr. Justice Bargrave Deane, who had practised and presided in the same division for a much longer period, declared separation to be "a living death" and "wrong altogether." Still a third matrimonial court judge, the late Lord Gorell, said: "Permanent separation without divorce has a distinct tendency to encourage immorality, and is an unsatisfactory remedy to apply to the evils it is supposed to prevent."

Without difficulty this volume of condemnation nouncements of many other judges. And if an actual example of the certainty of an evil existing were asked for, none better could be mentioned than the Rutherford case, where, unless the decision of the Court of Appeal is in due time reversed by the House of Lords, an unfortunate married lady is condemned to be bound for the rest of her life, though separated from him of necessity, to a husband who is convicted of committing murder whilst of unsound mind.

### THE MAGISTRATE'S ORDER.

Several methods are open to married people who find living together unendurable of becoming separated without being divorced. If their trouble is mutual misery and unhappiness, they may adopt the primitive plan of deserting each other and ceasing all further communication; or they may enter into a deed of separation, each undertaking not to molest or in any way interfere with the other. Both these methods are voluntary, and call for neither judicial nor magisterial interference. But mere misery or unhappiness will not secure a separation by order of the court. The law does not give protection against unhappiness or the causes of unhappiness. Before the aid of the law can be obtained one of the parties to the marriage must prove thus the conduct of the other party has given rise to a reasonable apprehension of injury, physical or mental, if cohabitation be continued. When that is proved a magistrate's order may be obtained in a police-court, which directs that the person to

The England Open team,

meanwhile, led Switzerland 49-20 in the Bowl. For set two, as expected, crack Poles Piotr Gawrys

and Michael Klukowski replaced the Swiss sponsor pair. Mike Bell and Ben Norton, England's form pair in the round-robin, came in for Michael Byrne and Kieran

Dyke. This was a low-scoring set, most notable for two slam deals. Is

↑ worth playing with ♠AKQ97 ↑ K2 ♠ J1083 ♣53 facing ♠J86 ↑ AJ1094 ♠AKQ ♣A7? Bell-Norton thought so, as did Sjoert Brink and Bas Drijver. You

have 12 tricks on top, and must do something in hearts for your 13th. What you can't do, on the best lead of a club, is ruff two hearts in hand

to set up the fifth round; this leaves

you with no late entry to enjoy the 

◆J. With the ♥Q dropping doubleton onside, the board was flat in grand slam made.

On our main deal the Swiss

Dutch stopped in 6\( \Phi\). Bell (South) played one level higher.

Considering the extra chances of bare \( \psi\) Q with West and of a

red-suit squeeze, 7♠ was nearer 60 per cent than 50.
Bell aced the club lead and

played a diamond. When East followed to that with a small card,

he was not likely to hold ♦ KQ. Mike won his blank ♦ A, crossed twice in spades to ruff diamonds

high, and ran trumps.
On the last of these, Gawrys

thought Bell, from \$1097

(East) pitched a heart. That would have been a strange choice,

originally. He crossed to the ♥A, and promptly finessed the ♥J for

his contract. That was 11 IMPs to

whom it is granted shall not be bound to cohabit with the other party; or a judicial separation may be obtained in the High Court on this and other grounds. Because of its relative cheapness the magistrate's order is much the more frequently applied for. Mr. Waddy, a Thames Police-court magistrate, stated recently that £7,000 is being paid out weekly in that one court to wives who have been granted separation orders.

### A HUSBAND'S DISADVANTAGE.

In general it may be said that separation is a form of relief from domestic troubles almost entirely availed of by wives. There is a simple explanation of this. So far as judicial separation is concerned, it may be applied for by both husbands and wives on the ground of adultery, or cruelty, or desertion. Inasmuch as adultery is a sufficient ground in itself for divorce against a wife (but not against a husband), the husband usually petitions for divorce rather than separation. And cruelty and desertion do not count as very common wives' offences. But so far as the summary separation order is concerned, whereas a wife may ask for this under the Summary Jurisdiction (Married Womens) Act, 1895, on many grounds, embracing assault, cruelty, desertion, and imprisonment, it is available to the husband only under the Licensing Act, 1902, if he can show that his wife is an habitual drunkard. This difference is apt to be overlooked by those who insist that the matrimonial laws are designedly framed to favour the husband rather than the wife. It is one of the rapidly increasing number of inequalities telling against the husband which the emancipation of v bringing into view. Here, in regard to separation, we have a position in which a wife may release herself from the company of her husband on many grounds more or less substantial, but a husband is bound to the society of a wife who may be a virago of the worst description unless he can show her to be a confirmed drunkard.

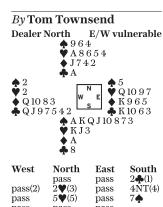
### **ALTERNATIVE** PROPOSALS.

What are the proposals of those who seek reform in thig matter? They range from the complete abolition of separation to methods for reducing its frequency. Some would make every act which is now a ground for granting separation a sufficient ground for obtaining divorce, and would, further, make the grounds exactly the same in the case both of men and women. That would be going to the extreme limit of experiment. Others propose that when a decree of separation is asked for on grounds which would found a decree of divorce, a decree of the latter character only should be granted. A third method is that the wife be permitted to retain her option, but if she elected for separation on grounds which would justify divorce. the husband should have liberty to ask that a divorce decree be made, leaving the judge to decide the matter.

Choice lies between these proposals, in all of which the dictating idea is that the separation of husbands and wives is morally harmful and often inhumane; is provocative of permanent embitterment and misery, and a mockery of

# **Bridge Hand**

# A pair of sevens



pass

pass

2**♥**(3) 5**♥**(5) pass pass pass (1) Strong and artificial (2) Wrong vulnerability to bid (3) Natural positive (4) RKCB

(5) Two out of five, no ♥Q

Contract 7♠ by South Opening Lead ♣Q

pass(2)

OVER lunch on day one of the World Championship quarterfinals in Salsomaggiore, the six US teams were mandatorily tested for Covid. For this, the WBF laid on a private facility. Inevitably, the tests brought some more positive results. Two came from Kevin Bathurst and John Hurd, USA2's strike pair in the Bermuda Bowl.

With no substitutes of their calibre available, this effectively decided their match in favour of Norway. Andrew Rosenthal's USA2 Mixed team, 26 IMPs down to Latvia, were now missing three of their original players, and one substitute who also tested positive. They found two more and stayed in the fight.

# 4NCL returns

# By Malcolm Pein

LEADERS Wood Green take on Cheddleton this Saturday as the 4NCL returns to Daventry for the May Bank Holiday weekend. Wood Green have only conceded the one draw so far, to Chess.com Manx Liberty, who also dropped a point against Guildford Young Guns. In round seven, Manx will be big favourites against The Sharks, as will be the Young Guns against Alba

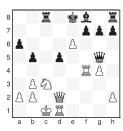
The Manx-Guildford clash was a hard-fought draw in round five, Alexei Shirov replying for the Isle of Man-based side as he overcame IM Matthew Wadsworth in a typically wild struggle. Spanish IM Alberto Suarez Real won for Guildford as he crushed Polish GM Pawel Jaracz in another sharp Sicilian.

A. Suarez Real - P. Jaracz Sicilian Taimanov 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e6 5.Nc3 d6 6.g4 Nge7 7.Nb3 a6 8.Be3 b5 9.Qe2 Na5?! (9...Bd7! improves, and if 10.0-0-0 b4 or 10.a3 Na5 11.0-0-0 Nxb3 12.cxb3 b4!) **10.0-0-0 Nxb3+?!** 11.cxb3!

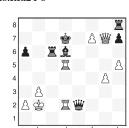


England, up 27 after 32 boards. As Bobby Fischer demonstrated, Black's attack down the a and b-files Switzerland 6♠ up one, N/S +1010 England 7♠ made, N/S +1510 is impeded. 11...Bb7 12.Bg2 Ng6

13.Rhfl e5? (Black had to grovel with 13...Be7 14.f4 0-0 15.Kb1 b4 16.Na4) **14.f4! exf4 15.e5! Bxg2** 16.Qxg2 Rc8 (16...fxe3? 17.Qc6wins) 17.Bxf4 Nxf4 18.Rxf4 Qg5 19.Qd2 d5 20.e6!



What was White's idea after 20...fxe6? 20...b4 21.exf7+ Kd7 22.h4! bxc3 23.Qd4 (23.Qe3! would have been cleaner and if 23...Qh6 24.Rxd5+ Bd6 25.g5 Qe6 26.Rxd6+ Kxd6 27.Rd4+ Ke7 28.Re4 or 23...Qg6 24.Rxd5+ Bd6 25.bxc3 with a huge initiative) 23...cxb2+?! (Forcing White to unpin the rook 23...Qg6! 24.Rf5 Bd6 fights on, and i 25.Rxd5 Rc6) **24.Kxb2 Qg6 25.Rf5 Bd6?** (25...Rc5! resists) **26.h5 Qe6** 27.Rxd5 Rc6 28.Qxg7 Qe2+



**Answer:** '38x9.22 81xA!+81xA.12 99x1...02

# Announcements

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### **Deaths**

BEDFORD.—Patricia Sheila Florence (née Smith) died peacefully on 23rd April, aged 93. Beloved wife of her 23rd April, aged 93. Beloved wife of her late husband Alan, adored sister to her twin Pam, dearest mother to Nigel and Sue and adored grandmother to Edward and Lucy. Enquiries to Peter Jackson Funeral Directors. Tel: 01963 362570. Online ref: 607266

COLLIER.-Edith Mary. Widow of Dan and formerly of Fenny Stratford Dan and formerly of Fenny Strattord.
Passed away peacefully on 12th April
2022 aged 101 years. Beloved mother,
grandmother and great-grandmother.
All enquiries to H.W. Mason & Sons,
97 Victoria Road, Bletchley,
MK2 2PD. Tel: 01908 642 700. Online ref: 607295

DACOMBE.—Robert Lindsay DACOMBE.—Robert Linusay died peacefully on 21st April 2022.

Much loved and devoted husband to Penny; much loved, proud and loving father to Jack. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

By Robert's request there will be no hungral or monorial. funeral or memorial. Online ref: A256872

EWIN.—Tony, beloved husband of Sylvia and father of Christopher or sylvia and rather or Christopher, died peacefully on 24th April, aged 91. Funeral to be held at the Church of the Holy Cross, Seend, SN12 GNR at 2 p.m. on 12th May. No flowers please. Donations to the church. Online ref: A256922

FARRANT.—Malcolm George died peacefully on 14th April 2022, aged 84. Devoted husband of Val, aged 84. Devoted nusband of Val, loving father of Henry and Oliver and a much loved and respected stepfather and grandfather. He will be missed by all. A private funeral will take place in the near future. Donations, if desired, to RNLI are appreciated. Online ref: A256923

FITTON.—Pauline Mary died peacefully on 9th April 2022. Devoted and adored wife of the late Brian. Dearly loved mother of Mark and Melanie. She will be so sadly missed by all the family including son-in-law David, days they is law. Approximately little and the same creately li daughter-in-law Anne, grandchildren Rebecca, Christopher, Samantha, Emma and Andrew and great grandchildren Isabella, Max, Olivia, Zachary, Archie and Finnian. A private cremation will be followed by a Thanksgiving Service at St Peter's Church, Little Aston at 2 p.m. on 11th May, Family flowers only. Donations if wished to The Salvation Army c/o Ian Hazel Funerals Ltd. Tel: 0121 308 7777. Online ref: 607259

FRASER.—John Muir. Ian to his friends Died on 7th April 2022, aged 84. Dearly loved husband of Heather, father of Jane and grandfather of Gordon and Cameron, Funeral at Randalls Park Cameron. Funeral at Randaus Park Crematorium on 13th May. No flowers please but, if wished, donations to Cornwall Air Ambulance or RNLI, Falmouth c/o Lodge Brothers. https://l2d.live/7g5 He will be deeply missed Online ref: 607127

GANZONI.—The Hon Jill died on April 21st 2022, aged 91. Much loved sister of the late John, Lord Belstead. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, runeral service at St Mary's Church, Woodbridge at 11 a.m. on Thursday May 12th. No flowers please. Donations, if wished, to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust may be sent to Farthing Funeral Service, Deben House, 650 Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, IP4 4PW.

GARCIA.-Joanna Elizabeth Garcia 'Jo died in hospital on 20th April 2022, following a short illness, aged 78. Beautiful cellist, retired member English Chamber Orchestra, and vario christian orchestras. Beloved wife of the late Jose-Luis Garcia, very much loved mother, sister, grandmother and friend to a great many. Thanksgiving Service on 20th May at 3.30 p.m. at Holy Trinity, Brompton. Donations to RNLI (in lieu of flowers), via T H Sanders & Sons. Tel: 020 8876 4673.

Online ref: 607273

Online ref: A256940

GENT.—Dr Alison Elizabeth Jennifer died peacefully on Friday 22nd April, aged 77. Beloved wife of Nat, much aged 77. Beloved whe of Nat, much loved mother of Richard, Anthony, Christopher and Elizabeth, sister-in-law of David, Darien and Susie, adored grandmother of eleven. A Funeral Service to celebrate her life will be held at St Botolph's Church, Church at st Botopins Church, Church Brampton, Northampton on Monday 16th May 2022 at 12 noon. No flowers but donations, if desired, to Macmillan Cancer Support please. Donations may be sent c/o Hollowells Funeral Directors, 182,167 Booch America Abstracts 148-150 Beech Avenue, Abington, Northamptonshire NN3 2JN. Colourful funeral aftire is welcomed

HODSON.—Sir Michael Robin Adderley aged 90, slipped away on Friday 8th April 2022 with his daughters by his side, There is a funeral service to celebrate his life at St Peter's Church Nantyderry. Online ref: A256873

MACKIE -Gordon Former chairman o James Mackie & Sons, Springfield Road, Belfast. Died suddenly, but peacefully in his sleep at his home in Co Meath on 23rd April 2022, aged 85. Much loved and sadly missed husband of Ruth. brother to Derek, father to Alexandra brother to Derek, father to Alexandra and Sarah and, from his first marriage to Ann, Catriona, Timothy and Grania. Pilot, hilarious raconteur, one-time friend of Che Guevara, perfectly fluent in 6 languages and an original free spirit. A brilliant life, well and fully live perfectly the property of th lived - one of a kind. His passing will leave a hole in the lives of everyone who knew him. Online ref: A256935

POOLEY.—Bryan Robert MRCVS passed peacefully away on Tuesday 26th April 2022 after a valiant fight. The beloved husband of Elin for Fig. 28 years, adored father of Richard and Fenella, and cherished grandfather "Poppa" of Alexander, Georgia, Christian and Imogen. He will be sadly missed by everyone whose lives he touched. No flowers please, but donations if desired, to East Surrey Hospital. For funeral details please contact Stoneman Funeral Services, Reigate. Online ref: A256939

PRAIN.-Virginia Anne real.n.—urgina anne (née Wedgwood) beloved husband of Graham, loving mother of Christopher and Susannah, grandmother of Hester, Otto, Theodora and Harold, died on 16th April 2022. She bore her disabilities over 25 years with enormous courage, good cheer and dignity. Private cremation to be followed later by a church service. Cheque donations if desired to Parkinson's UK c/o Michael Miller & Partners, 27A High St, Petersfield GU32 3JR.

ROPNER.-Dr Anne. Died peacefully in hospital on 13th April 2022, aged 91 years. Loved cousin and sister 91 years. Loved cousin and sister of the late George and Jane Ropner. Funeral Service on Tuesday 10th May at 1.30 p.m. at 5t Mary's Church, Whickham, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to St Mary's Church. Enquiries to John Bardgett & Sons. Tel: 0191 273 9292. Online ref: 607163

STYLES.—Ian John CEng, MIStructE Principal Structural Engineer (retired). Peacefully on 13th April, aged 91. Devoted husband of Joyce Devoted nussand of Joyce.

Brother, father, grandfather
and great grandfather. Cremation
to be held at 1.15 p.m. on Friday
13th May at Chilterns Crematorium,
Amersham, HP7 OND. Followed by a

# WORMALD.—Captain Steven Peter killed 29th April 1994 in Bosnia, a loving son, brother, husband and loyal friend. I miss laughing with you everyday, but because you loved me, I have the courage to keep challenging reception at The Hit or Miss, HP7 OFA

Text for the day

Online ref: A256942

**Personal** 

Matthew 5.7-8

Messages

BLESSED ARE the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

GRATEFUL THANKS to St Jude for Online ref: A256921

WEST.-Vera died peacefully on

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In memoriam

WEST.—Vera ched peacetury on 25th April 2022, aged 89. Widow of Jack West, Major (ret'd) RAEC. Much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Private family cremation, with a celebration of her life to be arranged. Donations, if desired, to demelza.org.uk - children's hospice.

MINOPRIO.—In loving memory of Caroline Minoprio who died on 29th April 2013.

name liveth for evermore

WORMALD.—Captain Steven Peter

In memoriam their

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# **PUBLIC CONSULTATION NOTICE**

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# **Murlach Field Development**

As advised in the public notice published on 21/04/22, BP Exploration Operating Company Limited ("BPEOC") has made an application for consent to the North Sea Transition Authority ("NSTA") in relation to the above project. The NSTA is the business name of the Oil and Gas Authority ("OGA") (https://www.nstauthority.co.uk/). This public notice, which contains a more detailed summary of the project and clarifies that the NSTA is the business name of the OGA, supersedes the public notice published on 21/04/22.

# Summary of Project

The developer of the Murlach Field Development Project (the "Project") is BPEOC, as operator on behalf of itself and NEO Energy Central North Sea Limited. The environmental statement for the Project is dated April 2022. The essential nature of the Project is the drilling of the Murlach wells, the installation and commissioning of the required subsea infrastructure and the operation of the wells and infrastructure for the extraction and production of hydrocarbons from the Murlach field. The Project is located in UKCS Block 22/24h (Licence P2452) of the Central North Sea. The water depth at the proposed location is approximately 93 to 95 m. The Murlach field is located approximately 203 km east of the Aberdeenshire coastline, Scotland and approximately 27 km from the UK / Norway median line. BPEOC proposes to develop the Murlach Field via a two production well subsea tie-back to the Eastern Trough Area Project ("ETAP") Central Processing Facility ("CPF") by tying into infrastructure associated with the Seagull and Heron fields (the Heron field has ceased production). Produced fluids will be exported via the existing Heron A production flowline to the ETAP CPF where these will be processed before onward export via the Forties Pipeline System and Central Area Transmission System. This is a new project (for the purposes of the above-mentioned Regulations) to redevelop the field formerly known as Skua. The proposed development can be summarised as follows: (a) the drilling of two production wells tied back to a new manifold; (b) the installation of: (i) a c. 7 km gas lift flowline from the ETAP CPF to the new Murlach manifold; (ii) a 100 m tie-in from the Murlach manifold to the repurposed Heron A production flowline; (iii) a 300 m tie-in from the repurposed Heron to Seagull wash water flowline system to the Murlach manifold; and (iv) a 500 m umbilical connecting the existing Seagull umbilical to the Murlach manifold; and (c) processing and export of the Murlach hydrocarbons at the ETAP CPF, ETAP is an integrated development of seven different reservoirs. Six separate fields are operated by BPEOC, namely Marnock, Machar, Madoes, Mungo, Monan and Mirren. One field, Seagull, is currently operated by Neptune E&P UK Limited and is expected to come online in 2023. The ETAP CPF is a fixed manned installation that lies in UKCS Block 22/24a over the Mannock field located approximately 207 km east of the Aberdeenshire coastline, Scotland and approximately 35 km from the UK / Norway median line. The Murlach Field is located approximately 7 km south of the ETAP CPF. The planned schedule of activities is as follows: (a) drilling of wells 1Q 2024 to 4Q 2024; (b) subsea installation 3Q 2024 to 4Q 2024; (c) well tie-in and

### commissioning 1Q 2025; and (d) first production 2Q 2025 **Environmental Impact Assessment and Consent Process**

In accordance with the above-mentioned Regulations, the project is subject to an environmental impact assessment procedure and Regulation 13 applies as the project could have a significant effect on the environment of Norway.

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

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

grant consent, so the project may not proceed.

the Secretary of State agrees to the OGA's grant of consent following the Secretary of State's conclusion regarding the environmental effects of the project, and the OGA grants consent, so the project may proceed:

may not proceed; or the Secretary of State agrees to the OGA's grant of consent following the Secretary of State's conclusion regarding the environmental effects of the project, but the OGA does not C)

the Secretary of State refuses to agree to the OGA's grant of consent following the Secretary of State's conclusion regarding the environmental effects of the project, so the project

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

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

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

A copy of the Environmental Statement and summary of the project may also be obtained by post or email. Requests should be made by 30/05/2022 to: FAO North Sea HSE&C Team

BP Exploration Operating Company Limited Wellheads Avenue, Dyce, Aberdeen, AB21 7PB By email: murlachconsultation@bp.com

Access to Further Information

### By phone: +44 (0)1224 832 000 **Public Consultation**

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Representations, comments or questions relating to the project may be made to the Secretary of State by 30/05/2022. All representations should quote reference number ES/2022/002 and may be made by letter or by email to:

Business Support Team Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment & Decommissioning

Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

AB1 Building Crimon Place, Aberdeen, AB10 1BJ

### BST@beis.gov.uk **Judicial Review**

A person aggrieved by the grant of consent for a project may apply to the Court for leave / permission to apply for judicial review of the relevant decision or decisions. The United Kingdom has three separate legal systems; one each for England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The rules for any application for leave / permission to apply for judicial review may vary depending on where that application is made, but it is important to note that there are time limits for making any application and judicial review may only be available if the applicant has standing / a sufficient interest in the subject matter of the application. Further information about the process for seeking judicial review can be obtained from the Administrative Court (for England and Wales), the Court of Session (for Scotland) or the Judicial Review Office (Northern Ireland)