

Brave lad of 4 who's learned to walk again



UPBEAT NATURE
William got prosthetic legs in May

EMOTIONAL His walk to nan
BY EMILY HORNER

DETERMINED William Reckless shows he has made huge strides since losing both legs to sepsis.

The four-year-old was diagnosed in January and in intensive care three months, having his lower legs and parts of his fingers amputated.

He got his prosthetic limbs in May and started building up his strength – and learning how to walk all over again.

Mum Gemma, 30, said: "When your baby takes their first steps it's magical but when they have to learn a second time, after months of watching their pain, fear, frustration, hard work and determination, the pride we feel is something else."

A heartwarming video shows William taking his first unaided steps to hug gran Trish Brennan as Gemma and hubby Michael, 38, cheer.

Gemma said: "He's got on with it, he's not moaned and has accepted everything thrown at him."

"He's still William. He's adapted amazingly well, he's still upbeat with a good attitude."

Gemma and Michael, 38, of Nottingham, and who also have daughter Georgia, two, want to boost sepsis awareness.

She said: "The quicker you spot it the less damage."

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William's fighting spirit after legs were amputated in sepsis ordeal



HORROR Brave tot was in intensive care three months



OSCAR-WINNER Matthew Matt: Acting started as a hobby for me

BY CHRISTOPHER BUCKTIN US Editor

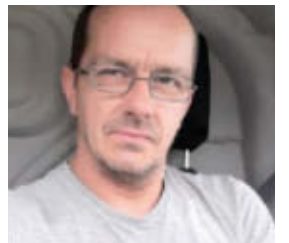
HOLLYWOOD star Matthew McConaughey has told he originally thought his acting career would just be a summer hobby.

The Oscar-winner, 50, shot to fame in 1993 comedy Dazed And Confused – but his dad died just five days into filming.

He said on US TV: "He was alive when I started something I thought might be a hobby but turned into a career. So, there's a great serendipity in that for me."

After romantic comedies he moved on to more dramatic roles, leading to a best actor Academy Award for his portrayal of a cowboy diagnosed with AIDS in 2013 biopic Dallas Buyers Club.

The dad of three has now written a memoir which he described as an "aspirational book".



HIDEAWAY Peter Behun Burglar had a lot of bottle in basement

BY CHARLIE JONES

A BURGLAR who hid out in the basement of a woman's home secretly installed Freeview TV and drank her champagne before refilling the bottles with his urine.

A court heard builder Peter Behun, 44, was found in the £2million London house, which was being renovated.

Gregor Mckinley, prosecuting, said: "He had been there a little while and had filled two bags with silver and had jewellery on him."

"He drank a lot of alcohol – rum, whisky, champagne – and then used the bottles to pee in."

"He didn't use the loo, he just used the used bottles to avoid detection."

Behun, of the Isle of Sheppey, Kent, admitted burglary and got six months' imprisonment, suspended for two years.

Gandhi's specs being eyed up at over £10k



A PAIR of Mahatma Gandhi's glasses are expected to sell for more than £10,000.

Auctioneers said they found them "poking precariously" out of their letter box in a small envelope. A note included a phone number for the owner and said the specs had been Gandhi's.

Andrew Stowe, of East Bristol Auctions, said: "It was the most bizarre five minutes of my career."

"Once we dug a little deeper, we realised these glasses were a find of huge historical importance." He added the owner was "rather surprised" at the large valuation. Gandhi, who

led the campaign for Indian independence from British rule through non-violent resistance, was assassinated in 1948, aged 78.

It is thought he gave the glasses to the owner's uncle in South Africa in the 1920s. The auction is on August 21.

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