

IN BRIEF

RNLI: It could get messy out looking for Nessie

THE RNLI is warning 18,000 people pledging to search Loch Ness for its 'monster' that they are putting themselves at risk. It said the Storm Loch Ness swimmers face a risk of cold water shock and hypothermia in the 745ft-deep loch in September.

The event may be inspired by a plan to storm Area 51 - the US military base in Nevada associated with alien conspiracy theories.

The RNLI said: 'Our Atlantic 85 lifeboat has an impressive survivor carrying capacity, but even that will be stretched by the "attendees" of this event.'

Springwatch not eternal for 'old, white' Martin

FORMER Springwatch presenter Martin Hughes-Games has said he is an 'endangered species' on TV because he is 'white, middle-class and old'.

The 63-year-old left the long-running show last year after 12 years on the presenting line-up.

Asked if he would return, he told the Radio Times: 'I think the commissioner's a bit grumpy with me, because I'm white, middle-class, old-aged... Who wants me on their show?'

He revealed he is still in contact with former co-hosts Chris Packham and Michaela Strachan.

CHUCKY'S BACK

12 YEARS AND 60 OFFENCES LATER, YOB WITH HORROR DOLL NICKNAME UP IN COURT



Scowl: Oliver Clinch outside Bolton crown court. **Inset,** Chucky from the Child's Play horror films
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A TEARAWAY once dubbed 'Chucky' because of his resemblance to the doll in the Child's Play horror movies has returned to court more than a decade later - still scowling.

Oliver Clinch was just 12 when he became one of the youngest children in Britain to get an Asbo for terrorising locals in his neighbourhood.

Since then, the baby-faced yob has clocked up 60 offences on his record including criminal damage, harassment and assault.

He was arrested again last November for a drunken attack on a man following a house party near his Bolton home.

Victim Paul Cauldwell - an old pal he'd met by chance - suffered a broken nose, Bolton crown court was told.

Clinch, 24, admitted assault causing actual bodily harm. He brought an overnight bag with him in case he was jailed. But he was given a 15-month suspended sentence when a judge said the community would 'benefit' from him working with probation staff. He will be electronically tagged.

Defence lawyer Simon Gurney said: 'He has had five years without offending and he hopes this has not undone the good work done.'

Judge Martin Walsh told Clinch: 'You have a dreadful record for drink related disorder but it is fair to say there is a sense of that behaviour mellowing.' In



Baby faced: Clinch when he got Asbo

2007, police said Clinch was a 'Pied Piper' who led a crowd of 17 other youngsters to watch him in action.

Despite standing just 4ft 5in tall, the youngster behaved 'like an animal' as he smashed windows, screamed racial abuse at an Asian shopkeeper and made sexual remarks towards women.

One officer spent 85 per cent of his time in one year dealing with the boy's crimes. He was later issued with an Asbo and police issued a mugshot of his baby face describing him as a one-boy crimewave and a 'walking timebomb'.

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