



Scarlett's after her dad's job, actually

COULD Love Actually writer Richard Curtis be usurped as king of the romcom by his own daughter? I only ask because Scarlett, 28, has made her TV writing debut on the second series of Amazon Prime Video's teen romance *The Summer I Turned Pretty*, and the feminist activist and writer tells me: 'It was truly my dream job.'

Despite consulting her dad for advice, Scarlett adds: 'I like to go quite deep and emotional, and he always thinks that's a bit indulgent and wants there to be more jokes.'

But it must be working, as the episode she took the lead on made the Notting Hill screenwriter cry.

AFTER showing off his drumming skills on TikTok last year, Ed Balls may be taking the show on the road. I hear the ex-Shadow Chancellor, 56, has united with ITV News political editor Robert Peston, 63, to start a band, with Ed on drums and Robert as lead singer. Will there be a slot at Glasto next year?

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Phone tycoon Ross loses his connection with society artist Antonia

THEIR two-year romance was the talk of the town, but artist Antonia Showering and Carphone Warehouse founder David Ross have now called it quits.

I can reveal that the pair, who welcomed a baby boy earlier this year, have told family and friends about their break-up, although their only public declaration has been to unfollow each other on social media. It is understood that the newborn has not taken David's surname but the couple continue to be devoted parents.

Artist Antonia, 31, a scion of the Babycham dynasty, was first romantically linked with the 58-year-old mobile phone tycoon in 2021. They were occasionally spotted enjoying cosy dinners at London's finest restaurants and spent much of their time together holed up at Nevill Holt, the multi-millionaire's stately home in Leicestershire.

Last July, I revealed that they were expecting their first child together and it appeared that the pair's relationship was on solid ground, with their shared love of art being a strong bond between them.

However, throughout their relationship, which they tried to keep largely out of the spotlight, they had faced some scrutiny over their notable age gap, with David being just a year younger than Antonia's father.

Shortly before they had started dating, David was also embroiled in a political row when he gifted Boris



LOST ITS FIZZ: Tycoon David Ross and Babycham scion Antonia Showering

Johnson a £15,000 holiday to Mustique. However, the then Prime Minister was cleared of breaching the code of conduct over the financing of the luxury holiday.

The businessman, who has amassed an estimated £700million fortune, was also said to have enjoyed his status as one of Britain's most eligible bachelors. Not long before dating Antonia, he fathered a son with Cecilie Fredriksen, 39, the Norwegian-born daughter of billionaire shipping tycoon John Fredriksen.

Neither Antonia, who previously dated Game Of Thrones star Alfie Allen, nor David responded to an approach for comment last night.



◆ **THE Princess of Wales** must be very proud – her cousin Tallulah Goldsmith has graduated from Newcastle University. Tallulah, 21, who studied psychology, celebrated getting her degree by posing in her gown, left, between her proud parents Luan and Gary, who is Carole Middleton's younger brother. Despite The Tbo's reputation as a wild party city, it's clear Tallulah was the model student as not only has she done her uni work, she also toiled as a content writer for management consultancy firms on the side. With all her newfound knowledge in psychology, perhaps she could offer her services to smooth over certain tetchy Royal relationships?

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THE HOTTEST GOSSIP

Ciao bella! Lila jets to Italian sun

MODEL Lila Moss has clearly had enough of the UK's unreliable weather, making a sunny getaway to Italy with her new boyfriend, the fashion marketer Yoni Helbitz.

She shared pictures of herself among the citrus groves on Instagram, captioning them 'Back in lemon land', as well as photos of local cuisines and coastal vistas.

The 20-year-old also showed off her enviable wardrobe – from a sheer white dress and yellow bikini, below, to a sleek deep green dress for dinner, left. The pictures also showed the insulin pod Lila wears to manage her Type 1 diabetes.

She is no stranger to the jet-set lifestyle given that her mum is supermodel Kate Moss and her dad is media mogul Jefferson Hack, but she earned her rest and relaxation time following a slew of successful deals. Not only is she an ambassador for Yves Saint Laurent Beauty, but she recently posed for jewellery designer David Yurman.

Meanwhile, Yoni, 20, has been working for fashion brand Self Portrait.



Baby's first Louboutins

IT'S NEVER too early to get your first pair of designer shoes. That's certainly Christian Louboutin's mantra, as he has given model Daisy Lowe a pair of red silk ballet flats for her three-month-old baby, Ivy.

The shoes would cost £240 for those who have to pay for their footwear, and given how fast babies grow, surely Louboutin fan Daisy, right, must be hoping the designer is committed to kitting out Ivy throughout her childhood.

The baby is the first child of Daisy, 34, and her property developer fiance Jordan Saul, 29.



CRUSH OF THE WEEK...

Charlotte Plank

FOR someone who was stacking shelves in M&S this time last year, it has been a meteoric rise to fame for singer Charlotte Plank.

The 22-year-old, left, who attended the same school as Made In Chelsea star Lucy Watson and Margot Robbie's husband Tom Ackerley, has not only released a Top 5 single with drum-and-bass band Rudimental and been named by the influential NME as one to watch, but she is also set to support Craig David at the Wiston Summer Sounds concerts in Sussex this September.

So is Charlotte now getting used to the trappings of fame? Not a bit of it. In fact she's pining for the perks of her old job, telling me: 'I'm really missing that staff discount card!'



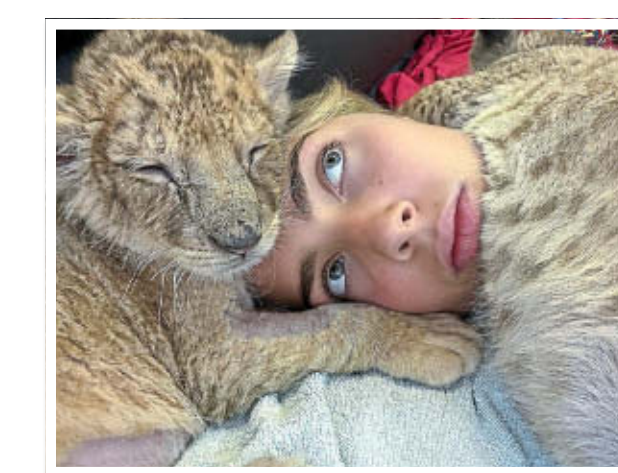
◆ **GARY Lineker** is a poster boy for health and wellness (apart from the crisp ads, of course) but it looks as if the 62-year-old's son Harry is taking a more rebellious path. Harry donned a Marlboro Cigarettes jacket as he raised a glass to celebrate his 30th birthday with his brother George, right. The look seemed to go down well with friends and family, with ex-Premier League footballer Mark Bright commenting online to wish Harry a happy birthday. Smoking may be a terrible habit, but Marlboro make quite the jacket!



Freya's cat fight

DO I hear a rumble in the jungle? Freya Aspinall, the daughter of conservationist Damian Aspinall, has claimed a celebrity wildlife owner is mistreating animals. The 19-year-old model, left, whose mum is TV star Donna Air, has accused Kody Antle of using big cats as 'show animals' and 'pets for the public' to play with at his South Carolina zoo. She says: 'This is actually terrible. I can't believe he's not in jail.'

It's rather a pointed remark given Kody's father Doc Antle – who featured prominently in Netflix's Tiger King and founded Myrtle Beach Safari where Kody, dubbed a 'real-life Tarzan', films his viral big cat videos – has been convicted of wildlife trafficking in the US. He faces a sentence of up to 20 years behind bars.



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