

Kate's not so swift half

SHE is always so poised and well-prepared when it comes to Royal engagements, but it seems the Princess of Wales is a stranger to one thing – the fact that a pint glass is a standard size.

Emerging from the Dog And Duck pub in Soho on Thursday, where William pulled a pint of Kingmaker pale ale, left, Kate told wellwishers: 'I asked for a cider and got a massive pint of cider.' Meanwhile, it seems William was a little stressed by his wife's leisurely walkabout pace and was overheard telling aides that she needed to 'speed up'. It's a good thing they didn't organise the Coronation together!

NO WONDER there wasn't a speck of dust to be found inside Westminster Abbey. At one of the rehearsals last week, those practising their ceremonial roles had to wear blue overshoes – the sort you would normally find at the local lido – over their footwear.

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CORONATION SPECIAL

Will Dominic get to put on the Crown for another series?



THAT'S A WRAP: West and Williams recreate Charles and Camilla's wedding

JUST when everyone thought The Crown was coming to an end, Netflix insiders have let slip that there may yet be another series of the hit Royal drama to come.

Officially, the streaming platform has always insisted that the sixth season, expected to air this autumn, will be the last, taking events up to the late Queen's death last year.

But at a recent wrap party to mark the end of filming those episodes, producers revealed to The Mail on Sunday that an extra series could be on the cards. With a wink, one executive hinted: 'Just you wait until next year – maybe we will be in production.'

The big-budget series, which has charted the late Queen's life since her 1947 wedding to Prince Philip, has become more controversial as the events it dramatises – often with only a loose connection to the truth – become more contemporary. So if a

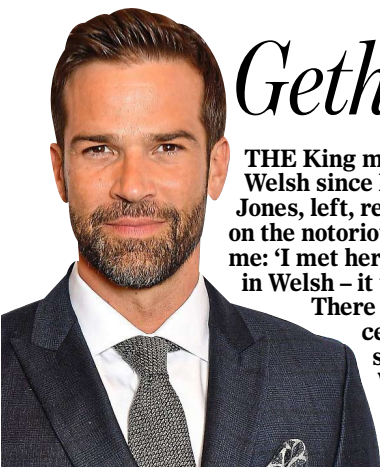
seventh series covered King Charles's reign, it could make more headlines. Another possibility would be a prequel, focusing on the late Queen's childhood and teenage years.

The last scenes of series six to be shot recreated the 2005 wedding of Charles and Camilla, played by Dominic West and Olivia Williams.

Last month, West, 53, was visibly emotional as filming wound up in Rochester, Kent, which was standing in for Windsor. But the day ended in celebratory mood, with cast and crew dancing to a live band.

West was also the last man standing at the wrap party, leaving the bash at the Natural History Museum at 3.30am. Others there included Imelda Staunton, who plays the Queen, and Jonathan Pryce, who plays Philip. Olivia Colman and Claire Foy played younger versions of Her Majesty in previous series.

Geth's big speech

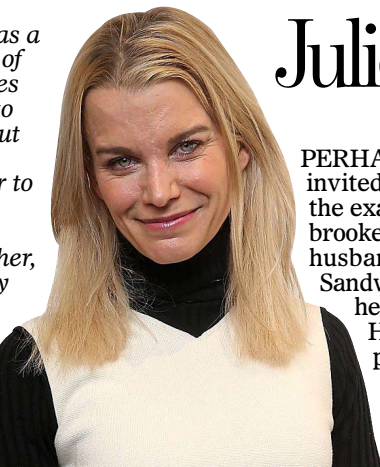


THE King may be the first monarch to be fluent in Welsh since Elizabeth I, but TV presenter Gethin Jones, left, reveals the late Queen also had a handle on the notoriously tricky language. Gethin, 45, tells me: 'I met her and spoke Welsh to her and she replied in Welsh – it was very natural how she did it.'

There was a strong Welsh tribute at yesterday's ceremony – bass-baritone Sir Bryn Terfel sang a Welsh-language song with the Westminster Abbey choir, while Royal harpist Alis Huws – a role reinstated by the King during his tenure as Prince of Wales – is from Powys.

TOM PETTIFER, who was a page boy at the wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales back in 2011, was determined to be part of the historic event – but had to make do with watching from a spot in The Mall in order to get a glimpse of the action.

Tom, 20, who is the godson of Prince William and whose mother, Tiggy Legge-Bourke, was nanny to the two Princes, set up camp with friends and his Army father Charles yesterday – and was spotted enjoying a can of lager as he waited for events to start.



Julie's historic find

PERHAPS the peers who moaned about not being invited to the Coronation should have followed the example set by Julie, Viscountess Hinchinbrooke, left. The American-born socialite – whose husband Luke Montagu is heir to the Earl of Sandwich – took the opportunity to dig out some heirlooms at her family's home, Mapperton House in Dorset. As well as finding her predecessors' Coronation invitations from 1937 and 1953, she discovered robes worn by the Earl of Sandwich, stashed away in bin bags for decades. That would make a good episode of *Cash In The Attic*!



Ed's too busy for the King ...but not to replace Katy

WHEN the line-up for tonight's Coronation Concert was being assembled back in February, organisers were told Ed Sheeran would be too busy to be able to perform.

Instead they booked stars including Katy Perry, left, who's taking a night off from her current job as a judge on TV talent show *American Idol* to sing at Windsor Castle. But guess who's filling in for her on the hit US show tonight? Ed Sheeran!

The Shape Of You singer, fresh from winning his plagiarism court battle in New York last week, must have cleared some late space in his diary.

Although the 32-year-old had a gig in Arlington, Texas, last night, a private jet could have got him to Windsor in time, just about, but he has instead decided to stay in America.

California Gurls singer Katy, 38, has been offered an overnight stay at Windsor Castle for her troubles, and she was full of praise for her stand-in, calling Sheeran, below, 'the best producer, artist and life-liver'.

She's not the only *American Idol* star taking time off to perform for the King tonight, as fellow judge Lionel Richie is also on the bill.

He will be replaced on the show by singer-songwriter Alanis Morissette.



Dara dares to spoon it out

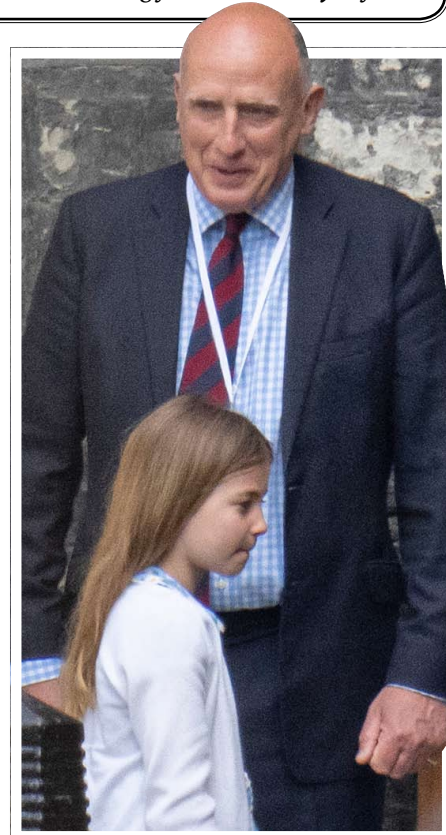
THE ROYALS enjoyed the glamour of the Coronation, so I can't help but wonder if comments by the mother of Princess Beatrice's stepson are a little pointed. Dara Huang, above, who shares son Wolfie with Beatrice's hubby Edoardo, had some choice words about privilege during her Channel 4 design show, *The Big Interiors Battle*. Dara, 40, says: 'It makes me happy that none of the contestants are spoiled or come with a silver spoon in their mouth. They are kind and come from hard-working families like myself.'

Jamie has a Lottie on his plate...

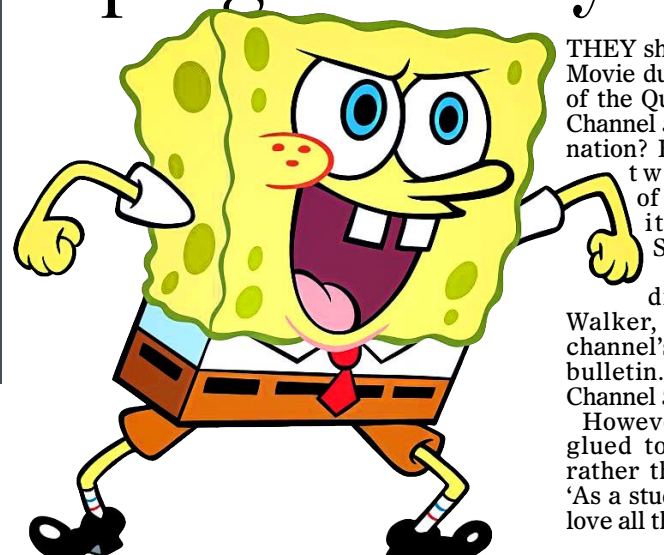
AFTER being described by Prince Harry in his memoir *Spare* as 'the finest product of military training', I have no doubt Jamie Lowther-Pinkerton kept himself on a sharp schedule yesterday.

Not only did the former SAS man, who was William and Harry's private secretary for a number of years, keep a watchful eye over his godson Prince George and Princess Charlotte, right, at one of the rehearsals, but he was on hand to usher the pages into their carriages at Buckingham Palace yesterday.

He then hotfooted it over to the ITV studio to provide expert analysis alongside presenter Tom Bradby.



SpongeBob's Royal coup



THEY showed The Emoji Movie during the funeral of the Queen, so how did Channel 5 mark the Coronation? By broadcasting two episodes of cartoon favourite SpongeBob SquarePants, left. The decision didn't faze Dan Walker, who hosts the channel's flagship news bulletin. 'That's classic Channel 5,' he joked.

However Dan, 46, was glued to the ceremony rather than SpongeBob: 'As a student of history, I love all the pomp.'

DON'T worry if you missed out on an invitation to yesterday's pomp, because I can reveal there is another way to get a glimpse of the newly crowned King soon enough – pay £1.1 million for a four-bedroom house at Sandringham. The Grade II-listed Station House is back on the market

after a proposed sale fell through. The former station master's house is next to the now-defunct Wolferton station, which the Royal Family used until the late 1960s when visiting their Norfolk retreat. It's not a palace but does come with a turret and some very famous neighbours at Christmas...

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