



A fowl start for Jack and Roxy

JACK WHITEHALL'S romance with model Roxy Horner is going strong after nearly three years – quite an achievement given that it got off to a rather sticky start. Unaware that Roxy, 31, was a vegan, Jack, 34, took her on a first date to a Chinese restaurant decorated with dead ducks. From there the pair, left, went on to a bar – only to discover it had a taxidermy theme. 'It was like something out of a sitcom,' jokes Jack.

THE sets of Richard Curtis's *Notting Hill* were not quite as lavish as they appear, according to Hugh Bonneville, who played the hapless Bernie in the 1999 romcom. Hugh reveals that the restaurant scene at the end of the film was so cramped that extras hired to pass the window had to be just 5ft to fit into the shot!

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THE HOTTEST GOSSIP

Bond girl Eva's expletive-laden rants revealed as film bust-up heads to court

FORMER Bond girl Eva Green ranted that 'my name is Cruella', called a movie producer a 'f***** moron' and labelled the financial backers of her film 'a***holes' before the £4million project fell apart, court documents reveal.

The 42-year-old actress is embroiled in a legal row over who was responsible for the collapse of British sci-fi flick *A Patriot*, which was also due to star Charles Dance and Helen Hunt.

Ms Green, who appeared opposite Daniel Craig in the 007 film *Casino Royale*, had signed an £830,000 deal to appear in the lead role and was also given the title of executive producer with 'right of approval' over the cast and production heads of department.

But documents filed at the High Court reveal the star, right, spectacularly fell out with the backers, White Lantern, and executive producers Jake Seal and Terry Bird from Black Hangar Studios, whom she accused of trying to make a 'cheap B movie'.

Ms Green has taken legal action to receive her fee for the film, claiming she was not at fault for its demise.

But White Lantern bosses counter-claim that Ms Green

was responsible, and allege she made 'unreasonable demands' by hiring extra production crew members with 'no regard' for the film's limited budget. Ms Green is understood to risk facing a legal bill of more than £4million if she loses the case, which will be heard this month.

Sparks flew during the summer of 2019 after the film's producers haggled over the rates of pay to meet the demands of Ms Green's preferred team. In an email to the film's director, Dan Pringle, in August 2019, Ms Green wrote: 'F*** him [Mr Seal]... We need to get the a***holes [out] by Monday... I cannot believe that Moron Jake... pure vomit.'

On September 11, 2019, she messaged Mr Pringle again to say: 'At the end of the day, we want to get rid of Terry [Bird]. And his big Boss [Mr Seal]... My name is Cruella.'

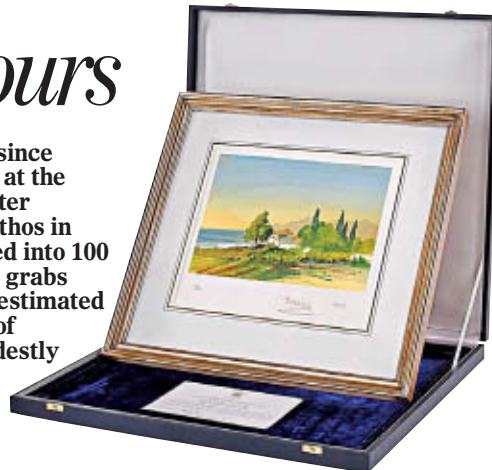
White Lantern claims that Ms Green 'had no intention and/or desire to complete the production... and sought to undermine or frustrate it' while appearing to fulfil her contractual obligations in order to pocket her fee.

Representatives for White Lantern declined to comment last night.



King of colours

KING CHARLES'S first painting since becoming monarch is now on sale at the Highgrove House shop. Avid painter Charles's watercolour of Mount Athos in Greece, right, has been reproduced into 100 lithographs, which are now up for grabs for £2,950 each. The King, who is estimated to have sold more than £2million of lithographs through the shop, modestly signed the painting 'Charles 2022' – although shop staff tell me he autographed them after ascending to the throne.



Mick's Clash with kids of the famous

DURING his heyday with The Clash, Mick Jones was used to playing in front of thousands of raucous fans. So hats off to the guitarist, right, for making a guest appearance at the far more sedate Portobello Panto in Notting Hill – a four-night spectacular that raised thousands of pounds for local charities.

The show, *Charlie And The Everlasting Gobstopper*, which was produced by Ruby Wax's daughter Marina Bye, also gave audiences the chance to play famous faces bingo. Among the cast members were Dominic West's daughter Martha (above, second from left), Danny Webb's daughter Bellaray Bertrand-Webb (dressed in hot pink), Peaky Blinders actress Amber Anderson (in jodhpurs) and – determined not to be outshone by her famous father – model Stella Jones.



♦ IS BEATLE Ringo Starr's grandson Louis Starkey in love with a woman more than twice his age? I only ask because *Killing Eve* actor Louis, 23 – whose dad Jason is Ringo's second son – was spotted in a passionate clinch, right, with businesswoman Ruti Ahronne, 58, at the Back On Track charity ball, hosted by celebrity doctor Dr Aamer Khan at London's luxury Landmark Hotel. Starr-crossed lovers, perhaps?



♦ ACTING isn't all about glamorous film sets and freebies, as university students at Royal Holloway in Surrey discovered when they were roped in to film a scene for the upcoming season of *The Crown*. The university's student bar Medicine was used as the backdrop for scenes about William and Kate's time at St Andrews, but killjoy producers denied the youngsters any fun by pouring away booze from bottles used in the scenes. Meanwhile, Alastair Campbell has dismissed as fiction a scene in the last series which saw Prince Charles languishing in Business Class while Tony Blair sat up front in First sipping champagne on a flight to Hong Kong. 'It did not happen,' says Blair's former aide.

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Tiarlie's proud of her past



SOME might take umbrage at being called a 'nepo-baby', but Charlotte Freud, right, granddaughter of tycoon Rupert Murdoch, embraces it. Charlotte, 22, admits that her parents – PR guru Matthew Freud and media exec Elisabeth Murdoch – helped launch her music career (she performs under the name Tiarlie) and finds it embarrassing when people fight back against being called privileged.

It's Robbie Williamzz...



LET Me Entertain You singer Robbie Williams is all for entertaining his kids... once he's had 12 hours' sleep. His model wife Ayda Field – pictured left with Robbie – reveals that the pop star often doesn't roll out of bed until 2pm, even on family holidays. Describing their latest trip to Disneyland Paris, Ayda says her husband would sleep late into the afternoon after she had been up for hours with their four young children, only for 'his highness' to receive a hero's welcome from the little ones when he finally woke up. 'It's like Santa Claus just came,' she jokes, 'I get really cross about it.'

♦ MANY congrats to Seb Coe, who has popped the question to PR powerhouse Sarah Roberts. The couple, right, who will marry later this year, were introduced by a mutual friend 18 months ago and were 'instantly smitten', according to chums.

It will be a third marriage for the double Olympic gold winner, 66, and a second for Sarah, 52, who counts Netflix and Amazon as clients at her all-female PR firm Ballantines.

A friend says of the mother of two: 'Sarah built her company from scratch. She's one of the most well-connected women in LA and a real powerhouse. She competes in triathlons, so while she is not quite in Seb's league in terms of athletic accomplishments, they make a great team.'



Max closes the book

HE MAY have already written 80,000 words but Boris Johnson's younger half-brother Max tells me he isn't going to unleash his own memoir until he's on his deathbed. Max, 36, who runs an investment advisory firm and lives in Hong Kong, seems unaware that his family name pretty much guarantees the success of the work, called *FILTH*. He tells me: 'I've concluded there is no commercial interest in any of my lived experiences.'

Max, left, is also concerned that his literary musings might burn bridges with his relatives and bore readers.



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