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**Corgis
lap up
Royal
movie
date**



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**Drink-drive
idea rejected**

PROPOSALS for a new lower drink-drive limit for young adults were immediately ruled out by ministers last night.

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**Who really
killed Jill?**

**Read Michael Cole:
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date

Full story -
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Weather outlook



Storms clearing,
sunny spells with
chance of showers
Full forecast on Page 2

Shock over lack of reading skills

CONCERN: Boys are lagging behind girls in literacy

By Rebecca Sheppard

And boys in the county are failing to measure up to their female counterparts in literacy, with up to 17% more girls than boys reaching the expected level five in the Key Stage 3 tests.

Around one in four students fell short of the standards expected of their age group in the English national curriculum tests.

For writing, the failure rate dropped to one in five. But despite the worrying literacy results, the number of 14-year-olds achieving the expected level five in the region has surpassed the national averages in all the Key Stage 3 tests.

Full story: Page 4

Nightclub on cinema site

PROPOSALS to redevelop a redundant cinema into a £5m entertainment complex, including a nightclub, have been passed.

Ipswich Borough Council's planning committee yesterday gave the thumbs-up for the conversion of the old Odeon cinema in St Helen's Street.

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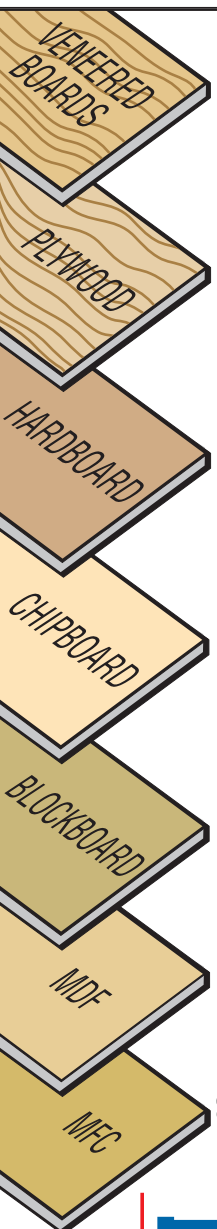
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WEATHER



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Today

Area A

Morning: Rather cloudy with the small risk of some thundery rain at first, but tending to brighten up by mid-day.

Afternoon: Some spells of hazy sunshine, but turning cloudier later with chance of an evening shower. Details: A light and variable wind, becoming northwesterly with a maximum of 22C (72F).

Tonight: Some showery rain at first, becoming drier with mist patches.. A light northwesterly wind, temperatures will fall to 12C (54F).

Area B

Morning: Any mist clearing, then some bright or sunny spells, and many places staying mainly dry. Afternoon: Some hazy sunshine, small risk of a shower, most places staying dry.

Details: Maximum temperature 24C (75F) with a light southeasterly wind, becoming northwesterly. Tonight: Perhaps the odd shower at first, becoming misty. Winds light northwesterly and a lowest temperature of 12C (54F).

North Sea

Southeasterly force 3 or 4 becoming variable force 2 or 3, seas mainly slight.

Local outlook

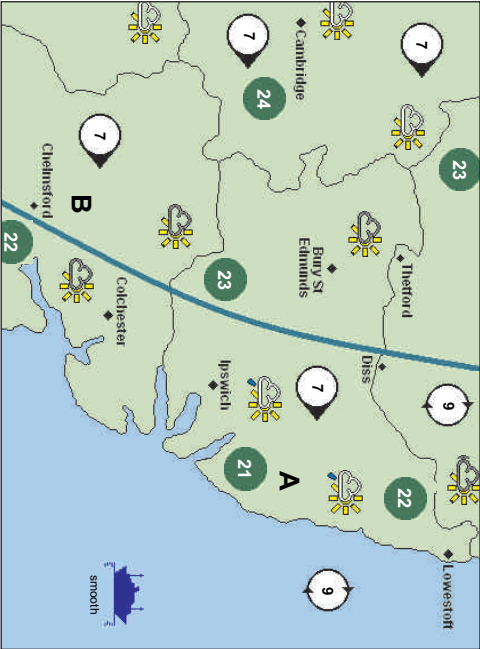
Friday

Rather cloudy with outbreaks of showery rain, but then becoming drier later. There will be a moderate northerly wind, the max temp 19C (66F) min temp 11C (52F).

Saturday

A few bright spells, but often rather cloudy with the chance of one or two showers. A light variable wind. Max temp 20C (68F) min temp 12C (54F).

Weather at noon



UK summary

South

Bright or sunny spells and mainly dry at first, but increasing cloud with chance of showery rain later. Tonight remaining cloudy with further heavy showery rain although this will ease with time. Max 22C (72F) Min 13C (55F)

West

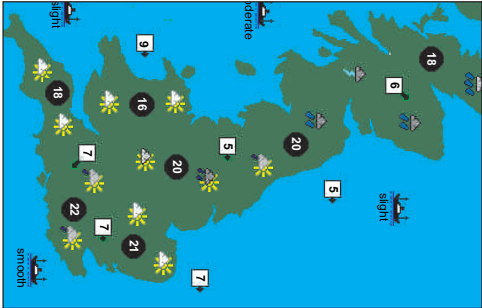
A cloudy start with some rain before becoming brighter but still with the chance of a shower. Tonight a fine and dry night with mist or local fog patches later in the night. Max 18C (64F) Min 9C (48F)

Midlands

Heavy thundery rain at first, becoming brighter with the odd shower. Tonight a fine and dry night with mist or local fog patches later in the night. Max 20C (68F) Min 9C (48F)

North

A cloudy and wet start to the day with spells of rain, some heavy,



NEWS

A Liz who

CANINE STARS: Dogs from small village appear

By John Howard

DAME Helen Mirren's performance as the Queen in her new film is taking the movie world by storm – but few people know her co-star corgis hail from a small Suffolk village.

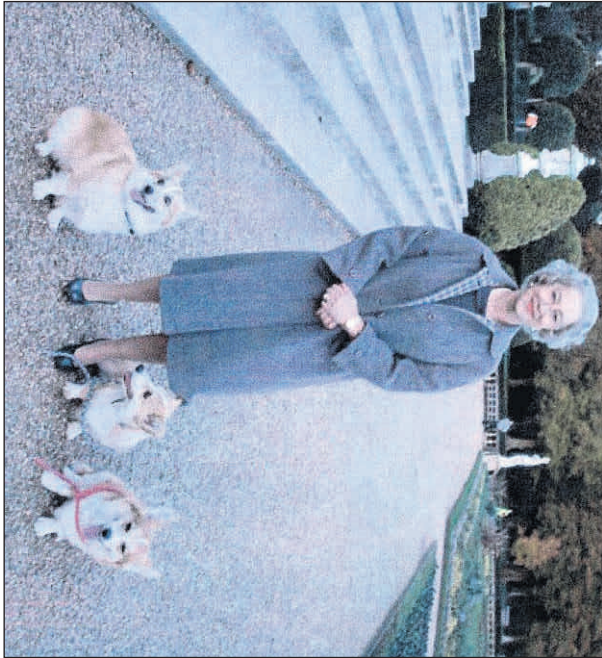
The Queen deals with the aftermath of Princess Diana's death in 1997 and is tipped to win Dame Helen an Oscar nomination for her performance.

At her side on screen are Anna, nine, Poppy, seven, and Poppy's puppies Megan, Alice and Oliver all now aged three.

The talented canine co-stars belong to Liz Smith, a retired outside caterer from Little Blakenham, near Ipswich, who became known as "Corgi Liz" on set.

Mrs Smith, who, like the Queen, adores corgis, was approached to help with the film after her dogs were spotted at an obedience competition by an animal consultant for film and television.

The 64-year-old and her husband, retired lorry driver Colin, 67, were absolutely thrilled at the chance and jumped at the opportunity. Now their corgis will be



FACT AND FICTION: Dame Helen Mirren on the set of The Queen with Liz Smith's corgis and, below, the Queen Elizabeth with her own corgis at Buckingham Palace

Photos: CONTRIBUTED



cloudy with the chance of one or two showers. A light variable wind. Max temp 20C (68F) min temp 12C (54F).

Sunday

Some sunshine at times, but with a fair amount of cloud bringing the chance of a few showers later. Light southwesterly wind and a max temp of 22C (72F) min temp 14C (57F).

20C (68F) Min 9C (48F)

Under later. Tonight a fine and dry night with mist or local fog patches later in the night Max 18C (64F) Min 5C (41F)

A cloudy and wet start to the day with spells of rain, some heavy, drier later. Tonight remaining cloudy with more heavy showers although this will ease with time. Max 20C (68F) Min 11C (52F)

A cloudy start with some rain before becoming brighter but still with the chance of a shower. Tonight partly cloudy with clear spells, but one or two showers are possible. Max 16C (61F) Min 10C (50F)

Scotland

A cloudy and wet start to the day

World yesterday



Place C F Weather

Algiers	30	86	C	Dubai	20	68	S	Marseille	27	81	C
Alicante	28	82	F	Dublin	17	63	F	Mecca	42	108	S
Amsterdam	21	69	C	Edmonton	15	59	sh	Miami	31	88	S
Athens	29	84	F	Eilat	28	100	S	Milan	26	79	S
Atlanta	22	72	F	Faro	24	75	C	Minora	28	82	C
Auckland	15	59	S	Florence	31	88	S	Montreal	19	66	S
Bahamas	31	87	C	Frankfurt	26	79	S	Nairobi	25	77	C
Bahrain	38	100	S	Geneva	24	75	S	Naples	28	82	F
Barcelona	26	79	C	Gibraltar	31	88	C	New Delhi	33	91	S
Beijing	29	84	C	Hanoi	31	88	S	New York	20	68	F
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Berlin	22	72	F	Havana	32	90	C	Oslo	17	63	ov
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Bodrum	30	86	S	Helsinki	23	73	S	Perth	20	68	S
Bombay	28	82	d	Hong Kong	27	81	sh	Rhodes	28	82	S
Bordeaux	22	72	F	Honolulu	26	79	C	Rome	28	82	S
Brest	20	68	C	Ibiza	26	79	C	San Paulo	30	86	S
Brisbane	21	70	f	Istanbul	24	75	f	Savoy	27	81	S
Brussels	26	79	f	Jo'sburg	21	70	S	Singapore	31	88	C
Budapest	25	77	S	Karachi	29	84	C	St Pauli	18	64	f
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Cape Town	18	64	S	Los Angeles	20	68	f	Vancouver	19	66	S
Casablanca	26	78	C	Luxembourg	24	75	S	Venice	25	77	S
Chicago	18	64	F	Luxor	41	106	S	Vienna	23	73	S
Colombo	29	84	C	Madeira	24	75	C	Warsaw	22	72	S
Copenhagen	21	70	S	Madrid	25	77	F	Washington	20	68	f
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Zurich	24	75	S								

Britain yesterday

Sun & Moon

Sunrise 0628
sunset 1913
LIGHTING-UP
TIME: Sunset to
sunrise.
Moonrise 2209
moonset 1644.
Phase: Last
Quarter today at
12.15pm.

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They did exactly what we wanted of them

Liz Smith

seen by millions of movie-goers in scenes including walking across a lawn with the Queen, in a kitchen, and by a look as the royal family enjoy a picnic.

The filming, shot over two months towards the end of last year, was not without incident though and on one occasion one of Mrs Smith's corgis jumped into the lock.

She said: "I really was shocked and surprised to be approached, my husband and I gasped in amazement."

"On one occasion, though, one of the corgis, Alice, dived in to a lock, people threw lifebelts in, everyone was pan-



icking, but she got herself out as quick as she went in. "We had lots of laughs filming and everyone called me Corgi Liz. Seeing my corgis on the screen brought tears to my eyes, they are my pets after all. "I am very proud of them, they did exactly what we

wanted of them. I went to a premiere and I saw them six times during the film, although you could blink and miss them on a couple of occasions. "We spent two weeks in Scotland, filmed as near to Balmoral as we could get, and

Europe Much of southwestern Europe will remain unsettled with a slow moving front stretched across France and northeastern Spain causing thundery showers and longer spells of rain. This could also provide some showers for Britain. Portugal may stay just to the west of the unsettled weather. High pressure will hang on over eastern Europe keeping Scandinavia, Germany and Poland mainly dry. The Balkans as well as southeastern Europe including Greece will also benefit from the high pressure with dry, sunny weather. Thundery showers are also possible for much of Italy.

High tides

Tidal differences on Harwich

Lowestoft	- 2.23	Ipswich	+ 0.20
Southwold	- 1.48	Mistley/Wivenhoe	+ 0.20
Aldeburgh (front)	- 1.03	Burnham-on-Crouch	+ 0.30
Orford Bar	- 0.25	Woodbridge	+ 0.45
Woodbridge Haven	+ 0.50	Malden	+ 1.15
and Felixstowe Pier	- 0.25	Slaughten (quay)	+ 1.15
Colne Point	+ 0.10	Snape Bridge	+ 1.45
Lincoln	21	70	bright

Read Andrew Clarke's review of The Queen tomorrow in EAEvent - your 20-page what's on listings guide

