

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
Gone but not forgotten



FOOTBALL GRIEVES FOR GREAVSIE

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FAREWELL TO 2 LEGENDS

Only Fools & Horses star John Challis dies aged 79

■ by AARON TINNEY
DEL Boy actor David Jason led tributes to Only Fools And Horses co-star John Challis last night.
The Boycie comedian, aged 79, died "peacefully in his sleep, after a long battle with cancer".
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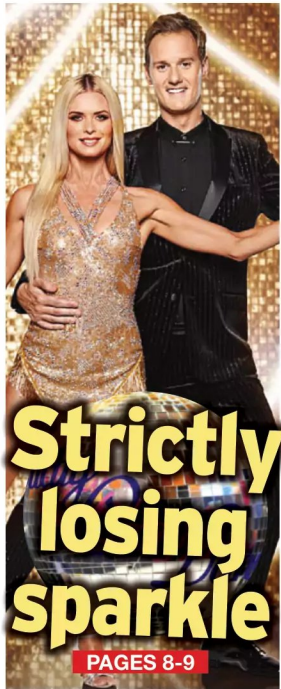
A WONDERFUL ACTOR, A GENTLEMAN, HE WILL BE MISSED BY SO MANY
DAVID JASON

GOODBYE BOYCIIE



Arise Sir THICKO

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Strictly losing sparkle

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DANGER: Lava and dust spew into the air

RESCUE AS ISLE ERUPTS

RESIDENTS and farm animals were evacuated yesterday as a volcano began to erupt on the Spanish holiday island of La Palma.

Around 40 people with mobility problems were moved with the help of the military along with livestock as the eruption spewed lava and a large cloud of dust and smoke into the air on the Canary Island.

Experts had until earlier this month said an eruption on the island was not imminent.

But more than 6,600 small earthquakes have taken place on the Cumbre Vieja ridge in the south of the island since September 11, with 327 yesterday morning, the National Geographic Institute revealed.

Tremors

Dramatic video captured the moment the volcano started to blow yesterday afternoon.

Authorities on the island confirmed soldiers were helping with evacuation in villages around the active area.

Around 1,000 more residents are expected to be moved from surrounding towns in an ongoing rescue operation.

One earthquake

■ by KEITH PERRY

reached 3.2-magnitude some 328ft below the surface on Saturday, while tremors yesterday morning peaked at 3.8.

La Palma's last eruption was in 1971, when one man was killed as he took photographs near the lava flows, but no property was damaged.

The Canary Islands Volcanology Institute, which had been monitoring the area, tweeted an image of the "eruptive column".

The island had been on alert for the past week with experts monitoring a build-up of magma.

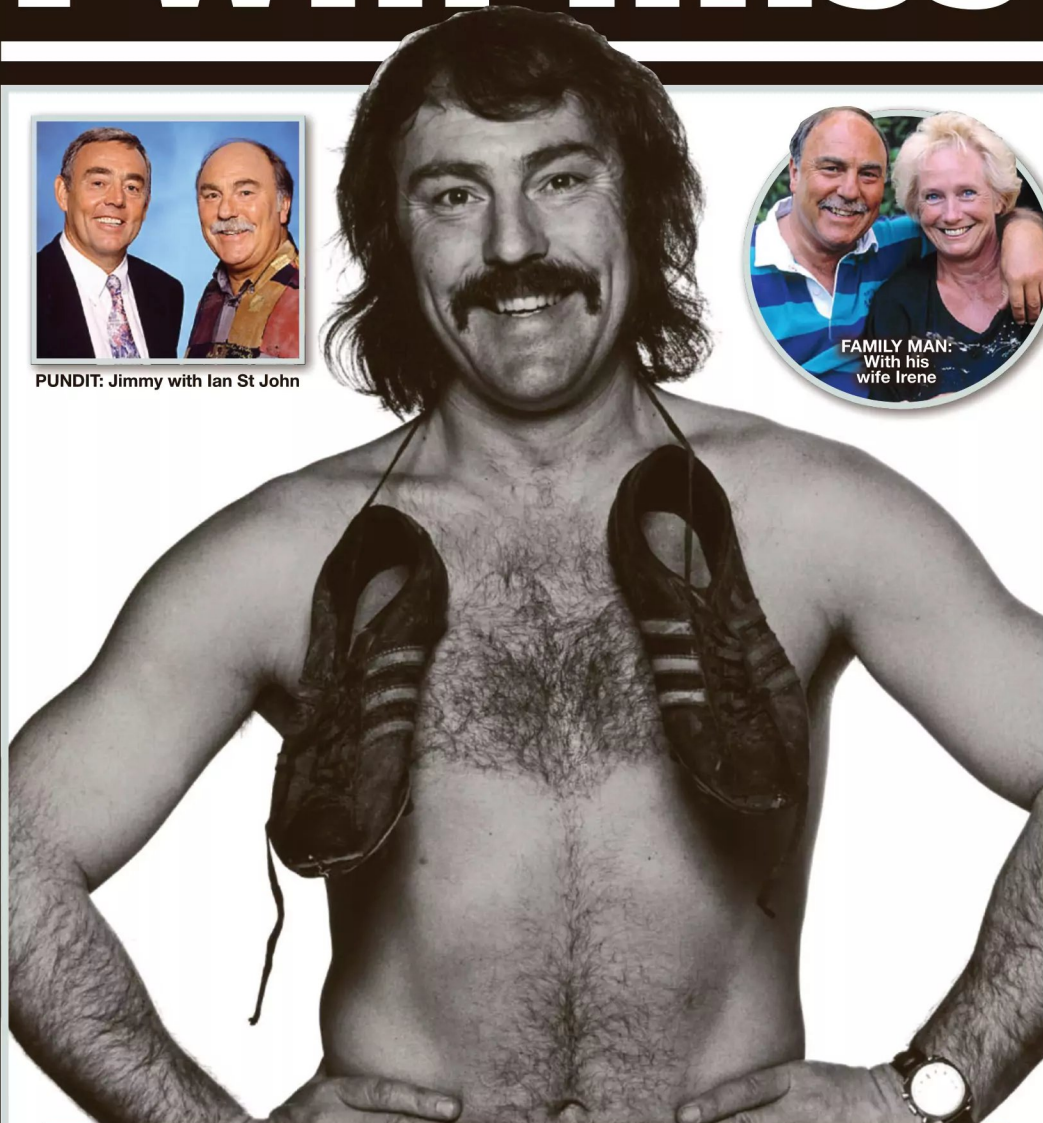
I will miss



PUNDIT: Jimmy with Ian St John



FAMILY MAN: With his wife Irene



JIMMY'S FINAL BLAST

JIMMY Greaves spent the final hours before his death surrounded by family watching T20 Blast cricket.

England's greatest ever goalscorer died "very peacefully" in his sleep yesterday, aged 81. He had battled the effects of stroke for six years.

His son Danny, 58, last night

thanked fans and well-wishers for their love and support, which he described as "incredible and overwhelming".

Danny said: "He was a big cricket fan and he watched the T20 Blast finals.

"We had the family - me, my brother, two sisters and mum - with him all the time and

thankfully he went very peacefully in his sleep and without any pain.

"There's a lot of sadness, of course, but the last six-and-a-bit years since Dad had his stroke have been tough.

"There's that relief that Dad is comfortable now."

He added: "We always knew

he was loved and liked, and again it is proven that on this sad day, people are still showing how much they loved him."

After retiring from the game, Jimmy became the nation's favourite pundit working with the late Ian St John on ITV show Saint & Greavsie. He is survived by wife Irene.

Taliban halt female jobs

WOMEN government employees must stay at home unless their jobs cannot be filled by a man, the new Taliban mayor of Kabul has said.

Hamdullah Nomany said the organisation had "found it necessary to stop women from working for a while". About a third of the government's 3,000 staff are female.

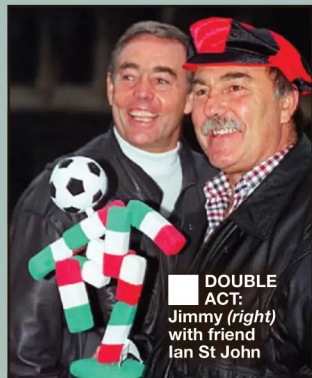
He said some would continue to work - "for example, women work in the women's toilets in the city where men cannot go". But he added: "For the positions that men can fill, we have told the women to stay at home until the situation is normalised. Their salaries will be paid."

Secondary schools have reopened, but with only boys and male teachers allowed back into classrooms. The Taliban said it was working on reopening schools for girls.

FOOTIE'S CROWN JEWEL: STARSPORT P46-47

**SERIOUSLY
football**

DEATH OF A TRUE FOOTBALLING LEGEND:



DOUBLE ACT:
Jimmy (right)
with friend
Ian St John

MEMORIES OF GENIAL GREAT



JEREMY CROSS
CHIEF SPORTS WRITER

THE word "legend" could have been invented for Jimmy Greaves.

Forget Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo, because the patent for weaving runs and lethal finishing belonged to Greaves in an age long before these two modern icons of the game came on the scene.

Greaves, who died at the age of 81, meant different things to different people.

He was a prodigy, pioneer, true great of football and, later in life – when he had hung up those brilliant boots of his, a pundit and broadcaster, often alongside pal Ian St John, who appeared capable of charming the birds from the trees.

Those privileged to have lived through the era that saw Greaves in his pomp can count themselves fortunate indeed.

The numbers surrounding Greaves are quite staggering and tell a remarkable tale of an even more remarkable talent, a striker so good it's natural to believe he was blessed by the footballing Gods.

Only the precious few can hold comparison to Greaves, who scored an astonishing 44 goals in just 57 England appearances.

To put that into perspective, Wayne Rooney took 120 caps to score just nine more than Greaves did.

Those of a certain vintage will now feel blessed to have memories in the bank of a genuine giant of world football, while those who don't should do themselves a favour and watch footage of someone who was an absolute master of his craft.

Just watch him in action and then watch him again. Talents like Greaves come around once in a generation.

He was astonishingly good and English football should feel eternally grateful for having him.

Like most geniuses, Greaves also had his demons, which have been well documented.

But let's remember Greaves for what he really was, which is a footballing maestro, hero to millions and genial man.

So farewell Jimmy, rest in peace and thanks for the memories. Your place in our hearts is secure forever.

In an era of heavy pitches & ferocious tackles, he would leave markers as if they were weighed down by hobnail boots

SPURS HERO:
Jimmy has a special place in Spurs hearts even though he started off with Chelsea (below)



JIMMY GREAVES 1940-2021



MUDDY HELL: But poor pitches could not stop Jimmy Greaves

JIMMY GREAVES FACTFILE

DATE OF BIRTH: 20th February 1940, London

CLUBS:

CHELSEA 1957-61
169 apps 132 goals

AC MILAN 1961

14 apps 9 goals

TOTTENHAM 1961-70

379 apps 266 goals

WEST HAM 1970-71

40 apps 13 goals

INTERNATIONAL

ENGLAND 1959-67

57 apps 44 goals

HONOURS:

FA CUP 1962, 1967

EUROPEAN CUP

WINNERS' CUP 1963

DIVISION ONE TOP

SCORER 6 times (a record)

37 LEAGUE GOALS

in 1962/63 (a Tottenham record)

INTERNATIONAL

WORLD CUP 1966

Rivals as one

From Back Page
Spurs but also a legend at Chelsea and as far as English football is concerned, he's one of the greatest scorers ever. "People talk about legends very loosely. But with Jimmy, I think you can use that word because he was that wherever he played."

Another of his clubs, AC Milan, tweeted: "We are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of our former player Jimmy Greaves... Although our time together was short, we'll forever cherish the memories. Farewell, Jimmy."

Former Tottenham striker Gary Lineker tweeted: "Quite possibly the greatest striker this country has ever produced."

"A truly magnificent footballer who was at home both in the box and on the box."

"A charismatic, knowledgeable, witty and warm man. A giant of the sport."

Ex-Spurs winger Cliff Jones, who played with Greaves after he joined the club in 1961, posted: "Heartbroken today to hear this. Rest in peace, the greatest goalscorer of all time and a true friend."

Greaves scored 44 goals in 57 games for England. He holds the record for most goals in the English top flight with 357.

England boss Gareth Southgate said: "Terrific guy with a brilliant sense of humour, the best. It has been a difficult time for him, he can now rest in peace."

Sir Geoff Hurst, who kept Greaves out of the 1966 World Cup winning side, said: "He will be remembered as a goalscoring legend. My thoughts are with his family & friends."

Former Spurs and England ace Glenn Hoddle said: "I don't think you can get more famous. I was in Italy and someone said to me, 'Jimmy Greaves, great scorer', he was only there a year."

Spurs' ex-Argentina star Ossie Ardiles said: "RIP Jimmy Greaves. The best goal scorer we have seen & also part of the best football show."

TOP FIVE TOP-FLIGHT SCORERS

POST WAR TO PRESENT DAY

JIMMY GREAVES 357 goals from 516 apps

Alan Shearer 283 goals from 559 apps

Nat Lofthouse 253 goals from 452 apps

Ian Rush 233 goals from 514 apps

David Herd 223 goals from 412 apps

FROM 1888 TO PRESENT DAY

JIMMY GREAVES 357 goals from 516 apps

Steve Bloomer 314 goals from 536 apps

Dixie Dean 310 goals from 362 apps

Gordon Hodgson 287 goals from 456 apps

Alan Shearer 283 goals from 559 apps

TOP FIVE TOTTENHAM GOALSCORERS

JIMMY GREAVES 266 goals from 379 apps

Harry Kane 223 goals from 342 apps

Bobby Smith 208 goals from 317 apps

Martin Chivers 174 goals from 367 apps

Cliff Jones 159 goals from 378 apps



FINALLY: Jimmy (left) holds the World Cup with Geoff Hurst (centre), who was selected in his place for the 1966 final, and keeper Gordon Banks



PERFECT PARTNER: On his wedding day with wife Irene

FAREWELL TO ENGLAND'S FINEST GOALSCORER

JIMMY GREAVES was England's crown jewel who was left standing at the gates of glory when football finally came home.

As the final whistle sounded in the 1966 World Cup Final, and they thought it was all over bar the Queen handing over the holy grail to Three Lions captain Bobby Moore, Greaves was the loneliest man at Wembley.

Amid the outpouring of jubilation on the England bench, the supreme goalscorer wore the look of a genius jilted by Jules Rimet.

He had started the tournament as manager Sir Alf Ramsey's first-choice striker until a robust challenge from French midfielder Joseph Bonnel in the final group match left him with a gash in his shin requiring 14 stitches.

His replacement, Geoff Hurst, headed the winner in the brutal quarter-final against Argentina where Ramsey denounced the South Americans as "animals", and retained his place.

Hurst went on to score a hat-trick in the final, still a unique feat 55 years later.

Greaves was like the fifth Beatle – an essential accessory to greatness, but stuck in the background when England

by **MIKE WALTERS**

made it to No.1 in the charts. How fitting that, two years earlier in 1964 – so the story goes – at the height of Beatlemania, John Lennon had spotted Greaves in the audience at a Fab Four gig.

Recognising genius amid the hysteria, Lennon paused to announce: "We've got real royalty in here tonight."

But nothing would ever compensate crestfallen Greaves after Ramsey's Boys of '66 wore the crown and he missed out on the coronation.

"I had missed out on the match of a lifetime, and it hurt," he admitted later.

Although the wider world did not know it at the time, the cruelty of circumstance began his slide into alcoholism, an accomplice which wiped the 1970s from his memory like a computer hard drive.

Greaves, who has died aged 81, was the greatest goalscorer England has ever produced.

No disrespect to Wayne Rooney, Gary Lineker, Bobby Charlton or Harry Kane but Greaves scored 44 goals in 57 caps – and none of them was against San Marino, Andorra, Eskimos, Teletubbies or Smurfs.

It will forever remain a stain on the game, and the archaic honours system, that he was never knighted. And it even

took 43 years for him to be awarded a World Cup winner's medal because only the XI who conquered West Germany in the final were eligible to receive one in 1966.

Better late than never, along with other squad members and some of Ramsey's backroom staff he was finally presented with one at a Downing Street reception in 2009 after FIFA amended the rules.

Greaves may have sold his medal for £44,000 at a sports memorabilia auction later, but his aura as the ultimate finisher never deserted him.

He was incomparable – the best of the best – because he made goalscoring look so easy.

In an era of heavy pitches and ferocious tackles, he would leave markers behind and skip round the goalkeeper as if they were all weighed down by hobnail boots and he was in dancing shoes.

He scored six international hat-tricks, still an England record – one of them in the 9-3 humiliation of Scotland at Wembley in 1961, the year Tottenham won the double.

The rout, which reduced Scottish keeper Frank Haffey to the butt of comedians' wisecracks, coined a new phrase in the clock-watchers' lexicon. Question: "What's the time?" Answer: "Nine past

Haffey." Greaves, blessed with an Eastender's innate humour and blissful comic timing, would become a sultan of punchlines himself.

He proved to be the perfect foil for chortling sidekick Ian St John on ITV's brilliant antidote to starch-collared, po-faced football punditry, Saint and Greavsie.

Somewhere at home, this correspondent is the portly sandwich filling in a photo with Greaves and Paul Gascoigne, two of English football's all-time greats, taken before their stand-up show at Bournemouth 10 years ago.

Gazza was a hoot but dear old Greavsie brought the house down.

Dusting down his joke book, he revealed his TV work had dried up after a short-lived alliance with Sky.

"They didn't let me go, I left them," he said. "It was f***** freezing putting up those satellite dishes in winter."

He filled the Shelf at White Hart Lane, he filled his boots and he filled our lives with joy as a footballer, pundit and comedian.

But above all, Jimmy Greaves was the genius who missed out when immortality came calling in 1966.

And up there among the celestial constellations, somebody's going to have a tough job marking the brightest star.

WE'LL NEVER FORGET YOU

LEGEND: Jimmy and Harry Kane meet up



JIMMY GREAVES MBE 1940-2021



SAD DAY: Spurs fans salute their hero while Chelsea stars (below) applaud



■ by **TONY BANKS**

ENGLAND captain Harry Kane led the tributes as football said goodbye to the legendary Jimmy Greaves.

Greaves scored 266 goals for Spurs in 379 games between 1961 and 1970 after starting his career at Chelsea. He later went on to play for a third London club in action yesterday, West Ham.

And all three clubs paid tribute just hours after the news of Greaves' death at the age of 81 was announced.

Spurs striker Kane, who met Greaves in 2017, said: "Our condolences to Jimmy's family and close friends. Jimmy was an incredible player and goalscorer."

"It's frightening really how good a player he was. For someone like me to look at his numbers and one day go on to break those numbers would be incredible."

Former Tottenham captain Gary Mabbutt said: "Jimmy was a legend at Tottenham."

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Jimmy Greaves
1940 - 2021

FOREVER BLOWING BUBBLES: Jimmy's image is captured in a stunning shot at West Ham



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Dele: I served it on Silva platter

TOTTENHAM CHELSEA

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■ by **TONY BANKS**
DELE ALLI admitted it was his blunder that set Chelsea on the road to a crushing win over Tottenham. All admitted giving Thiago Silva (right) the space to open the scoring in the second half, saying: "Once we went 1-0 down to a sloppy goal - and it was my man so I need to take responsibility - it's a mountain against a team like Tottenham."

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BRIGHTON LEICESTER
SEE PULLOUT

SEAGULLS SOARING TO NEW
FREE INSIDE FOOTIES NO.1

De Gea spot on - at last!

WEST HAM MAN UNITED

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■ by **PAUL BROWN**
OLE GUNNAR SOLSKJAER hailed David De Gea's collector's item penalty save for rescuing Manchester United. De Gea (right) ended a run of 40 penalties without a save to deny spot-kick king Mark Noble in stoppage time. That meant substitute Jesse Lingard's late goal.

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