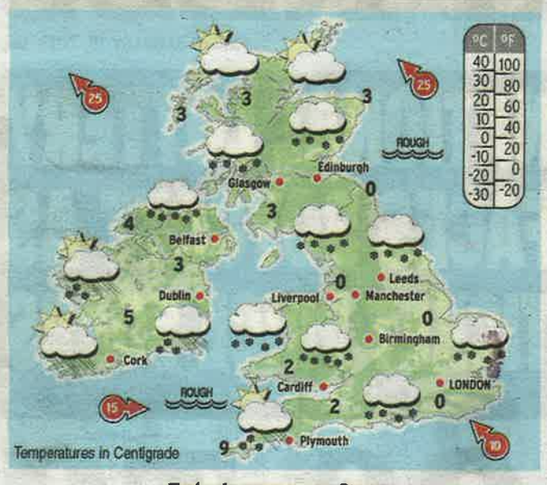
Weather forecast



Today's summary: Snow

North West: A windy and wintry day with grey skies and outbreaks of snow. Strong southeasterly winds. High 1C (34F).

Northern Ireland: Heavy rain, turning increasingly to snow through the day. Cold in the brisk winds. High 4C (39F).

Wales: Cold and cloudy with persistent heavy snowfall through the day. Strong southeasterly wind. High 4C (39F).

Midlands: Cloudy with snow, heavy and persistent for a while. Cold in the brisk southeasterly winds. High 0C (32F).

North East/Yorks: Mostly cloudy with spells of snow. Feeling very cold with a fresh southeasterly wind. High 0C (32F).

Scotland: Snow showers in the south and east. Dry and sunny in the northwest. Cold and windy. High 4C (39F).

East Anglia: Cloudy with spells of snow, some heavy. Brisk southeasterly winds. Bitterly cold. High 0C (32F).

London/South East: Grey skies and spells of snow, heavy in places. Brisk winds. Very cold. High 0C (32F).

South: Cold with spells of snow, heavy and persistent for a time. Fresh southeasterly winds. High 2C (36F).

South West: Cloudy with outbreaks of snow at first, turning to sleet and rain later. Fresh winds. High 9C (48F).

Channel Isles: Mostly cloudy with snow at first, turning to rain later. Strong southerly winds. Chilly. High 5C (41F).

Sea: North Sea: Rough. Irish Sea: Rough. Channel: Rough.

UK OUTLOOK TOMORROW: Fairly cloudy for most of the UK. Eastern areas will see snow showers, whilst the far west will have some showery rain or sleet. Staying cold.

SIX-DAY FORECAST Temperatures in Centigrade

	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
	min max	min max	min max	min max	min max	min max
London	-2 1	-1 1	0 2	-1 3	-2 3	-2 2
Belfast	-1 3	1 3	1 4	0 3	-1 3	0 4
Birmingham	-4 -1	-4 -1	-1 1	-3 2	-4 0	-5 1
Cardiff	-2 1	0 1	0 2	-1 3	-3 2	-2 2
Glasgow	-3 3	-1 2	-1 4	-2 4	-1 4	0 3
Manchester	-4 1	-3 0	-1 2	-4 2	-5 1	-5 1
Newcastle	-1 2	-1 2	0 2	-2 2	-3 2	-2 2
Norwich	-2 0	-2 1	0 5	-1 4	-2 2	-2 3
Plymouth	0 5	3 5	2 6	1 6	0 5	1 5

24 hours to 5pm	SUN (hrs)	RAIN (ins)	TEMP (min)	(max)
Aberdeen	0.0	0.00	-2	3
Aberporth	0.0	0.11	0	3
Alnwick	4.1	0.00	-4	1
Belfast	0.0	0.01	4	6
Birmingham	n/a	0.00	-3	1
B'mouth	0.0	0.00	-2	5
Bristol	0.0	0.00	-2	4
Cardiff	0.0	0.01	0	5
Durham	n/a	0.00	-8	-2
Edinburgh	0.3	0.00	-1	1

Britain yesterday

Glasgow	2.1	0.00	0	3
Hull	1.2	0.01	-11	-2
Ipswich	6.4	0.00	-11	-1
Leeds	n/a	0.00	-6	-1
Lincoln	1.9	0.00	-9	-2
London	0.6	0.01	-5	3
Manchester	n/a	0.00	-1	3
Oxford	0.0	0.00	-3	1
S'hampton	n/a	0.00	-1	4
St Andrews	0.1	0.00	-1	3

Moon, sun and tides

MOON rises: 10.30am, sets: –
SUN rises London: 7.56am, sets: 4.26pm
Manchester rises: 8.13am, sets: 4.25pm

Full Moon
27 January

HIGH TIDE

London Bridge	(6.03am), (6.31pm)
Liverpool	(3.24am), (3.46pm)
Greenock	(4.39am), (4.56pm)
Dover	(3.05am), (3.35pm)

Britain Extremes: (24 hours to 2pm yesterday)
Warmest: St. Mary's 10C (50F)
Coldest: Cavendish -12C (10F)
Wettest: Murlough 0.39in.
Sunniest: Waltham 6.4hr.

Lighting-up times

Belfast	4.36pm-8.32am
Birmingham	4.28pm-8.06am
Bristol	4.36pm-8.05am
Glasgow	4.21pm-8.32am
London	4.26pm-7.55am
Manchester	4.25pm-8.12am
Newcastle	4.15pm-8.17am

Europe forecast

Today		Tomorrow	
Amsterdam	Cloudy	-2C/28F	Cloudy -5C/23F
Brussels	Cloudy	-2C/28F	Cloudy -3C/27F
Dublin	Snow	3C/37F	Sleet 3C/37F
Frankfurt	Cloudy	-2C/28F	Cloudy -1C/30F
Geneva	Cloudy	1C/34F	Sleet 4C/39F
Lisbon	Rain	16C/61F	Lisbon Showers 14C/57F
Madrid	Cloudy	13C/55F	Madrid Rain 11C/52F
Paris	Snow	-1C/30F	Paris Cloudy 2C/36F
Rome	Sunny	8C/46F	Rome Rain 12C/54F

Around the world yesterday

		c	f			c	f			c	f
Amsterdam	Mist	-5	23	Hong Kong	Fair	21	70	New York	Rain	2	36
Athens	Fair	12	54	Istanbul	Fair	11	52	Nice	Sunny	9	48
Barcelona	Cloudy	12	54	Jersey	Sunny	4	39	Nicosia	Sunny	16	61
Berlin	Snow	-1	30	Larnaca	Sunny	18	64	Perth	Sunny	25	77
Budapest	Snow	2	36	Las Palmas	Fair	20	68	Prague	Snow	-3	27
Cairo	Fair	20	68	Los Angeles	Sunny	18	64	Singapore	Fair	30	86
Cape Town	Sunny	25	77	Luxor	Fair	25	77	Stockholm	Snow	-4	25
Casablanca	Sunny	16	61	Malaga	Sunny	19	66	Sydney	Fair	28	82
Corfu	Fair	15	59	Mallorca	Cloudy	10	50	Tel Aviv	Sunny	20	68
Dublin	Rain	7	45	Malta	Sunny	15	59	Tenerife	Sunny	21	70
Dubrovnik	Rain	8	46	Melbourne	Sunny	30	86	Toronto	Sunny	2	36
Faro	Cloudy	17	63	Miami	Cloudy	26	79	Tunis	Rain	14	57
Florence	Sunny	5	41	Moscow	Mist	-8	18	Venice	Cloudy	2	36
Gibraltar	Cloudy	16	61	Nairobi	Fair	20	68	Vienna	Snow	-2	28
Guernsey	Sunny	5	41	New Delhi	Thndr	18	64	Warsaw	Cloudy	-5	23

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Wonder pill raises hopes for millions of diabetics

A POWERFUL plant-based drug is paving the way for a new pill to treat diabetes.

Scientists say it is eight times more effective than current drugs.

Researchers at the University of Greenwich in London believe their discovery could also have fewer side effects for Type 2 diabetics than current medication.

It could also tackle obesity and boost antioxidants to help stave off other chronic illnesses from heart disease to cancer.

Lead researcher Dr Solomon Habtemariam, said: "What we are looking at is multi-functional compounds which are not just treating one disease but have additional benefits."

Dr Habtemariam and researchers from the university's School of Science are investigating the properties of two plants found in south-east Asia, Cassia auriculata and Cassia alata – used there for centuries.

Dr Habtemariam, a leading expert on drug discoveries from natural sources, said the work could prove a crucial breakthrough.

He said: "The search for treatments is making the NHS bankrupt, and this problem is likely to get worse in the next decade."

A simple pill to tackle the condition could help thousands of patients who do not respond to the commonly used drug, metformin.

At least 2.9 million people in Britain are affected by diabetes and there are possibly another 850,000 unaware that they have it. It is hoped a new pill could be available within the next five years.

By **Jo Willey** Health Editor



New pill may treat other illnesses

Lottery players vow boycott of 'greedy' Camelot price rises

FURIOUS National Lottery players last night vowed to boycott the game after Camelot announced the price of a ticket is to double.

Hundreds of players took to the operator's Facebook page to brand organisers "greedy" and many said they would stop playing completely. A politician condemned the move as a tax on the poor.

Camelot, which has run the lottery since its launch in 1994, is raising the price of a ticket from £1 to £2 this autumn.

Prizes will rise for matching three or four numbers from £10 to £25 and from £60 to £100 respectively.

However, the average prize will fall for matching five numbers from £1,500 to £1,000 and be halved to £50,000 for five numbers and the bonus ball.

Camelot said research found that consumers "want more ways to win more money".

But last night players claimed they would be priced out of the game.

One Facebook user wrote: "As a pensioner on a budget I can't afford £2. Sorry, come the autumn you've lost another customer. You ought to be ashamed. Have you not heard the word recession and people losing their jobs left, right and centre? Hang your heads in shame Camelot."

Another wrote: "During this very difficult period for most people with money tight and some losing their jobs, you decide to double the price of lottery tickets.

"Thanks Camelot, but I feel you may have just shot yourself in the foot. I for one won't be taking part once the price hike takes place. Shame on you!"

On Twitter, Alex Klaushofer said Camelot had put a "tax on hope".

Ukip deputy leader Paul Nuttall said: "This is going to ruin people's bit of weekend fun. It is nothing more than a tax on the poor to subsidise the rich.

"We understand that there is inflation everywhere but a hike of 100 per cent is outrageous."

Around 800,000 players match three or four numbers each week while some 800 match five numbers or five plus the bonus.

Camelot UK managing director Andy Duncan said: "Our players still love Lotto but after 18 years they say they want more from it.

"We've spoken extensively with them to develop a re-energised game and the changes we'll be introducing in the autumn will give them what they have asked for: £25 for matching three numbers, bigger jackpots and a new way to play and win one of 50 prizes of a guaranteed £20,000 on every draw."

By **Nathan Rao** Consumer Affairs Editor

Charities

National Lottery sales have increased by 35 per cent since 2002 with players helping to raise more than £29billion for good causes. A spokesman for Acevo, the association of chief executives of voluntary organisations, said: "We understand that this move is projected to increase the amount of lottery income going to charities and community groups, which in these difficult times will be very welcome."

●Last night in a series of national newspaper adverts, the Health Lottery, which was launched in 2011 and has raised more than £29million for good causes, announced it would not be increasing the price of its tickets and they would remain £1.

Murdered soldier saved lives of Afghan children

A BRITISH soldier shot by the Taliban helped save the lives of four Afghan children, it was revealed yesterday.

Kingsman David Shaw, 23, of 1st Battalion The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment died with his family at his hospital bedside in Birmingham on Wednesday. Described as "unflinching in his bravery", he was wounded on Monday while on patrol in Lashkar Gah and flown back to Britain for emergency care.

Kgn Shaw, from Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, was on his second tour of duty in Afghanistan. He helped save the children after a car crash. An MoD spokesman said: "The children were taken by local nationals to the nearest Security Forces checkpoint, where Kgn Shaw did not hesitate to administer first aid."

His name was released on the same day as the first British military fatality of 2013 – killed in an insider attack – was repatriated.

Mourners braved snow as the body of Sapper Richard Walker, 23, of 28 Engineer Regiment was brought back to Brize Norton, Oxon.

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