

NEW GREEN CAR DEADLINE: 2030

by **Keith Perry**

BORIS Johnson is set to bring forward a ban on the sale of petrol and diesel vehicles from 2035 to 2030.

He is likely to announce it during a speech explaining the Government's 10-point plan to tackle climate change.

Electric cars make up just seven per cent of the UK car market. Ian Plummer of sales site Auto Trader says that to



FUMES: Set to stop

Hell of stab lad family

THE family of a 17-year-old boy stabbed to death have told of their devastation.

Police found the victim with knife wounds at Northwick Park in Harrow, north London, and he died at the scene 40 minutes later last Thursday afternoon.

They named him as local boy Jamalie Matthew.

His family said: "We are devastated at the passing of Jamalie, whose ambition was to study law. We plead for any information."

COVID CRISIS



'LIKE STASI': Mr Loophole

Lockdown 'breaks the law' claim

by **Nigel Nelson**

A TOP lawyer says lockdown restrictions might be illegal – which would mean fines could be contested in court.

Nick Freeman – known as Mr Loophole for getting celebrities off speeding charges – argues that stopping people meeting family is a breach of their human rights.

He said: "It's an astonishing, even Stasi-like, move. An appalling overreach by a Government."

"The state decides whether individuals can see members of their immediate family. Morally it's a lousy situation. But legally it's highly suspect too."

He says Article 8 of the 1998 Human Rights Act makes it unlawful for families to be separated. The law incorporates the European Convention on Human Rights, giving everyone the right to family life.

That can be overridden by national security, health, public safety or a nation's economic well-being, but he claims lockdown does not fulfil those conditions.

Mr Freeman says it damages the economy, risks mental health and makes diseases such as cancer and heart conditions difficult to spot.

He said: "All of which could lead to civil unrest and criminal activity. So how can lockdown be for the greater good of the country?"

"It's time the Government took a long hard look at the lawfulness of its intrusion into our lives."

Labour lash anti-vaxers

ANTI-vaccination campaigners online are a danger to the fight against Covid, Labour warns.

Shadow Health Secretary Jon Ashworth claims internet giants are not doing enough and is demanding new laws to stop the spread of "disinformati on".

In a letter to Culture Secretary Oliver Dowden he says the "tsunami of anti-vax content on social media" will undermine the programme. Facebook said: "We've taken steps to limit the spread of misinformation about the virus."

EXCLUSIVE

by **Amy Sharpe** and **Emma Pearson**

VULNERABLE elderly people have been kicked out of their care homes after desperate families fought to see them amid Covid restrictions.

Elderly safety group Care Campaign for the Vulnerable says it has seen 154 "unfair" evictions since March 23, which relatives say were down to disputes over visiting.

But it fears this is the "tip of the iceberg" with "hundreds of families in similar positions afraid to speak out".

And some relatives claim months of loneliness while visits were banned led to the deaths of their loved ones.

It comes amid new demands for the Government to fix its broken test and trace system to allow face-to-face visits to safely resume where possible.

CCFTV's Jayne Connery said: "Families say some homes don't facilitate visits, even at a closed window. Some haven't seen loved ones for six months. Evicting an elderly person from a care home can bring severe decline physically and emotionally."

Dementia sufferer Valerie Boxford,

Suicidal over dad trips ban

DIANNE Tennant wrote suicide notes after visits to her dad's care home were banned in April.

The Bradford mum of three went to see dementia sufferer Eric, 78, each day for three years. Dianne, 53, said: "My days became emptier once that was taken away. I felt so overcome with guilt over not seeing him that my mental health deteriorated."

"I didn't want to be here any more. I wrote letters to my children and mum to say goodbye."

Thankfully a friend called an ambulance.

Dianne, clinically depressed in the past, was prescribed antidepressants. Outdoor visits were allowed at retired weaver Eric's home in June but banned again a month later.



CLOSE: Eric and Dianne

81, had to leave Forest Manor in Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, after it had a dispute with daughter Emma Knaggs.

Emma says she sent five emails requesting "closed-window visits" to the great-gran of nine after seeing in video calls she was "rapidly deteriorating".

"I had to cut one call off as I was so distressed," the mum of two said.

Emma, who also posted comments on Facebook deemed "derogatory" by bosses and complained to the Care Quality Commission, says the home called her on July 1 to say they "had no choice" but to evict Valerie.

Emma said: "I was shocked and disgusted they would evict an elderly lady in the midst of a pandemic."

Manager Heeran Mahadoo said Emma's emails, calls and social media posts had caused stress for staff and



CLOSE: Valerie and Emma before Covid



HEARTBREAKING: Doreen, left, and with daughter Louise

ANGUISH OF ELDERLY IN CARE HOMES

EVICTED VICTIM

Valerie Boxford, 81, was forced out in July and died last month



OPEN UP: Next wants to trade

'Disaster is looming' in high street

by **Stephen Hayward**

RETAIL bosses yesterday warned the closure of "non-essential" shops had left the industry on the brink of disaster.

More than 60 leading figures including the heads of Marks & Spencer, Next and Burger King said some shops may never reopen if they are forced to stay shut in the run-up to Christmas.

Helen Dickinson of the British Retail Consortium said: "Non-essential stores are estimated to be losing £2billion a week... yet rents continue to mount and the business rates cliff edge is looming."

"Government must ensure shops can reopen from the start of December as Christmas shopping gets into full swing."

Caffe Nero and Greggs have become the latest high-profile casualties of the Covid-19 pandemic after a slump in sales.

Casualties

The new lockdown, with few shoppers and office workers in town and city centres, has left Britain's 26,000 coffee shops fighting for survival, said retail analyst Clive Black of stockbroker Shore Capital.

He added: "There is a challenge to coffee shops in urban areas and travel hubs because millions of people who used to commute five days a week are now working from home. It's carnage."

Caffe Nero has now put itself into a company voluntary arrangement – a type of insolvency that lets firms keep trading as they sort out their finances.

Rival chain Pret a Manger said earlier this year it was cutting 3,200 jobs, around a third of its workforce, and Costa Coffee said it would make 1,650 redundancies.

Greggs is axing 820 jobs and said it was not profitable as a business under lockdown conditions.

DYING OF LONELINESS

● Fears as 150 are evicted in visits battle ● Residents being treated 'inhumanely'

the building did not "lend itself" to accommodating her request.

He said: "Sadly, Ms Knaggs' actions left management with no alternative but to serve notice on Mrs Boxford."

Valerie was put in a new home in July but died on October 15. Emma wept: "My mum died from being lonely. She'd still be here now if she was allowed visits. In March she could talk to me, feed herself, hold a drink. But

she gave up, probably thinking we abandoned her. Residents are treated inhumanely by the Government."

There were almost 20,000 care home deaths in the first wave. Visits were banned from April 2 to July 22 and many sites are still shut to relatives.

Louise Lang, whose mum Doreen, 94, lives in another home, says months of loneliness have knocked the "fight" out of her. Doreen, who had mild

Covid in May, now has rapidly progressing dementia and weighs just 6st 9lb – 20lbs less than pre-lockdown.

Louise, of Lanarkshire, Scotland, can sit outside while Doreen sits in a conservatory but wants to hug her. "She just cries when we visit," Louise said. "She's terrified to go sleep. She doesn't want to die and leave us but I feel she's given up. It's heartbreaking. We have to wait until she's dying be-

fore we can hold her hand."

Layla Moran MP, who chairs the Parliamentary group on Coronavirus, blames the Government. She said: "Had they got on top of test, trace and isolate we wouldn't be in this mess."

Meanwhile Emma has been left racked with guilt fearing mum Valerie must have felt "so abandoned".

She said: "I keep telling myself that Mum is at peace now. That is what I

have to try and take comfort from."

The Department of Health and Social Care said reuniting families and safety for staff and residents must be balanced but it was "completely unacceptable for anyone to be forced to leave unfairly" and the Competition and Markets Authority would "crack down on unfair practices".

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UK LATEST	
Cases:	1,344,356 (up 26,860)
Deaths:	51,766 (up 462)
WORLD LATEST	
Cases:	54,164,247 (up 431,691)
Deaths:	1,315,325 (up 6,753)

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