

Retiring Ron

Growing old disgracefully

February 26

Phew! The million days of January are finally done



The London Transport museum in Covent Garden is worth a stop. Wheely good fun. Used to get the 37 to Richmond and Brixton. For tuppence, I'm that prehistoric.



LEGACIES

London Transport's Caribbean Workforce

For centuries the Caribbean and Britain have been intertwined in an unequal and uneven relationship. In the years after the Second World War, as the ties of the British Empire started to loosen, that strong connection continued. Britain's need for workers coincided with a shortage of jobs in the Caribbean.

London Transport was one of many large organisations that benefited from Caribbean people making the journey to the UK. After the Empire Windrush docked at Tilbury in 1948, a trickle of new arrivals became a steadier flow. London Transport (LT) ran a direct recruitment scheme from 1956 to 1970, which employed Caribbean people in a range of roles. They faced racism and many other challenges as they forged new lives far from home.

This migration had a huge impact on LT as an organisation, London as a city, and the UK as a nation. Today, Transport for London (TfL), the successor to LT, has a diverse workforce that includes many people of Caribbean heritage. The Capital and the whole country continues to be widely influenced by Caribbean culture.



He's been waiting there for three days



Still steering my way through life



Crimbo pressie from Jasmin was a VIP ticket at the Bridge. Thanks hun.



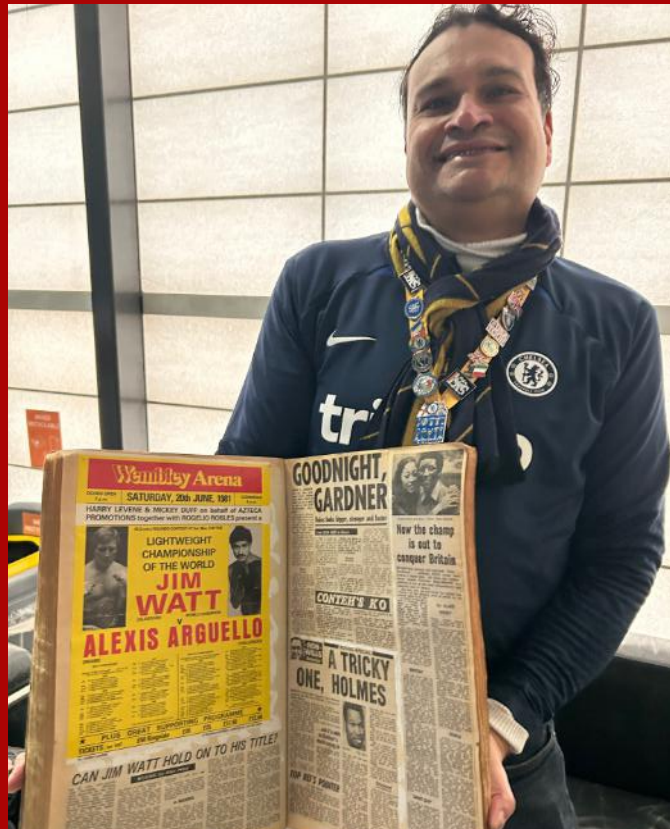
Buzzing before the thrillier with the Bees. We won but should have got badly stung.



Spot the ball as Palmer scores his pen



My debut as a tunnel cam captain. Thanks Cool Ruler (Putney Pete).



Jason kindly lent me his dad Norman's vintage boxing scrapbook which mysteriously ended up on eBay. Kerching!



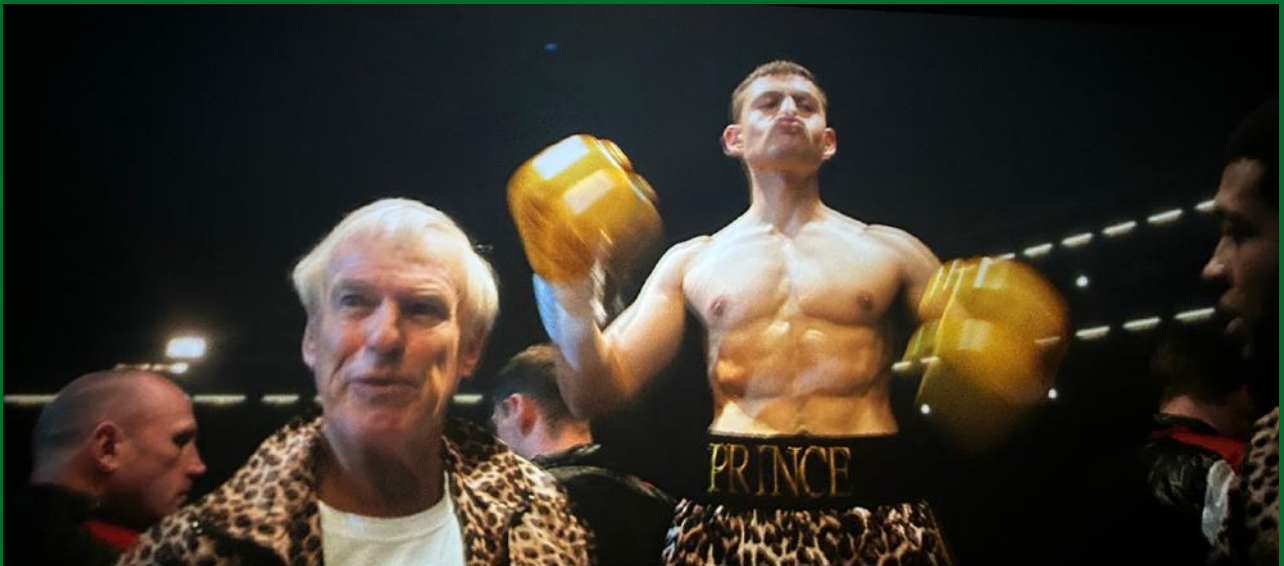
Amanda's birthday knees up. She's Brazilian so we did a samba and played footie on the tables.



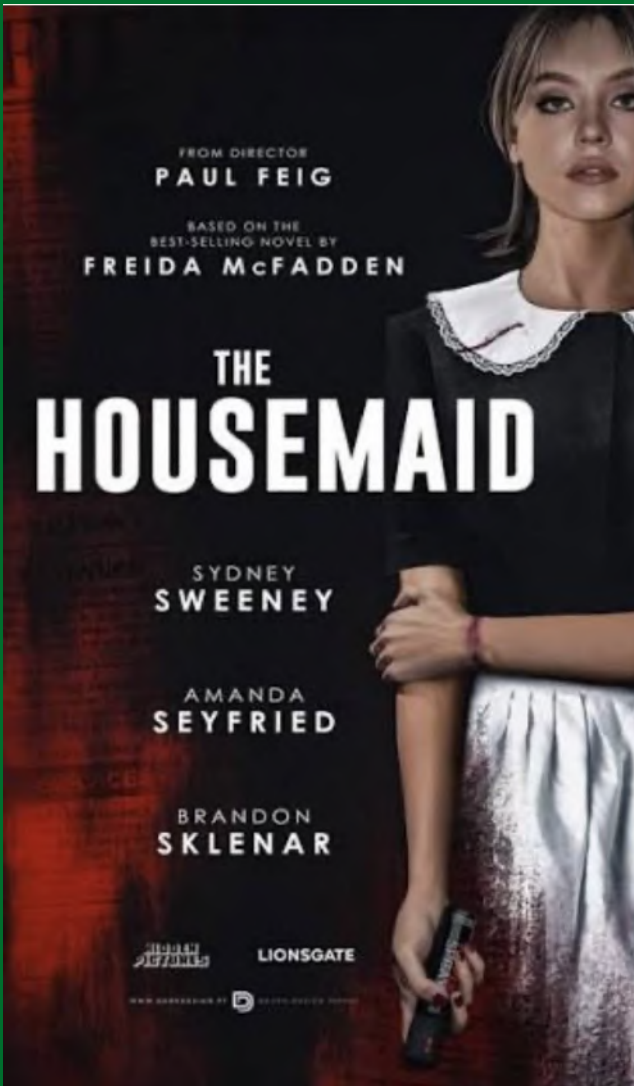
Fresh from playing - and scoring - for Uganda at Afcon, nephew Uche tucks into my dumplings



On her way back to Swiss boarding school from Kampala, niece Daisy couldn't resist either



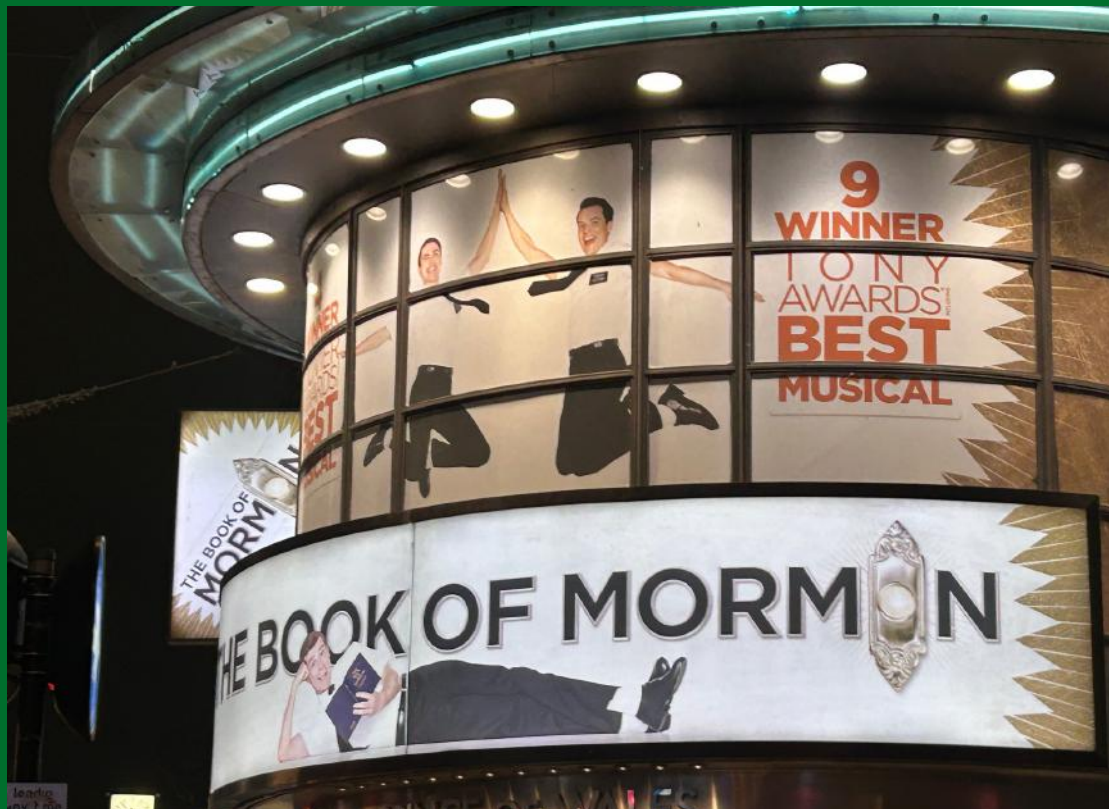
Ideal weather for the movies. Pierce Brosnan is brilliant in 'Giant'



Sydney Sweeney doubly entertains again



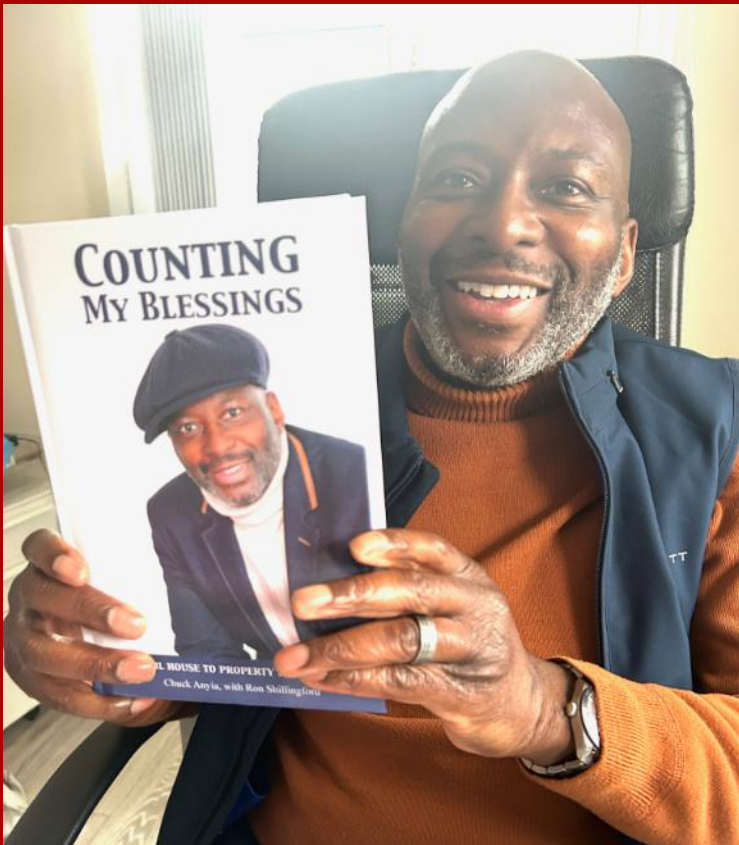
This table tennis plot bounces back and forth. It's a smash. No wonder its scored lots of Oscar nominations.



Jerry kindly got us tickets for this West End hit musical



Created by the makers of 'South Park', Book of Mormon is full of salty humour. The Osmonds must shudder.



Chuck's amazing story is wot I wrote, innit.

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<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Counting-My-Blessings-property-entrepreneur/dp/1836150822>

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<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Land-Hope-Glory-Windrush-Conquered/dp/1801507112>



After decades, caught up with legendary cricket scribe Clayton Goodwin, 83 years young and still writing. Howzat! We swapped each other's books.



Birds in Hyde Park are always swanning about

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