

THE TIMES



Max 15C min 2C

Friday November 21 2014 | thetimes.co.uk | No 71360

Only 60p to print members £1.20

Arts on Friday **2** Hockney uncovered
'I am a bit of a one-off'



Bricks & Mortar
Belgravia elegance
in the Cotswolds
16-page property pullout



The Graduate director dies at 83 Anne Bancroft and Dustin Hoffman in The Graduate, the celebrated 1967 drama that earned an Oscar for Mike Nichols. News, page 11; obituary, Register, page 75

Ukip purges 'dangerous' candidates in poll drive

Laura Pitel Political Correspondent
Francis Elliott

Ukip is expanding its battlefield in readiness for the general election, it has emerged, as Nigel Farage looked forward last night to a "massive" victory that would give his party its second elected MP today.

After a strong by-election campaign in Rochester & Strood, which was ranked 271 in Ukip's list of target seats, the party is purging suspect candidates in areas previously seen as unwinnable. It plans to bring in big hitters instead.

David Cameron's failure to hold a seat that the Conservatives won four years ago with 50 per cent of the vote would redraw the electoral map, Mr Farage said. "If we win this then looking forward to next year's election, all bets are off, the whole thing's up in the air."

A second successive by-election defeat would heap pressure on the prime minister, who had said at the start of the campaign that he was "absolutely determined" to win the contest triggered by the defection of Mark Reckless. "We are coming for you in by-elections and we are going to throw everything we can at you," Mr Cameron said this month.

Instead, senior Tories were clinging to the hope last night that the margin of defeat would be in single figures.

The result is also set to deliver a crushing blow to Ed Miliband as Labour sources admitted that the party could poll as little as 10 per cent, with most former voters switching to Mr Farage's party. His embarrassment was compounded when Emily Thornberry, the shadow attorney-general, was accused of treating voters with contempt. She captioned a tweeted picture of a home in the Kent constituency bedecked with the England flag with the words: "Image from Rochester". The MP for Islington South and Finsbury was later forced to apologise.

Mainstream parties privately concede that Ukip's growing professionalisation has increased its chances of achieving a breakthrough at the polls in May. The party plans to use wins in Clacton and Rochester & Strood to launch offensives into the rest of Essex and Kent. It has been quietly removing candidates from seats that were once seen as long shots but are now seen as Continued on page 9, col 2

Police struggle to trap tech-savvy terrorists

Security chief warns of increasingly sophisticated threats

Sean O'Neill Crime & Security Editor
Francis Elliott Political Editor

The ability of Britain's intelligence chiefs to monitor the terrorist threat is at its lowest level for a decade, according to the country's most senior anti-terrorism policeman.

Detectives are increasingly resorting to physical surveillance as the electronic monitoring of jihadist suspects becomes patchier and more uncertain after leaks by the whistleblower Edward Snowden and the installation of sophisticated encryption on mobile phones.

The comments by Assistant Com-

missioner Mark Rowley came as three young Muslim men who were arrested by armed police just before Remembrance Sunday appeared in court accused of plotting to behead a member of the public on the street.

Mr Rowley said that his officers in Scotland Yard were operating from a "shaky platform" against a terrorist threat that was growing in scale, complexity and volatility.

"Since the Snowden episode and with technology developments our intelligence picture is less good than it was — both domestic and international — and that makes operations

harder to run," Mr Rowley told The Times.

The government signalled last night that it would restore police powers to send terrorist suspects into "internal exile", after the Liberal Democrats dropped their opposition to the measure. The ability to move suspects from their homes was scrapped along with control orders in 2011 and replaced with Terrorist Prevention and Investigation Measures (TPIMs).

However, the threat posed by hundreds of British jihadists returning from Iraq and Syria has forced a rethink and Theresa May, the home secretary, will

announce next week that police will again be allowed to relocate suspects.

Nick Clegg, the Lib Dem leader, had resisted the reintroduction of relocation powers and wanted instead to increase the power to limit suspects' movements within their neighbourhoods. He backed down, however, when David Anderson, the independent reviewer of terrorist legislation, concluded that the option was flawed.

Mr Rowley said police believed that the power to move a suspect would help to disrupt terrorist plots by disconnecting extremists from friends and Continued on page 4, col 5

IN THE NEWS

Banker bonus defeat

George Osborne has halted his campaign against European rules to limit bankers' bonuses after learning that a legal challenge by the Treasury was destined to fail. Page 2

Patient evictions

The Royal Bournemouth Hospital is threatening "bed-blocking" patients with eviction, saying that they could face legal action if they do not leave within a week. Page 5

Club bars rapist

Sheffield United Football Club has bowed to public pressure and retracted its decision to let Ched Evans, who was jailed in 2012 for rape, to return to training. Page 7

Obama defiant

President Obama pledged to defy Congress with a plan to bring out of the shadows up to five million of the estimated 11 million people living illegally in the United States. Page 50

£1m fraud conviction

The former boss of JJB Sports has been convicted of taking more than £1 million in backhanders from a supplier and using the proceeds to fund a home in Florida. Page 57



THE  TIMES

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21 2014

Bricks & Mortar



Walk on the wild side

THE DESIGN REVOLUTION IN
RETIREMENT LIVING page 6

Suite life: get a hotel apartment pages 8-9 Photoshoots that sell homes fast page 14

COVER STORY

Downsizing — the new glamorous way

The man who gave us luxury cinemas is turning his talent to retirement living, says Jessie Hewitson

This month it was announced that Barratt Homes is moving into the over-55 market — the first volume house-builder to do so. The move by Barratt is not surprising: retirees have all the property money, with £400 billion tied up in the homes of over-60s who wish to downsize, according to a report published by Demos think-tank. Specialist retirement-home builders are now trying to provide the incentive for these homeowners to move. This has meant a radical rethink of the look, function and language of retirement housing, which traditionally was institutional in feel and something of a last resort. Now, we are told, we don't downsize — we rightsize. Bungalows are out, lateral spaces are in. No retirement housing provider worth its salt actually uses the two words "retirement" and "housing" together; instead they provide homes for the over-55s, retirement villages or retirement communities.

Inside these communities, which are moving into city centres as well as the traditional semi-rural locations, are concierges, pools, gyms, yoga classes and a menu of medical care accessed in the home; the design is the you'd-never-guess-this-is-a-retirement-home look.

Nick Sanderson, chief executive of Audley Retirement Villages (Sanderson has recently suggested that the company will float on the stock market in 2016 if



The living area at Greenbanks, on sale for £775,000, developed for the over-55 market by Daniel Broch, below



A stylish interior at Binswood Hall, above and cover, an Audley retirement village

sales continue to grow at the present rate), explains that today's retirees — born in the 1940s — have benefited greatly from house-price inflation. They grew up in the 1960s and 1970s, when foreign travel and staying in hotels became the norm. They are well-travelled, computer-literate professionals with 30 years of quality living in front of them. "They are not content to recede to the sidelines of

society and want to remain active and enjoy their retirement fully," he says.

Daniel Broch is joining the revolution. He is the person who in 1999 bought the Everyman cinema in Hampstead and built a luxury cinema model that no one else could make work; if you now see your films on a comfortable sofa, glass of wine in hand brought to you by a waiter, Broch is the man to thank.

Now Broch is a property developer focusing on the over-55 market. It isn't a totally divergent move: pre-Everyman he worked as an estate agent for Glentree Estates, sellers of multimillion-pound houses to the super-rich in north London. He is using his experience of turning an art-house cinema that was "sterile, technical, for people who knew who

directed the third cut of *Blade Runner*" into a place where people will go and see a film they don't particularly want to see, such is their enjoyment of the Everyman experience.

"The older segment of the property market are not catered for, in the same way the cinema audience of the country was ready for something else but didn't realise it," Broch says. "The options available for the over-55 market are out of kilter with who these people are. The property market consigns people over that age to retirement-style bungalows.

Greenbanks is his statement of intent: a three-bedroom "lateral space" house, a short walk from Holt town centre in north Norfolk, on the market with Savills estate agency for £775,000. The master bedroom is large and the living room is swimming-pool sized: 12 x 9m (39 x 30ft). The design is described in the brochure as "Scandi meets north Norfolk", backed up by the lime-washed wooden flooring, the wood-burner and the wooden cladding on the outside walls. The heating and hot water can be controlled by smartphone and Broch is excited about the inclusion of the UK's first electronic PetWALK door, so the owner's moggy doesn't get its tail trapped in the cat flap.

Using so much space for the master bedroom and the living room is to celebrate a life free of kids (although there are two guest bedrooms should the little darlings want to visit). "At this stage of life you are ready to be a bit self-indulgent. This is contemporary urban living with access to parking, great lifestyle options, underfloor heating,"

Broch says. "It's slightly hotel-like and it's lock-up-and-leave. I'm convinced this is a sector of society that will experience a design revolution."



INTERIORS

Come to dinner

Industrial Chic dining table, £299
hampshirefurniture.co.uk



Isaac iron chair in copper, £85
grahamandgreen.co.uk

Spend

Ornate wood bowery table, £2,100
okadirect.com

Van Dyke striped dining chair, £450
indijane.co.uk

Melton wool dining chair, £395
okadirect.com

Infinity table by Porada, from £5,199
harrods.com

Splurge

Nissa chair by Porada, from £929
harrods.com

COMPILED BY HOLLY THOMAS



blisspace,
co.uk

T 0207 486 1717

E speak@blisspace.co.uk
