

News review

October 14 – November 3

Remember him?



- The British far-right activist Tommy Robinson. Founder of the English Defence League.
- He spread misinformation during the anti-immigration riots this summer, after the Southport stabbing.
- In October 2024, he was sentenced to 18 months in jail for contempt of court: he repeated false allegations against a Syrian refugee, in breach of a 2021 court order.





Kemi Badenoch, the new leader of the Conservative party (and thus leader of the opposition) since November 2nd, 2024






**TRUMP ACCUSED UK LABOUR
PARTY OF MEDDLING
IN US ELECTION**

THE Sun 10p **HALLOWEEN BUDGET OFFER**
DRINK 500 PINTS. GET ONE FREE!

**AFTER MEGA \$40BN TAX GRAB...
 At least she kept it down at the pumpkins!**

KEEP IT DOWN

CHANCELLOR REEVES FREEZES FUEL DUTY



DAILY EXPRESS 10p **WE SHALL REMEMBER THEM**

AS RACHEL REEVES LEAVES BRITAIN WITH BIGGEST EVER TAX GRAB, IT'S A...

HALLOWEEN HORROR SHOW

RACHEL Reeves imposed the highest tax increase in history, with no-one wanting a billion cut in the nation's gas prices in Halloween week of a Budget.



How to beat the Budget
 8-PAGE pullout to protect your family finances

Daily Mail 10p **SCAN TO DISCOVER AND SAVE**

Record hike will take tax burden to highest level EVER

Borrowing will soar under public spending surge

Businesses are hammered... and pensions hit by inheritance raid

Wages hit and growth to stall... while mortgages and inflation rise

25 pages of reports & unrivalled analysis

REEVES' £40bn TAX BOMBHELL FOR BRITAIN'S STRIVERS



THE TIMES 10p **Budget 2024 What it means for you and your family**

A record tax burden

AT A GLANCE

RECORD TAX BURDEN

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THE INDEPENDENT

THE BUDGET

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THE BEST COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

Allister HEATH **Isabel OAKESHOTT** **David FROST** **Madeline GRANT** **Ben WILKINSON**

The Daily Telegraph

Nightmare on Downing Street

£40 billion tax raid by Chancellor set to devastate pay and lower living standards

BUDGET AT A GLANCE

Government spending 1.4%
Public sector borrowing 1.3%
Public sector net borrowing 1.3%
Public sector net debt £1.5tn



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Reeves' £40bn tax gamble



DAILY Mirror 10p **WE WILL REMEMBER THEM** **Ben Stokes' family gang raid terror**

HISTORIC 2024 BUDGET

Record cash to transform NHS & schools

Carer boost... income tax & fuel duty frozen

£40bn tax hike as tough choices made

Reeves sets out her plan to rebuild Britain

SPENDING POWER



On October 30th, 2024, Rachel Reeves, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced the Labour government's Autumn budget

- Video:
<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/video/2024/oct/30/rachel-reeves-autumn-budget>
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- Reeves says this budget will raise taxes by £40bn.
- "Return of tax and spend"

TAX

- Planes and private jets
 - Air passenger duty will increase by up to £2 for each economy short-haul flight. Private jets will attract an extra 50% air passenger duty, up to £450 per passenger for a flight.
- Private school fees
 - VAT will be brought in on private school fees from January 2025.
- Capital gains tax
 - Capital gains tax will be increased. The lower rate will be raised from 10% to 18%, and the higher rate from 20% to 24%.
- National insurance
 - Reeves will raise employers' national insurance contributions by 1.2 percentage points to 15% from April 2025.

SPEND

- Public spending
 - There will be a 1.5% increase in real spending on government departments.
- Schools and education
 - Reeves said the Department for Education would receive £6.7bn of capital investment, a 19% real-terms increase.
- NHS
 - Reeves announced a £22.6bn increase in the day-to-day health budget, and £3.1bn increase in the capital budget.
- Energy
 - Reeves announced £3.4bn for the warm homes plan to upgrade buildings, lowering energy bills.



The Sydney Opera House shells are illuminated with a Royal projection to officially welcome King Charles III and Queen Camilla on Friday in Sydney. The King's visit to Australia will be his first as monarch, and CHOGM in Samoa will be his first as head of the Commonwealth.





📷 King Charles III and Queen Camilla pose for a group photo during their visit to the Sydney Opera House on Tuesday. Photograph: Mark Baker/AFP/Getty Images

People wait to greet Britain's King Charles III and Queen Camilla, where they are attending a morning service at St Thomas' Anglican Church, in Sydney, on Sunday.



King Charles III and Queen Camilla visit the Australian War Memorial in Canberra on Monday.



Queen Camilla at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra on Monday. Their majesties' visit will provide an opportunity to commemorate the service and sacrifice of Australian defence force veterans.



King Charles shakes hands with prime minister Anthony Albanese at Parliament House in Canberra on Monday.





King Charles embraces an Indigenous community member, during a visit to the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence in Sydney to meet Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community representatives.

Demonstrators hold the banner as they wait for the arrival of Britain's King Charles III and Queen Camilla at St Thomas' Anglican Church on Sunday.



Australian Senator Lidia Thorpe stages a protest as King Charles and Queen Camilla attend a parliamentary reception in Canberra.



The 2024 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, in Samoa





COMMONWEALTH SUMMIT 2024: SLAVERY REPARATIONS DEBATE

The "grate cheese robbery"

- 22 metric tons of rare Cheddar worth at least 300,000 pounds disappeared in a con.
- A scammer posed as the agent of a French distributor renowned for organising major artisanal cheese events. After fooling Neal's Yard Dairy, a dairy company, into handing over the cheese, the thief made off with 950 cheddar wheels weighing 24 tonnes.
- Where is the cheese now?



The UK government announced that single-use vapes would be banned in England and Wales beginning on June 1, 2025.



Rough sleeping in London hits record high amid predictions of worse to come

Homelessness charities call for long-term plan and say 18% increase to 4,780 people 'should incense us all'



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Evening Standard

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» 1,700 PRISONERS RELEASED EARLY — AMID WARNINGS SOME ARE 'CERTAIN' TO REOFFEND

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Early prisoner releases

- The government is releasing 1,100 more prisoners early, as part of its emergency plan to ease overcrowding in jails in England and Wales.
- Offenders serving more than five years are being released on licence after spending 40% of their time behind bars.
- The scheme excludes those convicted of serious violence, sex crimes and terrorism.
- Controversial. Starmer said he “shares the public’s anger” at scenes of criminals celebrating their early release outside prisons.