

# Tabloid Front Pages — 20 Sep 2026

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Daily print front pages of the Express, Mirror and Star. Read via DeepSeek vision (deepseek-v4-flash-vision-exp).

⚠ **Edition note:** today is Sunday 20 Sep 2026. Newsworks only publishes national print front pages Monday–Friday, and there is no 19 or 20 Sep cover on the CDN (direct URL checks returned 403 for both dates this run). All three covers below are therefore the **Friday 18 September 2026** editions — the Star image is additionally byte-identical to the 18 Sep file, so the pipeline flagged it STALE. These are Friday's front pages, not today's.

## Daily Express

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**Backing for King after Earl Spencer claims he made 'we'll forget her soon' remark**

# CHARLES WAS 'EMPHATIC WE RESPECT DIANA'S MEMORY'

BY CHRIS RICHES

KING Charles told staff never to criticise Princess Diana, his former aide said as a war of words blew up over Earl Spencer's book about her.

Diana's brother claims the then-Prince of Wales hit out as his ex-wife died, saying: "Rest assured, we'll forget her soon enough."

But last night Julian Payne, Charles's communications chief at the time, said: "He was absolutely emphatic that we were to respect her memory and

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King Charles yesterday and, inset, Earl Spencer

(1) MAIN headline exactly as printed:  
CHARLES WAS  
'EMPHATIC WE

RESPECT  
DIANA'S  
MEMORY'

(2) Sub-headline(s) / other front-page headlines exactly as printed:

- Backing for King after Earl Spencer claims he made 'we'll forget her soon' remark
- REMAINS OF MISSING MUM UNCOVERED BY WILDFIRE
- Joy as breast cancer drug is approved on the NHS

(3) Main story summary:

A former royal aide says King Charles told staff never to criticise Princess Diana and was emphatic that her memory should be respected, amid a row over Earl Spencer's book.

(4) Newspaper name if visible:

DAILY EXPRESS

(5) Every journalist byline visible on the page:

BY CHRIS RICHES

# Daily Mirror

*print cover via Newsworks (2026-09-18) ⚠ STALE (identical to mirror-19-09-2026.jpg)*



## EARL'S ASTONISHING CLAIMS

» Alleges Charles was like a 'lottery winner' in a call after Diana death

» Says his sister had planned to take own life a number of times

» Believes only love for her sons stopped her from 'ending it all'

BY JENNIFER NEWTON  
Deputy Royal Editor

**EARL** Spencer claims the King sounded "like a lottery winner" on the phone hours after Princess Diana died.

Diana's brother, 62, describes the then-Prince of Wales as "giddily elated" following the Paris car crash tragedy in 1997.

In his memoir, the Earl also claims Diana planned to take her own life. He adds: "Her love for her sons stopped her."

Buckingham Palace did not comment yesterday after saying of earlier allegations: "Fraternal grief can cloud reason and colour memory."

**FULL STORY: PAGES 4&5**

Earl Spencer, Diana's brother

WAR OF WORDS

RUSSELL MYERS on pain uncle is causing Wills & Harry

(1) MAIN headline exactly as printed:  
**WAR OF WORDS**

(2) Sub-headlines / other front-page headlines exactly as printed:

**EARL'S ASTONISHING CLAIMS**

**Alleges Charles was like a 'lottery winner' in a call after Diana death**

**Says his sister had planned to take own life a number of times**

**Believes only love for her sons stopped her from 'ending it all'**

**Rooneys chill out**

**SEE PAGES 12&13**

**RUSSELL MYERS on pain uncle is causing Wills & Harry**

(3) Summary of the main story:

Earl Spencer has made astonishing claims about King Charles's reaction after Princess Diana's death and says Diana had planned to take her own life, claiming only love for her sons stopped her. The front page frames the fallout as a war of words causing pain for William and Harry.

(4) Newspaper name if visible:

**Daily Mirror**

(5) Every journalist byline visible on the page:

**BY JENNIFER NEWTON Deputy Royal Editor**

**BY RUSSELL MYERS on pain uncle is causing Wills & Harry**

(The Russell Myers line appears as a bottom-strip columnist/teaser line rather than a standard "By ..." byline.)

# Daily Star

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(1) MAIN headline:  
'GIDDY KING ELATED LIKE LOTTO WINNER' AFTER DI DEATH

(2) Sub-headlines / teaser headlines visible:

ROYAL FEUD LATEST

Jenny from H block

Noah: Dad's tribute

SAFFIE OWN GOAL

(3) Summary:

King Charles was "giddily elated like a lottery winner" when he called about Diana's death, her brother claims. Full story: Page 7.

(4) Newspaper name:

Daily Star

(5) Bylines visible:

BY SIMON HAMALIENKO

# Authors

⚠ **Byline / name-check note (run of 20 Sep 2026, applied to the 18 Sep editions):** the vision pass returned clean bylines this run (BY CHRIS RICHES, BY JENNIFER NEWTON Deputy Royal Editor, BY RUSSELL MYERS, BY SIMON HAMALIENKO) — note **Simon Hamalienko** is correct here, a name the pipeline has mis-read before as "Hamalinen". All four author slugs below returned HTTP 200 when fetched live. Wikipedia REST API: 404 for Chris Riches, Jennifer Newton and Simon Hamalienko; "Russell Myers" resolves to an **American cartoonist (Broom-Hilda)** — the known trap — and is discarded.

## Daily Express

- **Chris Riches** — cover story byline **Bio:** Chris Riches is the Daily Express's double award-winning North-West Correspondent (Correspondent for North-West England and Wales), based in Manchester, covering news and features from the Midlands to Scotland and across Wales. He previously worked at The Sun before joining the Express in 2004, and leads several of the paper's health-justice campaigns, securing NHS access to drugs for cystic fibrosis and phenylketonuria. In 2020 he won both the Press Gazette British Journalism Award for Campaigning Journalist of the Year and the Society of Editors' Hugh Cudlipp Award for Campaigning Journalism. **Controversies:** None found in public-record searches — no IPSO ruling, correction or press row naming him. The IPSO site search for "Chris Riches" returns 16 ruling/statement blocks across 4 result pages (all four pages read this run); every block is a stem-match on *rich/richest* or an unrelated complainant (Williams-Key v express.co.uk, Brown v spectator.co.uk, Shah v thetimes.com, Dey v The Herald, Scott v thescottishsun.co.uk, Iddon v The Sun and others). There is no Wikipedia article for him. The closest item on record is access friction rather than a finding against him: the Express reported being blocked from interviewing Andy Burnham on the by-

election trail, in an article bylined Riches whose own caption shows "reporter Chris Riches" being refused answers at Platt Bridge Community Centre. **Sources:** [Chris Riches — Express journalists page](#), [Andy Burnham dodges tricky questions again — as Express blocked from interviewing him \(by Chris Riches\)](#), [Muck Rack profile](#) (Cloudflare challenge on this run — bio taken from the Express page), [IPSO search](#)

## Daily Mirror

- **Jennifer Newton** (Deputy Royal Editor) — cover story byline **Bio:** Jennifer Newton is the Mirror's Deputy Royal Editor, based in London, specialising in King Charles and Queen Camilla, the Prince and Princess of Wales (Kate and William), Prince Harry and Meghan Markle and the wider Royal Family. She co-hosts the Mirror's *Pod Save the King* royal podcast with Royal Editor Russell Myers, and previously spent nearly four years as a senior reporter at MailOnline. **Controversies:** None found in public-record searches — no IPSO ruling, correction, complaint or press row surfaced. The IPSO site search for "Jennifer Newton" returns 13 blocks across 3 result pages (every page read this run), none naming her: all are partial-name matches to other complainants (Swayne v South Wales Argus, Kennedy v Real People, Calder v Mirror.co.uk, Clark v Whitstable Gazette, Watson v Sunday Mail, Harvey v Mail Online, Johnson v Mid Devon Advertiser, a woman v Barnsley Chronicle). No Wikipedia article — the REST API returns 404, and the non-journalist "Jennifer Newton" matches (an Australian ceramicist) are discarded. **Sources:** [Jennifer Newton — Mirror authors page](#), [IPSO search](#), [Wikipedia lookup — 404, no article](#)
- **Russell Myers** (Royal Editor) — cover story byline ("on pain uncle is causing Wills & Harry") **Bio:** Russell Myers is Associate Editor and Royal Editor at the Daily Mirror, leading its royal coverage. He is an international broadcaster, co-host of the Mirror's *Pod Save the King* podcast (15m+ downloads; the work that won him a British Press Award in 2021), and author of the bestselling *William and Catherine: The Intimate Inside Story*. He was previously the Mirror's Chief Investigative Reporter and was nominated for Scoop of the Year at both the British Press Awards and the British Journalism Awards. **Controversies:** None found in public-record searches — no IPSO ruling, correction or complaint naming him. The IPSO site search for "Russell Myers" returns 5 blocks across 2 pages (both pages read this run); the only surname hit is Myers v express.co.uk, whose complainant is a different person (Phil Myers), the rest being Russell Group / Mail Online noise. Name trap re-confirmed this run: Wikipedia's "Russell Myers" is an American cartoonist known for *Broom-Hilda* (b. 1938) — discarded as a mismatch; there is no Wikipedia article for the Mirror's Royal Editor. **Sources:** [Russell Myers — Mirror authors page](#), [IPSO search](#), [Wikipedia — American cartoonist \(mismatch, discarded\)](#)

## Daily Star

- **Simon Hamalienko** — cover story byline **Bio:** Simon Hamalienko is Publishing Lead for the Daily Star on Reach's Live News Network, based in West Yorkshire. He is a former News Reporter, Assistant News Editor and Senior Content Editor (Live) at the Star, which

he joined in 2021 after more than a decade in the industry — his early career was spent at publications aimed at the Asian community and at Bradford-based press and photography agency Guzelian. He has covered Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the death of Queen Elizabeth II and the Liz Truss premiership, and names breaking news, crime, politics, football and F1 among his interests. **Controversies:** None found in public-record searches — no IPSO ruling, correction or press row naming him. The IPSO site search for "Simon Hamalienko" returns 16 blocks across 4 result pages (all four pages read this run); none names him — the hits are on the first name *Simon* (00575-22 Simon v thesun.co.uk; "Simon Lewis joins Appointment Panel") or on the Dorante-Day v dailystar.co.uk statements, which do not mention him. One outlet-level media-criticism mention only: NewsCord's census of the Jason Arday coverage (Aug 2026) lists his piece "Jason Arday told friend 'he couldn't go on' in voice note hours before death" (Daily Star, 15 Aug, 11:18) among the articles it counts as a pile-on — verified in the census table this run; no complaint or ruling attaches to the reporter. **Sources:** [Simon Hamalienko — Daily Star authors page](#), [Simon Hamalienko — Express journalists page](#), ["229 Articles in 22 Days. Jason Arday Is Dead at 41." — NewsCord](#), [IPSO search](#)

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