



After years of binge drinking, I didn't touch a drop for two years. So what made me reach for a glass again?

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MORTGAGE HOPE AS ECONOMY TURNS A CORNER... AT LAST

■ Inflation falls to a two-year low

■ FIVE rate cuts possible in 2024

■ PM: 'We're in new economic moment'

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RISHI Sunak last night hailed a 'new economic moment' as inflation fell and economists predicted interest rates will start falling within months.

In an upbeat assessment, the Prime Minister said 2024 would 'prove to be the year that the economy bounces back' following a 'tough' period.

A sharper-than-expected fall in inflation has raised hopes that Britain is in the 'last mile' of its battle to end the cost-of-living squeeze. Inflation dropped to 3.4 per cent last month from 4 per cent in January amid predictions that it could hit the Bank of England's 2 per cent target next month.

The Bank is expected to hold interest rates at 5.25 per cent today. But the markets believe the rate will start to fall this summer, with some economists predicting as many as five cuts this year, easing mortgage costs for millions of households.

Kallum Pickering, a senior economist at

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THREE staff at clinic are investigated over access to Kate's records

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