

## Peaceful protest planned against Tiger Woods and Justin Timberlake's St Andrews sports bar plans

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St Andrews University students are planning a peaceful protest against Tiger Woods and Justin Timberlake's plans to open a sports bar in the town. Hundreds of movie lovers hope to sell out every film showing at the New Picture House on Sunday to prove the venue is still viable.

The St Andrews sports bar will include a golf simulator similar to the one at the duo's T-Squared Social in New York City. T-Squared Social

And they have issued a rallying call to St Andrews residents to join their effort to save the town's only cinema. The celebrity duo are forging ahead with their bid to convert the North Street venue into a "premium sports and entertainment gastro pub".

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online petition.

However, NPH managing director David Morris says the cinema "cannot continue" and will close. And a planning application for the new venture is expected later this year.

### Students hope to sell out nine films during St Andrews cinema protest

Sunday's protest is organised by

St Andrews Film Festival

director Boris Bosilkov and Ash Johann Curry-Machado, president of

St Andrews Film Society.

Sairaa Bains, president of the university's school of film studies is also involved.

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The St Andrews students will protest in a bid to save the cinema.

They hope to attract enough people to sell out all nine films showing on the three screens throughout the day.

Advertised movies

include Mean Girls. American Fiction, Anyone But You and The Holdovers. Management student Honey Harrop is among those taking part. And she says the aim is to show councillors on the planning committee there is still demand for a cinema.

### **Sports bar plan 'doesn't make sense'**

"We're getting a lot of support on social media and we're putting up posters in the town," she said. "If the cinema closes we'll lose a lot of history and what we're gaining doesn't equate to what we're losing.

St Andrews student Honey Harrop is involved in the cinema protest on Sunday.

"By doing this, we're hoping to give some sign the New Picture House can be profitable. "We're asking people who haven't been for a while to come on Sunday. "Hopefully they'll remember what a great experience it is and come regularly." The third year student added: "

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is a small town and there aren't a lot of places to go. "For me, it's somewhere I can hang out with friends. Losing it to a sports bar just doesn't make sense."

### **New Picture House is 'no longer viable'**

However, Woods and Timberlake's firm Nexus Luxury Collection, says it intends to continue a cinema as part of its plan. A spokesman said: "

The New Picture House

will be closing its doors as it is running at under 10% occupancy and is no longer viable. "Without a serious and timely intervention, a cinema offering will be lost to the town. "The project team is currently working towards the delivery of a planning application, but in the meantime will be undertaking further activity to provide the community with further details of the proposed offering." Mr Morris, meanwhile, said box office admissions across the UK are down 30% compared to 2019. And he blamed the situation on the cost of living, energy prices and an increase in streaming services.

New Picture House managing director David Morris outside the St Andrews venue. Image: Kris Miller/DC Thomson.

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OLYMPIA SAGA CONTINUES More repairs are needed at Dundee's Olympia swimming pools after a metal rod fell and nearly hit swimmers.

Part of the tower that supports the red flume became "detached" on Saturday.

The metal rod fell and was close to hitting unsuspecting swimmers nearby, according to one witness.

Leisure and Culture Dundee has blamed a "technical issue" for having to shut both the leisure and toddler pools.

The operator also apologised for the inconvenience caused and promised to keep customers updated about [www.reopening](http://www.reopening). No injuries were reported and an investigation is being carried out.

It comes less than two months after the crisis-hit centre reopened following a two-year closure and repairs worth £6 million, which included addressing corrosion on the flumes.

It has also emerged there has also been an issue with the "dosing" of pool chemicals since the Olympia reopened in December.

CONTROVERSIAL PERTH MUSEUM CAFE GETS £230,000 Council bosses are handing over £230,000 to prop up the cafe in the new Perth Museum.

The funding will pay for fixtures and fittings and will also help to meet the venue's running costs for the first six months.

The £27 million museum will open in the refurbished Perth City Hall on March 30.

It follows two failed bids to find an external operator to run the attraction's cafe on behalf of Culture Perth and Kinross.

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The move is likely to further fuel anger among critics who say it will be unfair competition for existing businesses in Perth's Cafe Quarter.

### PROTEST PLANNED AGAINST ST ANDREWS BAR

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They have issued a rallying call to residents to join their effort to save its only cinema.

But the celebrity duo are forging ahead with their bid to convert the North Street venue into a "premium sports and entertainment gastro pub".

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A spokesperson for Woods and Timberlake's firm Nexus Luxury Collection said: "The New Picture House will be closing its doors as it is running at under 10% occupancy and is no longer viable."

### NEW DINOSAUR

**SKELETON FOUND IN SCOTLAND** Scientists have discovered a new species of pterosaur on the Isle of Skye.

Winged reptile *Ceoptera evansae* lived between 168 to 166 million years ago in the Middle Jurassic period.

Palaeontologists spotted the fossil remains in 2006 during a field trip to Elgol, on the southwest coast of the island.

Since then, the team have spent years physically preparing the specimen and taking scans of the fossilised bones, some of which remain completely embedded in rock.

Despite the skeleton being incomplete - with only parts of the shoulders, wings, legs and backbone remaining - the researchers said it provides key insights into pterosaurs.

**KING BEGINNING TREATMENT AFTER CANCER DIAGNOSIS** The King has been diagnosed with a form of cancer, Buckingham Palace has announced.

The Palace confirmed the disease, which is not prostate cancer, was discovered while the King was being treated in hospital for an enlarged prostate.

He has already started a schedule of regular treatments and is said to be receiving expert medical care from a specialist team, but has been advised to postpone his public-facing duties.

Charles, 75, has postponed all public duties, but is continuing with behind-the-scenes work on his red boxes of state papers.

The Duke of Sussex is said to have met the King after making a transatlantic dash to be with his father following the shock news.

Harry arrived in London from California, without the Duchess of Sussex and their children, less than 24 hours after the announcement about the King's health was made to the nation.

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