



MENACE: Potholes

Pothole hell for drivers

POTHOLES frustrate motorists more than anything else on the roads.

Glasgow is the worst city in the UK for the craters, according to research, with Manchester second, followed by Plymouth.

Paul Fleetham, managing director at Tarmac, who carried out the poll, said: "Potholes cause millions of people financial and physical damage each year."

"Our research shows the vast majority of city-dwellers are fed up with the inconvenience they cause."

According to the survey, 43% of drivers have had their car damaged by a pothole, with a burst tyre the most common issue (44%), followed by damaged wheels (36%).

A fifth of pothole-related incidents resulted in a collision. And almost three in 10 had to take time off work, either to get their vehicle repaired or because of an injury.

Nan hits full house

BINGO staff laid on a limo and rolled out the red carpet for a 100th birthday.

Great, great gran Eunice Greenwood has visited Buzz Bingo in Keighley, West Yorks, every week since it opened in 1974.

THE HEAT IS ON



Tennis choker

TENNIS stars struggle to breathe as smoke from wildfires hits the Australian Open qualifying event.

Bernard Tomic needed medical help during his game in Melbourne. And **Dalila Jakupovic**, inset, quit her match, saying: "I was scared I would collapse."

'Rise in violence' as planet warms

GLOBAL warming could cause a surge in road crashes and violent deaths.

And young people will be most affected as temperatures rise, say experts.

The increase in "deaths from injuries" will include suicides, drownings, assaults and accidents.

People drinking more, getting angrier in the heat and swimming outdoors will be factors behind the rise.

Driving ability can also deteriorate in warmer weather, with motorists struggling to distinguish objects. Men aged 15 to 34 are most likely to be affected, as 84% of the extra deaths will be males.

■ by JAMES CAVEN

However researchers predict a small decrease in the number of older people dying from falls as winters will have less ice.

Tragedy

Dr Robbie Parks of Imperial College London, who led the study, said: "We found the majority (of extra victims) would be younger, mostly young men. The increase in deaths are shown by a robust association with rising temperatures."

"The people who are dying from these injuries are otherwise healthy younger people."

He added: "Every life lost is a tragedy, but it casts a new horizon on to who is dying. Males are dying

more from injuries because they are, on the whole, more risk-taking in certain situations."

He said there is a link with "rising alcohol consumption" by younger people in warmer weather.

Road crashes are predicted to make up 42% of the extra deaths, suicide about 30%, and violence and drowning both 14%.

Dr Parks said: "People are quicker to anger under rising temperatures."

"Everyone is outdoors. Interactions alone, as well as having warmer temperatures, can increase the chances of conflicts."

Global temperatures are set to rise 3-4C by 2100.

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EU ECO CASH

THE European Union will spend £856billion tackling climate change over the next 10 years.

It will dedicate a quarter of its budget to making the economy more environmentally friendly under the Europe Investment Plan.

European Commission president Ursula von der Leyen has vowed to make the bloc carbon-neutral by 2050. She said: "The plan will unleash a green investment wave."



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