

# Stamps of gratitude for the heroes of Dunkirk



Part of the range of stamps commemorating Operation Dynamo 70 years ago when Allied troops were evacuated from the beaches of northern France and rescued from the German advance

THE 70th anniversary of Operation Dynamo is celebrated today with a series of postage stamps. They show some of the "Little Ships" and Royal Navy warships rescuing 330,000 troops from Hitler's forces in northern France.

The first-class stamp has lines of soldiers walking in water chest-deep to a warship and the 88p (for European airmail up to 40 grams) shows the relieved smiles of soldiers brought safely back to Dover. Ken Bromley, 91, from Purley, Surrey, who, as a sergeant with The

By **John Ingham** Defence Editor

Queen's Own Royal West Kent regiment was wounded at Dunkirk, said: "Dunkirk was a landmark in British history which we should remember. The stamps will also help tell the story to younger generations who may not know."

Part of the Britain Alone series to mark the efforts of ordinary Britons, Royal Mail spokesman Philip Parker said: "This set will remind millions of the incredible work of the Royal Navy and bravery of the civilian armada."



Yellow-eared parrots in Colombia

# 'Extinct' parrot comes flying back

A RARE parrot species has staged a remarkable comeback. Just 12 years ago the yellow-eared parrot was thought to be extinct – only for a colony of 81 to be found in the Andes of Colombia. But yesterday, in a rare move, the species was given a more positive rating – going from "critically endangered" to "endangered" – by the International Union for Conservation of Nature. More than 1,000 of the parrots are

By **John Ingham** now living in Colombia thanks to intensive conservation work. The return was also partly thanks to the Catholic Church. The parrots rely heavily on Colombia's national tree – the wax palm – and the church reduced the use of wax palm for Palm Sunday celebrations. Meanwhile, half a world away, British conservationists were celebrating after "the rarest parrot

in the world" also made a comeback. Just 20 years ago there were only 10 Echo parakeets left on the Indian Ocean island of Mauritius. Now there are 500 thriving in its forests, with another 70 chicks being fledged in the wild each year. Groups including Jersey's Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust, Chester Zoo and the Mauritian Wildlife Foundation have provided artificial nest boxes, harvested eggs and hand-reared chicks. Several Chester

Zoo keepers have visited Mauritius to educate field staff on skills such as hand rearing. The Echo is a relative of ring-necked parakeets found in growing numbers across southern England. Prof Carl Jones of Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust and the Mauritian Wildlife Foundation said: "A third of all parrot species in the world are in danger and if we can save the rarest, there is certainly some hope for them all."

# Mystery disease kills thousands of antelope

THOUSANDS of dead antelope have been found scattered across Kazakhstan, triggering an urgent inquiry. About 12,000 rare saiga antelope were found over 17 square miles of grassland, accounting for two-fifths of the affected population and a tenth of the global total. Most of the dead were females with calves. Experts said a lung infection could be responsible. Professor Eleanor Milner-Gulland, the chairwoman of the Saiga Conservation Alliance, said: "This is a tragic and shocking event. It's particularly unfortunate that the population was just

By **John Ingham** Environment Editor emerging from an unusually harsh winter. We had expected some losses, but to have this happen when the mothers are giving birth to the new generation is terrible. "It looks as if we might lose about 40 per cent of this population." About 100,000 saiga are scattered in five groups across the steppes between Mongolia and Russia. Ruthless poaching after the collapse of the Soviet Union has led to a 95 per cent drop in saiga numbers over the past 15 years. As a result, the International

Union for the Conservation of Nature has put the animal on its Red List of critically endangered species. The population in the Urals numbered about 26,000 before the winter. Professor Milner-Gulland, of Imperial College London, said: "The Ural population has been relatively neglected by international conservation until now. "But hopefully this event will bring governments and conservationists together to mount a co-ordinated response to save this remote population." Investigators are examining the possibility that a bacteria called Pasteurella may have

been to blame. It occurs naturally in healthy animals but can kill rapidly through illnesses such as pneumonia if immune systems are compromised. Even if the infection Pasteurella did kill the antelope, scientists will have to work out what triggered it. Options include infection, poisoning, stress or malnutrition. The dead animals were found in an area where thousands of females gather to give birth during their spring migration from the southern deserts to more northerly grasslands. The males leave separately on the 600-mile trip and are thought to be further north.



Male saiga migrated separately, avoiding the disease

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## 'Healthy' chocolate sales up to £100m

By **Tom Morgan**

SALES of dark chocolate have soared to almost £100million a year in Britain following research showing it can benefit health. Despite being more expensive, sales have risen 22 per cent since 2005 compared to just under 12 per cent for the whole chocolate market, new industry figures reveal. Medical studies have shown that chocolate with a high cocoa content can reduce the risk of heart problems if eaten in moderation.

### Positive

According to a report from market analysts Mintel, 27 per cent of Britons believe dark chocolate is healthy. Mintel's senior consumer analyst Vivianne Ihekweazu said: "Dark chocolate has been promoted on the basis of the positive benefits of the antioxidants it contains." But she added that consumption should be in moderation and part of a healthy diet. Mintel's figures show total sales for the whole market rose 11.7 per cent from £1.95 billion in 2005 to £2.3 billion last year.

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