



Safe delivery after 143 years, the Mona Lisa of stamp world

THE world's rarest stamp has returned to Britain for the first time in 143 years.

The 1856 British Guiana 1c Magenta was bought for £6.2million by Stanley Gibbons at auction last month.

The dealer said in terms of weight the "Mona Lisa of the stamp world" is the most valuable man-made item – 2.5 million times pricier than gold.

It was driven from Heathrow by armoured truck and will go on display in Stanley Gibbons' London store in a special zero-oxygen frame. The octagonal stamp is 1.14 inches

By Danielle Desouza

by one inch and features a three-masted sailing ship.

The firm's Graham Shircore, said it wants to let everyone "own their own piece of its marvellous history".

It is the survivor of 5,000 sent to what is Guyana. Each was signed to stop forgery.

In 1873 it was found by a 12-year-old Scot in his uncle's papers. He sold it for six shillings to a collector.

France is among 12 former owners. It has been on display at the Smithsonian in the US.



Most valuable...left, the stamp and, above, with Graham

By Sam Lister
Deputy Political Editor

BORIS Johnson yesterday rejected calls for a snack tax that would add hundreds of pounds to a family's annual food bill.

The Prime Minister said he was "not attracted" to reforms that would hit "hardworking people".

Mr Johnson dismissed the call for a levy on sugar and salt within hours of it being set out in an independent review to the Government.

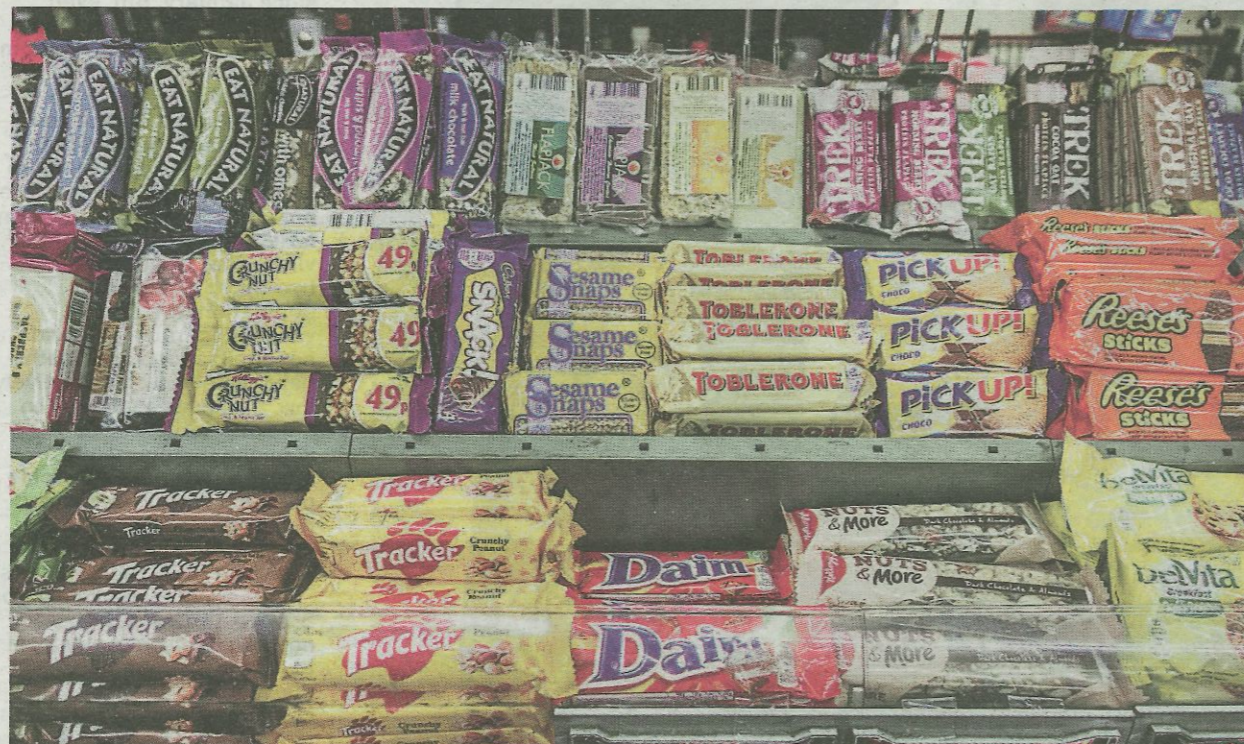
He said: "I will study the report. I think it is an independent report."

"There are doubtless some good ideas in it."

"We believe in tackling obesity, trying to help people lose weight, promoting exercise and tackling junk food advertising and so on."

"I am not, I must say, attracted to the idea of extra taxes on hard-working people."

Leon restaurants co-founder Henry



Snack tax would hit hardworking people warns PM



Report...Henry Dimbleby yesterday

Dimbleby, who led the National Food Strategy, wants a sugar and salt reformulation tax.

He insisted the measure would force companies to drive down the amount of sugar in food rather than increasing bills.

The review called for the tax to be set at £3 per kilogram for sugar and £6 per kilogram for salt sold wholesale for use in processed foods or

cut by 30 per cent in a decade to cut emissions, it adds.

Mr Dimbleby said action is needed to break "the junk food cycle" between consumers and food compa-

well then it's your own fault. Simply none of that is true.

"What is happening is there is an interaction between the commercial incentives of companies and our

being produced is doing "terrible damage".

It said diet contributes to 64,000 deaths a year in England and costs the economy £74billion.

Levies key to Shapps' greenprint for travel

By Mark Reynolds

TAXES are likely to be imposed on cars and planes as part of a "greenprint" aimed at cutting carbon in transport by 2050.

In a raft of proposals to reduce emissions, a ban on selling HGVs by 2040, cheaper public transport and more electric vehicle charging points are also under consideration.

Transport Secretary Grant Shapps told MPs yesterday it was a "comprehensive yet urgent strategy to end transport's contribution to climate change within the next three decades".



'Urgent'...Grant Shapps

Documents published by ministers show plans to shift the country from petrol and diesel cars to electric vehicles.

Further "carbon pricing" for flights could be introduced, while road

MORGAN ON TEST DUTY

Eoin will stress T20 hopefuls

EINO MORGAN will use the three-match T20 series against Pakistan to stress test the character of some World Cup hopefuls.

With limited opportunities to find out about England's squad before this year's World T20, the three matches, starting at Trent Bridge tonight, carry significant value.

And Morgan intends to load the pressure on his fringe players and see if they can make a late dart for the World Cup squad.

The England white-ball captain said: "We need to look a bit more into strength in depth, so you'll see us giving opportunities and going through various options in the next three games for possible injury replacements for certain players."

"There will be more rotation, and the priority throughout the series will be to give opportunities."

"We are treating it as though it is our last chance to look at guys."

"Everybody will have a chance and it's an opportunity to look at them under pressure."

England have five competitive T20s before the World Cup – with two more against the same opposition in Karachi in October – so the time to shine is now.

Saqib Mahmood, Lewis Gregory and

By Gideon Brooks

Matt Parkinson have been given their chance following their ODI success in the B-squad under Ben Stokes.

Liam Livingstone, Tom Banton, Jake Ball and Dawid Malan will have an opportunity to remind Morgan of their worth.

The skipper was impressed with Mahmood and Gregory in the hastily-arranged ODI squad which beat Pakistan 3-0.

He said: "They've done themselves the world of good. The one thing you look at when guys come in a side is an improvement from the last time."

"The two guys mentioned and James Vince were outstanding."

Morgan said Stokes was always going to miss the T20s and insisted his absence was precautionary rather than an indication the finger he fractured in the Indian Premier League was a problem.

Morgan said: "He hasn't played a lot of cricket and he's had some R&R at home and feels fresh."

"The finger hasn't come along as he and the medical team would have liked. So it is important it is as good as it can be for the Tests against India."

ENGLAND (probable): Roy, Bairstow, Banton, Morgan (capt), Buttler (wkt), Livingstone, Gregory, Jordan, Willey, Rashid, Mahmood.

PAKISTAN (probable): Rizwan (wkt), Shaheen, Qadir, Rauf, Zaman.



DRIVING FORCE: Eoin Morgan wants to see if his fringe players can step up to the plate

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