



# The unstoppable rise of Carey Mulligan *Times2*



**Exclusive**  
Paul Scholes talks to Matthew Syed  
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**Pocket man** Gnomes decorated by celebrities including Elton John (second left), Alan Titchmarsh, Julian Fellowes and Lily Allen went on display at the Chelsea Flower Show yesterday after a ban on the garden ornaments was lifted by the Royal Horticultural Society. The gnomes will be auctioned for charity. *News*, page 11

## Stock market climbs to its highest since 2000 bubble

Gary Parkinson

The stock market rose to its highest level in nearly 13 years yesterday as investors continued to ignore an uncertain global economy.

The FTSE 100 — which closed another 32.5 points higher at 6,755 — broke through its 2007 peak, when Northern Rock had collapsed but the global financial crisis had yet to begin in earnest.

London's leading index now commands heights not seen since September 2000, when the dotcom bubble was bursting. The German stock market also stands higher than ever. So, too, does Wall Street as measured by the S&P 500 index.

Investors are taking heart from the trillions that central banks have pumped into the financial system to mitigate first a banking crisis, then a

## Apple 'pursuing holy grail of tax avoidance'

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# Gay marriage revolt drives Cameron into Labour arms

## PM pleads with Miliband to rescue Bill from wreckers

Laura Pitel, Roland Watson

David Cameron stoked Tory anger last night after he struck an eleventh-hour deal with Labour to save his divisive gay marriage plans.

Even with Labour support the Government suffered a bruising evening as two Cabinet members and nine junior ministers led dozens of Tories to vote against the leadership.

Rebel efforts to secure opt-outs for registrars opposed to gay marriage and extra protection for churches were defeated with the aid of Labour and Lib

Dem MPs. But the sheer scale of Tory opposition to the Prime Minister, on a free vote, was a sign of how mutinous the party has become.

More than 100 Conservative MPs, led by Iain Duncan Smith, the Work and Pensions Secretary, and Owen Paterson, the Environment Secretary, lined up against Mr Cameron on the first amendment of the evening.

But on the night's key vote, a "wrecking amendment" that would extend civil partnerships to heterosexual couples, the Prime Minister was forced to accept Labour demands for a

swift review in order to see off the threat. Senior Conservatives were infuriated by what they branded "yet another instance of utter incompetence" by the party leadership.

Tim Loughton, the former Tory education minister who tabled the civil partnerships amendment, accused Mr Cameron of orchestrating a "stitch-up" between the two rival front benches.

Last night's vote continued a rocky period for the Prime Minister and his party after the record Commons split over an in-out EU referendum last week and the dismissal of Conservative

Party activists as "swivel-eyed loons" by a member of his inner circle.

Lord Feldman, the Conservative co-chairman, won a vote of confidence yesterday from the party's board after he insisted that he had not used the term to describe local Tory associations. Grassroots Conservatives dismissed the decision as a whitewash.

The board said that Mr Cameron's "chumocratic" style of leadership was too remote from the party's activist base. The Prime Minister sought to appease activists last night by saying in **Continued on page 9, col 1**

great recession, followed by a European debt crisis that threatened to break up the eurozone.

When Australia and Poland recently lowered their interest rates, they were the 509th and 510th central bank cuts since June 2007. The low interest rate environment is making bonds less attractive and driving pension fund managers towards shares.

Robert Parkes, an equity strategist at HSBC, said: "The key point is not how far we've travelled or how fast but where we've come from. Last year, markets were gripped by fear of a break-up of the eurozone. Now, the ECB and other central banks have laid those fears to rest, and that goes a long way to explaining market strength."

Just as markets are turning a blind eye, for now, to what happens when the central banks turn off the taps, they are also looking past faltering performances by some of the biggest economies.

America may look better, but China is a worry. France re-entered recession last week, while Germany's economy made a dismal show. Unemployment is on the rise in the UK and real wages continue to ebb.

### IN THE NEWS

#### Everest hat-trick

The mountaineer Kenton Cool has become the first Briton to scale the three major peaks of the Everest massif in one season, completing the ascents in only three days. *News*, page 3

#### Bondi 'sex taunt'

A British millionaire sexually assaulted a woman on Bondi beach in Sydney before telling her that his wealth would hide what he had done, a court was told. *News*, page 5

#### Eating disorders rise

Cases of eating disorders among men and boys are up by 27 per cent since 2000, with experts saying that pressure to look perfect at a younger age is partly to blame. *News*, page 4

#### Hezbollah in the fight

Syrian troops and Hezbollah militants continued a gruelling offensive to recapture the strategic rebel-held town of Qusayr, five miles from the Lebanese border. *World*, page 26

#### Mourinho to quit Real

Real Madrid has announced that its head coach José Mourinho, who has been linked with a return to Chelsea, will leave the club at the end of a disastrous season. *Sport*, page 64

MARRIAGE CANNOT BE REDEFINED FROM MISERABLE TO GAY



## Harry gets the family round to look at his new garden

It is probable that Prince Harry would struggle to name even a fraction of the plants in his Sentebale garden at the Chelsea Flower Show (Valentine Low writes). But last night, as he showed the garden to just about every member of the Royal Family capable of making it to SW3 — from the Queen to Princess Beatrice — no one cared. Instead there was a touching family scene as they trooped along the B&Q Sentebale Forget-me-not Garden, created in the name of the Prince's African charity by the designer Jenny Blom.

There were family jokes, kisses, some gentle joshing of Harry — who, it can be safely assumed, was more of a sleeping partner when it came to the design — and the odd slightly tart remark by the Queen about the garden at Highgrove.

But they were, above all, delighted to see each other. The Prince of Wales greeted his son with a cheery: "So this is the great garden designer!" He added: "After all this effort, I wondered if it didn't exist."

One of the centrepieces is a large stone circle decorated with hearts and crowns and based on a design



by the late mother of Prince Seeiso of Lesotho, Sentebale's co-founder. This prompted more humour from Prince Charles. Ms Blom said: "The Prince of Wales said, 'Shall we dance? Does it spin round?'" The gathering was

an opportunity for the royals, who often see less of each other than might be assumed, to swap family news, with Harry telling the Duchess of Cornwall about his tour of the US last week, during which he played in a charity polo match for



Sentebale. "It was one of those things," he said. "I just turned up for lunch, gave a speech, jumped on a horse and then jumped on a plane."

So many royals turned up that they were almost lining up to see the garden.

"They're queueing!" Prince Harry said.

The Duchess, spotting the Duke of Edinburgh, gave him a friendly little wave. Prince Philip waved back. Indeed, his grandfather's arrival seemed to come as a surprise to Prince

Harry. "You're supposed to be looking at strimmers and tractors, Grandpa," he told him. "I didn't know you were coming. Fantastic! Hopefully you like it. You've been coming here for so many years, your opinion is highly regarded."

Talk turned to what was going to happen to the plants. Prince Harry said perhaps his father might like to take some home — at a price. "We can probably come to a deal," he joked.

Ms Blom said: "The Prince of Wales would like the plants in the middle to go to the stumpery at Highgrove. The Queen thinks it needs it — it needs some greenery."