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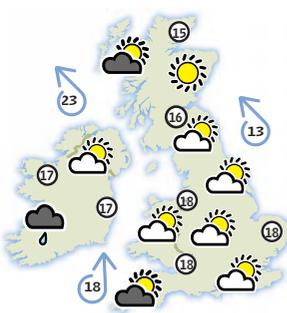
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## Dinner tonight

## Hake in coconut milk with rice noodles

Coconut milk has a gentle effect on fish, rendering it creamy and luscious. In this dish, when the coconut milk is flavoured with ginger, lemongrass, chilli and Thai fish sauce, there is plenty of excitement too. The brew could be made in advance and the noodles soaked, both ready on standby for a quickly finished dish. The sauce is salty, sour, creamy and with snaps of chilli heat, rounded off by coriander. So good and so easy. Serves 2 Prep: 15 min Cook: 35 min

Ingredients: 100g onion; 1 tsp flavourless oil; ½ big red chilli, 5g; 1

plump lemongrass stalk; 15g ginger;

200ml can coconut milk; 1 lime; 2 tsp nam pla Thai fish sauce; 100g rice stick/rice noodles; 2 hake or similar firm white fish fillets; few sprigs coriander

Finely chop the onion. Soften gently in a medium pan in the oil while you deseed and slice the chilli in thin rounds. Unfurl the outer layers of the lemongrass and slice the tender inner stem finely. Peel the ginger and slice in small slivers. Stir chilli, lemongrass and ginger into the softening onion, cooking gently,



stirring often. Add the coconut milk, stirring to mix, then add juice of ½ lime and nam pla. Simmer gently.

Meanwhile, pour boiling water over the noodles and leave to soften. Drain and reheat with fresh boiling water just before serving. Slip the fish into the gently simmering coconut milk and cook for 8-12 minutes, depending on thickness, until just cooked through. Drain noodles and place in bowls. Top with fish and spoon over the broth with a flourish of torn coriander.

Lindsey Bareham

## Divine inspiration

Even in a secular era, architects are moved by places of worship

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The Nazis forced Athens to lend them massive sums which must now be paid back

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## Keep Trident out of election, military top brass warn Tories

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Senior military figures last night turned their fire on the Conservatives for dragging the Trident nuclear weapons system into the election debate amid a growing row over the defence secretary's attack on Ed Miliband.

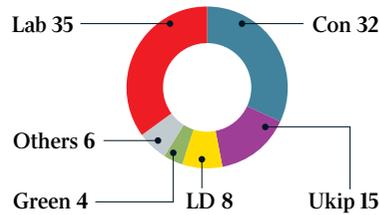
Michael Fallon claimed that the Labour leader was willing to trade Britain's nuclear deterrent for SNP help to get into No 10, and was prepared to "stab the UK in the back".

Lord Dannatt, a former head of the army who also acted as a Tory adviser, said: "It is sad and cheap that something as fundamentally important as whether we are or are not a nuclear deterrent holding nation . . . descends into the tactical battle of a general election campaign."

Rear Admiral Chris Parry, a former-senior navy officer, said: "It is far too important a subject to be dragged into the arena of petty electoral politics. We are talking about the one national asset that stands between us and strategic coercion by the likes of Russia."

Admiral Lord West of Spithead, a Labour peer, added: "I thought he [Mr

## Poll of polls



A 5-day rolling average from may2015.com

Fallon] was a very sensible, thoughtful fellow and I think he has rather let himself down. I think it has been an ill-judged statement."

Tony Blair also joined the attack, saying the remarks were evidence of Conservative "desperation". Mr Miliband said Mr Fallon had "demeaned himself and his office" and insisted that Labour's commitment to Trident was non-negotiable.

David Cameron defended the criticism, however, echoing Mr Fallon's language by accusing Labour of "playing fast and loose" with security.

Conservatives said the incendiary article had forced Mr Miliband to hard-

en his position on Trident's replacement, committing any future Labour government to four nuclear-armed submarines. Previously Mr Miliband had only said he was committed to a "least-cost" deterrent while Ed Balls, the shadow chancellor, said that it could cut the replacement fleet to three.

Incensed Labour figures described the claims that their leader would "barter" Trident for SNP as "smears and lies". In an address to activists at party headquarters, Mr Blair compared the personal attack to the notorious Tory "demon eyes" poster in the 1997 election campaign. "It is always a sign of desperation and it will backfire," he said. "The more they indulge in these tactics the better we should feel."

However, Mr Fallon's claim that a minority Labour government would be forced to rely on SNP backing was echoed by Alex Salmond, the former leader of the SNP. "Once there is a government in situ the whole parameters change and certainly there would be a group — as there would be on Trident incidentally — of people within the ranks of the Labour party who think that the position being spouted by the Labour leadership . . . would not hold in that post-election atmosphere."

## Labour plans raid on university fund

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Education Correspondent

Labour will raid a fund that helps universities to recruit children from poor families so it can spend £50 million on face-to-face careers advice in school.

Vice-chancellors reacted with dismay at the announcement yesterday as Ed Miliband, Tristram Hunt, the shadow education secretary, and Chuka Umunna, the shadow business secretary, set out their manifesto for education.

Labour wants to create more apprenticeships and improve work experience. The three members of the shadow cabinet said they were determined to tackle the "snobbery" towards vocational

education and the perceived divide between academic routes and apprenticeships. Under a Labour government, schools would be told to form small clusters and appoint independent careers advisers, using money from the £50 million fund. This would equate to just over £15,000 per school, if divided equally between all secondary schools, which would be used to pay for personalised careers advice for every child.

Mr Hunt said: "What we're essentially doing is putting those funds upstream so young people get the advice earlier, at secondary schools, about their options."

Professor Sir Steve Smith, vice-chancellor of the University of Exeter, said: "This is beginning to look like the thin

end of the wedge. First the announcement that fees would be cut from £9,000 to £6,000, now this separate call on the money. We use the money for bursaries. You can't have it both ways."

Sir David Bell, vice-chancellor of the University of Reading, said: "The coalition government made a serious mistake in abolishing independent careers advice in schools. However, it is not sensible to pay for its reintroduction by raiding university budgets."

A spokesman for Universities UK, which represents vice-chancellors, said: "We will need more information on how these new proposals would fit with universities' existing obligations in terms of outreach work and undergraduate careers advice."

## Cameron promises to ease fare misery for commuters

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head of the army who served as a Tory adviser, and Tony Blair were among figures who censured such personal vitriol yesterday.

The plan to freeze rail fares until 2020 follows similar reforms introduced for the first time this year, amid concerns that commuters are being forced to spend a huge chunk of their annual wage travelling by train — often on overcrowded and late services.

England has the most expensive rail fares in Europe and recent figures showed that as many as half of trains on some routes arrived late. The prime minister will say today that it should no longer be "taken for granted that people across the country who get up early and come home late, spend a large amount of the money they earn travelling to and from work". He will seek to draw a dividing line between the Tories and Labour, saying that the previous administration levied above-inflation fare rises "year after year".

The announcement is still likely to draw criticism, with the possibility that

## Rising cost of train travel

## Season ticket prices in 2010 and 2015

Brighton to London	£3,663 – £4,408 (20.3% rise)
Cambridge to London	£3,824 – £4,648 (21.5%)
Milton Keynes to London	£3,958 – £4,888 (23.5%)
Newcastle to Middlesbrough	£1,841 – £2,324 (26.3%)
Manchester to Liverpool	£2,424 – £2,960 (22.1%)
Leeds to Sheffield	£1,934 – £2,388 (23.5%)

fares will rise by up to 3 per cent each year. "We would prefer to see fare rises that don't outstrip wages," Stephen Joseph, executive director of Campaign for Better Transport, said.

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## Male bosses urged to close equality gap

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male managers that hiring a second senior woman might be more difficult than hiring the first, but said that once there were several women in senior roles there was more impetus for further women to be promoted. "Once women stop being a clear minority, it's a different story," he said.

Asked what happens when a company achieves a level where women outnumber men at a senior level, Professor Ross said: "There are so few companies with a majority of women in their top team, that we just don't know."

Companies with a female chief executive performed slightly better in hiring more women to top roles, according to the research, which was drawn from a database of the biggest companies in the United States held by Standard and Poor's, the financial services company.

While women make up around half of the workforce, only 8.7 per cent of senior management positions analysed were held by women in 2011.