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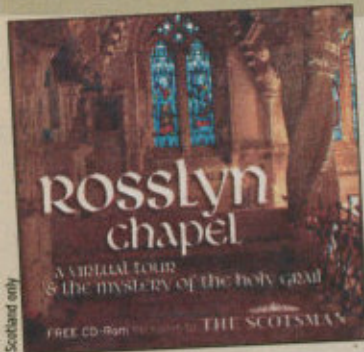
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Ursula's Scottish birthday

■ Former Bond girl Ursula Andress, who turned 70 in March, arrives for a belated celebration on the Royal Yacht Britannia at Leith last night. More than 100 guests attended the party. *Page 9*

Grandfather angry at E coli delay

■ The grandfather of a girl hit by the E coli outbreak at a Fife nursery claimed health officials' negligence delayed her treatment by 48 hours. *Page 5*



Fury over £1.75bn for Royal Mail

■ The government may face legal action after giving £1.75bn to profitable Royal Mail, headed by Adam Crozier, above, and its pension fund. *Page 6*



Union hits out at sports agency move

■ Sports minister Patricia Ferguson faced anger from staff after confirming the SportScotland agency is to move. *Page 10*

From Switzerland with love, Bond girl's city birthday bash

Glittering celebration for Ursula Andress' 70th aboard Britannia

■ MICHAEL BLACKLEY

ORIGINAL Bond girl Ursula Andress decided to celebrate her 70th birthday in Scotland on the recommendation of her former co-star Sir Sean Connery.

Speaking at the glamorous bash on board the Royal Yacht Britannia she said she would love to return to the Capital in the future.

Ms Andress starred alongside Sir Sean in the first Bond film *Dr No*, in which she appeared in an iconic scene emerging from the waves wearing a white bikini.

She showed she had lost none of her ability to make an entrance when she pulled up for the party in the Aston Martin DB5 driven by Sir Sean in *Goldfinger* and *Thunderball*.

Speaking at last night's event she said: "The Swiss Embassy asked me to come and I'm delighted to have done so."

"Having worked with Sean Connery, I know all about the country."

He always talks about how beautiful his home country is and how he loves playing golf at Gleanagles whenever he can.

"He is very Scottish. It is lovely being here and hopefully I might be able to come back to Edinburgh one day."

Among the stars who appeared at the event were Miss Switzerland Loraiane Gillieron, River City star Libby McArthur, and former Tottenham footballer Ramon Vega.

Scottish Parliament Presiding Officer George Reid was also there along with Edinburgh's Lord Provost Lesley Hinds.

Ms Andress' family and ex-husband Harry Hamlin, a former star of *LA Law*, were also there.

The guests were welcomed onto the ship by the Swiss Ambassador in the UK, Alexis Lautenberg, and treated to champagne and canapés to the sound of the Grand Piano in the State Drawing Room, which is decorated to the personal tastes of Queen Elizabeth II.

The 80 guests were led through to the State Dining Room for dinner 8.30pm.

They were treated to a cream bisque of Scottish lobster and langoustine as starter, a seared fillet of Scottish salmon with anise-scented braised fennel and tar-



THE GUY WHO LOVED ME: Andress was at the party with her former partner Harry Hamlin, right, and their son Dimitri Hamlin

ragon sauce for main course and a vanilla crème brulee dessert.

Miss Switzerland, who was dressed as an angel, presented Ms Andress with a birthday cake created by London-based Swiss chef Anton Mosimann.

A birthday toast was held, using pure Swiss vodka instead of champagne, and Swiss rock star Nat-acha performed an interpretation

of 'Underneath The Mango Tree', which was sung by Ms Andress in *Dr No*.

The event also marked the opening of the Swiss Consulate in Edinburgh.

Mr Reid welcomed the collaboration of Scotland and Switzerland. He said: "It is very important that the Swiss now have a consulate general in Edinburgh because it takes our diplomatic representation in the city up to 41."

"That is the highest of any city in the world per capita. That is good news for education, culture and the arts. It is good to be here personally because I made many good friends during my 15 years in Switzerland and I have met some of them tonight."

"In terms of Scottish-Swiss solidarity, what better moment than Ursula emerging from the water to be greeted by Sean Connery as James Bond."

Mr Lautenberg added: "In Switzerland we have been following the development of the parliament in Scotland and have been very impressed."

"Both countries can learn from each other in co-operating and working together."

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ICONIC: Andress in *Dr No*

'Buddhist monk' knife raider sent to prison

A MASKED raider who tried to avoid police questions by pretending he was a Buddhist monk and had taken a vow of silence has been sent to prison.

Shaven-headed Callum Neil was yesterday jailed for three years and nine months for holding a knife to the neck of Causewayside newsagent Mohammed Sharif.

But his lawyer told the High

Court in Edinburgh that the clumsy raid was "a cry for help".

Neil, 29, had drunk a litre of vodka, two bottles of Buckfast and cans of beer and was desperate to be arrested to keep him of the booze, said solicitor advocate Robbie Burnett, defending.

But, jailing Neil, judge Lord Glennie said: "There are other ways of crying for help than

threatening, with a knife, an innocent shop keeper."

At an earlier hearing, Neil of West Preston Street, pleaded guilty to assaulting Mr Sharif with intent to rob him on December 23.

The court heard then that when confronted by police, Neil scrawled on a piece of paper: "I am a Buddhist monk and I have taken a vow of silence".

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