



Mystery...chef Claudia

## Claudia's murderer 'a danger'

By Paul Jeeves

THE public remain at risk from the killer of Claudia Lawrence, who is still at large on the 12th anniversary of her disappearance, a friend said yesterday.

The chef, who is presumed murdered, vanished on March 12, 2009, and detectives fear her body may never be found.

Claudia's heartbroken father Peter, 73, died recently, and his funeral was held last Thursday.

His close friend Martin Dales has vowed to keep Claudia's case in the public spotlight.

He said: "There are still one or more people at large in York or maybe somewhere else now who do know what happened to Claudia and where she is, and potentially remain a threat to the communities in which they and we live."

### Secret

A £1million review of the original police probe saw four men arrested but no charges brought. Detectives think a secret sex life is at the heart of the mystery and that her killer or killers were married lovers.

Claudia, 35, worked as a chef at the University of York.

Mr Dales said: "It is tragic that Peter has died not knowing what has happened to her."

"Sadly, all of this occurred last week against the sad backdrop of the news about Sarah Everard, who was brought up and went to school in York.

"All our thoughts and condolences go to her family and with the general public in their support of the Everards, which was so evident also when Claudia went missing."

# British society must change to protect women

## Boris says new laws will make streets safer

By Sam Lister  
Deputy Political Editor

BORIS Johnson says a "cultural and social change" in attitudes is needed to stop the abuse of women by men.

The Prime Minister said the reaction to Sarah Everard's death was "justified and understandable" after a wave of anger about safety on British streets.

He backed Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer's "collegiate" approach to finding a solution but slammed the Opposition for trying to



block new laws imposing tougher sentences.

He told MPs during Prime Minister's Questions: "Until women feel they are being heard and their complaints are being addressed by society, we will not fix this problem."

"We need a cultural and social change in attitudes. I welcome what he suggests and hope he can bring himself to vote for the tougher sentences we have set out."

Describing Ms Everard's

### SECOND POST-MORTEM AFTER FIRST 'INCONCLUSIVE'



Inquest...Sarah and the vigil

A SECOND post-mortem examination is being carried out on Sarah Everard's body after the first proved inconclusive, police said.

The procedure was being carried out in Kent yesterday afternoon, ahead of an inquest hearing today.

It comes as a Scotland Yard chief defended the force's actions over Saturday's vigil in memory of Ms Everard.

Deputy Commissioner Sir Stephen House said officers were "doing their duty". He told the London Assembly: "These officers acted as they did because they thought they were doing the right thing."

"I can't apologise for my officers. I am sorry that people are so upset at seeing officers enforcing legislation but the officers were doing their duty as they saw it."

death as a "watershed moment", Sir Keir called for a new offence of street harassment and to toughen up the law on stalking and sentences for rape and sexual violence.

Met Police officer Wayne Couzens, 48, is accused of kidnapping and murdering the 33-year-old marketing

executive as she walked home from a friend's flat in Clapham, south London, on March 3. He is due to go on trial in the autumn.

Sir Keir said: "The awful events have lifted a veil on the epidemic of violence against women and girls."

"This must also be a watershed moment to

change how we treat women and girls and how we prevent and end sexual violence and harassment."

Mr Johnson said everything was being done to make streets safer for women, adding: "We must reassure victims of rape and sexual violence and get them to come forward."

### 'I AM SO ANGRY' - MP'S LATE-NIGHT PLEA FOR A UNITED EFFORT



MP shared emotional message

DEHENNA Davison has made an impassioned plea for unity in the effort to make society safer.

In an emotional late-night post on social media, the Conservative MP said she was "angry" as debate rages.

Posting on Instagram she wrote: "It's 2am and I'm lying awake because, as a woman, I'm so angry. I'm angry because on the walk home today I felt crazily anxious when a guy innocently walked up behind me to overtake me."

"I'm angry that so many of my friends have needed to share their stories of sexual assault (but I'm proud of them for doing so). I'm

By Martyn Brown

angry that so many women don't get believed.

"I'm angry that female colleagues get so much social media abuse above and beyond male colleagues."

"I'm especially angry that people are trying to politicise this important conversation about how we make our society safer."

The MP for Bishop Auckland said everyone needed to be part of the conversation, "men, women, all ages, all political persuasions".



Dehenna Davison

## Sex pest victim at age of 11

By Steph Spyro

A SCHOOLGIRL who co-founded the Our Streets Now campaign says a man in a car made sexual remarks about her body aged 11.

Gemma Tutton, now 16, launched the campaign against public sexual harassment (PSH) with her sister Maya, 22, two years ago.

She said: "The first time I was harassed was in the summer of year six in primary school. I was walking in my local high street in broad daylight. A car slowed down and a man leaned out to make sexual remarks about my body that I didn't even understand."

"This incident has stayed with me."

Gemma, who lives in south-east England, is campaigning for PSH to be made a criminal offence, and awareness to be part of the school curriculum.

The Daily Express is backing these calls in a bid to help stamp out the problem and make Britain's streets safer for women.

Our Streets Now and children's charity Plan International UK are running the Crime Not Compliment crusade to bring about a change in the law.

### COMMENT

GEMMA TUTTON  
Co-founder, Our Streets Now

RESEARCH by Plan International UK shows over half of girls and young women experienced public sexual harassment (PSH) over summer.

This fear felt by girls, young women and people of marginalised genders negatively affects our mental health and forces us to change our behaviour.

It is an issue that disproportionately affects people of colour, members of the LGBTQ+ community and disabled women.

Alongside 33 per cent of LGBTQ+ people, I have felt extremely anxious when holding my girlfriend's hand, with older men leering.

Girls and women must be protected by a UK law that fully criminalises PSH.