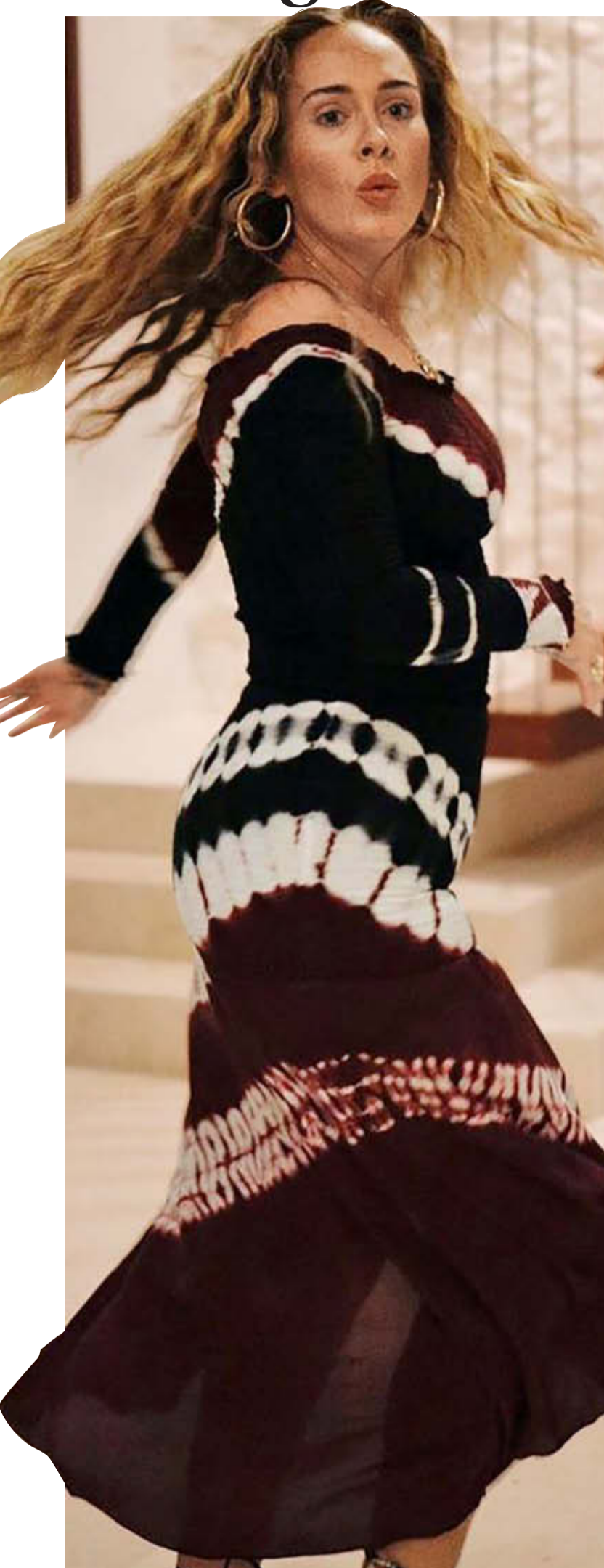


# Letting her hair down, birthday twirl Adele



SHE is newly-divorced and clearly ready for a new twist in life as she reaches 33.

Adele posted a series of photos online to mark her birthday yesterday - including a stunning picture of her twirling round in a

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dress with her long, crimped hair fanning out around her. Another showed her with arms outstretched in the sea. She captioned

the photos: 'Thirty Free.' The Rolling In The Deep singer finalised her divorce from ex-banker Simon Konecki in March after five years of marriage. Adele, who has an eight-year-old son with Mr Konecki, split from him in 2019.

## 'Reprehensible' tycoon ordered to pay wife £100m

By **Vanessa Allen**

NEWSPAPER tycoon Sir Frederick Barclay was criticised for his 'reprehensible behaviour' yesterday as a judge ordered him to pay his estranged wife £100million.

Daily Telegraph owner Sir Frederick, 86, repeatedly ignored instructions to reveal details about his finances during a legal battle over money with his wife, Mr Justice Cohen said.

The High Court judge ordered the businessman to pay Lady Barclay £100million - with the first £50million to be handed over within three months.

Mr Justice Cohen said he had decided his criticism of Sir Frederick should be made public because the tycoon had flouted court orders during the divorce proceedings, which started in October 2019.

He said Sir Frederick had 'completely ignored' a ruling when he sold a luxury yacht which was covered by a court order, adding: 'I regarded that behaviour as reprehensible.'

The Family Division judge said: '[Sir Frederick] is a public figure who should have been aware of the potential consequences of disobedience of court orders and his behaviour in the proceedings should not be allowed to pass completely under the radar.'

Divorce proceedings in the Family Division are usually conducted in private and details can be reported only with permission from the judge. In a statement issued after the judgment was made public, Sir Frederick said: 'I am saddened that after 34 years my marriage has come to an end. This was not something I wanted.'

Sir Frederick and his identical twin brother Sir David, who died in January, built a huge business empire which included The Ritz hotel, the Telegraph newspapers, the Spectator magazine and several retail and delivery firms. They built a castle on the Channel Island of



Lady Barclay: Sought £120million

Brecqhou and had an estimated joint wealth of £7billion in 2020.

The brothers, who were knighted in 2000, were notoriously private about their business dealings and put their vast wealth into complex family trusts. Mr Justice Cohen said Sir Frederick's delays over disclosing information about his finances had held up the divorce proceedings by around nine months.

The couple married in May 1987.

### 'Sold yacht despite a court ruling'

Lady Barclay, 78, who filed for a divorce on the grounds of her husband's unreasonable behaviour, had sought a settlement of £120million.

Sir Frederick offered to give her 40 per cent of 'loan notes' due to him from a trust and half of any money he received from the sale of the family home and yacht, which were also owned by a trust.

He has also paid her legal costs of around £1.8million. Lawyers for



Knighted: Sir Frederick in 2000

Lady Barclay said the offer might have left her with nothing if the trustees decided it was not in Sir Frederick's interests for the funds to be made available for him to pay the divorce settlement.

Mr Justice Cohen said he had rejected arguments that Sir Frederick did not have access to the vast bulk of his wealth because it was tied up in loan notes linked to the family businesses.

He rejected a media application to allow details of the hearing to be reported, saying Sir Frederick's role in the ownership of the Telegraph newspapers did not mean he had lost his right to privacy.

In separate court proceedings, Sir Frederick and his daughter Amanda have taken legal action against Sir David's sons over claims that they bugged Sir Frederick's conversations concerning the sale of The Ritz in central London last year.

The case exposed a bitter rift in the family. Sir David's sons admitted bugging their uncle's conversations but said they did so over fears he posed 'a significant risk of harm' to their family business.

Combing in the deep: Adele's hair fans out in birthday photo

## Will 'flat-pack' pasta send Italians into boiling rage?

TO Italians, pasta is synonymous with their culture. So it is a brave group of scientists who have risked a nation's ire by developing a 'flat-pack' version.

When boiled, the pasta morphs into shapes such as tubes, spirals and shells.

It takes up 86 per cent less storage space than traditional forms and cuts packaging and cooking time without compromising on taste, claim researchers from Carnegie Mel-

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ion University in Pennsylvania, who were inspired by flat-packed furniture.

Grooves stamped into pasta sheets increase the time it takes to cook different areas, found the study, published in the journal Science Advances. The placing of the grooves determines what shape the

pasta forms when cooked. Teng Zhang, who led the modelling analysis, said: 'The groove side expands less than the smooth side, leading the pasta to morph into shape.'

Researchers said the new variety, made from a traditional recipe using only semolina flour and water, could lower pasta's carbon footprint.

In Italy, where the average person eats 51lb of it each year, about 1 per cent of greenhouse gas emissions come from cook-

ing it. Flat pasta may also cook faster, with the simplest shapes taking between five and eight minutes, compared with ten to 12 minutes for classic varieties.

Lead author Ye Tau tested the product on a hiking trip. The flat pasta took up less room in her bag, did not break in transit and cooked successfully on a camping stove. 'The morphed pasta mimicked the mouth-feel, taste and appearance of traditional pasta,' she said.