



Off hook . . . mobile

Calls not in phone top uses

By LAUREN PROBERT

MAKING calls does not even make the top ten of most common uses of a smartphone, with texting and email top of the list.

More than a quarter of users do not ring anyone for a "week or more" at a time, researchers found.

The top ten daily uses in a poll of 2,000 found the main ones were:

- 1: Text, 88 per cent
- 2: Email, 70 per cent
- 3: Facebook, 62 per cent
- 4: Camera, 61 per cent
- 5: Read news, 58 per cent
- 6: Shopping, 56 per cent
- 7: Weather, 54 per cent
- 8: WhatsApp, 51 per cent
- 9: Banking, 45 per cent
- 10: Watching YouTube videos, 42 per cent

Making calls was 11th, with 41 per cent, the Mobiles.co.uk poll said.

Among the "weirdest" uses was bed warmer.

QUAD AN IDIOT

Police are hunting a man seen on a quad bike with a baby on his lap in Kingsway, Gloucester.

2 HEARTWARMING CAMPAIGNS

We did it for Nicki

THIS is happy Denise Van Outen after crossing the finish line on a 187-mile charity bike ride.

She led 20 riders across India last week in memory of her friend and Sun fitness guru Nicki Waterman.

The ride in Kerala for the Nicki Waterman Foundation raised £43,000 for the Brain Tumour Research charity.

Along the way, Denise, 42, fell off her bike and twisted her knee, TV host Kate Thornton, 44, got heat

By CHRISTINA EARLE

stroke and Towie's Georgia Bright, 27, had panic attacks.

Nicki's daughter Alex Thrusell, 32, took part too, as did TV host Jane Witherspoon and singer Michelle Heaton, both 37, and The X Factor's Kye Sones, 34.

Also on the ride, arranged via Charity Challenge, were myself, Alex's pal Hayley Costa, 37, whose mum Bev died from a brain tumour, and two Sun on Sunday readers - project manager Simon Tier, 49, and dental

nurse Emma Barclay, 25. Both Simon and Emma have lost someone close to brain tumours.

Denise said: "The last 300 metres were an emotional rollercoaster. We were all crying with joy and sorrow for those we've lost."

"I'm so proud of the team for doing this in memory of such a wonderful person."

Nicki, left, was diagnosed with glioblastoma in May 2015. She died, aged 53, last August.

● Donate now at justgiving.com/NickiWatermanKeralaChallenge or text Nicki to 70660 to give £5.



GIRL POWER . . . Denise refuelling. Top, Michelle has fun, Below, our Christina with Hayley



Grafter June's a lunchtime treat

By GRAEME CULLIFORD

HARD-working June Walker has dedicated her life to children - as a mum and dinner lady.

The sprightly 85-year-old - who has six children, 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren - has for the past 20 years helped serve pupils in the dinner hall at St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary, Norwich.

Her daughter, Pauline Daws, 51, nominated June for our Mum Idol competition after being constantly amazed by her boundless energy. Pauline said: "My mum is the best in Britain and

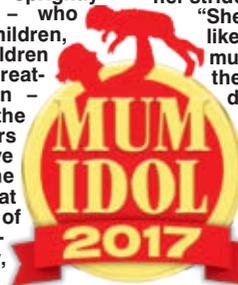
never gets tired - she has more energy than me.

"She raised us while holding down a full-time job. At one point she also worked evenings at a factory. She took it all in her stride."

"She has become like a second mum to many of the pupils. She's definitely my Mum Idol."

June, pictured below with some of her pupils, said: "I never want to retire. My favourite thing is being with the kids. If I won I'd be so happy. It's so nice to be nominated."

Our Mum Idol winner is announced next Sunday - Mother's Day - and will receive a luxury hamper.



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