

# lifestyle



## Renting can be a minefield



THE shaky financial situation has seen a big increase in people renting a home.

This is down to people either not being able to secure a home, or simply not wanting the worry of trying to keep up with mortgage payments.

Around 3.5 million households in the UK now rent their homes — a 40% rise over the past five years.

But the homeless charity Shelter say they've had a worrying 23% increase in people seeking help with problem landlords.

Complaints about dampness and disrepair are the top moans, while unfair or unexpected rent rises are another cause of

# David's Globees are taking the world by storm

DAVID SINCLAIR woke up one morning with a brainwave that changed his business world for ever, writes Ed Newman.

Globes have always been a popular way to discover places but David has taken it further by creating special ones for many different cities around the world.

Whether it's London, Paris, New York, San Francisco or Sydney, Globees depict all their major features, historical buildings and streets. Each Globee has around 40 key landmarks from each city.

London's is packed with familiar landmarks like Westminster Abbey, Lord's Cricket Ground and the Royal Albert Hall.

You can buy Globees in three different sizes — four, six or nine inches in diameter, ranging in price from £15-30.

They've proved a big hit with tourists around the world.

The chartered accountant now has major retailers selling his products in the UK, Europe, Asia, Australia and North America.

"Globees have gone from strength to strength," said David.

"I believe they're proving so popular because they are both educational and fun for adults and children alike."

Globees also come as money boxes or puzzles and they'll soon be available as Globee bears, Christmas baubles and Night Lights.

David has also just launched a Talking Globee, which has between 22-40 sensors, providing 40 seconds of tourist information on the major attractions.



# Tiny toys fetch more than a Dinky price



**A PRE-WAR delivery van recently sold for £19,975 — not a bad price considering it was only a few inches long and cost four shillings (20p) when new!**

We're talking about the little boys' cars that became big boys' toys.

Any man of a certain age will recall the thrill of the Saturday morning trip to the toy shop, pocket money a-jingle in readiness to buy a new set of wheels.

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expect to pay anything from £30 upwards for a very

