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## Health alert!

### Primates with potentially lethal diseases on loose

By Matt Ford

The Guardia Civil in Alicante Province has issued an urgent health alert after discovering that a Tantalus monkey seized in an anti-animal trafficking investigation has tested positive for HIV and a human cancerinducing virus.

Investigators are now searching for 42 other monkeys, mostly marmosets, which came into contact with the infected animal.

The whereabouts of the primates are currently unknown, meaning their owners are potentially putting the lives of themselves and others at risk. according to the Guardia's nature protection arm, SE-PRONA.

The Tantalus was one of 25 small monkeys confiscated by SEPRONA during an operation which took place several months ago, and resulted in the arrest of four suspected animal traffickers from Alicante; two from Murcia and one from Sevilla.

The gang offered the illegally-traded monkeys to pet stores,

which secretly sold them on to private individuals for €1,800-€2.000 each.

Documents recovered during raids on the suspects' homes showed that 67 individuals from four species had been sold but only 25 have been accounted for, and it is likely that owners are unaware of the risk of infection.

Five of the monkeys seized were already dead, and the Guardia Civil have issued an urgent appeal for

owners to come forward and hand their pets over to the authorities.

Meanwhile, the not-for-profit EQUINAC association has blasted a local court which they claim failed to heed the group's warnings about the organised monkey trafficking.

Possession and breeding of primates and other exotic animals without a licence is illegal in Spain, with hundreds having been seized in the last 12 months alone.





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### **LOCAL NEWS**

### Care and share

NATIONAL POLICE investigators have arrested the carer of an 83-year-old woman in Alicante after she allegedly stole the elderly lady's debit card and extracted €2,400 from her

bank account. The 38-year-old Indonesian had worked for the woman for around 18 months. and after gaining her trust, convinced her to change the PIN

### Hair-raising stunt

TWO youngsters suffered a dramatic conclusion to Kings Day after they managed to crash their car through the window of a hairdresser's shop in Petrer. According to Local Police, the pair were careering down Avenida de Madrid at high speed, before the driver lost control while attempting to negotiate a roundabout. The lucky twosome emerged with minor injuries.

### Peddler pinched

A 35-YEAR-OLD drug dealer has been nabbed in Benidorm after being caught with 20 wraps of cocaine down his trousers. On searching his home, police

found an additional 90 wraps, plus a number of tools and weighing instruments used to measure out individual doses for sale in various parts of the town.

### Sierra sorrows

THE Association of Friends of Sierra Escalona (ASE) fears that commitments made by the president of the Generalitat, Ximo Puig, concerning the declaration of Sierra Escalona as a Natural Park, are not coming to fruition. The ecological group say the plans remain only on paper and little else has been done.

## An uncertain future



ANIMAL SHELTER: The institution could end up in the hands of a private company.

By Matt Ford

ANIMAL lovers are on the warpath over a controversial tender for management of the Animal Protection Centre in Orihuela which could leave the institution in the hands of a private company.

The process is currently in the hands of a council technical committee, with a contract worth a net €537,000 over the next four years.

Two options are currently on the table, one of which is from the NGO

Asoka el Grande, which currently manages the facility and relies extensively on volunteers, and the other from a private firm.

According to reports, Asoka are viewed more favourably since they have been running the shelter for years, but there is some doubt over the association's economic solvency.

Animal rights activists have become involved, particularly on social networks, where many have voiced fears that animals in need of expensive treat-

ments may be sacrificed should the shelter fall into private hands, since they would not be viewed as 'profitable.

Councillor Emilio Bascuñana has refuted the latter claims, stating that the same rules apply whether the facility is managed by a non-profitable association or a private company.

Members of opposition parties have been quick to criticise the situation, since Asoka's contract to run the shelter expired in September.





# 'Speak English or be ready to learn'

By Simon Firth

MIGRANTS to the UK must learn English or take language classes when they arrive.

Speaking English is key to "full participation in our society and economy" and a "prerequisite for meaningful engagement with British people."

Those are the findings of an all-party group of MPs and peers, chaired by the Labour MP Chuka Umunna.

This is a thorny issue. The speed with which accusations of racism are banded about when it comes to even discussing this often make it too difficult to raise. It has effectively halted national debate in the UK.

But the findings of this group follow a wider review into the integration of minorities in the UK.

Dame Louise Casey was asked to look at the issue by the then PM David Cameron and his home secretary, now PM, Theresa May.

She found that "mistrust, anxiety and prejudice" arise in a society where "communities live separately, with fewer interactions between people from different

Governments had been guilty of a "failure of collective, consistent and persistent will to do something about it or give it the priority it deserves at both a national and local level.

Attempts to boost the integration of ethnic communities in the UK, she described as "saris, samosas and steel drums for the already well-intentioned."

Immigrants, she says, could be encouraged to em-

There are lots of other competing issues in the UK, not least the divisions in society caused by Brexit, but doing nothing shouldn't be an option."

brace British values by taking an "integration oath;" there must be greater promotion of the need to learn the English language and young people of different ethnic backgrounds should be encouraged to mix

Women too, she says, are being "held back by regressive cultural practices".

Casey turned her gaze on many communities in the UK but highlighted the feelings of Muslims who resent being blamed for terror attacks and extremism which then leads to feelings of hostility, mistrust and suspi-

Some ethnic minority communities had religious and cultural practices that were "deeply regressive" and faced little or no challenge in the UK, she said.

If Casey's report is kicked into the long grass be-

cause it's seen as disturbing the waters it will be a badly missed opportunity. There are lots of other competing issues in the UK, not least the divisions in society caused by Brexit, but doing nothing shouldn't be an

Britain is not a tinderbox, we all know that. But neither is it at ease with itself at the moment.

There are tensions over immigration and plenty of groups willing to capitalise on them.

Poles have been attacked in Cambridgeshire and north Yorkshire; Spaniards have been attacked in London. The list is a long one. But in these particularly brutal cases the victims spoke English. That isn't enough for certain groups - it never was and never will

But easing the wider tensions over immigration which have come to the surface again because of, or in spite of Brexit, by being able to speak English or being willing to learn, has to be a front line policy.

When the UK formally leaves the EU, in March 2019 if it takes two years, the government intends to cut the numbers of new immigrants.

But making access to the English language easier for them and the many communities who are already there has to be a priority.

It won't just be a case of putting on more classes at night school. Maybe an integration oath is a step too far but not being able to speak English leads to exclusion. And exclusion leads to mistrust and fear. It's as simple as that.

### Your papers, your views

Our readers have been expressing their views about whether immigrants should learn English to have an understanding of British values. Here are a few comments from the web story and Facebook some of which have had to be cut due to size. We are always happy to hear from everyone.

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### Not a word

ANYONE moving to another country should try to learn that country's language. Some people in the UK have been here over 40 years and still don't speak a word of English.

June Whitehouse

### No knee jerk

NOTE it's from the all party committee on social integration and therefore cannot be dismissed in a knee jerk reaction as 'right wing xenophobia"'by the usual chorus of leftists.

Chris Collier

### French Farage

SAME in France, loads of Brits can't speak French! Even Farage, after more than 20 years as an MEP in France and Belgium, he still can't speak any French!!

David Etheridge

#### Same rules

SPAIN don't supply interpreters at taxpayers' expense like the UK. If you need to discuss important stuff, you bring an interpreter. All the UK has to do is adopt the same rule.

Ken Blakeman

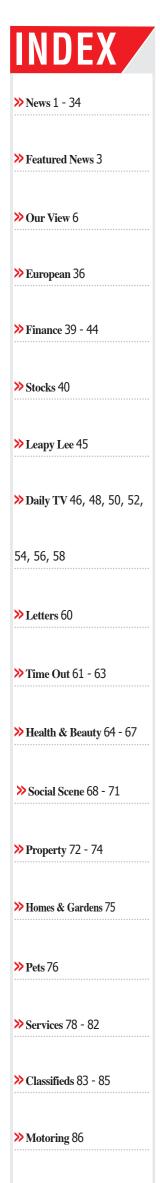
### Very simple

IN Spain official forms are in Spanish. If you need translation you find someone yourself. Education, health, signposts and everything else is in Spanish. Why? Because this is Spain. Very simple. The rules were clear when we all came to live here. The UK has allowed this to go on for at least a generation too long, and the results are clear for all to see.

PetMac

### **Need practice**

LEARNING the language is not enough, you need to be able to practise which means interacting and making friends with locals. This is much easier if someone works but in the UK many of the women don't.



>> Sport 87 - 88



By Sally Underwood

POST-CHRISTMAS sales in the Costa Blanca are drawing in big crowds, with companies taking advantage of the legal period in which they can apply discounts to offer savings of up to 50 per

Under Spanish law, retailers can offer discounts until February 28 and this

period proves very lucrative for many companies, with some making 20 per cent of their annual turnover during this time.

The sales have been particularly busy this year since the Spanish Three Kings holiday ended just before the weekend, giving shoppers plenty of time to pick up items over the first

The limited period of Sunday openings has also helped to make this one of the busiest retail weekends of the last decade, with sales figures returning to the pre-recession period of 2006.

Discounted goods range from jewellery, decorations and household appliances but fashion sales account for the greatest proportion of items sold during this period.

### Restoration of damaged road

THE Diputacion is allocating €100,000 to help repair roads damaged by the outbreak of extreme weather last month.

Some 56 municipalities throughout Alicante Province have requested financial assistance after suffering the ef-

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fects of the storms. The first batch of aid is being used to restore different damaged

President of the provincial council, Cesar Sanchez, has been visiting affected municipalities to check out the hav-

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oc first hand, accompanied by the deputy of highways. Juan Molina, and by the mayors of the respective munici-

Sanchez had some calming words for residents, as he boomed: "Alicante Council

wanted to immediately address the most urgent problems of our people, which was the restoration of roads that had been cut off by the rains. Our priority was to reestablish access as soon as possible."

#### **Copper Heeler brings relief from arthritis**

MANY people have suffered with arthritis over the years, finding no long-term solutions, turning to strong medication to try and ease the pain, and thus putting up with a lesser quality of life.

Malcolm Landsman, who had studied magnetic and copper therapy for years, realised he may have hit on the



solution to easing the joint pain that so many people experience. Copper Heelers are a simple accessory placed inside the heel of the shoe that gives arthritis sufferers incredible results within weeks. This works by means of replacing the copper in the body that arthritis sufferers lack. We all need certain metal elements in order to thrive and one of those key elements is copper, it is an essential part of the minerals within the body. There are 25,000 sweat glands in the foot alone, and so this is a prime area to absorb copper and utilise its healing properties.

Copper also prevents inflammation around the joints, so there is a feeling of well-being all round.

Malcolm has been marketing the Copper Heelers in Spain for more than five years now, and he has satisfied customers spreading the word about their change of life since using them. One lady from Las Siesta wrote to Malcolm only last week to say: "I have suffered for 10 years with the agony of arthritis, but since I have bought the Copper Heelers and worn them, my arthritis has improved in only five days!"
This miracle insole has brought joy to many who have been restricted

with movement in the past. For more information on the Copper Heelers, please visit the website at www.copperheeler.es or call Malcolm on 966 763 770.



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## Clearing the waters



RESEARCH is underway to reduce the amount of nutrients entering the Mar Menor and damaging the local ecosystem.

As reported in the Euro Weekly News last week, the lagoon is deteriorating rapidly and its recovery is predicted to take decades even if damaging human practices are nipped in the bud.

The research group 'Environmental Soil Science, Chemistry and Agricultural Technology' of the School of Agronomists of the Polytechnic University of Cartagena (UPCT) are developing a pilot plant with artificial wetlands for the treatment of agricultural drainage waters of the Campo de Cartagena, in order to purify the water and reduce the waste entering the Mar Menor.

Their pilot plant is located in an area of 2,000 square metres within the waste water treatment plant of Los Alcazares.

The project is being funded by the Regional Entity for Sanitation and Waste Water Treatment (ESAMUR), attached to the Ministry of Water, Agriculture and Environment of the Autonomous Community of the Region of Murcia. It is being developed in collaboration with researchers from the Department of Ecology and Hydrology of the Faculty of Biology of the University of Murcia

Numerous different designs for the artificial wetlands have been created which will be constructed and results monitored for a least a year.



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BUNDESLIGA team Schalke 04 recently trained at La Nucia's sports complex. Hundreds of spectators including many children came to watch Markus Weinziern's team during the first two-hour session of their winter training programme.

The German side has spent eight days in Benidorm, preparing for the second half of the Bundesliga season which

recommences on January 27.

La Nucia was chosen for its excellent sports facilities, its excellent turf and the 'extraordinary' Camilo Cano complex, Weinziern said.

In deciding to visit La Nucia, the German side has followed England's national team, Zenit St Petersburg, Spartak of Moscow and Shaktar Donetsk who have all trained there.

### **OUR VIEW**

### Coming up Trumps

ON January 19, the world will see the inauguration of the 45th President of the United States amongst pomp, ceremony and controversy.

There is no question Donald Trump's win caught many by surprise and has divided the country more than any American election in recent memory but time will tell whether he turns out to be a complete disaster or an astute businessman who can actually make a difference.

Despite having a problem in thinking through what he says, there is no doubt he is a shrewd individual who has made a fortune and also seems to have had no problem in closing companies down, with six of them going bankrupt.

Hillary Clinton, herself

accused of being far from a bastion of honest business, did have one very clever observation on 'The Donald' when she said he had written a number of books on business but they all finished at Chapter 11 (the US equivalent of liquidation).

He seems to be a bully with quite thin skin, jumping into tweets over silly criticisms with equally silly responses which hopefully he learns to stop as he beds in.

The good news is he's friends with Russia but the bad news is he's winding up China. one of the few countries that appears to have any influence over North Korea.

What we have to hope is his good traits will outweigh his bad ones and he doesn't create a new wall between America and Europe.

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## Another one bites the dust



THE man who warned the government a trade deal with the EU might take 10 years to sort out has gone. This was one who jumped, he wasn't pushed.

Sir Ivan Rogers was the UK's ambassador to the EU and has left eight months before he was due to.

His 'goodbye note' is being seen by commentators as evidence that Downing Street has not been listening to his advice. In it he told colleagues they must "challenge muddled thinking and... never be afraid to speak truth to power."

He also said "serious multilateral negotiating experience is in short supply in Whitehall" when it is not missing from those in the European Council or European Commission.

Those who opposed the UK leaving the EU have been quick to pounce on the departure of Rogers, seeing it as evidence, according to Lib Dem leader Tim Farron, that the PM was "marching ahead without a plan or even a clue."



I EU AMBASSADOR: Sir Ivan Rogers has left eight months before he was due to.

The right wing press predictably attacked him, one paper describing him as the 'arrogant merchant of gloom.' A 'senior political source' supposedly said Rogers had "presided over the negotiations before the referendum which were an utter failure."

Leave EU chairman Arron Banks said he was "far too much of a pessimist and yet another of the establishment's pro-EU old guard. He has at least done the honourable thing."

His replacement is a former UK ambassador to Russia, Sir Tim Barrow.

The appointment was described as part of a concerted fightback against the claims of so-called muddled thinking.

But it did not please former UKIP leader Nigel Farage who tweeted: 'Good to see that the government have replaced a knighted career diplomat with... a knighted career diplomat.'

### EU is being undermined

OUTGOING EU president, the German Martin Schulz, who may be moving into Germany's domestic political arena, has admitted the future stability of the EU is being undermined.

In an attack on national political leaders he said they had failed to explain to their electorates why powers had been transferred to Brussels. He accused them of failing to speak up for the European ideal.

But he also admitted some of the politicians currently working for the EU had become disconnected from the ordinary man in the street.

By only taking notice of life in Brussels it could "make you believe that Brussels life is the reality of people in Europe." The rush to embrace the countries of Eastern Europe, he admitted, had underestimated the difficulties of integration.

But he said if Europe had not enlarged the number of member states it would have faced "deep uncertainty" and "possibly a fear of war" given Russia's current stance towards the

His interview was given to the Europa group of newspapers.





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## Alleged paedophiles thwarted by National Police in Alicante

By Eleanor Hawkins

TWO men have been arrested in Alicante for alleged sexual abuse of minors, child prostitution and sharing child pornog-

The men, aged 53 and 23, were arrested by the National Police after investigating a case reported by a 15-year-old boy and his parents in November.

The alleged victim explained that he had joined a homosexual chat group on the internet but had been encouraged by an administrator of the group, allegedly the older of the arrestees, to leave as he was underage. However, the man kept in touch with the teenager, gaining his trust through 93,000 messages sent from 10 fake



ALLEGED VICTIM: Was introduced to S&M practices.

Eventually the two started up a sexual relationship, but the boy was soon introduced by the older man into S&M practices. Taking the role of a dominant master, the accused allegedly persuaded his victim that he had a right to share the boy purposes and convinced him to have sex with other men, including the younger of the two

Investigations leading to the arrests were carried out by the Technological Crime Group of the Provincial Judicial Police Brigade for Alicante.



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# Investment for dog parks

#### By Sally Underwood & Gemma Quinn

DOG lovers will be pleased to hear that €150,000 is being invested to create seven new areas solely for dogs and their owners. These new green spaces will be kitted out with dog litter

bins, benches for their human friends as well as agility style equipment.

Marisol Moreno, head of animal protection, explained that these new areas "promote the responsible use of green areas by users who own pets, generating a space where they can walk freely without having to disturb others." She added that

she hopes these areas "become meeting points for users who share similar interests and tastes, as well as an educational and civic awareness space for other pet owners."

These new sites will be built in Babel, between Calles Metalrugias and Julian Besteiro, as well as vantes school.

Elsewhere, Torrevieja's Municipal Animal

hours has been possible thanks to the incorporation of workers from the Emcorp employment programme: "We have achieved this extension of the schedule and have the opportunity to provide service every day of the year so that people interested in adopting a dog or cat can have more time at the

facilities at the time."

With these two new workers, the dogs will be able to be walked daily and the shelter will be open to the public Monday to Friday from 10am- $2pm, Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays from \,\,$ 

in San Gabriel, Albufereta, La Morant Park, Parque de la Tuna and on the site of the Manjón Cer-

Shelter has extended its schedule.

Councillor for Animal Protection, Carmen

Morate, said the extension of its

## One month on and questions remain

new green spaces for

dogs and their own-

ers will be created.

unanswered over the murder of Maria del Carmen Martinez Lopez, the widow of the former president of CAM bank, Vicente Sala

Initial investigations show the 72 year-old was killed at point blank range in Alicante by a professional hitman, but a month after the incident and police say they are keeping all lines open over who carried out the shooting and the people, or person behind it.

The shooting occurred near a car dealership and a laundry with the shooter knowing exactly how to act without anyone detecting his presence. No one heard the shots being fired so it is likely that a silencer was used on the gun. The victim managed to leave her vehicle but collapsed by the side of her car.

A robbery was quickly ruled out as her high-end vehicle was not taken and her purse remained with around €2.000 in-

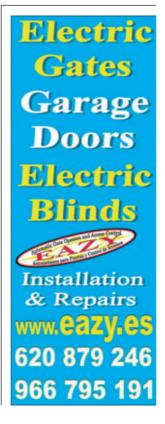
side it. The possibility of suicide was also quickly ruled out as no weapon was found at the

Police are now focusing their investigation on the intimate environment of the family or the international business of the family empire. Family members and business associates

Family members and business associates continue to be questioned."

continue to be questioned and statements taken.

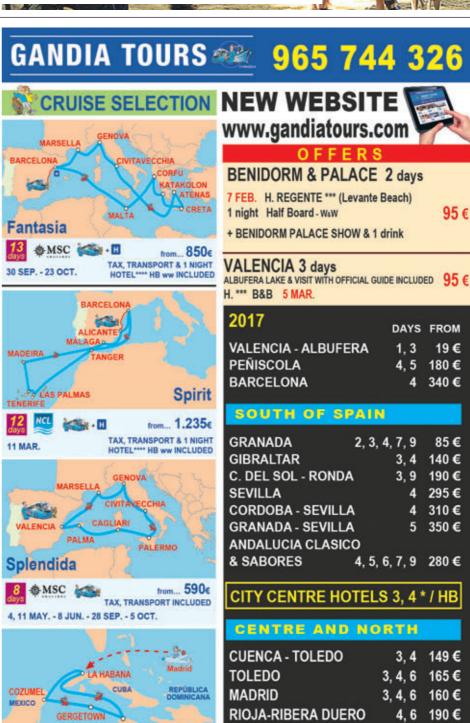
It is understood family relationships have not been so strong since the death of Vicente Sala in 2011 with clashes over his inheritance. They also have international business dealings in South America and in countries such as Colombia, Brazil and Argentina, hired so these areas will be fully in-



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## Attack highlights off duty policing problems

the lack of police officers in Los Montesinos with residents calling for action to be taken.

It comes after a resident was attacked at around 8pm on New Year's Eve in Calle Manuel de Falla. Relatives of the man claim they called up to seven times the fixed and mobile number of the Local Police to report the incident, but had no response as from 6pm until midnight there was not a single officer on duty in the municipality of 5,000 residents.

From 6pm until midnight there was not a single officer on duty in the municipality.

This is reportedly because PSOE Mayor Jose Manuel Butron, refuses to pay the overtime for the hours, something that has been denounced by the officers themselves as well as opposition parties in the past.

The injured man required surgery at Torrevieja Hospital and was assisted by health personnel. A patrol car from the Guardia Civil in Jacarilla, some 10km away, arrived to attend and manage the traffic following the incident, but did not have the authority or responsibility to report the attack and handle the paperwork.

The victim claims the Local Police have still not filed a report and he does not have the necessary papers to present in case of requesting liability for

## Body remains still unknown

AN investigation was launched after the body of a man was found in the breakwater of the Club de Regatas in Alicante.

National Police report the body of the 58-year-old was found between the rocks of the jetty of the club in the La Cantera area. It was spotted by a neighbour passing by who alerted the authorities.

An autopsy is currently being carried out by the Institute of Legal Medicine in the city to determine the exact cause of death, but initial evidence suggests the man may have fallen and hit the rocks.

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The Ministry of Agriculture and the Environment has told the community Riegos de Levante Margen Derecha, which includes some 3,500 hectares of irrigated crops in the heart of the Vega Baja, they will study the possibility of constructing small and medium reservoirs to take advantage of floods that occur after heavy rainfall such as the recent December storm.

This plan would extend to most of the rambles, streams and rivers along the coast of Alicante Province.

By creating these small reservoirs it would store the water and could then be of greater use for irrigation or be channelled directly into the

During the December storms, some 200 litres per square metre of rain fell and in some points of the Marina



I PLANS to take advantage of heavy rainfall.

Alta and El Comtat, this reached 500 litres of water.

The first of the consultancy and feasibility study will be carried out for a reservoir near the mouth of the river Segura. Secretary of the the

Riegos de Levante in the Vega Baja, said: "It would be very enriching, especially for the north of the province, where most water is wasted after storms; I see it viable and reasonable.'

### **NEWS EXTRA**

#### No donkeys

ANIMAL rights campaigners protested a nativity which used real donkeys in its display in Elche. No mistreatment was reported but the campaigners maintain that living donkeys should no longer be used.

#### Tram travels

ALICANTE'S tram service travelled the equivalent of 75.2 times around the equator during 2016, a total of more than 3m kilometres, according to official figures. The network's vehicles made 157,009 journeys, an average of 460.16 per day.

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## The European Union Court of Justice (ECJ) orders today the full and total refund of the mortgage floor clauses in Spain

## Overturning of the abusive clause

Today the European Court of Justice declared that the decision of the Spanish Supreme Court Ruling held on the 9th of May 2013 was limited, and the terms and conditions and indeed the use of the ruling were unfair.

Not only did the ruling provide incomplete and insufficient protection for consumers, it limited the amount that clients could claim back when trying to recover the money paid, in relation to overpaidmortgages.

Basically that meant that those affected by the ground floor rate clause could only reclaim any overpaid money from the 9th May 2013, irrespective of whether they had paid more before this date.

This new ruling is a total U-Turn and will mean that banks will now have to pay back — to the last euro — all of the money paid by the clients from the date that overpayment took place, rather than from the 9th May 2013.

This decision applies to the whole of the European Union and

especially in Spain, finally ending a long legal battle.

This new ruling represents a clear victory for customers and consumers against banks. According to the Bank of Spain report, the banks will have to return close to 7.5 billion euros to all the customers that have been affected.

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## Responsibility and a gift combined

By Linda Hall

AN Elche Town Hall campaign is reminding the local population that a cat or a dog is for

Pets are popular Christmas and Three Kings' presents but probably one-third of these will be abandoned between January and March, said Elche's Environment councillor Antonio Garcia.

"We are overwhelmed during this period," said Teresa Pomares, spokeswoman for the Baix Vinalopo Animal Protection Society who accompanied Garcia at the campaign launch. Many of the animals that were adopted before Christmas will be returned once the fiestas are over, she added.

> The SPAP dogs' home in Bacarot alone takes in 500 of the 600 dogs that are abandoned each year in Elche. Some 10 per cent are put down on health grounds or owing to lack of space although 14 per cent remain at the home. Anoth-

er 14 per cent are transferred to another animal protection association while 44 per cent are adopted.

It was vital to raise awareness regarding pets, especially at this time of the year, Pomares said. "As well as a friend, an animal is responsibility," she stressed.



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### Tax fraud trial underway

THE case centres around a real estate company which, it is alleged, provided a cover for organisations wishing to evade tax, with a total of €184,000 allegedly hidden from the Treasury. The sole administrator of the main company is facing three years in prison and a fine of €500,000.

The prosecution allege that the company's accounts do not tally "with the actual profit obtained" and that it was set up simply as an "instrumental" organisation whose sole purpose was to "defraud the Treasury."

The main allegations made against the Alicante based company, Antártida Gestión de Suelo e Iniciativas Inmobiliarias SL, centre around the sale of a plot of land in Xixona in 2006, the same year in which the company was first established. Suspicions were first raised in 2011 when the Tax Agency investigated the organisation's first year's tax accounts.

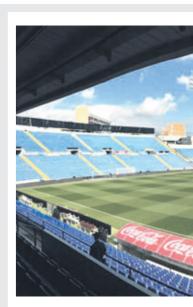
The Office of the Public Prosecutor also alleges several VAT returns were missing and the business lacked employees and normal office expenses.

### Struggling to pay the bills

THE Generalitat Valencia have agreed to defer €3,313.685 of unpaid social housing rent. A total of 1,245 families who live in public housing have signed an agreement which allows them to postpone unpaid rent for a specific period of time under the Dignified Plan for Social Housing.

The Department of Housing, through the Entity of Infrastructures of the Generalitat (EIGE), has now launched a campaign to inform all social housing tenants about the scheme which can help them pay housing related debts in a more flexible way.

The tenant signs a document stating they are aware of the debt and a contract is drawn setting out how and when they can make payments to catch up. The agreement takes into account family income and number of children when assessing what is feasible.



RICO PEREZ: Alicante stadiu

## **Out of**

By Linda Hall

THE Jose Rico Perez stadium in Alicante City will be auctioned with a reserve price of €14.7 million

The stadium is the home ground of Hercules Football Club, the city's principal football team which is now in the



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Second Division. The auction package includes the installation, valued at €13.527 million and other assets belonging to Aligestion. The group headed by Alicante businessman Enrique Ortiz is now in liquidation.

Sources confirmed that the stadium would be auctioned

in a single lot to ensure that the purchaser automatically becomes a Hercules shareholder on acquiring Aligestion's 15.5 per cent stake. Although the shares are nominally worth €3.606 million, for the purposes of the auction they are valueless as Aligestion is in liquidation.

Bidding conditions will be published before January 15 in Spain's Official State Bulletin (BOE). The auction is to be held online on the BOE website but opening bids of less than half the reserve price will not be accepted and participants must first leave a 5 per cent deposit.

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A LORRY stolen shortly before Torrevieja's Three Kings' parade was found, burnt-out, on the Parquemar-Molino Blanco urbanisation.

With security stepped up on orders to prevent a Berlinstyle massacre, police issued an immediate alert and

## Stolen lorry false alarm

istered tip-up lorry.

When located two days later it had apparently run into a concrete wall, swerved to the other side of the road before driving into a gully and running into the perimeter wall of another urbanisation.

Residents living nearby who witnessed the lorry careering from side to side said 2am. They saw two young people leave the vehicle and set out on foot in the direction of La Mata after starting a fire





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## The green mile



By Linda Hall

WORK has commenced on regenerating areas adjoining public footpaths in the La Mata and Torrevieja natural park.

The new board of governors plans to halt deterioration of the pine woods and the areas around the La Mata salt lake caused by cyclists, motorcyclists, horse-riders, quad bikes and even cars.

Over the years their constant but unauthorised use of these zones has had a negative impact on the park, the board said, and the most-used sections of the paths will be fenced with wood, principally pine. Until now this type of protection has been limited to the micro-reserve of salt-lake plants on the southern shore of the La Mata lagoon.

Although the lakes and sur-

roundings might appear to belong to an urban park, that is not the case and this is a natural park, the board stated.

As a preliminary measure all unauthorised vehicles have been barred. Signs are also going up in regenerated areas, announcing that these are closed to the public, pets and bicycles, confirmed Carlos Javier Dura, president of the board of gover-







## Fines to be faced for online rental sites

THE Valencian Tourism Agency is taking action against property rental portal Airbnb for promoting apartments in the region that do not have the necessary rental registration number.

According to sources of the Regional Government, the company could face a fine of up to €30,000.

It comes after inspectors found the existence of tourist apartments being advertised that did not have a registranumber. This

process was introduced by the Regional Government for all private property owners who wanted to rent their property as a way of regulating the industry and preventing illegal private rents.

During the summer of 2015, efforts were made with Airbnb

to help

regu-

and contacts were maintained throughout 2016, but there are still too many homes not registered. As a result, the Valencian Tourism Agency has undertaken a sanctioning file, in which the platform has a period of six months to submit allegations and responses.

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There are also six other online platforms that are facing fines and sanctions.

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## Algae problem for local beaches

By Sally Underwood

THIS weekend saw hundreds of holidaymakers and locals flocking to Alicante's beaches only to be confronted by large piles of algae which have accumulated on the shoreline.

The problem has occurred due to the city council's decision not to remove the algae piles in order to avoid marine erosion. This policy has been set out in posters published around the area last week

Locals argue that the algae is producing a strong odour, as well as attracting mosquitoes, and will be a deterrent to tourists, with only Playa de San Juan and Playa del Postiguet still being cleaned every five days.

Areas which have not been cleared include the area to the south of San Juan, the northern part of Playa del Postiguet and Urbanova.

The council maintains however that the presence of the algae is a 'clear sign that the water is free of contamination' since the plant thrives in clear water, a statement which is supported by the Institute of Coastal Ecology which also recommends the use of heavy machinery on beaches be restricted to areas of drier sand.

### Woman dies in house fire

A WOMAN died in a house fire in Alicante City. The 61-year-old was in one of the bedrooms when the fire occurred in the home in Avenida Conde Lumiares.

Fire crews were called to the property around 6.40pm with 14 firefighters on site tackling the blaze and trying to rescue the woman. SAMU ambulance crews were unable to save her and could only certify her death at the scene.

An investigation is underway into what caused the fire.

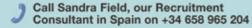


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## Fire service does more than extinguish fires

By Linda Hall

THE Elche and Crevillente fire services were called out 1.560 times last year.

As well as extinguishing fires the two brigades, which cover the Baix Vinalopo area, broke down doors, freed road accident victims from vehicles and dealt with swarms of bees.

The number of elderly

people living alone either trapped or having difficulty in opening their doors increased noticeably over the last year, firemen noticed.

They had to open 213 doors in 2016 but could not avert tragedy last February when a 77-year-old woman could not escape from a house fire. Her door had five separate security devices, it was found later.



CRUCIAL CREW: Firefighters on stand-by and ready to help.

Baix Vinalopo brigades put out 19 forest fires, principally in El Hon-

do, the Santa Pola salt beds, the La Marina pinewood

Although there were 126 house fires and 18 on industrial premises the brigades were kept busy by 174 more in urban fittings, generally litter bins and rubbish containers

and Sierra Crevillente.

Most were caused by smouldering cigarette ends and hot ashes or cinders but not all were accidental and were clearly the work of vandals, firemen said after-

The brigades were needed after 106 road accidents, either cutting victims free or extinguishing blazing cars, and were also called on 139 times during the recent storms to deal with fallen trees and damage to older properties.

The firemen were also kept busy by bees, having to remove 86 swarms and hives before passing them on to beekeepers.

### Santa Pola road speed reduced

THE Ministry of Public Works is due to reduce the speed limit on the CV-865 between Elche and Santa Pola to 70 kilometres an hour in a move to decrease the number of accidents at intersec-

The road, which is notorious for its high volume of accidents and which is particularly congested during the summer months, sees drivers reach high speeds on its straight sections.

In recent weeks new road signs have been erected warning drivers of the change in speed limit, which was previously 90 kilometres per hour except at its busiest intersections. The proposed works will also include the elimination of several roundabouts and the addition of space for cyclists and further lanes in sections where most congestion occurs.

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## Preparing to fight flu

LOW temperatures, crowded holiday season venues and family get-togethers created ideal breeding grounds for flu.

The regional Health department's latest figures show there are currently 50 cases per 100,000 inhabitants, almost double the previous week's 26.4 cases per 100,000. Health authorities say this is normal and is comfortably below the 80 cases per 100,000 of an epidemic.

"Temperatures have fallen brusquely, especially early in the morning and late at night, meaning that people go out less," said Aurelio Duque, president of the Valencian Family Doctors' Society.

San Juan hospital has already admitted several flu patients to Intensive Care. Primary care doctors expect cases to peak within a week, much earlier than last year's peak which reached 300 cases per 100,000 inhabitants in mid-March.

As demand increases so will services, the regional government confirmed: "All health departments are prepared to deal with flu cases in the coming months."

## Oil produc



OLIVE CROP: Production this year has average

by Linda Hall

DECEMBER'S rain and low temperatures arrived too late for Campo de Elche's olive crop.

The 2016 harvest was also hindered by the olive trees' tendency to alternate between abundant and limited yields and production averaged half of 2015's.

Only the Maitino olive press - one of three in Campo de Elche - saw an increase, producing 12 per cent more than during the previous campaign.

Production also fell at the Candela press but the El Tendre mill, the biggest of the three, was the worst-af-



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fected with 60 to 70 per cent reduction.

"Overall the olive crop was very poor throughout the province," said Jose Sempere Vicente, whose family established the El Tendre press in 1839. The 2016-2017 campaign is not yet over and at the Candela press there were hopes once all the olives were processed the yield would be only 40 per cent lower.

Candela also processes residents' olives. "All properties in Campo de Elche traditionally have an olive tree. People pick their olives and bring them to be pressed and take away the oil," said its manager Manuel Candela.

## Of growing interest

DEMAND for allotments continues to grow in Santa Pola.

There is a waiting list for one of the plots of municipal land and more are planned for Playa Lisa in addition to the 19 in Calle Caridad and 15 in Gran Alacant.

All are flourishing although at present only six allotments are under cultivation at Gran Alacant. Plot-holders have asked the town hall for advice and help in giving the project a boost and suggested installing a table and awnings: "This is about more than growing things and would turn the allotments into a convivial area," one said.

He was most satisfied with growing interest in the scheme, said the town hall's Sustainability councillor Alejandro Escalada, whose department is organising various courses so that users can apply what they learn to cultivating their plots.

The allotment project provided the opportunity both to enjoy nature "and learn to be more organised," Escalada added.

Hidraqua, which supplies Santa Pola's domestic water, is also collaborating and installed the water meters free of charge. Better still, the councillor said, irrigation water will be charged at the agricultural rate which is half the normal price.



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## Humanists of Murcia

THE Winter Solstice was celebrated this year by 33 people at the Avenida restaurant in Puerto. The day started with coffee and a chat before quizmaster Deryck Davidson took over with assistance from his little elf helper, score keeper (and wife) Margaret.

Expertly devised and hosted by Deryck everyone was seriously impressed by the level of preparation undertaken with high quality score sheets, three separate picture rounds and a very smart Joker card for each team. Clearly a quiz of quality.

The first round, general knowledge, lulled everyone into a false sense of security as all the teams scored quite highly. However, other sections were of ever increasing difficulty.

More coffee and toast at the halfway point helped to sustain the teams. This was also the time for explanations of the sun related gifts of food and toiletries for the GoMad charity. The winner of the prize for the most ingenious explanation of how his gift was related to the



| GREAT WALK: In the foothills of the Sierra Espuñas.

sun received a bottle of Anis El Mono, which has connections to Charles Darwin.

The celebrations concluded with a good lunch, as they usually do and well deserved thanks to Deryck and Margaret for a really good day.

Congratulations to the Totana members Rick and Carole for organising a great walk and good weather for the Boxing Day walk on December 26.

The walk was in the foothills of the Sierra Espuñas and suitable for the easy walking group. Twenty-seven members, friends and visitors participated including Spanish friends from Ontinyent who had just recently formed their own humanist

There was also a good representation of visitors from the UK enjoying the beautiful seasonal weather.

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## Freemasons of Murcia help out at Christmas

ON Christmas Eve the Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Secretary and Charity Steward delivered personalised presents to 29 children at the Orpanage in Cartagena.

The children aged between one month and nine years all received a gift bag containing clothes and toys, specially chosen to suit the age of the child.

At the same time The Province and the two English lodges, Luz de Murcia and Sierra Espunas were assisting to bring some festive cheer to the victims of the terrible flooding that had occurred in Los Alcazares.

Keith Willis, a member of Luz de Murcia lodge, worked with the local town hall, and assisted by his helpers bought Feast of the Kings' presents for more than 40 children.

Charity is one of the main



Freemasonry and the Province and lodges were glad to be able to help at this festive time.

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### Three new equines rescued

A DONKEY cruelly hobbled and left to stand alone without shelter throughout last month's torrential rainfall is now safe from harm thanks to the Easy Horse Care Rescue Centre.

The Rojales sanctuary rescued the donkey, named Dulce Dawn, on Boxing Day in a joint operation with San Javier police, even as the centre itself battled major flooding caused by a week of wet and wild weather.

Just one day later, on December 27, Sue and her husband Rod Weeding were again called out by San Javier police to rescue another two ponies found wandering on a road in the same area.

The three rescues came as the Weedings battled thick mud and used electric pumps to expel water from fields and stables inundated in the recent

flooding. The couple also discovered the weather had damaged a huge load of expensive forage brought from northern Spain to feed the horses.

As they attempt to get back on their feet, the Weedings are calling for donations of good-quality furniture items to sell in their charity stores. The centre's English tack shop is also offering half price items until January 31 to raise further funds. The equestrian store, located at the rescue centre, is open from 10am to 3pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Monetary donations are also gratefully welcomed and can be made securely online at www.easy horse care.net/donate/one-off-donation.

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### **Norway**

# **Profitable** fish

■ NORWAY'S farmed salmon and trout sales totalled 65.3 billion kroner last year (€7.5 billion), over 30 per cent more than in 2015. The increase is largely from an increased demand from China.

### **Best project**

■ SCHOOLS from Norway and Russia came together to discuss climate change as part of the BEST (Barents Energy Sustainability Technology) Future project. They investigated sustainability and renewable energy and looked at the environmental challenges.



### Climber dies

■ A BRITISH mountaineer died in Norway after a fall from a mountain in Telemark county. The man, in his 20's was with another climber when he fell 30 metres.

### **High price**

■ PETROL and diesel prices have reached their highest level ever in Norway after a fuel tax increase which came into force in the New Year.

### FRANCE

### Road power

THE world's first solar panel road has opened in Normandy. The route is covered with 2,800 square metres of electricity-generating panels and should be able to power the street lighting.

### **Organ donation**

FRENCH citizens are now all or-

gan donors unless they register to opt out. The new rules of 'presumed consent' came into force at the start of the year.

### Murder's pardon

■ A FRENCH woman jailed in 2014 for murdering her abusive husband who raped and beat her,

has been pardoned by the President and released from jail.

### Above average

A SURVEY carried out by a dating site claims that the typical Parisian has had an average of 19 sexual partners, more than the national average of 11.

### **SWEDEN**

### **Nordic lights**

■ SWEDEN is hosting the eighth edition of the Nordic Lights Film Festival which takes place this weekend running until January 16. It features a range of films from across the Nordic nations.

#### Golf event

■ THE Annual Swedish Golf Tournament has taken place in Southern Florida, USA, with a new Volvo XC90 up for grabs with a hole in one on hole three. The event raised money for the Swedish Church in Florida.

### **Armed security**

■ SWEDEN'S three power plants are increasing security following recent terror attacks around the world. Security officers at the nuclear power stations will be equipped with firearms from February.

### More gamers

■ SWEDEN needs more games developers in order to maintain its top position in the field as concerns arise over a shortage of skilled labour. Sweden is behind household names like Candy Crush and Minecraft.

### HOLLAND

### Banana drugs

■ AROUND 250 kilos of cocaine was found hidden in a consignment of bananas at Rotterdam port. Five people have been arrested in connection with the drugs haul.

### No pension

■ HOTEL booking site Booking.com will not be forced to join the Reiswerk pension scheme after a judge ruled it is not a travel agency and does not have to join the industry pension provider.

### **Increased checks**

■ THE government is in talks with Belgium, Germany and France to increase security and step up checks on passengers on international buses, trains and boats, in light of recent terror attacks.

### Food help

■ MORE people will be able to ask for a food parcel after the Dutch food bank organisation raised the income level. It means single people receiving less than €200 a month can apply, which is an increase from last year's €180.

### **GERMANY**

### No better

■ A STUDY by Germany's Public Health Insurers Association has found that just around one third of new medicines introduced to the market since 2012 are actually better than the old ones.

### Not a joke

A MAN found himself the victim of a serious prank when he opened the front door of his home and found a brick wall had been built over night trapping him inside. Police said they are treating it as a crime.

### Whistle-blowing

■ A NEW anonymous online portal has been set up so that banking whistle-blowers can report wrongdoing in the industry such as money laundering and corruption.

### Bird flu is back

■ THERE were more than 30 separate incidents of bird flu recorded in Germany last year leading to thousands of chickens, ducks and geese being culled and experts warn the outbreak shows no signs of letting up in 2017.

### **BELGIUM**



### Internet clampdown

■ BELGIUM is clamping down on hate messages on the internet following a number of racist messages regarding the death of a Belgian man of Turkish descent at the Istanbul nightclub terrorist attack.

### **Balcony punishment**

■ THE parents who left their sixyear-old son out on the balcony for 15 hours in near-freezing temperatures as a punishment, have been arrested accused of torture. The youngster is now said to be out of critical care.

### **Nearly full**

■ THE Brussels Hotel Association reports that up to 90 per cent of hotel beds were occupied and booked on New Year's Eve with the number of overnight stays during Christmas also up compared to 2015.

#### Bomb hoax

■ THE Brussels North train station was the scene of two bomb scares within two days. Each time the station was evacuated, but both were hoax calls.

### **DENMARK**



### Cancer survival

■ DENMARK has the worst cancer survival rates amongst the Nordic nations. Around one in three Danes will suffer some form of cancer and figures show around 60 per cent will survive more than five years after their diagnosis.

### **Celebration injuries**

■ FIGURES show that 267 people in Denmark ended their New Year's Eve celebrations with a trip to hospital with 37 of these being treated for serious injuries.

### Car sales

■ LAST year saw a record number of cars sold in Denmark. According to the Danish Car Importers Association, 222,924 vehicles were sold, 7.3 per cent more than in 2015.

### Flu season

■ DENMARK is in the middle of a flu epidemic with the number of cases over Christmas doubling in a week. A total of 263 patients have been hospitalised this flu season with 136 in the last two weeks.

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more than €700 million worth

of Russian stock bought up

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the country has seen a net in-

crease in money coming in

PRESIDENT PUTIN: Was commended for being 'very smart.'

gimmick.

Good news

■ PRESIDENT Putin was commended for being 'very smart' by his future counterpart Donald Trump. Putin didn't rise to the bait after President Obama expelled dozens of Russian diplomats from Washington over controversial claims that Moscow hacked the email accounts of American politi-

#### Tony Montana

A KRASNODAR man who celebrated New Year's Eve by firing an AK-74 assault rifle from his apartment balcony has been identified by police. The man had uploaded a video of his Scarface-style firing session to YouTube and littered parked cars with hundreds of bullet casings.

#### **Icy chill**

■ TEMPERATURES in Moscow dropped to a bitter -30 degrees as a frosty chill descended on the city. The arrival of an anticyclone saw thermometers plummet in just hours as weather forecasters warned of black ice. The coldest temperature ever recorded in Moscow was an icy -42.5 in the winter of 1940.

#### Shady affair

A MOSCOW restaurant is under fire for naming itself NKVD after a Soviet secret

since 2012 and is being described as the 'Trump' effect, amid expectations that the new president will drop sanctions.

#### during Stalin's reign of terror, Back to the others see a cheap marketing future

AN old Soviet filmstrip depicting life in 2017 has come to light. Set 57 years in the future, the 45-pane strip depicts how evil Western capitalists have self-destructed while 'atomic trains' course across Soviet railroads and flying power stations control the weather.

#### Why not?

■ A SIBERIAN artist has marked the New Year by sculpting a giant rooster made out of frozen manure. Mikhail Bopposov built the 3.5 metre tall, 4.2 metre long rooster in his hometown of Uolba, deep in Russia's far north-east, in honour of the Year of the Rooster in Chinese astrology.



# Car sales hit record high

By Matthew Elliott

MORE new cars were sold in the UK last year than ever before. Figures in for 2016 show that a staggering 2.69 million new cars were registered, making Britain one of the strongest motoring markets in the world.

The volume represents an increase of 2 per cent on 2015, but analysts believe Britain has hit 'peak car' and that 2017 will witness a drop of between 5 and 7 per cent.

The car bubble comes courtesy of high consumer confidence, low-in2.69 million

The record breaking number of new cars registered in the UK in 2016.

terest financing and a diverse range of models according to the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders.

It is also thought to reflect years of

pent-up frustration among consumers desperate for a new car, but thwarted by the recession years from 2007-

But not everyone is convinced that the numbers are accurate. Some analysts note that the 2.69 million figure includes cars sold to dealerships, making the number of individual buyers significantly lower.

In fact the number of private and business registrations actually declined by around 1 per cent.

There are also concerns for the future, particularly over what Brexit will mean for the industry. Almost nine out of 10 new cars purchased in the UK are imported, despite British production enjoying its own mini-

Car prices are beginning to rise and the devaluation of the pound following the referendum has already notched them up by almost 3 per

The evergreen Ford Fiesta was the most popular new car in Britain with 120,525 registrations, while the number of eco-friendly vehicles rose by

## Next warning for 2017

SHARES in British High Street stalwart Next have plummeted by more than 14 per cent as the clothes retailer endured a hugely disappointing Christmas season, Chief executive Simon Wolfson has warned that the firm faces a tough 2017 and claimed that the wider clothing industry was in for a hard run as consumer preferences change.

Next performed poorly in both Boxing Day and January sales and also saw a major drop in gift vouchers. Wolfson, a prominent Brexit campaigner, claims that consumers are today favouring more 'experiential' spending, focused on leisure activities.

But many shareholders are unconvinced and believe that Next is simply not connecting with the public. The results have, however, sent a chill down the High Street, which is hugely concerned about the potential impact of Brexit and a possibly devalued pound forcing them to raise prices.

Quote of the Week

Being out of what is a pretty unsuccessful European Union - particularly in the economic sense - gives us opportunities as well as obviously great political difficulties." Lord King former Governor of the Bank of England on Brexit.

## Britain's man in Brussels



SIR TIM BARROW: To be the top EU diplomat.

THERESA MAY resisted calls to install a hard-nosed Brexiteer as the country's top EU diplomat, instead choosing the practicalminded Sir Tim Barrow, a former ambassador to Moscow, for the

Barrow replaces Sir Ivan Rogers, who resigned on January 3 after being savaged by proleave campaigners for suggesting a formal Brexit settlement may take up to a decade to finalise.

The government has been keen to trumpet the quick appointment of Barrow as evidence that they are well prepared for the looming Brexit negotiations, expected to begin in March.

But EU officials reportedly sense anxiety in the hastiness of the decision. A discord between the civil service and executive has been suggested, while Rogers himself claimed that Britain lacked a competent negotiating team and a coherent strategy.

Described as a 'quintessential diplomat' and a 'seasoned negotiator' Sir Barrow's private position on Brexit is unknown, but he is considered capable of getting stuck into the role, rather than bringing an air of 'doom and gloom' as his predecessor was

Naturally not everyone was happy with the appointment.

#### » BUSINESS EXTRA

### **Fat cats**

BRITISH FTSE 100 bosses earn more than €1,000 per hour on average. From a Monday morning to Wednesday lunchtime they will take home more than the average worker will net for a full year, earning roughly 129 times more than their employees.

## Solar solution

CHINA is set to invest more than €300 billion into renewable energy. The world's biggest energy consumer is turning away from coal towards nuclear, wind, solar and hydro power. China generates more solar energy than any other country but is still consumed by smog.

## Sexist pricing

TESCO has slashed the price of women's razors on the high street after campaigners argued women pay over the odds for toiletries. A study found that women were charged on average 37 per cent more than men for similar goods.



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# Apple has hit a Chinese firewall

APPLE has folded to Chinese pressure and withdrawn the New York Times from its App Store. Both the English and Chinese downloads of the American newspaper were taken out in December due to a 'violation of local regulations.'

The broadsheet believes it is being given the run around by Chinese authorities, who have banned access to the NYT website since 2012. Competitors, including the Washington Post, are still available on the China App Store, but the country has a long history of online censorship.

The Great Firewall of China blocks access to a wide variety of western sites, including Facebook and occasionally Google.

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Rio Tinto	3,100.00	5.00	0.16	42,763.38
Royal Mail	459.00	0.20	0.04	4,564.00
Rolls-Royce Group	642.50		-1.23	11,759.11
Randgold Resources	6,865.00	350.00	5.37	6,286.08
RSA Insurance Group	560.00	-16.50	-2.86	5,851.11
Sainsbury (J)	251.00	-1.00	-0.40	5,478.03
Schroders	1,250.00	-3,019.00	-100.00	6,828.14
Sage Group (The)	655.50	-2.00	-0.30	7,058.62
Shire	4,885.00	28.50	0.59	44,296.86
Smurfit Kappa Group	0.00		0.00	4,663.11
Sky	988.50		-0.25	17,018.27
Standard Life	361.50		-0.69	7,187.31
Smiths Group	575.00		-100.00	5,634.67
Smith & Nephew	1,212.50		0.04	10,684.81
SSE	1,525.00		-0.97	15,636.08
Standard Chartered	690.00	-5.70	-0.82	22,669.50
St James's Place	400.00	-1,060.00	-100.00	5,538.57
Severn Trent	2,205.50		-0.43	5,316.71
Tesco	198.25	-1.25	-0.63	16,271.34
TUI AG	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,874.22
Taylor Wimpey	177.75		5.49	5,530.85
Unilever	3,285.00		-0.27	42,341.33
United Utilities Group	897.50		0.06	6,137.00
Vodafone Group	209.50		-0.88	55,749.80
Wolseley	2,400.00		-100.00	12,548.33
Worldpay Group	150.00		-100.00	5,562.00
WPP Group	1,815.00	-25.00	-1.36	23,409.07
Whitbread	3,899.00	-42.00	-1.07	7,147.06

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€0.9783	 €0.0028
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3M	178,230	+0,29%	0,520	107M
AMERICAN EXPRESS	75,4700	+0,20%	0,1500	69M
APPLE	117,910	+1,11%	1,300	629M
BOEING CO	159,100	+0,25%	0,390	98M
CATERPILLAR	93,040	+0,04%	0,040	54M
CHEVRON	116,84	-0,40%	-0,47	220M
CISCO SYSTEMS	30,230	+0,20%	0,060	152M
COCA-COLA	41,74	-0,02%	-0,01	180M
DU PONT(EI) DE NMR	73,3800	-0,58%	-0,4300	63M
EXXON MOBIL	88,50	-0,06%	-0,05	367M
GENERAL ELECTRIC	31,6100	+0,29%	0,0900	280M
GOLDMAN SACHS	244,90	+1,48%	3,58	97M
HOME DEPOT	133,5300	-0,28%	-0,3700	163M
IBM	169,53	+0,49%	0,83	161M
INTEL CORP	36,4800	+0,36%	0,1300	173M
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	86,1200	+0,01%		308M
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	116,3000	-0,48%	-0,5600	316M
MC DONALD'S CORP	120,7600	+0,89%	1,0600	100M
MERCK AND CO. NEW	60,27	+0,27%	0,16	166M
MICROSOFT	62,840	+0,87%	0,540	489M
NIKE	53,91	+1,60%	0,85	72M
PFIZER	33,4800	-0,39%	-0,1300	203M
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	85,030	-0,04%	-0,030	227M
TRAVELERS CIES	118,27	-0,05%	-0,06	33M
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	112,55	+1,08%	1,20	92M
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	162,41	+0,14%	0,23	154M
VERIZON COMMS	53,26	-2,53%	-1,38	216M
VISA	82,21	+1,38%	1,12	152M
WAL-MART STORES	68,2600	-1,37%	-0,9500	209M
WALT DISNEY CO	108,9800	+1,49%	1,6000	173M

### **NASDAQ**

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
Pernix Therapeutics Holdings, Inc.	\$ 2.9332	0.6532 ▲ 28.65%
Zafgen, Inc.	\$ 4.18	0.83 ▲ 24.78%
Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 40.05	5.90 ▲ 17.28%
Quotient Limited	\$ 6.27	0.88 ▲ 16.33%
Cempra, Inc.	\$ 3.75	0.50 ▲ 15.38%
Fulgent Genetics, Inc.	\$ 13.04	1.54 ▲ 13.39%
Calithera Biosciences, Inc.	\$ 4.45	0.50 ▲ 12.66%
KalVista Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 7.4495	0.7295 ▲ 10.86%
Arotech Corporation	\$ 4.65	0.45 ▲ 10.71%
Aurinia Pharmaceuticals Inc	\$ 2.36	0.22 ▲ 10.28%
Gridsum Holding Inc.	\$ 11.06	0.91 ▲ 8.97%
Most Declined		
Avinger, Inc.	\$ 3.30	0.60 ▼ 15.38%
Stein Mart, Inc.	\$ 4.51	0.75 ▼ 14.26%
Apollo Endosurgery, Inc.	\$ 17.31	2.0906 ▼ 10.78%
Orexigen Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 3.38	0.40 ▼ 10.58%
ICU Medical, Inc.	\$ 131.875	15.475 ▼ 10.50%
Eagle Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 75.17	7.03 ▼ 8.55%
Depomed, Inc.	\$ 19.17	1.75 ▼ 8.37%
NII Holdings, Inc.	\$ 2.75	0.25 ▼ 8.33%
Sears Holdings Corporation	\$ 9.56	0.83 ▼ 7.99%
Endologix, Inc.	\$ 5.705	0.485 ▼ 7.84%
MaxPoint Interactive, Inc.	\$ 5.64	0.46 ▼ 7.54%



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# Spain finishes the year strongly

#### By Matthew Elliott

A LONG overdue turnaround in employment numbers and increased household spending means Spain's economic growth in 2016 may have exceeded expectations.

More workers were hired by Spanish firms last year than at any other time since the recession. The economy is estimated to have grown by more than the 3.2 per cent predicted last January, establishing itself as one of the fastest growing in Eu-

Even if the 3.2 per cent growth target is not bettered, Spain will still clock up growth that is easily double the eurozone average. This is despite (some might say due to) the country lacking a central government for more than 10 months.

Foreigners also made a substantial contribution, with tourists and guests spending more than €73 billion in Spain in the 11 months from January to November 2016. That is already some €5.6 billion more than the total amount spent in 2015.

As always, British travellers contributed the largest share at around 21 per cent of the total

But it is the sharp rise in employment figures that will be the most welcome development for Madrid. The number of registered employees leapt by 540,655 across the year, while the number of unemployed fell by 390,534, the largest drop in recorded history.

The recession hit Spain hard on many fronts but the loss of almost four million jobs during its



EMPLOYMENT FIGURES: Will be a most welcome development for Madrid.

toughest spell has been its enduring legacy for millions of Spanish families. Entering 2017 almost two million of those jobs have been recovered. Clearly there is a long way to go, but Spain is certainly on the right track.

The next employment battle will be over the terms and conditions of worker contracts. Countless thousands of the new jobs created are based on short-term temporary contracts with very little in the way of rights or benefits.

Seasonal employment is also a pivotal issue. But the tourist industry is expected to make a huge drive this year to attract guests during autumn and winter, attempting to kill two birds with



card companies have been offering 0 per cent interest rate deals as competition ratchets up a notch.

Millions of people are now using credit cards to pay for shopping, and other regular expenses, rather than saving them for seasonal or luxury purchases.

With both borrowing and lending higher than at any point since the crisis, debt charities are calling on the government to take action to prevent people being suddenly exposed to wider economic

Unemployment is rising and 2017 is expected to offer the first true glimpse of what a post-Brexit economy may look like, as the fall in sterling seen since the referendum has a practical impact.

One debt charity, StepChange, claims to have received more than 300,000 calls for help in just six months. They point out that a job loss, or hefty bill, can knock a family off a cliff as one missed payment results in extreme penalty charges and the beginning of a vicious

The charity is now asking the government to establish a 'breathing space' scheme which would offer legal protection from harsh penalties in return for agreeing to a manageable payment schedule.

# British economy finishes strongly

#### By Matthew Elliott

THE Bank of England's chief economist has admitted a huge disconnect between the dire predictions of financial experts and the facts on the ground as the British economy finished 2016

Andy Haldane said that it was a 'fair cop' to criticise economists. He even compared their off kilter predictions to Michael Fish's notorious 1987 weather forecast when he dismissed hurricane warnings just before one of the greatest storms to ever batter the UK.

Haldane offered the modest excuse that contemporary economic models were not able to cope with 'irrational behaviour' among consumers. But the Bank of England now faces redoubled criticism from many Brexiters who sensed

bias in the BoE's predictions of a dramatic slowdown.

**Predictions** for 2017 are now expected to be revised upwards as the momentum continues well into the New Year.

Britain's services sector polished off a hat-trick of solid performances from the manufacturing and construction industries.

The sector, which includes transport, hotels and banks, grew at the fastest pace seen in 17 months in December as the wider economy grew 0.5 per cent in the year's fi-

to pessimistic predictions from many forecasters who warned that growth would grind to a standstill as the financial ramifications of the Brexit vote began to hit home.

Predictions for 2017 are now expected to be revised upwards as the momentum continues well into the New Year. British exporters are also optimistic over the prospects of a Donald Trump presidency as the tycoon is expected to cut taxes and crank up the American economy.

The Bank of England had cut interest rates to an all-time low of 0.25 per cent in August in a move to bolster confidence and keep people spending. At the time the BoE stressed that a further cut may soon be needed but, given the 2016 data, now the smart money would



ANDY HALDANE: Chief Economist of the Bank of England.

# Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad



MANY UK expatriates living in Spain own properties in the UK and have pensions and investments in the UK. They rely on their UK assets to maintain their lifestyles (and those of their families) in Spain. If they can no longer manage their affairs in the UK due to a loss of mental capacity, it can cause many difficulties.

You can choose a person or people, who you trust, to act for you when you are no longer able.

The best way to avoid the legal and practical difficulties that can occur with the loss of mental capacity is to plan for it in advance by drawing up a document called a 'Lasting Power of Attorney' ('LPA').



POWER OF ATTORNEY: A legal document that enables someone to act on your behalf.

#### What is an LPA?

An LPA is a legal document that enables you to appoint one or more attor-

neys to act for you when you are no longer able to act for yourself.

Your attorney can be a professional,

such as a solicitor or a family member or

There are two types of LPA: 'Health and Welfare' or 'Property and Financial

An LPA must be made while you have full mental capacity. It is therefore important to make one while you are in good health.

#### Why should you get an LPA?

You can choose a person or people, who you trust, to act for you when you are no longer able.

If you lose your mental capacity and do not have an LPA, then your family (or the authorities) will have no choice but to make an application to the Court of Protection to appoint a 'deputy' to look after your affairs, which can be time consuming and costly.

#### Will my LPA be recognised in Spain?

Unfortunately there is no international type of LPA which is guaranteed to work in both the UK and Spain.

The advice we give to our clients at Stone King, is that if you have assets in both Spain and the UK, your only safe option is to appoint attorneys in both jurisdictions.



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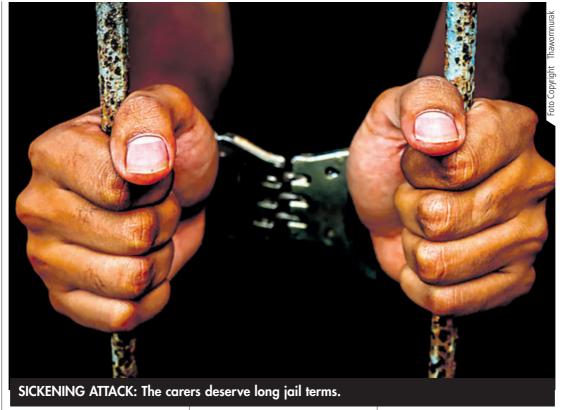
# The danger of even more racism



I'M sure we were all thoroughly sickened by the attack on a defenceless patient by the four black care workers in America this week. These animals unleashed an assault on this young, mentally impaired white man, that truly defies the imagination.

To add insult to his horrific ordeal, this evil quartet actually videoed their actions and published it on social media. Let's hope this scum get all they deserve and, if found guilty, find themselves gazing through bars for some considerable time.

What interested me was the overall reaction of the white communities. Basically this consisted of expressions of disgust and disbelief, followed by the calm trust that the law will take its course and justice ultimately be served. The difference here of course is that, had the positions



been reversed, and the attack perpetrated by four white workers on a defenceless black person,

there would have been screams of racism, marches and possible rioting throughout the country.

Why is that? Why are some black people so quick to blame white people for their misfor-

These actions create the very real danger of turning even more people into racists.

tunes and so-called social injustices? I have never considered myself a racist but to my mind, these hysterical and often violent reactions, are, in fact, racism in its most serious form: precisely what the demonstrations are supposed to be protesting against.

Makes no sense to me, in fact to my mind, these actions create the very real danger of turning even more people into racists.

I think it is high time black communities began looking inward for solutions to their problems, instead of constantly blaming outside white influences for their shortcomings.

Please peruse this piece carefully before releasing the expected slings and arrows. Thanks.

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Rip Off Britain

Wanted Down Under

Caught Red Handed

Nature's Weirdest

Events

**10:00am** Victoria Derbyshire

**12:00pm** BBC Newsroom Live

**1:00pm** The Daily Politics

Coast

The Link

Mouth is

Home

Eggheads

Journeys

Weekends

10:00pm Age 8 and Wanting

11:00pm The Premier League

Show

12:15am The Last Kingdom

**1:15am** The Last Kingdom

11:30pm Newsnight

2:15am Panorama

a Sex Change

Four for Texas

A Place to Call

Put Your Money

Where Your Mouth Is

Great British Railway

Rick Stein's Long

The Great Interior

Design Challenge

Chefs: Put Your

Menu Where Your

7:00am

7:45am

8:30am

9:00am

2:00pm

2:10pm

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3:40pm

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9:00pm

7:00am Breakfast

10:15am Rip Off Britain

11:00am Homes Under the

Hammer

12:00pm Wanted Down Under

12:45pm Caught Red Handed

BBC News at One

BBC London News

Father Brown

!Mpossible

Country

Pointless

Escape to the

The Hairy Bikers'

Antiques Road Trip

BBC News at Six

**BBC London News** 

Andrew Neil reviews the political week

with Michael Portillo

and guests.

Weather for the

Week Ahead

Good Morning

Britain

10:25am The Jeremy Kyle

Show

9:30am Lorraine

The One Show

Comfort Food

**1:15pm** Bargain Hunt

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8:30pm EastEnders

9:00pm Spy in the Wild

10:00pm Death in Paradise

**11:00pm** BBC News at Ten

11:30pm BBC London News

11:45pm Question Time

12:45am This Week

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8:00pm

8:30pm

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World News Today

The Sky at Night

The Mary Rose: A

Timewatch Guide

Machine Gun:

Britain's Armed

The Greatest Terror

Everest on the Track

Documentary about

athletics legend

Roger Bannister.

The Trains That Time

Forgot: Britain's Lost

Railway Journeys

Timeshift journeys

back to a lost era of

rail travel, when

trains had names,

character and style.

James May: The

Gunpowder 5/11:

The Greatest Terror

Sword, Musket and

Machine Gun:

Britain's Armed

History

Reassembler

10:00pm Sword, Musket and

History

**11:00pm** Gunpowder 5/11:

Plot

12:00am Roger Bannister:

Sun

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10:00pm Spies

10:00am Frasier

10:30am Frasier

3rd Rock from the

3rd Rock from the

King of Queens

King of Queens

Everybody Loves

Everybody Loves

Nightmares USA

Raymond

Raymond

11:00am Ramsay's Kitchen

**12:00pm** Find it, Fix it, Flog it

Summary

The Simpsons

Hollyoaks

**9:00pm** The Restoration Man

**11:55pm** 24 Hours in A and E

Kirstie's Vintage

Location, Location.

Location, Location,

1:00pm Channel 4 News

Darts

8:00pm Channel 4 News

**11:00pm** 60 Days in Jail

1:00am Kinky Britain

Anari

Gems

Location

Location

# CHANNEL [5]

Noddy: Toyland

Ben and Holly's Little

Milkshake Monkey

Toby's Travelling

5 News Lunchtime

Home and Away

A Mother's Fear

Home and Away

5 News Tonight

5 News at 5

Neighbours

Neighbours

NCIS

Celebrity Big Brother

Toot the Tiny Tugboat

Detective

Paw Patrol

Kinadom

Wissper

Peppa Pig

Circus

10:15am The Wright Stuff

12:15pm The Hotel Inspector

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3:00pm The Big Bang Theory 3:30pm The Big Bang Theory 4:00pm Baby Daddy 4:30pm Baby Daddy 5:00pm How I Met Your Mother

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11:00pm Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink 12:05am Celebrity Big

Brother's Bit on the

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Premier League 9:30am Legends 10:00am Barclays Premier League World 10:30am Premier League 100 Club 11:00am The Premier League Years 1:00pm Time of Our Lives 2:00pm Efl Cup Highlights 2:30pm Barclays Premier League World 3:00pm Premier League Legends 3:30pm Premier League Legends 4:00pm Sporting Heroes 5:00pm Efl Cup Highlights 5:30pm **Barclays Premier** League World 6:00pm Boxing Gold 6:30pm Darts Gold **Barclays Premier** 7:00pm League World Efl Cup Highlights 7:30pm 8:00pm Premier League Match Pack 8:30pm Football 11:15pm Premier League Match Pack 11:45pm La Liga Show

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7:00am 7:25am Heartbeat 8:25am 9:30am The Royal

10:25am Judge Judy 10:55am Judge Judy 11:25am Judge Judy 11:50am A Touch of Frost 2:00pm Heartbeat 3:05pm The Royal 4:05pm Where the Heart is 5:15pm You're Only Young 5:50pm

Wycliffe The Knock enters the unique world of an investigations unit of HM Customs and Excise.

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3:05am

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Gunsmoke

Minder

**9:50am** The Professionals

8:45am Quincy, M.E.

10:50am Ironside

11:00am In the Heart of the Sea 1:10pm Once Upon a Time

in Mexico 3:00pm Gone in 60 Seconds 5:10pm Armageddon In the Heart of the 7:50pm

Sea 10:00pm Once Upon a Time in Mexico

11:45pm Enemy of the State 2:00am Rocky V

### SKY/MOVIES COMEDY

8:05am Spud 3: Learning to Fly 9:35am The Apartment 11:45am The Rocky Horror Picture Show: Let's Do the Time Warp Again Ted 2 Ride Along 2 Raising Helen The Cable Guy Ride Along 2

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10:30am Star Wars: Roque

11:00am The Colony

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9:00pm

4:15am

One Special

1:00pm 10 Cloverfield Lane

**4:45pm** Our Brand is Crisis

Preview

Rome

Sky Movies 2017

All Roads Lead to

Sarah Jessica Parker

mum who runs into

when she takes her

rebellious teenage

daughter to

Tuscany.

The Witch

**10:45pm** Jamie Marks is Dead

12:30am 10 Cloverfield Lane

**2:30am** A Tale of Love and

Darkness

Our Brand is Crisis

Political satire

starring Sandra

Rullock and Rilly

**Bob Thornton as** 

rival strategists

2002 Bolivian

elections.

working during the

stars as a single

her ex-boyfriend

11:00pm Chewing Gum

**12:35am** The Big Bang Theory

The Big Bang Theory

11:30pm Gogglebox

1:35am Tattoo Fixers

1:05am

7:00am Cricket Classics 8:00am Cricket's Greatest 8:30am Sporting Triumphs 8:45am Cricket Gold Shorts Jamie Marks is Dead 8:55am Cricket

**12:15am** More Than a Game

sky SPORTS 2

**12:45am** Barclays Premier League World

4:00pm **Great Sporting** Moments 4:15pm Great Sporting Moments

4:30pm Great Sporting Moments 4:45pm **Great Sporting** 

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Cricket World Cup 4:00am Classics **Sporting Rivalries** 5:00am 5:30am Sporting Rivalries

11:30am This Morning 1:30pm Loose Women 2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News 2:55pm ITV News London 3:00pm Judge Rinder 4:00pm Dickinson's Real Deal 5:00pm Tipping Point **6:00pm** The Chase 7:00pm ITV News London 7:30pm ITV Evening News 8:00pm Emmerdale Your Pound: What's 8:30pm It Worth? Tonight 9:00pm Emmerdale 9:30pm The Cruise 10:00pm Unforgotten

11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather 11:30pm ITV News London 11:40pm Piers Morgan's Life Stories 12:40am Tipping Point 1:35am Jackpot247 4:00am Your Pound: What's It Worth? Tonight 4:25am ITV Nightscreen

7:00am Planet's Funniest Animals 7:20am Who's Doing the

Dishes? 8:15am The Ellen DeGeneres Show 9:00am Emmerdale

9:30am Coronation Street **10:00am** You've Been Framed! Gold **10:35am** Psych 11:25am Scorpion

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Ford

1:45am FYI Daily

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Advertising feature

# Minimise retirement income tax

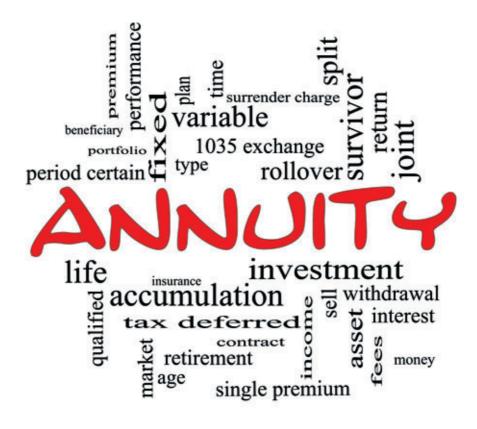
ONE of the most important decisions expats need to make when retiring to Spain is how to take pension benefits from their retirement plans.

Spain has a unique system where individuals can buy either a temporary or lifetime annuity. For those who qualify, it is possible to take your pension as a 'three-year temporary annuity.' This form of annuity allows an individual to withdraw equal amounts from their pension fund over a three-year period.

Annuities are taxed favourably in Spain with the authorities treating a proportion of the income as non-taxable capital; only the balance is subject to income tax. The taxable income element of the annuity is determined by applying a fixed percentage of between 8 - 40 per cent to the amount received, depending on the age of the beneficiary at the time the annuity vests.

With a three-year temporary annuity, tax will only be charged on 12 per cent of the payment. It would also be possible to set up a temporary annuity for three years, and then switch to a lifetime annuity at a later date. This would be an age related decision.

Income tax on temporary annuities are dependent on the term of the annuity, whereas



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rates for lifetime annuities are determined by one's age. The lifetime annuity becomes a more suitable and effective option as an individual gets older. Retirees older than 70 are taxed on lifetime annuities at a rate of 8 per

Holders of Recognised Overseas Pension Schemes (ROPS) qualify for this special tax treatment in Spain. The net effect of using this legal loophole is a pension income tax rate of between 3 - 5 per cent per annum.

Find out if a Spanish annuity is suitable for

Contact: Des Cooney Director at AXIS Strategy Consultants des.cooney@axis-finance.com or visit our website at: http://axisfinance.com/free-grops-guide/

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Father Brown

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BBC News at One

**BBC London News** 

Escape to the Country

The Hairy Bikers'

Antiques Road Trip

BBC News at Six

The One Show

EastEnders

Room 101

10:00pm Not Going Out

10:30pm Mrs. Brown's Boys

11:00pm BBC News at Ten

11:25pm BBC London News

11:35pm The Graham Norton

Show

**12:25am** Uncle

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**BBC London News** 

A Question of Sport

Comfort Food

Pointless

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Rip Off Britain

8:30am Caught Red Handed

9:00am Great British Menu

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**10:00am** Victoria Derbyshire

12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live

Chefs: Put Your

Talking Pictures

A Place to Call

Put Your Money

Home

Eggheads

Journeys

Spaces

9:30pm Only Connect

10:00pm World's Most

11:30pm Newsnight

12:05am The Last Kingdom

**1:05am** The Last Kingdom

11:00pm QI

Mastermind

From Here to Eternity

Where Your Mouth Is

Great British Railway

Big Dreams Small

Extraordinary Homes

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Menu Where Your

**1:00pm** The Daily Politics

Coast

Wanted Down Under

World News Today

The latest national

and international

news, exploring the

day's events from a

alobal perspective.

Top of the Pops

with Neil Brand

Top of the Pops

Sound of Musicals

with Neil Brand

David Bowie: Five

An intimate portrait

of five key years in

career. Featuring a

wealth of previously

unseen archive this

film looks at how

Bowie continually

evolved, from Ziggy

Stardust to the soul

Americans and the

'Thin White Duke'.

star of Young

David Bowie's

**10:00pm** Sound of Musicals

**11:00pm** Bowie at the BBC

12:00am David Bowie: Five

Years

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The Good Old Days

8:00pm

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3:05am



3rd Rock from the

King of Queens

King of Queens

Everybody Loves

Nightmares USA

Raymond

11:00am Ramsay's Kitchen

12:00pm Find it, Fix it, Flog it

Summary

Hollyoaks

**10:00pm** 8 Out of 10 Cats

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The Simpsons

Channel 4 News

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Friday Night Feast

Does Countdown

Alan Carr Yap, Yap,

First Dates Hotel

The Secret Life of 5

Kirstie's Handmade

Sexv Beast

No Offence

Year Olds

Treasures

Hoarder SOS

1:00pm Channel 4 News

Darts

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10:00am Frasier

10:30am Frasier

# CHANNEL (5)

**9:00am** Ben and Holly's Little

Kingdom

Wissper

Peppa Pig

Peppa Pig

10:00am Toby's Travelling

Circus

Milkshake Monkey

Toot the Tiny Tugboat

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Neighbours 2:45pm Mother NCIS 3:00pm 3:15pm The Wrong Woman 4:15pm 3:30pm 5 News at 5 Baby Daddy 6:00pm 4:00pm 6:30pm Neighbours

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9:00am The Witch

11:10am

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4:45am

**10:40am** Sky Movies 2017

Preview

10 Cloverfield Lane

Chris Hemsworth's

keep the fabled

Huntsman battles to

magic mirror out of

the wrong hands.

The Top Ten Show

A young European

in the Chilean

military coup of

1973 and exposed

to a notorious cult

All Roads Lead to

Rome

The Witch

The Huntsman:

Winter's War

**11:00pm** 10 Cloverfield Lane

Rome

**2:45am** The Colony

**12:50am** Jamie Marks is Dead

All Roads Lead to

couple are swept up

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The Colony

The Huntsman:

Winter's War

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Boxina Gold **Barclays Premier** League World

7:00pm The Fantasy Football Club 8:00pm Football 11:15pm The Fantasy Football

Club Barclays Premier League Preview



Good Morning

Britain

Lorraine

The NFL Show

The Black Balloon

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7:00am Doctor in the House

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Gunsmoke

11:30am The Italian Joh 1:30pm Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens Cop Out

5:50pm The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor

**7:50pm** Everest 10:00pm Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens 12:20am The Matrix

2:45am The Italian Job

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10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle
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11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	ITV News London
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real
	Deal
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Best Walks with a
	View with Julia

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Bradbury	
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FYI Daily

1:40am

# Part of life's rich tapestry

**Guest** 

Columnist

Today: Neil Sambrook

ON a recent flight to Alicante from the UK I read a magazine article making the case for 1966 being the high watermark of popular music. The evidence looked watertight - Revolver, Pet Sounds, Blonde on Blonde, Fifth Dimension, each one a landmark album and released the same year as outstanding offerings from The Who, The Kinks, Rolling Stones (and that was just in London), with groundbreaking music also made in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

During the plane journey I began making a mental list of what I consider to be the greatest albums ever made: What's Goin' On, Born to Run, Blue, Blood on the Tracks, Rubber Soul, The Clash, Tapestry, Who's Next and in doing so realised how many were made in 1971. So without further ado here is the case for 1971 being the 'annus mirabilis' of rock music.

At first glance 1971 is a strange



THE WHO: Recorded possibly one of the greatest rock records ever made.

year for rock. The Beatles had split, there was no new material from Bob Dylan and constant personnel changes had blown The Beach Boys and The Byrds off course. But with What's Goin' On, Marvin Gave gave Motown

its finest hour. More social comment than sweet soul, the songs focused on inner city deprivation, brotherhood and the mess being made of the environment - marvellous Marvin proving you could have a message and make great dance music at the same time.

Tapestry (Carole King) and Blue (Joni Mitchell) are albums of incredible maturity and insight into human emotions, while Every Picture Tells A Story is Rod Stewart at his most charming, funny and poignant - the killer second side (Maggie May, Mandolin Wind, (I Know) I'm Losing You and Reason to Believe) a match for any side of an album ever recorded.

It also brought Sticky Fingers, an album of such swagger and attitude it could only have been made by the Rolling Stones, while on The Kinks' Muswell Hillbillies, King Kink, now Sir Ray Davies, presents sketches of London that 30 years before Graham Greene would have been proud of.

But the final word in this momentous year goes to Rolling Stone magazine who routinely call Who's Next by The Who 'the greatest rock record ever made.' If you agree with that statement (as I do) there is little else to add. As Del Boy once said: "I don't care what they say, you can't whack The Who."

By the time we landed my mind was made up - 1971 was the golden year. But waiting to show my passport I thought of 1969 and Abbey Road, Tommy, Crosby, Stills & Nash, Let It Bleed, Bridge Over Troubled Water, The Band, Dusty in Memphis, Led Zeppelin II...

#### Advertising feature

# **Neater Heaters take the** sting out of the new digital electric meters

THE arrival of the new digital electric meters has provided a real demonstration, if one was needed, of the advantages Neater Heaters have over most of their competition.

For many years, the installers from Neater Heater have been removing old heaters from homes and replacing them with the more efficient Norwegiandesigned Adax and Beha ranges. This meant that, in many cases, customers were nearly halving their consumption, as they now heated with one kilowatt, or less, an area that had previously been warmed by two kilowatts, or

Until recently, these inefficient heaters were just expensive to run, but at least they did run. However, with the new digital meters, customers are finding their supply won't support these older heaters, which keep tripping their electric.

This was the case recently with a Moraira resident who had a nine kilowatt contracted allowance, but his new electric meter kept tripping. On inspection, he was running six two kilowatt heaters. He now has six one kilowatt Neater Heaters. and is just as warm. Also, he can now use his electric kettle

Neater Heaters are not just stylish and attractive, as you would expect from a Scandinavian design, but they use modern technology, materials, and engineering, to ensure that the customer gets genuine value for money. The well designed extruded aluminium element directly heats the cold air around it. The warm air rises and exits through the heater's upper vents drawing more cold air into the heater through the lower vents. The

thermostat then cuts out the heater when the desired room temperature has been reached, saving you more money.

Neater Heaters now come in a variety of models which include some with timing controls and colour options and can be used for full central heating of the home or can be purchased individually for one or more rooms. They can be wall mounted or if you are limited for wall space additional feet can be purchased to enable them to be freestanding.



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Breakfast

12:30pm The Best Dishes Ever

RRC News

Bargain Hunt

Escape to the

Country

Final Score

BBC News

Celebrity

Pointless

Mastermind

Regional News

Wanted Down Under

Weather

Football Focus

11:00am Saturday Kitchen

Live

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**6:35pm** Weather

8:00pm Let it Shine

9:25pm Casualty

11:10pm BBC News

**1:05am** The Ring

**11:30pm** Match of the Day

Weather for the

Week Ahead

The latest national

and international

followed by Weather.

news stories.

BBC News

**10:15pm** Taboo

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9:15am The Magic Box

11:00am Secret Britain

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**4:20pm** Flog It!

**12:00pm** Homes Under the

Hammer

Exploring China: A

Culinary Adventure

University Challenge

A show in which

made between

seemingly

connections must be

unconnected things.

Extraordinary Homes

The World's Most

Thailand: Farth's

Tropical Paradise

Britain's Ancient

Orkney

11:40pm On the Waterfront

**1:25am** Lay the Favourite

2:55am This is BBC Two

Highlights of

programmes on BBC

9:30pm Dad's Army

10:00pm Imagine

Capital: Secrets of

Ice Station Zebra

Mastermind

Only Connect

8:00pm The Golden Age of

Indus

10:00pm Lost Kingdoms of

11:00pm The Young

9:00pm

Coach Travel

Treasures of the

Central America

Montalbano

Prequel series

giving an insight

and early crime-

fighting career of

detective Salvo

Montalbano.

Mystery Dance

Later Presents...

Elvis Costello in

Great Guitar Riffs

This is BBC Four

BBC Four is the

BBC channel for

people who want

more. More depth,

more range, more

to stimulate the

Concert

at the BBC

12:45am Top of the Pops

1:20am Elvis Costello:

2:20am

3:20am

5:05am

into the private life

# CHANNEL 4.

King of Queens

King of Queens

Everybody Loves

Everybody Loves

Everybody Loves

Raymond

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Frasier

**10:30am** The Big Bang Theory

**11:00am** The Big Bang Theory

**11:25am** The Big Bang Theory

**11:55am** The Simpsons

**12:25pm** The Simpsons

12:55pm Ramsay's Kitchen

Darts

Nightmares USA

Jamie and Jimmy's

Friday Night Feast

Channel 4 News

Penelope Keith's

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10:00am Frasier





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5:25pm Laugh Out Loud 3

7:20pm NCIS: Los Angeles

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Hidden Villages **Great Canal Journeys** 

Hollyoaks Omnibus Information not available Hoarder SOS

Immortals

7:00am Milkshake! **10:45am** Big Bash Cricket Live 2:30pm The Hotel Inspector 3:25pm Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud

Laugh Out Loud 2 Dogs Make You

6:25pm Kittens Make You Laugh Out Loud

8:05pm NCIS: Los Angeles 9:00pm

**9:55pm** 5 News 10:00pm Football on 5 11:00pm Football on 5

**11:30pm** Celebrity Big Brother 12:30am Lip Sync Battle UK Super Casino

4:10am Celebrity Big Brother 5:00am Celebrity Botched Up Rodies

Divine Designs Paul Rinski examines some of Britain's most fascinating religious artworks

and artefacts.

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Black-Ish

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Mother

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**11:00am** Melissa and Joey

11:30am Melissa and Joey

Black-Ish

Young and Hungry

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The Goldbergs

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Brooklyn Nine-Nine

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The Big Bang Theory

The Big Bang Theory

**10:00pm** Info Not Available

Gogglebox

SKY/MOVIES PREMIERE

Rome

10:45am Wild Horses

The Inbetweeners

The Inbetweeners

All Roads Lead to

12:10am Gogglebox

12:00pm Baby Daddy

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9:30am 10:00am 11:00am Soccer A.M.

12:30pm Football 4:00pm Gillette Soccer Saturday

Club

6:15pm Football 9:00pm **EFL Goals** 

9:30pm Nissan Game of the Day 11:30pm Nissan Match Choice

12:30am Pl: Match TBA Highlights 1:00am Pl: Match TBA

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10:25am ITV News

10:30am Rebound

11:30am Guess This House

12:30pm Judge Rinder

1:30pm ITV News and

Weather

**5:05pm** Dance Dance Dance

Weather

Weather

**10:30pm** Through the Keyhole

Weather

Judgment Day

Who's Doing the

Jackpot247

Dishes?

Nightscreen

9:00pm The Voice UK

11:30pm ITV News and

11:45pm Terminator 2:

Brits Launch

Ninja Warrior UK

ITV News and

River Monsters

Bargain Shop Wars

The Mummy Returns

Local News and



The Hot Desk

Omnibus

The Big Quiz

Ninja Warrior UK

50 Greatest Harry

Potter Moments

Horrid Henry: The

Horrid Henry: The

Hotel Transvlvania

Hotel Transylvania

The Amazing Spider-

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Movie

FYI Daily

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Man 2

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10:30pm Wanted

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Dads

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7:00am Judae Judy Murder, She 7:20am Wrote 8:10am Murder, She Wrote

9:15am Murder, She Wrote 10:20am Columbo

12:25pm Hidden Treasure 2:30pm A Touch of Frost A Touch of Frost 4:50pm 7:00pm Midsomer Murders

9:00pm Doc Martin Drama series about a GP in Cornwall. Martin and Louisa's baby is giving them

sleepless nights. **10:00pm** Midsomer Murders **12:00am** Lewis 2:00am Rlue Murder 2:55am ITV3 Nightscreen Text-based information service.

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7:00am Gunsmoke **7:55am** The Professionals 8:55am The Professionals 9:55am The Saint 11:00am ITV Racing: The

Opening Show 12:00pm Pawn Stars 12:30pm Apache

1:30pm FYI Daily 1:35pm Apache 2:25pm Nijinsky's Triple

Crown 2:30pm ITV Racing Live 5:00pm Red River 6:05pm FYI Daily

6:10pm Red River 7:40pm Pawn Stars **8:05pm** Mr. Bean

8:40pm Mr. Bean **9:10pm** River Monsters 10:15pm The Client 11:15pm FYI Daily

**11:20pm** The Client 12:40am Don't Say a Word 1:40am FYI Daily **1:45am** Don't Say a Word 2:55am Hell on Wheels

3:50am ITV4 Nightscreen

Teleshopping

4:00am

sky MOVIES

7:00am The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers

10:00am The Da Vinci Code 12:30pm Mad Max: Fury Road **2:35pm** Night at the Museum The Lord of the Rings: The Two

Towers **7:30pm** The Da Vinci Code 10:00pm Mad Max: Fury Road 12:00am The Matrix Reloaded

sky/MOVIES

1941 7:00am 9:05am Rock the Kashah Star Wars: Roque One Special 11:30am Daddy's Home 1:15pm How to be Single 3:15pm Sister Act 5:05pm The Top Ten Show 2017 5:25pm Big Daddy 7:05pm

Pixels

11:00pm Daddv's Home

**12:45am** Rush Hour 2

9:00pm

7:00pm How to be Single

**12:45pm** The Top Ten Show 2017 1:00pm 10 Cloverfield Lane Tense thriller about a woman who wakes up in an underground bunker after surviving a car accident 3:00pm The Huntsman:

Chris Hemsworth's Huntsman battles to keep the fabled magic mirror out of the wrong hands. 5:00pm Our Brand is Crisis Political satire about rival strategists working during the 2002 Bolivian elections. Wild Horses

The Huntsman:

Winter's War

12:50am The Witch

Winter's War

11:00pm 10 Cloverfield Lane

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Cricket Classics 7:00am Cricket's Greatest 8:00am 8:30am Cricket's Greatest 9:00am Sporting Rivalries Sporting Rivalries 9:30am

**10:00am** Sky Sports Years 11:00am Sporting Triumphs 12:00pm Cricket's Greatest

12:30pm Super Heroes: Jean De Villiers 1:00pm Super Heroes: James

Horwill Live European

Champions Cup Rugby

4:00pm Boxing Gold 4:30pm Boxing Gold 5:00pm Boxina Gold

5:30pm Super Heroes: Ali Williams

6:00pm Live European Champions Cup Rugby

8:30pm Cricket 9:30pm Sporting Greats

**10:00pm** Sporting Rivalries 10:30pm Live NFL 2:00am Live NFL 5:30am Sporting Rivalries

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8:30am Match of the Day

10:00am The Andrew Marr

Show

**11:00am** The Big Questions

Weather for the

Homes Under the

Wanted Down Under

Week Ahead

Hammer

Revisited

Country

**6:05pm** Call the Midwife

**7:20pm** Regional News

Weather

**8:30pm** Antiques Roadshow

Special

**9:30pm** Still Open All Hours

Holocaust Memorial

7:05pm BBC News

**7:30pm** Countryfile

10:00pm Sherlock

11:40pm BBC News

**7:00am** CITV

10:25am ITV News

10:30am Countrywise

**11:00am** Peston on Sunday

12:30pm Chopping Block

1:30pm ITV News and

2:35pm Tipping Point

1:35pm

4:35pm

6:15pm

6:30pm

12:00pm Gino's Italian Escape

Weather

Judge Rinder

Ninja Warrior UK The Voice UK

Local News and

ITV News and

The Chase Celebrity

Weather

Weather

Special

7:30pm Dance Dance Dance

Weather

11:15pm Peston on Sunday

9:00pm Endeavour

11:00pm ITV News and

12:15am Brits Launch

**1:15am** Jackpot247

4:55am Nightscreen

4:00am Chopping Block

Escape to the

Spy in the Wild

Songs of Praise

**12:00pm** Sunday Politics

1:15pm Bargain Hunt

2:00pm BBC News

7:00am

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2:15pm

3:15pm

3:45pm

4:30pm

5:30pm

7:25pm

#### BBGONE BBGTWO BBGFOUR CHANNEL 4.

Gardening

8:00am Big Dreams Small

Spaces

Winter

**9:30am** The Edible Garden

**11:00am** Saturday Kitchen

12:30pm Talking Snooker

2:00pm Masters Snooker

1:15pm MOTD2 Extra

**7:15pm** Ski Sunday

8:00pm City in the Sky

**9:00pm** Dragons' Den

**11:50pm** QI XL

12:30am

3:20am

1:20am Snooker

4:20am Holby City

**5:20am** This is BBC Two

10:00pm Thailand: Earth's

11:00pm Match of the Day 2

Tropical Paradise

Panel-based quiz

where it is more

important to be

interesting than

**Question Time** 

right.

Snooker

Best Bites

Yellowstone

10:00am Countryfile

Island Parish Sark

**7:15am** A to Z of TV

9:00am

6:15pm

David Starkey's

Music and Monarchy

Dr David Starkev's

exploration of how

the monarchy

shaped Britain's

music reaches the

17th century, when

threatened not only

religious conflict

the lives of

musicians and

future of the

monarchs, but the

monarchy and the

alorious tradition of

British music itself.

Sword, Musket and

Machine Gun:

Britain's Armed

Presidential Grudge

History

Match

**11:30pm** Bowie at the BBC

2:25am Lost Kingdoms of

**12:30am** John Berger: The Art

of Looking

Sound of Musicals

with Neil Brand

Central America

10:00pm Rich Hall's

1:25am

8:00pm

Walking the

Does Countdown

How to Lose Weight

Alan Gardner is an

garden designer. But

award-winning

he's no ordinary

Americas

**10:00pm** Bad Neighbours

**11:55pm** 8 Out of 10 Cats

Well

The Autistic

Gardener

8:10am

8:35am

9:00am

4:55pm

5:15pm Darts

**12:55am** Hanna

2:55am

3:50am

#### CHANNEL 7:20am King

King of Queens	10:55am	The Fairly Odd
Everybody Loves		Parents
Raymond	11:30am	Football on 5
Everybody Loves	1:00pm	Fail Army
Raymond	1:25pm	Message in a Bottle
Everybody Loves	3:50pm	5 News
Raymond	5:45pm	You've Got Mail
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	Raymond	5:45pm	You've Got Mail
9:30am	Frasier	8:00pm	Now That's Funny!
10:00am	Frasier		Brides Make You
10:30am	Sunday Brunch	•	Laugh Out Loud
1:30pm	The Simpsons	9:55pm	5 News
2:50pm	St. Trinian's 2: The	10:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother

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St. Trinian's 2: The	10:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother
Legend of Fritton's	11:05pm	Celebrity Botched Up
Gold		Bodies
Channel 4 News	12:05am	The Roast of Donald

12:05am	The Roast of Donald
	Trump
1:35am	Impractical Jokers UI
2:00am	Super Casino
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	the authentic, heart-

UK

	experience every
	night.
4:10am	Under the Tuscai

Sun

thumping casino

5:50am Divine Designs Paul Binski examines some of Britain's most fascinating religious artworks and artefacts.

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7:00am	Rude(Ish) Tube
7:30am	Rude(Ish) Tube
8:00am	How I Met Your
	Mother
8:30am	How I Met Your
	Mother
9:00am	Melissa and Joey
9:30am	Melissa and Joey
10:00am	Baby Daddy
10:30am	Baby Daddy
11:00am	Hollyoaks Omnibus
1:30pm	Couples Come Dine
•	with Me
2:30pm	Couples Come Dine
•	with Me
3:30pm	The Goldbergs
4:00pm	The Goldbergs
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6:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:00pm	Johnny English
	Reborn
11:05pm	Tattoo Fixers
12:05am	Virtually Famous

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7:00am	Pl: Match TBA
	Highlights
7:30am	Pl: Match TBA
	Highlights
8:00am	Premier League
	Highlights
8:30am	Pl: Match TBA
	Highlights
9:00am	Pl: Match TBA
	Highlights
9:30am	Info Not Available
10:00am	The Sunday
	Supplement
11:30am	Goals on Sunday
1:30pm	Live Nissan Super
	Sunday
4:30pm	Live Nissan Super
	Sunday
8:00pm	EFL Goals
8:30pm	Football
11:00pm	Football
11:30pm	Football
12:00am	Goals on Sunday
1:00am	Football
1:30am	Football
2:00am	Boxing Gold
2:30am	Darts Gold
3:00am	The Premier League
5:00am	rears
5:00am	Sporting Heroes

sky SPORTS 2

# 12:05am Weather

**12:00am** Regional News

7:00am	You've Been Framed!	7:0
7:25am	Emmerdale Omnibus	7:5
10:10am	Coronation Street	8:4
	Omnibus	9:4
12:30pm	The Voice UK	10

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2:05pm	Guidance
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2:40pm	Side Effects
3:10pm	2awesome Link
3:20pm	Third Wheel
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3:40pm	L.A. Story
4:00pm	Space Jam
5:00pm	FYI Daily
5:05pm	Space Jam
5:45pm	Despicable Me 2
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6:45pm	FYI Daily
6:50pm	Despicable Me 2
7:45pm	The Hobbit: An
	Unexpected Journey

8:45pm	FYI Daily
8:50pm	The Hobbit: An
	Unexpected Journey
11:00pm	Family Guy
11:30pm	Family Guy

12:00am	Family Guy
12:30am	Family Guy
1:00am	American Dad!
1:30am	American Dad!
2:00am	The Cleveland Show

7:00am	Where the Heart is
7:50am	Where the Heart is
8:45am	Heartbeat
9:45am	Heartbeat
10:50am	Murder, She Wrote
11:50am	Murder, She Wrote
12:55pm	The Mirror Crack'd
1:55pm	FYI Daily
2:00pm	The Mirror Crack'd
3:05pm	A Touch of Frost
5:20pm	Columbo: How to
	Dial a Murder
7:00pm	Midsomer Murders
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Midsomer Murders
This Time Next Year
Tonight at the
London Palladium
Birds of a Feather
The English Patient
FYI Daily
The English Patient
A Touch of Frost
May the Best Hous
Win
More house tours,
this time from the
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**5:20am** May the Best House

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gardener.

7:00am	Sports Fillers	12:10
7:10am	The Wine Show	
8:05am	The Saint	2:15p
9:00am	The Professionals	4:25p
10:00am	Counting Cars	•
10:55am	Shed and Buried	
11:55am	Pawn Stars	7:45p
12:20pm	Pawn Stars	•
12:50pm	Pawn Stars	10:00
1:20pm	Pawn Stars	
1:50pm	Pawn Stars	12:00
2:15pm	Pawn Stars	
2:45pm	Pawn Stars	
3:10pm	Pawn Stars	l
3:35pm	633 Squadron	
4:35pm	FYI Daily	9:15a
4:40pm	633 Squadron	11:05
5:40pm	The Dam Busters	1:15p
6:40pm	FYI Daily	-
6:45pm	The Dam Busters	3:00p
8:15pm	When Ali Came to	4:50p
	Britain	·

# sky MOVIES

2:10pm	The Man From
	U.N.C.L.E.
2:15pm	The Mummy
l:25pm	The Lord of the
	Rings: The Return o
	the King
':45pm	Maze Runner: The
	Scorch Trials
0:00pm	The Man From
	U.N.C.L.E.
2:00am	The Matrix
	Revolutions

#### Sky/MOVIES

:15am 1:05am :15pm	Ghost Town Trainwreck My Big Fat Greel Wedding 2
:00pm	Three Amigos!
:50pm	The Devil Wears
:50pm	Prada The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel
:00pm	My Big Fat Greel Wedding 2
0:40pm	Trainwreck
2:50am	There's Somethir
	About Mary

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the wrong hands.

A Tale of Love and

A young European

couple are swept up

in the Chilean

military coup of

1973 and exposed

to a notorious cult

Darkness

The Colony

**11:00pm** Precious Cargo

12:35am Wild Horses

2:25am

4:10am

**12:50am** The Inbetweeners

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am	Star Wars: Rogue		6:15am	Sporting Triumph
	One Special		6:30am	Sporting Triumph
am	Our Brand is Crisis		6:45am	Sporting Triumph
n	Precious Cargo		7:00am	Cricket Classics
m	The Huntsman:		8:00am	Sporting Triumph
	Winter's War		8:15am	Sporting Triumph
n	The Top Ten Show		8:30am	Sporting Triumph
	2017		8:45am	Sporting Triumph
m	Jamie Marks is Dead		9:00am	Cricket Gold Shor
n	All Roads Lead to		9:10am	Cricket Gold Shor
	Rome		9:20am	Cricket Gold Shor
m	The Huntsman:		9:30am	Cricket
	Winter's War		6:30pm	Live NFL
	Chris Hemsworth's		10:00pm	Live NFL
	Huntsman battles to		1:30am	Great Sporting
	keep the fabled			Moments
	magic mirror out of		1:45am	Great Sporting

8:45am	Sporting Triumphs
9:00am	Cricket Gold Shorts
9:10am	Cricket Gold Shorts
9:20am	Cricket Gold Shorts
9:30am	Cricket
6:30pm	Live NFL
10:00pm	Live NFL
1:30am	Great Sporting
	Moments
1:45am	Great Sporting
	Moments
2:00am	Cricket
3:00am	Sporting Greats
3:30am	Sporting Greats
4:00am	Cricket
5:00am	Sporting Rivalries
5:30am	Sporting Rivalries
	Series profiling some
	of the greatest
	sporting rivalries of
	all time.

**9:15pm** Police Academy 4:

**10:20pm** Police Academy 4:

Conviction

10:15pm FYI Daily

11:00pm Maximum

12:00am FYI Daily

Citizens on Patrol

Citizens on Patrol

# 2016: The good, the bad and the bonkers

**Nora Johnson** Breaking Views

crime thrillers and a freelance journalist.
To comment on any of the issues raised in her column go to www.euroweeklynews.com/3.0.15/nora-johnson

I WROTE last time about 2016, the year of the political earthquake, and pollsters, pundits, bookies - you name it - getting everything wrong! Well, this time, let's look not at events of 2016, but at some of the people who made the headlines.

We saw David Cameron stepping down and Theresa May stepping up and Jeremy Corbyn clinging on and Nigel Farage becoming the most influential Brit with the president-elect of the United States. Then there was Boris Johnson becoming our top diplomat and Great Balls on Fire / Ed the Sex Demon / Golden Balls (or. in other words, Ed Balls to you and me) becoming for some a 'national treasure' on 'Strictly Come Dancing'...

But why this support for sec-

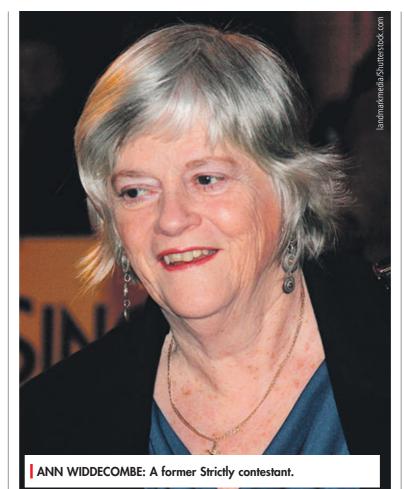
ond-rate politicians who happen to have had years of dubious free publicity (for which they were

Is it just me, or are ex-politicians disporting themselves on such shows turning themselves into figures of ridicule?

quite rightly dumped by the electorate) stealing the limelight from others?

For some, the former Conservative MP Ann Widdecombe (whose own, err, natural grace carried her to week 10 as a Strictly contestant in 2010) advising Balls not to "do a John Sergeant" and quit the show before the better contestants were voted off smacked of the Second-Rate Politicians' Union

"He must go with what the public decide," she declared at the time. "If he gets into the final he should do his best to win . . . The public are enjoying the entertain-



ment. If that's what they want it's what they should get." Populism rules OK!

Is it just me, or are ex-politicians disporting themselves on such shows turning themselves into figures of ridicule? Heck, if you had told me two years ago that the man who stopped Gordon Brown hitting people would be pirouetting on national television, I'd have said, "Oh yeah, and the next American president will be Donald Trump!"

Finally, as for the transatlantic bromance between Donald Trump and Nigel Farage, an anagram of their two names would seem to be: 'Parade of dull, grating men.' Hmm. "Make America grate again!" as the man (might have)

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**10:15am** Rip Off Britain

11:00am Homes Under the

Hammer

12:00pm Wanted Down Under

12:45pm Caught Red Handed

Bargain Hunt

Regional News

Escape to the Country

The Hairy Bikers'

Antiques Road Trip

Comfort Food

Pointless

**BBC News** 

Regional News

The One Show

Inside Out

EastEnders

Panorama

10:00pm Silent Witness

11:30pm Regional News

11:00pm BBC News

11:40pm Weather

**11:45pm** Class

**12:30am** Class

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10:25am

2:30pm

4:00pm

Father Brown

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BBC News

## BBGTWO BBGFOUR

Spaces

**10:00am** Victoria Derbyshire

12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live

Coast

Flog It!

Eggheads

Journeys

Weekends

11:00pm Insert Name Here

Countryfile

Classic

Two.

West Side Stories -

The Making of a

This is BBC Two

programmes on BBC

Highlights of

11:30pm Newsnight

12:10am Weather

12:15am Snooker

1:05am Snooker

Rip Off Britain

Wanted Down Under

Cash in the Attic

Big Dreams Small

The Daily Politics

Masters Snooker

Great British Railway

Rick Stein's Long

University Challenge

An Island Parish

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World News Today

Grand Tours of

Swarm: Nature's

revealing the

invasions.

10:00pm Zero Day: Nuclear

11:30pm How it Works

incredible swarm

intelligence that

Cyber Sabotage

From the Stone Age

to the Silicon Age.

English: The Making

of the King James

materials have

helped drive

forward our

civilisation.

12:30am When God Spoke

Rihle

1:30am David Starkey's

2:30am

Music and

Monarchy

The King and the

Jacobean History

Playwright: A

Storyville

lies behind animal

Incredible Invasions

Documentary series

Scotland

8:00pm

8:30pm

# CHANNEL 4.

**7:15am** 3rd Rock from the

King of Queens

Everybody Loves

Everybody Loves

Nightmares USA

Raymond

Raymond

11:30am Ramsay's Kitchen

**12:30pm** Four in a Bed

1:00pm Channel 4 News

Sun

Four in a Red

Countdown

A New Life in the

A Place in the Sun

The Simpsons

Channel 4 News

Hollyoaks

Summary

Dispatches

**9:30pm** Food Unwrapped

10:00pm The Undateables

11:00pm First Dates Hotel

12:05am Tattoo Fixers

1:05am Spies

Come Dine with Me

Sun

7:40am

9:00am

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10:00am Frasier

10:30am Frasier

11:00am Frasier



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7:00am	Milkshake!	7:00am	
10:15am	The Wright Stuff	8:05am	
12:20pm	The Hotel Inspector	8:35am	
1:10pm	5 News	9:05am	
1:15pm	Celebrity Big	9:35am	
·	Brother	10:00am	
2:15pm	Home and Away	10:30am	
2:45pm	Neighbours	11:00am	
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Brother 2:15pm Home and 2:45pm Neighbours 3:20pm NCIS 4:20pm Mother Betrayed

**6:00pm** 5 News 6:30pm Neighbours 7:00pm Home and Away **7:30pm** 5 News

World's Biggest 8:00pm Reast Documentary looking at the largest animals ever to roam the

earth. **9:00pm** Police Interceptors 10:00pm Celebrity Big

Brother 11:00pm The Week We Went

Wild 12:05am Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the

Side 1:05am Tattoo Disasters

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**9:05am** K-19: The

11:35am Backdraft

5:40pm | I Am Wrath

7:25pm Walking Tall

10:50pm Road House

3:05am Bad Asses on the

Bayou

12:55am Self/Less

3:50pm The Scorpion King

2:00pm

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> Premier League 11:30pm Legends 12:00am Great Sporting



Good Morning

The Jeremy Kyle

ITV Lunchtime News

Dickinson's Real

Britain

Lorraine

Show

11:30am This Morning

1:30pm Loose Women

3:00pm Judge Rinder

1:15am Weather for the Week

Ahead

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7:00am	Doctor in the House
7:25am	Heartbeat
8:30am	Where the Heart is
9:35am	The Royal
10:35am	Judge Judy
11:00am	Judge Judy
11:30am	Judge Judy
11:55am	A Touch of Frost
2:00pm	Heartbeat
3:05pm	The Royal
4:05pm	Where the Heart is
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**12:00am** The Big Bang Theory

**11:00pm** Gogglebox

The Addams Family

7:00am All Roads Lead to Rome 8:45am Precious Cargo 10:20am The Huntsman: Winter's War Chris Hemsworth's Huntsman battles to keep the fabled magic mirror out of the wrong hands. **12:20pm** 5 to 7 2:05pm Jamie Marks is

3:55pm The Witch 5:30pm Wild Horses 5 to 7 7:15pm Precious Cargo **10:45pm** The Huntsman: Winter's War The Colony

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12:45am The Witch 2:30am A young European couple are swept up in the Chilean military coup of 1973 and exposed to a notorious cult 4:30am lamie Marks is

Dead

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sky SPORTS 2 7:00am Cricket Classics 8:00am Cricket's Greatest

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12:00am Cricket 1:00am 2:00am Cricket 4:00am Cricket World Cup

Classics

Deal 5:00pm Tipping Point 6:00pm The Chase 7:00pm Local News and Weather 7:30pm ITV Evening News 8:00pm Emmerdale 8:30pm Coronation Street The Martin Lewis Money Show 9:30pm Coronation Street **10:00pm** The Halcyon

11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather **11:40pm** Through the Keyhole 12:40am The Chase 1:40am Jackpot247 The Jeremy Kyle 4:00am Show 4:50am Nightscreen

7:00am Planet's Funniest Animals Who's Doing the 7:20am Dishes? 8:15am The Fllen DeGeneres

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**10:00pm** Family Guy 10:30pm The Great Indoors 11:00pm American Dad! 11:55pm Family Guy

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12:00am Borat

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2:45pm Father Brown

**4:15pm** Escape to the

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**6:15pm** Pointless

7:00pm BBC News

7:30pm Regional News

8:00pm The One Show

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11:30pm Regional News

11:45pm Stacey on the

12:30am Italy's Invisible

Cities

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8:30pm EastEnders

2:00pm BBC News

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12:45pm Caught Red Handed

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The Hairy Bikers'

Antiques Road Trip

Match of the Day

Frontline: Girls,

Guns and Isis

Comfort Food

11:00am Homes Under the

Hammer

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Cash in the Attic

9:00am Caught Red Handed Sign Zone Caught

10:00am Victoria Derbyshire

**12:00pm** BBC Newsroom Live

Coast

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Weekends

Challenge

Coverage and

taking place.

The Cook Who

reaction from the

latest Snooker event

Changed Our Lives

10:00pm Our Dancing Town

11:00pm Revolting

11:30pm Newsnight

12:10am Weather

1:05am Snooker

**12:15am** NFL

3:55am

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The Daily Politics

Masters Snooker

Great British Railway

Rick Stein's Long

Great Interior Design

Red Handed

Wanted Down Under

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More depth, more

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More daily from

Grand Tours of

7.00pm.

Scotland

Paul Murton

presents the series

that relives the

golden days of

Scottish tourism.

Circus Elephant

Renaissance

His Horns: A

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Rampage - Storyville

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The Unthanks: A Very

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12:55am A Very British

11:00pm Horizon

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10:00pm Britain Beneath Your

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King of Queens

Everybody Loves

Nightmares USA

A Place in the Sun

The Simpsons

Kim makes a

Hollyoaks

Come Dine with Me

panicked phone call

to Grace asking her

to get to the

Channel 4 News

How to Lose Weight

hospital.

Summary

**10:00pm** 24 Hours in A and E

**11:00pm** This is Us Ep7: The

**11:55pm** The Undateables

**1:00am** Bodyshockers

Best Washing

Machine in the

Whole World

Well

Countdown

Raymond

11:30am Ramsav's Kitchen

**12:30pm** Four in a Bed

4:00pm A New Life in the

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**12:15am** The Big Bang Theory

SKY MOVIES

10:45am Sky Movies 2017

Preview

11:15am All Roads Lead to

Rome

**4:45pm** Wild Horses

**7:15pm** 5 to 7 **9:00pm** The Huntsman:

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The Huntsman:

Winter's War

Precious Cargo

Pitch Perfect 2

a notorious cult.

Special

7:00am	Charmed	10:30am	Scottish Football
8:05am	Hollyoaks		Round Up
8:35am	Rude(Ish) Tube	10:45am	La Liga Goals
9:05am	Rules of Engagement	11:00am	The Premier Leag
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10:30am	Baby Daddy	2:00pm	Scottish Football
11:00am	Brooklyn Nine-Nine		Round Up
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12:00pm	Charmed	2:30pm	Great Sporting
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2:00pm	How I Met Your	3:00pm	Premier League
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	Mother	5:00pm	Sporting Triumphs
3:00pm	The Big Bang Theory	6:00pm	Boxing Gold
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4:00pm	Baby Daddy	7:00pm	Premier League
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8:00pm	Hollyoaks	9:00pm	Fight Night
8:30pm	Coach Trip	11:00pm	La Liga World
9:00pm	The Goldbergs	11:30pm	Scottish Football
10:00pm	Tattoo Fixers		Round Up
11:00pm	Virtually Famous	11:45pm	La Liga Goals
11:45pm	The Big Bang Theory	12:00am	Premier League

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7:00am Good Morning

9:30am Lorraine

Britain

10:25am The Jeremy Kyle

Show

11:30am This Morning

1:30pm Loose Women

2:30pm ITV Lunchtime

3:00pm Judge Rinder

News

4:00pm Dickinson's Real

Deal

7:00pm Local News and

Weather

8:30pm The Money Saving

9:00pm Islands of Australia

**10:00pm** Sugar Free Farm

11:00pm ITV News at Ten

11:40pm Wilderness Walks

**12:10am** Trawlermen Tales

and Weather

with Ray Mears

ITV Evening News

Good Health Show

**6:00pm** The Chase

8:00pm Emmerdale

Tipping Point

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9:30am Coronation Street

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11:25am Scorpion

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Who's Doing the	7:25am	Heartbeat
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The Ellen DeGeneres	9:30am	The Royal
Show	10:30am	Judge Judy
Emmerdale	11:00am	Judge Judy
Coronation Street	11:55am	A Touch of Frost
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3:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Midsomer Murders
11:00pm	The Guilty
12:00am	A Touch of Frost
2:05am	The Knock
	Drama series about
	the activities of an
	investigations unit of
	HM Customs and
	Excise.
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen
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# ACTION & ADVENTURE

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l	Bad News Bears		the wrong hands.
m	Bruce Almighty	11:00pm	Rise of the
m	Idiocracy		Footsoldier II
١	Vacation	12:55am	Precious Cargo
1	Zoolander 2	2:30am	Rise of the
1	Bridget Jones's		Footsoldier II
	Diary	4:30am	The Colony
١	Galaxy Quest		A young European
1	Zoolander 2		couple are swept up
m	Vacation		in the Chilean
m	The Bad Education		military coup of
	Movie		1973 and exposed to

#### sky SPORTS 2

7:00am Cricket Classics

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Review

More Than a Game

8:00am	Time of Our Lives	
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9:00am	Sky Sports Years	
10:00am	Cricket	
11:00am	Cricket	
12:00pm	Sporting Heroes	
1:00pm	Cricket Classics	
2:00pm	Time of Our Lives	
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5:00pm	Cricket World Cup	
	Classics	
6:00pm	Sporting Greats	
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7:30pm	Super Heroes: Ali	
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4:00am Loose Women 4:50am Nightscreen

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# The big stick

#### Cassandra Nash

A weekly look

- and not entirely impartial reaction - to the Spanish political scene

MARIANO RAJOY wants to complete his full four-year term at the head of the Spanish government.

He avoided a third general election in the interests of stability, he says in selfsacrificing tones. Rajoy's huge overall majority has shrivelled into a minority government obliged to negotiate on all sides, so why do it when a third election would have theoretically benefited him?

The PSOE is split after sensibly allowing Rajoy to govern. Podemos is equally riven by personality clashes amongst its founders. Ciudanos does better in opinion polls than elections and is quietly merging into the background.

Rajoy believes he has them all in a cleft stick as another general election could harm them more than it would hurt him. This, he hopes will prevent them from opposing new legislation or eviscerating his Education, Labour and Public Safety laws. If the situation gets out of control the

threat of another election should keep them all in line. Shrewd Galician thinking, or whistling in the dark?

**Balancing** act

solve the Catalan problem, Mariano Rajov maintains. He is right for the wrong reasons because what needs reforming is Spanish thinking on nationalism. Equating this with separatism adds fuel to the Catalan fire which is why Rajoy's treatment of the problem over the last five years is tipping the balance in the wrong secessionist direction.



# Minor weapon of destruction

THE PSOE told Rajoy that whether he lasts the entire four years depends en-

The party now led by a management committee knows it does not have a Rajoy-type cleft stick but the socialists still have a minor weapon in their depleted armoury.

If Rajoy throws his rattle out of the pram and dissolves parliament in the near future, the non-thinking voting public is unlikely to pay much attention to his motives. Many would believe he had intended to do this all along and he, not the PSOE or other parties, could pay for that at the polling station.

#### **Old wounds**

THERE have been moves in the past to raze or rename Franco's Triumph Arch and now the Compromis party wants it to be demolished. Few Madrileños or visitors associate it with the late dictator and fewer understand its Latin inscriptions. If older Spaniards learned to live with their past, why can't young politicians?

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Weekends

Challenge

**10:00pm** Hospital

11:30pm Newsnight

12:10am Weather

12:15am Snooker

1:05am Snooker

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11:00pm Common Sense

5:05am This is RRC Two

Great British Railway

Rick Stein's Long

Great Interior Design

Italy's Invisible Cities

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Life in Polar Bear

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11:30pm BBC London News

11:45pm A Question of Sport

12:45am What Doesn't Kill

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Weather for the

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BBC News

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World News Today

Paul Murton presents

the series that relives

the golden days of

Scottish tourism

Reassambler

Play it Loud: The

Story of the Marshall

9:00pm Natural World

10:00pm James May: The

Amp

11:30pm Autism: Challenging

Behaviour

Modern Living:

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**7:00am** Milkshake!

**1:10pm** 5 News

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8:00pm

10:15am The Wright Stuff

**12:15pm** Cowboy Builders

The latest news

Home and Away

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#### Advertising feature

ROMANTIC thoughts of gypsy dancers swirling to the beat of Spanish guitars actually come to life in the Albaicin district of Granada. In this district for many centuries, most of the population have lived in cave houses hewn out of the soft rock in the hills above the city centre.

From the Albaicin on a clear night you can marvel at the beautiful sight of the world famous Alhambra Palaces floodlit against a darkening sky. Below the palaces the valley is filled with the colours of the thousands of trees that adorn the valley and the sloping hillside. A daytime

# Granada in January

visit to these delightful palaces leaves you astounded at the combination of sheer strength and power of the surrounding walls and the incredible artistry, of the sensitively designed interior.

In the central gardens of the 'Generalife,' you can almost smell the aroma of the herbs and spices which attended the preparation of outdoor meals prepared for the medieval Sultans by their long-suffering ladies (sounds familiar doesn't it). What an ideal spot this was for them with rows of well-tended hedging, hundreds of colourful flowers, sparkling streams and gently tinkling fountains. Contrast this with the large powerful palace of Charles V.

Built with true attention to strength and severity which seemed to accompany all the actions of the Catholic Monarchs. Yet this mighty building sits next to one of the most beautiful and carefully prepared palaces in Spain, built by the noble

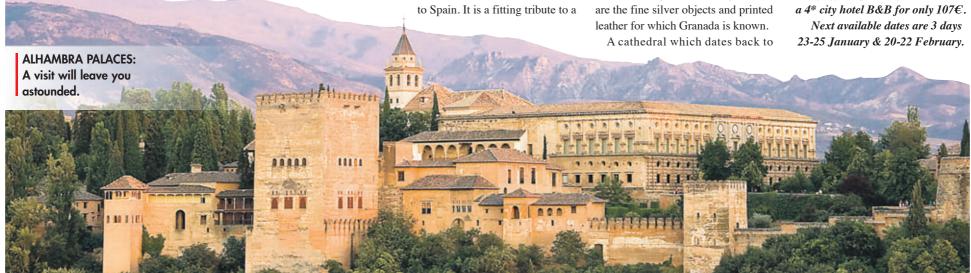
Nasrids as their final contribution

dynasty whose governance of Spain after 800 years was shortly to be brought to an end. The grounds and the buildings of the Alhambra Palaces are recognised internationally as the finest example of Muslim architecture in western Europe.

Below the palaces the city of Granada buzzes by day and by night. The Alcaiceria which was the old Moorish trading district with its horseshoe-shaped gateways give the area an Arabic flavour, and offers alls sorts of goods. Amongst these

the times of Queen Isabel and her consort Ferdinand is very much a part of the city centre. Charming squares filled with cafes are to be found in all parts of the city. Close to the Cathedral in the Capilla Real (Royal Chapel) lie the remains of Queen Isabel, Ferdinand, their daughter Joana the mad and her husband Philip the fair. Granada is a sort of fairy tale city with a powerful historical twist. Definitely worth a visit.

David's Coachtrips SL are currently offering a 3 day excursion in



# TV is just full of reality crap



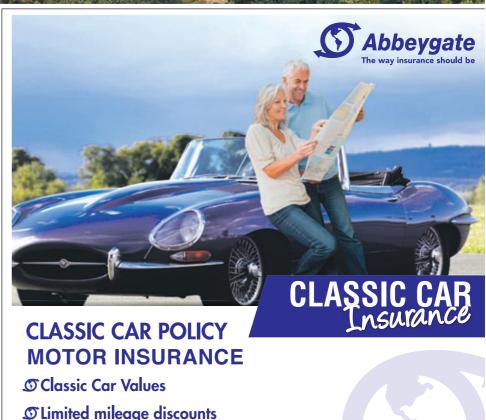
VERY pleased that Three Kings has come and gone so we can now stop walking around wishing everybody, even bloody strangers, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We can also dispense with the post-holiday questioning: "How was your Christmas?" "Get anything nice?" "Did you do anything nice New Year's Eve?" My reply as usual, "Nah just had a quiet one." Meaning - we went to the local Indian restaurant, were the only two in there, out by 8 and then watched telly.

And that's because I think most of the places are a rip-off as I don't drink and don't dance because the old legs don't allow it. Then at midnight it started - the fireworks. My poor dog shot up on the couch and sat there in my arms shaking for the next hour. I'm also trying to remember the last time I ate something that wasn't on a cling-filmed plate in the fridge.

Watching TV on Three King's night or the UK's Twelfth Night, so technically the tree and decorations should have just come down; I was amazed to see an advert for Cadbury's Crème Eggs! By my reckoning that's about 14 weeks to go. Bit too soon don't you think? Mrs S is still munching her way through her selection box. Mind you, I went into Iceland the other day and they had birthday cakes in there and my birthday isn't till July! Talking about telly, all the junk stuff is back on like Celebrity Big Brother where a bunch of Z-list nobodies pee each other off for a month while we watch them disintegrate in front of our very eyes.

Then we have The Voice, now on ITV. I love watching people singing their hearts out to the back of chairs. At least this season the chairs don't turn round if nobody wants them and the judges don't have to explain. The singer can just walk off the stage in tears... now that's entertainment! There is also a new show with Gary Barlow called 'Let it Shine' which I watched. Mrs S loves all this stuff and I have to tell you it's embarrassing. It's not a TV show, it's pathetic. If Mr B wants to put a show on in the West End of London just do some casting. There is only so much reality stuff that can be pedalled out in the name of entertainment. I must have 150 channels on my TV and at prime time on a Saturday night that's the best they can come up with. I flick through all the channels and yeah there are a few old movies and some sport, but the rest is reality crap. Cooking, buying houses, dancing mums, pregnant teenagers and if I want to look at an embarrassing body I'll look in the mirror!

Back on Talk Radio Europe on the 13th at 11.30am. Phone in and have a grump or email me on mikesenker@gmail.com.



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# Read up on the safety of drones

WHETHER you love or hate drones, I urge you to look at our government's consultation questions regarding drone safety for 'leisure' users (small drones) on www.gov.uk.

It is very easy to complete and you do not need qualifications of any kind. It is open to every member of the public and you do not have to be a drone user. You have until March 15 to respond and you must enter your name and email address. It took me, a complete novice, 15 minutes.

Currently users of small drones are unregistered in the UK and there is no way to find who is responsible when they are being used in the wrong way and in the wrong areas. This is our chance to participate with proposed changes to the few existing drone laws.

Search on www.gov.uk - Benefits of drones to the UK economy.

The bottom of the screen has the 'Respond Online' choice, but I would advise you to view Page 50 of the first document 'Unlocking the UK's high tech economy...' as it lists a summary of the relevant questions.

After reading these you have a choice as to whether you participate or not. Pages one to 49 contain lots of drone information which I, as a non-drone user, found very interesting.

Ann Paterson, Didcot

# **English lessons**

ISN'T it common sense to say you should either speak English before you arrive in the UK or be willing to learn when you get there? It's not racist to say that if you don't speak the language and you're not willing to learn then you get a ghetto effect.

At least if you have a grasp of the language then a country's culture and values become more obvious. Having said that, we have to admit there are large parts of some cities in the UK where English is spoken and understood, but you feel another set of values prevail altogether.

Jane by email

## **Leapy Logic**

AFTER a fabulously ignorant, ill-informed and misleading assault on the character of British MPs, Mr Lee launches into a hymn of praise for the ongoing Trump plan to hand over the

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WORRYING REPORTS: No wonder we are a nation of overweight people.

# Sugar ills of today

SUGAR has never been that important to me, but I know I'm taking it in whether I want to or not in most foods today. At least I try not to consume too much of the white stuff. But I worry about reports that children are getting breakfast cereals with high amounts of sugar.

I've seen packets of six cakes for £1. What goodness is going to be in those?? No wonder we are a nation of overweight people. The sight of young children stuffing themselves with crisps and pop is sad but it's the parents who must do more to stop it.

K L, Fuengirola

running of the United States to a cabinet of wealthy business tycoons.

According to Leapy Logic, a knack for lining your pockets whilst paying zero tax - just the sort of behaviour he deplores in our MPs - is the very qualification needed by America's administration in waiting. In previous administrations the bar for political err... compromise was set by Vice President Cheney's awarding the untendered contract for reconstruction in Iraq to Halliburton, a company of which he was former CEO.

But this week's column titled 'The world is well rid of this man' exceeded even the gravity defying logic of the previous rant. In his vitriolic attack on Barack Obama, Mr Lee seems to think a president of the US should not respond to an attack on his country aimed at the very process of democracy. The validity of the intelligence is beyond dispute by all but the President Elect, whose motives for denial are too obvious to state.

Accusing Obama of childish and spiteful behaviour is a bit rich coming from your contributor. Obama will go down as one of the better American presidents. His reluctance to throw away more of his soldiers' lives in the Middle East, unlike his predecessor, is plainly what gets up Mr Lee's nose. Obama was elected on a ticket to bring the troops home, and that, largely, is what he's done.

He famously does not commit his country to involvement in 'stupid stuff.' He has taken his country from the brink of catastrophe eight years ago to solid economic recovery; halved unemployment; saved the American motor industry; brought affordable health care to 20 million Americans and brought justice to Bin Laden. He legitimised same sex marriage which should smooth the pathway to a blissful union between your contributor and The Donald ('Let's make America grope again!').

Mr Lee plainly wants his babies,

but he'll have to get past Vladimir first. Keep your geiger counter in your pocket, Leapy!

Anthony Jones, Torrevieja

#### **Self-drive**

WHO on earth would think driverless cars are anything but a tragedy waiting to happen? Having just watched a documentary I can happily say you are not getting me in one of those. Driverless trains might be something you could get used to, but a mixture of manual and driverless cars on the road? Frightening prospect.

David C by email

#### **Fat Cats**

WHEN I worked for a medium-sized company we knew the boss was earning a much bigger salary than the rest of us. You expect that, but it's a bit

worrying when your boss by lunchtime has made what you make in a year. Fat Cats was a phrase we saw a lot in the papers a few years ago. But when David Cameron and George Osborne talked about austerity you never really thought the bosses were joining in. It seems the gap is getting wider and I can certainly say it doesn't do anything for staff morale.

Jean, Benidorm

#### Bitter taste

IT'S MORE than 'about time' to get rid of our antiquated, obsolete, and most importantly, unfair system of electing our US President. For the fifth time in US history, last November 8, American voters 'elected' the candidate who did not 'win' a majority of the 'popular vote,' Donald Trump.

The 'Official Loser,' Hillary Clinton, received, according to the final recount, 2,800,000 MORE votes nationwide than the 'Winner,' Donald Trump. To add insult to injury for frustrated Clinton voters, knowing that 'The Donald,' practically a 'self-declared' misogamist, anti-African-American, and anti-Hispanic, has now been officially elected our next President, leaves us frustrated voters with more than just 'a bitter taste in our mouths!'

Ask Al Gore, another recent victim of our unjust and nonsensical 'Electoral College System,' when in the 2000 Presidential Elections, the Democratic candidate 'Loser' received 543,895 MORE votes than 'The Winner,' Republican George W Bush.

Now 'The Dreaded Donald' will take office I daresay many Americans 'await' his arrival with much fear and trepidation: what price will we pay for not having 'deep-sixed' our obsolete and unjust 'Electoral College System' about 150 years ago, when historians say it did make some sense then as a means of avoiding more power for 'Slave States.'

Richard M McBride, Benidorm

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# **Word Ladder**

Move from the start word (CITE) to the CITE end word (NEWS) in the same number of steps as there are rungs on the Word Ladder. You must only change one letter at a time. NEM2 SIEIZ NEWS NETS (SETS) STUN STIN SITS (BITS) CUTS



ON YOU, DEAR!

**NEWS** 

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19)
It is difficult to avoid repeating mistakes made in the past. Your approach to certain situations has

t changed and therein lies the problem. Someone who blames you for a mistake shows ignorance but that does not make it less upsetting

PISCES \*\*

(February 20 - March 20)
Who is trying to push you into a corner? Maybe it is being done so subtly that you have not even noticed. Who wants a decision from you? Appear to take pressure lightly and not give in to an irritation. There is some jealousy this week but refuse to be drawn into petty matters..

ARIES

(March 21 - April 20)
A rather slow start to the week leads you to feel bored but be assured that the weekend will be far from dull. A recent conversation or correspondence with an old friend leads to

#### CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 20)

The need to plan ahead is frustrating when you know exactly what ought to be going on. Patience is something that you need to cultivate, or you risk upsetting someone close. Spending time with a colleague makes you realise how good things could be, but a lot of effort is involved. Pushing ahead does not guarantee results.

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TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)

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Everything on the home front is emphasised and there will be a flurry of activity. Get others involved in any changes. Work in the garden or painting is much more enjoyable and half the work if you enlist the help of someone you get on well with

GEMINI X

(May 22 - June 21) When discussing a holiday with others, be aware that agreement is not always easily met. Although vou are not inclined to

compromise, it is necessary to go with the majority decision. Patience is thin on the ground at the moment, but try not to over-

CANCER 3 (June 22 - July 23)

IRISH LOTTO

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BONUS BALL

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After the 24th it is much easier to see the path ahead. This is particularly true of a financial situation, so there's no sense in

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LUCKY STARS

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fussing until you understand what needs to be done. Someone who has in the past been unco-operative is more flexible. You wonder at this and try to see an ulterior motive, but it is most likely that they have seen the error of their past actions. Is it possible for you to take them on trust?

LEO O

(July 24 - August 23)

Your attention is needed on more than one front, and some decisions are at odds with your personal thoughts and attitudes. Being reminded that 'business is business' does nothing to relieve your conscience. You may have to upset someone by telling the truth, which may affect your longer-term finances but do you really have any choice?

VIRGO

(August 24 - September 23) Are you willing to take a risk on someone who has let you down before? Looking into their recent past is likely to tip the balance. What you find shows clearly if

Friday January 6

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LUCKY STARS

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there has been a change of heart on their part or if they are trying to pull the wool over your eyes

LIBRA 📤

(September 24 - October 23) A disagreement with a friend upsets you but is short-lived. To avoid such a situation in the future, look at how you should have dealt with it. There is always something to know that guides us to a better position. It will make you smile that someone has taken you for a fool because you have the last laugh.

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22)
A great feeling of joy comes over you more than once in the week ahead. Your inner child has been set free, and this is likely to be because of recent restrictions, which are now lifted. Do not feel guilty about this because it is a choice that will serve you well in the future. Right now, things may seem like a bit of an effort for small reward.

SAGITTARIUS X

LA PRIMITIVA

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(November 23 - December 21) Travel arrangements may have to be changed at the last minute. Do not fret, however, because success is more likely at the end of the month During a dream, or when reading a book, an idea comes to you. Can this really make a difference to your future? You may need to act quickly to start a new project but progress will require patience.

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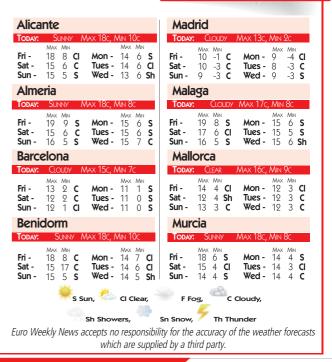
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## Weather

#### for next 7 days



#### <u>Nonagram</u>

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How many English words of four letters or more can you make from the nine letters in our Nonagram puzzle? Each

letter may be used only once (unless the letter appears twice). Each word MUST CONTAIN THE CENTRE LETTER se N) and there must be AT LEAST ONE NINE LETTER WORD. Plurals, vulgarities or proper nouns are not allowed.

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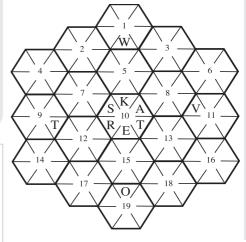
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#### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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# exag

The purpose of the Hexagram puzzle is to place the 19 six-letter words into the 19 cells. The letters at the edges of interlocking cells MUST BE THE SAME. The letters in the words must be written CLOCKWISE. The word in cell 10 (SKATER) and one letter in four other cells are given as clues.



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# Sudoku

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Fill the grid so that every row, every column and every 3X3 box contains the digits 1-9. There's no maths involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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#### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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## Crossword

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Enjoy filling in the following puzzles and check the answers in next week's edition

#### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

## Cryptic

- 1 Revealing story of Swiss resistance (8)
- 7 Shut down kiosk (5)
- 8 Sound vibration could be on a screen (9)
- 9 Loud noise from Aladdin's cave (3)
- 10 Cleansing routine for city in Somerset (4)
- 11 A long bench? It's for the birds (6)
- 13 Inclined to use five hundred poles (6)
- 14 New treat made for gossip (6)
- 17 Island off Atlanta I wanted to be in (6)
- 18 Understands temporary quarters (4) 20 Pair of characters from The Network (3)
- 22 I get armed lunatic and left the country (9)
- 23 Direction shown by nurse housing rebel leader (5)
- 24 Imperfect start to Football Association's little
- league I began last Easter (8)

#### Down

- 1 Pound found in a bathrobe (5)
- 2 Lion has eaten terrible shot in African country (7)
- 3 Distinctive flavour of old Chinese dynasty (4)
- 4 Maybe Nigel has right to stay behind (6)
- 5 Praises lads about turn (5)
- 6 Record turns up under rifle (7)
- 7 Marines organised an advanced course (7) 12 Just tired me out (7)
- 13 Figure it's about time for Bill (7)
- 15 But win tenant new type of washing machine (4,3)
- **16** Capital kind of strong paper (6)
- 17 One who drags behind a tall structure (5)
- 19 Plant at the southern border (5)
- 21 Unwritten letters from Balmoral Castle (4)

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# **Code Breaker**

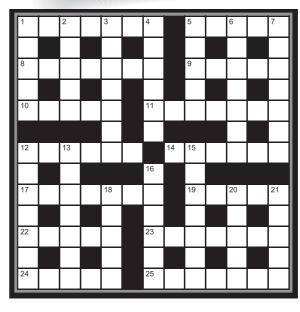
Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 4 represents Z and 22 represents P, so fill in Z every time the figure 4 appears and P every time the figure 22 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.

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1	2	3	<sup>4</sup> Z	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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#### Quick



#### Across

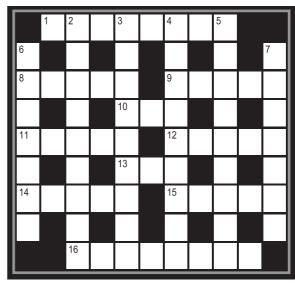
- 1 Manner of dressing (7)
- 5 Metal fastening device (5)
- 8 Argue about (7)
- 9 Make fit or suitable (5) **10** Lift up (5)
- **11** Definite (7)
  - 12 Portable platform for storing or stacking goods (6)
  - 14 Canal boats (6)
  - 17 Child's room for a baby (7)
  - 19 Exert a pushing force upon (5)
  - 22 Come into existence (5)
- 23 White ant (7)
- 24 Flavoursome (5) 25 Frightening creature (7)

#### Down

- 1 Large evergreen, coniferous tree (5)
- 2 Japanese fish dish (5)
- 3 Hawaiian stringed instrument (7)
- 4 Free or grant immunity from (6)
- 5 Have in common (5)
- 6 Moving about aimlessly (7)
- 7 Testifier (7)
- 12 Long, tapering flag (7) 13 Heavily built motor vehicles (7)
- 15 Acetylsalicylic acid (7)
- 16 Method (6)
- 18 Each (5)
- 20 Expel a tenant (5)
- 21 Slanderous defamation (5)

## **English - Spanish**

The clues are mixed, some clues are in Spanish and some are in English.



#### Across

- 1 Hosepipe (8)
- **8** Sobrina (5)
- 9 Paquetes (de cigarrillos) (5)
- 10 Todo (en su totalidad) (3)
- **11** Tin cans (5)
- 12 Gum (anatomical) (5)
- 13 Departure (3)
- 14 Desde entonces (5)
- 15 Drug (estupefaciente
- 16 Sábado (8)

- 2 Olives (9)
- 3 El más grasiento (9) 4 Employer (9)
- 6 Inglés (7)

## **CRYPTIC**

- 1 Codicil, 5 Grace, 8 Amble,
- 9 Dilemma, 10 Mutineers, 12 Set,
- **13** Stayed, **14** Maniac, **17** Amp,
- 18 Prevalent, 20 Lanyard,
- 21 Drove, 23 Posse, 24 Denoted.

- 1 Claim, 2 Dab, 3 Cleanse,
- 4 Ladies, 5 Gales, 6 Armistice,
- 7 Elastic, 11 Trappings, 13 Scallop, 15 Abandon, 16 Tended, 18 Place,
- 19 Tread, 22 Out.

#### **QUICK**

- 1 Sharp, 4 Prefer, 9 Release,
- **10** Scarf, **11** News, **12** Collide, **13** Cat, **14** Hobo, **16** Trek, **18** Lie,
- **20** Glimpse, **21** Isle, **24** Alone,
- 25 Surface, 26 Atones, 27 Bogus.

1 Serene, 2 Allow, 3 Peak, 5 Resolute, 6 Fragile, 7 Reflex,

8 React, 13 Complete, 15 Orinoco, **17** Iguana, **18** Least, **19** Rebels, 22 Slang, 23 Grub.

#### **ENGLISH-SPANISH**

1 Cufflinks, 6 See, 7 Arroyos, 9 Orchestra. 13 Alegria. **15** Tia, **16** Dangerous.

1 Casa, 2 Freir, 3 Leather, 4 Soy, 5 Peso, 8 Rescate, 10 Ritmo, 11 Vaso, 12 Fans,

#### **CODE BREAKER**





# Are you still dry this January?

HOW are you doing now we are nearly midway through Dry January? Have you given up already, is there really any benefit to giving up alcohol for the month?

Many people go dry in January in an attempt to make up for the excesses of Christmas with many medical professionals encouraging the move. It comes as a recent report by Public Health England reports that more than 10 million Britons are drinking to harmful levels and are regularly exceeding the recommended maximum of 14 units a week.

Alcohol not only is high in calories but it can contribute to high blood pressure and cholesterol and in severe cases of excess drinking it can lead to liver damage.

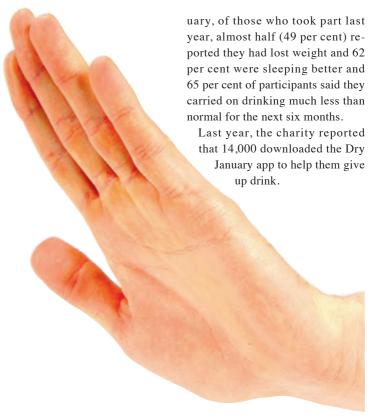
This is such a concern that the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) in the UK, recently proposed that all heavy drinkers should have a scan to

screen for liver disease. These 'heavy drinkers' were classed as women who drank more than 35 units a week and 50 units for men.

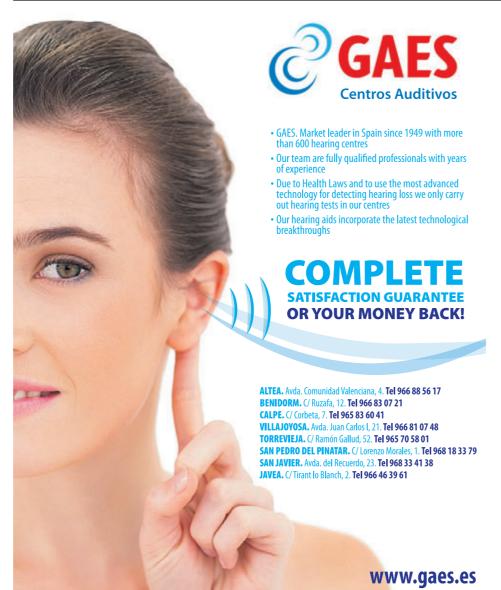
By having a month off it helps the liver recover and detox. Many see it as a good kick start to promoting a

general overall healthier eating and lifestyle programme as well as saving cash during the month.

According to UK charity Alcohol Concern, which promotes Dry Jan-



NO ALCOHOL: Helps the liver to recover and detox.



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# A Med diet may offer brain gain

diet may reduce brain shrinkage in older adults, according to scientists. The human brain naturally shrinks with age, but a study in which 401 people in their 70's were followed found that those who stuck most closely to a classic Mediterranean diet suffered significantly less brain shrinkage over a three-year period. A

comprises high amounts of vegetables, fruit, olive oil, pulses and cereal grains, with moderate amounts of fish, dairy products and wine, and small amounts of red meat and poultry.

"As we age, the brain shrinks and we lose brain cells, which can affect learning and memory," says lead researcher Michelle

of Edinburgh. "This study adds to the body of evidence that suggests the Mediterranean diet has a positive impact on brain health."

The differences in shrinkage were measured via brain scans, and other studies have found that being overweight appears to increase the rate of shrinkage.



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## Monthly moods could be in genes

SCIENTISTS believe they have found a gene that makes woman angry and moody during their menstrual cycle.

Around 85 per cent of women experience PMS, but, for up to 5 per cent of them, these symptoms can be more severe and related to a condition called premenstrual dysphoric disorder (PMDD) which scientists say is due to a gene.

A study was carried out by the National Institutes of Health in the US and researchers said it shows that women with PMDD have differences in their molecular apparatus with PMDD being a disorder related to the cellular response to oestrogen and progesterone.



# Seek professional help before it's too late:

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Short fused, hot-tempered, irascible... Everybody knows examples of persons that fall easily into aggressive behaviour or hostile feelings against others or even against themselves. They think that they have to react in this way, and they do not know how to deal with an anger triggering situation

What goes wrong with them and why are they unable to avoid these inadequate behaviours and make a lot of harm, often even to their "loved" ones? Although there are many different situations of inadequate aggression, there is something they all have in common: Lack of self control. These persons are not able to cope with their feelings of frustration, anger or aggression in a non-violent way.

"Patients that come to me with violence issues often explain their behaviour with a learned pattern and that therefore they must behave like this. But the truth is that they simply do not know how to behave differently in certain situations, or how to get access to their own Anger Management is recommendable if...

- ...you lose your temper easily
- ...you are arguing all the time
- ...you are verbally or physically aggressive
- ...you hurt others or yourself intentionally
- ...you have had problems with the authorities because of violent behaviour
- ...your partner suffers from your verbal or physical behaviour If you identify yourself in one or more of these descriptions, seeking Anger Management is recommended.

emotional reactions and feelings. But there is a way to learn and improve this. Although the past influences today's behaviour a lot, there is no logic in becoming a victim of one's own history. Do not forget that today is the past of tomorrow!" says Mirko Bruns, graduated psychologist in CENTRO INTERNACIONAL DE

If you or your relatives realise aggressive or problematic behaviour, have in mind that you can find help in professional advice to improve your situation. Do not wait until it is too late. Appropriate professional psychological service in your language is available.

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# Watch out for bronchitis

in infants

BRONCHITIS is the most frequent cause of hospitalisation in youngsters under the age of one in Spain.

It is more prolific when the temperatures drop and affects mostly infants being a viral infection of the lower respiratory tract system. This becomes inflamed and narrowed so air passage is difficult and whilst it can occur in older children and adults, in babies under the age of three months, it can be particularly serious in the young respiratory and cardiac system.

So how can you spot the signs? Bronchitis starts initially as a cold with coughing, a fever and signs of respiratory distress. In babies they may struggle to feed and show laboured breathing. Hospitalisation is often necessary with the infant put on oxygen and further bouts of bronchitis are not uncommon in youngsters.





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# Do you snore while asleep?



SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

SNORING is a condition by which some people make a rattling or snorting sound when they sleep. The noise derives from the soft palate and tissue in the mouth, nose or throat vibrating, and some people may snore loudly

#### • Why do some people snore? What are the most common causes?

There are many factors that can cause people to snore. Some are directly related to a person's respiratory system but the way we sleep and unhealthy habits can also influence a person's snoring. Obesity, smoking, drinking, jaw deformities, nasal blockages, inadequate sleeping positions and suffering from sleep apnoea are some of the main reasons we snore.

#### • Can it be a health warning signal?

The most serious problem that snoring can point to is sleep apnoea, which can have adverse effects on a person's health as it can increase, among other things, the chance of cardiovascular problems.

#### • How can you stop snoring? Are there medical treatments or is it simply a question of changing

Some of the ways to try and stop snoring is to maintain a healthy weight, don't drink excessively, quit smoking, avoid using sleeping pills, sleep on your side and always try to sleep around the same time. If these don't work and a person is diagnosed with sleep apnoea they can opt to use a breathing apparatus to help manage the symptoms. In extreme cases a person may require surgery to rectify the

#### • What if lifestyle changes don't work?

If basic measures don't work then it is important to go and see a sleep specialist for professional advice.

#### • Does everyone who snores have sleep apnoea?

People who suffer from sleep apnoea tend to snore, but also have difficulties breathing, chest pains, daytime fatigue... etc. If you are experiencing any of these systems you must see a sleep specialist and take a test that measures how often you stop breathing in your sleep and the overall quality of your sleep.

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to: jefemedico@helicopterossanitarios.com

# Iron deficiency could be the reason behind your fatigue

MORE than a quarter of women of working age in the UK suffer from iron deficiencies. Almost half of young girls aged between 11 and 18 also fall short of the necessary intake of the nutrient, leading to feelings of tiredness and exhaustion.

Iron is an important component of haemoglobin, which is the protein in red blood cells that carries oxygen throughout the body. Without enough iron there is not enough healthy oxygen-carrying red blood cells leading to feelings of fatigue. Women in their childbearing years are most likely to suffer from an iron deficiency because of the loss of blood during menstruation and pregnant women should increase their intake as the baby takes its mother's iron.

Another reason why women are more likely to have deficiencies in iron is due to their healthier eating habits. Traditionally women eat less red meat than men which is rich in iron and swapping red meat for chicken, fish and vegetarian options



IRON DEFICIENCY: Help boost your intake by eating more red meat.

lowers iron intake.

So how can you tell if you may be suffering from iron deficiencies?

#### Fatigue

Feeling tired, weak and sluggish is the most common sign as your body is having trouble carrying oxygen around your body, affecting energy

#### **Frequent infections**

Iron plays a key role in a healthy immune system, so lower levels can leave you susceptible to more infections.

#### Pale skin

Haemoglobin gives skin its nice healthy, rosy colour, so low levels can cause the skin to become lighter, so look for changes in your skin tone.

Lack of oxygen can cause muscles to enlarge and become painful, but this is only visibly noticeable in the tongue. Look also for cracks on the side of the mouth.

Iron deficiency, especially when it develops into anaemia, can cause hair loss as the hair follicles go into a resting stage and more hair than normal falls out.

Help boost your iron intake by eating more red meat and the proteins in meat are also believed to enhance iron uptake from vegetables, so combine your steak with spinach and you'll be boosting the iron considerably. Try drinking orange juice with your meat as a study showed that 100ml of orange juice, which has around 40-50mg of ascorbic acid, increased iron absorption from a meal by 181 per cent.

You can also speak to your pharmacist about taking iron supplements.

## Specialist help too far away

MORE than 10 million children in America live too far from specialist paediatric anaesthesiologists if they need emergency surgery.

These anaesthesiologists specialise in sedating and monitoring children during surgery and small children needing more serious medical care should be treated by these paediatric specialists according to new guidelines from the American College of Surgeons.

However, millions live in rural areas of the country and are more than 50 miles away from such doctors leaving families faced with the choice of travelling long distances or using the services of more local general anaesthesiologists.

According to records, there were just over 4,000 paediatric anaesthesiologists in the US in 2015.

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# A better understanding for English speaking tourists

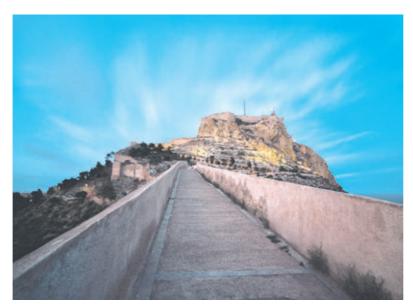
SIGNS at the Santa Barbara castle in Alicante will soon be in English for the first time.

The new signs are being put in place as part of the city's bid to make the castle a 'World Heritage Site' of Unesco that they intend to present in

Various improvements are also being carried out including renovation of walls and pavements not touched since the 1980s and the repair of the tables and benches in the picnic area, as well as upgrading and improvement of the public toilets.

The improvements are the first to be undertaken by the council in preparation for their Unesco bid. Plans also include the installation of two LED screens; one by the entrance of the tunnel that leads to the lifts by the Postiguet beach and another by Avenida Jaime II.

These will give information to visitors including opening times, prices and events in three languages.



SANTA BARBARA CASTLE: Signs are being constructed in English to improve understanding for visitors and paths will be renovated.

The municipal restorer, Luisa Biosca, emphasised the commitment of the town hall to improve all signs and the work to better mark the routes of getting to the castle and its different parts with attractive drawings of

the itineraries and explanations in Valencian, Spanish and English in four informative tables, to allow the visitor 'to have a better understanding.'

Councillor of Culture, Daniel Simon, said all political groups are committed to the work and the bid for World Heritage status.

The castle is the most visited monument in Alicante with more than 400,000 visitors a year. It is located on Mount Benacantil, some 166 metres above sea level and gives enviable views across the bay of Alicante. It houses the MUSA museum and a

The lift to the top of the castle is currently open from 10am-8pm with the last lift up at 7.40pm. Tickets cost €2.70 and children under five and pensioners are free.

MUSA is open daily from 10am-2.30pm and from 4-8pm. The cafeteria is currently operating its winter schedule until March 31 and is open daily from 10am-8pm.

#### The famous dolls of Onil

MORE than 300 pieces adorn an exhibition currently on show of the famous Dolls of Onil.

The CAM Caja Mediterraneo Foundation hosts the exhibition until February 19 in the Exhibition Hall of Alicante located in Calle Ramon y Cajal.

'The Famous Onil Dolls' traces the history of the dolls; a major industry in the province, from 1870 to present day.

Through their journey, viewers will see the evolution of dolls as educational material and cultural reflection of fashion and customs of different times, showing the dolls from Paulova, Nenuco, Barriguitas and Nancy.

The exhibition is open Tuesday to Friday from 5.30-8.30pm and Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays from 11am-2pm and 5.30-8.30pm.

Admission is €3.









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# Last call for Sleeping Beauty

"HE'S behind you..." are the famous words associated with the festive pantomime season, and the season continues a little longer with the Rojales Pantomime Group

For those looking to break away from January and enjoy some familiar lighthearted and comical entertainment, then go along to the Rojales Pantomime Group's performances of Sleeping Beauty this weekend. Shows are on tonight (Thursday) and tomorrow (Friday) at 7.30pm, with a matinee performance on Saturday January 14 at 2.30pm at the Music and Cultural School of Los Montesinos. Tickets cost €7 for adults and €5 for children.

Performances have glitz and glamour, silliness and slapstick with songs to sing

It is a traditional pantomime appealing to all the family, guaranteed to send you



PANTO TIME: Silly season continues with the Rojales Pantomime Group.

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# Week's films in English

THIS week's film showing at the cinema in Pilar de la Horadada is the 2016 release of 'The Legend of Tarzan' showing tonight (Thursday) at 7pm and Saturday January 12 at 5pm. The film stars Alexander Skarsgård, Margot Robbie, Samuel L Jackson and Jim Broadbent.

Family film ''ce Age 5, Collision Course' is on next Thursday and Saturday at the same times with Manny, Sid, Diego, and the rest of the herd back for another adventure as they travel to exotic new lands and encounter a host of new charac-

Tickets cost €5 and the cinema is located in the Duplex Espacio Cultural in Calle Canalejas, 4.

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Many local artists will be in attendance and you can browse, join a workshop, or sample some local food.

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# **Melody Makers International** sing Andrew Lloyd Webber

NATIONAL (MMI) choir will be thrilling audiences on Saturday January 28 at the Orihuela Costa Resort Hotel when they pay tribute to the sensational music of one of Britain's greatest creators of post war musicals, Andrew Lloyd Webber.

This concert will have the audience enthralled as the choir, under the baton of Nigel Hopkins, and the excellent soloists sing some of the songs that have made Andrew Lloyd Webber a household name.

The hit musicals created by Andrew Llovd Webber are so numerous that one evening alone can only scratch the surface of his prolific output.



MMI CHOIR: Will sing under the baton of Nigel Hopkins.

However MMI will present a cross-section of music from across his vast range. No concert honouring Andrew Lloyd Webber would be complete without music from Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Aspects of Love or

the sensational Phantom of the Opera.

One of the features that make the MMI concerts quite unique is the musical support provided by the excellent four-piece live band, with three of the musicians making a special trip from

the UK to accompany the choir. These musicians have been accompanying choirs directed by Nigel Hopkins for many years.

All the choirs directed by Nigel Hopkins raise substantial amounts of money for local charities, and these concerts will help raise money for Reach Out, the charity that provides help, food and support for local homeless people.

The two concerts will take place on Saturday January 28 at 2pm and 8pm at the Orihuela Costa Resort Hotel, La Zenia. Tickets from La Ponderosa Gift Shop, La Zenia, the Card Place Punta Prima or Benimar or from any member of the choir. Tickets are selling fast.

# Silent films being shown in Sant Joan

THE Film Archive of Sant Joan directed by Javier Ballesteros, has scheduled for the first quarter of the year three thematic cycles that start this month with a compilation of films dedicated to silent movies.

Films are shown on Mondays at 8pm, at the Casa de Cultura de Sant Joan, Alicante, with films in original version and with free entry.

On Monday January 16 the film is Mr

Hulot's Holiday (Jacques Tati, 1953), on January 23, The General (Buster Keaton, Clyde Bruckman, 1926) followed by Safety Last (Fred C Newmeyer, Sam Taylor, 1923) on January 30.





# Food, wine and friends

#### with Garry Waite

IRSTLY may I wish all our readers a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

I am very pleased to be asked by Steven and Michel to contribute on a regular basis to this illustrious periodical. I shall be drawing on the experiences and knowledge of friends and colleagues in an attempt to bring you informative and entertaining articles about food, wine, people and anything to do with the world of Gastronomy.

I will also be drawing on my knowledge and experiences as a prolific project manager and consultant to offer advice to anyone who needs it regarding the opening and operating of any type of catering operation. Some questions I will be able to answer in this column, other problems may be better faced on a one-to-one basis, but feel free to contact me either way.

Last year saw the passing of many great actors, singers and icons of the entertainment world. But the culinary world also lost some famous faces. Not all of them will be known to all of our readers but the people here contributed no less to their craft, and provided pleasure to thousands, than some of their more famous theatrical counterparts.

Chef Benoit Violier was the proprietor of Restaurant Hotel de Ville in Crissier near the Swiss city of Lausanne. The restaurant was voted the Finest in the World by La Liste, a French initiative, launched in 2015 in which an international jury ranks the world's top 1,000 restaurants (he was the first recipient, Spain's El Celler de Can Roca was voted 6th).

The holder of the greatest accolade of three Michelin stars this 44-year-old was found shot to death in an apparent suicide on January 31, 2016. It was alleged, although vehemently denied by his colleagues and directors of the hotel, that he had lost more than €1 million in a type of ponzi scheme involving high priced fine wines

Great success does not always bring great happiness.

Legendary chef and author Michel Richard died on the morning of Saturday August 12. He was 68 and died from complications from a previous

Since the 1980s. Richard built a catalogue of restaurants that blended American and French cuisine. He garnered national acclaim with his flagship fine-dining American eatery, Citronelle, in Washington DC's Georgetown neighbourhood and later Central Michel Richard.

Born in Brittany, France, Richard was an adept pastry chef who began his bakery apprenticeship at age 14. Three years later Richard moved to

Paris where he worked at Maison Lenotre under famed French pastry chef Gaston Lenôtre. In April 1974. Lenotre sent 20-year-old Richard to help open Chateau France in New York. Though the restaurant and pastry shop was short-lived, the experience marked a turning point and encouraged Richard to stay in America. France's loss and the USA's gain!

On a slightly different note, the creator of the Big Mac, one of the most popular fast foods in the world, died on November 30, 2016 aged 98. Jim Delligatti was a McDonald's franchisee who came up with the idea in 1967 because he said customers wanted a bigger sandwich.

His invention was almost rejected by McDonald's, which was happy that its traditional meals - a hamburger, fries and a milkshake - were selling well. The firm relented, but while it says it has since sold billions of the sandwiches, it admits Delligatti never received a penny in royalties.

The McDonald's franchisee, whose full name was Michael James Delligatti, invented the burger while running his restaurant in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was later said to have eaten at least one Big Mac every week for decades. (Living until 98... maybe the Big Mac has healthy connotations that we have not been told about!).

When the burger turned 40, Mc-Donald's estimated it was selling 550 million Big Macs a year. The company admitted that they had never paid Delligatti royalties for it. In an interview once he joked that he got a dollar a piece for every one sold!! But soon retracted, jokingly saying that he would have been happy with one 10th of a cent!! But he got nothing.

Closer to home, one of the best known culinary figures of the past 20 odd years on the Costa del Sol, San Pedro legend Albert Benisty, passed away at the age of 63 in September 2016

The former Michelin-star chef suffered from a heart attack, only hours after completing a shift at his well known Albert y Simon restaurant in San Pedro, near

Born in Morocco in 1953 Albert Benisty's destiny was to become a great chef and at the age of 15 he started that long walk to success by training in Sweden.

He returned to Marbella in the 1980s to work at his parents well-known restaurant Casa David. Then taking control with his brother Simon they eventually opened Le Souflée where they gained a Michelin star in 1987 (only the second restaurant in Andalucia to achieve the accolade at

He was the Coast's Dani Garcia of the time and maintained a loyal following which continues today, in his sad absence, in the hands of his brother and his children Deborah and David who continue his great work as chefs in their father's kitchen.

In the problem corner section I hope to be able to help newcomers to our area, or indeed to Spain and perhaps more importantly, to our industry. If you would like to ask for my help, send me an email. But here is one question I frequently get asked:

'I am opening a new restaurant and I am concerned about getting the right staff. I have been in Spain only a few months and this is my first business here. Any advice?'

You don't say whether you have been in the hospitality industry in your home country, but for the sake of reply I will assume that you have not.

Opening any business in a foreign country is always a difficult process but a restaurant is fraught with more problems than most.

If you are not a chef then the selection of someone to run the kitchen is the most important decision you will make. Most successful small operations are when the proprietor is the chef or at least can move into the kitchen in the event of a fall

out or problem with the chef!

It depends on what style of restaurant you wish to open. Once you have decided the style then you can ask people in the industry if they know of any chef's that would suit your crite-

Firstly talk to the candidate about your concept and ask him/her to design a small menu that he/she would put on if they were opening their own restaurant. This will give you an idea of their capabilities. No matter who has recommended them, after interviewing them and, if you are happy with them, check references.

In all the years I have been in Spain only one person has ever asked me for references for staff that have worked for me. I have seen staff that I have fired working for other people and causing the same problems. Nobody would take on someone in their home country without checking references so don't do it here!!

Look for stability in the applicant. How long has he been here? Why did he leave his last job? How long was he working there? Has he got a wife/girlfriend/resident partner? If the applicant is Spanish he should be able to communicate in your language if you don't speak Spanish. Likewise if the applicant is not Spanish they should have a knowledge of Spanish even if it is on-

ly sufficient to deal with suppliers. Above all monitor the kitchen, take stock monthly, check invoices against actual purchases and above all ensure the kitchen is kept Any staff working in the hospitality industry

needs to hold a food han-

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O&A that most people pass without problems.

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# Skating on thin ice

By Matthew Elliott

TWO major financial institutions have sounded a warning bell over fears that several key property markets could overheat and collapse. Both Barclays and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) have painted a stark picture of the potential threat.

A recent OECD report has identified Sweden and Canada as the unlikely candidates facing the greatest risk of a housing crash in 2017.

Extremely high and artificially inflated prices of both residential and commercial properties is the culprit.

House prices in Canada have practically doubled since the year 2000, while Sweden was aptly described as 'skating on thin ice.' Economists worry that the rapid rise is courting an abrupt correction that could affect millions of households.

Barclays has drawn up a



SWEDISH MARKET: At risk of collapsing.

similar chart of the European countries it perceives as running the greatest risk of sudden fall. It bases its findings on the European Systemic Risk Board's (ESRB) find-

The figures indicate that Sweden and Luxembourg have the most fragile bubbles, closely followed by the UK, Austria, Belgium and Fin-

All countries have received an official warning from the ESRB. Spain has one of the lowest risk levels on the chart, faring far better than Germany, Ireland and France.



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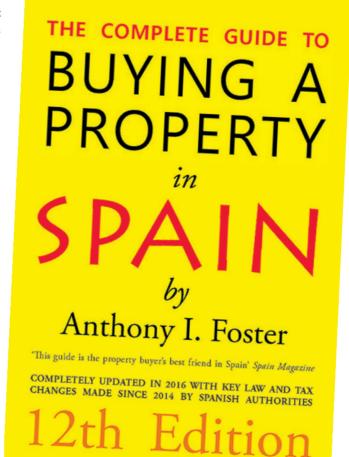
this disastrous scenario is to be aware of all the risks and pitfalls so that they can be avoided but where can this information be found.

Anthony I Foster has

lived in Spain for 35 years. He was a partner in an estate agents where he met many who were in search of the idyllic Iberian lifestyle and he was able to successfully steer them in the right direction.

To help this process be a smooth transition Anthony decided to write The Complete Guide To Buying A Property In Spain which was first published in 1994. As laws and taxes change Anthony updates his work and the guide is now in its 12th edition.

The layout of the book ensures a no-nonsense critique on the step by step journey to property purchases and sales without difficult jargon and ambiguity. It is an easy and informative read allowing those unfamiliar with Spanish protocols and laws to ensure that every step of the process is clearly



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In all, Anthony has carefully and clearly written a most useful handbook which takes the unsure newcomer to the level of savvy homeowner allowing the Spanish dream to begin.

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NEW HOUSING: Has seen a rise in price.

## Stable housing situation

THE price of new housing across Spain has jumped up for the second consecutive year, rising by 3.3 per cent in 2016. That leaves an average price per square metre in newly built properties of €2,120.

When the price of new builds rose in 2015 it marked the first increase since the financial crisis hit home in 2007. Last year's figures therefore represent incredibly positive news for the sector.

Even better is the fact that prices have risen across the board, in all regional capitals from Malaga to Madrid. That's a marked departure from previous years which have seen increases in cosmopolitan cities offset by regression in provincial towns and the interior.

The two-tier system still persists, however, with Madrid and Barcelona registering far higher growth than other cities. In the Catalan capital new builds now average a price of €3,528 per square metre, compared to the cheaper Badajoz where they command

Regardless of the regional discrepancies what really counts is the continued stabilisation of the sector. Price rises for new builds help bolster the already strong construction sector and are occurring alongside enhanced access to credit, better mortgage rates, and more property transactions.

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# The ancient art of bonsai

By Graeme Tyrrell

BONSAI is an ancient art and craft of creating a landscape in miniature in a shallow pot or container. The tradition of bonsai includes careful placement of stones, mosses, lichens, soil mixture and other materials using highly refined methods of care to reduce a trees growth to appear as a full sized tree in proportion to the rest of the the features in the bonsai container. The word bon-sai means planted tray (shallow container).

It is a great way to enjoy gardening using artistic garden design skills. Through attention to detail using so many different materials, such as beach shells, hollowed logs, naturally occurring stones, and a huge variety of pottery designed especially for bonsai plants, a miniature garden is developed.

The tradition of miniature landscapes goes back thousands of years. Their care was a part of eastern med-

dhist practice including Zen gardening. A bonsai had special importance as people were able to take their garden with them or present them as a gift or family heirloom.

Creating a bonsai can be as easy or complicated as you like. Basically you need a shallow contain-

> er, free draining quality soil mixture and a suitable long-lived tree with small leaves to allow proportion to

the container.

The selection of the tree should take into consideration the climate it will grow. A tree that grows easily in the natural environ-

ment where you are will generally do best, unless you plan to have the bonsai in a controlled environment. If the tree is an outdoor plant it will not do well indoors for very long. Tropical trees such as ficus that are used as

Maintaining a bonsai requires de-

indoor plants are a better choice if

you plan to have your bonsai in-

tailed care to remove excess leaves, branches and roots to maintain proportion. Wiring and clamping can also be used to shape the tree into the desired form to suit the landscape concept.

Watering application is different to most houseplants due to the smaller soil volume requiring more frequent application. Simple watering devices can be used to ensure constant watering supply.

They also need supplementary nutrient application to maintain health but not too much to stimulate excess growth. Very light or diluted applications are required frequently. A minimal amount of slow release fertiliser and weak liquid fertiliser in the water supply is a good solution.

So if you have an artistic flare for gardening, bonsai is a wonderful challenge of patience and discipline with long-lasting benefit. Established plants are readily available and, while needing a little more care to maintain, they provide a fascinating focal point to feature on your balcony, patio or terrace.

### **Quick** and easy kitchen cleaning

KITCHEN cupboard doors tend to accumulate greasy residue and, worse still, fingerprints which can make them look terrible. Plus, using cleaning products which need rinsing off afterwards can leave water marks and make the results of our efforts less than perfect.

To avoid this and remove grease quickly and easily, look for a specific cleaner which does not need to be rinsed off. This leads to better results and also saves time as all we have to do is spray it on then rub with a soft, dry cloth to remove

To save even more time and effort and make sure your kitchen is always impeccable, clean doors and outsides of cabinets after cooking before the grease and dirt has time to stick.

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## power of 15

PRODUCTIVITY experts swear by dividing big tasks into small steps to simplify them and this mindset is also ideal for those who are too busy to spend hours cleaning and tidying at home but wish they could get on top of everything.

In just 15 minutes per day, it is possible to get the clean, organised house you have always wanted with very little effort, time management coaches insist. All vou need is a timer.

Dedicating just a quarter of an hour per day to a task will help you realise how long it really takes to get things done. You may well be putting off a certain, seemingly huge task, thinking you will never find the time to get it done all at once. Yet if you set your mind to dedicating just 15



MINI GARDEN: Create a bonsai.

were considered valuable gifts by

royalty in Asia. The Japanese devel-

JOB DONE: By spending just 15 minutes per day on a task.

minutes to it, you could well find that within a couple of days it is done and

You may have been wishing for weeks that you could find an hour and a half to clear out and clean the guest bedroom. Start today and give it 15 minutes, concentrating on one small

Do the same tomorrow. and the next day, and in under a week you will have done the lot!

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MANY cats will purr like a well-oiled motor when stroked. and many dogs will put their head forward for petting. However some will suddenly turn on the person. My own dog Sheba appears most friendly but I have to tell people to leave her alone, after a few pats she will turn aggressive.

Sense and Sensitivity: This curious behaviour that some cats and dogs display is called petting-induced aggression. Behaviourists are familiar with this feline and canine quirk.

The cat acts affectionately. rubbing against the person and purring, but responds with painful swipes and bites should the person attempt to touch

WATCH FOR SIGNS: To

a dog or cat's irritability.

avoid the consequences of

them. Some cats will endure a number of pats before reacting, while others, will stand for only one or two before striking out. Behaviourists often refer to these animals as 'two-or-threestroke' cat or dog.

While we don't understand exactly why some dogs and cats are so intolerant of touch, one hypothesis is that they experience the same phenomenon that we do when we are touched repeatedly in one spot on our bodies. Imagine that someone is massaging your back and they absent-mindedly continue to rub one specific area over and over again. It feels good at first, but after a while, the touch becomes irritating.

We humans might simply ask the person to stop but our pets are more demonstrative in their communication. One more pat, and gotcha! Unfortunately, simply stroking the pet on a different part of their body each time isn't sufficient. It's as if the cat or dog has become sensitised all over.

Watch for certain signs how to avoid the consequences of

a dog or cat's irritability. Most cats, when annoyed, will flatten their ears and swish their tail back and forth. Often, the skin along their sides and back will ripple. While it may be too late by the time these signs are present, it is best to freeze momentarily and then calmly and cautiously lift ones hand away from the cat.

Sometimes the cessation of movement will prompt a dog or cat to move away, or they may at least refrain from attacking.

The Light Touch: Teaching pets to enjoy being touched entails daily counter-conditioning sessions. The objective is to link being touched with something pets consider supremely delightful. Most cats and dogs love cheese, so it is best to stroke the pet once, then feed a tiny amount of cheese. When the cheese has gone, stroke again, then feed. Repeat the stroke/cheese association no more than 10 times in one sitting, fewer if the pet showed even a hint of irritability.

After one week, one can occasionally stroke the pet twice before feeding the cheese. After another week, gradually building tolerance, until the cat or dog becomes a two-stroke pet.

By the third week, they should allow the occasional three strokes before receiving cheese. And by the end of the fourth week, most pets can become a three-stroke

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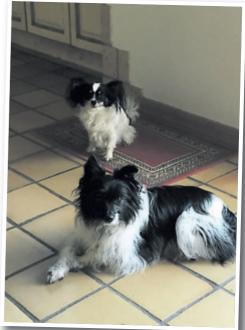
# Barry loves Flea

WHEN homeowner Susan returns to the UK for holidays she worries about what to do with her dogs. Barry and Flea in particular are small dogs, a little anxious because of their rescue history but above all they are great companions and are always seen together.

Barry, a young Chihuahua, loves to challenge Flea, to tease her and nip at her heels. Flea is more relaxed, and perhaps because she is more mature tolerates Barry's friendly needling, but in actual fact she rather likes his attentions. They enjoy each other's company so much that they appear inseparable. They have only to hear tyre tracks on the road outside their gate and off they swoop to chase the sound of the car across the length of the property.

They see the hens emerging from their coup each morning in the garden and off they trot to check on the flock. It's a great team, and they evidently love their life at home. So when their owner Susan plans a holiday she always prefers to have house-sitters at home, following her routine with the dogs and hens. It means that after her holiday she returns worry free, with a knowledge that Barry and Flea will be safe and contented at home in her absence.

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## Fireworks can kill

NOR, a 10-month-old English setter living at Ocho Vidas animal refuge in La Rioja, died on New Year's Eve due to fireworks, the charity president has claimed.

Ana Gonzalez, head of Ocho Vidas, explained she had shut three dogs in their usual kennel on the evening of December 31 with fresh water and food before leaving for the night, and had been horrified to find Nor dead the next morning.

"The others were nervous but okay and, talking to local residents, I found out there were fireworks and rockets going off until 4am," Gonzalez said. The charity president stressed vets and animal charities warn every year of the dangers fireworks pose to dogs. who can suffer the canine

equivalent of panic attacks due to the noise.

Gonzalez pointed out some places, like Collechio in Italy, have introduced silent fireworks to put across the message displays can be enjoyed without health risks to pets.

Ocho Vidas has called for town councils to urge police forces to up surveillance and for an Animal Protection law.

## Charity dogathon is a hit

ALMOST 1,000 dogs took to the streets of Madrid for San Perrestre, the canine version of the popular San Silvestre end of year marathon. Pet-owners took off from Plaza Cibeles for a race through the streets of the city-centre, passing emblematic points including the Plaza del Sol.

The race, in its sixth year, was organised

as usual by El Refugio animal charity and aimed to raise awareness of the importance of adopting pets instead of buying them. Humans paid €6 to take part while dogs paid a token €1, all of which went to the charity.

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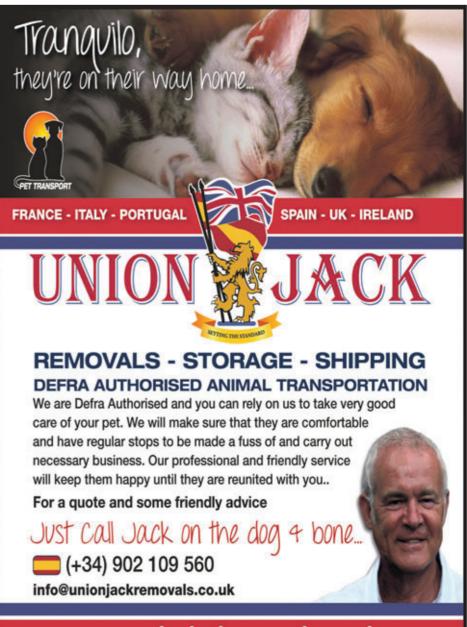
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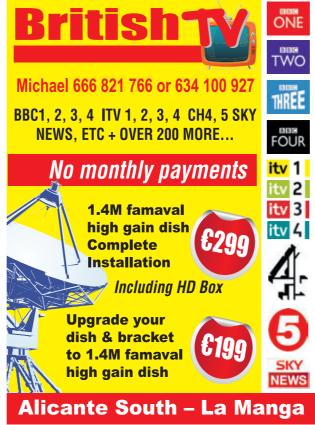
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## **MOTORING**

# Faraday Future takes off

BILLED as a 'new species' of car, Faraday Future officially launched their new electric sedan which goes faster than a Ferrari and is capable of learning. The FF 91 debuted in Las Vegas, will be on the roads in 2018 and can hit 60mph from a dead stop in just 2.39 sec-

By Matthew Elliott

That puts it in elite compa-

nv. faster than both the Tesla record and the Ferrari LaFerrari. In fact it would be the second fastest

production vehicle ever made - only the Porsche 918 Spyder has hit 60mph in under 2.3 seconds.

Boasting 1,050 hp, the FF 91 unlocks itself by recognis-

The FF 91 debuted in Las Vegas and will be on the roads in 2018.

ing the driver's face and adapts to their personalities and preferences.

It can even be ordered to

**FARADAY FUTURE:** New electric sedan.

park itself. That claim led to some chuckles, however, when billionaire Chinese investor Jia Yeuting was invited on stage to try it out.

Murphy's Law intervened however and the FF 91 refused to budge, forcing Faraday's vice-president to crack a joke (and thereafter doubtlessly fire an unfortunate technician).

## New revolutions take centre stage

THE Consumer Electrics Show (CES) took place in Las Vegas from January 5-8, and as usual there were stacks of new revolutions in the automotive industry on display, with electric and autonomous developments taking centre stage.

BMW brought its future cockpit to the event, showcasing its latest 'virtual touchscreen' technology, which is able to offer a 'free-floating display' operated by finger gestures.

Fiat Chrysler Automobiles revealed their latest electric and autonomous concept at the show. The 'Portal' vehicle is focused on flexibility and comfort and is heavily biased towards 'millenials.

Ford showed off an autonomous hybrid version of their popular Mondeo saloon, which is called the Fusion stateside, while Honda revealed an artificial intelligence 'emotion engine' which powers a 'co-operative mobility ecosystem' rather than a car (it's a car).

Hyundai brought their Ioniq autonomous car along, which is already in its fourth generation, with the cars driving themselves along Las Vegas boulevard.

Renault-Nissan and Mitsubishi big cheese Carlos Ghosn gave a keynote speech at the event, in which he discussed Nissan's vision of mobility in the future, as well as announcing a number of developments and partnerships.

Toyota and Volkswagen also brought their latest concept cars to CES, with the latter promoting their all-electric 'ID' vehicle as it attempts to distance itself from Dieselgate.









## Beetles' revenge

FOR the first time in over half a century the bestselling car in Sweden was not a Volvo. Recently released figures for 2016 show that the ubiquitous Volkswagen Golf outstripped Volvo's biggest sellers the V70 and V90 combined.

It's reportedly the first time since 1962 that the home favourite hasn't produced Sweden's most popular new car. Back then Ringo Starr had just joined The Beatles and a Volkswagen Beetle was topping Sweden's sales charts.

Between them Volvo and Volkswagen dominate the Swedish market, with only Toyota and Skoda slipping in as honourable mentions. Volvo has almost a century of history in Sweden since the first model rolled off a Gothenburg production line in

# It's Manchester v Merseyside at football after Murray loses in Qatar

#### **Tony Matthews**

International Sports

A former player and now the world's most prolific author of football books with almost 150 published since 1975, Tony is also the sports correspondent for Spectrum Radio and lives on La Pilica in the Sierra Cabrera Mountains overlooking Turre.

#### Football summary

ONCE again, football has taken centre stage as Chelsea's 13-match winning run came to a stuttering end at Tottenham; Brighton replaced Newcastle at the top of the Championship; Celtic beat Rangers in the Auld Firm derby: managers in new jobs include Marco Silva (Hull), Paul Clement (Swansea) and Alan Smith (Notts County); the first big transfers of 2017 saw Aston Villa's Rudy Gestede join Middlesbrough for £6.5m and Wilfred Ndidi move from Genk to Leicester for

£6m; FC Chapecoense (Brazil) are recruiting 20 new players (remember all but three of the team were killed in the pre-Christmas Colombian air crash) and six PL clubs crashed out of the FA Cup last weekend with Millwall causing the biggest upset by beating Bournemouth 3-0. Derby won at WBA, Wolves (who handed Morgan Gibbs-White, aged 16, his debut) ko'd Stoke and fourth tier Plymouth drew with Liverpool who fielded their youngest team ever, while Brentford, Huddersfield (4-0 v Port Vale), Manchester City (5-0 at West Ham), holders Manchester United (4-0 v Reading) and 10man Chelsea (4-1 v Peterborough) gained the biggest victories as Arsenal scraped through 2-1 at Preston.

Plucky non-League sides Sutton (v AFC Wimbledon) and Lincoln (at Ipswich) both earned replays, but Barrow. Stourbridge and Eastleigh

The FA Cup 4th round draw has produced some intriguing ties including Spurs v Wycombe Wanderers, Derby v Leicester, holders Manchester United v Wigan, Crystal Palace or Bolton v Manchester City, Plymouth or Liverpool v Wolves and Chelsea v Brentford. Games to be played January 27 to 30.

#### Other sport

Michael van Gerwen won the World Darts tournament at Ally Pally... Sir Andy Murray's 28-match winning run has come to an end - beaten by his arch-enemy Novak Djokovic in the Qatar Open... Scot Laura Muir has broken Liz McColgan's 25-year-old British 5,000m indoor record by 14 seconds... Dylan Hartley will captain England's rugby team in the Six Nations...Tiger Woods competes in his first golf tournament of 2017 at Torrey Pines in two

weeks time... and Virat Kohli has replaced M S Dhoni as India's cricket captain for the forthcoming ODI and T20 series against England (from Jan-

#### Soccer Diary

On Tuesday, Manchester United - 4-0 FAC winners over Reading last Saturday when Wayne Rooney equalled Bobby Charlton's club record of 249 goals - met Hull City and last night Liverpool visited Southampton in League Cup semi-final first leg ties.

The Premiership matches this weekend include two Manchester-Merseyside clashes -Everton (7th) v Manchester City (4th) and Manchester United (6th) v Liverpool (2nd). Reigning champions Leicester (15th) play table-toppers Chelsea, Swansea (19th) meet Arsenal (5th), Tottenham (3rd) take on WBA (8th) in the early kick-off, and Crystal Palace (17th) visit West Ham (13th).

The top Championship games are Brentford-Newcastle, Leeds-Derby, Preston-Brighton and a Midlands battle involving Wolves and Aston

Pick of the FL1 fixtures are Bolton v Swindon and Walsall v Sheffield United while in FL2, we have Barnet v leaders Doncaster, Carlisle v Morecambe and Plymouth v Steve-

Tonight, La Liga leaders Real Madrid, fresh from a 5-0 win over Granada and now unbeaten in 39 matches - a Spanish record they share with Barcelona - play the return leg of their Copa Del Rey last 16 tie against Sevilla, having won the first 3-0. The last time Real lost was 2-0 away to Wolfsburg in the Champions League in April 2016. Tonight sees the start of a hectic schedule for Zinedine Zindane's Real team who could play 21 matches in 11 weeks. Atletico Madrid met Barcelona, also in the Copa del Rey, last night.

Tomorrow, we have the opening games of the 14th Copa Centroamericano in Panama and the first matches in the Africa Cup of Nations in

#### Championships taking place right now:

Group games in World Junior and U18 Ice Hockey here

The 40th UK BDO World Darts at the Lakeside Club.

Women's World Ice Hockey in Belfast.

Men's World Handball in France.

Men's Indoor Junior Super Six Field Hockey in Notting-

World Indoor Bowls in Switzerland

Short Track Speed Skating in

NB: On Monday, January 16, the Australia Tennis Open starts in Melbourne.

#### **Stop Whinging!**

PL managers including Mourinho, Guardiola, Klopp and Wenger, continually moan about the number of games their teams have to play in such a short period of time.

Well how about this... back in April 1912, without a huge squad, West Bromwich Albion completed 12 matches in 26 days including an FA Cup semi-final, the FA Cup final and FA Cup final replay. And in the 1960s, I played on a Good Friday, Saturday and on Bank Holiday Monday and the Tuesday. And I enjoyed it!



Kenny Dalglish was the first player to score 100 League

goals north and south of the border, netting 112 for

Celtic and 118 for Liverpool and he was the first Scot

to win 100 caps.

## Could we see this happen in 2017? asks Tony Matthews

MY SPORTING ALMANAC

Manchester United boss José Mourinho smiling after a win!

A Test Match victory for England's cricketers - please! A decent round of golf for the aging Tiger Woods.

A suspension-free year for England's rugby star Dylan Hartley. Ten more consecutive knock-outs for GB boxer Anthony Joshua. Two (even three) tennis Grand Slam wins for British women. A third Epsom Derby victory for jockey Ryan Moore. Lewis Hamilton to win his fourth F1 driver's championship. MotoGP star Cal Crutchlow to have a superb season on his bike. GB swimmer Adam Peaty to break more world records. Players from Asia to win every major snooker competition.

Alastair and/or Jonny Brownlee to win all triathlon races. Baltimore Ravens (at 65-1) to lift the American Super Bowl. PL team to get knocked out of the FA Cup by a non-League club. Indian athlete to clear 8ft 6in to set new world high jump record. Yorkshire to win every match in cricket's County Championship. GB cycling duo of Laura and Jason Kenny to win 10 races overall. Michael van Gerwen to have 50 nine-dart finishes in major event. Castleford to claim 10 successive wins in Rugby's Super League.

Andy Murray to celebrate his knighthood with three Grand Slams. And could this nine-timer happen, with odds of 50,000-1? Chelsea to win the PL title; Brighton to clinch the Championship; Bayern Munich, Celtic, Juventus and Real Madrid to complete domestic League/Cup doubles; Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo to end 2016-17 with 50 club goals each and Lewis Hamilton to regain F1 driver's crown.

It was my best year so far. The trophy for Portugal was amazing. I was so happy and of course I cannot forget the Champions League and the Club World Cup.

Costa Blanca's best guide to local sport

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# Eurogolf Yellow Peril

ON Thursday January 5 in glorious sunshine Eurogolf played a Yellow Peril. The sunshine and breeze has helped the course recover from the recent flooding and the course has dried out really well.

As it was a long time since they have played a yellow peril a few people were confused with the format and unfortunately the team who thought they had won had to be disqualified. The results were as follows 1st the team of Tony Forbes, Bob Shorley, Cindi Green and Moinque Reeve 139, 2nd Alan Caithness, David Blanchette, Morag Turner and John Rush 135, 3rd Arty Crammon, Ian Pegg, Clare Daye-Gretton and Connie Parker 133 c/b.

NTPs 5th Bert Lawson, 11th Hedy Paehlig, 12th in 2 Tony Forbes, 15th Brian Walsh 17th, Monique Reeve. Football draw Fred Reeve, George McCallum, Keith Wright, Linda Lynch and Ken Enever.

#### **Tuesday Toffs**

On Tuesday January 3, 70 players took part in the Toffs stableford competition. It was really cold first thing, six degrees and as they are not used to playing in such a low temperature it seemed to affect the golf and only one person broke par and some really low scores were recorded. Cat 1 1st Arty



YELLOW PERIL: The competition was played in glorious sunshine.

Crammon 37, 2nd Fred Reeve 33, 3rd John Barraclough 32. Cat 2 1st Steve Sayers 33, 2nd David Blanchette 26, c/b 3rd Geoff Evans 26. Cat 3 1st Phyllis Venables 34, 2nd Ken Enever 31 c/b, 3rd Bob Shorley 31. Cat 4 1st Kevin Bonser, 2nd June Caithness 30, 3rd Ed Silvester 27. Overall Toffs winner Arty Crammon. Best front 9 Bob Buckeridge 16. Best back 9 George McCal-

lum 19. NTPs 5th Bob Shorley, 11th Ray Porter, 12th in 2 Phyllis Venables, 15th Sue Gillett, 17th John Barraclough. Football draw Arty Crammon, Cindi Green, Dave Nichols, Bill Martin and Joy Gray.

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## San Miguel Golf

A PERFECT day weather-wise and with the course in reasonable condition, although a little damp, a large post New Year turnout of 53 members and two guests gathered for a Stableford competition. Some difficult pin positions, although somewhat offset by a number of very forward tees, was probably the main reason why scoring was fairly average. Nick Spicer in Silver Category returned the standout score of the day of 38 points, followed by Gold winner John Osborne.

The first matches in this year's SMGS singles matchplay competition also took place. Brian Mulligan beat Paul Kelsall 5 and 4, Steve Fleet beat Ray Smithers 3 and 1, and Steve Davis had a tight win over previous winner Ken Flaherty, 1 up.

The day's Stableford competition results, by category and in reverse order, were as follows:

Bronze Category: 3rd Chris Hamblett (31), 2nd Norman Padmore (35 on CB), and 1st, El Presidente Phil Birtwistle, also with 35 points.

Silver Category: 3rd Steve Davis (34), 2nd Brian Mulligan (35) and 1st, with the best score of the day, Nick Spicer with 38 points.

Gold Category: 3rd Joost Boelhouwer (34), 2nd Tony Smale (35), and 1st, John Osborne with 36 points.

The best front 9 and not in the prizes went to Norman Cahill with 17 points, and the best back 9 to Captain Theo Boelhouwer, also with 17.

The Abacus was won by Derek Johnson.

Our thanks go to the staff at Villamartin golf course for their contribution to the day.

Keep up to date with all SMGS matters via www.smgs.org or call Theo Boelhouwer on 694 494 824 to find out more about the society. Next week, January 11, they will be at Las Colinas.

