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Daughter, 3, stabbed

Father's row with inmate mother led to savage attack

By Matt Ford

A 49-year-old father brutally stabbed his three-year-old daughter before calmly handing himself into police. After stabbing her at least three times, in the back, chest and hand, he told officers he had killed her.

Police believe he carried out the stabbing to get back at his daughter's mother who is in prison. She has been serving a long prison sentence for terrorism related offences, but it is understood they had rowed about future custody. The shocking incident took place around 11am on Sunday, January 15, at a private home on Avenida Caixa



ASSAILANT: Jailed pending court appearance.

d'Estalvis. After going his daughter in the back and chest, the 49-year-old father, who is from Ethiopia, but has Greek citizenship, calmly left his apartment and turned himself into the nearest Local Police station.



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LOCAL NEWS

Holiday honeys

IBIZA WEEKENDER star Imogen Townley, recently labelled as Warrington's answer to Kim Kardashian, and her Big Brother friend Lisa Appleton have returned from a five-day break in

Benidorm. The Instagram addicts flew in from Manchester to enjoy some sun, sea and sangria alongside Big Brother's Mark Byron, where they attracted a smattering of paparazzi.

All in good time

THE remains of a truck which was left where it crashed more than 20 years ago in Cami Vell d'Alcoi have finally been removed by the council in Xixona.

The decision to remove the remains of the vehicle was taken after numerous complaints about its impact on the environment and amenity of the area.

Fatal mountain fall

A 51-YEAR-OLD Briton died in a mountaineering accident in Polop. He and a companion were scaling Peña Roc and had reached the section known as Raco de Tovaines using the Ataraxia path. The two men were practising 'traditional climbing,' where the lead places tackle to protect against falls and the second man removes it after both reach the same point.



Benitachell town hall

VUELTA A ESPAÑA: This year the race starts on the other side of the French border in Nimes.

Top cycle race returns

By *Linda Hall*

BENITACHELL will once again be at the heart of the Vuelta a España cycle race.

The ninth stage of the race is to end there with a 3.6-kilometre ascent and a 10 per cent gradient to the top of Puig Llorença as it did in 2015. That year this stage was won

by Dutch cyclist Tom Dumoulin who beat Britain's Chris Froome to take the red jersey.

In last year's Vuelta, Benitachell was again seen by tens of millions worldwide during the Javea-Calpe time trial which took the top flight international cyclists racing through the streets of the town centre.

This year the Vuelta starts on the other side of the French border in Nimes on August 19, finishing in Madrid on September 9. Although the race crosses the Pyrenees the first uphill finish will not arrive until Stage Five reaches the Mediterranean coast with a two-kilometre climb to Ermita Santa Lucia in Alcossebre (Castellon).

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The big pensions 'freeze'



STATE PENSION: Today, this is nearly twice what it was in 1998.

UK pensioners living in the EU must not accept 'frozen pensions,' says Nigel Nelson, chairman of the non-profit International Consortium of British Pensioners (ICBP) - www.pensionjustice.org.

Today there are nearly half a million UK pensioners living in the EU, as the table shows.

If you add in the other countries making up the European Economic Area (Norway, Iceland and Lichtenstein) and Switzerland, this total increases to nearly 490,000. This article is about three types of UK State Pension erosion:

- Erosion caused by the UK leaving the EU (Brexit)
- Decline in the value of the Euro (€)
- Impact of inflation in the EU.

Erosion caused by the UK leaving the EU

The UK government uprates the UK State Pension annually based on the 'triple lock' policy (raising it by whichever is the higher: inflation, average earnings or 2.5 per cent), but it is only in countries where they are 'legally obliged' to do this and this has been the case for over 70 years.

Today, this means that pensioners living in the UK, the EU and a number of disparate countries around the world receive the annual increase. So, if you live in the US, you will receive the annual increase.

However, if you live just across the border in Canada, then you don't re-

NUMBER OF UK PENSIONERS LIVING IN THE EU

Country	Country Total	Country	Country Total
Ireland	135,040	Poland	2,700
Spain	108,010	Finland	1,550
France	65,470	Bulgaria	1,100
Germany	42,680	Hungary	870
Italy	37,410	The Czech Republic	640
Cyprus	18,840	Luxembourg	590
Netherlands	12,900	Republic of Croatia	590
Portugal	10,460	Republic of Lithuania	450
Malta	6,390	The Slovak Republic	330
Greece	5,910	Republic of Slovenia	300
Sweden	5,590	Republic of Latvia	240
Belgium	5,430	Romania	160
Austria	5,400	Republic of Estonia	90
Denmark	3,370		
TOTAL:			472,510

UK PENSIONERS: Almost half a million live in the EU.

ceive an increase. Live in the Philippines and you receive the annual increase; live in Commonwealth countries like Australia, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa and you don't.

In fact, there are over half a million UK pensioners living in over 120 countries who do not receive the annual increase - this is known as the

UK 'frozen' pension policy.

When the UK leaves the EU, the 'do nothing' option (ie there will be no specific provision made within the exit negotiations) means that the UK will no longer be 'legally obliged' to pay the annual UK State Pension increase to pensioners living in the EU.

Over a period of 20 years *The Telegraph* has estimated that this could

leave pensioners £50,000 poorer.

For a frozen pensioner who retired between April 1998 and March 1999 on a 'full' UK State Pension (i.e with the maximum number of contribution years), they are £25,000 poorer compared to their peers living in the UK.

Today, the UK state pension is nearly twice what it was in 1998 so the figure reported in *The Telegraph* would seem to be accurate.

The ICBP has been working for years to try to persuade the UK government to end this discriminatory practice of pension 'freezing.' We are very concerned that the UK government will see the annual increase to the State Pension for pensioners living in the EU as an opportunity to save money as part of the Brexit negotiations.

The cost to annually increase UK state pensions in the EU will be £46.6 million. If you are concerned that your UK State Pension will become 'frozen,' then go to www.pensionjustice.org/petitions and sign their petition and make your voice heard!

Decline in the exchange rate - GBP to EUR

All UK State Pensions are payable in GBP and the pensioners are liable for the variations in exchange rates.

Most pensioners are spenders and not savers, so they cannot afford to wait for a better exchange rate - they take the exchange rate available on

the day that the UK state pension payment is made.

In fact, the pension can be paid in the currency of the country where the pensioner is living.

Impact of inflation in the EU

For those UK pensioners who will be on a fixed, 'frozen' pension, not only will they be receiving fewer Euros, but they will have less spending power each year because of inflation. Whilst inflation today is lower than it was in the 1990s, it is still running at nearly 2 per cent.

Whilst two of the factors above are beyond our control - exchange rates and inflation - 'frozen' pensions are something that we can try to influence.

You can help... it is incumbent upon every UK state pensioner to make sure that their voice is heard by:

- Writing to the MP who represents the town or city that you last lived in the UK

- Writing to your MEP

- Signing any petitions that are raised - ours is at www.pensionjustice.org/petitions

- Donate to lobby groups like ours to help fight the battle in the UK Parliament - www.pensionjustice.org/donate

- Joining social media groups like 'Protect European Pensions' (Facebook) - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ProtectEuropeanPensions/>

With your help we can make a difference!!

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Flu season revs up

MARINA ALTA flu cases are expected to peak in the last two weeks of January.

At present there are approximately 30 cases for every 100,000 members of the population, according to Denia Health Department.

This is well below the Valencian Community's 70 cases per 100,000 people, said Dr Antonio Valdivia, head of Denia's Preventative Medicine Department. Flu cases will inevitably rise, he predicted, now that the holidays are over and children have returned to school: "Children are always the first to catch it, followed by the adults."

Dr Valdivia stressed the importance of vaccination. "Vaccination is available throughout January in Marina Alta health centres. We recommend doing so without delay, as immunity takes around two weeks to become effective."

Anyone with flu should try to keep away from children and those with depressed immune systems, the doctor warned.



FLU PREVENTION: Still time for a flu vaccination in Marina Alta health centres.

Girl remains in critical condition

» From Front page

Officers rushed to the seventh floor address and hammered on the door before smashing a hole in it.

The smallest member of the unit was able to squeeze through, and he found the severely wounded girl lying on the sofa next to two knives and a blood-stained toy.

A paramedic managed to bandage the wounds, although the girl had lost a lot of blood and suffered a punctured lung.

She was transferred to the intensive care unit of La Fe Hospital, where she remains in a critical condition.

The girl's mother is Sarah Majarenas



MOTHER: Sarah Majarenas.

Ibarreta, a member of the 'Levante commando' branch of Basque separatist group ETA, who was arrested in 2005 for allegedly planning to attack police barracks in Valencia.

The child has been raised in several Spanish prisons, but her father, who has lived in Spain for several years, was allowed to collect her at weekends.

Two days before he unleashed the savage attack, he posted 'God protects me from my friends, because I know who my enemies are, Amen,' on his Facebook profile.

He has now been charged with attempted murder.

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The regional government is also well-prepared, with 14 snowploughs and 250 tons of salt to keep roads clear.

Authorities reminded the population to avoid going out in mountain areas or open country, to wear adequate clothing and increase security measures when driving. Use chains where necessary and take extreme care when driving in icy sections of road.

There were further warnings about using gas fires in unventilated rooms and traditional domestic braziers that many, particularly the elderly, still put under tables in cold weather.

Cannibalistic roots

ARCHAEOLOGISTS from Valencia University (UV) have found proof that the Marina Alta's prehistoric inhabitants occasionally ate human flesh.

The experts confirmed in the US publication, *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology*, that they had found "evidence of cannibal behaviour amongst groups of hunter-gatherers in the western Mediterranean during the Mesolithic era."

Thirty human bones, at least 11,000 years old, discov-

ered in Coves de Santa Maira in Castell de Castells showed signs of 'human manipulation,' the investigators said.

The UV investigators did not rule out that the Castell de Castells practices were the result of 'periodic food stress' and exceptional, the director of the excavations, J Emili Aura, acknowledged.

But he also suggested that they could have been social in origin and the result of episodes of individual or group violence or even rituals.

“Thirty human bones showed signs of ‘human manipulation.’”

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OUR VIEW

Help always needed

IT was very encouraging to see various councils around Spain took it upon themselves to try to make sure no children in their area went without any presents over the holiday period.

In Fuengirola alone, the council spent just over €11,000 to give 385 children a toy and also assisted in buying food for a large number of families. Madrid issued a directive that if any child had not received a gift by January 6 then the council should be informed.

Add to this the generous individuals and groups who operated food banks and donated gifts to underprivileged children and there's no doubt their combined work was greatly appreciated.

Hopefully this generosity will not finish now the festive season has passed as it

continues to be important for individuals to do their bit to help those worse off.

Everyone has different preferences. If you can support your local animal charity by giving time or financial support that's great.

Despite tremendous steps forward in medical discoveries, there is still need for cancer care and a whole range of diverse children's illnesses. Add to this the need for family respite and age care as well as long established charities like the Red Cross, Lions and Royal British Legion and the choice is incredibly wide.

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Barbaric attack against animals

By Simon Firth and Matt Ford

FIVE dogs were shot and killed and a horse nearly blinded in a 'barbaric' attack which is being blamed on hunters in a natural park near Granada.

The plight of Illona Mitchell's animals has led rescue centres and animal charities from around the world to offer their help.

Enough money has now been raised after pictures of the attacked animals were shared on the internet, to raise money for a reward to find the attackers.

Ms Mitchell, who moved to Caniles from Chester in 2004, owns more than 170 hectares of land in the Sierra de Baza natural park.

After she removed her land from the hunting zone in the park, she says she was subjected to verbal abuse in the street, threats and intimidation from

hunters angered by her decision.

After reporting these offences Ms Mitchell says Guardia Civil officers mounted patrols on her land, at one stage even scouting round her land at night.

But the attackers then struck on the night of the Three Kings' celebrations knowing that officers would be busy and that the following day would be a fiesta.

When Ms Mitchell drove up to her land on January 7 she found dead and dying animals in their kennels and her rescue horse, Rocco, so badly beaten it may lose an eye.

Three of the dogs lay dead, two died later at a vet's and the horse has been left so traumatised the vet is struggling to get close enough to administer its medication.

Ms Mitchell believes at least two

people took part in the attack, one holding the animal while the other fired the shots at almost point blank range.

One dog was shot between the eyes, another was shot through the side of the face and one through the roof of the mouth.

In an attempt to raise the alarm she was forced to bang on the door at the home of a police officer who then alerted members of SEPRONA to the crime.

"When they arrived they couldn't believe what they were looking at. It was a vile and barbaric attack," she says.

Ms Mitchell's friends have rallied, putting her plight on the internet and even starting a crowdfunding page to help raise funds for her vet's bills and put up a reward to find those behind the attacks.

You can find that page at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Illona-Mitchell>.

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Four main decisions regarding Brexit



BREXIT PAGE

By John Smith

THERESA MAY the British Prime Minister made her much leaked speech on her plans for Brexit at a press conference on January 17 with much of the content appearing to be in accord with the recent recommendations of the Commons Brexit committee.

There was nothing particularly unexpected in the speech which lasted some 40 minutes but there was confirmation of a number of definite decisions made by the government which will affect the tone and result of proposed negotiations.

The four main points of her speech, and therefore her position as Article 50 is implemented, are as follows:

- Britain will not remain members of the single market;
- Parliament will be allowed to vote on a final Brexit deal;
- Britain will leave the customs union but will be looking for a special deal;
- She will argue that there could be an extended



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MRS MAY: May have already 'bagged a deal' with Bill English, New Zealand PM.

transitional period that may need negotiation.

One piece of immediate positive news is that the pound strengthened against the euro during the speech.

In a clear warning to the leaders of the 27 states with whom she will have to negotiate, she stated that if they tried to make this a punitive deal then she would rather leave EU without a trade deal than accept a bad deal which could mean the UK

could consider adopting a revised economic model. The inference therefore was such a model may result in significant corporate tax reductions to encourage international business back to the UK.

In her speech, she made it clear that the British public made the referendum decision with their "eyes open" and it is her job to implement their wish for a "brighter future" by creating a Global Britain with the UK remaining a "good friend and

neighbour" to the EU but "reaching out" beyond its borders to other continents.

The British government doesn't want to see the EU split or unravel but recognises that the UK has been an awkward partner for the Union. Mrs May said "We seek a new and equal partnership between an independent, self-governing, Global Britain and our friends and allies in the EU."

She wants to give "as much certainty as possible" which is why the government will adopt EU law in the great repeal bill. Parliament will then decide what laws it wants to change.

The overall theme of her speech was there will be no half measures and Britain although hoping to retain a good relationship with the EU whilst continuing to exchange information on matters of security, needs to be separated.

One area that is important covers the border between Northern Ireland and Eire and she hopes and expects to be able to come to an agreement which will allow continued freedom of movement across that border.

The devolved assemblies will not be ignored and they will continue to have control over many aspects of their own destinies with some returned powers resting with Westminster and others being transferred to the assemblies.

Stating she is not there just to supply media headlines, the feeling generally is she has released as much information as she intends and will now 'keep her powder dry' until the formal negotiations begin.

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Serbian killer arrested

By John Smith

AN international manhunt has found a well-known criminal accused of the manslaughter of one man and the wounding of another in Alicante.

The 30-year-old Serbian identified as LD was wanted by the Spanish authorities for the manslaughter nine years ago of an Indian citizen and the wounding of his

brother who was trying to defend him.

This young individual was known to have been involved in a number of robberies with violence in Spain and held four false identity documents before fleeing the country.

Officers from the Guardia Civil with the assistance of Interpol traced this person across Europe and a Spanish court asked for assistance

from the authorities in Albania, Germany, Macedonia, Sweden and Switzerland in trying to apprehend him.

He was eventually found to be in the Macedonian capital Skopje, carrying yet more false identification and was arrested.

Officers from the Guardia Civil in Alicante worked with their Central Control Unit and Interpol in this particular case.

No more bou embolat

IT was a close thing but Pedreguer voted to bar Bou embolat and Bou encaixonat from its bull-running events.

Forty per cent of the town's registered population voted in a mini-referendum, with 1,290 voting to eliminate these versions while 1,281 wanted to retain them.

Thanks to this slim nine-vote margin Pedreguer's fiestas will no longer include bulls with blazing brands fixed to their horns or those who have been boxed up in a small dark container before they are loosed.

Other versions, considered less cruel, will continue, true to Pedreguer's reputation as the 'Cathedral of bull-running.'

Neighbours and firemen in rescue

DENIA firemen rescued an 87-year-old woman who fainted while she was cooking.

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LA NUCIA: Gatera which opened in December; Bethlehem Nuñez and Bernabe Cano renewing the agreement.

Shelter from the storm for animals

LA NUCIA Council has agreed a further year's funding of €40,000 for the

town's animal shelter.

Bethlehem Nuñez, president for the Protectora of Animals in La Nucia and Bernabé Cano, mayor, have renewed the annual financial agreement that has been in place from 2006 when the shelter opened.

Since opening, the facility has gained a reputation for good management and the volunteers have been recognised both locally and at a regional level for the tireless work that they do.

In addition to the funding the council also covers the shelter's electricity, water and insurance costs as well as providing a van specially adapted for collecting animals.

In return the shelter service takes care of collecting abandoned animals and helping them find their forever homes.

The increasing number of

dogs collected over the years has resulted in the council funding three extensions to improve conditions for the animals, with the latest edition, the Gatera car-

“The management and volunteers do a great job.”

ing for cats and opening just before Christmas.

Bernabe Cano said: “We have renewed this agreement for the 10th consecutive year because we are very happy with the running of the shelter. The management and volunteers do a great job, totally unselfish, giving the best possible treatment of stray dogs and cats.”

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World tourism focuses on Madrid

By Simon Firth

REPRESENTATIVES from almost every Spanish region, city and many towns, are in Madrid for this year's International Tourism Fair (Fitur).

On until January 22 at the Feria de Madrid, this year sees a special emphasis on sustainable tourism.

Benidorm has space within the Comunidad Valenciana stand and has organised a discussion, with Mayor Toni Pérez participating, on intelligent tourist destinations.

Details of the next Benidorm Pride event will be showcased at the fair. There will also be meetings with tour operators, airlines and representatives of Turespaña from a number of different countries.



TOURISM FAIR: This year sees a special emphasis on sustainable tourism.

This is the market place to be seen in and where all those working in tourism can meet up with like-minded professionals in the trade.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the annual event, now in its 37th year, but they are restricted to attending on

Saturday and Sunday.

A fair of this size not only brings together all those working in the industry, but also acts as a showcase for new services, new technologies and the latest trends.

For Madrid alone, the fair represents potential revenue of more than €200 million, according to the organisers, UNWTO.

They also point the presence of more than 9,000 exhibiting companies as evidence of the strength of the sector.

To emphasise the importance of Fitur, more than 20 ministers for tourism from all over Africa are there debating the opportunities the sector can bring to the continent.

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POLICE are making little headway in investigating the murder of wealthy Alicante City businesswoman Maria del Carmen Martinez.

The 72-year-old, widow of former CAM bank president Vicente Sala and the mother of a son and three daughters, was shot twice at point-blank range last month. The murder occurred in a car business run by a son-in-law and investigators see this as an execution-style killing.

With no CCTV coverage in the spot where she

Bullets provide the only clue

died, the only clues are two bullet casings found near the dead woman's car.

These, police sources said, revealed the bullets which killed Maria del Carmen were modified. This indicates they were not fired from the gun

they were designed for, the same sources said.

Meanwhile police are waiting for the outcome of paraffin tests to detect gunshot residue on the hands or clothing of the car dealer's employees. Investigators pin few hopes on the results as the

execution-style murder suggests that it was carried out by a contract killer.

Police also continue to centre their enquiries on the dead woman's family circle and business connections.

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Illegal cigarettes seized

By John Smith

CIGARETTE smugglers are looking further afield as it becomes more difficult to obtain illicit supplies locally and the latest seizure by the National Police saw 475,000 packs arrive from the United Arab Emirates.

Working closely with the Spanish Tax Agency, officers were alerted to the possible arrival of a container packed with cigarettes at Valencia Port by the British National Crime Agency who had been following its progress.

The contents were declared as plastic boxes with an intend-



ILLICIT SUPPLIES: Container was packed with cigarettes.

ed final destination of Barcelona, but the combined force tracked it to a warehouse in the town of Torrent in Valencia where they stepped in and arrested two people.

During the arrest, the container was opened and behind a screen of plastic boxes the officers discovered that the rest of the container was stacked full of packs of cigarettes which did not carry the requisite Spanish tax labels.

The arrest of the two individuals does not mean that the case is closed and officers continue to investigate whether others were involved and also try to identify the shippers.



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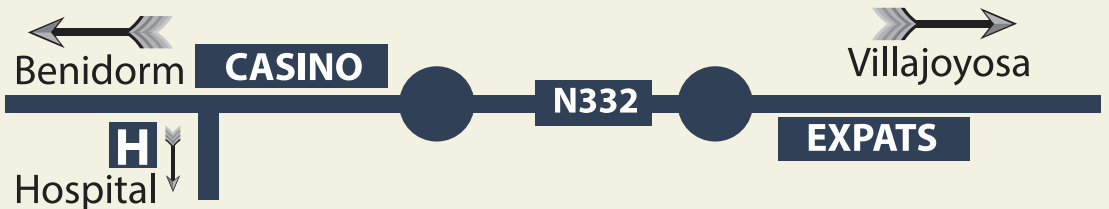
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AROUND 15 per cent of Benidorm's development plans are affected by the regional government's Coastal Protection plan (Pativel).

Generalitat directives aim to defend what remains of the region's untouched coastline by barring construction within 500 metres of the shore and introducing restrictions for the following 500 metres.

This could affect plans for the Armanello district, the once-rural area that is Benidorm's only remaining prime development site. The town hall is not prepared to lose 'even one metre' of its 565,000 square metres, according to municipal sources.

Urban Development councillor Lourdes Caselles confirmed to local Spanish press that the town hall is lodging a formal appeal against the Pativel regulations.

Developing Armanello is essential to the resort's future, Caselles said, adding that she was confident the Generalitat would uphold the appeal.

"Benidorm's General Development Plan, approved in 1990, respects the environment and envisages the green corridors promoted by the regional government," the councillor maintained.

Lions Clubs 'happy feet' donation

THE Benidorm Lions Club have donated 240 pairs of shoes to the local Christian organisation Caritas to help those in need.

The donation, timed to coincide with the arrival of the colder weather, targeted helping families and individuals who are suffering economic hardships and call upon Caritas for support.

Vicente Saval, president of Benidorm Lions said: "Every year we try to help as much as possible wherever we can, in addition to the 'operation kilo' food based collection that we do, this is another way of contributing. We asked what the main needs were and the answer was shoes as clothing had already been covered by other donations."

In addition to the shoes provided by the Lions, costing just over €3,000, a local company called Adolfo Murillo donated 500 kilos of sweets to be distributed to those using the Caritas services.

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Beachfront traffic restrictions

By Caroline Tyszka

NEW rules regulating traffic on the Benidorm Poniente beach front came into force on Monday January 16.

The Avenida Armada Española will now only allow limited access to vehicles which have applied for a special permit from the town hall, this includes residents and emergency or service vehicles.

Plans were originally announced in April 2016 that the road was to become semi-pedestrianised with non-permitted vehicles now having to travel on the Vía Parque if they wish to access La Cala.

To date the council has received over 2,000 applications for permits with other vehicles facing fines detected using cameras with licence plate readers. These will take the details of each vehicle passing through the restricted zone with unauthorised vehicle owners having just a few weeks to justify why they were in the area without permission.

Councillor José Ramón González de Zárate said: "All residents residing from Jaime I to the Finestrat border are entitled to access and cir-



TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS: Are now in place in Avenida Armada Española.

culate with their vehicles on this stretch of road if they ask for proper authorisation. Once authorised, they must circulate in coexistence with pedestrians and maximum speeds of up to 20 kilometres per hour. This new semi-pedestrian scheme will help revitalise the Poniente promenade area."

The councilman explained that the new system was almost the same as

the Levante beachfront road, where in the 1990s similar restrictions were put into place, these initially caused some controversy but it has now become a reference point for pedestrians and vehicles coexisting.

An exception to the rule has been put into place for businesses such as hotels, apartment blocks and pharmacies. They can ask the town hall for authorisation for clients without

being penalised providing they supply the registration number of the visiting vehicle.

Vehicles making deliveries are permitted between the hours of 7am and 10.30am.

Councillor Zárate concluded: "Our goal is not to fine, but to improve the front line area, despite what the public may think. The measure was announced almost a



Exceptions to the rule are hotels, apartment blocks and pharmacies.

year ago, has had a test period, which has already managed to greatly reduce the volume of traffic in the area, and there have been several deadlines for the interested parties to be able to register. Now we have to act and that is why we warn everyone that we will begin to deal with those who ignore the restriction."

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Inheritance and Gift Tax changes for 2017 within the Valencian Community

SO far in 2017 most of the regions (autonomous communities) in Spain have introduced legal changes affecting Labour and Tax rules and laws. This year there are tax modifications affecting Inheritance and Gift Tax that we want to review in this article.

The Law 13/2016, of December 29 has changed the main Valencian Tax Law 13/1997, that regulates among others, the Inheritance and Gift Tax in this area.

At this point we must remind our readers that for Inheritance and Gift purposes the law distinguishes between four groups depending on the relation with the deceased or donor. Group one: descendants under 21 years old, and group two: descendants over 21 years old, ascendants and spouses.

Until now, the Valencia Tax Laws, foresaw, together with other tax benefits, a tax bonification of -75 per cent of the tax to be paid when the heirs belonged to groups one and two. For 2017, it has kept

the bonification of -75 per cent for heirs part of group one, but for the heirs from group two, the bonification has been reduced to -50 per cent.

Regarding Gift Tax, the bonification for groups one and two no longer applies.

It must be remembered that fortunately there is still a reduction in the inheritance and gift tax of -100,000€, for heirs and

“Valencian Tax Regulations are still more beneficial for tax payers than those of many other areas of Spain.”

beneficiaries from groups one and two, who will not pay taxes for the first 100,000€ inherited or received. This does not apply to spouses when they receive a gift, in this case, they cannot benefit from this 100,000€ tax free.

However, it should be noted that the

Valencian Tax Regulations regarding gifts and inheritance tax are still more beneficial for tax payers than those of many other areas of Spain, and provide more tax benefits than the national tax rules and laws.

Partnership: Also included is a new article in the said law, which states that formal partnerships (pareja de hecho) would be considered for tax purposes and benefits as spouses, as long as they fulfil the Valencian Law, and they are registered in the Partnership registry of the community of Valencia.

If you want to prepare your inheritance, make a gift, or deal with an inheritance and find the most efficient way to do it, contact us and we will help you.

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As we move into 2017, this is the perfect time to review your financial planning to see if you need to make any changes. To protect your financial security through retirement, and achieve your wishes for your family and heirs, you need a strategic tax and wealth management plan covering your savings and investments, tax planning, pensions and estate planning.

You need to consider any recent global and local developments that may affect your finances in the coming year, as well as have a long-term strategy. Any changes in your personal circumstances also warrant a review.

Once you have assessed your situation and financial planning, you will be able to discuss any necessary adjustments with your financial adviser.

Savings and investments

2016 was certainly an interesting year, with Brexit, the US elections and Italian referendum. Diversification is more important than ever, and you need a long-term strategic asset allocation plan specifically designed around your circumstances, needs and risk profile.

Diversification gives your portfolio

Is Your Tax And Wealth Management In Shape For 2017?



By Robert Croizat,
Senior Partner,
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the chance to produce positive returns over time without being vulnerable to any single area underperforming.

There are various levels you should have in your portfolio: different asset classes; across geographical areas, sectors, company size etc; owning equities and bonds issued by a range of companies; utilising a multi-

manager approach where you diversify across managers and styles, and currencies.

The starting point is to obtain a clear and objective assessment of your appetite for risk, to make sure your portfolio is suitable for you.

Tax planning

Make sure your investments and wealth are placed in the most suitable arrangement to limit your tax liabilities. Take advice from someone who is well-versed in the nuances of Spanish taxation, otherwise you could see your investment returns slashed by taxes that could have been avoided or mitigated. It is important that your tax planning is up-to-date and designed to take advantage of tax planning opportunities in Spain.

Another incentive to review your tax affairs is the global automatic exchange of information regime under the Common Reporting

Standard which is now in force. The Spanish tax authority will receive information on every resident of Spain, without having to ask for it. Cross-border tax planning can be complex, so you need to ensure you are declaring income and paying tax in the right country.

Estate planning

The first step is to establish your goals. Who would you like to benefit from your estate? Are you happy for them to have control over the money? When should they receive the funds? How much tax will they pay?

You then need to obtain specialist advice to ensure that your estate plan is set up to achieve your wishes for your heirs.

Under the 2015 EU succession regulation Brussels IV, you can choose whether Spanish or UK succession law will apply to your estate. The default position is for

Spanish succession law to apply to foreign nationals living here, unless they have a will stating otherwise.

Brussels IV does not allow you to opt out of Spanish succession tax, which can be costly in certain circumstances. This is due if the asset being inherited is located in Spain or the recipient is resident in Spain. Tax is paid by each recipient, with varying rates. UK inheritance tax may also still apply for UK nationals.

Whether it is investments, tax or pension planning, seek advice to ensure you do what works best for your personal situation. Use an adviser who can guide you on all these aspects and provide holistic solutions so you can have peace of mind that your financial affairs are in order.

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Belgians touched by local children's home



HELPING OUT: Cars loaded with toys and clothes for delivery to Relleu and Pedreguer.

By Caroline Tyszka

A COUPLE from Belgium were so touched by the Relleu children's home that they made a round trip of over 2,500 kilometres to get help from friends.

When Peter and his wife Renilde Couwberghs bought their holiday villa in Relleu they had no idea that there was a children's home just down the road until they attended a fundrais-

ing quiz at La Perla nearby in November.

At the event the couple met Elsie and David Spence, known as Relleu's little helpers, who told them about the surrounding homes and their desperate need for supplies.

Moved by this discovery Peter and his wife dashed straight back to Belgium and put out a request to all of their friends on Facebook for help.

The couple returned after the New Year with a car full of clothes and toys which have been divided between the Relleu and Pedreguer homes.

The older children's clothes, a lot of them brand new, went to Relleu with the remainder being distributed to where they were most needed including the mother and baby home and the women's shelter.

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Tourism aids for the disabled

THE El Campello tourism office has presented its inclusive advertising campaign which specifically helps those with disabilities.

The campaign, 'El Campello for everyone' aims to provide tourist information about the town and surrounding areas with 300 specially adapted brochures.

Included in the advertising information are brochures in

Braille with explanatory videos subtitled and with sign language.

Each element of the tour route can be accessed through a QR code that is supplied with the brochure.

The initiative, which has been aided by ONCE and AP-SA offering advice and guidance, is part of a more ambitious strategy to make tourism equal to all within the town.

Looking to the UK

THE Calpe department of Tourism is looking to the UK and Germany to increase its share of the tourist market.

Jan Van Parijs, head of tourism for the town, explained that the department showcased Calpe at the World Travel Market and how they were now working closer with British tour operators to secure the town as a tourist destination.

The promotional campaign in tourist magazines and specialised website aims to highlight the changes in the resort and how in recent years it has become more dynamic and enterprising with a vast array of culture and sports on offer.

Attracting only 2 per cent of German tourists the department is connecting with cities such as Cologne and Dusseldorf, dealing with travel agents as this is still the preferred option for most Germans.

Denia delicata

By Linda Hall

DENIA'S prized red prawns inspire music as well as palates.

They are the subject of 'La banda sonora de la Gamba Roja de Denia,' an 18-minute piece of symphonic music for wind instruments and percussion.

Its principal composer is Javier Pinto, a member of Denia's Agrupación Artística Musical, and his recently-premiered work is a soundtrack describing how the prawns are fished, prepared and eaten.

For the first movement 'Pesca,' he went to sea with Mauricio Ripoll, skipper of the most important boat in Denia's prawn-fishing fleet. Quique Dacosta, Denia's three-Michelin star chef, took him into his kitchens for the second movement 'La Cocina.'



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Denia's red prawn cuisine put to music



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The third movement, 'Degustacion,' was composed by Josep Pastor, musician and president of the Agrupacio Artistica

Musical, with background provided by food critic Jesus Terres. UNESCO named Denia a Creative City of Gastronomy in

2015. Its red prawns were one of the principal factors that earned Denia the distinction, according to the UNESCO jury.

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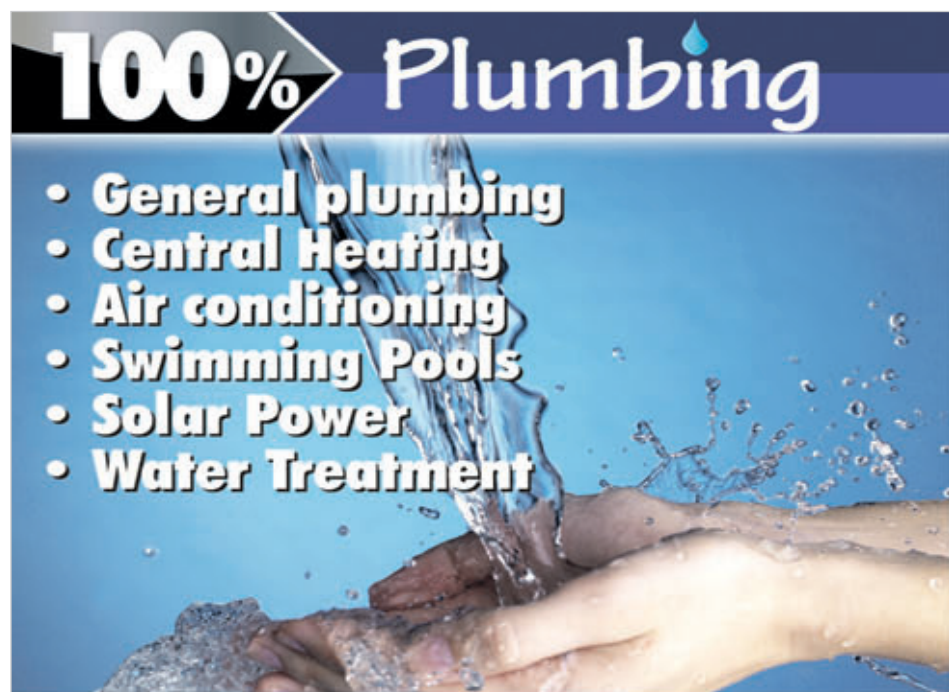
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Bridge to be closed for another 15 months



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FERNANDO REIG: All cables must be replaced.

By Linda Hall

ALL 38 stay cables on the Fernando Reig suspension bridge in Alcoy must be substituted.

The 30-year-old bridge closed last August after a cable 'behaved strangely' during repairs to its road surface and railings. Ministry of Public Works engineers found that the faulty hawser was rusted by the rain and by October this had been replaced.

The bridge remained closed while routine repairs continued and the stay cables were exhaustively examined. All were corroded, engineers said, and the bridge should close for another 15 months while they are replaced.

Work will begin with two months and cost €7.242 million, announced Juan Carlos Moragues, the national government's delegate to the Valencian Community, at a recent

meeting with Alcoy mayor Antonio Frances.

The mayor, who was accompanied by the spokespeople from all political parties on the city council, asked to be kept informed as work progressed. "The bridge conditions traffic and is important to the city," he said.

"We need a definitive and safe solution so that Alcoy gets back to normal as soon as possible."

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Recover the costs of setting up a mortgage

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Can we get this back?

The different judgements issued over the last two years about the different abusive banking clauses are likely to lead to a slowdown in mortgage lending.

First, the floor clause (STS of May 9, 2013) was considered abusive, then the expenses of setting up of mortgages were also considered excessive (STS 705/2015, of December 23, LAW 204975/2015). And finally the High Court of Justice of the European Union has recently declared the total u-turn **meaning that banks will now have to pay back all of the overpaid money even from before 2013** (STJUE of December 21, 2016).

Floors and ceilings aside, let's focus on the costs of setting up a mortgage. **Can we recover this?**

This seems to be the case, as the Supreme Court has ruled in judgement 705/2015 of 23 December, when it considered abusive, the clause in which a bank imposed on the borrower the payment of all expenses, taxes and commissions derived from the mortgage loan.

In addition, it has been customary practice for the banks to include in the said clause, **an authorisation from the borrower to the bank to charge to its account the amounts**

necessary until the total registration of the mortgage in the Property Registry and in the case of non-payment of expenses arising from the judicial or extrajudicial claim of the debt, including lawyers and court runner fees, and even if their

intervention was not mandatory. These amounts were even guaranteed by the mortgage or real guarantee, which is none other than housing.

In order to obtain a refund, it will be necessary for the borrower or

debtor to make a claim to the Bank's Customer Service and, if applicable, to go to Court.

Therefore, the first step that **must be taken is to complain to the Customer Service Department of the Bank** or Entity that granted the mortgage loan, or where applicable, to which it was subrogated. After two months from this claim, if the Customer Service does not answer or does so in a negative way, then the next step is to file a lawsuit.

What must be requested in the lawsuit brought before the Court, is the nullity of the abusive clause, and the repayment of expenses paid as a result of the said agreement.

The expenses are as follows:

- The invoices of the Notary and the Property Registry.
- The payment of the amounts paid as Tax of Documented Legal Acts.
- The accounting and taxes of the property, if they had been imposed by the credit institution.

Finally, REMEMBER that the effects of the declaration of nullity of a clause because it is considered abusive **do not have a given time limit or statute of limitations**, meaning that clients who have already finished paying their mortgage can lodge their claims too.



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Town's award for its historical re

By Caroline Tyszka

LA NUCIA has been given an award in recognition of its commitment to heritage and restoring the town's historical centre.

The 25th Archival Valencia Awards presented Bernabe Cano, the mayor for La Nucia with the award at a gala ceremony held in Valencia.

The judges commended La Nucia for its strong involvement in the restoration of the old town area, adding value to its historical and cultural heritage.

The award was presented by Jose Luis Lliso, president of Archival who thanked all the winners, including UNESCO Valencia and Professor Pilar Roig, restorer for St



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é Cano, mayor of La Nucía.

“ This award gives us strength to continue working for the restoration of our historic town.”

Nicholas Church in Valencia. Bernabe Cano said: “This award gives us strength to continue working for the restoration of our historic town and all the historical and cultural heritage within it. Ten years ago we began with the pedestrianisation of the streets, the restoration of the facades of the houses of the Casco and the laundry as well as the interior of the Church to name but a few.”

New hotel’s rapid build

THE new hotel ‘Suitpoia’ in Calpe will open its doors in May having been completed in record time. When opened the 30 story, 232 roomed hotel will have taken just 22 months to build and equip. The Sol y Mar group, who own the new hotel have already begun taking bookings for their newest four-star property which is now the tallest building in Calpe measuring 105 metres. Coloured blue to blend with the sky the hotel is just 50 metres from the Arenal Beach and is being promoted as a good place to stay for families and cyclists. On the top floor guests will be able to look out for the seagulls whilst cyclists will be able to take advantage of the hotel’s bike centre, an area to store and repair bikes.



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ON Monday, January 9, the Masonic Home of Valencia Association (MHVA) made its first donation of the New Year when it presented Jalon Valley Help with a new defibrillator machine for use in their new Casa de Animo drop-in centre in Alcalá.

The vice president, Bruce Nightingale, of the Masonic Home presented the machine to the president of Jalon Valley Help, Elaine Horton. Other members of the board of MHVA and some of the committee members of Jalon Valley Help attended the presentation along with Kath Taylor, the manageress of the Moraira Charity Shop, which is operated by the Masonic Home Association.



CALENDAR GIRL: Cesar Sanchez, Claire Nicholas-Racz and Carole Saunders.

Calpe calendars turn into books

By Linda Hall

CALPE resident, Swiss-born Claire Nicholas-Racz, has donated €2,500 to local children.

She raised the money by taking photographs of every corner of the town which, with the collaboration of a local printer, were then used for calendars.

Throughout December Claire visited the open air market and Calpe's Christmas fair,

offering the calendars to the public at a modest price. Local shops also actively cooperated, she said, and in all 833 of the calendars were bought.

Claire recently called at Calpe Town Hall to hand over the proceeds, a €2,500 voucher, to Mayor Cesar Sanchez and Participation councillor Carole Saunders.

This money will now be used to buy books for children whose families are helped by the 'Calpe Ayuda' Food Bank.

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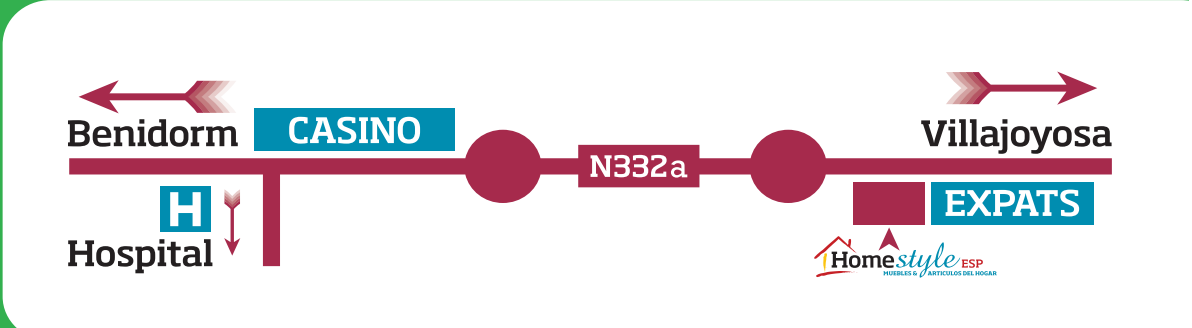
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Sing for the animals

By Caroline Tyszka

THE Busot Animal Rescue Concern (BARC) will be hosting a karaoke three chair challenge competition on January 28 2017.

Organisers promise a fun-filled evening as their three chair challenge singing competition returns for the group's January fundraiser.

The idea, loosely based on the six chair challenge of the X-Factor, aims to raise awareness and money for the small registered animal charity based near Alicante.

The event is being held at El Racó de Pipo, Avenida Pais Valencia in Busot between 8pm and 11pm at a cost of €7 per person. This includes entrance, karaoke and a hot supper.

The shelter has also announced details of its Saint Valentine's event which will be held on February 11 at the caves of Canelobre, with entertainment provided by the Michael Buble and Rat Pack tribute acts.

BARC currently has some 14 puppies and adult dogs in its care, all of which need permanent homes. For more

information on BARC and how to get involved please visit their Facebook Page 'BARC Busot Animal Rescue Concern.'

Further information and tickets for both events are available from Pat Earle, telephone 630 892 513 or via the Facebook page.



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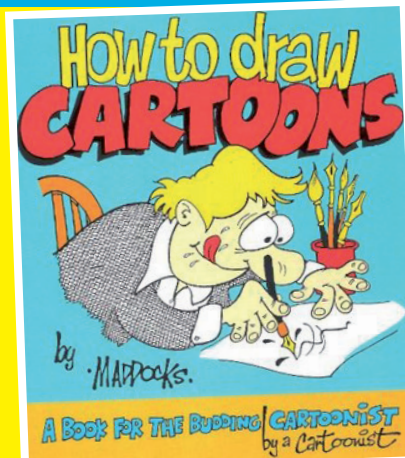
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“ We wish her well in terms of future challenges.”

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REACHING OUT: Maureen with other members of the Phoenix Solos Club.

Festive kisses and cuddles fundraiser

WHILST the members from the Torrevieja based Phoenix Solos Club were enjoying this year's Christmas Day lunch at a four-star hotel in Benidorm, one of their members was thinking of those less fortunate and had an idea to do something for them.

Maureen Bradford, aged 81 who lives in nearby Villamartin, offered a kiss to the men and a cuddle to the ladies in exchange for a donation of any amount to 'Reach Out' the charity be-



ing supported by the club in 2016.

Maureen said "I just looked at all the food we were eating and thought of all those poor people that don't have anything and the idea just popped into my head." Maureen presented the €100 raised to Lorraine who accepted the donation on behalf of the 'Reach Out' charity.

KISSING CASH: Lorraine (l) accepts the donation from Maureen (r).

Predictions to raise funds

THE Church of England here on the Costa Blanca is running a charity fundraising activity with a difference. In support of the various causes supported by the church and its own ministry the Costa Blanca Anglican Chaplaincy is offering a prize of €250 to the entrant who most closely predicts the answers to 10 questions regarding events during 2017.

The 'forecast fundraiser' costs just €5 to enter (or only €10 for three entries in the same name). The questions include such matters as who will be prime minister at the end of the year? Who will win Wimbledon? What will the value of the pound be at the year end in December?

There are 10 straightforward questions, and entrants have until March 12 to submit entries. Entry forms are available for purchase now from any of the eight centres of worship on the northern Costa Blanca, or by emailing info@costablanca-anglicanchaplaincy.org. It is possible to

submit an entry via email by paying directly into the church's bank account.

Church of England parishes in Spain are entirely self-funding so fundraising is essential to maintain the Church's ministry here, including funerals and pastoral care to the sick and the bereaved. In addition, it is needed to help maintain the activities of the local churches in support of causes such as Caritas, Red Cross, EMAUS, World Vision and the Gandia Hospice.

The Costa Blanca Anglican Chaplaincy serves the community from Valencia to Alicante with service in eight different towns. For information on the activities of the church and the contact details and service times visit www.costablanca-anglicanchaplaincy.org. For services in the southern Costa Blanca (as far south as La Manga and Hondón de las Nieves) visit the site of the neighbouring chaplaincy www.c-of-e-torrevieja.com/.

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Swimmers prepare for Med challenge

By Caroline Tyszka

ALFAZ DEL PI is to host the second Mediterranean Coast Challenge swimming competition.

Registration for the event has already opened for the challenging course on May 14 with four classes on offer.

The Mini-Mediterranean is 500 metres and aimed at young swimmers with the Popular category over 2km starting at the Albir beach, finishing at the port of Altea. There are also the Mediterranean and Mediterranean PRO categories which offer races of 5.5 and 10 kilometres respectively.

Vicente Arques, mayor for Alfaz del Pi and Luis Miguel Morant, councillor for Sport met with the organisers of the event.

Arques said: "In the region of Alicante this is the only scoring event for the Spanish Open Water Cup. A sports competition that last year had a good level



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MED CHALLENGE: Registration is already open.

of participation."

Organisers at Adrenalin Sport have been working closely with the councils of Alfaz del Pi and Altea and have planned several parallel activities including a gastronomic route and guided visits to places of interest.

With the Mediterranean race being included in the Spanish Open Water Cup of the Royal Spanish Swimming Federation

(RFEN), entrants are expected from far afield.

Over 100 swimmers have already registered and benefited from the early discount fees which are in place until February 19, ranging from €10 for the Mini-Mediterranean challenge to €40 for the Mediterranean PRO.

Further details can be found at www.mediterraneancoastchallenge.com.

Dancing up a storm

ALBIR is all awhirl this weekend for the Eighth Dance Schools Meeting on Saturday, January 21.

Fifteen dance schools and 400 enthusiasts from the Valencian Community and Castilla-La Mancha will attend the event organised by Club Costa Blanca Balla with the cooperation of Alfaz Town Hall's Sports Department.

There will be more than 15 master classes and workshops for all types of dancing from classic waltzes and foxtrots to bachata and kizomba.

"All dance enthusiasts regardless of age can participate, as the event is open to all members of the public, from children to pensioners," said Is-

mael Garcia Sanchez of Club Costa Blanca Balla.

The free activities will be held at Hotel Kaktus from 10.30am until 2pm and from 4 to 7pm.

The event aims to host a meeting between dance lovers from several provinces, so that they can get to know each other and spend the entire day dancing and enjoying themselves.

Many of the people attending will spend the entire weekend in Albir and Alfaz, exploring the Marina Baja.

"A couple of hotels have already put up 'No Vacancies' notices for this weekend," said Alfaz Sports councillor Luis Miguel Morant.



History and technology are working together in Alfaz

By Caroline Tyszka

ALFAZ DEL PI has been chosen to host the second Conference of Museums and Permanent Museums for the Valencian Region.

The event, organised by the Valencian Council for Education, Investigation, Culture and Sport, collaborates with the Valencian Institute for Tourism Technologies and the Alfaz del Pi Town Hall.

This year's conference, on March 3 and 4, will focus on the new technologies applied to the tourism management of archaeological heritage sites and buildings.

José Antonio López Mira, head of the regional service for Culture and Sport in Valencia said, "We want to offer a forum where we can share initiatives and projects that unite technology with heritage."

One example of how the new and the old have united is reflected in the Open-Air Museum of the Roman Villa in Albiir (Museo al Aire Libre Villa Romana de l'Albiir). Using an iPad application visitors can see a 3D visualisation of the whole of the thermal baths on the site.

The interactive guide, developed by the University of Alicante and the town hall, allows reality and the virtual world

to join together and create a tour which shows not just the remains, but how the original would have looked.

Vicente Arques, mayor, said: "The conference reflects the importance of culture and maintaining the archaeological and historical heritage for the development of the town, our heritage is fundamental in tourism."

The Museum of the Roman Villa in Albiir opened its doors in 2011, after archaeological work revealed a site that had been forgotten since originally being excavated in the 1980s dating from the fourth to seventh centuries AD.

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Activities for the not-so-young

SESSIONS for senior citizens have recommenced in Albiir's Social Centre and the Hogar del Pensionista in Alfaz.

No charge is made for the 'Talleres saludables' activities which are organised by the town hall's Groups and Associations' department and the CETA centre. They are open to all residents registered on the municipal rolls or 'padron' and include motor skills, memory exercises and cognitive activation, art therapy and music workshops.

They are held in Albiir from 11am to 12.30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays and in Alfaz from 11am until 12.30pm on Mondays and Wednesdays.

More information is available from the Relaciones con Colectivos department at the town hall,

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CARLOS LINARES: Looking for ways to reduce taxes.

Photo by Town Hall

TEULADA-MORAIRA'S latest plenary session voted unanimously to lower IBI rates.

As a result no ratepayers will be affected by the rise in rateable values that has been ordered by the Ministerio de Hacienda, Spain's taxman.

This would add 5 per cent to the rates paid by Teulada-

Moraira residents, explained the local mayor, Carlos Linares.

The latest measure repeats the steps taken by Teulada-Moraira Town Hall last year to ensure that increases were not passed on to ratepayers.

These were introduced by the national government in

Madrid to bring rateable values in 2,452 municipalities into line with present market values.

He did not intend residents to pay even one euro more, Linares pledged. In addition he and his team are currently working to find ways of reducing local taxes next year, he added.



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Uncrowded plan for the summer



GRANADELLA BEACH: Cars could be restricted.

By *Linda Hall*

JAVEA does not want to be the victim of its own success.

The town's tourism strategy is about to change direction, warned local mayor Jose Chulvi. "Javea is not going to promote or sell itself, it will plan instead," he said. "We want quality not quantity in our services."

Javea was known for its scenery, environmental protection and residential, family-orientated tourism, Chulvi continued. "We don't want to lose our identity."

The town took steps last season to stem massification

by putting buoys across the Llop Mari and Els Orguens sea caves to protect them from the boats and jet-skis. "This was well-received and we ought to continue along these lines," the mayor said.

The town hall intends to ask university experts to determine saturation points for the Granadella and Portitxol beaches whose accesses were collapsed by traffic last summer.

Private vehicles could be banned this summer, the mayor revealed. Instead, buses small enough to negotiate the narrow winding roads could be put on to take

beachgoers down to the coves rather than oblige them to park far away.

Access is likely to be restricted to the Cova Tallada cave which, according to Chulvi, attracted so many people last summer that it looked like Madrid's Gran Via in the rush hour.

Jet-skis also brought problems in July and August, Chulvi continued. They navigated too close to the cliffs and also endangered swimmers by approaching beaches, although installing buoys along the 20-kilometre Javea coastline was impossible, he admitted.

Gruelling ascents for race

THE second stage of the Valencia region's Volta Ciclista finishes in Denia after passing by Javea on February 2.

Twelve World Tour and other teams are taking part in the 68th edition of this 178.6-kilometre race which will be transmitted live to 67 countries on Eurosport I and Mediterraneo TV.

Riders will tackle the Maigmo, Jijona and

Benifallim mountain passes as well as two Montgo ascents before reaching the finishing line.

The area will be seen in millions of homes as the riders leave Montgo via the Denia-Javea road before circling the town for the second ascent. Riders are expected to begin arriving at the Calle Marques de Campo finishing line from 4.10pm onwards.

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Child's eye view of war

By Linda Hall

'PENCIL, PAPER AND BOMB' is an exhibition of children's drawings from Spain's 1936-1939 Civil War. Eighty years later they can now be

seen, many for the first time, at the Cirne Foundation in Javea until February 15.

The exhibition is divided into three sections, the first showing the children's impressions of warfare and the

bombings. The drawings in the second block illustrate the journeys eventually made by 70,000 children. The third block illustrates life in the colonies that were created to remove children from the war zones.



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Feeling the heat

By Linda Hall

JAVEA Guardia Civil officers arrested a 40-year-old man allegedly posing as a member of the National Police force.

The Javea officers were assisted by the Local Police in neighbouring Benitachell after residents there saw a man stopping cars that were using the northern access to the Cumbres del Sol urbanisation.

He was wearing a balaclava and a forensics jacket with a National Police badge, witnesses reported.

As each car stopped, they could see him inspect the inside of each vehicle, they said.

Residents' suspicions were aroused, particularly as policemen from all forces always work in pairs, one of them pointed out afterwards. They decided to advise the Local Police who in turn called the Javea Guardia Civil post.

Once detained, the impostor explained that he was looking for someone who owed him money but has now been accused of usurpation of public authority.

Javea U3A news

It was perhaps appropriate in the 40th anniversary year of Elvis Presley's death that Javea U3A's latest Travellers' Tales presentation featured a visit to the 'King's' Graceland home.

Travellers' Tales group leaders Angela Chantry and Tony Dearie recounted their trip, based around a river cruise on the Mississippi from New Orleans to Memphis last summer.

Self-confessed Elvis fan Angela Chantry admitted to her audience that the Graceland tour was the highlight of her holiday. The tour ended in Elvis' recording studio and Angela particularly enjoyed picking up the microphone used by the star himself.

Their cruise on the Mississippi was aboard the American Queen, a grand paddle steamer-



ELVIS FAN: Angela and Tony recounted their trip.

boat-style ship. They travelled 640 miles, passing through four American states.

Javea U3A will be holding its first general meeting of the year on Wednesday January 25,

mainly for members to renew their memberships, but also an opportunity for new members to join up.

The meeting will be held at the Parador Hotel in Javea and

the membership desk will open from 9.30am. Existing members pay €5 for the year while new members pay a €10 joining fee as well as the annual subscription.

There will also be the opportunity for visitors to find out about some of the many activities Javea U3A has to offer. There are more than 50 groups and a number of group leaders will be on hand to offer advice and sign people up.

The travel team will also be there with their programme of events and members will have the chance to sign up for trips.

For more about U3A visit the website at www.u3ajavea.org.

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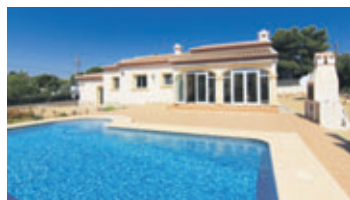
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ANDY CRABB: On the banks of the Limpopo River.

Careline's pantomime goes to South Africa!

DON'T worry, Careline Theatre's Pinocchio – The Panto, directed by Dorothy Fish, is still being performed in Alcalali this week.

Pictured is Andy Crabb with Careline's Pinocchio poster on the banks of the famous Limpopo River in the Kruger National Park in South Africa.

Andy and his wife Sonia, both Careline stal-

warts, visited the Dark Continent over Christmas and took the opportunity to spread the word about Careline's magical pantomime.

Pinocchio – The Panto is based on the famous Walt Disney animated film and is filled with song and dance, comedy and fantasy, and all the traditional panto ingredients.

It opens on Thursday

January 19 and continues nightly until Sunday January 22. The curtain goes up at 8pm and there are also matinees on the Saturday and Sunday at 3pm.

Tickets cost €12 for adults (€11 for pre-paid groups of 10 or more) and €8 for children under 10 years of age. Contact the box office now on 652 294 750 or email carelineboxoffice@gmail.com.

Marina Alta Costa Blanca Floral Club

MANDY PULSFORD:
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THE first floral demonstration of 2017 will be on Wednesday January 25 taking place at Salon de Actos, Espai La Senieta, Moraira.

The club looks forward to welcoming Mandy Pulsford from North Tonbridge Flower Club. This will be Mandy's first visit to the floral club so please go along and give her a warm Costa Blanca welcome. The theme for the demonstration will be 'Once Upon a Time.'

The doors will open at 2.30pm and everyone should be seated by 2.45pm. Entrance cost remains the same €5 for members and €8 for visitors.

For further information please contact Tina on 965 833197 or visit the website: www.marinaaltafloralclub.com. You can also follow them on Facebook.

U3A Vall del Pop

THE Vall del Pop U3A members recently received a professionally presented and interesting lecture on Dementia Risk Reduction by Professor Lawrence Whalley at the first general meeting of the year last Thursday, January 12.

Professor Whalley studied dementia for years at the University of Aberdeen before his retirement. He presented this complex subject with clear explanations of the ongoing research and interesting graphical data summaries.

He advised there is currently no cure for dementia and early identification is extremely difficult. The earliest signs are usually first observed by partners and friends noticing increased memory loss or an inability to undertake tasks that previously presented no problem. Research is focusing on delaying the onset of dementia as much as it is on seeking a cure.

Dementia occurs principally due to genetic factors (40-60 per cent) with environmental factors making up the balance. People can't influence genetic factors but they can try to tackle environmental factors such as diet (the Mediterranean diet being a major positive), living in a warm/sunny climate and taking exercise, which aid in improving cardio vascular health. It is also important to keep the brain active and interested as one gets older. U3A groups and meetings can help to stimulate such interests.

Keeping fit, in addition to having a well balanced diet and intellectual stimulation, is the best way to delay the onset of dementia. B12 supplements have been shown to offer some improvements, but there was no such similar

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- January 27** – Benidorm Palace: Hotel and show
- February 2** – General meeting. Speaker Robert van Loo: His work with the UN
- February 6** – Film at Parcent Town Hall at 7.15pm 'Ab Fab: The Movie'
- February 8** – 10th anniversary fun quiz at Los Amigos
- February 20** – Egyptology Group at Jalon Town Hall at 11am: 'Seeing through the Eye of Horus'
- February 20** – Film at Parcent Town Hall at 7.15pm 'Me Before You'
- March 2** – Annual General Meeting
- March 13** – Egyptology Group at Jalon Town Hall at 11.00am: 'Mountain of the Pharaohs'
- March 20** – Sangreal Tour, Aragon
- April 6** – General meeting. Speaker: Daniel Herrenz 'Spanish Taxes'
- April 10** – Egyptology Group at Jalon Town Hall at 11.00am: 'Houses of Millions of Years'
- May 4** – General meeting. Speaker: Lorraine Bellami 'Working with BOAC/BA'
- May 15** – Egyptology Group at Jalon Town Hall at 11.00am: 'The Body in Tomb 55'



evidence in relation to the taking of nicotine. The group was pleased to hear that moderate wine consumption is an acceptable part of a balanced diet!

Members also used the meeting as an opportunity to donate €200 to the Spanish Red Cross. This had been raised by the raffle at the

Christmas meeting in December 2016. The donation was received on behalf of the Red Cross by Pedro and Charo. Pedro thanked the members and advised of a collaborative initiative set up between the Spanish Red Cross and the British Embassy aimed at assisting British expatriates living in Spain.

The Egyptology group is one of the best attended, largely as it is led by one of the world's best-known Egyptologists. The writer, TV presenter, renowned international lecturer, historian and archaeologist, David Rohl, has an ability to present this ancient history in an interesting and relevant way which holds everyone's interest such that the 90-minute lectures fly by.

The Land of the Pharaohs group is centred on the study of Ancient Egypt from the predynastic age to the absorption of the Nile valley into the Roman Empire in 30 BC. David includes occasional lectures on the history and archaeology of the Old Testament, the Minoan bull-leaping culture of Crete, the warlike Hittites of Anatolia (modern Turkey), as well as some 'specials' on completely different topics such as the legendary epic tale of the Trojan War and the Romano-Spanish traditions surrounding the Sangreal ('Holy Grail').

Don't let that put you off! The presentations are easy to follow and full of wonderful visuals so you can just relax and let the magic of Egypt and the rest of the Ancient World wash over you like the gentle waters of the River Nile.

The Egyptology meetings are held in Jalon Town Hall starting at 11am. Entrance is free and all are welcome to attend.

U3A Vall del Pop's general meetings usually take place on the first Thursday of the month at the Polivalent, Murla. Visit the website <http://u3avallpop.com> for further details or just go along to a meeting, visitors are always very welcome.

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Safe skies

THE annual report from Airline Ratings has named SAS as being among the safest airlines in the skies and ranked it in the top 20 after assessing 425 airlines.

Sustainable student

THE new campus of the Copenhagen International School, has reopened incorporating new architecture and sustainability in a bid to create and promote sustainable living.

Airbnb limit

COPENHAGEN'S mayor has made suggestions that the capital follows the lead of other major European cities and limits how long a property can be rented out for through site Airbnb.

FRANCE**Kardashian arrest**

SIXTEEN people were arrested in the Paris region in connection with the robbery of American reality star Kim Kardashian who had around €9m worth of jewellery stolen from her apartment.

Golden Globes for French actress Isabelle Huppert and veteran director Paul Verhoeven.

women in his car and had planned to help them reach Marseille.

Illegal help

A FRENCHMAN accused of giving a lift to three illegal immigrants, has been acquitted by a Nice court. The 45-year-old teacher was stopped with three

Production plea

PRESIDENTIAL candidate Marine Le Pen has vowed to bring car production back to France with a return Renault and Peugeot Citroen, similar to what Donald Trump aims to do in America.

SWEDEN**Housing crisis**

STOCKHOLM'S Housing Agency has reported that there are now over half a million people waiting to rent an apartment through them. This marks an increase of almost 40,000 in 2016.

Crime stats

INITIAL crimes figures for last year report that fraud and crimes against the individual increased last year, but cases of drugs crimes fell.

London bound

THE Abba-themed venue, Mamma Mia The Party, which opened in Stockholm last year, could be headed to London in spring 2018. The event sees guests in a fictional tavern eating Greek food as they watch a Mamma Mia style stage show.

Top name

THE name 'Leia' has entered the top 100 most popular dog names in Sweden for the first time, believed to be inspired by the release of the new Star Wars movies. Molly is currently the most popular name amongst registered dogs.

HOLLAND**Top names**

THE names Daan and Anna were the most popular baby names in the Netherlands last year with 681 Daans born and 665 baby girls were named Anna. The top spots were previously held by Liam and Emma.

Pre-crisis levels

ACCORDING to the Dutch real estate agency association NVM, house prices are now almost back to their pre-crisis level. The average price for a home is currently €248,000, 20 per cent higher than when prices plunged in 2013.

Panda approval

A DUTCH zoo has spent €7 million on a new compound to house a pair of giant pandas from China. The facility has now been approved by Chinese zoo inspectors who said it was "incredibly beautiful."

Strained services

SEVERAL hospitals have stopped admitting new patients because of the flu epidemic. An increase in the number of elderly residents suffering is straining medical services in some parts of the country.

GERMANY**Snowman damage**

A SNOWMAN on a train track in northern German resulted in €5,000 worth of damage to the train as the driver quickly hit the brakes unable to distinguish between whether it was a snowman or an actual person.

Record fines

GERMAN car maker Volkswagen is pleading guilty to criminal charges in the USA relating to the diesel emissions scandal. The company will pay \$4.3 billion (€4 billion) in fines.

GDP increase

GERMANY has recorded a gross domestic product (GDP) increase of 1.9 per cent in 2016, the highest increase in five years.

Sweet concern

SECURITY was on high alert after an unidentified powder was posted to German courthouses. The powder sparked concerns but was found to be sugar.

BELGIUM**Corruption complaints**

BELGIUM has been criticised for not putting in place any of the 15 recommendations made to help prevent corruption of deputies, judges and prosecutors.

Beauty ban

THE Flemish parliament wants beauty pageants for children to be stopped claiming that such events for those under 16 are unacceptable and should be formally banned.

Social support

KING PHILIPPE received around 50,000 letters last year. Of these, some 769 people received financial support of €200 after the letters were passed to the palace's 'social' and then the Public Welfare Service.

Tourism boost

TOURISM in Brussels has reportedly picked up in recent weeks following a downturn after the attacks last March. Brussels will increase its efforts to promote the city through a campaign across Europe.

NORWAY**More radical**

MASS murderer Anders Behring Breivik, who killed 77 people in 2011 for their 'multicultural' views, claims his five-year prison isolation has made him even more radical as he gives evidence against the state for treating him 'inhumanely.'

Threatening case

A MAN, aged 66, has been charged with threatening a female district court judge. His legal representative did not deny he sent the email, but said that he was not making a threat against her.

Abuse case

A NORWEGIAN paedophilia ring has been disbanded. Police have filed charges against 51 individuals involved in what is thought to be one of the largest child sexual abuse cases ever in Norway.

Local beer

SUPERMARKET Rema has said it will focus more on stocking beer from local microbreweries. The move has upset Tromsø brewery Mack, which said its sales will fall so much as a result and they will have to make redundancies.

RBS faces another hurdle

By John Smith

THERE seems to be a certain irony in the fact the RBS (The Royal Bank of Scotland) which is 73 per cent owned by the British government is likely to be fined an extremely large amount of money by the US government.

The whole problem revolves around its involvement in what is known as the sub-prime market in the USA where it acted recklessly alongside plenty of other national and international banks.

**\$10 billion
(€9.5 billion)**
as a fine from the US government would probably be seen as a reasonable amount for RBS to have to pay.
More could be problematical.

Barclays has decided not to settle with the US Department of Justice (DOJ) and is going to court to argue that as they were only a small play-

er in this market they should not pay huge fines and that the DOJ has favoured US banks, fining them far less than foreign banks.

It seemed that Deutsche Bank could have gone under when it was threatened with a \$14 billion (€13.3 billion) fine and then settled at \$7.2 billion (€6.85 billion) with the company still intact.

By the time that a decision is made with RBS, there will be a change of president as well as director of the DOJ, so it will be something of a tight rope walk as the British government lobbies on behalf of the bank whilst the Americans look to make as much money as possible.

Bank bail-out cost

ACCORDING to a report issued by the Spanish Court of Auditors on January 10, the actual provision made for the cost of 'bailing out' the banks in the period of 2009 to 2015 is recorded as €122.122 billion.

This figure does not take into account potential income which could be raised from the probable sale of shares in banks held by the government, which includes Bankia and BMN and the actual amount actually expended is the slightly less eye watering €60.718 billion at the end of 2015.

Time will tell whether either figure will reduce depending on market fluctuations.

Quote of the Week

Signs are appearing... that the weaker pound is benefiting the economy, especially in terms of rising goods exports."

Chris Williamson, chief business economist at IHS Markit



Five year Brexit



XAVIER ROLET: Head of the London Stock Exchange.

By John Smith

AS the UK moves closer to the final triggering of Article 50, so different committees in Parliament continue to interview senior businessmen asking their opinion on the future and how the economy is likely to cope with Brexit.

In the latest round of enquiries, the Treasury Select Committee interviewed a number of influential financial figures, one of whom was Xavier Rolet the head of the London

Stock Exchange.

In his statement, he warned that a two-year negotiation was likely to be far too short and that Britain faced a massive desertion of financial jobs from the City of London to other EU member states unless sensible and clear agreements could be made.

To this end therefore, he recommended that Mrs May should look for a five-year rather than two-year exit plan, especially as so many stock sales were made in euros.

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More in work

UNEMPLOYMENT continues to reduce in Spain and the 2016 figure was down by 9.5 per cent compared to 2015 according to the ministry of labour with 3.7 million still out of work, but many of the newly employed are on short term contracts.

Malta teasers

AS the EU's smallest member Malta takes over the presidency, a group of MEPs has accused it of being a tax haven, helping multinational companies avoid payment of more than €14 billion in tax which should have been paid to member states.

Increased turnover

RESULTS from Sainsbury's during Christmas week have surprised analysts by showing an increase in turnover rather than the expected drop, which in turn has led to a healthy growth in the share price thanks in part to the takeover of the Argos Group.

Tourism is still important

GIVING a hint as to the results of the most popular holiday destinations in the world (due to be announced on January 17), the United Nations World Tourism Organisation has revealed that Spain's figure was 10 per cent up on 2015.

With just under 75 million visitors, tourism brought an estimated €60 billion to the country, some of which will have been thanks to the reduction in visitors to Turkey caused by security fears.

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Machines could take over the future

By John Smith

EVER since the Jewish religion introduced the concept of the Golem in the Middle Ages, a mud statue brought to life but without a soul, mankind has believed that human replicas could eventually be animated and created with intelligence.

“It is anticipated that call centres manned by humans will disappear within next 10 years.

The word Robot was first introduced to the world in 1920 in a play and since then, the concept of a mechanical being has been expanded to include Android (human robot) and Cyborg (man-machine hybrid).

Popular culture abounds with references to these man-created machines and robotics have been used in industry for many years now, but the European Parliament is worried that as they become more human in form and thought, their existence



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NEW LAWS: To be created, just in case robots take over.

should be covered by law.

MEPs have therefore been presented with a report which recognises that there is a new revolution in robotics and artificial intelligence and therefore laws should be passed before it is too late to regularise their production and ‘lives.’

In essence the reports suggests that the parliament needs to decide whether there is such a thing as an ‘electronic person’ and if so what rights if any they should be given. In addition, MEPs are recommended to instruct manufacturers to come up with an easy way to termi-

nate the robots ‘life’ if necessary.

In his 1950 novel ‘I Robot,’ science fiction writer Isaac Asimov created the three laws of robotics which were built into the brains of all robots and these are:

‘A robot may not injure a human being or, through inaction, allow a

human being to come to harm.’

‘A robot must obey the orders given to it by human beings except where such orders would conflict with the First Law.’

‘A robot must protect its own existence as long as such protection does not conflict with the First or Second Laws.’

It is possible that these ‘laws’ will be part of any new EU legislation especially as artificial intelligence becomes more than a jerky white plastic robot playing chess and humanoid androids start to take over work from human beings.

It is already anticipated that call centres manned by humans will disappear within the next 10 years or so and as we enter the ‘Brave New World,’ the EU wants to ensure that it does not become a dystopian nightmare as seen in ‘The Terminator’ and ‘The Matrix.’

It is however unlikely that legislators will be brave enough to stop the inevitable job losses that will occur when big business is able to use artificially intelligent creations which don’t have unions, lunch breaks, wage demands, holidays or maternity leave.

Enjoy free coffee and pay for your time

By John Smith

TWO major developments have caused some problems for High Street operators and a Russian entrepreneur may just have found the answer.

When the coffee revolution saw the expansion of companies such as Starbucks, Costa Coffee and even McCafe across Europe, it created a whole new generation of baristas and customers but this coincided with the growth of home working for many.

Rather than hang around in the house, individuals with their lap tops started to congregate in these coffee shops to take advantage of the trendy interiors, good coffee, warm surroundings and free WiFi.

The problem that arises is that these individuals take up space and unless they are keeping the corporate coffee cup loaded, are not generating the sort of profits that these international (and even independents) need to keep in business.

A few years ago, a Russian poet turned businessman Ivan Mitin expanded a poetry group which met in bars and cafés in Moscow so that it had a regular meeting place called the Treehouse.

At that time, he relied on donations to ensure that he was able to secure the room on a regular basis but having decided that this was a somewhat precarious situation he came up with the idea of charging people to attend.

As this went so well he expanded the concept and created Ziferblat which means Clockface in



MEETING PLACE: Visitors use the Manchester room.

both German and Russian with the concept that people would pay by the minute to use a room as a café and meeting place but all food and drink would be free.

So successful was this concept that he soon found himself opening a number of these rooms around Russia and in 2014 opened his first Ziferblat in London.

Very simply visitors receive a clock when they

arrive and pay 3p (4c) per minute whilst using the room. There are no waiters but guests can make themselves tea and coffee, have biscuits and cakes and use the free WiFi whilst chatting with friends or sitting at their laptops working.

Unlike a coffee shop, the laid back atmosphere encourages people to talk to each other and there is background music as well as occasional performances by local musicians with artists often wel-

come to hang their work on the walls.

Whilst this wouldn’t suit everyone, the concept is such that it has expanded within the UK to Liverpool and Manchester and other sites where rents are not too high will be developed.

As the business continues to develop so, it will no doubt head for popular cities with trendy student populations such as Amsterdam and Barcelona.

Photo Credit: Ziferblat UK

Bitcoin, the world's strongest currency

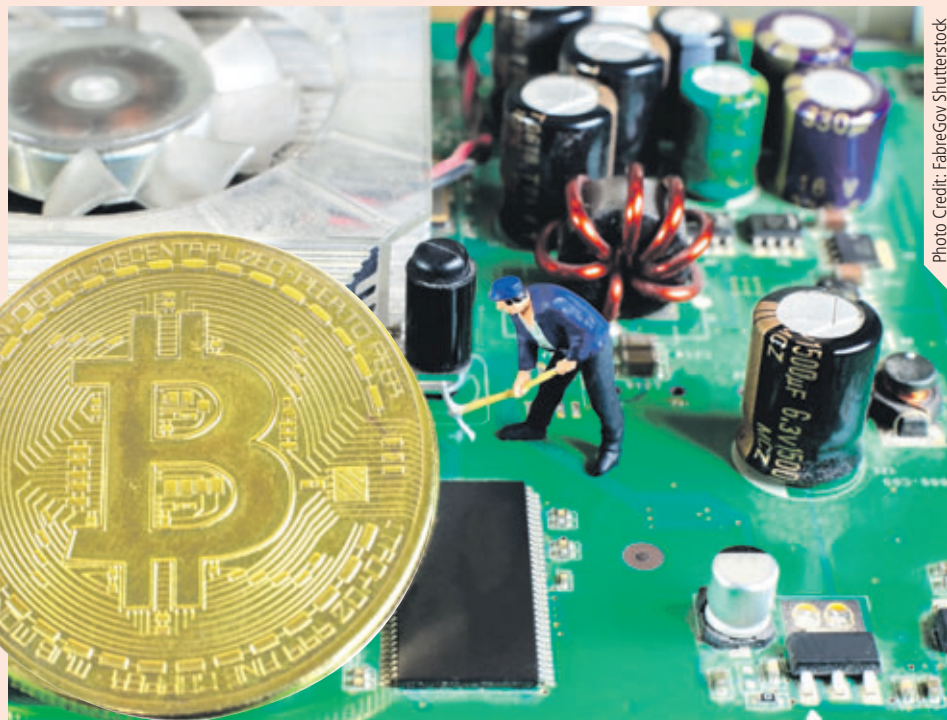


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WEB HELD: Mining for Bitcoins.

By John Smith

FOR those who have heard the name but don't understand the meaning, a Bitcoin is an imaginary currency supposedly created by a Japanese genius several years ago which can be used instead of traditional currency.

There are an estimated 15 million Bitcoins in existence at the moment, but the amount grows each day as more coins are 'mined'!

The act of 'mining' involves a computer solving a difficult mathematical problem and every time the problem is solved a number of new Bitcoins are created with a proportion going to the problem solver.

There are a number of Bitcoin factories with numerous computers linked together to solve the problem as quickly as possible, thus generating more of the web held coins for the problem solver.

All of the Bitcoins are web held in Bitcoin wallets and they are traded for hard cash so that demand and availability

dictates the value of an individual Bitcoin, but the price is surprisingly high and the record cost of a single Bitcoin was set early in January 2017 at \$1,129 (€1,144).

The reason that this form of artificial currency is so expensive is that it is completely uncontrolled by any government and it is therefore an ideal way of hiding income and moving worth around the world.

It is alleged that many major international drug deals are paid for in Bitcoins and those wanting to transfer undeclared profits out of their country of residence also turn to Bitcoins.

Without question, there has been a steady increase in the value of this 'imaginary currency' especially as different countries impose export restrictions on funds as well as cracking down on tax avoidance.

Years ago, airline tickets were a good way of getting money out of a country, so someone in the UK could purchase a ticket giving them first class flights from Lagos to London, return Concorde

flights to New York and then return tickets to Lagos for half the price of the normal Concorde fare.

The concept was simple as the Nigerian purchaser of the original ticket paid in Naira and he in turn was then paid in Sterling into a foreign bank account and the Lagos-London-Lagos legs were just thrown away.

Recently, there has been a great demand from China for Bitcoins where wealthy individuals have been using them to get round exchange control, but as the Chinese authorities have announced they will be investigating this whole matter, the Bitcoin market saw a drop in a few days of \$369 (€346) per coin due to nervousness in that market.

When one considers that at the beginning of 2011, a single Bitcoin was worth just €1, anyone who invested in them then has seen an incredible growth in value and the currency is likely to continue to have worth, as long as there are those who don't enjoy financial transparency.

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I NEVER chose to be a nonconformist. Sitting here at 77 years of age (already not conforming to three score and 10!) it is now painfully obvious that choosing to remain within our society as an 'antisocial,' was, at the very least, going to be difficult and certainly not make you the winner of many popularity contests.

Of course, at the outset you don't know who, or even what you are. As a new manifestation you simply go with the flow. There is no set beginning to non-conformity, it is something that just happens. There does however become a point when the choice has to be made. You either drop out or stay in.

Well I chose to stay in. Although, through my spiritual leanings, I was offered a host of escapes, i.e. hippie communes, becoming a Tibetan monk, taking

the junkie route, membership of numerous cults, including the highly dangerous Scientology and all of its pathetic offshoots specifically designed to control the weak.

I knew that to have any chance of influencing events in a society I didn't agree with, I had to stay a

“ Egotistical multi-millionaires of the Angelina Jolie and Bono ilk wander between mud huts trying to make us all feel bad.”

part of it. Politics would have been an obvious choice I suppose, but unfortunately, in my day, to enter into the political arena you had to either be a total conformist, a complete hypocrite, or an 'old boy' (no change there then!)

So I chose Showbiz. Ha! The most hypocritical occupation of them all. Typical examples of this

are the egotistical multi-millionaires of the Angelina Jolie and Bono ilk, wandering between mud huts, trying to make us all feel bad and responsible for the ills of the world, before scurrying back to their existence of cosseted grandeur and luxury.

For heaven's sake give us all a break and stick to your lives of fantasy, where you all belong.

One thing non-conformity does achieve however is a relentless thickening of the skin, so keep those letters coming. The more derogatory they are, the more chance you have of being published!

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 2:30pm BBC London News
 2:45pm Father Brown
 3:30pm !Mpossible
 4:15pm Escape to the Country
 4:45pm The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food
 5:30pm Antiques Road Trip
 6:15pm Pointless
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 8:00pm The One Show
 8:30pm EastEnders
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 11:00pm BBC News at Ten
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 4:35am Operation People Power with Dave Myers

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 3:00am Top of the Pops
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 6:00pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine
 6:30pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine
 7:00pm The Big Bang Theory
 8:00pm Hollyoaks
 8:30pm Coach Trip
 9:00pm The Big Bang Theory
 10:00pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine
 10:30pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine
 11:00pm Chewing Gum
 11:30pm Gogglebox
 12:35am The Big Bang Theory

sky SPORTS 1

9:00am Premier League Legends
 10:00am Barclays Premier League World
 10:30am Premier League 100 Club
 11:00am Premier League Daily
 12:00pm Transfer Centre
 12:30pm Barclays Premier League World
 1:00pm Premier League Legends
 2:00pm Barclays Premier League World
 2:30pm Premier League 100 Club
 3:00pm Premier League Legends
 4:00pm The Premier League Years
 6:00pm Premier League Legends
 7:00pm Barclays Premier League World
 7:30pm Premier League Legends
 8:30pm Football Gold
 8:45pm Info Not Available
 8:55pm Football
 11:00pm Premier League Match Pack
 11:30pm La Liga Show
 12:00am Premier League Match Pack

itv

7:00am Good Morning Britain
 9:30am Lorraine
 10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
 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 President Trump
 9:00pm Emmerdale
 9:30pm The Cruise
 10:00pm Unforgotten
 11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
 11:30pm ITV News London
 11:45pm The Late Debate
 12:15am Piers Morgan's Life Stories
 1:10am Jackpot247
 4:00am President Trump
 4:25am ITV Nightscreen
Text-based information service.

itv2

7:00am You've Been Framed!
 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!
 10:35am Psych
 11:25am Scorpion
 12:25pm Who's Doing the Dishes?
 1:25pm Emmerdale
 1:55pm Coronation Street
 2:30pm You've Been Framed!
 3:00pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show
 3:50pm The Jeremy Kyle Show
 4:55pm The Jeremy Kyle Show
 6:00pm Judge Rinder
 7:00pm You've Been Framed!
 8:00pm You've Been Framed!
 9:00pm Two and a Half Men
 9:30pm Two and a Half Men
 10:00pm Get Him to the Greek
 11:00pm FYI Daily
 11:05pm Get Him to the Greek
 12:10am Family Guy
 12:40am Family Guy

itv3

7:00am In Loving Memory
 7:25am Heartbeat
 8:30am Where the Heart is
 9:30am The Royal
 10:35am Judge Judy
 11:00am Judge Judy
 11:30am Judge Judy
 11:55am A Touch of Frost
 1:55pm Heartbeat
 3:00pm The Royal
 4:05pm Where the Heart is
 5:10pm In Loving Memory
 5:50pm Rising Damp
 6:20pm George and Mildred
 6:55pm Heartbeat
 8:00pm Murder, She Wrote
 9:00pm Heartbeat
 10:00pm Love and Marriage
 11:00pm Lewis
 1:00am Wycliffe
 2:05am The Knock
Drama series following the dangerous investigations of an HM Customs and Excise unit.
 3:00am ITV3 Nightscreen
Text-based information service.
 3:30am Teleshopping
Shopping from home.

itv4

7:00am Gunsmoke
 7:55am The Saint
 8:50am Quincy, M.E.
 9:50am The Professionals
 10:55am Ironside
 12:00pm Gunsmoke
 1:00pm Storage Wars New York
 1:30pm Storage Wars New York
 2:00pm Pawn Stars
 2:30pm Pawn Stars
 2:55pm Quincy, M.E.
 3:55pm Ironside
 5:00pm The Professionals
 6:00pm The Saint
 7:05pm Storage Wars Texas
 7:35pm Storage Wars Texas
 8:00pm Pawn Stars
 8:30pm Pawn Stars
 9:00pm River Monsters
 10:00pm The World is Not Enough
 11:05pm FYI Daily
 11:10pm The World is Not Enough
 12:40am Maximum Conviction
 1:40am FYI Daily
 1:45am Maximum Conviction
 2:45am Life of Ryan: Caretaker Manager

sky/MOVIES ACTION & ADVENTURE

10:00am The Magnificent Seven
 12:20pm San Andreas
 2:30pm Chappie
 4:40pm Charlie's Angels
 6:40pm Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle
 9:00pm San Andreas
 11:00pm Chappie
 1:05am The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor

sky/MOVIES COMEDY

8:45am Star Wars: Rogue One Special
 9:15am South Park: Bigger, Longer and Uncut
 10:45am Sisters
 12:50pm Hitch
 2:55pm Star Wars: Rogue One Special
 3:25pm My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2
 5:10pm Nine Months
 7:00pm The Devil Wears Prada
 9:00pm Sisters
 11:00pm My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2
 12:45am Magic Mike XXL

sky/MOVIES PREMIERE

7:00am Wild Horses
 8:50am 5 to 7
 10:30am Precious Cargo
 12:05pm All Roads Lead to Rome
 1:40pm The Huntsman: Winter's War
Chris Hemsworth's Huntsman battles to keep the fabled magic mirror out of the wrong hands.
 3:40pm Cabin Fever
 5:25pm Wild Horses
 7:15pm Precious Cargo
 9:00pm The Huntsman: Winter's War
 11:00pm Cabin Fever
 12:45am Rise of the Footsoldier II
 2:40am The Wonders
A family of bee-keepers struggle to make ends meet in the isolated Italian countryside.
 4:40am All Roads Lead to Rome

sky SPORTS 2

7:00am Cricket Classics
 8:00am Cricket Gold Shorts
 8:10am Cricket Gold Shorts
 8:20am Cricket Gold Shorts
 8:30am Cricket
 5:30pm Sporting Records
 6:00pm Sporting Records
 6:30pm Sporting Greats
 7:00pm Cricket Classics
 8:00pm ATP Tour Uncovered
 8:30pm Sporting Records
 9:00pm Cricket
 10:00pm Cricket Gold Shorts
 10:10pm Cricket Gold Shorts
 10:20pm Cricket Gold Shorts
 10:30pm Sporting Triumphs
 10:45pm Sporting Triumphs
 11:00pm Cricket
 12:00am Ashes Best Days
 2:00am Cricket
India face England in the second ODI at Barabati Stadium in Cuttack, India.
 3:00am Cricket World Cup Classics
A look back at some classic matches from the ICC Cricket World Cup.
 4:00am Cricket
 5:00am Sporting Rivalries
 5:30am Sporting Rivalries

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Apartment Ref: HO473354
Build: 108 m² Bedrooms: 3
Pool: Communal Bathrooms: 2



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Build: 107 m² Bedrooms: 3
Plot: 763 m² Bathrooms: 3

REDUCED



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Plot: 700 m² Bathrooms: 2

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Plot: 1200 m² Bathrooms: 2

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Plot: 700 m² Bathrooms: 2

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Apartment Ref: HO473181
Build: 90 m² Bedrooms: 2
Bathrooms: 2




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Build: 261 m² Bedrooms: 4
Plot: 861 m² Bathrooms: 3

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Villa Ref: HO232828
Build: 228 m² Bedrooms: 4
Plot: 1400 m² Bathrooms: 3



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7:00am Breakfast
11:00am Saturday Kitchen Live
12:30pm The Best Dishes Ever
1:00pm Football Focus
2:00pm BBC News
2:10pm Weather
2:15pm Masters Snooker
5:30pm Final Score
6:10pm BBC News
6:20pm Regional News
6:25pm Weather
6:30pm Who Dares Wins
7:10pm Pointless
8:00pm Let it Shine
9:25pm Casualty
10:15pm Taboo
11:10pm BBC News
11:25pm Weather
11:30pm Match of the Day
12:55am The NFL Show
1:25am Paycheck
3:15am Weather for the Week Ahead
3:20am BBC News
The latest national and international news stories, followed by Weather.

BBC TWO

7:30am Mary of Scotland
9:30am I Know Where I'm Going
11:00am Secret Britain
12:00pm Homes Under the Hammer
1:00pm Exploring China: A Culinary Adventure
2:00pm Talking Pictures
2:30pm Bundle of Joy
4:05pm Tennis
5:30pm Masters Snooker
6:30pm Only Connect
7:00pm Thailand: Earth's Tropical Paradise
Documentary exploring the tropical paradise of Thailand.
8:00pm Snooker
Coverage and reaction from the latest Snooker event taking place.
11:30pm Looper
1:20am Snooker
Coverage and reaction from the latest Snooker event taking place.
3:20am This is BBC Two

BBC FOUR

8:00pm Patagonia with Huw Edwards
9:00pm Treasures of the Indus
10:00pm Lost Kingdoms of Central America
11:00pm The Young Montalbano
Prequel series set in the early 1990s giving an insight into the private life and early crime-fighting career of the idiosyncratic Sicilian detective Inspector Montalbano.
12:40am Top of the Pops
Long-running music chart show featuring videos and performances
1:15am Top of the Pops
1:55am Imagine...
3:20am Rod Stewart Live at Hyde Park
4:20am Sounds of the 70s

CHANNEL 4

7:20am King of Queens
7:45am King of Queens
8:10am King of Queens
8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am Frasier
10:00am Frasier
10:30am The Big Bang Theory
10:55am The Big Bang Theory
11:20am The Big Bang Theory
11:50am The Simpsons
12:20pm The Simpsons
12:50pm Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
1:55pm Come Dine with Me
2:25pm Come Dine with Me
2:55pm Come Dine with Me
3:30pm Come Dine with Me
4:00pm Come Dine with Me
4:30pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
5:15pm Location, Location, Location
6:15pm Grand Designs
7:10pm Channel 4 News
7:40pm Snow White and the Huntsman
10:00pm The Other Woman
12:10am The Watch

CHANNEL 5

7:00am Milkshake Monkey
7:05am Milkshake! Bop Box
7:10am Peppa Pig
7:15am Bob the Builder
7:25am Wanda and the Alien
7:35am Zack and Quack
7:45am Seaside Antics
7:55am Fireman Sam
8:10am Pip Ahoy!
8:30am Little Princess
8:45am Paw Patrol
9:00am Big Bash Cricket Live
12:35pm Escape to Victory
2:50pm Police Interceptors
3:20pm The Yorkshire Vet
4:20pm The Yorkshire Vet
5:15pm The Yorkshire Vet
6:15pm The Yorkshire Vet
7:15pm NCIS: Los Angeles
8:05pm NCIS: Los Angeles
9:00pm NCIS
9:55pm 5 News Weekend
10:00pm Football on 5
11:00pm Football on 5
11:30pm Celebrity Big Brother
12:35am Lip Sync Battle UK
1:05am Super Casino
4:10am Celebrity Big Brother
5:00am Celebrity Botched Up Bodies
5:50am Divine Designs

4

7:00am Rude(ish) Tube
7:20am Young and Hungry
7:45am Young and Hungry
8:05am Black-Ish
8:35am Black-Ish
9:05am Melissa and Joey
9:35am Melissa and Joey
10:00am Baby Daddy
10:30am Baby Daddy
11:00am Rude(ish) Tube
Shorts
11:10am Astro Boy
1:00pm Black-Ish
1:30pm Black-Ish
2:00pm The Goldbergs
2:30pm The Goldbergs
3:00pm The Goldbergs
3:30pm The Goldbergs
4:00pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine
4:30pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine
5:00pm The Addams Family
7:00pm The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm The Big Bang Theory
8:30pm The Big Bang Theory
9:00pm The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm Terminator Salvation
12:10am Gogglebox
1:15am Gogglebox
2:10am Rude Tube

sky SPORTS 1

7:00am Football Gold
7:30am Football Gold
8:00am Football's Greatest
8:30am Football's Greatest
9:00am Game Changers
9:30am Barclays Premier League Preview
10:00am The Fantasy Football Club
11:00am Soccer A.M.
12:30pm Barclays Premier League Preview
1:00pm Football
4:00pm Gillette Soccer Saturday
6:15pm Football
9:00pm EFL Goals
9:30pm Nissan Game of the Day
11:30pm Nissan Match Choice
12:30am Info Not Available
1:00am Pl: Match TBA Highlights
1:30am Pl: Match TBA Highlights
2:00am Pl: Match TBA Highlights
2:30am Pl: Match TBA Highlights
3:00am Pl: Match TBA Highlights

itv

7:00am CITV
10:25am ITV News
10:30am Rebound
11:25am Guess This House
12:25pm Judge Rinder
1:30pm ITV News and Weather
1:35pm River Monsters
2:05pm Big Stars Little Star
3:05pm Tipping Point
4:05pm The Chase
5:05pm Dance Dance Dance
6:35pm Local News and Weather
6:45pm ITV News and Weather
7:00pm You've Been Framed!
8:00pm Ninja Warrior UK
9:00pm The Voice UK
10:30pm Through the Keyhole
11:30pm ITV News and Weather
11:45pm I Am Legend
1:30am Jackpot247
Join the presenters live and play roulette on your telly.
4:00am Who's Doing the Dishes?
4:50am Nightscreen

itv2

7:00am Emmerdale Omnibus
9:45am Coronation Street Omnibus
12:15pm Ninja Warrior
1:20pm Horrid Henry: The Movie
2:20pm FYI Daily
2:25pm Horrid Henry: The Movie
3:10pm Space Jam
4:10pm FYI Daily
4:15pm Space Jam
4:55pm Hotel Transylvania
5:55pm FYI Daily
6:00pm Hotel Transylvania
6:45pm The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey
7:45pm FYI Daily
7:50pm The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey
10:00pm Hellboy II: The Golden Army
11:00pm FYI Daily
11:05pm Hellboy II: The Golden Army
12:20am Family Guy
12:50am Family Guy
1:20am Family Guy
1:50am American Dad!
2:20am American Dad!

itv3

7:00am Judge Judy
7:20am Murder, She Wrote
8:10am Murder, She Wrote
9:10am Murder, She Wrote
10:15am Columbo
11:50am A Touch of Frost
1:50pm Lewis
3:50pm Wycliffe
5:00pm Agatha Christie's Marple
7:00pm Midsomer Murders
9:00pm Doc Martin
Comedy drama series about a top London surgeon who developed a phobia of blood.
10:00pm Midsomer Murders
12:00am Lewis
2:00am Blue Murder
3:00am ITV3 Nightscreen
Text-based information service.
3:30am Teleshopping
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itv4

9:55am The Saint
11:00am ITV Racing: The Opening Show
12:00pm Pawn Stars
12:30pm Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol
1:30pm FYI Daily
1:35pm Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol
2:20pm Barcelona's European Glory
2:30pm ITV Racing Live
5:00pm The Dam Busters
6:00pm FYI Daily
6:05pm The Dam Busters
7:35pm Pawn Stars
8:00pm The Boxing Mavericks
9:00pm The Big Fight Live
12:00am Jaws
1:00am FYI Daily
1:05am Jaws
Steven Spielberg's scary chiller about a coastal community plagued by a killer shark.
2:35am Hell on Wheels
3:35am World Cup Top Goal Scorers

sky MOVIES ACTION & ADVENTURE

11:00am G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra
1:05pm Jurassic Park
3:15pm xXx2: The Next Level
5:00pm The Day the Earth Stood Still
6:50pm G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra
9:00pm Jurassic Park
11:10pm xXx2: The Next Level
12:55am Mission: Impossible III

sky MOVIES COMEDY

8:30am The Benchwarmers
10:10am Loser
11:55am Star Wars: Rogue One Special
12:25pm Two Night Stand
2:05pm Hot Pursuit
3:45pm Ride Along 2
5:35pm Mean Girls
7:20pm Unfinished Business
9:00pm Ride Along 2
10:45pm Pitch Perfect 2
12:45am Starsky and Hutch
2:35am The Overnight
4:05am The Commitments

sky MOVIES PREMIERE

8:50am 5 to 7
10:35am Precious Cargo
12:10pm Kids in Love
1:40pm Alice Through the Looking Glass
3:40pm The Huntsman: Winter's War
The Huntsman battles to keep the fabled magic mirror out of the wrong hands.
5:40pm Cabin Fever
7:25pm Kids in Love
9:00pm Alice Through the Looking Glass
11:00pm The Huntsman: Winter's War
1:00am Rise of the Footsoldier II
2:55am Cabin Fever
4:40am Wild Horses
Texas-set crime drama about a reopened Missing Persons case.

sky SPORTS 2

7:00am Cricket Classics
8:00am Sporting Rivalries
8:30am Sporting Rivalries
9:00am Sky Sports Years
10:00am Sporting Greats
10:30am Sporting Greats
11:00am Great Sporting Moments
11:15am Great Sporting Moments
12:00pm Sporting Heroes
1:00pm Live Scottish Cup Football
3:30pm Great Sporting Moments
3:45pm Great Sporting Moments
4:00pm Rugby Union
6:15pm Rugby Union
9:00pm Cricket Gold Shorts
9:10pm Cricket Gold Shorts
9:20pm Cricket Gold Shorts
9:30pm Sporting Triumphs
9:45pm Sporting Triumphs
10:00pm Sporting Mavericks
10:30pm More Than a Game
11:00pm More Than a Game
11:30pm More Than a Game
12:00am Ashes Best Days
2:00am Cricket Classics

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7:00am Breakfast
8:35am Match of the Day
10:00am The Andrew Marr Show
11:00am The Big Questions
12:00pm Sunday Politics
1:15pm Bargain Hunt
2:00pm BBC News
2:10pm Weather for the Week Ahead
2:15pm Homes Under the Hammer
3:15pm Flog It!
4:15pm Escape to the Country
5:15pm Lifestyle
5:25pm Songs of Praise
6:00pm Spy in the Wild
7:00pm BBC News
7:20pm Regional News
7:25pm Weather
7:30pm Countryfile
8:30pm Still Open All Hours
9:00pm Call the Midwife
10:00pm Apple Tree Yard
11:00pm BBC News
11:20pm Regional News
11:25pm Weather
11:30pm Match of the Day 2
12:40am A Question of Sport

BBC TWO

8:15am A to Z of TV Gardening
9:00am An Island Parish
9:30am The Edible Garden
10:00am Countryfile
News and stories concerning the heart of the British countryside.
11:00am Saturday Kitchen
Best Bites
12:30pm Talking Snooker
1:15pm MOTD2 Extra
MOTD2 Extra presents the latest football action.
2:00pm Masters Snooker
Coverage of the Masters snooker tournament.
6:15pm Tennis
7:15pm Ski Sunday
8:00pm Masters Snooker
12:00am QI XL
12:45am Good
2:15am Question Time
3:15am Holby City
4:15am This is BBC Two
Highlights of programmes on BBC Two.

BBC FOUR

9:00pm Sword, Musket and Machine Gun: Britain's Armed History?
10:00pm Titanic's Tragic Twin: The Britannic Disaster
The Titanic sank in April 1912, and her sister ship, the Britannic, ultimately suffered the fate, sinking in 1916 due to an explosion caused by an underwater mine.
11:00pm Hidden Killers of the Post War Home
12:00am Horizon
1:00am Play it Loud: The Story of the Marshall Amp
2:00am Sound of Musicals with Neil Brand
3:00am Lost Kingdoms of Central America
4:00am Titanic's Tragic Twin: The Britannic Disaster

CHANNEL 4

7:15am King of Queens
7:45am King of Queens
8:10am Everybody Loves Raymond
8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am Frasier
10:00am Frasier
10:30am Sunday Brunch
1:30pm The Simpsons
2:30pm Tooth Fairy
4:30pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
5:15pm Location, Location, Location
6:20pm Channel 4 News
6:50pm The Day After Tomorrow
9:00pm Walking the Americas
10:00pm Homeland
11:05pm TrainSpotting
12:55am The 90s: Ten Years That Changed the World
2:20am How to Lose Weight Well
3:15am Millionaires' Mansions

CHANNEL 5

8:30am Little Princess
8:40am Paw Patrol
8:55am Blaze and the Monster Machines
9:25am Noddy in Toyland
9:40am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9:55am Shimmer and Shine
10:25am Peppa Pig
10:45am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10:55am The Fairly Odd Parents
11:13am The Fairly Odd Parents
11:30am Football on 5
12:20pm Football on 5
12:55pm Fail Army
1:20pm Brides Make You Laugh Out Loud
2:20pm Kangaroo Jack
4:00pm George of the Jungle
5:45pm Herbie: Fully Loaded
7:30pm Dads Make You Laugh Out Loud
8:30pm The Adele Story
9:55pm 5 News Weekend
10:00pm Celebrity Big Brother
11:00pm Celebrity Botched Up Bodies
12:05am Just Go with it

4

7:00am How I Met Your Mother
7:20am How I Met Your Mother
7:45am Melissa and Joey
8:05am Melissa and Joey
8:35am Baby Daddy
9:00am Baby Daddy
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9:00pm The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm The Big Bang Theory
12:05am Tattoo Fixers
1:10am Virtually Famous

sky SPORTS 1

7:00am Pl: Match TBA Highlights
7:30am Pl: Match TBA Highlights
8:00am Pl: Match TBA Highlights
8:30am Pl: Match TBA Highlights
9:00am The Sunday Supplement
10:30am Goals on Sunday
12:30pm Live Nissan Super Sunday
3:00pm Live Nissan Super Sunday
5:15pm Live Nissan Super Sunday
8:00pm Transfer Centre
8:30pm Live NFL
12:00am Live NFL
3:30am Pl Match Highlights
4:00am Pl Match Highlights
4:30am Pl Match Highlights
Chelsea host Hull City at Stamford Bridge in the Premier League.
5:00am Goals on Sunday

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7:00am CITV
10:25am ITV News
10:30am Countrywise
11:00am Peston on Sunday
12:00pm Gino's Italian
Escape: Hidden Italy
12:30pm Chopping Block
1:30pm ITV News and Weather
1:35pm Judge Rinder
2:35pm Tipping Point
3:35pm Ninja Warrior UK
4:35pm The Voice UK
6:05pm Local News and Weather
6:15pm ITV News and Weather
6:30pm The Chase: Celebrity Special
7:30pm Dance Dance Dance
9:00pm Endeavour
11:00pm ITV News and Weather
11:15pm Peston on Sunday
12:15am The Cube
1:15am Jackpot247
Join the presenters live and play roulette on your telly.
4:00am Chopping Block

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7:00am You've Been Framed!
7:20am Emmerdale Omnibus
10:05am Coronation Street Omnibus
12:30pm The Voice UK
2:00pm Zawesome
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4:00pm Looney Tunes: Back in Action
5:05pm FYI Daily
5:10pm Looney Tunes: Back in Action
5:45pm Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang
6:45pm FYI Daily
6:50pm Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang
7:55pm The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug
8:55pm FYI Daily
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11:00pm Family Guy
11:30pm Family Guy
12:00am Family Guy
12:30am Family Guy
12:55am American Dad!

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7:00am George and Mildred
7:25am The Mirror Crack'd
8:25am FYI Daily
8:30am The Mirror Crack'd
9:35am Heartbeat
10:35am Heartbeat
11:40am Murder, She Wrote
12:40pm Murder, She Wrote
1:40pm Wycliffe
2:50pm Sherlock Holmes: The Hound of the Baskervilles
5:00pm Agatha Christie's Marple
7:00pm Midsomer Murders
9:00pm This Time Next Year
10:00pm Tonight at the London Palladium
11:00pm Birds of a Feather
11:35pm Wimbledon
12:35am FYI Daily
12:40am Wimbledon
1:40am A Touch of Frost
3:20am Wycliffe
4:15am May the Best House Win
5:10am May the Best House Win

itv4

7:00am Tommy Cooper
7:25am The Wine Show
8:20am The Professionals
9:15am The Professionals
10:20am Counting Cars
10:45am Counting Cars
11:10am Shed and Buried
12:15pm Pawn Stars
4:05pm Lawman
5:05pm FYI Daily
5:10pm Lawman
6:10pm The Man From the Alamo
7:10pm FYI Daily
7:15pm The Man From the Alamo
7:50pm Mr. Bean
8:30pm Mr. Bean
9:00pm Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach
10:10pm FYI Daily
10:15pm Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach
11:00pm The Bank Job
12:00am FYI Daily
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1:15am Road
2:15am FYI Daily

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8:45am Remember the Titans
10:45am San Andreas
12:45pm Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation
3:05pm Mad Max: Fury Road
5:15pm The Scorpion King
7:00pm San Andreas
9:00pm Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation
11:15pm Mad Max: Fury Road
1:20am 13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi

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7:50am Raising Helen
9:50am Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story
11:35am The House Bunny
1:20pm Dad's Army
3:10pm Spy
5:25pm The Wedding Ringer
7:15pm Bridget Jones's Diary
9:00pm Dad's Army
10:45pm Spy
1:00am Brüno
2:30am Search Party
4:10am Stir Crazy

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7:00am The Huntsman: Winter's War
9:00am Cabin Fever
10:45am Star Wars: Rogue One Special
11:15am Alice Through the Looking Glass
1:15pm Whiskey Tango Foxtrot
3:15pm Kids in Love
5:00pm The Huntsman: Winter's War
The Huntsman battles to keep the fabled magic mirror out of the wrong hands.
7:00pm Alice Through the Looking Glass
9:00pm Whiskey Tango Foxtrot
11:00pm Kids in Love
12:35am Rise of the Footsoldier II
2:30am The Wonders
A family of bee-keepers struggle to make ends meet in the isolated Italian countryside.

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6:00pm Sporting Records
6:30pm Sporting Greats
7:00pm Cricket Gold Shorts
7:10pm Cricket Gold Shorts
7:20pm Cricket Gold Shorts
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8:30pm Inside Out
9:00pm EastEnders
9:30pm Panorama
10:00pm Silent Witness
11:00pm BBC News
11:30pm Regional News
11:40pm Weather
11:45pm Class
12:30am Class
1:15am The Graham Norton Show
2:00am Weather for the Week Ahead

BBC TWO

7:00am Rip Off Britain
7:45am Wanted Down Under
8:30am Cash in the Attic
9:00am Big Dreams Small Spaces
10:00am Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm The Daily Politics
2:00pm Bowls
5:30pm Tennis
6:30pm Flog It!
7:00pm Eggheads
7:30pm Great American Railroad Journeys
8:00pm An Island Parish
8:30pm University Challenge
9:00pm Winterwatch
10:00pm Horizon
11:00pm Insert Name Here
11:30pm Newsnight
12:10am Weather
12:15am Hospital
1:15am Bowls
2:15am Countryfile
3:10am Jazzy B's 1980's
4:10am This is BBC Two

BBC FOUR

8:00pm World News Today
8:30pm Reel History of Britain
9:00pm The Engine That Powers the World
10:00pm Scotland and the Klan
11:00pm Genius of the Ancient World
12:00am How it Works
1:00am When God Spoke
2:00am David Starkey's Music and Monarchy
3:00am The Engine That Powers the World
4:00am Scotland and the Klan

CHANNEL 4

7:15am 3rd Rock from the Sun
7:40am King of Queens
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9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond
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4:00pm A New Life in the Sun
5:00pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
6:00pm Come Dine with Me
7:00pm The Simpsons
7:30pm Hollyoaks
8:00pm Channel 4 News
9:00pm Dispatches
9:30pm Food Unwrapped
10:00pm The Undateables
11:00pm First Dates Hotel
12:05am Tattoo Fixers
1:10am Spies
2:05am 60 Days in Jail

CHANNEL 5

9:00am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9:15am Wissper
9:25am Peppa Pig
9:50am Toot the Tiny Tugboat
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8:00pm World's Biggest Beasts
9:00pm Police Interceptors
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11:00pm My Mum's Hotter Than Me!
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7:00am Suburgatory
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8:00am WWE Raw
9:00am Goals on Sunday
10:00am PI Match Highlights
11:00am Premier League Daily
12:00pm Transfer Centre
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4:00pm Premier League 100 Club
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7:00pm Soccer AM: The Best Bits 2016/17
7:30pm Scottish Football Round Up Show
7:45pm Football Gold
8:00pm Transfer Centre
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10:40pm Spanish Football Gold
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7:00am Good Morning Britain
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11:40pm Through the Keyhole
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10:30pm The Great Indoors
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12:00am Women Behind Bars
1:05am Wycliffe
2:10am The Knock
3:05am ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am Teleshopping

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7:00am Gunsmoke
7:55am The Saint
8:50am Quincy, M.E.
9:50am The Professionals
10:50am Ironside
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1:00pm Storage Wars Texas
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9:00pm The Chase: Celebrity Special
10:00pm Another 48 Hrs
11:00pm FYI Daily
11:05pm Another 48 Hrs
12:05am Bundesliga
1:05am Halloween H2O: 20 Years Later
2:10am FYI Daily
2:15am Halloween H2O: 20 Years Later
2:50am River Monsters

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7:05am Swordfish
9:00am The Patriot
11:55am Independence Day
2:30pm Everest
4:40pm Gone in 60 Seconds
6:45pm King Arthur
9:00pm Independence Day
11:30pm Everest
1:45am Close Range
3:25am Cellular
5:15am Rocky IV

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8:10am Mountain Men
9:45am Spud
11:35am Sister Act
1:20pm How to be Single
3:15pm Norbit
5:05pm In and Out
6:45pm In Her Shoes
9:00pm How to be Single
11:00pm The Hangover
12:45am City Slickers
2:45am The Night Before
4:35am The Cable Guy

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7:00am Cabin Fever
8:45am Avengers: Age of Ultron Special
9:15am 5 to 7
11:00am Whiskey Tango Foxtrot
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3:00pm The Other Side of the Door
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6:00pm NFL Highlights
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9:00pm Cricket Gold Shorts
9:10pm Cricket Gold Shorts
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9:30pm Sporting Triumphs
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9:00pm Holby City
10:00pm Silent Witness
11:00pm BBC News
11:30pm Regional News
11:40pm Weather
11:45pm Brainwashing Stacey: Anti-Abortion Camp
12:35am Call Security

BBC TWO

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7:45am Royal Recipes
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9:00am Great British Menu
10:00am Victoria Derbyshire
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7:30pm Great American Railroad Journeys
8:00pm Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
9:00pm Winterwatch
10:00pm Our Dancing Town
11:00pm Revolting
11:30pm Newsnight
12:10am Weather
12:15am NFL
1:05am Bowls
2:05am The Big Life Fix with Simon Reeve
3:05am The Sheriffs are Coming
4:00am This is BBC Two Highlights of programmes on BBC Two.

BBC FOUR

9:00pm Atlantis: The Evidence
10:00pm Britain Beneath Your Feet
11:00pm Britain's Nuclear Secrets: Inside Sellafeld
Lying on the remote north west coast of England is one of the most secret places in the country - Sellafeld, the most controversial nuclear facility in Britain.
12:00am Can Eating Insects Save the World?
1:00am Picasso: Love, Sex and Art
2:00am Tales of Winter: The Art of Snow and Ice
3:30am Britain Beneath Your Feet
Dallas Campbell reveals why we can only understand the familiar world around us by discovering the hidden wonders beneath our feet.

CHANNEL 4

7:00am Countdown
7:45am King of Queens
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7:30pm Hollyoaks
8:00pm Channel 4 News
9:00pm How to Lose Weight Well
10:00pm 24 Hours in A and E

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11:00am Premier League Daily
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3:00pm The Premier League Years
5:00pm Premier League 100 Club
6:00pm Soccer AM: The Best Bits 2016/17
6:30pm Premier League Legends
7:00pm Premier League Review
8:00pm Transfer Centre
8:30pm Info Not Available
8:40pm Live Coppa Italia
10:40pm Info Not Available
11:00pm La Liga World
11:30pm Premier League 100 Club
12:00am Premier League Review

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7:30pm ITV Evening News
8:00pm Emmerdale
Popular long-running soap opera, set in a Yorkshire village.
9:00pm Martin Clunes: Islands of Australia
10:00pm Sugar Free Farm
11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:40pm Wilderness Walks with Ray Mears
12:10am The Investigator
1:05am Jackpot247

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8:00pm You've Been Framed!
9:00pm Two and a Half Men
9:30pm Two and a Half Men
10:00pm Hell's Kitchen
11:00pm Celebrity Juice
11:50pm Family Guy
12:20am Family Guy

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7:00am In Loving Memory
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Drama series about a sleuthing writer who solves murder mysteries.
9:00pm Midsomer Murders
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12:30am Wycliffe
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Simon Templar is a debonair master thief with a talent for disguise.
7:00pm Storage Wars Texas
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8:55pm Mr. Bean
10:00pm Benidorm
11:00pm The Fugitive
12:00am FYI Daily
12:05am The Fugitive

sky MOVIES ACTION & ADVENTURE

12:30pm In the Heart of the Sea
2:35pm Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials
4:50pm The Mummy
7:00pm The Goonies
9:00pm In the Heart of the Sea
11:10pm Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials
1:25am The Mummy
3:30am Colt .45

sky MOVIES COMEDY

8:00am The War of the Roses
10:00am Spud 2: The Madness Continues
11:40am Three Amigos!
1:30pm The Intern
3:35pm The Man
5:05pm Jersey Girl
6:55pm Hitch
9:00pm The Intern
11:05pm Meet the Parents
1:05am Pixels
3:00am Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo

sky MOVIES PREMIERE

7:00am Kids in Love
8:45am Whiskey Tango Foxtrot
10:45am Avengers: Age of Ultron Special
11:15am Mercury Plains
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4:00pm Cricket's Greatest
4:30pm Cricket's Greatest
5:00pm Cricket World Cup Classics
6:00pm Sporting Greats
6:30pm Sporting Greats
7:00pm Super Rugby Gold
8:00pm Cricket World Cup Classics
9:00pm Fight Night
11:00pm More Than a Game
12:00am Ashes Best Days

Under the radar

Cassandra Nash

A weekly look

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

FORMER defence minister and soon to be ex-Ambassador in London Federico Trillo was ultimately responsible for the 2003 Yak 42 air disaster.

Few ever doubted that and the State Council has joined the chorus 14 years later.

An aircraft with 62 Spanish soldiers returning from Afghanistan came down over Turkey, killing everyone aboard.

Trillo's successor at the Ministry of Defence said that Jose Maria Aznar's government chartered "rubbish planes" to offset the cost of backing Bush and Blair during the Iraq invasion.

Interestingly, the Ministry of Defence paid €149,000 to charter that plane. The owners Um-Air received €38,000 so where did €111,000 go?

The old UK government auditors' pre-adding machine dictum comes to mind: check the books twice if a manager or de-

partment head is overtly religious. Trillo is a fully paid-up member of Opus Dei and religion doesn't get more overt than that.

Power play

ACCORDING to Spain's Constitution, parliament packs up in July, August and January.

In recent years - allegedly to give a good example - January has been a working month for MPs. Not in 2017, though. Possibly they are exhausted by the December 2015-October 2016 hiatus when MPs literally didn't know whether they were coming or going.

Doubtless the PP, Podemos and Ciudadanos - PSOE are waiting until June - are more concerned about February's national conferences. Now's the time to distribute power inside the parties, an issue that clearly interests them more than the voters who pay their wages.

Progress made

STREETS named after men triple those of women in Madrid, Barcelona and Valencia.



Federico Trillo.

Those considered worthy of A-Z honour are either virgins, saints, monarchs or aristocrats, which just about sums up previous Spanish attitudes towards women.

Females outside these categories existed only as childbearers, housewives and servants but at least something has changed as they're now expected to hold down a job as well.

Too little, too late

THE government is planning a national centre to house a database of Spain's 'disappeared.' Staggeringly this will not include the thousands of people who vanished in the years of Francoist repression during and after the Civil War. The centre will instead concentrate its efforts on those who have disappeared since then. Not so much a matter of shutting the stable door after the horse has bolted as choosing the wrong stable.

Nostalgia sure ain't what it used to be!

Nora Johnson

Breaking Views

Nora is the author of popular psychological suspense and 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

THE tsunami of revivals and re-launches that hit TV late last year is hardly surprising given the country's Brexit blues and people craving comfort viewing - pure TV nostalgia. We had revivals of *Are You Being Served?*, *Porridge*, and one-off remakes of original episodes from three of the greatest sitcoms: *Steptoe And Son*, *Hancock's Half Hour* and *Till Death Us Do Part*.

Some believe political correctness has killed off dark, alternative TV comedy shows like *Psychoville* and *The Office* by overanalysing it - we mustn't mock this or that. They claim most comedy IS based on laughing at others' misfortunes which is healthy, acting as a vent for life's stresses and frustrations.

For many, the original versions of *Dad's Army*, *Open All Hours* and *Porridge* are 'real' people



TV REVIVALS: Viewing to comfort people with post-Brexit blues.

acting in character (not just a load of actors spouting so-called funny lines) - an era of performers working in front of audiences and feeding from them. Not the dull unblinking eye of a TV camera and teleprompt for a script

that is often nothing more than a string of obscenities in modern sitcoms.

It often seems nowadays as if TV is too lazy to bother with anything but four-letter words and lavatory humour, divorced of orig-

inality and interest, relying on hackneyed programmes and repeats. Classic comedy used to hold up a mirror to society; now it just raises its middle finger.

However, the problem with any 'return' to a format (revivals, nos-

talgia TV) is that, like Andrew Lloyd Webber musicals, if the public becomes saturated with a product, they'll buy it. Give any new TV comedy show a long enough run (like Morecambe and Wise churned out every Christmas) and it becomes an institution (with Lloyd Webber, it's the coach parties).

No, what we really need in 2017 are better writers, better scripts and better sketches. TV worth watching again, then? That'd be a laugh.

Finally, a footnote about the UK's recent cold spell: sub-zero temperatures and arctic blasts from northern and central Europe are no longer good enough for us. Post-Brexit, our winters now come from Canada!

Nora Johnson's psychological suspense crime thrillers 'No Way Back,' 'Landscape of Lies,' 'Retribution,' 'Soul Stealer,' 'The De Clerambault Code' (www.nora-johnson.com) available from Amazon in paperback/eBook (€0.99; £0.99) and iBookstore. All profits to Costa del Sol Cudeca cancer charity.

BBC one

7:00am Breakfast
 10:15am Rip Off Britain
 11:00am Homes Under the Hammer
 12:00pm Wanted Down Under
 12:45pm Caught Red Handed
 1:15pm Bargain Hunt
 2:00pm BBC News
 2:30pm Regional News
 2:45pm Doctors
 3:15pm Father Brown
 4:00pm Escape to the Country
 4:45pm Royal Recipes
 5:30pm Antiques Road Trip
 6:15pm Pointless
 7:00pm BBC News
 7:30pm Regional News
 8:00pm The One Show
 9:00pm Who Do You Think You Are?
 10:00pm Italy's Invisible Cities
 11:00pm BBC News
 11:30pm Regional News
 11:40pm Weather
 11:45pm A Question of Sport
 12:15am Film 2017
 12:45am Antiques Roadshow
 1:45am Weather for the Week Ahead
 1:50am BBC News

BBC TWO

7:00am Wanted Down Under
 7:45am Royal Recipes
 8:30am Cash in the Attic
 9:00am Caught Red Handed
 9:30am Caught Red Handed
 10:00am Victoria Derbyshire
 12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live
 12:30pm The Daily Politics
 2:00pm Lifeline
 2:10pm Bowls
 5:45pm Tennis
 6:30pm Flog It!
 7:00pm Eggheads
 7:30pm Great American Railroad Journeys
 8:00pm Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
 9:00pm Winterwatch
 10:00pm Hospital
 11:00pm Common Sense
 11:30pm Newsnight
 12:10am Weather
 12:15am Dragons' Den
 1:15am Bowls
 2:15am Our Dancing Town
 3:15am Yellowstone
 4:15am Robert Rauschenberg
 5:15am This is BBC Two Highlights of programmes on BBC Two.

BBC FOUR

8:00pm World News Today
 8:30pm Reel History of Britain
 9:00pm Horizon
 10:00pm Alan Bennett's Diaries
 11:00pm The Eichmann Show *Drama about the televising of the trial of one of the key figures of the Nazi regime Adolf Eichmann.*
 12:30am Rich Hall's California Stars
 2:00am Treasures of the Indus *The story of the Indian sub-continent told through the treasures that have shaped the modern Indian world.*
 3:00am Horizon
 4:00am Alan Bennett's Diaries *Inspired by his acerbic and often hilarious diaries, this documentary shows Alan Bennett as he has never been seen before.*

CHANNEL 4

7:00am Countdown
 7:45am King of Queens
 8:10am King of Queens
 8:35am King of Queens
 9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond
 9:30am Everybody Loves Raymond
 10:00am Frasier
 10:30am Frasier
 11:00am Frasier
 11:30am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
 12:30pm Four in a Bed
 1:00pm Channel 4 News
 1:05pm Four in a Bed
 1:35pm Four in a Bed
 2:10pm Four in a Bed
 2:40pm Four in a Bed
 3:10pm Countdown
 4:00pm A New Life in the Sun
 5:00pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
 6:00pm Come Dine with Me
 7:00pm The Simpsons
 7:30pm Hollyoaks
 8:00pm Channel 4 News
 9:00pm Location, Location, Location
 10:00pm No Offence
 11:00pm Women Who Kill
 12:05am 24 Hours in A and E

CHANNEL 5

8:20am Thomas and Friends
 8:35am Noddy: Toyland Detective
 8:50am Paw Patrol
 9:00am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
 9:15am Wissper
 9:25am Peppa Pig
 9:50am Toot the Tiny Tugboat
 10:00am Toby's Travelling Circus
 10:15am The Wright Stuff
 12:15pm Cowboy Builders
 1:10pm 5 News Lunchtime
 1:15pm Celebrity Big Brother
 2:15pm Home and Away
 2:45pm Neighbours
 3:15pm NCIS: Los Angeles
 4:15pm My Husband is Missing
 6:00pm 5 News at 5
 6:30pm Neighbours
 7:00pm Home and Away
 7:30pm 5 News Tonight
 8:00pm The Concorde Air Disaster
 9:00pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
 10:00pm Celebrity Big Brother
 11:00pm In Therapy
 12:05am Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side

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7:00am Suburgatory
 7:20am Charmed
 8:05am Hollyoaks
 8:35am Coach Trip
 9:05am Rules of Engagement
 9:35am Rules of Engagement
 10:00am Baby Daddy
 10:30am Baby Daddy
 11:00am Brooklyn Nine-Nine
 11:30am Brooklyn Nine-Nine
 12:00pm Charmed
 1:00pm Charmed
 2:00pm How I Met Your Mother
 3:00pm The Big Bang Theory
 3:30pm The Big Bang Theory
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 7:00pm The Big Bang Theory
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 8:00pm Hollyoaks
 8:30pm Coach Trip
 9:00pm The Big Bang Theory
 10:00pm Timeless
 11:00pm Supernatural
 12:00am The Big Bang Theory
 12:30am The Big Bang Theory
 1:00am Tattoo Fixers
 2:05am Gogglebox

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7:00am Football Gold
 7:15am Football Gold
 7:30am Football Gold
 7:45am Football Gold
 8:00am WWE Experience
 9:00am Premier League Legends
 9:30am La Liga World
 10:00am Efl Cup Highlights
 10:30am Efl Cup Highlights
 11:00am Premier League Daily
 12:00pm Transfer Centre
 12:30pm La Liga World
 1:00pm Premier League Review
 2:00pm Efl Cup Highlights
 2:30pm Efl Cup Highlights
 3:00pm The Premier League Years
 5:00pm Efl Cup Highlights
 5:30pm Efl Cup Highlights
 6:00pm Premier League Review
 7:00pm Efl Cup Highlights
 7:30pm Efl Cup Highlights
 8:00pm Transfer Centre
 8:30pm Live EFL Cup Semi-Final
 11:15pm Barclays Premier League World
 11:45pm Football Gold
 12:00am Premier League Review
 1:00am Efl Cup Highlights

itv

7:00am Good Morning Britain
 9:30am Lorraine
 10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
 11:30am This Morning
 1:30pm Loose Women
 2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News
 3:00pm Jeremy Kyles
 Emergency Room
 4:00pm Dickinson's Real Deal
 5:00pm Tipping Point
 6:00pm The Chase
 7:00pm Local News and Weather
 7:30pm ITV Evening News
 8:00pm Coronation Street
 8:30pm The National Television Awards 2017
 11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
 11:45pm Joanna Lumley's Japan
 12:45am It's Not Rocket Science *Entertainment series celebrating gadgets, technology and innovation.*
 1:40am Jackpot247
 4:00am 1000 Heartbeats
 4:50am Nightscreen

itv2

7:00am You've Been Framed!
 7:20am Who's Doing the Dishes?
 8:15am The Ellen DeGeneres Show
 9:00am Emmerdale
 10:00am You've Been Framed!
 10:35am Psych
 11:25am Scorpion
 12:25pm Who's Doing the Dishes?
 1:25pm Emmerdale
 2:30pm You've Been Framed!
 3:00pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show
 3:50pm The Jeremy Kyle Show
 4:55pm The Jeremy Kyle Show
 6:00pm Judge Rinder
 7:00pm You've Been Framed!
 7:30pm You've Been Framed!
 8:00pm You've Been Framed!
 8:30pm You've Been Framed!
 9:00pm Two and a Half Men
 9:30pm Two and a Half Men
 10:00pm Through the Keyhole *Keith Lemon presents a brand new version of the classic game show.*
 11:00pm Plebs
 12:00am Family Guy

itv3

7:00am In Loving Memory
 7:25am Heartbeat
 8:25am Where the Heart is
 9:30am The Royal Judge Judy
 10:30am Judge Judy
 11:00am Judge Judy *The Emmy nominated reality courtroom series, presided over by outspoken family court judge.*
 11:30am Judge Judy
 11:55am A Touch of Frost
 2:00pm Heartbeat
 3:05pm The Royal Judge Judy
 4:10pm Where the Heart is
 5:15pm In Loving Memory
 5:50pm Rising Damp
 6:20pm On the Buses
 6:55pm Heartbeat
 8:00pm Murder, She Wrote *Drama series about a sleuthing writer who solves murder mysteries.*
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 11:00pm Lucan
 12:30am A Touch of Frost
 2:25am The Knock
 3:20am ITV3 Nightscreen
 3:30am Teleshopping

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7:00am Gunsmoke
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 8:30pm Pawn Stars
 9:00pm River Monsters
 10:00pm Caught on Camera
 11:00pm Jaws
 12:05am FYI Daily
 12:10am Jaws
 1:40am River Monsters
 2:40am The Wine Show

sky MOVIES ACTION & ADVENTURE

2:30pm Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens
 4:50pm The Huntsman: Winter's War
 6:50pm Sherlock Holmes
 9:00pm Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens
 11:20pm The Huntsman: Winter's War
 1:20am Extraction

sky MOVIES COMEDY

8:10am Life
 10:10am Spud 3: Learning to Fly
 11:45am Me Him Her
 1:30pm Pitch Perfect 2
 3:30pm Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby
 5:35pm Rush Hour 2
 7:15pm Police Academy
 9:00pm Trainwreck
 11:10pm Pitch Perfect 2
 1:10am Police Academy
 2:50am Bridget Jones's Diary
 4:35am Tenacious D in the Pick of Destiny

sky MOVIES PREMIERE

7:00am 5 to 7
 8:40am Kids in Love
 10:15am Cabin Fever
 11:55am Alice Through the Looking Glass
 1:55pm The Other Side of the Door
 3:35pm Whiskey Tango Foxtrot
 5:30pm Kids in Love
 7:00pm Alice Through the Looking Glass
 9:00pm The Other Side of the Door
 10:45pm Still the Water
 12:50am Whiskey Tango Foxtrot
 2:45am Rise of the Footsoldier II *This brutal follow-up to the cult British crime thriller explores the aftermath of the infamous Rottendon Range Rover murders. Ricci Harnett writes, directs and stars.*
 4:40am Precious Cargo

sky SPORTS 2

7:00am Cricket Classics
 8:00am Time of Our Lives
 9:00am Sky Sports Years
 10:00am Cricket's Greatest
 10:30am Cricket's Greatest
 11:00am Great Sporting Moments
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 4:30pm Great Sporting Moments
 4:45pm Cricket Gold Shorts
 4:55pm Cricket
 8:30pm Cricket Gold Shorts
 8:40pm Cricket Gold Shorts
 8:50pm Cricket Gold Shorts
 8:55pm Live Coppa Italia
 11:00pm Cricket
 2:35am Cricket Gold Shorts *Take a look back at Stuart Broad's extraordinary spell during the third Test against South Africa.*

LEGALLY SPEAKING

Motorhomes - can they park or camp?

AS part of the series, we answer some common driving questions and keep you updated on the latest driving and road news kindly provided by members of the Guardia Civil based in Torrevieja, Costa Blanca, who set up the N332 website and Facebook page to help break down barriers.



OPENING SKYLIGHTS: Is not an activity that falls into the category of camping.

DEBATES often arise about where motorhomes and camper vans can park. Whilst many town halls have introduced their own legislation, the law is quite clear and in Spain it states that motorhomes and campers are not allowed to 'camp' on the street.

However, what defines 'camping' and what is a vehicle which is simply 'parked'?

The law states that if certain actions are performed, the vehicle is considered to be camping and should do so in an authorised place. These include emitting noise, such as using a generator; extending sun blinds and shades; vehicle stabilisers deployed; emptying or dis-

posing of fluids; using exterior furniture and side or 'swing' windows opened.

There are activities that can be performed whilst stopped which do not fall into the category of camping: occupants being inside the vehicle eating or sleeping; opening the skylight or rooftop window; using wheel chocks on an incline and turning the wheels so they are secured against the kerb.

If the vehicle is correctly and legally parked, these activities can be carried out and will not be classed as camping. Motorhomes have a legal right to park anywhere other vehicles are allowed to as long as not 'camping.'

For more news and articles visit www.n332.es or search N332 on Facebook.

Can they renew residence?

Q. IN 2006 we went to Alicante and applied for the old style ID card 'residencia.' Of course they were only valid for five years and in 2011 we were unsure about staying in Spain so we let it lapse. Now we have decided to stay so we need to renew. Can we just exchange the old card for the new paper type or do we need to go through the whole process again? If so, what documents do we need?

CA (Costa Blanca)

A. NO, you cannot exchange your expired permit for a new residence document. You must make a new application.

As EU citizens, you will get the paper document of Certificate of Residence of EU Citizen in Spain. As of

David Searl
You and the Law
in Spain

2012, the requirements have been stiffened. You will need to show proof of income, either by having a job or being

self-employed, and show that you are registered for Social Security payments. You will need proof of medical insurance as well.

If you are a pensioner with the right to transfer your medical care to Spain, this should be sufficient.

Send your questions for David Searl through lawyers Ubeda-Retana & Associates in Fuengirola at Ask@lawtaxspain.com, or call 952 667 090.

It's not my dog that's howling

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



I GOT an email recently from Bryan and it's about a subject I've had a problem with myself. It concerns the owners of dogs that leave them at home all day on their own. Now, if they left them indoors it wouldn't be a problem, but in our case and Bryan's too, we live in an apartment and these dog owners leave them on the terrace and the poor pooches don't like it, so they decide to let everyone know they don't. The way they do this is by crying and wailing or barking.

Now, this is not the dog's fault. It is the selfish owner and to compound the problem the owner, when told about the problem, declares no, their dog is as good as gold and wouldn't disturb anybody. 'Err, yes it does.' 'No it doesn't.' So what do you do about it?

Well in our case we taped the dog crying and then played it back to its owner so she didn't have an argument or so we thought. She then said what did we want her to do? She had to go out to work all day and didn't get home until late in the evening. Whilst we appreciate she had to work, the community couldn't put up with the distressing noise and it most certainly was not fair on the dog.

Eventually the lady moved so the problem went, but it can be terrible and in Bryan's case he doesn't seem to be getting any help from the police which is pretty strange because all you should have to do is get a few of you and go and denounce the offender. So I wish him good luck.

I quite often get asked how I manage to write these grumpy columns every week. Well I tell you it's actually easy to do. You know why? It's because I have reached an age where I am allowed to be peed off by the things that used to not bother me because I had more important things to do, like earn a living and feed the kids. Now all I have is time and the trouble with doing nothing is you don't know when you have finished.

So my day consists of me deciding what bit of nothing I should do next. It can take me an hour to get dressed because I can't stand for more than a few seconds so I have stop and sit all the time. But once I'm up and out and getting on with my non-busy days there are always situations which raise the grump levels! I've been getting some great emails regarding things that make other people grumpy. A lot of them are in the form of poems which is actually very clever, so please keep them coming. If you see me out and about stop and say hello. It's nice when that happens to be honest and it stops me being grumpy. Email me mikesenker@gmail.com.



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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

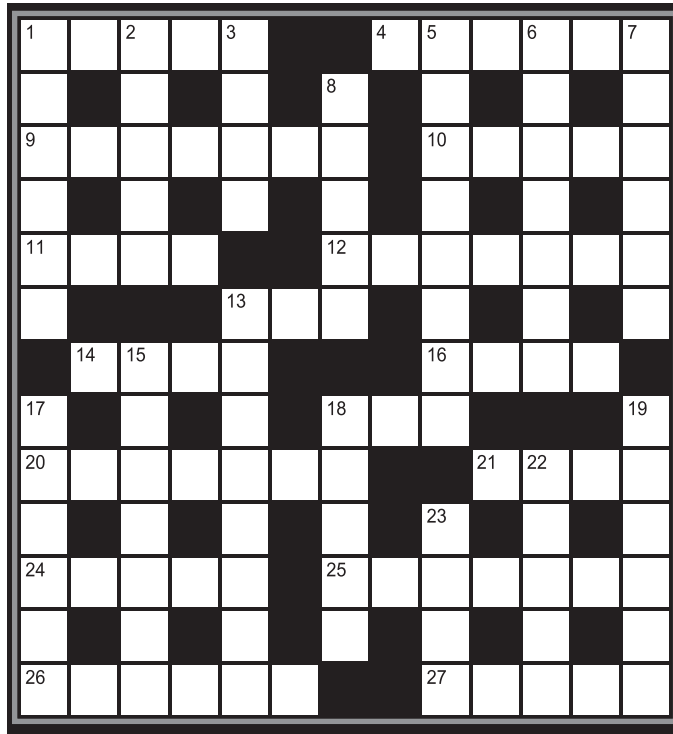
Cryptic

Across

- 1 After time the ceremony becomes commonplace (5)
- 4 Damages found around oriental women's quarters (6)
- 9 Lose hope when praised by mistake (7)
- 10 Hard to falsify ID (5)
- 11 Neckwear connections (4)
- 12 Eve rang about score (7)
- 13 Address that's somewhat undesirable (3)
- 14 Be against tuba coming back (4)
- 16 Bob's the head and Don's upset (4)
- 18 Mark is hiding in the torpedo tube (3)
- 20 Lack of sailor ruined scene (7)
- 21 I would have the French not working (4)
- 24 Part of a similar variety of grub (5)
- 25 Gland is real and damaged (7)
- 26 Cleaned up the fire residue within a day (6)
- 27 A political group get together (5)

Down

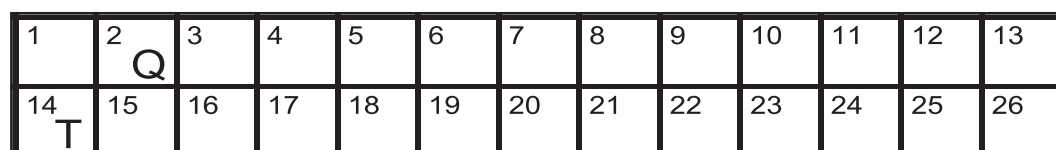
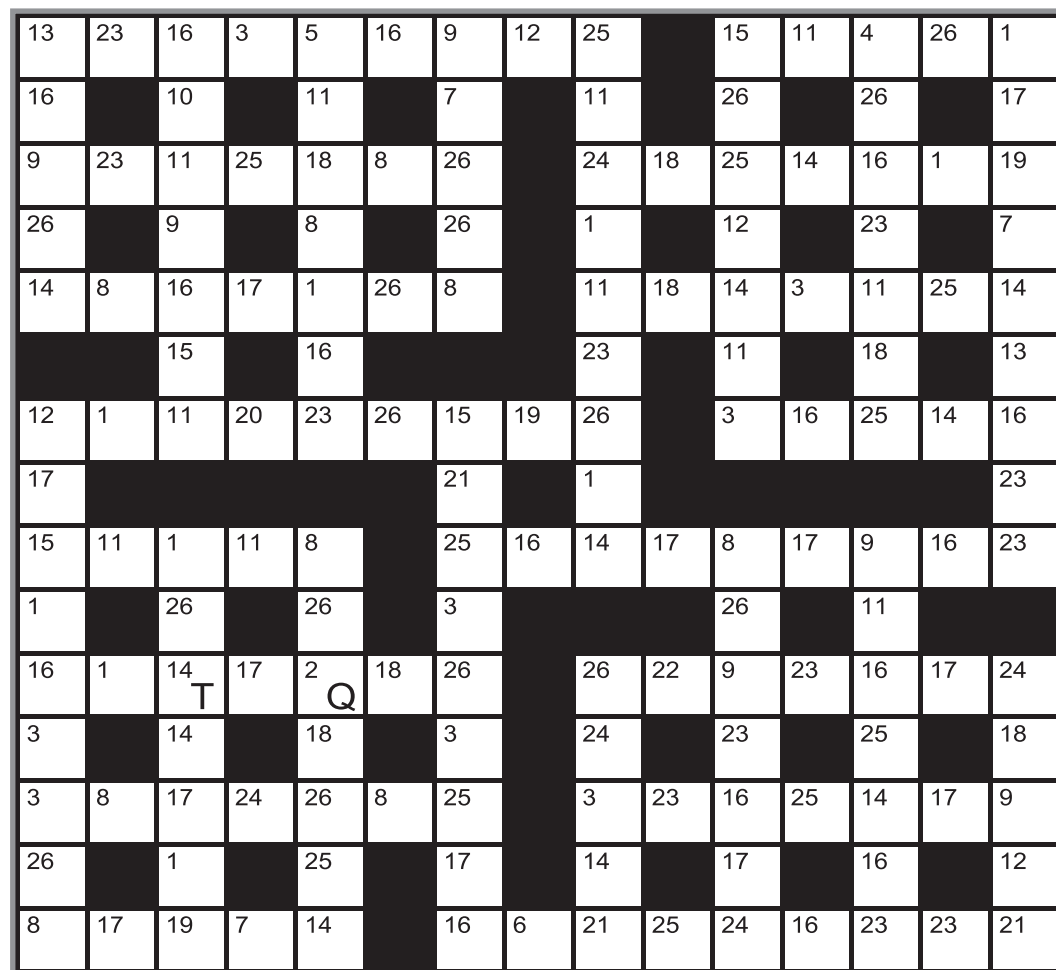
- 1 Up to now, Dorothy has come back and dined (2,4)
- 2 An edition for the children (5)
- 3 Biblical character in Roget's Thesaurus (4)
- 5 Proud of tarragon rum (8)
- 6 Part of UK named Glenda incorrectly (7)
- 7 Drenched lair is covered by grass (6)
- 8 Rider out to get less wet (5)
- 13 Goat seen running around, but that was a long time ago (5,3)
- 15 They write about street eateries (7)
- 17 Indulge in some Mountain Dew, all owned by me (6)
- 18 Hold up the Spanish about 24 hours (5)



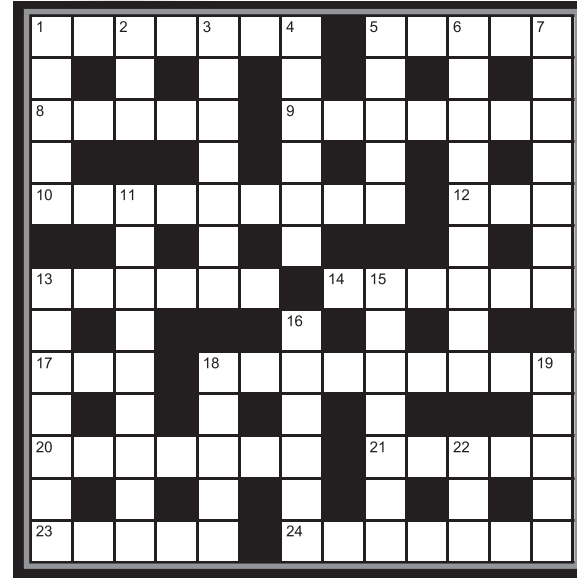
- 19 Show again what happened about the act (6)
- 22 Princess ran up to get foreign currency (5)
- 23 Stumble when making a journey (4)

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 2 represents Q and 14 represents T, so fill in Q every time the figure 2 appears and T every time the figure 14 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.

Code Breaker



Quick



Across

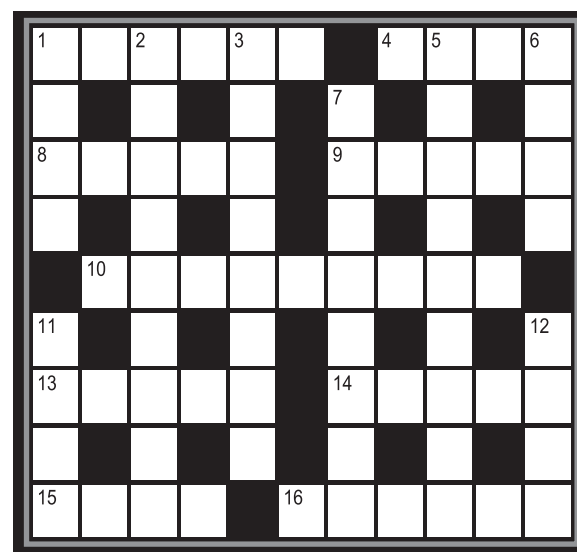
- 1 Marked by distress (7)
- 5 Treaties (5)
- 8 Take without the owner's consent (5)
- 9 Duplicate (7)
- 10 Day immediately before today (9)
- 12 Short sleep (3)
- 13 Pleasantly odd (6)
- 14 Come into view (6)
- 17 Large Australian flightless bird (3)
- 18 Inclined to drowsiness (9)
- 20 Request information about (7)
- 21 Not elaborate or elaborated (5)
- 23 Small, lightly-sweetened cake (5)
- 24 Liable to sudden unpredictable change (7)

Down

- 1 Overcrowded or cluttered with detail (5)
- 2 Chopping tool (3)
- 3 Large sailing vessel (7)
- 4 Speech of violent denunciation (6)
- 5 Young dog (5)
- 6 Customers collectively (9)
- 7 Flee (7)
- 11 Existing state of affairs (6,3)
- 13 Asks for information (7)
- 15 Succeed in material terms (7)
- 16 Block passage through (6)
- 18 Grab hold of (5)
- 19 Loose fitting garment (5)
- 22 Fitting (3)

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Escalera de mano (6)
- 4 Trampa (para cazar) (4)
- 8 Manzana (fruta) (5)
- 9 Fright (sudden fear) (5)
- 10 Sillones (9)
- 13 Corteza (de pan) (5)
- 14 Tails (of birds, horses, fishes, planes) (5)
- 15 Obedecer (4)
- 16 Alcades (6)

Down

- 1 Mentiroso (4)
- 2 Partida (9)
- 3 Army (8)
- 5 Rake (9)
- 6 Pobre (persona, familia, barrio) (4)
- 7 Frost (8)
- 11 Eight (4)
- 12 Bears (animals) (4)

CRYPTIC

Across:

- 1 Telltale, 7 Stall, 8 Resonance, 9 Din, 10 Bath, 11 Pewits, 13 Sloped, 14 Natter, 17 Taiwan, 18 Digs, 20 Two, 22 Emigrated, 23 Trend, 24 Fallible.

Down:

- 1 Throb, 2 Lesotho, 3 Tang, 4 Linger, 5 Lauds, 6 Plunder, 7 Seminar, 12 Merited, 13 Statute, 15 Twin tub, 16 Manila, 17 Tower, 19 Sedge, 21 Oral.

QUICK

Across:

- 1 Costume, 5 Screw, 8 Dispute, 9 Adapt, 10 Raise, 11 Precise, 12 Pallet, 14 Barges, 17 Nursery, 19 Press, 22 Arise, 23 Terminate, 24 Tasty, 25 Monster.

Down:

- 1 Cedar, 2 Sushi, 3 Ukulele, 4 Exempt, 5 Share, 6 Roaming, 7 Witness, 12 Pennant, 13 Lorries, 15 Aspirin, 16 System, 18 Every, 20 Evict, 21 Smear.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

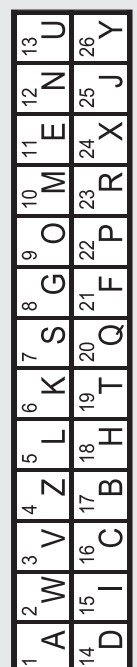
Across:

- 1 Manguera, 8 Niece, 9 Packs, 10 All, 11 Latas, 12 Encia, 13 Ida, 14 Since, 15 Droga, 16 Saturday.

Down:

- 2 Aceitunas, 3 Greasiest, 4 Empleador, 5 Alcachofa, 6 English, 7 Espadas.

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Online voting is real democracy

IMAGINE my disappointment on reading your report on online voting. It was just another way of keeping the same representative system, of choosing which tribe to argue with each other and strut around Westminster. In a digital world we have the opportunity to really democratise politics.

We can be voting for policies, politicians should become the executive that carries out our demands.

This direct democracy would give me the chance to vote for no renewal of Trident, a very expensive policy. It might well be that most voted to keep it, but I could live with that. It would be the choice of the people.

I would want to vote for full people-owned NHS. Again perhaps most people would want public-private partnerships. That again would be their choice. At least I had had my say.

There is actually little difference between the Tory options that you rush off to vote for and even less when they are in power. I don't care which tribe of clowns carries out our directions. Transition would be difficult. Many people are still not online. Perhaps they would still have to visit a polling station to fill in their policy choices. It would not have to happen in one day only. I think more people would take part. They would be much closer to making a difference.

Julian Turner, Malaga

Transport appeal

WE sent a letter to be published in February 2014 regarding the trenet service to Denia. We suggested that a spur could be considered to provide a stop beside the Marina Alta Hospital near La Xara.

Unfortunately there appeared to be no interest. Once again, this week, we had an appointment at the hospital and saw how beneficial a stop could be there. Parking spaces are limited and side roads are choked with vehicles. Anyone without a car has to rely on friends/family, or pay for a taxi.

Using the bus from Denia station to and from the hospital is not an ideal alternative.

We note that there appears to be money available to re-route the tracks on the outskirts of Benidorm

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RESCUE CENTRES: Are struggling to get dogs adopted into forever homes.

Dog lovers need info

I HAVE just read in your newspaper regarding 3,000 dumped dogs and rescue centres struggling to get sufficient dogs adopted into forever homes. My husband and I spend the winters in Spain. We have always had dogs who travelled with us. After losing our last Yorkie we began looking in Spain for a little dog as we felt lost without one. We now have a female Yorkie from a centre near Malaga who has been with us three years. The resident vet there helped with all the formal documents and she happily travels with us between the UK and Spain.

However we feel that not enough publicity is given to make more people aware of the problem, also definitely

not enough is done to advertise events such as one recently where dogs for adoption were on display and stalls were available to purchase items or give a donation. It took us two hours to find where it was located.

We only found out about it from a notice in Spanish on a tree trunk in Benalmadena. We mentioned this to a Spanish gentleman running a stall and he said that was probably why they hadn't had a good turnout. We noticed we were the only English people there. I have asked around amongst dog loving expats who confirm they had not known of events until after they happened.

Barbara Nicholas

to make a stop beside the bus station. We consider this a very sensible move since buses and taxis provide a better service there than the main Benidorm station. (We regularly use the trenet from Teulada.)

It would be really encouraging if someone in authority would consider our proposal at the present time while the track is being upgraded on this stretch.

The stop beside the Marina Baixa hospital, south of Benidorm, is extremely convenient and well used. A stop to serve the Marina Alta would surely be as well used, and encourage people to 'leave the car at home and use public transport.'

Lorna Ross

Much missed

GRAHAM TAYLOR was probably not as popular as he should have been with the average England fan. But his heart was in the right place.

There was no doubt about that. I well remember listening to him as a pundit on a Saturday on Radio 5. I also remember him talking about FIFA and its cash-in-a-paper-bag culture, cash that he refused.

My condolences to his family. He will be much missed as a character in the game and applauding his

memory at every ground in the UK is a fitting tribute.

David P, email.

Snow flakes

I HAVE friends from northern Europe who laugh at me when they hear that back in the UK we are struggling with a bit of snow. I have to admit they are right and that's the annoying thing. If you have it all the time you can put resources into preparing for it. But we don't seem to do that in the UK.

Also I find it embarrassing to see all the coverage in the media. My friends laugh at too - it's as if the world was

going to end. If it is bad then it's bad, but keep a bit of perspective.

Dave, Benalmadena

False impression

LEAPY, is your plaintive cry about 'slings and arrows' at the end of your latest item (*issue 1645, January 12 - 18*) merely a response to the two letters entitled 'Leapy Logic' and 'Bitter Taste'?

The two letters mentioned above serve to contrast your narrow, unbalanced views on President Obama with your obvious hero-worship of President-elect Trump - a deeply flawed man by most standards of common sense. Now you make sweeping comments on the causes of racism, based on one dreadful assault on a man with educational needs. You falsely call the four perpetrators 'care workers.'

This is very mysterious when they were actually drug and alcohol fuelled thugs holding him hostage! There was never any suggestion they might be his care workers. Where do you get your news from? The Trump Foundation? Your emphasis on their skin-colour has nothing to do with it. Their live-streaming of the abuse to millions of people on social media was the REAL reason for the size of the public response!

You would have done better to focus your wrath on the darker aspects of social media when mixed with drugs, alcohol and violence than to use it as an excuse for ill thought through comments on racism - of much lesser importance in this case. Sometimes skin-colour is a factor, Leapy, sometimes not. Picking out this particular angle over all the others creates at best a false impression about racism and at worst provokes unjustified hatred of black people in general. By doing so, you fuel racism yourself. What a surprise!

Brian Eagleson, Mojacar

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For those that don't know, an e-cigarette is a battery-powered device that converts liquid nicotine into a mist, or vapour, that the user inhales. There's no fire, no ash and no smoky smell. E-cigarettes do not contain all of the harmful chemicals associated with

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Figures in the UK say more and more children are having to be admitted to hospital to have rotten teeth tak-

en out with sugar being blamed.

A report said nearly 41,000 youngsters had teeth taken out in hospital in 2015/16, some 11 per cent more than four years ago. These operations were carried out at a cost of around £35.6 million.

The chairman of the British Dental Association, said the millions spent on child tooth extractions in hospitals was emblematic of

the government's disinterest in oral health and more must be done to prevent tooth decay. It is hoped the government's sugar tax will go some way to cutting the sugar consumption that leads to tooth decay.

Public Health England recently warned children consume half their daily recommended sugar intake even before they go to school with many having almost three teaspoons of sugar at breakfast time with cereals often being the cause of high amounts of sugar.

The government recommends youngsters aged four to six have no more than 19g, or five teaspoons of sugar a day and seven to 10-year-olds should consume no more than 24g, around six teaspoons.

Sugary soft drinks should



ROTTEN TEETH: Some experts say sugar can be just as addictive as smoking or drugs.

also be limited as children aged 11-18 get 40 per cent of their added sugars from

drinks. UK youngsters are amongst the biggest consumers of soft drinks in Eu-

rope with 40 per cent of 11-15 year-olds drinking them daily.



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BRITS have a reputation for liking a drink or two, but Britain is not the booziest nation and in fact, ranked number 17 in the world according to a study.

Vouchercloud.com used data from the World Health Organisation relating to 2010 to 2015 to plot the world map charting alcohol consumption and listed Moldova, Belarus and Lithuania as the highest drinking nations in the world.

The UK ranked 17th consuming an average of 11.6 litres per person per year which is the equivalent of around 119 bottles of wine or 408 pints of lager. Spain was listed at number 33 with 10.6 litres.



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SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

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• Many people say their doctor tells them to buy a new mattress when they have back pain. Why?

Mattresses are very important for joint and muscle health, including the lower back area, and to get a good night's sleep. A mattress which is too hard or too soft can be harmful as they can force the spine into a position which puts stress on muscles and vertebra.

• If it turns out not to be the mattress, what can we do to avoid back pain?

There are lots of things that can be done to improve back pain. While the pain is at its worst we should rest, avoid forced postures or lifting heavy items, take anti-inflammatories and muscle relaxers if necessary and see a physiotherapist.

• Can back pain be a sign of a serious problem that requires surgery?

Sometimes back pain, es-

pecially if it lasts a long time, can be a symptom of serious spinal problems occasionally requiring surgery to solve the problem.

• What's the best way to ease the pain? Do I need to take medication?

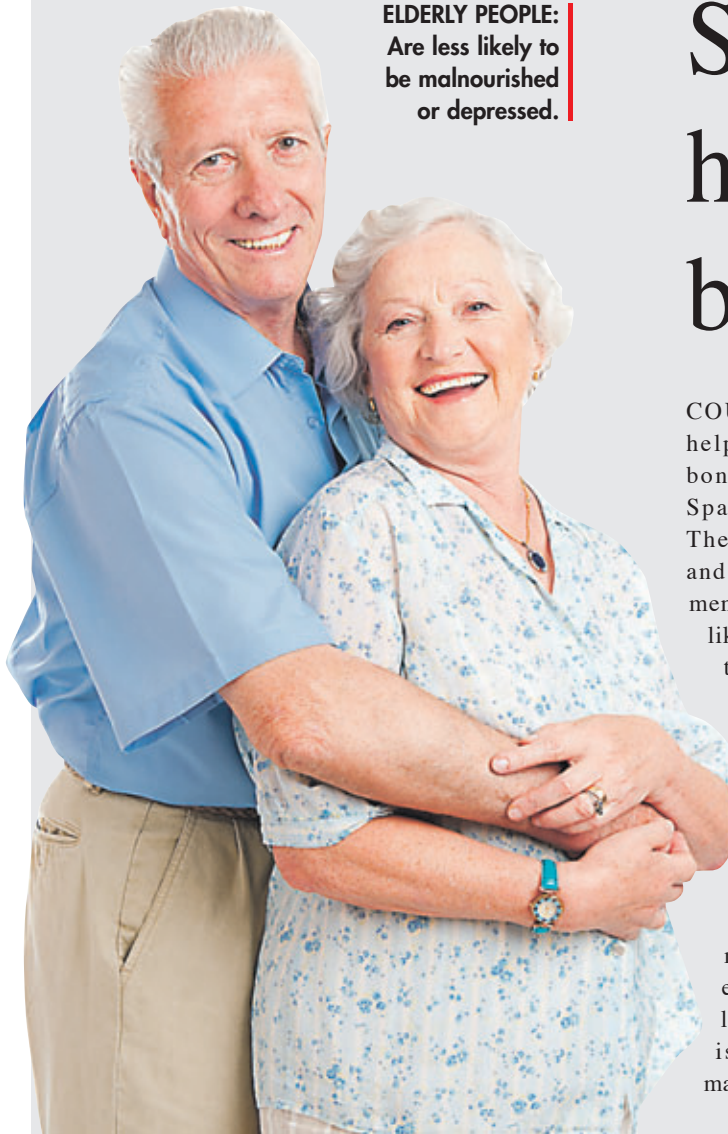
The best way to ease the pain is to rest, avoid putting strain on the back and applying heat to the affected area. If this doesn't improve matters there are anti-inflammatory creams, pain killers and muscle relaxers which will all help.

• Is there any type of exercise to prevent back pain and spinal problems?

Moderate daily exercise such as walking or swimming combined with specific exercises to strengthen back muscles, avoiding being overweight and avoiding adopting unnatural positions or lifting heavy weights are the best ways to prevent back problems.

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:
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Previous studies have also shown that those with dementia were more likely to suffer a fall.

The original study was carried out by the Department of Preventive Medi-

“ Those who live with their partners are more likely to care for each other.

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Conjoined twins die too soon

CONJOINED twins who made the headlines recently have tragically passed away before any treatment could be conducted.

It is believed that they shared all of their major internal organs, but had their own heads and brains.

The hospital in Mexico where they were born confirmed they had passed away, but said the mother was in good health.

Siamese, or conjoined twins, occur in around one in 100,000 pregnancies. Around 40 to 60 per cent of conjoined twins are stillborn, and around 35 per cent survive for just a day.

Ask the Optician: Ski Eye Care

Louise Stone, Store Director, Specsavers Opticas Javea

DURING the ski season I receive lots of questions about eye care, so I've put together the most commonly asked questions to allow everyone to enjoy the sun safely on the slopes this season.

■ **Why are my eyes more at risk when I'm skiing?** The atmosphere on the slopes is very clear and the reflection of sunlight on the slopes is very strong. These two factors combine to be potentially damaging to the eyes and could lead to long term effects.

■ **How does this affect my eyes?** Although people know how important it is to keep skin protected from the sun, few realise how damaging UV rays can be to the eyes. The UVB rays can irritate the surface of the eye, causing a painful form of sunburn of the eye (called photokeratitis). You may not even be aware whilst out in the snow, as the effects can take six to 12

hours to develop. Long-term exposure to UVB can cause cataracts and even ocular tumours.

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New face

THE AECC anti-cancer charity in Calpe has a new president, music teacher Maria Ferrer. She takes over from Consuelo Fernandez who headed the local AECC for 40 years.

Market
move

THE Mercat de la Terra farmers' market in La Nucia on the second Saturday of the month has moved to Plaza de Les Nits. Open 10am-2pm.

Green plots

APPLICATIONS can now be made for one of 22 municipal allotments in Els Tolls (Benidorm). Priority will be given to pensioners, the unemployed and those with disabilities.

All is forgiven

By Linda Hall

OLIVA announced an amnesty for borrowers who have failed to return books, DVDs and CDs to the municipal library.

A considerable number of items from all these categories have disappeared in recent months and on December 28, the library service announced that it was temporarily waiving fines on overdue returns.

“ The library has extended the amnesty until January 31.

The town hall hopes that this will persuade borrowers who are unwilling or unable to pay to bring back the items.

If something has been lost, the borrower is advised to go to the library in Calle Tamarit and talk to staff who will try to find a solution.

The amnesty was originally intended to end on January 12, but as the response has been so positive and so much material is still being returned, the library has decided to extend this until January 31.



OLIVA LIBRARY: Many items have now been returned.

Bless them!

MORAIRA recently celebrated its traditional two-day fiestas in honour of Sant Antoni.

The festivities began by setting up the Sant Antoni bonfire in the Plaza de la Iglesia, followed by story-telling for the children and hot chocolate from the Cap d'Or school's Parents Association.

Later, after a performance of the play 'Sant Antoni and the devils,' the bonfire was blessed and set alight, with dinner for all round the 'hoguera' afterwards.

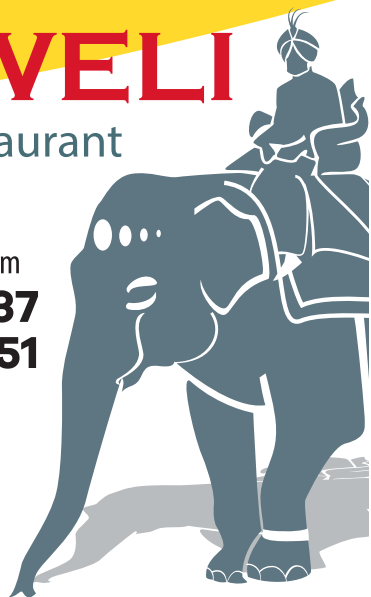
Blessing the animals took place the next day after Mass, beginning with a procession from Plaza de les Sorts to the parish church.

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get bigger and better as the dedication of Craig and Nicola, the owners, and the rest of the team clearly shows in everything they do as well as the fact that for every year since opening they have won Certificates of Excellence from TripAdvisor.

The menu is small, keeping to a more traditional style ensuring both quantity and quality. Everything is freshly prepared on the premises including the potatoes that are peeled and chipped every day and the fish is coated in a mouth-watering beer batter made from a secret recipe. Much of the menu is home-made including fishcakes, tartare sauce, coleslaw



FISH & CHIPS: All freshly prepared.

and desserts and if pre-booked through winter they can even do gluten-free meals. There are various menu options and all come at a great price.

In order for them to continue improving their services, Fishy Fishy have recently purchased

some extra fryers meaning that the waiting time is halved. No matter if it is a table for two or a party of 40, the team will serve you your freshly prepared meal in next to no time.

With seating inside for 24 and a large covered terrace which is extended in the summer, Fishy Fishy are able to cater for events and have recently been involved with the Harley Davidson Freeriders event.

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apart from other restaurants offering Indian food. With the passion and the drive that Charlie and the team have, the new ideas coming in 2017 will be a welcome change whilst still striving for customer satisfaction and happiness.

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This is a great venue for large groups or parties and is also family friendly.

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MasterChef talents

with Garry Waite

As a semi-frequent watcher of food programmes such as MasterChef I do still get impressed with some of the contestants.

Even after having spent a life time watching and promoting good food, I step back in awe at some of the talent that now exists, especially considering I came from that traditional school of classic food, but have spent my life living and encouraging, modern creative food. The last programme I watched was last year's Professional Master Chef. I was firstly impressed by the young female contestants. (not being sexist!!) They were young, talented and competitive, a great tribute to the kitchens in which they have been trained and those that trained them.

► **THE WINNER** of MasterChef 2016 was Gary Maclean a 45-year-old Chef/Lecturer in Glasgow. Now, I worked in Glasgow in the early 70's and I can assure you there were no Chefs like Gary around, even in four star hotels in which I was working!

As we all know, there is that age old expression 'those that can't do - teach!!' But let me tell you this did not apply to this guy. His creativity, work ethic and conduct were beyond reproach. He kept his cool and dignity throughout what was a very pressurised competition. Congratulations to him and all the others that took part. As Marcus Waring (holder of two Michelin Stars) said, "Gary soaked up every little bit of this competition. He's lived the Master Chef dream. He's a major talent, he's grown incredibly well, and he's a gentleman of the kitchen."

Wait until he returns to his college - the teacher is not just a teacher anymore, he will be a true inspiration!

► **BUT**, and hence the purpose of this introduction, I am watching junior MasterChef America. Now we all know how confident (and precocious) the Americans can be, especially the kids!! However it has been eye opening to see kids from the age of nine preparing and presenting dishes of such a high standard. From many walks and areas of life some of these kids are amazing.

Once such young aspiring cook (the series call them 'home cooks?') when asked how often he cooked, informed head judge Gordon Ramsay that he cooked breakfast, lunch and dinner for his family every day!! The saddest thing is when they are eliminated (it is after all a competition!) everyone becomes very emotional, even (this one) the viewer!!



Gary Maclean: Won MasterChef 2016.

Oscar Jefferson: Reached semi-final.

► **THEN** we have another four foot culinary star in Oscar Jefferson. At eight years of age he reached the semi final of the Spanish version of the super MasterChef franchise. But he broke down in tears when his attempt to recreate his Grandfather Michael Jefferson's traditional British comfort food of Fish and Chips fell short of the mark. Oscar (the name Jefferson was used in the programme to avoid confusion with the Spanish name of Oscar) was comforted by one of the female judges. He got the cooking of the fish wrong, spilt his tartare sauce and ran out of time. The Spanish public fell in love with him and he has done more to cement the special Spanish/ British relationship than most.

The inconsolable Oscar was re-assured by his grandfather (who came over from the UK to surprise him) not to worry as it is only cooking, not life and death!! Something our Michelin star chefs should learn!! Although I know how they feel!!! But as always there is a bonus. The young aspiring ended up on ITV's Good Morning

with Phil Schofield and Holly Willoughby with old colleague Phil Vickery - showing how to cook Fish and Chips!! By the way Phil, use beer rather than fizzy water - makes it special!!

► **WATCHING** these programmes takes me back to my beginnings. Over the years I have often been asked where my interest in food began. I used to reply that when I was 14 and was looking for a holiday job, my Mother suggested that I try and find a job in a hotel, as I apparently loved helping my parents with dinner parties and stuff!

I did just that, and as a kid started working at the iconic (at the time) Grand Spa Hotel in Clifton, Bristol. But over the years, I realised that for some unknown - and never to be determined - reason I actually used to get up early (6.00am) at my boarding school in Exeter, Devon and go down into the kitchen to help the Headmaster's wife prepare 70 breakfasts for an array of spotty seven to 13 year olds!

Haute Cuisine and fine dining it certainly wasn't! But memories still abound (my grandmother made me a white 'chef's jacket') and I remember cutting toast listening to BBC's morning radio 4!! (highly exiting for a 10-year-old!) Maybe the American kids aren't the only precocious ones!!

► **A GOOD FRIEND** of mine, who writes an exceptionally interesting and informative wine and gastronomy column for another local newspaper, and I, have had a long running discussion about the oft over used expression 'Michelin Star Chef.' He, correctly in some ways, claims that there is no such thing as a Michelin Starred Chef!! He has reason in his argument, but! - Although the much coveted star (or stars) is awarded to the establishment, it is because of the endeavours of the Chef and his team.

Any establishment that is a recipient acknowledges that without the Chef they could not have achieved the acco-

I AM reminded of the quote from the great British Chef and holder of three Michelin Stars, Marco Pierre White. When he was being interviewed by a young foodie journalist, while he was chopping onions, the young scribe asked 'does chopping onions make you cry?' he replied.....

“ My dear girl, the only time a Michelin Star Chef cries is when he loses his star - or gains another.”

lude: The fact of the matter is the award is given to the establishment (and it's Chef) because if the Chef leaves, then the Star is suspended and the new Chef has to earn the kudos anew! When said departing Chef leaves for pastures new he takes with him ONLY his reputation as a Michelin starred chef and he, like his previous establishment, has to prove in his new operation, that he is worthy of his ranking!

► **I HAVE KNOWN** and worked with a few 'Michelin Starred Chefs,' one of them tragically passed away at the age of 59 in 2015. Chris Oakes was one of the nicest guys you could hope to meet.

A great Chef, and a real gent in the kitchen too. He gained a star at the Castle Hotel in Taunton, UK and then left to open his own business OAKES of STROUD (Gloucester, UK). In the first year he gained his first Michelin star for that establishment. The following year he gained his second. That became the straw that broke the camel's back.

As anyone who lives/lived in that area knows it was not, at the time, the centre of gastronomic excellence and it proved too much to sustain for the young talented chef who ended up selling his restaurant and getting divorced at the same time! A bi-product of the pressures of our profession. I had not seen Chris since leaving the UK in 1986 and was so pleased that I managed to catch up with him during his first visit to Marbella and have lunch together at Funky Tapas in the year of his passing. He had spent the last few years as Executive Chef at Trinity College Cambridge. He along with many other colleagues is sadly missed.

On that note, I will bid you farewell until next week and should aspiring restaurateurs need some help, please do not hesitate to contact me.

A toast to Good Food, Good Wine and Good friends.

Garry Waite is a well-known foodie and restaurateur as well as a Hospitality Management Consultant. If you are contemplating setting up an operation in Spain, or indeed having problems with an existing project contact him on garrywaite@euroweeklynews.com.

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vention. Judges ordered the Spanish government to pay each of them €1,000 in compensation and return the €33,466 they'd forked out in taxes and fees.

The couple had bought the

apartment in Sanxenxo on the beautiful Galician coast in 2001 and visited frequently from Madrid. In 2002 a neighbour filed a complaint that the construction was in fact illegal due to planning permission issues.

“The court ruled that the planned demolition was illegal.”

Demolition procedures were slowly put in motion but, astonishingly, the couple were never informed, with only the developer being made aware of the issue. The retirees enjoyed their seaside retreat for another seven years, blissfully unaware of the looming demolition.

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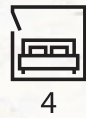
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THERE are plenty of tricks and hacks which can help turn a chaotic, disorganised home into an oasis of calm and tidiness. If one of your New Year's resolutions was to get organised this year, these tips can help you get off to a good start.

- Twice the space: Wardrobes apparently crammed to overflowing can be quickly improved by using ring-pulls from drinks cans to double capacity. Simply hang the pull from the handle of one coat hanger and loop the handle of another through the bottom ring.

- If you don't use it, lose it: Books you've read and won't read again, old phones, clothes you never wear... stop hoarding and get rid of the lot! There are plenty of charities which would be grateful for your discards.

- That knife drawer: there are two questions you need to ask yourself, to decide whether to keep or bin all the knives and gadgets lurking at the back. Has it been more than a month since you used it? Do you have something else that works better? If you answer yes to both, it's time to get rid of it.

- Orderly laundry: Rolling towels up instead of folding them will make it easier to remove one from the cupboard without creasing or dragging out the rest. Sheet sets can be easily kept together by folding and storing each inside one of its pillow cases.

These are just a few little areas which can be quickly and easily organised. If you embrace the attitude and sort out one little bit at a time, within a few weeks you too can have the organised, tidy home you want.



ROLLING TOWELS: Will make storage easier.

By Graeme Tyrrell

WATER features in a garden landscape have been a treasured element since ancient times. The oldest known landscape design discovered in an Egyptian tomb dated circa 1400 BC, included ponds as water features.

Water features add an ambience of tranquillity, fluidity and contrast to hard landscaping as well as a variety of practical uses. Initially the ponds were for water storage, allowing easy access to water for use in the house, irrigation for the garden, a water source for animals, fish ponds and a refreshing way to cool off.

Ponds, fountains and water channels have been an integrated part of Spanish landscape

Garden water features are a Spanish tradition

gardens for centuries. The influence of the Persian, Roman, Moors, British and European Renaissance and Baroque gardens are all apparent in Spain.

Most traditional water features in Spain tend to be formal in design rather than a replica nature design, such as in Japanese gardens. The influence of the early church decorating fonts or springs as holy basins and sacred grottos has added to the formality of water design features in Spain.

Today a garden design is

not complete without a water feature of some kind. Other than for water use in the house, water features can serve similar purposes to ancient days. Swimming pools are included in gardens all over Spain and serve not only as a place to swim but also as a water feature in the garden when well-placed and designed.

Natural filtration swimming pools with aquatic plants are gaining popularity in some gardens. Water can be added from

the natural rainfall when channelled into the pool and overflow directed into the garden or water storage for the garden.

Adding a pond to the garden allows inclusion of a water garden with a range of aquatic plants to add variety to the soil based plants. A pond provides water to attract frogs, dragonflies, terrapins, birds and can be the garden's cooling element in summer. Creating waterfalls and placing fountains also gives the relaxing sound of water movement.

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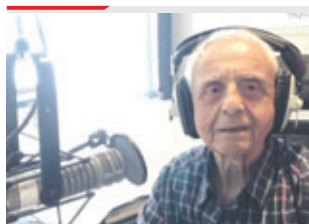
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MANY people are under the impression that a correctly trained personal protection dog is no different to a security dog, guard dog or stereotypical scarpard dog, this could not be further from the truth.

A well-trained personal protection dog should be of a bold and confident nature, sociable and accepting of people that pose no threat to its owner, owner's family or property.

This dog should have the ability to accompany it's owner to the office, out in the car,

shopping, or even on a boat. In all of these situations the dog should remain stable, alert and obedient, as a personal protection dog's first role should be that of a well-mannered obedient pet.

The dog should have been well socialised prior to training and should have been trained in a variety of venues and different situations, slowly learning what will be expected of it in its future role, as a pet, companion and protector.

Once a dog has been matched to its new owner, specific training in different environments can be tailored for that particular dog to fulfill a client's exact requirements.

In America, the term K9 bodyguard is sometimes used to describe a personal protection dog and I have also seen them described as 24/7 security with fur, however I always refer to them as my dog, my pet, my friend, my protector,



DOG TRAINING: Is important and should never be skipped.

not be mixed.

It is essential to advise clients as to what type of dog would be suitable for their requirements and to try and match a trained dog with the right family or individual. It is vital to ensure that dogs trained and supplied to families are the right dog for them, their family and their lifestyle.

Once the match is made, training the future owner and their family how to correctly handle their new dog so they are able to communicate the correct commands and are shown how to work the dog in different ways and in varying situations, is essential.

This training is as important as the initial training received by the dog and should never be skipped as it is a valuable time for the early bonding to occur and if mistakes are made by the new handler, they are made whilst under supervision and can be quickly rectified.

as they are pets first and foremost.

Over the years I have trained and supplied many protection dogs to people from all walks of life. Some people not originally understanding the benefits of owning such a dog and others who through bad

experience of crime, sometimes violent, felt a need for increased personal security.

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The British car awards 2017

By *Matthew Elliott*

THE UK Car of the Year awards are almost in, with winners just announced in every category and the overall winner to be declared in February. Decided by 27 top British motoring journalists,

the awards give a valuable industry insight into what's hot and what's not.

Best luxury car was the Rolls Royce Dawn, a decadently opulent convertible version of the Wraith Coupe. Best

coupe award went to the Porsche 718 Cayman, which may soon overtake even the esteemed 911.

Porsche hit a double with its

BEST COUPE: The Porsche 718 Cayman.

718 Boxster named best sports car, now boasting a flat-four turbo engine. But Mercedes managed the double too. It's two-door S-Class Cabriolet won best cabriolet, while the E-Class was awarded best executive car courtesy of its sleek design and unparalleled interior technology.

Other standouts were the Jaguar F-Pace which won best large crossover and the Volvo V90, awarded best estate car as the Swedish manufacturer sets its sights

on the luxury market.

Considered the favourite to steal the overall best car of the year award is the impressive

new Ford Focus RS. The 2017 model was launched to rave reviews and won best performance car outright.



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ROAD TEST by Nick Fletcher

Infiniti Q30 Premium Tech is a head turner

INFINITI was introduced in 2008 as a stand-alone luxury marque from the Nissan stable and it offers cars which are charismatically designed and beautifully built, and are a stylish alternative to the long-established premium German brands.

For many, Infiniti may be a car brand which is still under the radar, but that situation is changing rapidly as sales begin to gain significant momentum in Europe, China and the USA.

The Q30 is a good entry to the Infiniti stable, a five seater sporty-looking hatchback models start at £20,550 (€24,311). There are petrol and diesel options and five trim levels.

It competes in a sector which includes the BMW 1 Series, the Mercedes A Class and the Audi A3 and many would argue the Q30 has a much more distinc-

tive appearance.

Its bold stylised grille, sleek headlights and large badge make a strong statement. Each time my Q30 Premium Tech test model, costing £31,180 (€36,887), was parked, people came to take a closer look, and most admirers guessed the price at around £50,000 (€59,177).

My test car had the 168 hp 2.2 diesel engine with a six-speed auto gearbox. Top speed is 134 mph and the 0-60 mph time a nippy 8.5 seconds. Even so, fuel economy is very good – 57.6 mpg combined.

Ride quality is superb, arguably best in class, and it feels smooth and effortless to drive, with the dual-clutch auto transmission seamless with the gear changes. Handling characteristics are composed and reassuring though the Q30 isn't the most agile and fun in its class.

The cabin has a luxury feel, with quality materials and a nice understated premium look. The front seats are especially comfortable and the rear seats will take three adults although head and legroom is a little compromised. Bootspace is good at 440 litres and can be increased by dropping the split-fold rear seats, though they do not go completely flat.

Standard kit on the Premium Tech version includes dual-zone climate control, leather upholstery, wood inserts, powered front seats, front and rear parking sensors, rear view camera, 7-inch touchscreen, radio/CD Bluetooth, adaptive brake assist, lane departure warning, 18 inch alloys wheels, auto lights and wipers and cruise control.

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Detroit's car show

AMERICA's Motor City kicked off the 2017 motoring year with its hotly anticipated motor show. Hundreds of thousands of people attended to see the fastest, weirdest, most innovative cars set to hit the market this year.

Generating the most buzz was Volkswagen's camper-van concept aptly named the I.D. Buzz. The electric, autonomous van replicates the iconic 60's microbus but is clearly just a concept at this stage.

What will be on sale this year is the new Volkswagen Tiguan Allspace and a spectacular new Lexus LS with a hydrogen fuel-cell option that was perhaps the show's most dramatic entrance.

Mercedes brought its new AMG GT C with a top speed of 197mph, while Porsche its 911 GTS version boasting a seven-speed manual option.



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Sally is triumphant again

ON Friday January 13 Montgo Golf Society played a stableford competition at Oliva Nova, kindly sponsored by Richard Fox.

This was the first individual competition of the year, however it was one of last year's top performers who again took the honours. Sally Cottrell was the star of the show once again with an exceptional 38 points off 20.6, reducing her handicap into the 'teens' in the process.

Second was Peter Kneebone who, despite a long layoff over Christmas, gave a ball striking master class to record a score of 35 points off 4.6 without holing a significant putt all day. This pushed John Snelling, with an equally impressive 35 points off 10.8, into third place on countback.

There were three nearest the pins, for the tee shot's on the par three 3rd and 16th, and nearest the pin in two on the difficult par three 6th. This forced players who would normally lay up to go for the green and, as



TOP PERFORMER: Sally Cottrell was the star of the show again.

Richard had chosen the ditch protecting the green as the charity forfeit, added considerably to charity funds.

Nearest the pins on the 3rd and the 6th went to Gerian Van Ooijen and Steve Crossan took the 16th. Just one '2' was

recorded, and that went to Simon Fox.

The next event on January 27 is a stableford competition at Oliva Nova sponsored by Denise Cooper. Guests welcome subject to availability and current handicap certificate. Visit www.montgogolfsociety.net.

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Orba Warblers report



FANTASTIC GREENS: Proved a little quick for some of the members.

THIS week 22 members travelled to the well-loved Escorpion and found the course in excellent condition, much to everyone's delight. The greens although fantastic were a little quick for some of the members!

There was just one division with one to five places. The winner, and handling the greens better than most, was Steve Davis (Hcap 12.3) with 34pts, second with 33pts on countback was Chris Williamson (Hcap 8.7) from Steve Robinson (Hcap 6.1) also with 33pts. Sylvia Mortensen (Hcap 20.7) was fourth with 31pts and in fifth spot was Stafford Pemberton (Hcap 22.2) on count-

back with 30pts.

On the difficult greens one star Allan Wilson achieved the only two from a greenside bunker with a super shot, well done to Allan.

The two nearest the pin winners were Glynn Bradley on hole 6 and Chris Hoare on hole 13. The football card winner was Paddy Kenmore with West Ham. Well done to all the winners.

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On Thursday January 12, 2017 the BBC Jaguars played the BBC Lions on a bright and sunny but gusty morning. The Jaguars took on their club rivals and it promised to hold all the elements of a 'local derby.' This proved to be the case with both sides taking two wins each. It all came down to shot differ-

ence for the extra two points but they were also shared with both sides scoring 58 shots. Both scored five points each so it was a fair result on the day. The Challenge team Lions had a good 25-5 win.

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Looking ahead:

WE'RE now deep into the sixth month of the 2016-17 season and checking the various league tables, I feel that there will be tight finishes in at least eight of them - the Premiership (despite Chelsea's current advantage), the Championship, Leagues 1 and 2, the National League and in the top flights in France, Germany and Italy. Celtic are well clear in the SPL, Hibs, Livingston and Forfar all look strong in the other three Scottish Divisions and Real Madrid seem to be in control of La Liga.

The African Cup of Nations is now underway and ties this week include Cameroon v Guinea Bissau, Congo DR v Morocco, hosts Gabon v Burkina Faso, Ghana v Uganda,

Mali v Egypt and Senegal v Zimbabwe.

Several FA Cup third round replays took place on Tuesday and last night, among them non-Leaguers Sutton United at AFC Wimbledon and Lincoln City v Ipswich, plus Burnley v Sunderland, Crystal Palace v Bolton, Newcastle v Birmingham, Plymouth v Liverpool and Southampton v Norwich.

The top Premiership games on Saturday feature Liverpool versus Swansea (who last Saturday afternoon crashed 4-0 at home to Arsenal)... Manchester City (who were battered 4-0 by Everton five days ago) versus Spurs (fresh from a 4-0 home win over WBA courtesy of Harry Kane's hat-trick)... and Stoke against Manchester United who's eight-match winning run came to an end last Sunday against the Reds from Anfield). Twenty-four hours later, it's Arsenal against Burnley... Chelsea versus Hull City... and Southampton against inconsistent Leicester City, who crashed 3-0 at home to Antonio Conte's team last Saturday.

Second-placed Brighton play Sheffield Wednesday in the Championship tomorrow night and on Saturday/Sunday it's two of the league's founder members Aston Villa v PNE... a Yorkshire showdown between Barnsley and Leeds... Derby County v Reading... Huddersfield v Ipswich... leaders Newcastle United v Rotherham... out-of-form Norwich City v Wolves... and QPR versus Fulham in a London derby.

North of the border, non-leaguers Bonnyrigg Rose and Formantine United will be aiming to cause upsets in the Scottish Cup fourth round against Hibs and Partick Thistle respectively, likewise Albion Rovers against Celtic.

We have the second legs of the League Cup semi-finals next week with Liverpool (a goal down) playing Southampton on Wednesday January 26 and Manchester United (2-0 up) visiting Hull 24 hours later.

Wembley stages the final on February 26.

Kevin Nolan has taken charge at Notts County, the club's 50th managerial change in 50 years; Justin Edinburgh is Northampton's new boss, John Sheridan is back as Oldham's manager and Chris Humphries has moved in at Chesterfield.

Round up:

The Australian Open tennis championships are underway in Melbourne where GB have high hopes with Sir Andy Murray and Johanna Konta who last week warmed up by lifting the Sydney International trophy with victory over Agnieszka Radwanska. Dan Evans (singles) and Jamie Murray and Bruno Soares (doubles) lost in their respective finals.

Rugby Union's European Cup continues this weekend with Montpellier v Northampton tomorrow; Leicester v Glasgow, Munster v Racing 92, Saracens v Toulonnaise and Ulster v Bordeaux on Saturday and Zebre v Wasps, Sunday.

Former football manager of Lincoln, Watford, Aston Villa, Wolves and England, Graham

Taylor (aged 72) and jockey Brian Fletcher (69), three-time Grand National winner, twice on Red Rum, both sadly died last week. RIP.

GB Olympic gymnast Nile Wilson has injured himself in a freak fall off the parallel bars.

Sam Sunderland has become the first Brit to win the Dakar Car Rally.

Justin Thomas (USA) posted the lowest 36-hole score in PGA history when carding a 123 in Hawaii. He then equalled the world record for 54 holes (188).

The first one day cricket international between India and England ended in a three wicket win for the hosts (356-7 against 350-6) before 52,000 spectators in Pune's MCA stadium. The second game took place in Cuttack this morning and the third is in Kolkata on Sunday. Two T20 games follow on January 26/29.

Holder Ronnie O'Sullivan (after a scare in the opening round) is favourite to win a record seventh UK Masters snooker title which is underway at London's Ally Pally.

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