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BARBARIC ATTACK ON DEFENCELESS ANIMALS BLAMED ON ROW WITH HUNTERS. FULL STORY AND PICTURES ON PAGE 9

Busted

Police raids net 61 burglary gang members

By *Simon Firth and Eleanor Hawkins*

Highly-skilled burglars operating out of a number of Spanish cities had links to Malaga and Alicante, police have revealed.

In an operation conducted with French police and Europol, the National Police have arrested 61 people in several Spanish provinces.

All are believed to be members of a Georgian mafia gang specialising in burglary.

Nine so-called criminal cells were found to be operating in Madrid, but each had links to separate Spanish cities.

In the latest raids, an operation dubbed Aikon II, officers recovered €33,000, eight vehicles and a number of stolen jewellery pieces.

The gang first came to the attention of police when burglaries in Madrid began to skyrocket.

A special taskforce was created to track down and

catch members of the group.

They were described as skilled at breaking into domestic and commercial premises in their search for high-value items.

Eventually 50 arrests were made as part of operation Aikon I, in the Valencia Region and Madrid. Nearly 40 members were subsequently jailed.

The police operation was so successful, other regions in Spain were said to be considering adopting the model.

At first officers believed they had cracked the largest burglary gang in Spain.

But when burglary figures did not go down it was discovered new members had arrived to bolster their numbers and some were committing offences while on bail.

This led to the Aikon II operation, backed by Europol, and the latest arrests.

Police have revealed the criminal cells were controlled by a 'supervisor' who would often have a legal job.

Their remit was to report back to the leaders of the group which is said to be headed from Italy, according to police.



POLICE RAIDS:
Recovered sums of cash,
vehicles and jewellery.



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LOCAL NEWS

It's snow joke

LIGHT snow fell in Malaga City, Mijas Pueblo, Alhaurin de la Torre and some other parts of the Costa del Sol on Wednesday, January 18, with a yellow weather warning put

in place from 2pm until midnight. Temperatures fell to 3-4°C on the coast overnight, plummeting to -4°C in Ronda, Antequera, and other parts of the interior.

Home again

MALAGA FC have re-signed 36-year-old ex-Manchester City and Atletico Madrid star Martin Demichelis four years after he left the club. The veteran Argentine expressed his delight and clarified his 'special love' for the Boquerones as he said: "River Plate and Malaga were the only two clubs where I would consider to retire."

Aquatic puzzle

CASARES Council and a subterranean exploration group have started investigating to see where water from streams which have suddenly dried up has gone.

The flow of La Abarra

stream at Canuto de Los Molinos, Sierra de la Utrera, has decreased considerably in recent weeks and the bed is completely dry downstream of Los Baños de la Hedionda.

Vertigo attraction



CAMINITO DEL RAY: The narrow walkway is surrounded by breathtaking scenery.

By Matthew Elliott

JUSTICE minister Rafael Catala was dispatched by the national government in Madrid for a special tour of one of the Costa del Sol's most magnificent attractions.

The senior politician spent three hours at the Caminito del Rey enjoying a guid-

ed tour and breathtaking scenery at the mountainous marvel.

Catala was cordially invited by the Costa del Sol's tourism chief Elias Bendo to witness the vast improvements at the site after tens of millions of euros was invested in recent years. The Caminito del Rey, or the King's little walkway, is a vertigo-inducing extremely narrow walk-

way along the El Chorro gorge.

Depicted as Spain's most dangerous hike, in reality it is now extremely safe and secure and draws in millions each year as one of the country's most exciting tourist attractions. Millions more in EU funds will soon transform the Ardales region into the Costa del Sol's newest adventure hotspot.

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FEATURED NEWS

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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World of 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.

Marbella has its own stand, in addition to that of the Costa del Sol, showcasing some of the upcoming tourism highlights for the coming season including the presentation of new hiking trails and the Cueta-Marbella-Solmarina Regatta. Minister for Tourism, Javier Porcuna, was also due to meet the Russian Ambassador to Spain.

This is the market place to be seen in and where all



TOURISM FAIR: Members of the public are welcome.

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 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 to 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.

Tourism in the Middle East will also come under the spotlight in the hope of fostering and sustaining growth in this sector.

CULTURE is set to be the defining attraction of the Costa del Sol as tourist chiefs hope to emphasise it's stunning cuisine and history to complement the abundant beaches and sunshine.

Top representatives from the golf and global tourism industries joined chefs, mayors and local celebrities to discuss the future of the Costa del Sol at a glitzy dinner during the Fitur event.

Costa del Cultura

Tourism head Elias Bendodo told entrepreneurs, hotel chains, and flight operators that the number of people visiting Malaga has tripled from 400,000 in 2003 to over 1.2 million in 2016.

He firmly believes that the Costa

del Sol can cement itself as one of the leading destinations, not just in Europe, but across the globe. More guests from America, Russia and China are arriving than ever before, many even buying homes.

Advertising Feature

Copper Heeler brings relief from arthritis

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

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Copper also prevents inflammation around the joints, so there is a feeling of well-being all round. Malcolm has been marketing the Copper Heelers in Spain for more than five years now, and he has satisfied customers spreading the word about their change of life since using them. One lady from Las Siesta wrote to Malcolm only last week to say: "I have suffered for 10 years with the agony of arthritis, but since I have bought the Copper Heelers and worn them, my arthritis has improved in only five days!" This miracle insole has brought joy to many who have been restricted with movement in the past.

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Airport kidnap

A ROMANIAN man was arrested at Malaga airport for trying to smuggle a child out of the country. Passport control contacted police when the 41-year-old tried to board a flight to Bucharest with the young boy.

Airports around Spain had been issued with a warning that the man might try and take the boy out of the country after the youngster's father told police he had been taken from their Catalonia home.

The older man, who pretended to be the boy's grandfather, was in fact a family acquaintance. He was determined to bring the boy with him to Romania but only managed as far as the Costa del Sol.

Savage suspect on trial

By Matthew Elliott

AN extremely dangerous offender is on trial for the attempted murder of a young man he stabbed in a savage attack after seeing him having sex in public. Prosecutors want an eight year sentence for the accused, who will appear in court via a video link as he is considered too aggressive to be allowed outside prison.

The victim was having sex with his girlfriend in a car parked late at night in Campanillas, Malaga, when the accused rapped the window, telling them to get a room, in rather more obscene language. The Spanish man, in his 20's, then returned with an iron bar and

smashed the driver's window.

He then reached in and swung at the two terrified, half naked victims, with a large knife. The man jumped outside to confront him but was stabbed in the behind, and in his stomach. At that point the attacker fled the scene and, if not for urgent medical care, the victim would have died.

He took over a year to recover from his injuries and was awarded €84,000 in damages. The accused has been in Alhaurin de la Torre prison awaiting trial. He has previous convictions for armed robbery, is considered extremely unpredictable, and broke a guard's nose after four days in custody.

A LOCAL mother has launched an online petition to force public schools to forbid fish imported from Africa and Asia from the lunchtime menu. Carolina Espejo has already gathered more than 6,000 signatures supporting the cause.

Specifically she wants schools all across Andalusia to stop feeding children tilapia and panga. Both are white fish not native to

A fishy affair

Spain but increasingly used as a cheap import as the financial crisis saw local fish prices rise.

Tilapia is native to Africa and panga to Vietnamese rivers and both are suspected by food scientists of containing dangerous levels of pesticides and

mercury. Espejo launched the petition on global website Change.org and has submitted a letter to Spain's minister for education.

The schoolboard has responded only to say that Andalusian canteens follow strict nutritional standards.

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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Son sent to jail for kidnapping his mother

A MAN has been jailed for five years and three months by a Malaga Provincial Court for kidnapping, beating and threatening his mother.

The 37-year-old man, the mother told the police after her ordeal, had phoned her and asked her to visit him, saying he was ill. The woman went to her son's home in Torremolinos, cooked him a meal and did some shopping but when she returned he became violent.

The woman, who said she often argued with her son about his addictions, reported that he forced her to eat the food herself then pushed her onto a chair and beat her.

“ At one point he brandished a knife with a 22cm blade.”

After demanding she hand over €25, the defendant took his mother to a nearby shop and forced her to buy him some beer before taking her home, locking her inside and continuing to beat and threaten her, and at one point brandishing a knife with a 22cm blade, the woman reported.

Along with the jail sentence, the defendant was fined €270 and forbidden from going within 500m of his mother for six years.

Marbella's a footie winter wonderland

By Matthew Elliott

MARBELLA'S football stadium welcomed thousands of local fans eager to see some star power as Borussia Dortmund took on Standard Liege in a friendly tie. Expats, Spaniards, and even travelling Germans and Belgians made it an exciting affair featuring two top quality European sides.

Both teams who were in Marbella to take advantage of the balmy winter weather repaid the Costa del Sol's warm welcome with a public exhibition for almost 3,000 spectators.

Marbella mayor Jose Bernal was on hand to declare the match a showcase of the city's developing status as a perfect winter get-



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Barbaric!

Animals shot in evil attack

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 and threats and intimidation

from hunters angered by her decision.

After reporting these offences Ms Mitchell says Guardia Civil officers searched her land and at one stage even mounted patrols 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.



LYING DEAD: Five dogs were shot and killed.

Ms Mitchell believes at least two people took part in the attack, one holding the animals 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.



HORSE ATTACKED: Left almost blinded.

"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.

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Correctly minuting a meeting

JUST what should be recorded in the minutes of a community meeting is often confusing and incorrect.

Minutes are the legal documents that record the agreements reached at a community meeting, including if necessary, a brief background or short explanation to make the minutes understandable. Minutes should not be used to record any specific comments of owners present or represented.

However, often owners

not attending the meeting will send in a letter expressing their opinion about points on the agenda and ask for their personal comments to be included in the minutes. Owners are entitled to write letters if they like but the secretary-administrator and the president are not obliged to record any owner's opinions in the minutes.

Another situation to be avoided is when one owner asks the secretary-administrator or president to record

Community Law Corner

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comments or slanderous accusations made by another. This also should not be minuted.

If later a court case results, then those present can testify but to record the comments is not recommended as this is not the specific purpose of the minutes. Minutes should record the actual decisions and agreements of the community with any explanations considered necessary.

Minutes should reflect: the date, time, venue and who called the meeting; the president, vice president, a group of owners or one owner holding at least 25 per cent of the total ownership or 25 per cent of the all the owners; if the meeting was an annual ordinary or emergency general meeting; whether it was held at the first or the second calling and list those present with their percentages of ownership.

Probably most important to minute is the agenda,

anything not included on the agenda cannot be voted on. Although it is not necessary to fully explain every point, owners have the right to be informed in advance what will be discussed and voted on. In this way every owner has every opportunity to attend or send in their proxy if they consider any of the issues important to them.

“The secretary-administrator and the president are not obliged to record any owner's opinions in the minutes.”

The section on the agenda 'any other business' is sometimes used to introduce further and new issues into the meeting but again as the issues were not specifically publicised on the agenda in advance, they must not be voted on, as this is considered as unfair to the other owners not present.

The minutes should also reflect how many owners voted for and how many voted against any proposal, along with each voter's coefficient (percentage of ownership). In this way

should a decision require a 'double majority' to be passed, that's a majority of owners, owning a majority of the property, as each owner only has one vote - regardless of the number of properties they own - by totaling the number of votes voting for, together with each voters associated coefficient, it can be safely assumed the rest of the owners present or represented voted against.

The minutes once prepared are then signed by the secretary-administrator with the approval of the president, who in small communities is often one and the same.

If later a mistake or an inaccuracy is discovered this should be rectified at the next general meeting. If this is the case it should be done at the very start of the next meeting under the point, 'reading and approval of the minutes of the last meeting.'

In this way there can be no doubt as to the will of the community as recorded in the legal minutes.

We the solicitors for Intercala administrators wish our readers a Happy New Year and as usual remind you to seek competent advice in all matters regarding the law.

Feminist sparks fury

A WOMAN who brought a giant plastic vagina along to a demonstration is facing a hefty fine for offending religious sensibilities. The Spanish lady was attending a Malaga march in honour of International Women's Day in 2013.

An association of Christian lawyers brought the claim against her and the case has finally made its way to court. Prosecutors are demanding a €3,000 fine be paid at a rate of €10 a day for 10 months.

The woman is part of a feminist group cheekily called the Brotherhood of the Blessed Rebellious Vagina, which have staged similar stunts across the years.

In 2016 three members were charged with hate crimes after carrying a two metre high plastic vagina through the streets at a Labour Day protest.

Angry Christians also accuse the defendant of shouting offensive slogans during the march, mocking their faith and ridiculing passages of the bible.

They claim that thousands of observant Christians were forced to pay witness to the protest, while millions more heard about it on the news.

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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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Traffic woes

FIREFIGHTERS were called to investigate an abandoned car left during rush hour on the MA-20 in Malaga. The occupant simply disappeared, leaving a right old mess for other traffic.

Terrible driver

A TOURIST driver smashed into an ambulance in El Palo, overturning the emergency vehicle and slightly injuring two medics.

No Steve McQueen



CAR CHASE: The red Audi A4 stormed through the streets of Malaga with three children inside.

By Matthew Elliott

A SPECTACULAR car chase stormed through the streets of Malaga as police took after a fugitive red Audi A4 with three children, including a baby, inside. The car was stopped at a routine check point on the afternoon of January 12, but the driver decided to stamp on the accelerator rather than slow down.

He sped off from the roundabout outside Ikea and soon had a five squad car tail as he zigzagged through heavy traffic on the MA-20 at top speed. National Police radioed all nearby units and five 'zeta' devices, designed to keep track of the vehicle, were dispatched.

Soon a helicopter was buzzing in the air, giving officers on the ground a bird's eye view of their target. The

Audi sped into a dense urban neighbourhood to lose police, but was cut off by a zeta and two armed policemen who pulled their pistols and demanded all passengers slowly leave the vehicle.

The man and his female accomplice were arrested while the three children were taken to social services. It later transpired that he had no driving licence or insurance.

Boat riddle is solved

POLICE were relieved when a German tourist turned up at the Estepona station to report his boat as stolen. Officers had already found an abandoned boat with a German passport inside and naturally feared the worst.

The riddle began when a local resident alerted authorities to a small boat floating aimlessly off the shore at Guadalobon beach.

Police officers boarded the vessel and contacted Estepona port and heard that a German national had requested to dock there but changed his mind due to conditions.

A drone was launched to search for the man at sea while emergency services prepared themselves for a search mission.

All the while the German tourist had been battling with the language barrier at an Estepona police station.

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Toddler reported dead

IT would appear that a two-year-old who suffered a fall in a nursery in Marbella earlier in the week died in hospital on Friday January 13.

Reports suggest that the National Police are investigating the matter and have examined the place where the initial fall took place in an effort to establish the reason for the accident itself which resulted in a fractured limb and led to the sad death of the little boy.

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Further refunds for mortgage borrowers

THE recent court ruling by the EU Court of Justice, allowing customers of banks in Spain to reclaim billions of euros because lenders did not pass on savings from interest rate cuts on variable-rate mortgages, seems only the penultimate headache for Spanish financial entities.

The abusive nature of these contractual clauses, which makes them void, stems from the description made by the Supreme Court: "an abusive clause is such when the consumer is unable to have influence over its suppression or content, being left with the choice of accepting the clause and adhering to the contract or pulling out of the contract."

Now, a less recent judicial ruling by the Spanish Supreme Court (Dec. 2015), which has only transpired now, appears to give consumers free rein to claim from banks 'unilaterally imposed' mortgage set up costs, i.e. Notary and land registry fees, bank's legal fees ('gestoria') and even the tax (Stamp Duty).

The 2015 Supreme Court ruling contradicts tax laws in force by resorting to consumer legislation, which prohibits businesses transferring to consumers taxes of products and/or services they benefit from.

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Lower Courts in Barcelona and Zaragoza have relied on this ruling to order banks to return all mortgage costs to two borrowers.

But not all judges are of the same thinking. Less than a month ago (Dec. 2016), a court in Oviedo (Asturias) ruled that the Administrative Division of the Supreme Court had passed judgement previously and had specifically exonerated banks from paying Stamp Duty even though it was clearer that all other mortgage-related costs could not be –unilaterally- imposed on the borrowers. With these arguments, the court sentenced the Liberbank to reimburse the claimant Notary and land registry fees, as well as 'gestoria' costs but not Stamp Duty.

Skaters exiled

SABINILLAS residents will finally be shot of a noisy skatepark that has spawned years of complaints.

Manilva Council has announced that the skatepark, based at Maicandil, will be moved to a new location.

Instead of bothering neighbours with their screeching and shouting, skateboarders and other hangers on will be free to practice until their heart's content near the town's Lidl.

This is a quieter area that is also used by other athletes.

When the skaters finally leave the area the plan is to have it converted into a nice green space for the local community to enjoy, with plenty of plants and pathways.

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AN Estepona teenager who went missing from a shopping centre in La Linea (Cadiz) has been found by the National Police in Elche (Alicante) five days later. The 15-year-old girl's parents told police she had said as they were about to leave she had forgotten to buy something and asked them to wait while she went back into the shops, but failed to return.

Assured that the teenager had no problems at home or school investigators focused on social

Missing girl found

media for clues. Checking the missing girl's Facebook and Instagram accounts, officers from the Specialised and Violent Crime Unit at Estepona police station noted a new adult contact who was not a member of the family or social network. The police contacted the 30-year-old

man, who lived in Elche, but he denied having travelled to Cadiz. However, CCTV recordings from the shopping centre in La Linea revealed that the man, accompanied by a woman, had been there the day the girl went missing.

Elche police joined the case and went to the

man's home but found no sign of the girl. Another line of investigation discovered that she was sleeping at premises rented by the older man, who allegedly suffers schizophrenia, but when officers went to check she had already left.

Eventually the police caught up with the pair, who claimed they were going to go to Malaga, at Elche bus station. The man was arrested for alleged sexual abuse and encouraging the teenager to run away from home.

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Pirate firefighter protest

By Matthew Elliott

LOCAL firefighters are continuing to protest against poor conditions and closures at units across Malaga. Tensions have been simmering for months and the union is preparing a demonstration in the Costa del Sol city on January 26.

It claims to have the support of the vast majority of firefighters who want a proper work calendar established for the whole year so they can rely on a constant, rather than sporadic, wage and schedule. Many are also angered by station closures and argue that they don't want more money,



PROTEST CONTINUES: Against poor conditions and closures at units across Malaga.

just a proper department led by organised people.

For almost three weeks some

firefighters have been blasting their horns and waving pirate flags outside the Malaga head-

quarters, though all continue to work regardless of the problems.



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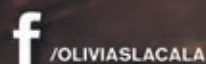
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Grisly find

HUMAN remains were found in an old Malaga convent. Labourers made the grisly discovery after demolishing a wall. Investigators believe they may come from nuns.

Shopping panic

IKEA was evacuated as 30 firefighters and three ambulances rushed to a huge fire at Malaga's Bahia Azul shopping centre. Panic spread among surprised shoppers but the fire was quickly extinguished.

The model prisoner

By Matthew Elliott

THE Slovakian model who murdered a British millionaire at his Estepona home has had her sentence reduced. Maria Kukučova will now serve 13 years and nine months, rather than 15 years. The Andalusian high court took into account her confession and acquitted her of trespass charges.

The 15-year term was already slightly reduced from that of first-degree murder when a Malaga court considered hers a crime of passion during her trial last year.

On April 5, 2014 the young model surprised 48-year-old Brit Andrew



MARIA KUKUCOVA: Reduced term.

Bush at his rented Costa del Sol property when he returned with his new flame, a 20-year-old Russian.

Kukučova shot the defenceless Bush three times with an Amadeo Rossi .38 calibre revolver. The final shot to the head was described in court as the 'coup de grace.'

She tried to fool detectives by placing the gun in Bush's hand, told the Russian model in the car outside that Bush was waiting for her, and fled for Slovakia.

She gave herself in four days later and judges accepted she had acted in the 'heat of passion' while also inconsolable over her loss of social status.

Beach recovery

A HUGE investment has been made to help Costa del Sol beaches recover from the damage of December's historic storms. More than €16 million has been approved by the national government in Madrid to aid efforts right across southern Spain, with €4 million destined for the Costa del Sol.

Work begins late in January and is expected to take several months. It will include repairing damage to dunes, bins, beach furniture, rock formations and other miscellaneous problems. Among the local areas set to see assistance are Estepona, Marbella, Manilva, Fuengirola, Mijas, Casares, Benalmadena and Malaga.

Mother banned from seeing daughter

A WOMAN who assaulted her daughter in public has been handed community service and banned from seeing her child for one year.

The girl made it very clear to the court that she wanted nothing to do with her mother after the incident.

Judges ruled that squeezing and punching her daughter in the back, causing an injury that need-

ed medical attention, was far beyond recognised parental authority. The woman had also scratched the girl's father during the 2014 bust up in a Marbella car park.

Then aged 12, the girl had apparently misbehaved during a health check-up. But her mother's violent response drew a police complaint from the father. She will now serve 18 days of commu-

nity service.

Her daughter is now 15 and relations between the two have clearly deteriorated even further. The teenager expressed her wish for court protection from her mother until she reaches adulthood. Judges rejected calls from the mother for the two to engage in psychological therapy to heal their relationship.

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Dream road

AFTER years of anticipation a new road connection between the Serania de Ronda and Estepona has been described as a dream come true by the local mayor.

Slippery slope

A ROMAN-THEMED water park will be opened in Marbella. An award-winning Sevillian architecture studio will be the creative force behind the slippery business.

Super stops

BUS stops are being renovated across Benalmadena. The new canopies will be forged with stainless steel, last a quarter century and soon feature LED text and even WiFi.

Lush living laboratory

By Matthew Elliott

AN old hunting park in Ojen has been transformed into an ecological reserve. Volunteers have been working on the project for months and have finally gotten the green light from the Junta de Andalucía.

The vast space, in the Sierra de Ojen, will now be dedicated to protecting a wealth of flora and fauna, allowing visitors to see the tremendous natural resource for themselves.

Educational, cultural and scientific tours will be available, while others will be able to take a leisurely stroll around, enjoying the fresh mountain air.

Conservation work began after much of the area was devastated by a catastrophic fire in the summer of 2012. Hundreds of volunteers contributed to the reforestation efforts and, among them, the idea of an ecological reserve was born.

They have now secured a permit to protect and serve some 82 hectares of



ECOLOGICAL RESERVE: Given green light.

Visitors will be able to see an astonishing array of Iberian creatures if they are lucky. Mountain goats, chameleons, reptiles, and mouflon all call the forest home. Bird watchers are also in for a treat.

Animal welfare will be the reserve's governing philosophy with a special space set up for animals to recover from injuries or illness, or who are incapable of living in the wild.

diverse forest between the Sierra Blanca and Costa del Sol, described as a 'living laboratory' by organisers.

Unpopular politicians

POLITICAL pollsters have found that if snap regional elections were held today, the Socialist PSOE would win a narrow victory in Andalucía.

The party, which finds itself in opposition nationally to the ruling Popular Party, would retain control of Andalucía, albeit by a smaller margin than won in 2015.

The survey of thousands of local residents found that Andalusian's, who backed the PP in June's general election, prefer PSOE leadership on a regional level. Across the Costa del Sol, the PP remains in the ascendancy.

Latest polling suggests that an election held now would yield 28.6 per cent of the vote for the PSOE, 26.2 per cent for the PP, and 17 per cent for anti-austerity party Podemos.

That marks a heavy loss for the PSOE who won a whopping 35 per cent of the vote in spring 2015, though they would still hold power.

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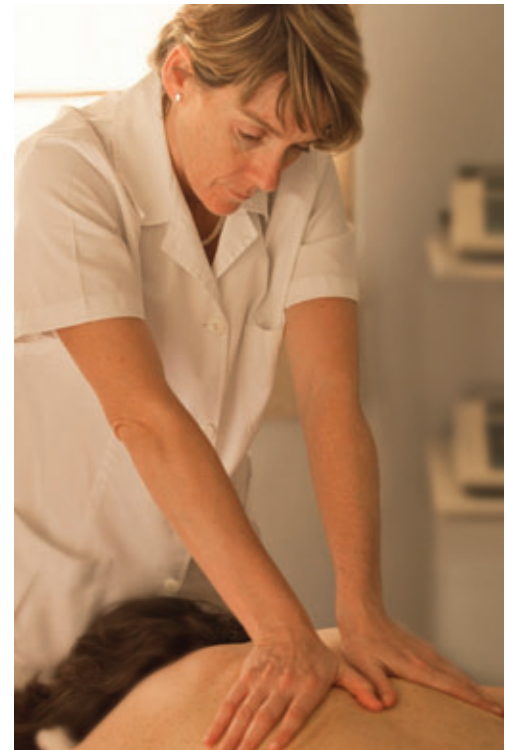
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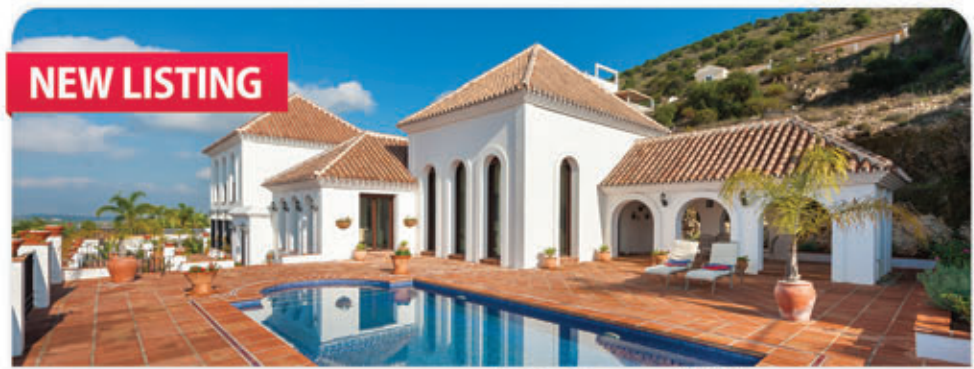


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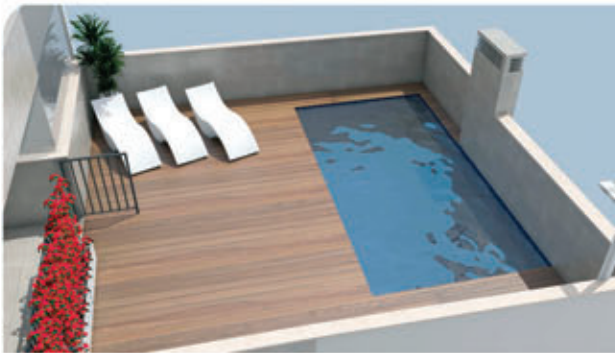
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Beach repair

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Disease threat

SPECIALISTS have finally been drafted in to clean up the Arroyo del Saltillo in Torremolinos after reports of an outbreak of leishmaniasis, a fly-borne disease, after the December floods.

Where there's muck there's brass in Ronda

By *John Smith*

ANIMAL lovers in Ronda have taken to social media to criticise the council for placing plain clothes policemen on the streets to keep an eye open for owners who don't clear up dog mess after them.

Fed up with the increasing amount of dog mess on the streets of one of Andalusia's most popular rural tourist destinations, the council has decided to enforce a 2008 ordinance which applies to the whole of Malaga Province.

The officers will be making unannounced visits to different parts of the town on a regular basis to see if they can spot any miscreants who don't clear up the mess and will be looking to fine dog owners €150 for their lack of municipal pride.

Although this is not intended to be a money making plan, the

actual legislation allows for a range of fines starting at €500 and running up to €30,000, but it is not

clear how much mess would warrant such a large fine.

The ordinance doesn't just cover doggie doo but also gives details of the obligations that owners have in respect of caring for the health of their pets and serious breaches of safety and health regulations are what will attract the highest fines.

It is hoped however that the placing of posters around Ronda explaining the contents of the ordinance and the imposition of a few fines will actually spur owners to comply with their civic duty and clear the mess which is unsightly and potentially dangerous to health.

In addition, residents are reminded they should not feed stray cats and dogs which is one of the causes of disquiet amongst local pet lovers.



Photo Credit: Ayuntamiento de Ronda.

NEW POSTERS: Announcing the crack down.

New Year bloodbath

POLICE investigating a New Year's Eve stabbing in Estepona have arrested the alleged culprit. The victim, a 25-year-old Moroccan man, continues to recover in the Costa del Sol hospital.

Officers were called to an apartment in the early hours of the morning after receiving parallel calls about a violent incident.

Encountering a bloodbath at the scene they arrested the homeowner and a girl who had contacted police.

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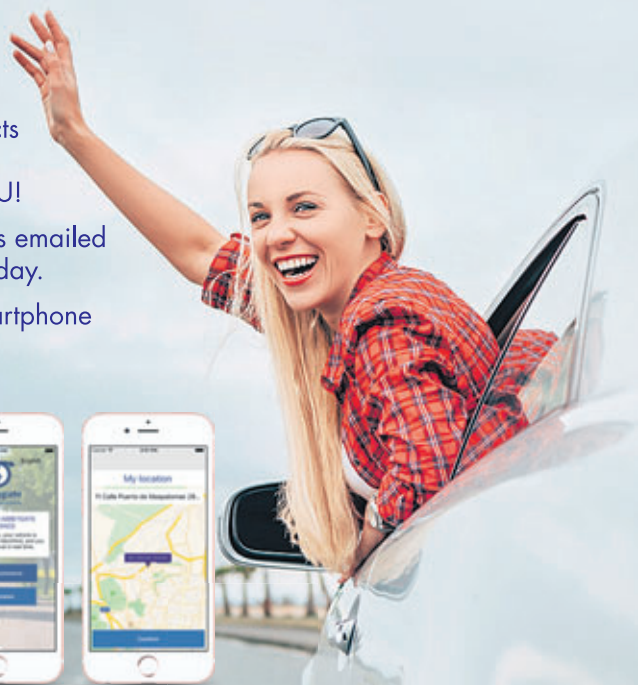
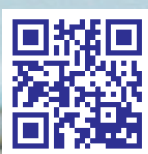
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VENTA MELCHOR: Hotels and holiday homes could be a possibility.

‘Little England’ plan for La Linea

By John Smith

FOR many years, the town of La Linea de la Concepcion which sits at the entrance to Gibraltar has not enjoyed a terribly good reputation with a combination of fishing and smuggling being its main sources of income.

Naturally its proximity to the considerably more affluent Gibraltar means that a number of residents have found jobs on the Rock and many Gibraltarians choose to shop in La Linea for certain goods which are cheaper.

One thing it could never be accused of is being a major tourist destination, although that may all be about to change according to a report that appeared in the *Gibraltar Chronicle* as well as Spanish newspapers recently.

A hotel and resort investment company Novarent owns a large area of land in the Venta

Melchor area and it has spoken to the mayor of La Linea about the possibility of building what is referred to as a ‘little English city’ comprising of hotels and holiday homes as well as shops and commercial properties.

The initial investment, much of which is targeted from the UK, is estimated to be in the region of €230 million and it could result in up to 2,500 direct and indirect jobs which would be great news for the town, if this did go ahead.

Whilst the concept may be attractive, the main problem is likely to be one of perspective due to the somewhat poor image of La Linea in Spain and abroad, however the nearby creation of Santa Margarita and sale of the majority of properties there might well be a significant indicator of the potential of this plan.

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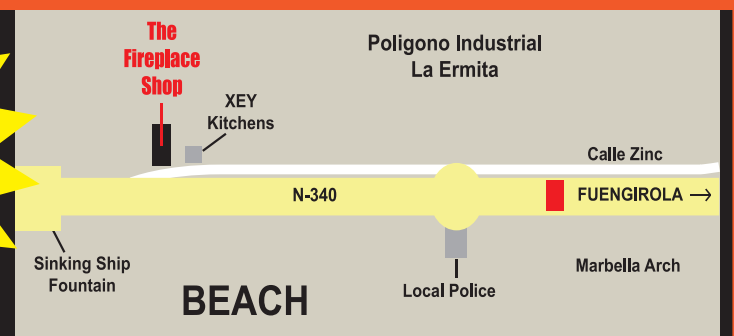
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Hospitals being hounded

TWO hospitals in the province are under suspicion this week following complaints from unions and professional groups.

The College of Physiotherapists of Andalucia has reported that the Costa del Sol Hospital is referring patients with chronic

pain for therapies including Reiki, which they say lack scientific evidence of their benefits and are little more than placebo therapies.

College president Miguel Villafaina, who has voiced his concerns to the hospital manage-

ment on the matter, said the situation is worsened by the fact that a recent study found Malaga to be the province with the lowest number of physiotherapists within the public health system. The average wait for physiotherapy in Malaga is one year.

Meanwhile in Malaga City the Public Prosecutor is to investigate whether a lack of midwives at the Materno women's and children's hospital could be breaking the law.

Satse nurses' union lodged official complaints stating patients and their unborn babies are being put at risk.

Four midwives have to cover 13 delivery rooms, eight observation beds and emergency consultations, the union reported, although guidelines recommend between six and seven midwives on all three shifts (morning, afternoon and night) to guarantee safe, quality assistance.

Hospital management sources stated they had not so far received any requests for information from the Public Prosecutor but would be happy to provide any if required to.



PLAZA MAYOR: Expansion has been approved to upgrade the centre.

21st century shopping

By Matthew Elliott

PART of Plaza Mayor will be demolished before a new commercial expansion is approved to dramatically upgrade the Costa del Sol shopping centre.

The older evening entertainment section of the area, dubbed the Plaza Brava, is first for the chopping board. An unused fashion outlet will also be knocked down to make space.

The demolition has been given the green light, although a date is not yet set. More than

40,000 cubic metres will be destroyed at a cost just shy of €500,000.

Once the relics are out of the way Plaza Mayor has major ambitions. More than 170 businesses are eyeing space for an extra 100 shops in the hugely popular centre, which also boasts a cinema, restaurants and supermarkets.

The expansion is expected to begin during 2017 and ultimately result in an investment of a staggering €100 million along with hundreds of jobs.

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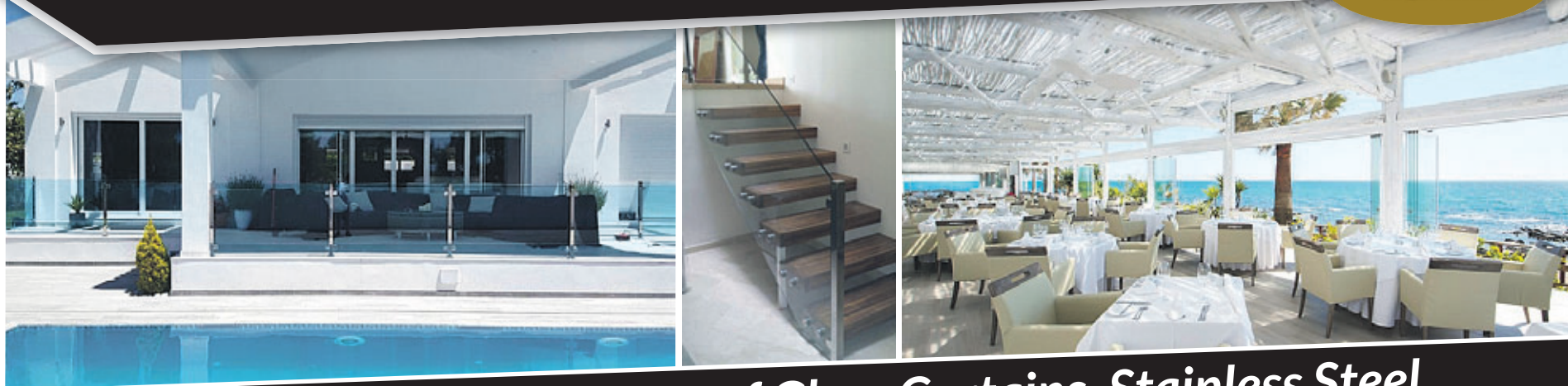
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OPENING LICENCE: Was personally handed over by the mayor.

A new home at last

By Eleanor Hawkins

ADIMI, Mijas's disabled association, has been told its new premises are finally ready for use and is preparing to move in.

Mayor Juan Carlos Maldonado visited the association to hand over the opening licence personally and was received with applause by the members, who will from now on have a new 2,000m² centre.

This, the mayor explained, will allow ADIMI to provide better services to more people, including about 40 currently on waiting lists due to a lack of space at the old centre.

"This is a great step for the association, which has always played a vital role in Mijas.

They offer special attention to the disabled and help users and their families.

The council intends to continue working hand in hand with ADIMI and we are going to work towards a therapeutic swimming pool which they need to complement children's activities and therapies," said Maldonado, who was accompanied on a visit to the new centre by councillors Andres Ruiz, Jose Carlos Martin, Mari Carmen Carmona and Nuria Rodriguez plus the directors of ADIMI.

Association president Cristobal Moreno thanked the council and explained that the new facility, on which about €2 million has been spent, will make a difference to many local lives.

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Game changing tax appeal case

By Matthew Elliott

FUENGIROLA Council has been ordered to pay back tax collected from a local resident who bought his home for €230,000 and sold it for just €70,000.

The revolutionary court judgement throws a lifeline to people making a loss on their property yet having to pay a hefty tax on top of the financial hit.

Municipalities across Spain charge property sellers a surplus value tax, a levy on the increased value of the land or home. Complex calculations mean it applies even if the property loses value rather than gains it.

Higher courts in other regions have waived the tax as a goodwill gesture when people are making a heavy loss on their sale. But Malaga Province has been lagging behind. Even people



PROPERTY SALES: Owners have been thrown a lifeline.

whose homes were confiscated by banks have had to pay the tax.

This latest court case was the first time a citizen had successfully appealed the tax in the province. A local man bought his Fuengirola home during the boom years, sold it for roughly €160,000 less than the purchase price, and was taxed €5,000 for its ‘increased value.’

The court’s decision may

herald the end of a lucrative era for councils across the Costa del Sol. The surplus value tax generated an income of more than €135 million in 2015.

Unless property owners receive a financial benefit from selling then, according to the judgement, the tax should not take effect. The High Court of Andalucia is already looking at a variety of appeals on the matter.

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It is already up and running in Estepona, where authorities reckon they have saved more than €40,000 in printing and photocopying fees in just a few months. Deadlines have been halved, people are getting what they want faster, and the project is now set to expand.

It is particularly useful for local businesses who have a lot of administration concerns. But soon expats and even tourists will be able to deal with their unique concerns without encountering language issues or Kafkaesque bureaucracy.

A council in turmoil

POLITICIANS are once again stirring the waters in Alhaurin el Grande, where a motion of no-confidence has been presented to remove Mayor Antonia Ledesma from power.

Going against her party, Partido Popular representative Maria Fernandez put the cat among pigeons by voting in favour of the motion, reportedly ignoring orders from the provincial PP headquarters, which even sent members to her home to try and talk her out of it.

As PP was quick to announce that it would be expelling Fernandez from the party, the council remains leaderless with Izquierda Unida councillor Teresa Sanchez the most likely to take the seat.

Not a mean feat for a party which has just two councillors out of a total of 21 on a council.

This will be the second time the mayor's office has changed hands since the last local elections. Juan Martin Seron, who first took the post in 2000, resigned and handed over to Ledesma in February 2016. The reasons given for the vote of no confidence are that when Ledesma took over, political and social regeneration processes were promised yet these remain unapparent, the politicians have stated.

An extraordinary plenary session, at which the future of the council is expected to be decided, has been called for noon on January 25.

Tragedy as two killed

TWO people were killed in separate traffic accidents in Malaga on Thursday, January 12.

The first incident occurred just before 3.30pm on the MA-20 road, when a car collided with a 50-year-old female driver whose vehicle had broken down.

She had stepped outside to set up the red warning triangle, and was on the hard shoulder when she was hit, according to police reports.

The driver of the second car and his passenger, aged 47 and 41 respectively, both suffered unspecified injuries and were taken to the Carlos Haya hospital.

Less than three hours later a motorcyclist was also killed when he



BLACK SPOT: The stretch of the A-7 between Fuengirola and Torremolinos is notorious for traffic accidents.

crashed into the back of a car on the A-7 motorway near the Arroyo de la Miel exit in Benalmadena.

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Taxis easier to order with new application

By Sally Underwood

MIJAS'S head of mobility and transport, Nuria Rodriguez, accompanied by the head of Radio Taxi Mijas, Guillermo Martin, revealed on Tuesday the Costa del Sol's first mobile phone application for ordering a taxi.

The municipality has now become a pioneer in new

technologies within public transport, making it easier for users to locate and order a taxi.

Ms Rodriguez commented, "This application will be available for Android and ISO systems and has an easy to use design." Mr Martin added that "Passengers may use this APP in Spanish and English in order to help tourists use public transport."

The Mijas Taxi application already appears in search engines and is easy to use, giving information on everything from where the nearest vehicle is to how long it will take to get to a chosen meeting point. Payment can even be made by phone and users of the application can request a taxi up to 24 hours in advance.



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SAN PEDRO: The facility includes three rooms for wakes and a chapel.

Funeral facility finally finished

By Eleanor Hawkins

SAN PEDRO'S new municipal funeral home, annexed to the cemetery, has finally been inaugurated after remaining idle since construction was completed in June.

The centre was presented to politicians and businesspeople from the area at an official opening.

Deputy mayor for the

town, Rafael Piña, said: "the opening licence was approved a few weeks ago, once the builder had finished off a few final jobs such as adapting the ramp outside the back door and repairs to Calle Buganvillas."

Piña stated that although the council was not, and never had been, keen on the location of the new funeral home, which sparked complaints when the pro-

ject was announced by the previous council team, it had no choice but to accept the project which had already begun.

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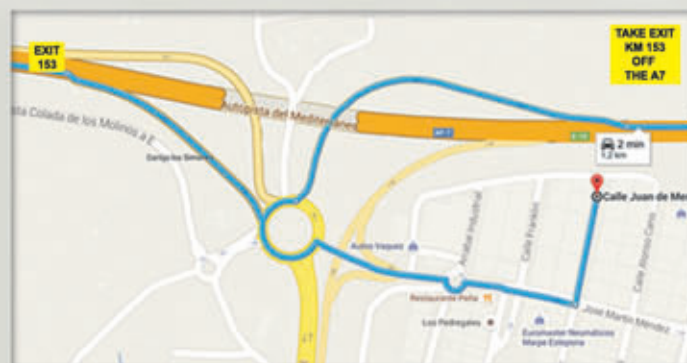




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EL OLIVO: Some of those who attended the dinner.

Saving lives through the Positively Blue charity

By John Smith

THE first Positively Blue Gala Dinner was held at El Olivo in La Cala de Mijas on January 5 as part of the ongoing fundraising activities for this worthy and much respected charity.

Eighty-five people decided not to watch the Three Kings parades, but to enjoy a four-course dinner at this pleasant

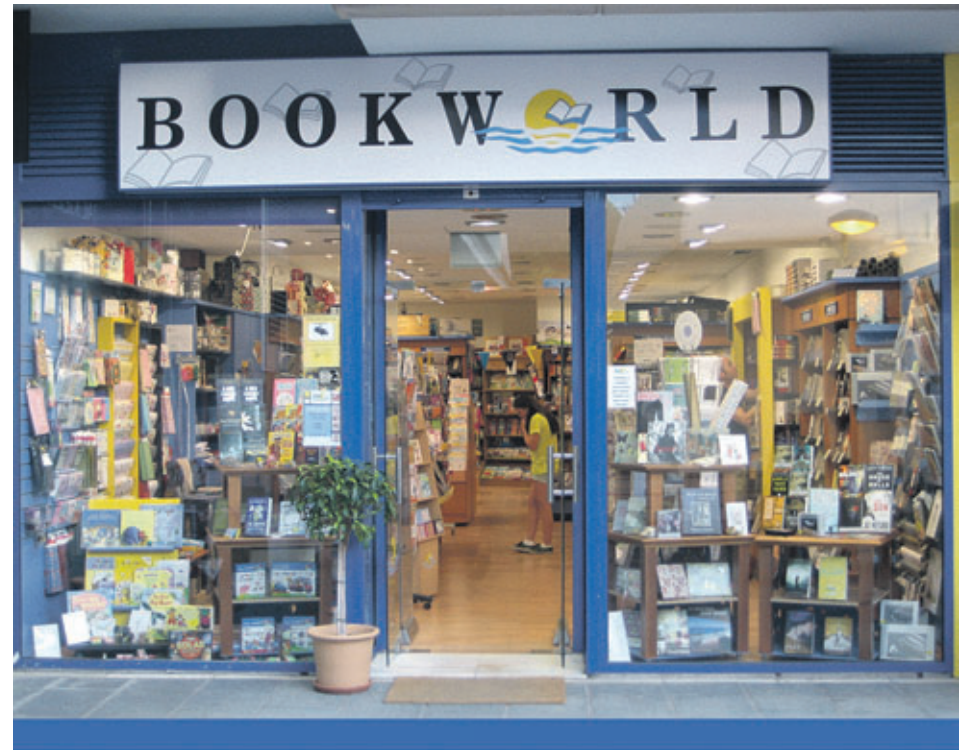
spot whilst enjoying listening to and dancing to music from Layla and Frankie B.

Helped by a raffle and something of an impromptu auction, the evening raised a very credible €2,200 which will be used as part of the 2017 campaign to organise free screening for Prostate and Testicular cancer.

Many men run the risk of contracting this insidious form

of cancer and it is important that as many as possible can be tested and where necessary sent for immediate treatment. This can only happen however if funds are available and dinners such as this are important.

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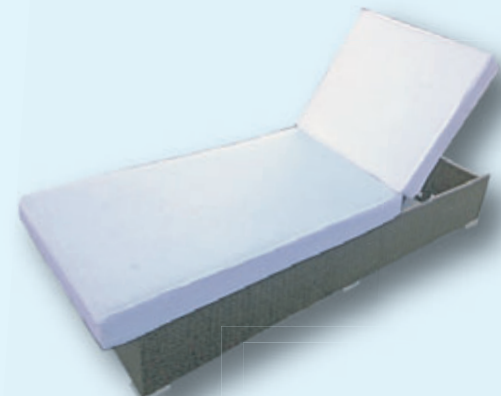
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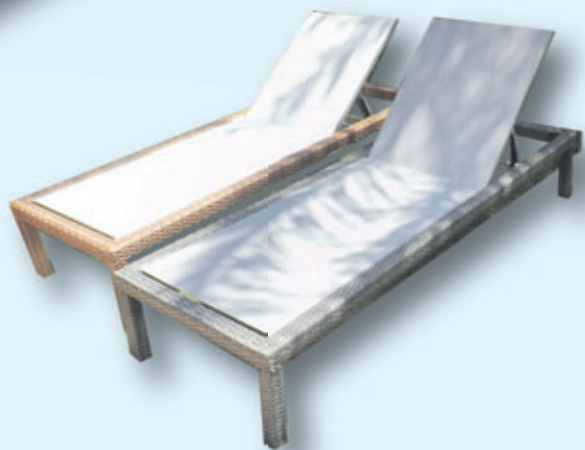


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Cooking with languages

A COSTA DEL SOL language-learning initiative, Cooking with Languages, has been selected as one of just 100 start-ups for the Crowdfunder January Jumpstart and they need you to help them succeed.

The month-long crowdfunding push started on Thursday January 12 and Cooking with Languages hopes to raise £5,000 (€5,800) towards publishing costs to give more children the gift of language.

The brainchild of Lisa Sadleir who has lived in Mijas since 2008, Cooking with Languages is designed to make learning a language exciting and interactive. Gone is the tedious studying of verbs and complicated vocabulary from dull textbooks. Cooking with Languages is all about hands-on fun as children make easy

(and scrummy!) recipes, take part in games and other activities, and listen and repeat from audios recorded by Lisa's son Joshua and daughter Francesca, both bilingual in English and Spanish.

"I want to do for languages what Jamie Oliver has done for cooking," says Lisa, trilingual herself and passionate about giving children the gift of languages. Conscious that children often see learning as a chore, she decided to make languages fun.

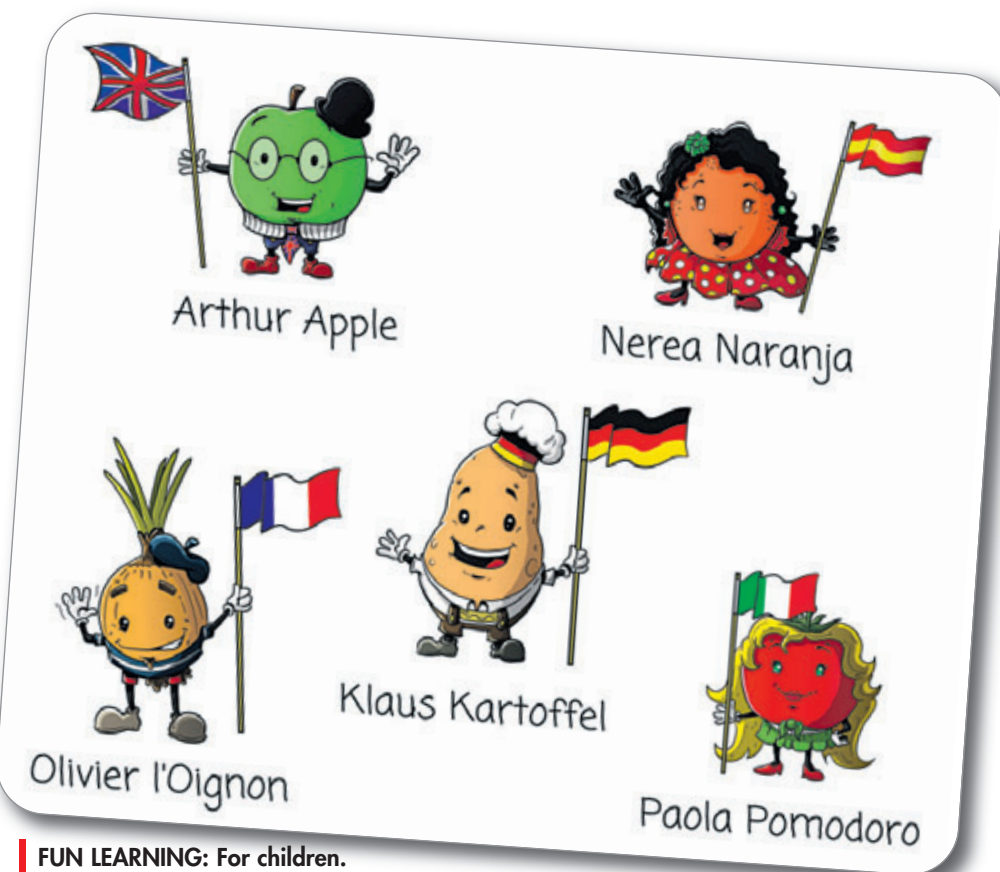
The project started in English and Spanish kitchens helped by language assistants Arthur Apple and Nerea Naranja. Further down the line Olivier l'Oignon, Klaus Kartoffel and Paola Pomodoro will be valuable language kitchen hands, but for now Lisa is concentrating on

materials in English and Spanish.

"These are my children's languages so they're closest to my heart," she says. "We've had a lot of fun creating the materials as a family - trying out new recipes in our own kitchen, recording the audios and thinking up new ways to make learning Spanish exciting. We've had some great feedback on what we've produced so far!"

Funds raised via the January Jumpstart will help Lisa bring down costs. "Publishing on an ad hoc basis is prohibitively expensive," she explains, "and I need funds to bulk-order and make the materials cheaper and therefore more accessible."

She has language teachers in both the UK and Spain keen to use her materials and bring that much-needed fun element into



FUN LEARNING: For children.

the classroom. Those who join Cooking with Languages in their quest to raise £5,000 (€5,800) by January 31 will be richly rewarded. Fundraisers will be able to obtain a copy of the activity cookbook and other materials at reduced rates. There'll be sneak

peeks at new materials and the chance to have your own recipe in the book and dedicated to your own children. But best of all, everyone who contributes will be helping to make language learning fun and give more children the gift of language. Contributions start

at as little as £5 (€5.80) and can be made quickly, securely and easily via PayPal. Find out more about the fundraising initiative at www.crowdfunder.co.uk/cooking-with-languages or visit www.cookingwithlanguages.com.

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THESPA will host its next play reading evening on Wednesday January 25. The evening will consist of two 'one act' play readings and dinner.

The first play reading, written by Alan Ayckbourn and directed by Wendy Smith, will be Mother Figure with Janet Gillett cast as Lucy, Rochelle Shapiro as Rosemary, Richard Hughes as Terry and David Shapiro as Harry.

The second play reading, written by David Tichener and directed by Ann Ellis, will be A Night in Front of the Box with Michael Baker cast as Paul, Ann Ellis as Samantha and Ann King as Mrs McGregor.

The performance will take place at the Masonic Hall in Los Boliches, Fuengirola. Doors will open at 7.00pm with the performance beginning promptly at 7.30pm. The entrance charge is €16 for members and €18 for guests.

Bookings can be made by emailing thespabooking@gmail.com or calling the booking phone line on 622 454 422 (leave a message if you reach the voicemail). Please make reservations by Friday January 20 so catering can be organised. For more information visit www.theatrecoastadelsol.com.

La Cala de Mijas Lions Club helps Fencing Club

THE President of the La Cala de Mijas Lions Club, Paul Butler, recently presented a cheque for €1,000 to Luis Hernanz, technical coach for the local Fencing Club.

The money will be used to purchase material, licences and grants and was very much appreciated by them.

The members' ages range from six to 62 and at the moment they are training hard for the Andalucian Championships in May, which are being held in La Cala.

In last year's International Championships, medals were achieved by the junior members and they want to repeat this and try to win even more this year. Because of the one to one style of the sport, Luis stated that it is ideal for those individuals who have Asperger's disease or hyperactivity, giving them exactly what they need. Next year the club has a target to train four to six year olds and wants to continue to provide an important sporting activity in the local community.

The funds are raised through



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Conquistadors - adventures in the New World

THE amazing feats of the Conquistadors over different climes, seas and land signify one of history's turning points. Within the short space of 50 years they had vanquished civilisations from Mexico in the north to Chile in the south. So what drove men such as Cortes and Pizarro? Was it the desire to spread their faith, the lust for gold or simply the thrill of adventure? And at what cost when we consider the thousands who died at the sword or from disease?

This will be the topic for the next BDFAS lecture to be given by Helen Sijssing on Tuesday January 24, at 6.30pm in Benahavis Town Hall. The doors will open at 5.30pm and there will be a café/bar available.

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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.

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Rich teenage kicks



VLADIMIR ZHIRINOVSKY: Wants to send joyriders into exile.

■ A LEADING politician suggested that rich teenage joyriders should be exiled to Russia's remote regions. Liberal Democratic party chief Vladimir Zhirinovskiy said five years exile from Moscow would terrify nuisance street racers who wouldn't have their parents to help them in Siberia's frozen wastelands.

Golden boy

■ KREMLIN officials ridiculed reports that Russian intelligence services had collected compromising material on Donald Trump. Unverified sources claimed that the President-elect hired prostitutes to perform 'golden showers' in a Moscow hotel room. Putin's spokesman called the story 'pulp fiction.'

Moscow mules

■ AN OECD report found that Russians spent an average of 1,978 hours working during 2015, far more than the average Brit who clocked up 1,674 hours, or Spaniards who managed 1,691. But despite Russians working more, productivity is far lower due to many people working hard manual jobs around the home.

Topical taboos

■ SEX, suicide and death are the topics Russians are least likely to discuss around the dinner table. One in three peo-

ple polled thought the subjects far too unpleasant to mention to family or friends. Another taboo topic was the 'dark pages of Russian history.'

Fortunes soar

■ RUSSIA's richest people have seen their pockets swell by almost €30 billion following Donald Trump's election. Collective bank balances grew by 7.9 per cent as the rouble gathered strength and energy companies gained confidence.

The new president is also expected to weaken sanctions.

Guru grudge

■ A YOGA teacher is on trial for illegal missionary work after giving a talk on the practice's spiritual roots. Dmitry Ugai claims he was shopped to the government by an Orthodox activist who harbours a grudge against spirituality after his wife left him to join a cult and live with a Hindu guru.

Family affair

■ A NEW bill planning to decriminalise domestic violence within the family has passed the first stage of legislation. It was proposed by conservative lawmaker Yelena Mizulina who believes linking domestic assault with violence between strangers is 'anti-family.'



YELENA MIZULINA: Proposed a new bill.

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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COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
3i Group PLC	724.50	-1.00	725.00	54.83
Admiral Group PLC	1765.00	-10.00	1774.00	7.82
Anglo American PLC	1367.75	38.00	1329.50	423.32
Antofagasta PLC	741.00	16.00	725.00	151.44
Ashtead Group PLC	1623.00	23.00	1600.00	72.96
Associated British Foods PLC	2579.50	-1.00	2580.00	11.43
AstraZeneca PLC	4650.25	41.00	4609.00	75.78
Aviva PLC	483.10	-6.10	489.10	249.65
Babcock International Group...	951.50	-3.00	954.00	34.27
BAE Systems PLC	611.00	-0.50	611.50	258.94
Barclays PLC	232.22	-3.05	235.25	1,976.23
Barratt Developments PLC	509.25	-6.50	516.00	415.80
BHP Billiton PLC	1488.75	34.50	1454.50	403.74
BP PLC	516.95	-1.20	518.00	940.82
British American Tobacco PLC	4747.25	17.50	4729.50	84.37
British Land Co PLC	614.00	-4.50	618.00	104.38
BT Group PLC	390.07	-1.60	391.75	362.59
Bunzl PLC	2138.00	1.00	2136.00	14.82
Burberry Group PLC	1629.50	18.00	1611.00	137.70
Capita PLC	510.00	-5.50	515.50	85.22
Carnival PLC	4251.00	8.00	4242.00	16.29
Centrica PLC	232.05	1.80	230.20	256.38
Coca-Cola HBC AG	1801.00	1.00	1802.00	9.85
Compass Group PLC	1469.00	9.00	1460.00	87.25
ConvaTec Group PLC	240.65	0.90	239.70	10.24
CRH PLC	2887.50	12.00	2878.00	21.65
Croda International PLC	3340.00	0.00	3338.00	5.74
DCC PLC	6122.50	5.00	6120.00	2.75
Diageo PLC	2207.50	10.00	2197.50	162.23
Direct Line Insurance Group...	347.50	-0.90	348.60	134.43
Dixons Carphone PLC	348.85	-2.30	350.90	106.22
easylet PLC	1022.50	-13.00	1036.00	190.22
Experian PLC	1609.00	8.00	1601.00	58.69
Fresnillo PLC	1453.50	40.00	1413.00	100.51
GKN PLC	343.35	2.10	341.30	174.46
GlaxoSmithKline PLC	1593.00	7.00	1585.50	491.91
Glencore PLC	323.57	6.71	316.70	3,272.24
Hammerson PLC	559.75	-4.50	564.00	27.41
Hargreaves Lansdown PLC	1279.00	1.00	1277.00	19.69
Hikma Pharmaceuticals PLC	1900.00	4.00	1896.00	4.50
HSBC Holdings PLC	679.05	1.10	678.00	617.40
Imperial Brands PLC	3617.75	27.00	3590.00	70.37
Informa PLC	694.25	0.50	693.50	42.61
InterContinental Hotels Gro...	3767.50	10.00	3759.00	16.30
International Consolidated ...	481.05	-7.80	488.70	383.44
Intertek Group PLC	3551.00	4.00	3547.00	6.87
Intu Properties PLC	276.90	-1.80	278.80	21.33
ITV PLC	207.40	-1.40	208.60	599.24
Johnson Matthey PLC	3255.00	7.00	3248.00	19.18
Kingfisher PLC	351.40	-1.50	353.00	139.99

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Land Securities Group PLC	1007.00	-13.00	1020.00	37.43
Legal & General Group PLC	246.75	-1.90	248.70	393.18
Lloyds Banking Group PLC	65.33	-0.69	66.04	10,165.96
London Stock Exchange Group...	2936.50	3.00	2933.00	4.94
Marks & Spencer Group PLC	340.35	1.29	339.10	372.04
Mediclinic International PLC	800.25	8.50	792.00	17.92
Merlin Entertainments PLC	480.50	1.40	479.00	32.20
Micro Focus International PLC	2156.00	-1.00	2157.00	7.59
Mondi PLC	1772.50	5.00	1768.00	25.46
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets PLC	240.75	-1.20	241.90	338.14
National Grid PLC	960.30	3.60	956.90	260.81
Next PLC	4032.00	-9.00	4042.00	27.36
Old Mutual PLC	213.70	1.10	212.50	240.78
Paddy Power Betfair PLC	8597.50	-50.00	8645.00	.87
Pearson PLC	813.75	-3.00	817.00	65.46
Persimmon PLC	1973.00	-24.00	1997.00	33.16
Provident Financial PLC	2833.00	-12.00	2844.00	5.50
Prudential PLC	1600.25	-11.50	1612.50	68.91
Randgold Resources Ltd	6865.00	150.00	6710.00	34.71
Reckitt Benckiser Group PLC	6878.50	34.00	6845.00	35.38
RELX PLC	1472.00	7.00	1464.00	87.84
Rio Tinto PLC	3494.50	76.50	3417.50	181.26
Rolls-Royce Holdings PLC	663.75	2.50	661.50	108.43
Royal Bank of Scotland Grou...	217.15	-3.90	221.10	749.78
Royal Dutch Shell PLC	2382.75	5.50	2377.50	160.60
Royal Mail PLC	443.85	-3.60	447.40	138.13
RSA Insurance Group PLC	579.50	-1.00	580.50	27.51
Sage Group (The) PLC	676.50	2.00	674.50	24.39
Sainsbury (J) PLC	262.45	-1.90	264.60	276.41
Schroders PLC	3042.50	-2.00	3047.00	2.23
Severn Trent PLC	2215.00	0.00	2215.00	24.48
Shire PLC	4685.00	22.00	4661.50	70.40
Sky PLC	993.25	1.00	992.00	83.57
Smith & Nephew PLC	1243.50	8.00	1236.00	125.17
Smiths Group PLC	1533.00	6.00	1526.00	15.57
Smurfit Kappa Group PLC	2150.00	22.00	2129.00	10.33
SSE PLC	1558.50	4.00	1553.00	87.12
Standard Chartered PLC	719.75	1.20	718.50	144.01
Standard Life PLC	353.20	-3.50	357.10	92.58
St James's Place PLC	1076.50	-9.70	1085.00	58.05
Taylor Wimpey PLC	171.30	-1.20	172.60	597.70
Tesco PLC	204.25	-2.14	206.00	640.52
TUI AG	1134.00	-5.00	1141.00	36.23
Unilever PLC	3410.00	25.50	3383.00	75.70
United Utilities Group PLC	896.00	6.00	890.00	49.02
Vodafone Group PLC	212.62	-2.05	214.70	2,247.45
Whitbread PLC	4078.00	-14.00	4093.00	17.54
Wolseley PLC	4986.00	-11.00	4996.00	29.39
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AMERICAN EXPRESS	76,6200	-0,34%	-0,2600	70M
APPLE	119,040	-0,18%	-0,210	625M
BOEING CO	158,830	+0,34%	0,540	98M
CATERPILLAR	94,480	+0,52%	0,490	55M
CHEVRON	116,38	+0,19%	0,22	219M
CISCO SYSTEMS	30,070	+0,10%	0,030	151M
COCA-COLA	40,88	-0,17%	-0,07	176M
DU PONT(EI) DE NMR	73,6000	-0,69%	-0,5100	64M
EXXON MOBIL	86,35	+0,01%	0,01	357M
GENERAL ELECTRIC	31,3600	-0,10%	-0,0300	277M
GOLDMAN SACHS	244,30	+0,19%	0,46	96M
HOME DEPOT	135,0400	-0,02%	-0,0300	164M
IBM	167,34	-0,36%	-0,61	159M
INTEL CORP	36,7900	+0,22%	0,0800	173M
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	86,7000	+0,53%	0,4600	309M
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	114,6000	-0,02%	-0,0200	311M
MC DONALD'S CORP	121,5000	-0,49%	-0,6000	100M
MERCK AND CO. NEW	62,34	+0,21%	0,13	171M
MICROSOFT	62,700	+0,14%	0,090	486M
NIKE	52,92	+0,99%	0,52	69M
PFIZER	32,5200	-0,25%	-0,0800	196M
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	84,010	+0,20%	0,170	224M
TRAVELERS CIES	117,05	+0,26%	0,30	33M
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	110,22	-0,54%	-0,60	90M
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	161,80	-0,34%	-0,56	153M
VERIZON COMMS	52,55	-0,25%	-0,13	214M
VISA	81,17	-0,25%	-0,20	150M
WAL-MART STORES	67,1300	-1,24%	-0,8400	206M
WALT DISNEY CO	108,0600	+0,49%	0,5300	171M

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CLOSING PRICES JANUARY 16

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
DexCom, Inc.	\$ 85.13	17.52 ▲ 25.91%
Telenav, Inc.	\$ 8.05	1.05 ▲ 15%
Celyad SA	\$ 21.6588	2.6588 ▲ 13.99%
Achaogen, Inc.	\$ 17.96	2.15 ▲ 13.60%
Atlantius Holdings Corporation	\$ 3.068	0.342 ▲ 12.55%
Sangamo Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 4.40	0.45 ▲ 11.39%
Century Aluminum Company	\$ 11.52	1.16 ▲ 11.20%
Immune Design Corp.	\$ 6.25	0.60 ▲ 10.62%
Fate Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 3.05	0.29 ▲ 10.51%
Diana Containerships Inc.	\$ 2.96	0.28 ▲ 10.45%
TRACON Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 5.60	0.50 ▲ 9.80%
Most Declined		
Inventure Foods, Inc.	\$ 6.36	0.92 ▼ 12.64%
Zogenix, Inc.	\$ 10.35	1.15 ▼ 10%
1st Constitution Bancorp (NJ)	\$ 17.45	1.60 ▼ 8.40%
Fenix Parts, Inc.	\$ 2.70	0.20 ▼ 6.90%
Olympic Steel, Inc.	\$ 24.53	1.69 ▼ 6.45%
HomeStreet, Inc.	\$ 29.10	1.85 ▼ 5.98%
Inseego Corp.	\$ 2.87	0.18 ▼ 5.90%
Applied Optoelectronics, Inc.	\$ 28.22	1.64 ▼ 5.49%
Novan, Inc.	\$ 22.69	1.31 ▼ 5.46%
ReWalk Robotics Ltd	\$ 2.60	0.15 ▼ 5.45%
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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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Stick to your lives of fantasy

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OTHERS THINK IT



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 part of it. Politics would have been

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

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!

*Keep the Faith
Love Leapy*

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**HYPOCRITICAL
CELEBRITIES: Try to
make us feel
responsible.**

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.

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 disposing 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.'



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

David Searl

You and the Law in Spain



Spain. As of 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.

BBC one

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11:30pm	BBC London News
11:45pm	Question Time
12:45am	This Week
1:30am	Weather for the Week Ahead
1:35am	BBC News

BBC TWO

8:30am	Cash in the Attic
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9:00pm	The Great Interior Design Challenge
10:00pm	Horizon
11:00pm	Jack Dee's Inauguration Helpdesk
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:15am	Masters Snooker Highlights
1:05am	Masters Snooker Extra
3:05am	Panorama
3:35am	Titanic's Tragic Twin: The Britannic Disaster
4:35am	Operation People Power with Dave Myers

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	World News Today <i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>
8:30pm	Top of the Pops
9:00pm	The Crusades: A Timewatch Guide
10:00pm	Sword, Musket and Machine Gun: Britain's Armed History
11:00pm	Churchill's First World War
12:30am	Rich Hall's Presidential Grudge Match <i>An examination of the sordid machinations involved in becoming president of the United States.</i>
2:00am	Horizon
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9:00pm	The Restoration Man
10:00pm	Spies
11:00pm	60 Days in Jail
11:55pm	24 Hours in A and E
1:00am	Britain's Benefit Tenants

CHANNEL 5

8:35am	Noddy: Toyland Detective
8:50am	Paw Patrol
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8:00pm	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
9:00pm	Bargain Loving Brits in the Sun
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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 <i>Text-based information service.</i>

itv2

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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 <i>Drama series following the dangerous investigations of an HM Customs and Excise unit.</i>
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen <i>Text-based information service.</i>
3:30am	Teleshopping <i>Shopping from home.</i>

itv4

7:00am	Gunsmoke
7:55am	The Saint
8:50am	Quincy, M.E.
9:50am	The Professionals
10:55am	Ironsides
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	Ironsides
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7:05pm	Storage Wars Texas
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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 <i>Chris Hemsworth's Huntsman battles to keep the fabled magic mirror out of the wrong hands.</i>
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 <i>A family of bee-keepers struggle to make ends meet in the isolated Italian countryside.</i>
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 <i>India face England in the second ODI at Barabati Stadium in Cuttack, India.</i>
3:00am	Cricket World Cup Classics <i>A look back at some classic matches from the ICC Cricket World Cup.</i>
4:00am	Cricket
5:00am	Sporting Rivalries
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5:00pm	President Trump: The Inauguration
7:00pm	BBC News at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	A Question of Sport
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Room 101
10:00pm	EastEnders
10:30pm	Not Going Out
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten <i>The latest national and international news, with reports from BBC correspondents worldwide.</i>
11:25pm	BBC London News
11:35pm	The Graham Norton Show
12:25am	Uncle
12:55am	Reasonable Doubt

BBC TWO

7:00am	Rip Off Britain
7:45am	Wanted Down Under
8:30am	Cash in the Attic
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7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Great British Railway Journeys
8:00pm	Masters Snooker
9:00pm	Mastermind
9:30pm	Only Connect
10:00pm	World's Most Extraordinary Homes
11:00pm	QI
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:05am	Masters Snooker Highlights
12:55am	Masters Snooker Extra
2:55am	Thailand: Earth's Tropical Paradise
3:55am	Britain's Ancient Capital: Secrets of Orkney
4:55am	This is BBC Two

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	World News Today <i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>
8:30pm	Top of the Pops
9:00pm	The Good Old Days <i>Leonard Sachs presents the old-time music hall programme, first broadcast on 10th March 1977.</i>
10:00pm	Sound of Musicals with Neil Brand
11:00pm	Hello Quo
12:20am	Status Quo: Live and Acoustic
1:20am	Top of the Pops
2:00am	Sound of Musicals with Neil Brand
3:00am	Hello Quo
4:20am	This is BBC Four <i>BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more. More depth, more range, more to stimulate the mind.</i>

CHANNEL 4

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7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
10:00pm	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
11:00pm	Lee Mack
12:05am	First Dates Hotel
1:05am	Basic Instinct

CHANNEL 5

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8:00pm	Penguins A and E with Lorraine Kelly
9:00pm	Puppies Make You Laugh Out Loud 2
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12:30pm	Premier League 100 Club
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2:00pm	Premier League 100 Club
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3:00pm	Premier League Legends
4:00pm	Barclays Premier League World
4:30pm	Premier League Match Pack
5:00pm	Football Gold
6:00pm	Barclays Premier League Preview
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9:00pm	Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury
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10:00pm	Tina and Bobby
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
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12:20am	Family Guy

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12:05am	Blue Murder
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2:35am	Wycliffe
3:30am	A Touch of Frost
5:15am	Rory Bremner's Great British Views <i>Rory Bremner is in Liverpool where he tries his hand at bell ringing in its famous cathedral.</i>

itv4

7:00am	Gunsmoke
7:55am	The Saint
8:50am	Quincy, M.E.
9:50am	The Professionals
10:55am	Ironside
12:00pm	Gunsmoke
1:05pm	Storage Wars Texas
1:35pm	Storage Wars Texas
2:00pm	Pawn Stars
2:30pm	Pawn Stars
3:00pm	Quincy, M.E.
4:00pm	Ironside
5:05pm	The Professionals
6:05pm	The Saint
7:10pm	Storage Wars Texas
7:40pm	Storage Wars Texas
8:05pm	Pawn Stars
8:35pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	Counting Cars
9:30pm	Counting Cars
10:00pm	Die Another Day
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Die Another Day
12:40am	The Client
1:50am	FYI Daily
1:55am	The Client
3:05am	The Saint
4:00am	Teleshopping <i>Shopping from home.</i>

sky MOVIES ACTION & ADVENTURE

7:00am	Lawrence of Arabia
10:45am	In the Heart of the Sea
1:00pm	Terminator Genisys
3:20pm	Bad Boys
5:25pm	True Lies
7:50pm	In the Heart of the Sea
10:00pm	Terminator Genisys
12:10am	Bad Boys
2:20am	Enemy of the State
4:45am	Rocky

sky MOVIES COMEDY

8:00am	Welcome to Me
9:35am	Bruce Almighty
11:20am	Alien Autopsy
1:00pm	Daddy's Home
2:45pm	Ted 2
4:55pm	Pixels
6:50pm	Valentine's Day
9:00pm	Daddy's Home
10:45pm	Ted 2
1:00am	Get Hard
2:50am	Rush Hour 2
4:25am	Juno

sky MOVIES PREMIERE

8:45am	Star Wars: Rogue One Special
9:15am	5 to 7
11:00am	Cabin Fever
12:45pm	Wild Horses
2:45pm	Alice Through the Looking Glass
4:45pm	The Huntsman: Winter's War <i>Chris Hemsworth's Huntsman battles to keep the fabled magic mirror out of the wrong hands.</i>
6:45pm	Sky Movies 2017 Preview
7:15pm	Precious Cargo
9:00pm	Alice Through the Looking Glass
11:00pm	The Huntsman: Winter's War
12:55am	Cabin Fever
2:40am	Rise of the Footsoldier II
4:35am	The Wonders <i>A family of bee-keepers struggle to make ends meet in the isolated Italian countryside.</i>

sky SPORTS 2

7:00am	Cricket Classics
8:00am	Time of Our Lives
9:00am	Sporting Rivalries
9:30am	Sporting Rivalries
10:00am	Cricket
11:00am	Great Sporting Moments
11:15am	Great Sporting Moments
11:30am	Great Sporting Moments
11:45am	Great Sporting Moments
12:00pm	Sporting Heroes
1:00pm	Cricket
2:00pm	Time of Our Lives
3:00pm	Cricket
4:00pm	Cricket's Greatest
4:30pm	Sporting Greats
4:55pm	Cricket
8:30pm	Rugby Union
11:00pm	Cricket
2:35am	Cricket Gold Shorts
2:45am	Sporting Rivalries
3:15am	Cricket Classics
4:15am	Cricket World Cup Classics
5:15am	Sporting Rivalries
5:45am	Sporting Rivalries

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BBC one

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 <i>The latest national and international news stories, followed by Weather.</i>

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 <i>Documentary exploring the tropical paradise of Thailand.</i>
8:00pm	Snooker <i>Coverage and reaction from the latest Snooker event taking place.</i>
11:30pm	Looper
1:20am	Snooker <i>Coverage and reaction from the latest Snooker event taking place.</i>
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 <i>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.</i>
12:40am	Top of the Pops <i>Long-running music chart show featuring videos and performances</i>
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
11:10am	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

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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

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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 <i>Join the presenters live and play roulette on your telly.</i>
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 <i>Comedy drama series about a top London surgeon who developed a phobia of blood.</i>
10:00pm	Midsomer Murders
12:00am	Lewis
2:00am	Blue Murder
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen <i>Text-based information service.</i>
3:30am	Teleshopping <i>Innovative, value-for-money products brought directly to you at home</i>

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 <i>Steven Spielberg's scary chiller about a coastal community plagued by a killer shark.</i>
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 <i>The Huntsman battles to keep the fabled magic mirror out of the wrong hands.</i>
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 <i>Texas-set crime drama about a reopened Missing Persons case.</i>

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

Nostalgia sure ain't what it used to be!

Nora Johnson

Breaking Views

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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 acting in character (not just a load of



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

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 teleprompter 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, nostalgia 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.

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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BBC one

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 Lifeline
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

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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
9:30am Young and Hungry
10:00am Young and Hungry
10:30am Hollyoaks Omnibus
1:00pm Coach Trip
1:30pm Coach Trip
2:00pm Coach Trip
2:35pm Coach Trip
3:05pm Coach Trip
3:35pm The Goldbergs
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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
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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
12:30pm The Voice UK
2:00pm Zawesome
2:05pm Zawesome
2:40pm Zawesome
3:20pm Zawesome
3:40pm Zawesome
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
9:00pm The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug
11:00pm Family Guy
11:30pm Family Guy
12:00am Family Guy
12:30am Family Guy
12:55am American Dad!

itv3

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
12:05am The Bank Job
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

sky MOVIES COMEDY

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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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 Gold Shorts
7:10pm Cricket Gold Shorts
7:20pm Cricket Gold Shorts
7:30pm Sporting Greats
8:00pm Sporting Greats
8:30pm Cricket
9:30pm Cricket Gold Shorts
9:40pm Cricket Gold Shorts
9:50pm Cricket Gold Shorts
10:00pm More Than a Game
10:30pm More Than a Game
11:00pm Pl Match Highlights
11:30pm Pl Match Highlights
12:00am Pl Match Highlights
12:30am Goals on Sunday
1:30am Pl Match Highlights
2:00am Pl Match Highlights
2:30am Pl Match Highlights
3:00am Cricket
4:00am Sporting Triumphs
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4:30am Sporting Triumphs



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6:15pm	Pointless
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7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
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
	<i>News and stories concerning the heart of the British countryside.</i>
3:10am	Jazzie 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 <i>Timeshift.</i>
10:00pm	Scotland and the Klan
11:00pm	Genius of the Ancient World
12:00am	How it Works <i>From the Stone Age to the Silicon Age, materials have helped drive forward our civilisation.</i>
1:00am	When God Spoke English: The Making of the King James Bible
2:00am	David Starkey's Music and Monarchy
3:00am	The Engine That Powers the World <i>Timeshift.</i>
4:00am	Scotland and the Klan

CHANNEL 4

7:15am	3rd Rock from the Sun
7:40am	King of Queens
8:10am	King of Queens
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9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:00am	Frasier
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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
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10:00am	Toby's Travelling Circus
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12:15pm	Cowboy Builders
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2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Too Close to Kill
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	World's Biggest Beasts
9:00pm	Police Interceptors
10:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother
11:00pm	My Mum's Hotter Than Me!
12:05am	Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side

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7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Coach Trip
9:00pm	School of Rock
11:15pm	Gogglebox
12:10am	The Big Bang Theory
12:35am	The Big Bang Theory
1:05am	First Dates

sky SPORTS 1

8:00am	WWE Raw
9:00am	Goals on Sunday
10:00am	PI Match Highlights
11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Transfer Centre
12:30pm	Premier League 100 Club
1:00pm	PI Match Highlights
2:00pm	Premier League 100 Club
3:00pm	PI Match Highlights
4:00pm	Premier League 100 Club
5:00pm	PI Match Highlights
7:00pm	Soccer AM: The Best Bits 2016/17
7:30pm	Scottish Football Round Up Show
7:45pm	Football Gold
8:00pm	Transfer Centre
8:30pm	Spanish Football Gold
8:40pm	Football
10:40pm	Spanish Football Gold
11:00pm	Scottish Football Round Up Show
11:15pm	Football Gold
11:30pm	Premier League Legends
12:00am	Soccer AM: The Best Bits 2016/17

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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	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	The Martin Lewis Money Show
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	The Halcyon
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:40pm	Through the Keyhole
12:40am	The Chase
1:35am	Jackpot247
4:00am	The Jeremy Kyle Show

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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	Coronation Street
10:35am	Psych
11:25am	Scorpion
12:25pm	Who's Doing the Dishes?
1:25pm	Emmerdale
1:55pm	Coronation Street
2:30pm	Coronation Street
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
10:00pm	Family Guy
10:30pm	The Great Indoors
11:00pm	American Dad!
11:30pm	American Dad!
12:00am	Family Guy

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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
12:00pm	A Touch of Frost
2:00pm	Heartbeat
3:00pm	The Royal
4:05pm	Where the Heart is
5:15pm	In Loving Memory
5:50pm	Rising Damp
6:20pm	George and Mildred
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Doc Martin
10:00pm	Long Lost Family
11:00pm	The Bletchley Circle
12:00am	Women Behind Bars
1:05am	Wycliffe
2:10am	The Knock
3:05am	ITV3 Nightscreen <i>Text-based information service.</i>
3:30am	Teleshopping <i>Innovative, value-for-money products brought directly to you at home</i>

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7:00am	Gunsmoke
7:55am	The Saint
8:50am	Quincy, M.E.
9:50am	The Professionals
10:50am	Ironside
11:55am	Gunsmoke
1:00pm	Storage Wars Texas
1:30pm	Storage Wars Texas
1:55pm	Pawn Stars
2:25pm	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	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

sky MOVIES PREMIERE

7:00am	Cabin Fever
8:45am	Avengers: Age of Ultron Special
9:15am	5 to 7
11:00am	Whiskey Tango Foxtrot
1:00pm	Alice Through the Looking Glass
3:00pm	The Other Side of the Door
4:45pm	Star Wars: Rogue One Special
5:15pm	Kids in Love
7:00pm	Whiskey Tango Foxtrot
9:00pm	Alice Through the Looking Glass
11:00pm	The Other Side of the Door
12:40am	Kids in Love
2:15am	Rise of the Footsoldier II <i>This brutal follow-up to the cult British crime thriller explores the aftermath of the infamous Rettendon Range Rover murders</i>

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7:00am	Cricket Classics
8:00am	Cricket
9:00am	Sky Sports Years
10:00am	Cricket
11:00am	Scottish Football Round Up Show
11:30am	Sporting Greats
12:00pm	NFL Highlights
1:00pm	NFL Highlights
2:00pm	Cricket
3:00pm	Scottish Football Round Up Show
3:30pm	Sporting Greats
4:00pm	Cricket
5:00pm	Cricket World Cup Classics
6:00pm	NFL Highlights
7:00pm	NFL Highlights
8:00pm	Cricket
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	PI Match Highlights
10:30pm	PI Match Highlights
11:00pm	Cricket
12:00am	Ashes Best Days
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8:30pm	EastEnders
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
1:25am	Weather for the Week Ahead
1:30am	BBC News

BBC TWO

7:00am	Wanted Down Under
7:45am	Royal Recipes
8:30am	Cash in the Attic
9:00am	Great British Menu
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Bowls
5:30pm	Tennis
6:30pm	Flog It!
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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 <i>Highlights of programmes on BBC Two.</i>

BBC FOUR

8:30pm	Reel History of Britain
9:00pm	Atlantis: The Evidence
10:00pm	Britain Beneath Your Feet
11:00pm	Britain's Nuclear Secrets: Inside Sellafield <i>Lying on the remote north west coast of England is one of the most secret places in the country - Sellafield, the most controversial nuclear facility in Britain.</i>
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 <i>Dallas Campbell reveals why we can only understand the familiar world around us by discovering the hidden wonders beneath our feet.</i>

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
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11:30am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
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6:00pm	Come Dine with Me
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	How to Lose Weight Well
10:00pm	24 Hours in A and E
11:00pm	Case 39
12:05am	This is Us

CHANNEL 5

7:55am	Little Princess
8:05am	Fireman Sam
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
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1:15pm	Celebrity Big Brother
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS: Los Angeles
4:15pm	Stolen Child
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	Police Interceptors
9:00pm	Info Not Available
10:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother
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9:30pm	The Goldbergs
10:00pm	Tattoo Fixers
11:00pm	Virtually Famous
11:50pm	The Big Bang Theory
12:25am	The Big Bang Theory
12:55am	Gogglebox

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10:30am	Premier League Legends
11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Transfer Centre
12:30pm	Soccer AM: The Best Bits 2016/17
1:00pm	Premier League Legends
1:30pm	Premier League Legends
2:00pm	Soccer AM: The Best Bits 2016/17
2:30pm	Premier League Legends
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
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12:00am	Premier League Review

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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
4:00am	Loose Women

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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
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10:35am	Psych
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3:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
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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	Hell's Kitchen
11:00pm	Celebrity Juice
11:50pm	Family Guy
12:20am	Family Guy
12:45am	American Dad!
1:15am	American Dad!
1:45am	Two and a Half Men

itv3

7:00am	In Loving Memory
7:25am	Heartbeat
8:25am	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
2:00pm	Heartbeat <i>Drama, set in the North Yorkshire moors in the 1960's.</i>
3:05pm	The Royal
4:10pm	Where the Heart is
5:15pm	In Loving Memory
5:50pm	Rising Damp
6:20pm	George and Mildred <i>Comedy series following George and Mildred Roper.</i>
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote <i>Drama series about a sleuthing writer who solves murder mysteries.</i>
9:00pm	Midsomer Murders
11:00pm	Lucan
12:30am	Wycliffe
1:35am	The Knock
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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
4:30am	South Park: Bigger, Longer and Uncut

sky MOVIES PREMIERE

7:00am	Kids in Love
8:45am	Whiskey Tango Foxtrot
10:45am	Avengers: Age of Ultron Special
11:15am	Mercury Plains
1:15pm	Alice Through the Looking Glass
3:15pm	The Other Side of the Door
5:00pm	Kids in Love
6:45pm	The Top Ten Show 2017
7:00pm	Mercury Plains
9:00pm	Alice Through the Looking Glass
11:00pm	Whiskey Tango Foxtrot
12:55am	The Other Side of the Door
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sky SPORTS 2

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12:00pm	Sporting Heroes
1:00pm	Cricket Classics
2:00pm	Cricket World Cup Classics
3:00pm	Sky Sports Years
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
11:30pm	More Than a Game
12:00am	Ashes Best Days
2:00am	Cricket Classics
3:00am	Sporting Greats

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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 <i>Drama about the televising of the trial of one of the key figures of the Nazi regime Adolf Eichmann.</i>
12:30am	Rich Hall's California Stars
2:00am	Treasures of the Indus <i>The story of the Indian sub-continent told through the treasures that have shaped the modern Indian world.</i>
3:00am	Horizon
4:00am	Alan Bennett's Diaries <i>Inspired by his acerbic and often hilarious diaries, this documentary shows Alan Bennett as he has never been seen before.</i>

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
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12:00pm	Charmed
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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

sky SPORTS 1

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

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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 <i>Entertainment series celebrating gadgets, technology and innovation.</i>
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4:00am	1000 Heartbeats
4:50am	Nightscreen

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8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
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9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Through the Keyhole <i>Keith Lemon presents a brand new version of the classic game show.</i>
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 <i>The Emmy nominated reality courtroom series, presided over by outspoken family court judge.</i>
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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

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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
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2:50am	Bridget Jones's Diary
4:35am	Tenacious D in the Pick of Destiny

sky MOVIES PREMIERE

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2:45am	Rise of the Footsoldier II <i>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.</i>
4:40am	Precious Cargo

sky SPORTS 2

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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 <i>Take a look back at Stuart Broad's extraordinary spell during the third Test against South Africa.</i>

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Bobby Charlton

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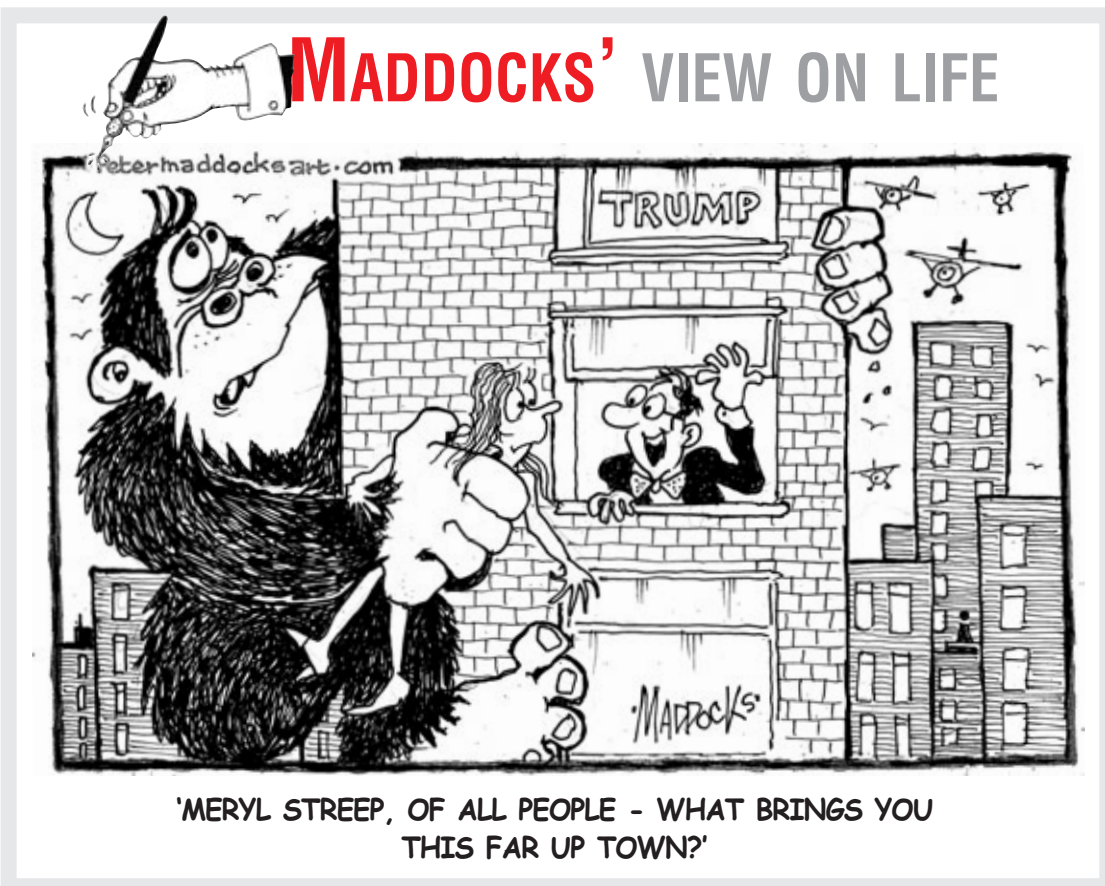
“I want to be buried with a mobile phone, just in case I'm not dead.”

Amanda Holden



World of English

“A rule of grammar: double negatives are a no-no.”



'MERYL STREEP, OF ALL PEOPLE - WHAT BRINGS YOU THIS FAR UP TOWN?'

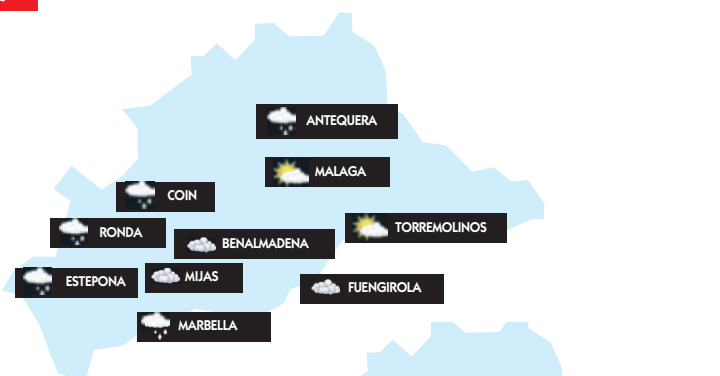
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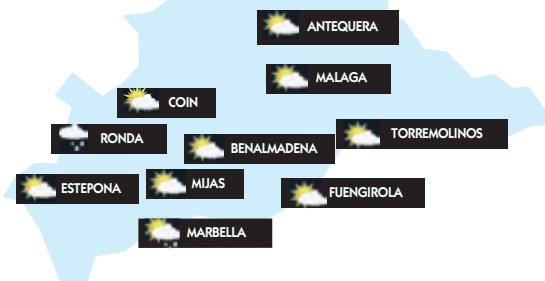
- 1533 - King Henry VIII married Anne Boleyn, his second wife, in defiance after Pope Clement refused to annul his first marriage.
- 1649 - After the English Civil War had ended King Charles I was tried for treason at the high court of justice at Westminster Hall. Found guilty, he was condemned as 'a tyrant, traitor, murderer and public enemy' before being beheaded in front of Whitehall Palace a few days later.
- 1809 - Edgar Allen Poe was born in Boston, Massachusetts. He wrote publications such as The Fall of the House of Usher, The Tell-tale Heart and his famous poem The Raven.
- 1849 - America's first female doctor, Elizabeth Blackwell, was awarded her MD by the Medical Institute of Geneva.
- 1901 - Queen Victoria died after 64 years on the throne, the longest reigning monarch in British history.
- 1936 - King George V died at the age of 71. He reigned from 1910 and was Queen Victoria's grandson.
- 1943 - British forces captured Tripoli in Libya.
- 1947 - Al Capone died from syphilis at the age of 48 in Miami. The gangster had once controlled organised crime in Chicago.
- 1961 - John F Kennedy, the youngest ever president, was sworn in and five days later gave the first live televised presidential news conference.
- 1965 - Winston Churchill, who was the prime minister of Britain during World War Two, died at the age of 91.
- 1976 - Concorde's passenger service began flying from London to Bahrain and Paris to Rio de Janeiro. It was able to fly at an altitude of up to 60,000 feet and cruised at Mach 2, twice the speed of sound.
- 1981 - At the age of 69 Ronald Reagan became president of the United States of America becoming the oldest president to take office.
- 1990 - Police had to break up protests in Johannesburg against cricket players defying a boycott on playing in apartheid South Africa.
- 1996 - The Palestinian people's first democratic election voted Yasir Arafat as leader with 88.1 per cent of the vote.
- 1999 - Six International Olympic Committee members faced expulsion after they were alleged to have taken cash or services in return for helping Salt Lake City's bid to host the Olympics.
- 2001 - Social Services and the police seized American twin baby girls from British couple Alan and Judith Kilshaw at a hotel in North Wales after they adopted the babies over the internet having paid £8,000. The birth mother had snatched the babies back from an American couple who had paid £4,000 to adopt them.
- 2005 - Donald Trump, aged 56, married former model Melania Knauss, aged 34 in Palm Beach, Florida.
- 2013 - Lance Armstrong admitted to doping in all seven of his Tour de France victories.

Costa del Sol weather for next 7 days

TODAY

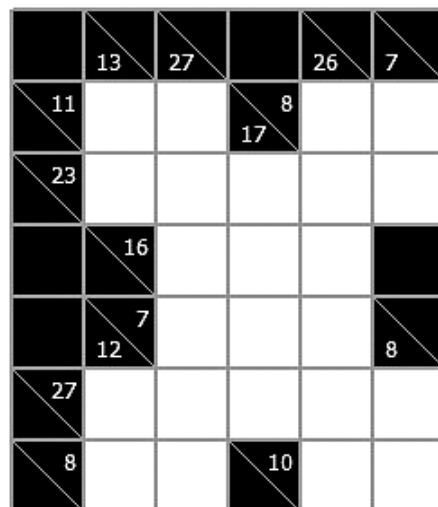


TOMORROW



Location	Today	Max	Min	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed
Alicante	SHOWERS	10°C	7°C	11	7	13	14	8	10
Benidorm	SHOWERS	10°C	8°C	12	6	14	14	8	9
Malaga	CLOUDY	13°C	4°C	13	4	14	15	6	7
Almeria	SHOWERS	10°C	6°C	12	5	14	15	7	10
Bilbao	CLOUDY	6°C	-2°C	8	-2	10	10	3	8
Mallorca	SHOWERS	12°C	6°C	12	6	13	14	6	7
Barcelona	CLEAR	10°C	6°C	10	6	12	13	4	5
Madrid	CLEAR	9°C	-1°C	9	-1	9	10	1	4
Murcia	SHOWERS	9°C	5°C	11	4	12	14	4	7

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Fill all the empty squares using the numbers 1 to 9, so that the sum of each horizontal block equals the 'clue' on its left, and the sum of each vertical block equals the clue on its top. No number may be used in the same block more than once.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



LOTTERY

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY	IRISH LOTTO	EURO MILLIONS	LA PRIMITIVA	EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA
Saturday January 14	Saturday January 14	Tuesday January 10	Saturday January 14	Sunday January 15
(14) (19)	(2) (4)	(2) (11)	(2) (3)	(3) (21)
(21) (36)	(11) (22)	(29) (35)	(6) (10)	(31) (39)
(53) (54)	(25) (34)	(44)	(25) (43)	(46)
BONUS BALL	BONUS BALL	LUCKY STARS	LUCKY STARS	REINTEGRO
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Starring: Willem Dafoe, Nicolas Cage, Melissa Bolona, Christopher Matthew Cook

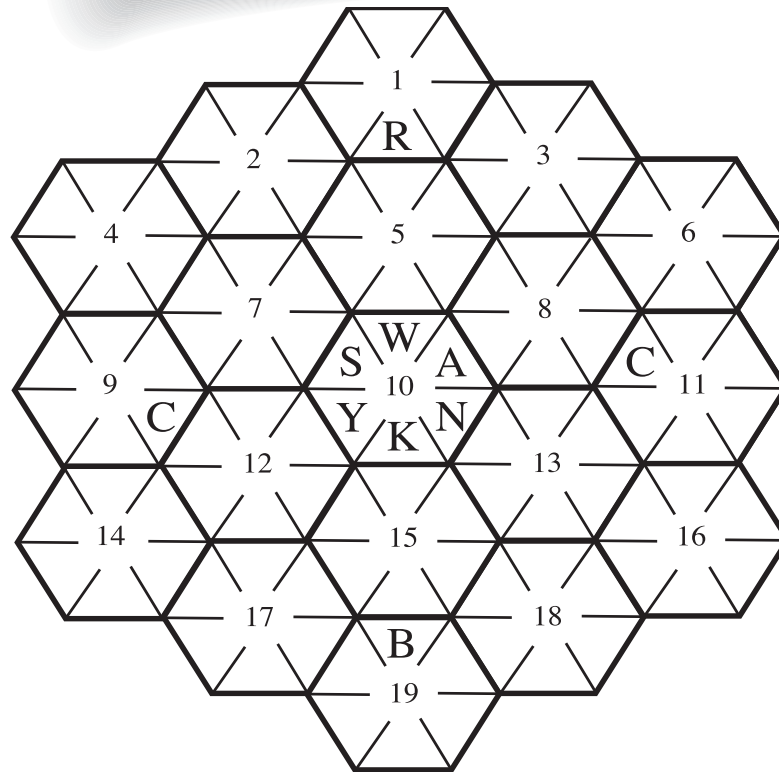
THREE ex-convicts Troy, Mad Dog and Diesel are out of jail and trying to adapt to civilian life when they receive a 'job' offer from a mob boss to kidnap a rich gangster's baby daughter for a large ransom.

The temptation of that one last hit is too much for them. Troy masterminds the perfect crime, but the kidnapping does not go to plan and the trio find themselves on the run from the mob and the police.

Getting away with the crime is a matter of life and death as they stop at nothing to avoid returning to jail.

Hexagram

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



BLANCH	LINEAR
BROKEN	OCTANT
CEREAL	POETIC
COYOTE	POSSUM
ENTIRE	RABIES
ESTEEM	REASON
GARAGE	SWANKY (10)
HEARTY	TRACER
HEREBY	WARREN
HEROIC	

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Escrow 2 Cohere 3 Rookie 4 Chisel
- 5 Worker 6 Gaiety 7 Cheese 8 Arrive 9 Victim
- 10 Skater 11 Larvae 12 Raster 13 Stereo
- 14 Twisty 15 Presto 16 Arrear 17 Tappet
- 18 Pastor 19 Depose.

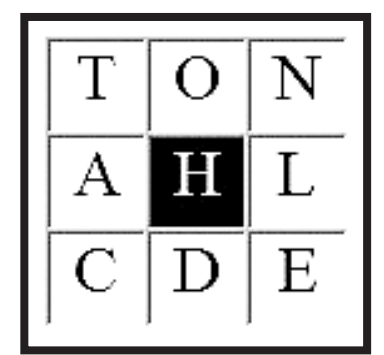
Play on Words



Answers: Swear black is white, A big if.

Nonagram

How many English words of four letters or more can you make from the nine letters in our Nonagram puzzle? Each letter may be used only once (unless the letter appears twice). Each word MUST CONTAIN THE CENTRE LETTER (in this case H) and there must be AT LEAST ONE NINE LETTER WORD. Plurals, vulgarities or proper nouns are not allowed.



TARGET:
 • Average: 16 • Good: 22
 • Very good: 32 • Excellent: 42

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- coin cone enol glen gone gown icon lien limn line ling lino lion loin lone long mien mine mown nice noil omen once wine wing wino cling clone clown coign genic gnome incog ingle lemon limen lingo melon mince owing wince women coigne coming cowing cowmen gnomic income legion lowing mewing mingle mowing oilmen wigcon cowling genomic meowing mewling WELCOMING

YOUR STARS

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Placido Domingo, Singer, January 21



Acclaimed Spanish tenor who has recorded more than 100 complete operas. He has won 14 Grammy and Latin

Grammy Awards and had records that have achieved multi-platinum awards. He was one of the members of The Three Tenors that was formed in 1990 with fellow tenors Luciano Pavarotti and Jose Carreras.

- **John Bercow, Politician, January 19, 54**
The former Conservative Party member has been the Speaker of the House of Commons since June 2009. He was unpopular with many former colleagues and relied on the backing of other parties to be elected to the Speaker's chair although in May 2015 he was re-elected, unopposed, as Speaker.
- **Buzz Aldrin, Astronaut, January 20, 87**
Erstwhile astronaut and US Air Force Officer who piloted NASA's Apollo 11 mission. After successfully landing on the moon he became only the second person to walk on the moon. He was born Edwin Aldrin but the nickname 'Buzz' stuck after his sister mispronounced brother. Coincidentally his mother's maiden name was Moon.
- **John Hurt, Actor, January 22, 77**
With a career spanning six decades he has enjoyed a successful TV and film career as an actor and also voice actor. Films he has starred in include The Elephant Man, Alien, Harry Potter and V for Vendetta. He has a Golden Globe Award and four BAFTAs and in 2015 he was knighted for his services to drama.
- **Lisa Snowdon, Model, January 23, 45**
Spotted in a London club by a scout from Premier Model Management started modelling at the age of 19. Appearing on the covers of Elle, Marie Claire and Vogue she has featured in various advertising campaigns including Dove and Mercedes-Benz. She has also starred in the reality TV shows Strictly Come Dancing and I'm A Celebrity.
- **Luis Suarez, Footballer, January 24, 30**
Uruguayan striker who played for Ajax and Liverpool before he joined Barcelona in 2014. The controversial player has bitten three of his football opponents including Giorgio Chiellini during the 2014 World Cup. That incident led him being suspended for nine international matches.

PISCES ♋ (February 20 - March 20)

An exciting invitation may set tongues wagging and make a loved one jealous. You, meanwhile, are quite bemused by the whole thing. What comes out of this week is that you are of considerable value to others. The mere thought of you not being around sends ripples through your social circle.

ARIES ♈ (March 21 - April 20)

Being asked to take on a new and demanding task this week may see you wishing that you had been less visible. However, don't think of the hard work involved but rather the brilliant outcome. You will be popular.

TAURUS ♉ (April 21 - May 21)

An interest in technology is not something new to you. What is great, though, is that the penny has suddenly dropped. This week sees you understanding more and wanting to know more. This is good for both your work and social life.

GEMINI ♊ (May 22 - June 21)

An urge to get moving must mean that spring is round the corner. Certainly, you are questioning where you want to be in the months ahead. A house move or work placement may be on your mind. At what seems to be an unsettled time, decisions need to be made and worked towards.

CANCER ♋ (June 22 - July 23)

Be aware that not everyone is willing to work as hard as you. When approached by someone wanting you to trust them, be sure of their motives.

AQUARIUS ♒ (January 21 - February 19)

This being a family oriented week, much of it may be spent getting together with relatives and going over old times. Perhaps you are compiling a photo album for older members of the family or vice versa.

Do what you feel is right but remain firmly in control, especially financially. It may not be the time to make a particular move, although others think that it is. There's no problem with discussing things and talking them through. Keep up your healthy habits because you need lots of energy, especially at the weekend.

LEO ♌ (July 24 - August 23)

Social demands are made, but try to shuffle them to the weekend. Be diplomatic or someone close could become irritated. Keep an eye on the small print because something fundamental may have changed in a long-standing arrangement. Suddenly, at the weekend, you are thrust into the limelight.

VIRGO ♍ (August 24 - September 23)

Those who demand your trust need a cool checking out and don't be afraid to say 'no' as and when necessary. Finances are well aspected this week with a new idea proving both worthwhile in terms of your time and profitable.

LIBRA ♎ (September 24 - October 23)

Career and home are in disharmony but a bit of compromise soon sorts things out. You don't like playing the 'bad guy,' but honesty is also important to you. Speaking your mind can be liberating although, initially,

you may see it as a nuisance and embarrassing. A meeting at the weekend is both confusing and disarming.

SCORPIO ♏ (October 24 - November 22)

Someone with a larger-than-life imagination makes you smile but that was not their intention. Try to be diplomatic and steer them in a different direction. Some feelings of loneliness will not be assuaged by working more. Perhaps it is time to consider taking on a pet or giving a current pet more attention.

SAGITTARIUS ♐ (November 23 - December 21)

Sometimes, you find it hard to do things just for the pure enjoyment of it. Realise that not everything has to have a purpose or a profit. Look round this week and seek out something that will please your senses and bring a smile to your lips. Make this a week when you live for the moment and give full rein to your imagination.

CAPRICORN ♑ (December 22 - January 20)

Contact with a less than ideal situation makes you realise just how lucky you are. It has been clear that the weeks are changeable and your situation at the moment far from settled. Pity those whose day-to-day life is completely predictable. As someone who values an element of challenge, it is enjoyable to know that unexpected times are ahead.



Crossword

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

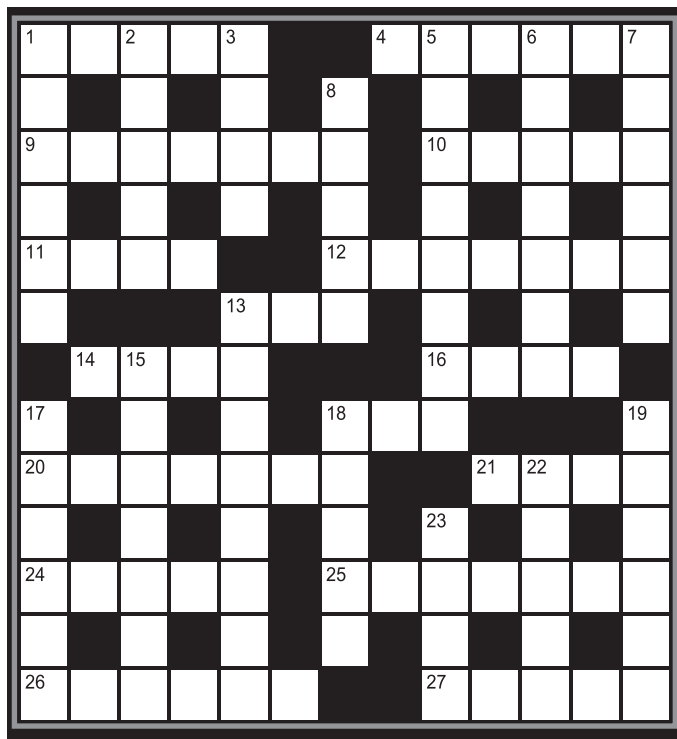
Cryptic

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

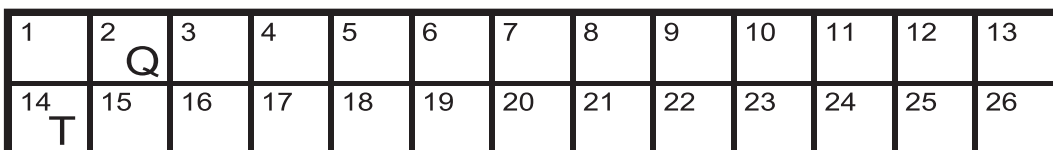
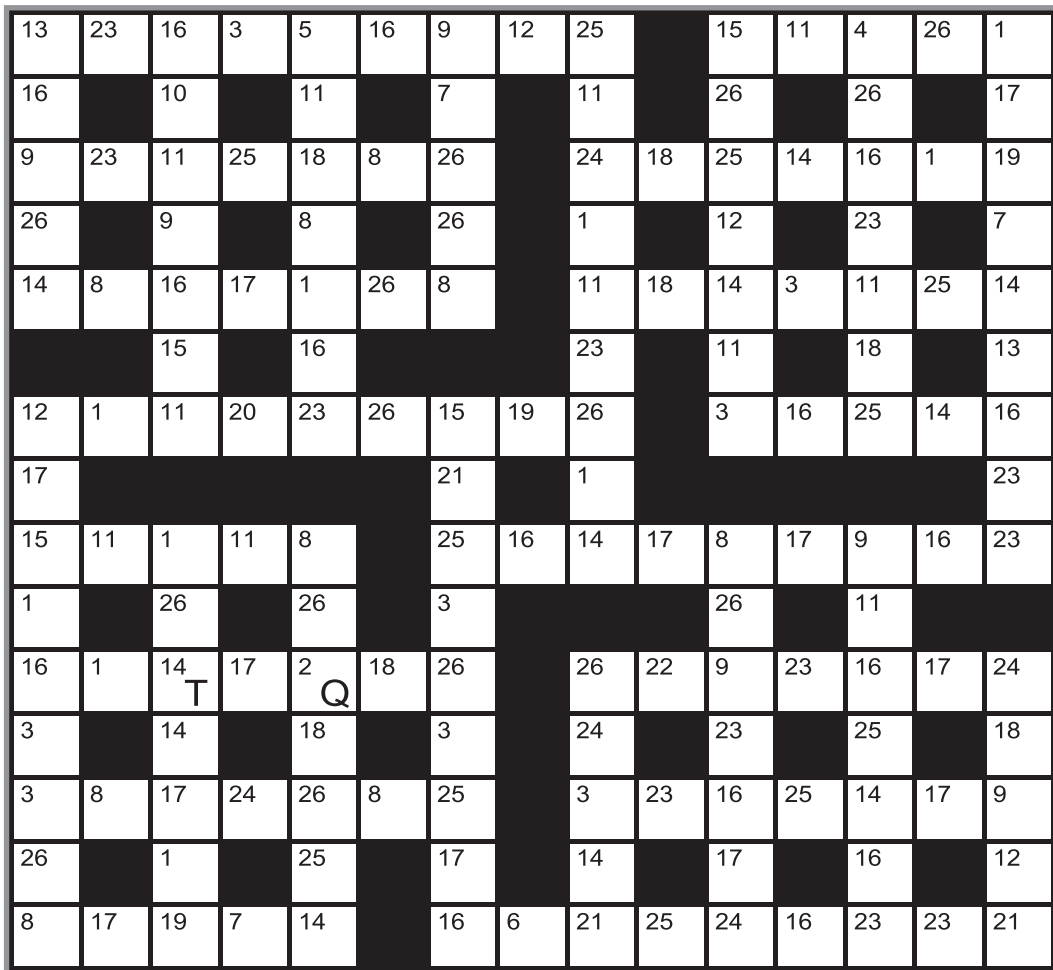
- 1 Up to now, Dorothy has come back and dined (2,4)
- 2 An edition for the children (5)
- 3 Biblical character in Roget's Thesaurus (4)
- 5 Proud of tarragon rum (8)
- 6 Part of UK named Glenda incorrectly (7)
- 7 Drenched lair is covered by grass (6)
- 8 Rider out to get less wet (5)
- 13 Goat seen 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)



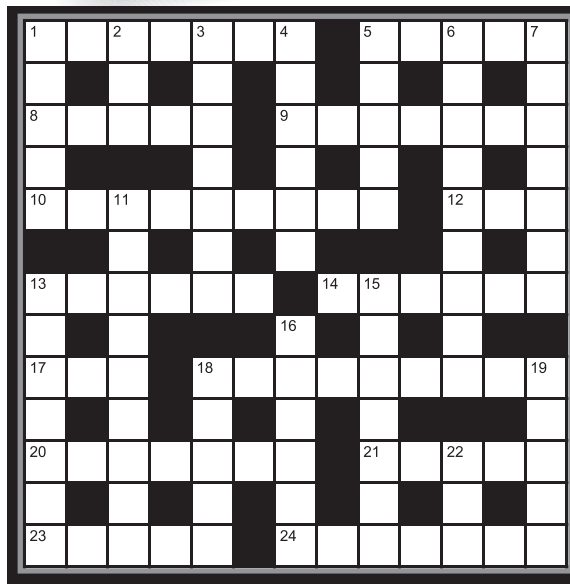
- 19 Show again what happened about the act (6)
- 22 Princess ran up to get foreign currency (5)
- 23 Stumble when making a journey (4)

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

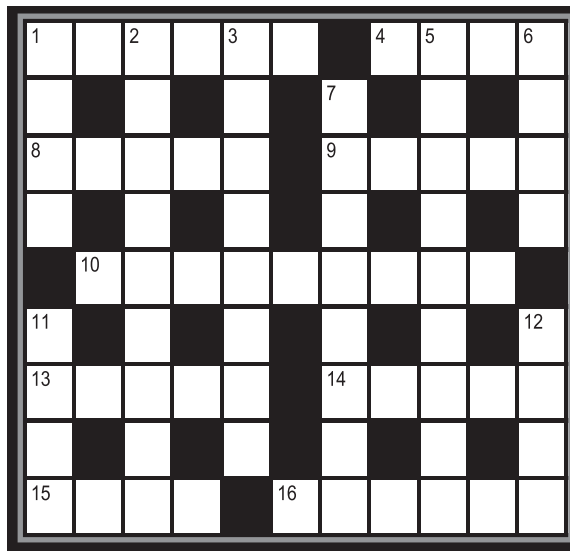
- 1 Marked by distress (7)
- 5 Treaties (5)
- 8 Take without the owner's consent (5)
- 9 Duplicate (7)
- 10 Day immediately before today (9)
- 12 Short sleep (3)
- 13 Pleasantly odd (6)
- 14 Come into view (6)
- 17 Large Australian flightless bird (3)
- 18 Inclined to drowsiness (9)
- 20 Request information 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 Sillores (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 Termite, 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 Empleado, 5 Alcachofa, 6 English, 7 Espadas.

CODE BREAKER



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BOOKS

A Tragic Kind of Wonderful



By Eric Lindstrom

AT the tender age of 16, Mel Hannigan is struggling to cope with life. She has a bipolar disorder and is mourning the loss of her dead brother who also had the condition.

Her way of trying to deal with her mental illness, to protect herself and everyone else, is to keep it a secret. Only her family know about her condition, but this secrecy has an impact on her friendships. That is until her new doctor encourages her to give people the chance to know and love the real her.

Through her work at an old people's home she meets someone who she opens up to and she begins to realise that she needs to stop the secrecy and let people into her life in order to get better.

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TOP 10

Rabbie Burns' trivia

JANUARY 25 is Burns Day honouring Scotland's national treasure, the poet and lyricist Rabbie Burns. He is celebrated around the world as people get together to enjoy a traditional Burns Supper. Here's a look at some interesting facts you may or may not know about the bard.

1. Birth and early years

Born on January 25, 1759 in Alloway in Ayrshire he was the son of farmer William and his wife Agnes. Mainly his education came from his father although he also received tutoring from a hired schoolmaster. With access to good books he was well read. His first poems were written as a young man on the farm inspired by his affection for a young lady.

2. Father

Burns first became a father when he had an affair with his mother's servant which resulted in the birth of his oldest child, a daughter named Elizabeth Paton Burns in 1785. He met Jean Armour in the same year and in 1786 she gave birth to twins. Their relationship was complicated though as Jean's parents did not want her to marry him and therefore it was not until 1788 that they eventually married. They had nine children together however only three survived infancy.

3. Philanderer

Rabbie had an eye for the ladies and clearly had many affairs resulting in at least a further four children other than those he had with Elizabeth Paton and Jean Armour. In 1785 he had an affair with Margaret Campbell, in

1787 he fathered a child to servant May Cameron and also met Agnes McLehose. He had further trysts with domestic servant Janet Clow in 1788 and barmaid Ann Park in 1791, both of whom bore his child.

4. Literary works

His poetry is famous worldwide and his greatest works include A Man's a Man for A' That, Ae Fond Kiss, To a Mouse, My Luve is like a Red Red Rose and of course Auld Lang Syne. This well known song is frequently sung around the world and has appeared in more than 170 Hollywood films including It's A Wonderful Life and When Harry Met Sally.

5. Inspirational

There is no doubt that he has inspired many modern day artists across the world. The legendary Bob Dylan revealed his greatest source of creative inspiration was Burns' Red Red Rose. Another inspired legend was the late Michael Jackson who's hit song Thriller was said to have been inspired by Burns' poem Tam O'Shanter.



BURNS DAY: On January 25.

6. Death

The exact cause of his death is not known although it was suspected that he possibly had a long-standing rheumatic heart condition. He had a tooth extracted in the winter of 1795 and it is often thought that this contributed to his death. There are also suggestions that alcohol too was a big contributing factor, a distinct possibility given the

grief he would have experienced when his daughter Elizabeth Riddell Burns died at the age of two.

7. Burns Suppers

A tradition started by a group of his friends on July 21 the anniversary of his death, but this was later changed to January 25. The tradition continues today across Scotland and indeed around the world. The centrepiece of the occasion is usually the entrance of the haggis piped in by a bagpipe player. The 'address to a haggis' is then read before it is cer-

emonially sliced, after which various toasts and readings occur including the 'toast tae the lassies' and 'reply fae the lassies.'

8. Commemoration

Other than Queen Victoria and Christopher Columbus, Rabbie Burns has more statues dedicated to him around the world than any other non-religious figure. Scotland has 15 monuments, America has 14, Canada and Australia both have seven, England has six, New Zealand has four and Ireland and France each have one.

9. An app's an app for a' that

The Scottish Government released 'The Works of Robert Burns' app in 2011 (available from www.scotland.org). The app has more than 550 poems and love songs and comes complete with a useful glossary of terms to help translate the Scots terms. There is also a biography and timeline of the bard's life and it even includes a guide on how to host a Burns Supper.

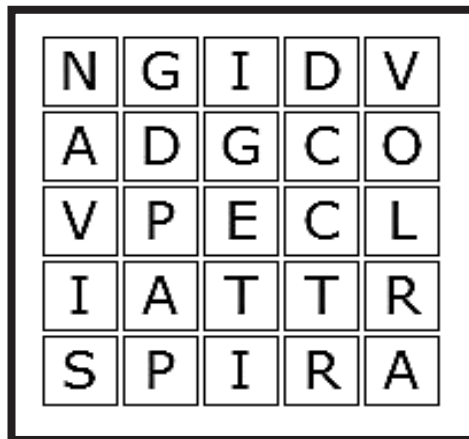
10. Alternative honours

Rabbie Burns has been honoured in some rather more unusual ways. In 1956 the Soviet Union became the first country in the world to feature him on a commemorative stamp. He was also the first person to have featured on a Coca-Cola bottle, the only time the company has designated a design to one nation. If you're ever at a pedestrian crossing in Japan when it's time to cross you may well hear a Japanese adaptation of Comin' Thro' the Rye!

Boggled

How many English words can you find in the Boggled grid, according to the following rules?

- The letters must be adjoining in a 'chain'. They can be adjacent horizontally, vertically or diagonally.
- Words must contain at least four letters and may include singular and plural or other derived forms.
- No letter may be used more than once within a single word, unless it appears twice.
- No vulgarities or proper nouns are permitted.



TARGET:

- Average: 15
- Good: 21
- Very good: 30
- Excellent: 38

SCORING:

- 4 letters: 1 point
- 5 letters: 2 points
- 6 letters: 3 points
- 7 letters: 5 points
- 8 or more letters: 11 points

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

gent geed ghee dent dept deed deep ended eggs edda heed hues hued huts hues endue endured endues exude exuded exudate exudates duet duets dues date dates adept axed eats efts feud feuded feta fest feat feats

Sudoku

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

5	9	3	6	1	8	7	2	4
6	8	7	3	4	2	5	9	1
4	2	1	7	5	9	6	3	8
1	6	2	5	9	3	8	4	7
3	5	8	4	2	7	1	6	9
7	4	9	8	6	1	2	5	3
9	7	6	1	3	5	4	8	2
2	1	4	9	8	6	3	7	5
8	3	5	2	7	4	9	1	6

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					8			4
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				5	2		3	
			8					9

Word Ladder

LINK

Word Ladder grid with 6 empty boxes for linking words.

FACT

Move from the start word (LINK) to the end word (FACT) in the same number of steps as there are rungs on the Word Ladder. You must only change one letter at a time.

- LINK
- PINK
- PINT
- LACK
- LACE
- FACE
- FACT
- FACT
- Solution

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Brexit discussions

FOLLOWING the speech by Theresa May concerning her main expectations from Brexit negotiations on January 17, the Chief Minister Fabian Picardo and the Deputy Chief Minister Dr Joseph Garcia left Gibraltar for London the following day for detailed discussions with the UK Government on a number of areas including the process of leaving the EU.

New Pay & Display zone

AS part of the sustainable traffic, transport and parking plan, as from Thursday January 19 the Gibraltar government will be launching a pilot Pay & Display zone along Glacis Road in the lay-by area in front of Portland House. The Pay & Display parking bays will be operational from 9am to 7pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 2pm on Saturdays, with Sundays free.

Improved elderly care

MOUNT ALVERNIA which is a government operated facility for the elderly who need round-the-clock care is undergoing a refurbishment programme to create additional space to allow for the provision of 24 more beds by relocating staff facilities and admin areas. This is in addition to 52 beds to be made available at the Dementia Residential Home due to open soon.

Special thanks to the law enforcers

By John Smith

FOLLOWING the successful seizure of cannabis valued at £4 million, congratulations were due to the Royal Gibraltar Police (RGP) and HM Customs.

Both his Excellency the Governor and the Chief Minister visited the combined operations force and gave short speeches of thanks before speaking more informally to the crews and their onshore coordinators.

The Governor said: "Your recent operations have been very testing but very successful." He also stressed the importance of cooperation and coordination between the RGP, HM Customs, the Royal Navy and their Spanish equivalents.

The Chief Minister emphasised the importance he placed

on the Marine Sections having the right equipment to undertake their dangerous work, especially at night saying "Cannabis poses considerable danger to the health and safety of the users themselves, their families, and our communities and I am determined to do all that is necessary to keep cannabis off the streets of our city."

The crews then described conditions they often face on the water, with RHIBs travelling without lights at up to 50 knots in pitch darkness. "The smugglers will go to any lengths to get away and they will risk people's lives to do so," said one officer.

THE GOVERNOR and Chief Minister give thanks. |



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G4 and Lesley Garrett on the Rock

GIBRALTAR seems to attract a whole host of different musicians, not only to perform on the Rock but to also film videos in order to promote their newest releases.

Latest arrivals are the classically trained and recently reformed G4, along with world-famous Soprano Lesley Garrett who came to be filmed St Michael's Cave.

All of the visitors admitted to being blown away by the acoustics in the Cave and by Gibraltar generally and both sets of artists admitted that they would love to return to the Rock to perform before an audience rather than just the cameras.



Photo by HM Government of Gibraltar

IN PARTNERSHIP: Announcing the agreement.

A NEW partnership between the Government of Gibraltar and MTV UK was announced on January 17 as details of a special programme called MTV Presents Gibraltar Calling were revealed.

This outdoor live music spectacular, which effectively takes over from the Gibraltar Music Festival will take place in Gibraltar on September 2 and 3, marking the channel's first-ever partnership with the Government of Gibraltar.

As part of the agreement,

MTV and Gibraltar partner

MTV will promote the event which is to be held in the Victoria Stadium across its myriad of social, digital and linear platforms and will film the event for MTV LIVE.

"With its sunny climate and stunning views, Gibraltar is a fantastic location for an outdoor live music event and we're really looking forward to working with the Government of Gibraltar to showcase

what Gibraltar has to offer to our youth audience," commented Mark Swift, Senior Vice President, Commercial & International Ad Sales, VMN UK.

Minister for Culture, the Hon Steven Linares, said: "I am delighted to be able to announce this exciting new development for Gibraltar's cultural life. Since the first Gibraltar Mega Concert in

2012 the festival has become an important highlight of the year for locals and visitors alike. The event is firmly established as one of Europe's major summer festivals, featuring international headliners and showcasing local talents."

Tickets for the event are set to go on sale on March 1, although no acts have as yet been announced.

LETTERS

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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

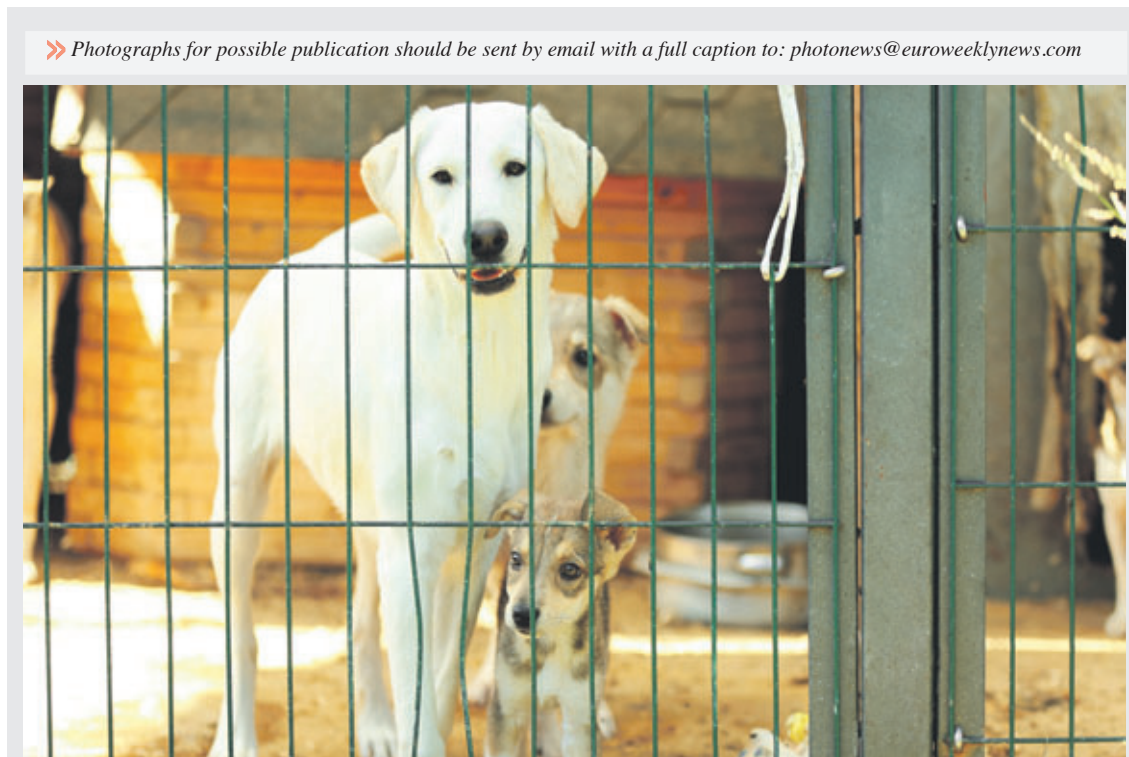
Transport appeal

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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Advertising feature

Hip joints can be a right pain



By Estelle Mitchell

www.thebodyworksclinic.com

THE hip or acetabulofemoral joint includes over 70 different ligaments, tendons, muscles and bones and is (with the shoulder) the most flexible joint in the body, slightly different in men and women.

Where's the pain?

Confusingly, the area that most of us refer to as our hip is actually the pelvis bone. The hip joint itself is deep into the groin. So 'true' hip joint pain is usually felt as pain into the groin.

But my hip still hurts!

Pain in the outer thigh, buttock or lower back is often attributed to a problem in the hip joint. But they can be quite separate issues.

Bursitis, tendonitis, sciatica, Iliotibial Band Syndrome, referred pain

from the lower back or knee... these all cause pain in the hip area which isn't anything to do with the hip joint.

So, as I've said again and again, a full and proper physical assessment is important. An X-ray might well show some mild arthritic changes in the hip joint but these might not be causing the current symptoms.

And you can spend a lot of money and time on the best treatment available but if you are treating the wrong part of the body it's not going to get better.

Swing your hips

The way you move and walk can also affect your hip. I regularly use video gait analysis to help my patients understand the connection between how their feet, knees, hips and lower back function.

Referred pain from feet, knees and back can cause a lot of hip pain.

No it's definitely arthritis

There are three main routes forward depending on how severe the osteoarthritis is:

1. Do nothing – not my favourite but

it is always an option

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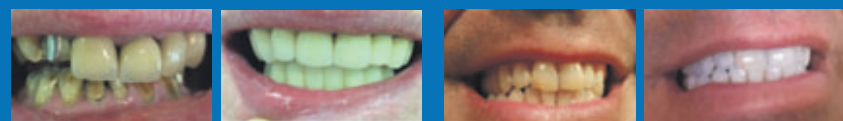
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Ask the Optician: Ski Eye Care

By Amrik Sappal, Store Director from Specsavers Opticas Fuengirola

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.

■ **How can I protect my eyes whilst out on the slopes?** All you need is good sunglasses, but make sure you choose the right ones. Always read the label carefully and choose the maximum protection factor available. Remember that eyes will be exposed to high levels of UV even if it's not sunny. Choosing sunglasses without the right protection could damage the eye by causing the pupil to dilate, increasing the amount of UV light filtering into the eyes, so always keep this in mind when selecting your eyewear.

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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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Enjoy gourmet Italian food at Restaurante Valparaiso Mijas

ANY restaurant that has been in business since 1984 with the same owner must be doing something right and Valparaiso on the Fuengirola to Mijas road is a shining light of longevity with quality.

Raffaele Morelli and his brother Vittorio had a vision of a new type of relaxing high quality restaurant and this is what they produced following many successful years in the UK which included owning and running the trendy Barbarellas in the Fulham Road.

The result was Valparaiso which is an oasis in the summer with its charming swimming pool and ideal al fresco eating area and in the winter is a cosy and charming restaurant.

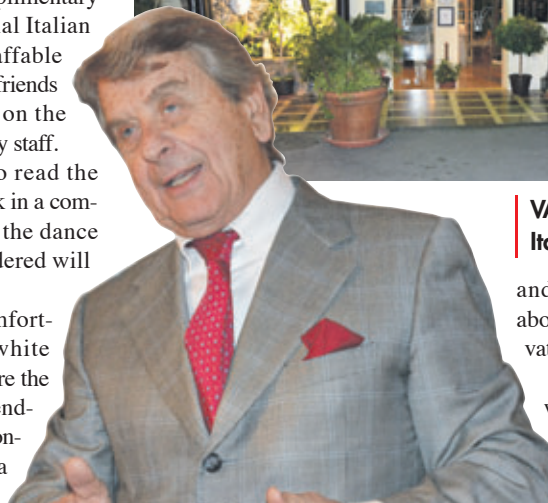
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Italian meal for just €25 per person with nine starters and nine main courses which cater for vegetarians as well as meat eaters to choose from.

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You will be invited to read the menu and enjoy your drink in a comfortable bar area next to the dance floor and then having ordered will be escorted to your table.

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VALPARAISO: Old fashioned Italian hospitality and charm.

and you don't even have to worry about parking as there is a large private car park on site.

As the evening progresses, there will be live music and singing, but it is not intrusive or too loud and the separate dance floor

beckons those who wish to have some exercise after a delicious meal.

Ever thoughtful, especially worried about the well-being of female customers if it is cold or raining, he has created a completely separate smoking room for those who would like to have a cigarette and enjoy a coffee or drink after their meal.

With a warm welcome for two or 200 people, there is no doubt that Valparaiso combines old fashioned Italian hospitality and charm with up-to-date high quality food and if you don't want to eat from the special menu then choose a la carte.

This is a restaurant that has style and quality stamped all over it which is why it enjoys welcoming so many regular clients as well as new comers and any number of celebrities.

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TOP THAI: Authentic Thai cuisine at two leading restaurants.

(grilled chicken), pho phia (vegetable spring rolls), gung him pha (prawn spring roll) and kha nampany gung (sesame and prawn canapes).

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CLASSIC DINING: Top Thai Beach offers an ambient setting.

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- *Smoked duck egg, soft boiled with feta cheese, avocado and beetroot salad.
- *Pan seared scallops with squid ink and black pepper alioli, served with butternut squash puree and pancetta crisps.
- *Irn Bru and cracked black pepper tempura prawns with mango and red pepper mayo.

MAINS

- *Sweet chorizo stuffed rabbit, braised in John Smiths ale, wrapped in serrano ham, and served with cider poached pear. Wild carrots and mustard mash.
- *250 g Fillet of beef with roasted chestnuts and mushrooms, vegetable gateaux, crispy leeks, Dijon air, Parmesan crisps and thyme mash.
- *Seared tuna steak with roasted almonds, cumin red peppers, almond dauphinoise and grilled endive.
- *Wild mushroom and walnut tortellini in brandy, elderflower and almond cream.

DESSERTS

- *Trio of chocolate ganaches; Dark chocolate and chilli, milk chocolate and sea salt and white chocolate and vanilla
- *Spotted dick with rum and raisin ice cream on Champagne battered custard.
- *Spun sugar basked with winter fruit cocktail and rice milk sorbet.



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Manga and mayhem in Alhaurin de la Torre

By John Smith

THE visit of the Spanish Brigade of the Star Wars 501st Legion will be just one of the attractions at the second Salon de Manga to be held in Alhaurin de la Torre at the Pavillion El Limon on January 21 and 22.

Last year saw 4,000 people attending the two-day exhibition which is sponsored by the local council and organised by Fusion Freak and covers all aspects of Manga, Science Fiction, Cosplay, Comics, Video Games and Fantasy.

If you are a lover of Harry Potter there will be a photo opportunity and a replica of the Iron Throne from Game of Thrones together with Jon Snow's sword and coat, but that's not all as there will be mock combat, exhibitions of martial art, workshops, Mario Kart racing, cosplay, kimonos and movie cars.

If that isn't enough, there will even be



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SALON DE MANGA: Cosplay in action.

a performance by Anzu Lilia, the up and coming manga style (known as 'anison') singer who comes from Murcia and all of this comes with free admission and the

show is open from 11am to 10pm each day.

For even more information visit www.facebook.com/salonmangaalhaurin

Malaga City gears up for Carnival

THE authorities in Malaga City are gearing up for the Carnival which goes into full swing from February 18 to 26, but there is plenty of activity prior to those dates.

Starting on January 21, a number of activities will take place in the Teatinos area including the Migas Carnival and a Picoteo (snacking) festival plus many other events, all of which start at 1pm.

Music is not forgotten and there will be a music contest which has attracted a record number of 70 different groups

with participants from Malaga, Cadiz, Cordoba, Almeria, Granada and Sevilla.

The first rounds will take place from February 2 to 10, semi-finals from February 12 to 15 and the final on February 17. Entry fee for each session at the Alameda Theatre will be €10 per person.

The exciting Carnival itself will start on February 18 with an opening ceremony hosted by Dede Cortés, where the Carnival God and Goddess will be revealed. The whole of the

week sees processions, parades, a drag queen contest and music will abound.

On the last Friday there will be a children's costume competition, the battle of the flowers followed by a special performance by Sonia Priego Bárbara, a Spanish pop-flamenco singer from Sevilla who performs under the stage name La Hungara.

On the last day, there will be a final parade and then the traditional ceremony of the burial of the anchovy (boqueron) to close the entire celebrations until the next year.

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Audition notice for The Hobbit

By John Smith

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“ This adaptation uses the medium of storytelling and puppetry to tell the tale of adventure.

Actors are invited to attend an audition at the theatre which will be held between noon at 2pm on Saturday January 28 with production due for May 19 to 23.

This theatrical adaptation uses the medium of storytelling and puppetry to tell the tale of adventure; courage and the ultimate epic fight of good against evil.

Young performers between the ages of 11 and 16 with a good degree of physical and

vocal skills are wanted to play an ensemble of goblins, hobbits and villagers whilst a number of adult actors with strong vocal skills are required to play the 'tall people' in the story.

Puppeteers and ensemble roles are included in the adult cast.

There are a number of good roles for younger people which include:

Bilbo Baggins
Thorin Oakenshield (Leader of the Dwarves)

The Dwarves, where four roles are available and an ability to speak with an accent is a plus, but the dwarves can be played by boys or girls.

The adult roles are for:
Gandalf (a wizard of great age)
Elrond: wise and warm of heart / Elven King: cold and heartless

Goblin King / Master of Laketown

Percival

Bard the Bowman (strong and courageous)

Gollum, a slimy creature of the dark.



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If you would like any more information with regards to characters and audition pieces, please call Oliver on 610 307 423, email leiva2627@hotmail.com or contact the theatre box office.

Delicious roast beef in Marbella

SUNDAY roast lunch is always popular with expats especially in winter although it might seem a rather strange mixture for a gourmet Italian restaurant to be offering slow cooked roast beef, but CIBO Marbella knows better.

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Sunday Roast is Beef so there won't be a plethora of other meats, although diners can of course choose starters and other main courses from the general menu.

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TENTH YEAR: Launch of the Ojeando Festival which takes place in the summer.

Special concert in Ojen

By John Smith

THE town of Ojen will host the 10th Ojeando Music festival which takes place on June 30 and July 1 under the slogan '10 years, 10 artists, 10 experiences.'

As something of a novel experiment, the organisers will sell 100 VIP tickets

for a special concert which will take place in the Ojen Caves on July 1, but they have not released the name of the headline artist for this concert.

This Indie festival has gone from strength to strength during its 10 years and has become an established event in both the Ojen calendar and also for many fans based in the Costa del Sol.

With 10 different bands over the two-day festival, entry is not expensive at €25 for the two days (€40 to include camping) or €35 for the limited number of VIP tickets (€45 to include camping).

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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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Garden water features are a Spanish tradition

By Graeme Tyrrell

WATER features in a garden landscape have been a treasured element since ancient times. The oldest known landscape design named the Sennufer Garden, 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 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



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WATER FEATURE: Adds an ambience of tranquillity and contrast.

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 over-

flow 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.

Of course a pond requires good design and maintenance to provide its benefits. Clean water rather than most treated tap water needs to be used to fill it and the water must not become stagnant. A sustainable ecology to retain water quality has to be developed in the design to minimise maintenance disasters. Water should be recycled to prevent wastage and overflow directed to benefit the garden.

Fortunately there is a range of pumps and filters available that can assist in creating a perfect pond or fountain that can become a fascinating focal point in the garden. Decorating a pond with solar lights and lanterns allows a pond to be enjoyed day and night. If you have a confined space, there are plenty of table top fountains and self-contained ornaments with flowing water that can be added to enhance the quality of your garden space indoors or outdoors.

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Home organising hacks

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

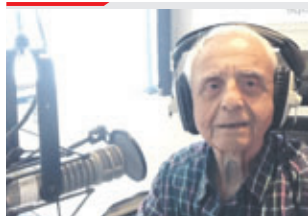
cupboard without creasing or dragging out the rest. Sheet sets can be easily kept together by folding and storing each inside one of its pillow cases.

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.



Personal protection dogs as pets



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DOG TRAINING: Is important and should never be skipped.

MANY people are under the impression that a correctly trained personal protection dog is no different to a security dog, guard dog or stereotypical scrappy 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 its 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, 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.

Many of the dogs that I was (I am now retired) able to supply and train were sold to families with children thus dispelling another myth that trained dogs and children cannot 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.

Owner of rescued cats prefers pet-sitting in their own home

A NUMBER of the members of HouseSit-Match, whether they are home pet owners or house-sitters, tell us how they are moved by the plight of stray cats and dogs left to scavenge in the streets of southern Spain.

More times than I would care to count, I have been asked to find sympathetic and experienced house and pet-sitters who would be willing to care for such pets, rescued from the alleys and byways and now living in the homes of these caring pet owners. The animals are given a safe and comfortable shelter, they are fed and cared for. Once they are fit and have recovered from their ailments the animals are rehomed.

Teresa is one such pet owner. Apart from her own five cats (most of which she rescued and rehabilitated) she continues to collect abandoned cats and with the help of the local vets and her own family she nurses them back to health and then finds caring homes for them.

Naturally she prefers to keep the animals at home when she travels away from home. The cats are beginning to find stability and strength, staying at home where they are comfortable helps them to build trust in humans. We find house and pet-sitters for Teresa



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What's in a name

CHOOSING a name for a new pet is an important decision, especially in the case of dogs as you are likely to have to yell it in public quite often for many years to come!

As with human names, fashions change and trends seem to influence choices. An American pet-sitter and dog walker website, *Rover.com*, has come up with a list of the most popular dog names in 2016 and surprisingly six of them coincide with the year's top baby names!

For male dogs, the firm

favourite was Max, followed in order by Charlie, Buddy, Cooper and Jack while for females the top choices were Bella, Lucy, Daisy, Lola and Luna.

The study also revealed that pop culture influences 53 per cent of all dog owners and three quarters of millennials when it comes to choosing a name. References to X-Files, Pokemon Go, Harry Potter and Game of Thrones all increased in popularity over the year.

Food and drink also continue to inspire, yet snacks and alco-

hol (Taffy, Twix, Brandy and Whisky) seem far more popular than healthy choices of the past like Peaches for some reason.

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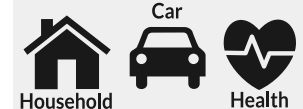


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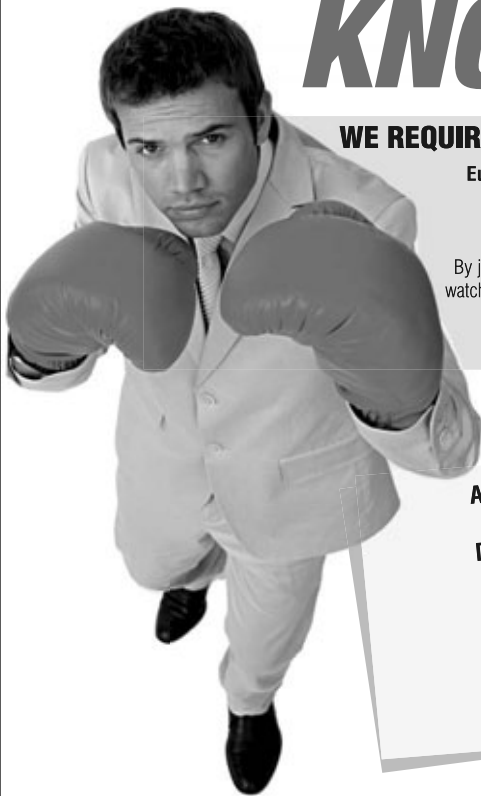
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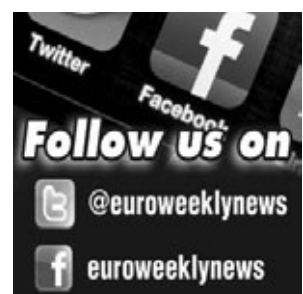
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Motoring shorts

**Detroit’s
motor 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 their new AMG GT C with a top speed of 197mph, while Porsche doubled down on its 911 with a GTS version boasting a seven-speed manual option.

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 718 Boxster named best sports car, now boasting a flat-four turbo engine. But Mercedes managed the double too. It’s

27
top British motoring journalists decided the award winners.

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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A FERRARI F40 formerly owned by rock and blues legend Eric Clapton has gone up for sale with London luxury car specialists GVE. The 1991 model with under 7,000 miles on the clock was bought by Clapton in 2000, sold three years later, and is now priced at £925,000 (€1,01 million).

The F40 is considered an all time Ferrari classic, an acclaimed 40th

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units only were produced of the 40th anniversary F40 Ferrari.

anniversary celebration and the last car personally presented by Enzo Ferrari himself. Clapton's car was one of just 1,311 produced and boasts a 2936cc engine with a top speed of just over 200mph.

The former Cream singer was an obsessive Ferrari collector. He owned a 275 GTS, a custom-built SP12 EC, and a 250 GT Lusso.

The love affair began in the late 60's when George Harrison arrived

at Clapton's home in style, brandishing a dark blue 356 GTC. Clapton didn't even have a driving licence but instantly ordered one for the 'princely sum of four grand' according to his autobiography.

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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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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 Premier-ship 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.

ARSENAL ON FIRE:
As they thrashed
Swansea 4-0.



CRISTIANO RONALDO is the 'REAL DEAL'

By Tony Matthews

EARLIER this month, the former Manchester United and current Real Madrid and Portuguese international forward Cristiano Ronaldo, became the first recipient of the FIFA World Player of the Year award... adding this accolade to the Ballon d'Or prize he won at the end of last year. In fact, the irresistible goal-machine has now won the prestigious Ballon d'Or a record four times, having previously collected the coveted trophy in 2008, 2013 and 2014 - the most by any European player.

Now regarded as being one of the greatest marksmen in football history, as at January 17, 2017 Ronaldo had netted a staggering 595 goals in 873 games for club, country (U15, U17, U20, U21 and senior levels) and FIFA, including 382 in just 369 appearances for Spanish giants Real Madrid.

Ronaldo, who has already been named as the best Portuguese player of all time by his country's Football Federation, is the only player to win four European Golden Shoe (boot) awards.

He is without doubt one of the most marketable athletes in world sport. In 2016 *Forbes* named Ronaldo as the world's best paid athlete and in June 2016, ESPN ranked him as the world's most famous athlete.

Born Cristiano Ronaldo dos Santos Aveiro on February 5, 1985 in Santo Antonio, Funchal, Madeira, he was an amateur with CF Andorinho and Nacional, eventually starting his professional career with Sporting Club Portugal before transferring to Manchester United at age 18 in 2003.

In his first season in England, he helped the Reds win the FA Cup (2004) before starring for United as they clinched three successive Premier League titles (2007-09), won the UEFA Champions League (2008) and also the FIFA Club World Cup.

At the age 23, he had already received Ballon d'Or and FIFA World Player of the Year nominations before becoming the world's most expensive footballer when he moved from Old Trafford to Real Madrid in the summer of 2009 for €94 million (£81.52 million).

With Real here in Spain, he has since won La Liga, two Copas

del Rey, two Champions League titles and two Club World Cups... and suspects there will more trophies coming to the Bernabeu in the not too distant future!

Ronaldo, who holds the record for most goals scored in a single UEFA Champions League season, 17 in the 2013-14 season, also became the fastest player to score 200 goals in La Liga when he reached that magic milestone in 2014, which he achieved in only his 178th appearance in the competition.

The only player in the history of football (worldwide) to net 50 or more goals in a season on six consecutive occasions, in 2015, Ronaldo became the all-time top marksman in the Champions League. He also became Real Madrid's all-time leading goalscorer, but perhaps not surprisingly he is currently the second highest scorer in La Liga history behind Argentina's Lionel Messi, his perceived career rival.

On the international front, Ronaldo made his senior debut for Portugal in August 2003, at the age of 18 and right now he is his country's most capped player of all time with 136 under his belt and also the top scorer with 68 goals to his credit. He has participated in seven major tournaments - four UEFA European Championships (2004, 2008, 2012 and 2016) and three FIFA World Cups (2006, 2010 and 2014) - and, of course, captained Portugal to victory in last season's European Championship, having taken over the skipper's armband in July 2008.

He led his country into the semi-finals at Euro 2012, finishing as joint-top scorer, and in November 2014, he became the all-time top scorer in the UEFA European Championship (including qualifying rounds) with an overall total of 23 goals.

At Euro 2016, he became the most capped player of all-time in the tournament. The first player to score at four consecutive European Championship finals he also equalled Frenchman Michel Platini's all-time record for most goals scored in the competition.



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"With this policy change we are helpless," said Chinese billionaire club owner Shu Yuhui, responding to the new only three foreigners ruling.

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New Year fizzes into action

WITH the Christmas, New Year and Three Kings festivities out of the way Miraflores started the second half of the bowling season with the two-wood singles competitions. While the UK was covered in grey gloomy weather here on the coast we were blessed with warm sunny days for the competition.

There was a very good entry in both Men's and Ladies' competitions and many long and closely contested matches leading up to the finals. In the men's competition we had Malcolm Dare up against Dudley Calder and in the Ladies' final we saw Brenda Collier playing Nancy Shaw.

A good sized crowd had gathered in expectation to watch what were anticipated to be closely fought matches. All of the finalists had won Singles competitions at Miraflores before, but only Nancy had been successful in this competition.

In the Men's Final Malcolm got off to a strong start to lead 10-4 after 10 ends, Dudley fought back to get to 13-9 after 18 ends but could not close the gap any as Malcolm kept his concentration to win this championship for the first time 21-14.

The Ladies Final was a finely balanced affair with the lead changing hands regularly throughout the early stages of the match and the score 10-9 to Brenda after 14 ends. Brenda



Two wood finalists (From L to R): Dudley Calder, Brenda Collier (Runners-up), James Tyrer (President) and Nancy Shaw and Malcolm Dare (Winners).

was becalmed on 10 shots as Nancy won a series of ends to take the lead 15-10, but she fought back to get close at 16-18 after 24 ends. Nancy kept her cool and went on to win the next two ends and win the title for a third time with the first being over 20 years ago!!

In his speech when making the presentation after the final, Club President James Tyrer praised the quality of play in both the finals and the earlier matches and thanked

all those who had marked throughout the competition without whom it would not have been possible. Finally he thanked John and Dine Warn for their efforts in co-ordinating the competition.

Finally, in Friday's league match between the Miraflores Spitfires and Lauro Golf a rare event occurred when John Warn's triple of himself and Tony and Esther Gatter scored a hotshot (nine shots) on the penultimate end against Tom Roger's triple.

Fuengirola Lions triumph against CDS Crusaders

FUENGIROLA won the toss and elected to bat first on a wicket which assisted the fast bowlers early on as Costa del Sol Crusaders' bowlers took advantage of the pitch and Fuengirola were soon reduced to 2-2 in the 2nd over.

Adam (1-28) and Kai (1-36) bowled good line and length as both the openers were dismissed for nought. But the 3rd wicket partnership of 96 runs between Jalal Siddiqui (72) and Ateshan (24) steadied the Fuengirola's batting. The middle order batsman Afzal Shah (49 n.o) and shahid Mahmood (34 n.o) had a brief unbeaten attacking partnership which helped Fuengirola Lions to a competitive score of 220-5 in 30 overs.

In reply Costa del Sol Crusaders were soon in trouble as they lost three quick wickets for 30 runs and were left struggling. A 72 run partnership between Egan (21) and Kurt (80 n.o) tried to turn the tides but it wasn't enough as the opening bowlers Shahid (1-14) and Manan (0-20) bowled brilliantly to keep the run rate down.

Some big hitting by Atif (27) and Kurt tried to get Costa Crusaders close, but tight bowling at the end by Fuengirola Lions took them to victory as Costa del Sol Crusaders eventually fell short by 27 runs.

Jalal from Fuengirola Lions was adjudged man of the match for his brilliant 72 runs and one wicket for 38 runs.

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