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**LOCAL NEWS**

# Graffiti gang

FOUR youths aged between 18 and 20 have been arrested by Local Police after they allegedly daubed an enormous anti-Nazi slogan across the breakwater in Javea port. Visible from various parts of the municipality due to its size, the two-word message demonstrated that the perpetrators have a fine understanding of English profanities.

# That sucks

ALICANTE Province can expect a mosquito population explosion later this year following recent torrential rainfall. Water that has accumulated in no longer drought-ridden wetlands and agricultural land will provide a perfect breeding ground and hasten the insects' biological cycle, according to local biologists.

# Optical express

FINESTRAT is continuing with its plans to install fibre optics for its many residents. The town already has 45 kilometres of the high speed telephone and internet service and town centre installations are due to begin in March. In June urbanisations such as Balcon de Finestrat and Sierra Cortina benefited from the new network.

# Hundreds enter EWN Win a Car competition

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## Guilty verdict cast in cement

ORXETA'S former mayor was found guilty of allowing a cement factory to function in a protected area for 10 years.

Vicente Llinares received a suspended three-month prison term and was barred from holding public office for 42 months. The factory owner also received a three-month sentence and a €1,080 fine.

He bought the land belonging to the then mayor for the equivalent of €60,000. Although the owner did not have a licence he had expected to receive this in the near future, the judge said.

Instead, Llinares turned down the application and initiated an enquiry but took no further steps, allowing the plant to function despite unsuccessful attempts at legalising it.

Llinares also ignored repeated complaints from a neighbour who finally brought the case against the ex-mayor.

The courts ordered the cement works to close in 2007 and it was finally demolished in 2009.

## Gone with the wind

THE Valencian community is facing yet another clear-up operation due to bad weather, after strong winds lashed the region, bringing rain and hail.

Trees were uprooted and walls and roofs tumbled, while many public parks and gardens were temporarily closed.

In Benitachell, a 50-year-old man was wounded after a wooden advertising board crashed into his stomach after flying through the air, injuring several others.

Further down the coast, homes and businesses in Alicante City centre were left without internet after a particularly strong blast of air pulled up exposed cables in an area where two buildings are being demolished.

## Pirates piped down

OFFICERS from the Guardia Civil have arrested five Bulgarians, four men and a woman, who were involved in the theft of exhaust pipes and catalytic converters from cars in France and Spain.

The group would park next to their target car before removing the exhaust and transporting it to a warehouse in the Valencian town of Quartell. Once there, they crushed the ceramic discs in the catalytic converters to extract valu-

## SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE...3

Views differ greatly over whether the Spanish are more loving than the Brits. But rest assured on Valentine's Day next Tuesday millions of locals and expats will be revealing their love to special ones.

# Viva el amor!

ALTHOUGH not a traditional fiesta, St Valentine's Day is known as San Valentin in Spain, and is celebrated the same way as in the UK. Many Spaniards are convinced that it was only created to boost consumerism, though, and have dubbed Valentine's Day as the Dia de El Corte Ingles (El Corte Ingles Day) in a sarcastic reference to the famous department store.

Certain Spanish regions also celebrate their love on different days of the year. In Valencia, for example, October 9 is the most romantic day, when the Day of the Valencian Community coincides with the Day of Saint Dionysius, the patron saint of lovers. It is customary for



Diada de Sant Jordi, Barcelona.

men to gift their loved one a Mocadora, consisting of marzipan sweets handcrafted by local confectioners and wrapped in a silk scarf.

In Catalonia, couples celebrate their love on April 23, St George's Day, known locally as La Diada de Sant Jordi. Men present their sweetheart with a red rose while receiving a book in return, and a myriad of stalls selling the symbolic items spring up across the region.

## Latin lovers

LATIN countries dominate the ranking of the most romantic nationalities in the world, with Spain coming in fourth behind the sensual samba of Brazil, the ooh la la of France, and the legendary passion of Europe's most convincing Casanovas, Italy.

The UK does not make the current top 10, which also features Argentina, the Lebanon, United States, Sweden, Ireland and India.

## A recent history

THE Anglo-Saxon tradition of giving flowers, sweets or other gifts to a loved one was introduced to Spain in 1948 by Jose 'Pepin' Fernandez Rodriguez,



GIFT GIVING: Was introduced to Spain in 1948.

founder of department store chain Galerías Preciados.

His idea was promoted in a provocative article by journalist Cesar Gonzalez-Ruano, and Galerías Preciados followed this up with a Valentine's Day-themed advert in the newspaper ABC.

This was accompanied by text praising "a pleasure of the spirit, a way to distinguish who we appreciate and, ultimately, a feeling of culture."

The campaign continued in the weeks leading up to February 14, calling on the wealthy to enjoy 'the social elegance of a gift,' the rest is history.

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## Hazardous highway

GATA Town Hall is taking steps to solve its N-332 problem.

There is no bypass and the road, one of the busiest and most dangerous in Spain, slices the town in half. There have been serious accidents, and in the most recent an 86-year-old woman was killed by a heavy lorry. The local council voted unanimously to ask the Ministry of Pub-

lic Works in Madrid to 'take appropriate measures' to find a solution.

## Burst of burglaries

THIEVES have returned to the area known as Pino Holandeses in San Vicente del Raspeig, with two bars raided. In addition to causing material damage, the looters snaffled money from the slot machines and tills. The latest incidents follow an attempted break-in at the petrol station on the Castalla road two weeks

ago which was caught on security camera, the footage showing the would-be robbers wearing ski masks.

## A load of bull

BOU EMBOLAT bull-running, increasingly dropped from fiestas' programmes, still has its fans.

Agost Council, following the lead of coastal towns like Javea, Pedreguer and Benitachell, has banned the variant whereby burning torches are fixed to the animal's horns.

The town's Asociacion Taurina criticised the move and claimed that the veto would directly affect local businesses.

## What's up via WhatsApp

ALTEA Town Hall has introduced a WhatsApp warning service. Subscribers with WhatsApp on their smartphones can receive urgent town hall alerts with emergency messages in Spanish or English.

All they need to do is add 673 170 140 to their Contacts list and then send a WhatsApp message with the word ALTA for Spanish alerts or JOIN for those preferring them in English.

Cancelling the service is equally easy, requiring only an-

other message to the same number with the word BAJA or EXCLUDE.

This is a one-way service, explained the town hall's Communications and New Technologies councillor Pere Barber, and subscribers' messages to the town hall number are not answered.

"The WhatsApp service will only be used for important alerts, like the recent water restrictions or storm warnings," the councillor said.

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## Postscript to ponder

13,000

The number of active fishing vessels in Spain, forming the third largest fleet in the EU. Around 50 per cent of these are based in Galicia, with 19 per cent in Andalusia.

## Virtually abducted

POLICE managed to stop a father from Zaragoza paying €10,000 to a criminal gang in Chile who falsely told him his son had been kidnapped. They said virtual kidnappings will start with a phone call to the anxious relative who may even hear a third party pretending to be the victim and to have been hurt by the gang.

The kidnapers usually demand immediate payment and victims are often chosen at random with the gang acting aggressively to provoke an emotional reaction. Spain's National Police say telltale signs can be a hidden or concealed telephone number or one beginning with +56, the STD for Chile from where many of these calls have originated.

## Murder accused

A NIGHTCLUB janitor accused of shooting dead a man in the Portuguese city of Coimbra has been found hiding in a shelter for the homeless in Galicia.

Spanish police with their Portuguese counterparts swooped on the hostel in Vigo and arrested the man using a European Arrest Warrant.

## Doctors held in false limb scam

DOCTORS are among 22 people arrested in Cadiz accused of defrauding more than €250,000 from the Andalusian Health Service. They face charges of embezzlement, fraud and falsifying documents. Police said false claims for prosthetic limbs and other items were made

and the equipment often sold on at inflated prices. Many people went without their limbs because of the scam, according to police, who say it operated from 2012 to 2014. Those arrested include a number of medical staff from the Puerto Real and Puerta del Mar de Cadiz Hospitals.



## Postcard from ITUREN



**ITUREN is a town and tiny municipality in northern Spain in the Pyrenees. It's made up of four small hamlets, one of them, also called Ituren, had just 518 inhabitants in 2012.**

**That's not a lot by any stretch of the imagination. But once a year it leaps to the top of any index measuring the oddest of local customs. Remember Morris dancers? Men with bells, ribbons and pigs' bladders? Well, this lot knock them into a cocked hat. On the first Monday and Tuesday of February its men and boys take part in a procession through the locality dressed in sheepskins and conical hats with ribbons, while carrying whips. But that's not all. Giant cowbells are strapped to their backs.**

**And as they progress they are confronted by other villagers dressed as witches and demons who must scatter as they walk through. The ceremony, not surprisingly, has a lot to do with good and evil, light and darkness and so on. You may think it's just quaint or done only for the tourists. But some researchers evidently think it could be one of the oldest carnival events in the whole of Europe. It's certainly one of the strangest....**

## Train crash

RELATIVES of 81 people killed in a high-speed train crash in Spain have received the backing of a high-level group of MEPs. The Spanish inquiry into the 2013 crash in Santiago de Compostela was not independent, they said. Around 150 people were also injured in the accident. The MEPs said a fresh inquiry should be ordered.

## Heroin gang

TWENTY-NINE people have been arrested in the Spanish cities of Madrid, Pontevedra and Ourense as police cracked down on a gang responsible for heroin trafficking in Galicia. Officers found a laboratory where a high-grade drug was mixed before being sold on the streets.

The heroin had come largely from the Balkans, Turkey and the Netherlands, police said. Among those arrested was a Spaniard who will be transferred to prison to serve a 14 year sentence and a Madrid surgeon who hid the drugs when it arrived in Spain.

## Bowing out

A BULLFIGHTER'S final departure if it comes in the ring can make national headlines. But the latest sad statistic is the death of a timber salesman from the Wirral in England's north-west who fell in love with the sport and became known as El Niño. Peter Jones fought several times in the summer of 2001 after attending a festival in Salamanca. He finished his short-lived career without serious injury and remained deeply committed to the sport. His death at age 49 was revealed by colleagues at his local golf club.

» From Front page

## Horrific cat deaths

SHOCKED residents are demanding police take action to find a cat killer who has been hanging the animals from trees on a Benidorm urbanisation.

After a spate of poisonings, those responsible have now used wire or fishing line on at least two occasions to hang the cats.

In the most recent attack at the Rincon de Loix urbanisation, the animal was left hanging from an olive tree in full view of children passing the horrific scene.

Police were called but the animal was not taken down for at least 36 hours, according to one animal charity.

The death of the cat is the second in a month from hanging. In the first incident it is claimed the animal had been tortured before being killed.

Residents claim the hangings follow the deaths over the last two years of numerous cats which were found poisoned to death.

One woman said while two of her pets had been poisoned, one cat had been shot in the leg. The animal was operated on by vets who managed to save its leg but the cat's mobility has been left seriously impaired by the injury.

Who is behind the cat killings is not known, but another resident told an animal charity worker that she had previously been verbally abused by a neighbour for feeding cats in the area.

Residents are now demanding police and the Civil Guard's nature protection service, Seprona, find whoever is responsible.

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# Murderer caught in El Campello

By Caroline Tyszka

GUARDIA CIVIL officers have arrested a Moldovan national in El Campello who was wanted for murder in his own country.

The 39-year-old man, who had been living in Torrevieja since 2015, was intercepted by the police whilst travelling on a bus

from Alicante to Paris.

Officers stopped the bus, which was heading north towards Valencia, at a check-point on the AP-7 El Campello exit.

They proceeded to check on all passengers and came across the man who was using false documents, which raised their suspicions.

During a detailed search of his belongings the officers discovered the man's true identity along with €3,500 in cash.

The man was wanted on two international arrest warrants issued by Interpol, one for shooting a fellow national and then beating him to death, the other for embezzlement.



## NEWS EXTRA

### New centre

A NEW day centre in La Xara, Denia will open in June 2017 with a capacity for 20 users, this increases the regions places by 60 per cent.

### Profitable Benidorm

HOTELS in Benidorm are among the most profitable in Spain, exceeding 6 per cent on average with €55.65 per room being sold in 2016 compared to the national average of €51.90.

### Taste bud teasers

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## NEWS EXTRA

## Big chance

A LOCAL rock group will be included in MONTGOROCK next May. Three finalists chosen online will perform at a concert next April organised by Javea's Youth department.

## Road repair

ALTEA must meet the entire cost of repairing the seafront road damaged by last month's storms. The Alicante Provincial Council ceded its upkeep last year, despite the council's objections.

## Green golf

OLIVA NOVA's golf course, designed by Severiano Ballesteros, was awarded the Golf Environment Organisation's sustainability certificate. This is the second Valencian Community golf course to obtain this recognition.

# Brexit blueprint debate in Brussels

A COSTA BLANCA vicar and a leading churchman had the chance to voice concerns about the British government's plans for Brexit at a top level meeting in Brussels.

Father Richard Seabrook, Chaplain for the Costa Blanca South and Andrew Johnson, Warden for Costa Blanca North, were representing the Church of England here in Spain.

They were among 17 volunteer delegates joined by Bishop Robert at a meeting facilitated by the Anglican church's Diocese in Europe and the UK Ambassador to Belgium, Alison Rose, using a video-conference link to the embassy in Brussels for Lord George Bridges, a Minister in the UK government's Brexit Department, who was able to hear and respond to concerns.

Major concerns centred on future health provision abroad and in the UK, pensions affected by the lower rate of exchange for sterling, clergy recruitment and the problems of families with dual nationality.



VOICING CONCERNS: About the British government's Brexit plans.

The Venerable Richard Seabrook from Torrevieja spoke of a deep fear about the future among older church members in Spain and France. He said this was already affecting peoples' emotional and mental health.

"Up until now people have received excellent medical treatment under the Spanish healthcare system" he said. "But are having to make personal choices now, based on other decisions which have yet to be made. They already face un-

certainly because the value of pensions are reduced by 20 per cent because of the fall in the pound's value since Brexit, their homes are worth less because of the state of the property market and they're worried if they sell and return to Britain they may not be able to afford a home there."

Lord Bridges and the Ambassador assured of the Prime Minister's wish to settle the issue of reciprocal rights for UK nationals quickly after Article 50 is triggered.

## OUR VIEW

## Sapphire anniversary

MANY people look to retire at the age of 65 but Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at the age of 90 has served an incredible 65 years as monarch which is now a record from any British ruler although amazingly she is only the 43rd longest reigning monarch of all time.

King Sobhuza of Swaziland who was born in the 19th century and lived until 1982 served an amazing 82 years and 254 days but looking at 20th century European dynasties, Her Majesty actually faces no competition.

Quite understandably, she is cutting back on her public duties and it must be remembered that Prince Philip is now closing in on his 96th birthday, so it is clearly important that the royal couple take care of each other's health as they draw nearer to their platinum (70th) wedding anniversary in November of this year.

There is no question the couple have enjoyed a life of privilege but equally, they (or more correctly the Queen) have been incredible ambassadors for Britain and have been in the public eye for so very long.

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# For and against Pativel

By Linda Hall

ALICANTE Province resorts are rebelling against new legislation protecting the region's unbuilt coastal land.

The Generalitat's Territorial Action Plan for Green Coastal Infrastructure (Pativel) covers 6,500 hectares of undeveloped coastline in the Valencian Region.

Thirty-seven per cent of this land is located in Alicante Province and some tourist municipalities are lodging formal complaints against Pativel conditions. These, they claim, will diminish their tourism income by curtailing further development.

With very limited exceptions, no new constructions will be allowed on a 500-metre strip measured from the shore.

Campsites that blend with their surroundings, golf courses without housing and boutique hotels that occupy little land would be considered on the next 500-metre strip.

Benitachell, Teulada-Moraira and Calpe have formally appealed against the consequences of Pativel to their development plans. So, too, has Benidorm where the project to develop Armanello, its only remaining prime site, is affected. Campello is no happier about the Pativel limitations at the Rio Seco rivermouth, Lanuza and Reixes.

Others municipalities are less hostile although Javea mayor Jose Chulvi, who welcomed the protection that Pativel provides, announced that the council would also protect the town's interests. Alfaz has few complaints and Altea welcomed the new regulations.

Maria Jose Salvador, head of the Generalitat's Territorial department, has stated that 6,700 hectares of Valencian Community land inside the one-kilometre strip are zoned for development.

"That is enough to satisfy the demand for homes and economic activity for many years," she declared.

**“No new constructions will be allowed on a 500-metre strip.”**



CAMPELLO: Rio Seco protection will halt expansion. |

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# Buxton English teacher running length of Europe

By Joanna Quintmere

IN August 2016 Aleks Kashefi, a science teacher from Buxton in Derbyshire, started what was to be an epic 6,200km solo adventure to run the entire length of Europe, a distance of almost

150 ultra-marathons.

His incredible journey began at the most northern point of mainland Europe, Nordkapp in Norway, deep within the Arctic Circle and will finish at the southernmost tip of Europe, the Punta de Tarifa in

Spain on February 18.

Now three-quarters of the way along and running up to 50km a day, Aleks' self-supported journey has taken him through freezing cold conditions, rough terrain, pouring rain (but of course some days of sun!) with him sleeping outside almost the entire way; literally running into new and often tough challenges at every step, each of which he has faced with charm, good grace and humour, but more importantly amazing courage.

Aleks has been lucky to have had the support and generosity of several strangers along his route so far, be it with an offer of a place to rest, food, company on a run or simply a cup of coffee, and all who without hesitation have showed kindness and compassion to someone they have never met - something he is deeply grateful for.

Aleks has maintained a blog throughout his trip complete with wonderful photography to share his experience in thoughtful, witty and insightful posts, beautifully told snippets of his



ALEKS KASHEFI: Keen to share his story to provide inspiration to other people.

various challenges, including his tent breaking on the first day of his adventure to falling in a river and injuring his leg.

Though a very humble man, and certainly not one who needs or likes the fanfare, he is keen to share his story in the hope that he will provide inspiration to people, especially his former students; to encourage them and others to be brave, to step out of their comfort zones

and take on more challenges. In his own words "where these actions lead isn't important, but the inspiration it may provide others to get outside, to have less and do more, that ordinary people can achieve extraordinary things."

He is also hoping to raise awareness and donations for three incredible charities: The Stroke Association, The Thomas Theyer Foundation, and Moun-

tain Rescue England and Wales. Currently running through Spain, Aleks expects to pass through Granada, Velez-Malaga and Malaga during the last legs of his journey before finally arriving in Tarifa.

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**EWN Exclusive**

# British Ambassador Simon Manley speaks to EWN

By John Smith

THE British Ambassador to Spain, Simon Manley holds an incredibly important position now that Britain intends to leave the European Union as he represents the UK in one of its most important European trading partners and whilst in Malaga on Friday February 3 granted *Euro Weekly News* an exclusive interview.

Mr Manley spent the day travelling between Madrid, Malaga and Marbella firstly to visit the English Cemetery and then to discuss Brexit at a special event organised by the British Chamber of Commerce in Spain.

He is often mentioned in the media but generally articles concentrate on what he is saying today and in this interview, he agreed to give more of an insight to the man himself and his history prior to his appointment as well as his current role.

He entered service with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in King Charles Street, London in 1990 and has worked his way through the service with two postings to the Embassy in Brussels, one to the British Consulate in New York, two periods of secondment to the European Union and most recently a return to London where he was Director of European Affairs and Head of Counter Terrorism in the FCO.

Whilst one might assume that the role of counter terrorism would sit with the Police and Security Services, the Foreign Office also has to have a very close involvement in such matters especially when British citizens suffered as happened in both Bali and Mumbai.

In the days when the government would simply pick a new Ambassador to post overseas,



SIMON MANLEY at St George's Church, Malaga.

many were the times when the 'old boy network' came into play, but for several years the majority of such posts have been advertised as new jobs and candidates appointed on merit.

This was the case with Simon Manley who had to spend four months in a language laboratory to ensure that his Spanish was completely up to date.

Spain is one of the most important positions in the diplomatic service worldwide, with more consulates than any other country because of the size of the expatriate population and the enormous amount of trade which occurs between our two countries.

His role is just not just a commercial one nor indeed as an observer of expatriate and tourist needs, as a lot of this is dealt with at ground level with the consulates, but because of his background he has close re-

lationships with the Spanish government over matters of security and there is also considerable co-operation in matters of criminality.

Putting words into his mouth, a general conversation confirmed that it is a little frustrating for him to be unable to give any guaranteed information concerning Brexit and how it will affect Britons in Spain as until negotiations are completed no one knows what the results will be, although it is government policy to try to have the case of expatriates agreed at the earliest opportunity.

Part of his role is to try to explain to the government and civil servants in the UK, the hopes, expectations and fears of those British passport holders living in Spain and the need for their wishes to be incorporated into any Brexit negotiations.

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## Consolidating tourism markets

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Forming links with tour operators, attending tourism fairs and working closely with industry professionals the town aims to entice more visitors by showcasing the resort as a good destination for cycling and weekend tourism.



WASTE WATER: Benitachell mayor Josep Femenia (second left) inspects the plant.

Photo by Benitachell Town Hall

## Additional people, more waste water

By Linda Hall

BENITACHELL'S new waste water treatment plant can now handle 150,000 cubic metres a year, one-third more than formerly.

The plant whose €613,333 cost was almost €130,000 below the tender price, was met by publicly-owned Proaguas Costablanca, which belongs to the Alicante Provincial Council.

The plant is located in the same area as the Ecoparque and, once treated, the clean water is sent from there to the La Torra watercourse which reach-

es the sea off Moraira. It is the town's largest treatment plant but an extension was needed to keep pace with Benitachell's increased population.

The plant has a new, larger-capacity pre-treatment compactor and the existing biological reactor was remodelled. A secondary decanter was installed as well as a new sludge circulator.

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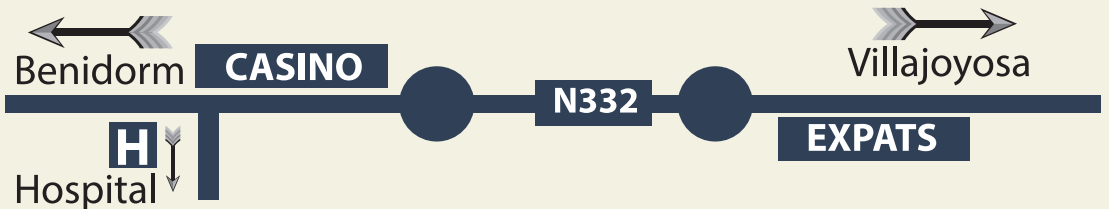
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## Benidorm on the ball

**NEW SPORTS facilities waiting for final touches.**



By *Caroline Tyszka*

THE Benidorm town council has added to its sports facilities by constructing a multisport track at the L'Aigüera Park.

The new area, which is 24 by 12 metres, has been built at the top of the recreational park next

to the playground and will allow members of the public to practice football and basketball.

Mayor Toni Pérez said: "This new facility is to meet a local demand for L'Aigüera by providing more leisure areas for our young people. It also improves the status and image of this area of the park, we have completed this recreational space which will be open to all users."

The investment of €60,000 in the new outdoor area firstly involved the ground being levelled, as it was on a significant sloped area, the base was

constructed using concrete and natural stone. The goalposts and basketball posts were installed before being surrounded by a wooden fence which was deemed to integrate better within the environment.

Whilst the construction work has been completed those wishing to use the new area will have to wait until the end of February for the concrete to set firm and the court lines to be painted.

Pérez said: "In addition to final touches we will place specific lighting for the track to be used during the opening hours of the park."

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**FLAMINGOS:**  
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By Linda Hall

THE 50 flamingos living year-round in Calpe were central to its World Wetlands Day events.

Mild winter temperatures make the Calpe Salinas an ideal permanent habitat and for several years now the flamingos no longer take off for warmer climates as winter approaches.

Although they come and go the birds, who are all ringed, forgo migration to the French Camargue and

onwards to Garaa Ezzemoul in Algeria.

To celebrate the recent World Wetlands Day, Calpe Town Hall set up an information point and observation post at the Salinas where the public could watch the birds at close quarters.

Each year this day marks the date of the Wetlands Convention that was signed in February 1971 on the shores of the Caspian Sea in Ramsar (Iran).

The theme for 2017 was

the vital role that wetlands play in preventing environmental disasters, acting as natural buffers when they are located on the coast.

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## Everybody can reclaim mortgage costs even if the mortgage is paid off

*Q. Dear Lawyer,  
I have been reading with interest  
your articles about the possibility  
of claiming for the costs of the notary,  
land registry etc for Spanish  
mortgages. We paid our mortgage  
off some years ago, but could we  
also claim for these costs back?  
What is the time limit?*

A. Dear reader, thank you for your email.

Yes, the Spanish Supreme Court has confirmed the clauses inserted by the banks on the mortgage deeds are null and void, stating that all the costs and expenses of any kind regarding the mortgage must be paid by the debtor-consumer, as the consumer could not be obliged to pay costs that by law should be paid by the lender, in this case, the bank, as per Spanish General Consumer Law.

As explained, 100 per cent of the mortgages that we have seen in our professional capacity include this clause, so unless the bank stated on

the deed that they will pay for the costs they should pay by law, then one can claim.

The amount of money you can claim for is high, as mentioned in previous articles. For a mortgage loan of about 150,000 Euros, the expenses claimed would be between 3,000 Euros and 3,500 Euros and if we include the taxes (AJD), the expenses can amount up to 7,000€. However it should be pointed out not all courts understand that the taxes could be claimed for.

Mortgages already cancelled, paid off, foreclosed, etc.

I can confirm that we understand it is possible to claim the expenses back, even if your mortgage has been cancelled, paid off, etc, because we claim for the nullity of the clause, and a clause declared null and void must be considered as though it never existed, therefore, there is no time limit to claim for it. That said, some other legal interpre-

tations understand there could be a deadline of four years from when the Supreme Court ruled about it.

In any case, we understand that you are able to claim even if you cancelled your mortgage some time ago, even if you signed the transfer of your property to your bank in payment of the loan, etc.

No Win No Fees: we also help our clients to claim, and we do not charge them unless we win the court case, and in the majority of these kinds of court cases, the bank is asked by the judge to pay the legal fees of the consumer (if we in 100 per cent of our claim), meaning our fees would be paid by the bank, so we would not charge any percentage of the money refunded.

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# Britain beyond Brexit



## BREXIT PAGE

By John Smith

THE British Ambassador to Madrid, Simon Manley, visited Marbella on Friday February 3 as a guest of the British Chamber of Commerce in Spain (BCC) to present his view on the topic 'Britain beyond Brexit.'

A packed room at the Marbella Country Club listened to representatives of the BCC, and Marbella Mayor Bernal before Mr Manley rose to give his address.

As was to be expected, he was not in a position to give any concrete information concerning the British government's negotiating position nor could he confirm the future of expatriates in Spain, but he was very upbeat and confident in his expectations and explanations.

He commenced by saying that the government had made it clear it intends to respect the will of the people, as the majority had voted to leave the

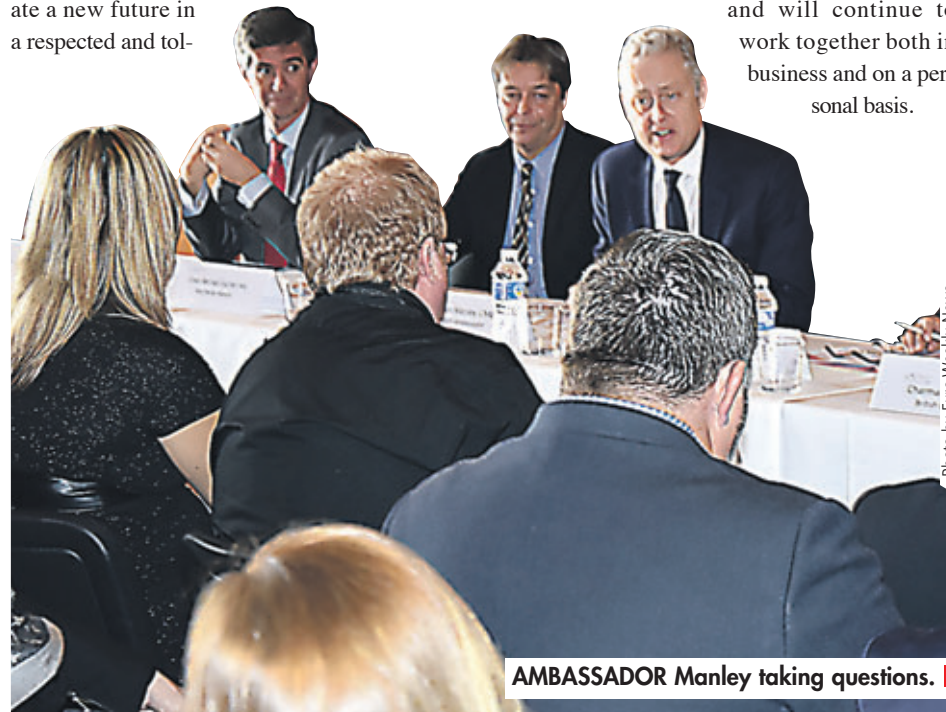
European Union and now that the initial White Paper giving the government the right to invoke Article 50 has been passed, the next step will be to obtain a final vote from the Houses of Commons and Lords.

The next two years are important to all Britons and whilst we have to face change, this is the chance to create a new future in a respected and tol-

erant Global Britain.

The Ambassador acknowledged that negotiations will be difficult as we are all sailing in uncharted waters and we need to remember that any negotiation will have to take into account not just what we want, but what the rest of EU wants as well.

We share the same values and will continue to work together both in business and on a personal basis.



Free trade is important and it is worth reflecting on the fact that Britain has done much to help the creation of Spain in the past, both through investment, industrialisation and as allies during a number of wars in the 19th century in particular.

One thing that the British government is committed to is to settle the situation of expatriates and the EU as quickly as possible, as it understands how worrying this lack of knowledge can be.

With 18 million tourists from the UK spending €16 billion a year in Spain, coupled with British purchases which show a €10 billion imbalance in favour of Spain, there is no question that Britain is an incredibly important market and trading partner, especially as it has such a large population of expatriates as well.

According to Mr Manley, capitalism is about the share of wealth and neither country needs new trade barriers to make relationships difficult and with British companies investing €66 billion in Spain and employing 250,000 people, there is every reason to expect Spain to want to negotiate a decent agreement.

The government understands that many people felt let down when they were unable to vote in the referendum, but that is changing for future general elections and the Embassy and its consulates around Spain are reporting feedback from expats to the government which will help to inform negotiations.



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## Sports hall budget more than doubles

COSTS for a new sports facility in San Vicente del Raspeig have spiralled out of control and now stand at €6.5 million compared to the original €3 million.

The planned sports centre to be built on land next to the town's Faculty of Education has come under fire from Mariló Jorda, town planning, who believes that the project should be more modest and not duplicate similar facilities nearby.

However Jose Luis Lorenzo, councillor for sport has defended the original plans because he believes that it is what the town needs. Highlighting that the building would have a central area with three courts where three games could be played simultaneously he also emphasised that an annex building would enable rhythmic gymnasts to practice.

He said: "It is not an excessive plan, it is practical and moves away from expensive ones like that of La Nucia."

The town planning believe costs could be reduced by removing the proposed velodrome and office space, neither of which it considers to be necessary.



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# Tasha Lynch appeal fund

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Tasha, sadly at the age of 23, is suffering two very rare viruses, Myasthenia Gravis and Transverse Myelitis. With Myasthenia Gravis, the immune system blocks the communication between nerves and the muscles. Both these incurable diseases attack the autoimmune system by attacking its own body and healthy tissue and in simple terms the nerves are not telling the muscles what to do. This then can lead to issues with mobility, eating, swallowing breathing and speaking. Tasha is currently being fed through a tube and also has a tracheostomy which allows her to breath.

Tasha has these long term illnesses, and has now been discharged from the hospital and will require a far more prolonged and specialist nursing care than is normally required with our other patients. The charity does not normally deal with long term care. With this in mind we are appealing to the general public to help raise much-needed funds to enable PCN to continue with Tasha's particular nursing costs.

We have added the Tasha Appeal collection tins

within our shops in Quesada, La Marina, Playa Flamenca and Almoradi. We will also be holding events in Tasha's name to help raise some extra funding, which is required urgently.

Should you wish to donate to this very special lady, please drop by one of our shops. Or telephone the office on 966 790 363 to make your donation, or organise an event.

PCN have prepared two special events for the Tasha appeal. The first will be a Paul Cunningham Event at The Club, Quesada on February 18 with Abba Elite and will have the Tasha Appeal collection tins available for all who wish to donate. Should you wish to reserve a seat for this event, please telephone the Club on 966 717 028.

The second event organised will be a charity fun quiz night on March 28 at MJs Bar and Restaurant, Quesada at 7.30pm. Ticket price will be €7.50 to include a one-course dinner. There will also be a raffle during the evening and all monies raised will be for the Tasha Appeal Fund. Telephone 865 665 231.

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# Model 720: Declaration of assets and ownership overseas

For those who are fiscal resident, please find below a reminder, in case you need to complete the 720 form this year.

## When does it apply?

The period for presenting the model 720: declaration of assets and rights located abroad (for the year 2016) is from 1 January to 31 March 2017.

## What information is needed?

Three distinct groups define this declaration:

- 1) Bank accounts.
- 2) All types of financial assets.
- 3) Real estate.

## Who is obliged to submit the Model 720?

Those who have overseas assets that fit into any of these three groups and amount to or exceed 50,000€, and only for the group in which this amount is exceeded.

## Do I need to submit it every year?

Once you have made the 720 declaration, regarding your assets overseas, you then only need to declare your overseas assets in subsequent years, when:

- 1) any of the above 3 distinct sectors experiences an increase in value greater than 20,000€.
- 2) you are no longer the owner of the aforementioned assets (sale, transfer, etc... even if you made a loss).
- 3) in any of the 3 sectors, you did not previously have to declare that you had assets to the value of 50,000€, if you NOW (2014 YEAR) do have assets to the value of, or exceeding 50,000€.

Failure to meet this tax liability might be penalised by the Spanish tax office.

Remember it is important for all residents to be fiscally resident in Spain and make their annual tax return known as Declaracion de Renta.

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# Braving the elements in support of cancer

By *Caroline Tyszka*

THOUSANDS of people braved the howling gales and rainfall on Sunday morning in La Nucia and Calpe to march in support against cancer.

In Calpe an estimated 700 took to the streets and in La Nucia more than 2,500 walked a 5km course despite the atrocious weather conditions.

Amongst those supporting the two charities in La Nucia - AECC and Anemona - was Sharon Bell, a teacher at Elians British School and her work colleague Julie who, along with other friends, wanted to show support

having lost someone a few months ago to cancer.

The group were sponsored by work colleagues and friends, raising around €140.

Sharon said: "It was a great day despite the rain, mud and gusts and we were all given ribbon hearts to wear which was a lovely touch, thank you to everyone who supported us."

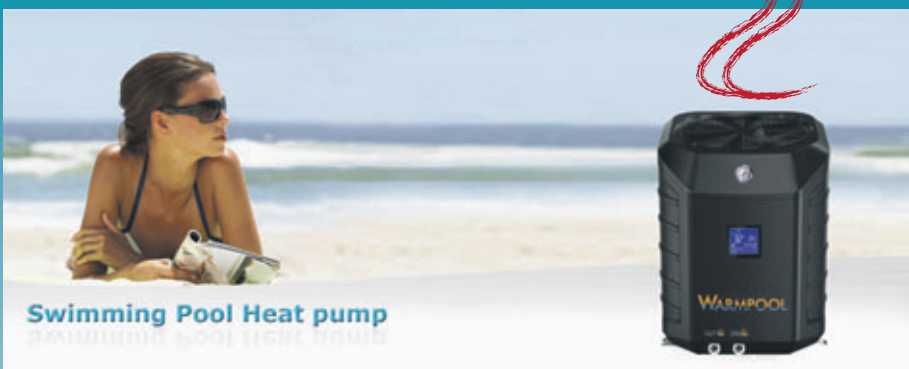
An estimated 500 more participated in La Nucia this year compared to 2016 raising a total of €5,430 with walkers of all ages and abilities taking part.

Bernabe Cano, mayor for La Nucia said: "This is the eighth time we have held this and despite the bad weather it has been amazing how everyone continued despite the rain."



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**Too costly**

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**Caring shop**

BENITACHELL Social Services received educational toys for disadvantaged children from a newly-opened babywear shop. The grateful town hall urged other businesses to similarly assist the needy.

# Rainfall will reduce costs

By Caroline Tyszka

SEVEN towns in the Marina Baixa region will see a reduction in their water costs for 2017.

The consortium responsible for setting the rates has reduced the cost of supply by 32 per cent following the recent heavy rains which have refilled reservoirs and underground supplies.

Originally rates for the year, set in November 2016, had been calculated on the basis of alleviating the drought conditions that were still considered to be in place.

With the heavy rainfall, particularly that which fell between January 18 and 24, the water consortium has adjusted and guaranteed the new rate for the whole of the coming year.

The Amadorio reservoir in Orchetá is already at 65 per cent capacity with further rainfall expected to increase its reserves over the next month or two.

The seven towns benefiting from this adjustment are Benidorm, Villajoyosa, Fines-



**ORCHETA: Reservoir is already at 65% capacity.**

trat, Altea, Alfaz del Pi, La Nucia and Polop.

The rebate will make the price of a cubic metre go from 0.48 to 0.29 cents, so for example Benidorm will save an esti-

mated €2 million with other towns also making huge savings.

It is unlikely that individuals will benefit from the reduction as many of the towns had al-

ready planned to bear the costs themselves rather than pass it onto customers.

Toni Perez, the Benidorm mayor has warned that water supply needs to be improved following the ban on drinking tap water in several towns recently. He invited the neighbouring towns to allocate the monies set to be saved into investing and improving supply.

He said: "We must continue to invest in improving our water supply, collection and general water systems so that, when there are times as good as the current ones or as bad as those we have experienced recently, we can guarantee the supply."

## Library success

EXTRA opening hours at the La Nucia Caravana library have been a huge success with 3,200 people taking advantage of the extended hours in January.

As reported previously in the *Euro Weekly News* the opening hours at the facility were extended from January 9 to 31 to allow students access to extra study facilities and time in preparation for their winter exams.

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THE first CrossRoads of 2017 was launched with grand style with a fabulous group of talented performers and friends.

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# A grand time at CrossRoads

beautiful song with profound philosophical meaning which has been covered by many performers over the years.

The songbird of the day was Doreen who was obvi-

ously a professional. The group were more than pleased that she took up the challenge and gave a lovely version of this legendary song. She also sang a rendition of Sentimental Journey, again a hit for Doris Day.

A big thank you goes out to Roger who was able to accompany Doreen and others on his guitar. John was also on hand to do introductions of the open mic performers.

It was great to see and hear the Roots music man Mr Andy Boal who was visiting from France.

There was a nice gathering



**DOREEN: Songbird of the day.**

of non-performers too and they were very supportive. Afterwards, 16 of the group had a community lunch, caught up on good times and got to know new friends better.

Remember there will be an all-star tribute to Chicago blues at the matinee party on Saturday February 18 at El Cid's, Benidoleig. There will be food available at 1.30pm and the show starts at 3pm.

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## International Bridge Club of Calpe

THE AGM of the International Bridge Club of Calpe was held on January 27 with election of officers, reports and updates on the club.

Fred Sleight was elected president and Toni Strong and Pearl Claydon were re-elected as treasurer and secretary respec-

tively. This friendly multi-national club of mixed abilities welcomes new members and visitors. Meetings are held on Friday afternoons at 2pm and Sunday evening at 6pm in Edificio Santa Marta, Avenida Rosa de la Vientos, Calpe. This is an excellent way to meet new people

and integrate into the local community. New members and visitors are welcome.

Further details are available from Fred on 965 839 237 and Toni on 965 874 340 / 669 984 227. Partners will be arranged when possible.

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# A bridge insight

“ Bridge players are welcome at most clubs in the world.

THE game of bridge is indeed a very social game, many new friendships are formed in bridge clubs, and like any other club, bridge players are made welcome at most clubs anywhere in the world, the rules and the game do not change anywhere.

Often described as the greatest card game of all time, anyone who ever handled a deck of cards cannot help but be fascinated by this challenging game.

No two games are the same, but the ability to keep the mind totally focused at all times, the sense of huge achievement after a good game certainly keeps the grey cells in good order, and the unrelenting desire to return to do better after a not so good game is always there.

Whilst bridge can be played as a social game amongst four people, it is also played by millions of people worldwide as a regular tournament competition which in itself creates a social environment, as well as with current technological opportunities to play online, again opening up a new

group of friends worldwide.

Anyone who has ever played card games such as whist will soon understand the requirement to win tricks to beat your opponents; it is the process by which you

achieve this that differs.

Bridge is a partnership game, played by two people against the opposition, another partnership of two. The main object of the game is to create an auction against your

opposition as to who wins the contract and indeed plays the cards.

During this auction by means of different bidding of the suits, you describe as fully as you can the 13 cards

from the deck that you have been dealt, and along with your hand, and the information conveyed to you by your partner, you can decide between you if the contract falls your way, or it belongs to the opposition and therefore you must defend their play, the object being to score by a standard scoring system a better result than they do.

Do you think this appeals to you? If it sounds like a challenge that you would like to take on, the Javea School of Bridge and Social Club is

starting a 10-week block of lessons on Tuesday February 14 at 2.30pm in the clubhouse on Avenida Tamaritis (just before and under Sandra's Tea Room on the Arenal). The cost for 10 sessions is €30, or you can 'pay as you go' at €4 a session.

For more information or to register your interest, please contact the secretary Colin Bond at [secretaryjsbsc@mail.com](mailto:secretaryjsbsc@mail.com) or by calling 610 335 142. For more information about the club, visit [www.bridgewebs.com/javeaschoolsocial](http://www.bridgewebs.com/javeaschoolsocial).



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**PINOCCHIO: A smash hit.**

## Careline Theatre's extra performances

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rected by Dorothy Fish.

The performances will take place on Saturday February 11 at 8pm and there will be a matinee performance on Sunday February 12 at 3pm to make up for the two performances that had to be cancelled last month due to power cuts.

The panto is based on the famous Walt Disney film and contains all the traditional panto ingredients. It is packed full of song and dance, magic and wonder, slapstick and comedy, fabulous costumes and colourful scenery. Songs include the iconic When You Wish Upon A Star with a host of other popular musical numbers you know and love.

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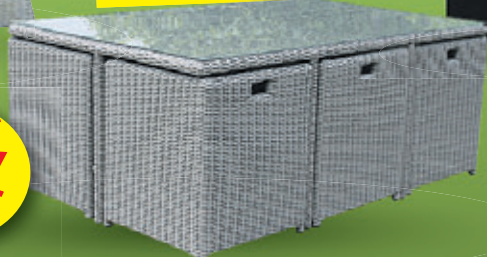


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### A life for art

AN exhibition of Eberhard Schlotter's works has opened at the Fundacion Frax in Albir.

Entitled 'Vida por el arte, arte lleno de vida' (A life for art, art full of life) the exhibition is the result of an agreement between the foundation and the Schlotter Foundation which is based in Altea.

The internationally acclaimed German-born painter who died in 2014 had owned a home in Altea since 1956 and the bulk of his paintings, engravings and drawings remain there. Exhibitions of temporary loans at Fundacion Frax are intended to give Schlotter's work greater visibility but will also free up vital space at the Altea foundation.



Photo credit: Alfabar town hall.

**STORM DAMAGE: Alfabar councillors evaluate situation.**

## Taking stock of storm damage

ALTHOUGH last month's storms did not affect Albir as disastrously as some areas, the seafront needs urgent attention.

Councillors Rocio Guijarro and Oscar Perez, respective councillors for Beaches and Maintenance, have taken stock of works carried out so far and what remains to be done.

"Right now, restoring the beach and repairing the damage before Easter week is the most pressing issue," Guijarro said.

Municipal employees and the street-cleaning concessionary cleaned up the Paseo de las Estrellas promenade as soon as the storm abated and within hours had removed all the debris brought in by the sea, Perez added. Heavy seas pounding

the beach wrecked ramps and beach accesses as well as the footbaths and litter bins. The sand on the beach volleyball area and the children's play zones has disappeared entirely, Guijarro said: "The waves uncovered large rocks and damaged the Raco wall which will need rebuilding."

Oscar Perez's department is now estimating the cost of repairs, which was likely to be "sizeable" he admitted. Leveling the beach is a priority and like Guijarro he agreed Albir must be in perfect condition before the tourists start to arrive.

Once completed Alfabar Town Hall will submit their reports to the Ministry of the Environment's Coastal Authority.

## Muddy



ALFAZ TAP WATER: Problems

By Linda Hall

THE PSPV-PSOE party in Alfabar accused the Partido Popular and its local leader Maite Huerta of manipulating the truth.

The party claims that she used a photograph from the Asturias newspaper *Nueva España* that was taken more than three years ago to criticise the temporary cloudiness of Alfabar's tap water.

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tional and written Valenciano and serve as preparation for the Junta Qualificadora de Coneiximents del Valencia exams. Passing these is necessary for obtaining employment in the Valencian Community Administration or public sector although the lessons will also assist parents with children of school age.

A knowledge of Valenciano is particularly useful for parents born outside Spain, making it easier to orientate their children's studies, Alfabar's Education department pointed out.

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## ing the waters



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with cloudiness.

two glasses of tap water, one of them clear and the other extraordinarily turbid, from the village of Anes. The PSPV-PSOE spokesman Toni Such condemned the lack of scruples of both the PP and Huerta in trying to “confuse and alarm” the local population.

Neither had they hesitated to distort and manipulate the truth by using an image that had nothing to do with Alfaz, Such alleged.

The PP used the photo to

accompany a press release criticising the recent restrictions on using Alfaz’s domestic water supply. These were imposed owing to excessive cloudiness in the water from Guadalest reservoir caused by the January storms.

Such called on Huerta to show a greater degree of responsibility and seriousness in her opposition role.

“It’s not a case of ‘anything goes’ in politics, Señora Huerta,” Such declared.



**DEMOLITION:** To help with improving public spaces.

## Improving facilities

THE refurbishment of Park Escolles Velles in Alfaz del Pi will see the demolition of a council-owned property to further improve the nearby facilities.

The project, funded by the Provincial Council of Alicante at a cost of €250,000, will transform an area currently used as parking into a public space linked to the new Espai Cultural Escolles Velles.

Councillor for Planning Toni Such said: “The aim of the project is to reconvert the degraded environment into a space of enjoyment for our residents.”

The demolition will provide a better space near the Casa de Cultura with the groups currently using the building being moved to other facilities.

Included in the improvements will be better ecological

pavements, ramps to help those with reduced mobility and further parking spaces for the nearby public sports centre.

A deadline has been set of three months, to include the planting of new trees and shrubs with their own watering system and better lighting.

## Health destination study

THE University of Alicante (UA) is to conduct a study of Alfaz del Pi to determine how healthy it is.

The UA study will evaluate the existing assets of the locality with a view to strengthening them and therefore the town as a location that focuses on the health and quality of life for its residents and tourists.

Mayor Vicente Arques and other council representatives met with the directors of the UA Institute for Tourism Research to initiate the collaborative project.

It is hoped that the study will provide guidance on areas that can be improved.

Arques said: “This is one of the commitments that we have made for our residents, to incorporate any findings within our action plans and policies to benefit the health of our residents.”

Particular attention will be made to the varying nationalities that make up the town’s population, with nearly 100 different nations making up more than 50



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per cent of the registered residents. The study will evaluate what conditions attracted the foreign nationals to settle in Alfaz del Pi and what changes they would like to see to improve their quality of life.

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## Three-way welding of the arts

SCULPTOR Quico Torres and celebrity chef Manuel Alonso joined dancer-choreographer Igor Yebra in a Teulada-Moraira workshop.

Held in the Auditorium, this was a Trilogia3Arts project, based on combining different

disciplines united by Torres's sculptures using Krion, a material of great purity and beauty created by the Spanish firm Porcelanosa.

Igor Yebra explained the techniques that are necessary to establish a balance between the body and the mind.

"Dance is a compendium of all the arts," he said. "Dancers should tell stories like poets and make sculptures with their bodies."

Michelin-starred Manuel Alonso from Daimus explained the secrets of a good diet. "Healthy eating isn't boring, the human body is a perfect machine that should be looked after, indulged and listened to," Alonso said.

Quico Torres explained how he sculpts stone, wood, iron and Krion and where he finds inspiration. "Sculpture and dance speak the same language," Torres said. "You have to learn how to do it, investigate materials and transmit what you feel with the movement of every work."



**UNION:** Three art disciplines linked by sculpture.

Photo by Teulada-Moraira Town hall



Photo by Teulada-Moraira Town hall

**SWORN IN:** Teulada-Moraira's junior council.

## Young people given a voice

By Linda Hall

TEULADA-MORAIRA'S young people now have a Youth Council.

Thirteen members and 13 deputies aged between 12 and 14 were sworn in at Teulada Town Hall's council chamber.

The initiative is the creation of the town hall's Participation and Education departments, although the young council members were elected by their peers at the Sant Vicent Ferrer and

Cap d'Or primary schools and Teulada's high school.

They will meet once a month to discuss their ideas and proposals for improving the town. They can take an active part in decisions on infrastructure, public safety, sustainability, sport, culture and other issues that affect their lives.

Findings will be compiled in a document that is to be finished by June.

"What you are doing is very important because you will face the difficult task of

communicating your vision of the town," acting mayor Raul Llobell told the young people.

David Ibanco, who heads the Youth and Participation departments thanked the apprentice councillors in advance for their efforts. "Since we all share the municipality it's important that you should be able to contribute your ideas and concerns to continue making Teulada-Moraira a good place to live and grow up in."

## Bag-snatchers on the loose

MORAIRA'S Guardia Civil are looking for two Algerians who snatched a handbag from a car in a Teulada service station.

Using the so-called Peruvian Trick, they distracted the car-owner telling her she had a flat tyre and offering their assistance. While one helped her, the other leant in and took the bag before making off.

**“ Both of the men were identified and are known to the police.**

The episode was caught on CCTV and officers from the Moraira post soon identified the men, both of whom are known to the police.

## Tourism priorities

THE latest seminar organised by Teulada-Moraira's Tourism department centres on putting the client first.

Held today Thursday February 9 from 5pm until 9pm at Espai la Senieta in Moraira it is entitled 'El cliente es lo primero' and illustrates the importance of the social media in tourist marketing.

Talks are led by experts in fields that include tourist communications, social media, video-marketing, hotel management and revenue management in the hospitality industry.



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# Port needs patching up

By Linda Hall

EMERGENCY repairs will start soon on the eastern pier at Javea port which was affected during last month's storms.

Pilar Alvarez from the region's Ports Authority and Julio Marin, head of Ports Operations, accompanied by Javea mayor Jose Chulvi, inspected the damage and confirmed that work will begin shortly.

Repairs will also be carried out at the Tango beach and the cement platform that runs between the break-water and the restaurant.



JAVEA PORT: The damage was inspected.

"This is emergency action that has to be carried out before more storms can inflict definitive damage on the structure and put people's lives at risk," Jose Chulvi explained.

The work will be carried

out by the Generalitat's Infrastructure department and will involve only the break-water's outer side.

No action will be taken inside the harbour to avoid users' normal activities, Chulvi said.

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GENERALITAT president Ximo Puig visited the Marina Alta recently to meet mayors from storm-damaged municipalities.

The gathering, held in Denia, was attended by Javea mayor Jose Chulvi who set out the town's needs, requesting that help from the regional and national Administrations reached his own and other town halls as soon as possible. "We are the ones who have to find rapid

## An €18 million promise for damages

and effective solutions for residents," Chulvi said.

The regional government pledged that €18 million would be available "with particular attention to the beaches and coastline of waterfront towns." The latter would need the coop-

eration of the Environment Ministry, said Puig, assuring the mayors that this was guaranteed.

It was not only important that the money should arrive, Javea's mayor pointed out. It was vital that town halls should be allowed to spend it according to their needs.

"This is an emergency and exceptional measures are required and this includes not having to submit to the obstacles that Hacienda constantly puts in our path," Chulvi said, in reference to the Administration's Rationalisation and Sustainability regulations.

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# Large family fears eviction

PEDRO GARCIA, his wife Dolores, and their four children face eviction from their home.

The 49-year-old is unable to continue paying the mortgage on the €136,000 apartment he bought in 2007. Times were good for the fishing-boat owner and Dolores who between them earned €5,000 per month but disaster struck in 2008.

Pedro had two heart attacks in quick succession and after working all his life as a fisherman and paying into Social Security for 30 years, he could no longer go to sea.

He sold his boat at a loss and Dolores continued working, but later lost her job as a cleaner. "I've been trying to find work for the last three years, but there's nothing," she told a Spanish interviewer.

They now live on Pedro's €500 a month disability pen-

sion and the town hall's Social Services department contributes another €140. Although this is just enough to live on, the couple have no way of finding the €900 they need for the bank each month.

They are resigned to the eviction that their Legal Aid lawyer has warned will arrive sooner or later. Pedro has since had another heart attack and with hip and spine problems, he can no longer manage the stairs as the apartment building has no lift.

Pedro is hoping for some form of social housing. "We couldn't pay the €200 or €300 of a normal rent, as the children wouldn't eat," he pointed out.

Meanwhile, if the bank decides to start the eviction process, the town hall will seek help available under the regional government's social welfare legislation.

# Thirsty allotment users

JAVEA Council has cut off the water supply to the town's Arenal allotments following a bill of €17,000.

Councillor for the Environment Doris Courcelles explained that whilst they supported helping residents grow their own fruit and vegetables it was impossible to continue to supply the allotments with a free water supply.

Allotment users now face having to move to another area as the Arenal is to be closed. New plots will be supplied next to the Trenc d'Alba School with each being fitted with a water meter which the individual will be



**CROPS:** Can be harvested before being moved.

where they would pay for water. It has been surmised that this could be because users were taking water home from the Arenal supply and had also left taps on during the summer months to ensure the ground was wet, giving the council a bill of €5,000 for this period alone.

The contracts with the council for the Arenal area have already expired and will be legally finalised. The new area will have around 50 plots and those moving from one site to another will be allowed time to collect their harvests before switching.

responsible for paying.

Since the announcement was made, only a fraction of

those at the Arenal have voiced an interest in moving to the new allotment site



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# Royal British looking to the

By Caroline Tyszka

THE governing body of the Royal British Legion have held their annual conference at Ciudad Patricia in Benidorm.

The retiring chairman for the north district, Nigel Hails, gave a strong speech to all of those who work within the Legion in Spain before handing over the reins to Don Cubban.

Nigel said: "We have a successful district in Spain because of the great spirit of comradeship that exists within our community. It must never be forgotten that virtually everybody who dedicates a great deal of their time is part of a special breed that believes in service and not self."

"They are volunteers and are appreciative of what our service personnel have done and will always

do, making sacrifices. Our case-workers are probably the first point of contact that someone in need meets from the Legion and provide an invaluable service. Amongst them there are individuals who will always go the extra mile to help. I am gratified to note that there is now closer contact and cooperation between our branches which strengthens our community. Thank you all."

Mr Hails also thanked the National Chairman of the RBL who had travelled from the UK to give an interesting and comprehensive speech to the conference.

Benidorm mayor Toni Perez was also in attendance and the Chairman thanked the town for its support in all areas, particularly for allowing the annual poppy appeal launch and helping to raise the profile of the Legion.



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# Legion e future



**ANNUAL CONFERENCE:**  
The Chairman thanked the town for its support.

Toni Perez said: "The Royal British Legion is an example that the only possible way forward is that of fraternity among peoples and friendship. We encourage you to continue working in defense of those values that unite us and define us as civilised societies: the value of freedom, the value of equality and the value of personal growth. I congratulate you also for the celebration of this meeting. I wish you a happy stay among us and I encourage you to continue working to preserve your traditions and deepen the brotherhood of the peoples."

The conference concluded by giving an outline of the plan for the next three years and all aspects of the Legion's work with special emphasis on Community Support.

## Good start for charity PEPA

JANUARY got off to a good start for the charity which saw 12 dogs and two cats adopted.

There were 32 people who attended the monthly lunch at Bar L'Irlandes which raised a fantastic €187.

Quiz events held at Honey Dukes Bar in Oliva, Bar El Parque in Oliva and the White Swan in Palma de Gandia raised almost €300 for the charity. Thanks to everyone who helped to organise and host these events.

In February a Valentine's monthly lunch will be held on February 14 at Bar Restaurant El Pelut in Oliva from 1.30pm. Costing €11 please book by Friday February 10 on [lemwinbolt@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lemwinbolt@yahoo.co.uk) or call 962 852 869 or 699 156 304.

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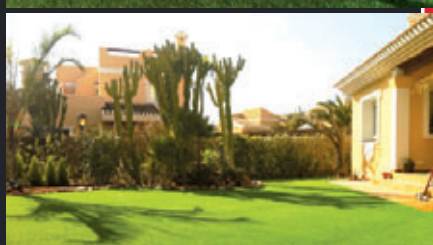
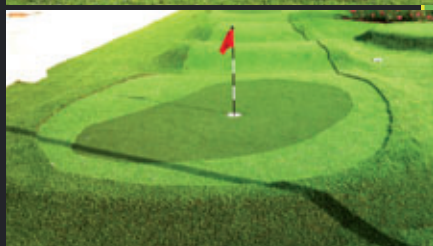
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# Going once, going twice... SOLD!

By Caroline Tyska

IT'S time to have a spring clean as Giving4Giving has announced that they are to open up a charity auction house in La Nucia.

The new venture at the Alberca industrial estate is due to be opened very shortly with goods now being accepted for the first auction.

Giving4Giving's Gary said: "We are very excited about our new project and are looking forward to helping the community and charities at the same time."

The good news for buyers and sellers is that because it is a charity auction house no one will be charged IVA unlike other similar auction businesses, plus those using the Giving4Giving facility will re-



**GARY** has a lot of space to fill.

ceive a voucher that can be used at any of the four charity shops in La Nucia, Finestrat and Altea, which has two.

The auction house will also offer property clearances with all proceeds going to good causes.

This is where *Euro Weekly News* readers can help.

Do you have any experience in the auction field, or can you volunteer some time to help? If so please contact Gary either via the Giving4Giving Facebook page or on 672 065 058.

The auction house numbers for the public are 604 383 702 (Spanish) or 0044 7949 718 562 (UK).

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Now in its Third Season the programme of Talks and Workshops includes 25 events at a choice of three venues. New this year is The Gaia Retreat in Jalon, The Hotel Gran Sol in Calpe as well as Quo Vadis Cafe in Javea. Hosted by Louise Catterall, Patricia Piper and Jacquelyn Berry, the Group is the brainchild of Debbie Hull who wanted to create a showcase for holistic and wellness services in Spain. All Talks begin at 11am. Doors open 10.30am. The entry fee of 7 euros includes refreshments and healthy cake and a Raffle.

Book your seat! email us at: [costablancawellbeing@gmail.com](mailto:costablancawellbeing@gmail.com)

- 14th February:** La Gaia Retreat, Jalon. 'Love, The Law of Attraction, and You.'
- 21st February:** Hotel Gran Sol, Calpe. 'Improving Health with Bio-energy Therapy.'
- 28th February:** Quovadis Cafe, Javea. 'Soul Goals - Unlock Your Potential.'
- 7th March:** La Gaia Retreat, Jalon. 'Energise Your Life with Crystals.'
- 10th March:** Hotel Gran Sol, Calpe. 'Energise Your Life with Crystals.'
- 14th March:** Quovadis Cafe, Javea. 'The Healthy Messages of Mickel Therapy.'
- 21st March:** Quovadis Cafe, Javea. 'Declutter Your Life!'
- 28th March:** La Gaia Retreat, Jalon. 'How Emotions & Beliefs Affect Our Biology.'
- 31st March:** Hotel Gran Sol, Calpe. 'The Benefits of Using Aloe Vera.'

- 4th April:** Quovadis Cafe, Javea. 'Designing an Extraordinary Life.'
- 11th April:** Hotel Gran Sol, Calpe. 'The 4 Key Steps for Change and Empowerment.'
- 18th April:** Quovadis Cafe, Javea. 'How to Deal with Difficult People.'
- 25th April:** La Gaia Retreat, Jalon. 'N.L.P. - What It Is and Isn't!' (Neuro-linguistic programming).
- 25th April:** Hotel Gran Sol, Calpe. 'The Healing Power of Chakra Dance.'
- 5th May:** Quovadis Cafe, Javea. 'Life Enhancing Methods for Body & Soul.'
- 9th May:** La Gaia Retreat, Jalon. 'In Balance with Your Authentic Self.'
- 16th May:** Hotel Gran Sol, Calpe. 'Authors at Work Present: Creative Writing Rituals.'





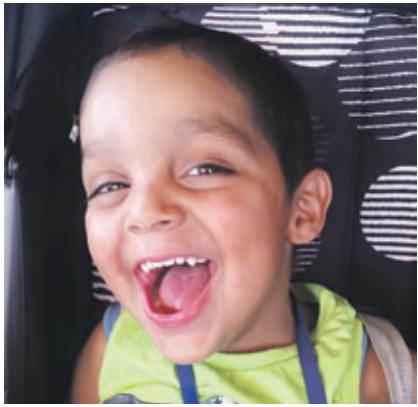


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## Tony Christie shares Leo's story ★

A LONG-TIME resident of Mojacar showed up for the busking efforts organised by the Bradley family. Tony Christie, best-known for his recording of 'Is this the way to Amarillo,' helped support Fin and Richard Devlin.

So Fin & Rich Devlin busked today for Leo the Lion. Tony Christie called by and very kindly donated and offered to share Leo's story on his social media.

Fin & Rich raised £412 for Leo!! Get well soon brave Leo!



**SUPPORT:** Tony Christie with Fin & Richard.

## Former Real Madrid footballer supports Leo

FORMER Real Madrid defender and Spanish youth team player, Leo Bermejo, is the latest celebrity to support the fight against cancer of his four-year-old namesake, Leo 'the lion' Bermejo.

As well as sharing the player's name, young Leo loves football and his favourite team also happens to be Real Madrid.

Bermejo, the player, a tough left-back in the 90's, shared a tweet posted by the *Euro Weekly News* asking him to help the youngster in his fight against cancer.

The tweet said: 'Could you RT (retweet) to help a young football fan like yourself? His favourite team is Real Madrid!'



**Leo Bermejo (left) with striker Sergio Leon.**

“His favourite team is Real Madrid.”

# Thanks for a fighting

By Simon Firth

LITTLE Leo Bermejo is made of the right stuff. He cannot talk but he is a happy, energetic four-year-old who just a day ago underwent a long operation at Merseyside's famous Alder Hey Hospital.

The surgeons' task was to cut away the tumours in young Leo's brain that have hampered every step of a life that has barely started.

As his mother Karen says, Leo is a fighter. "He is so happy and when you see him he is playing and laughing. He does everything."

But the tumours Leo is battling are caused by a rare cancer that mostly attacks children, boys in particular and often those under four.

And when they grow they grow very fast. This is why this brave youngster can't speak because they have already damaged that part of his brain.

But Leo, who has fought back after one major operation now faces his toughest battle of all.

Once the Alder Hey surgeons have done their work, there is no more that can be done for him anywhere in the UK. Conventional radiotherapy would be too damaging to his young brain.

His only hope, and the option that offers him the chance of ridding himself of the tumours once and for all, is a treatment called proton therapy.

And the specialist unit which has worked on SPNET tumours before, is in the US, in the Mid-

## SPNET tumours and tr

THE cancer that is attacking Leo goes by the acronym SPNET. Its victims are children, often boys, and those under four years of age.

The characteristic is that the tumours grow and grow fast. They are located in the cere-

brum, the part of the brain that governs Leo's speech, his emotions, his voluntary muscular movements and even his ability to reason and solve problems.

SPNET tumours are extremely malignant. After Leo's first operation in Pamplona, the



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western state of Oklahoma.  
"It's Leo's best chance," says Karen. "Proton beam therapy is his only remaining option."

"Oklahoma is the best possible place for this kind of treatment so I have to do everything I can to get him there."

US specialist Dr Andrew Chang has already been in touch with Alder Hey and is waiting for Leo to recover sufficient strength to make the trip to the US.

"With proton therapy," says Karen "Leo can still progress. He will have the chance to learn again, to move his right side and regain some speech."

"And he won't have the problems that will affect his organs in the future."

"This is Leo's last hope for a

life and we have to take it."

The other hurdle that the family need to cross, with the help of an army of supporters from Spain, the UK and in some cases, far flung parts of the world, is the money. And that is where you, our readers and advertisers, come in.

To pay for his stay and the several bouts of treatment he needs, team Leo - that's mum, dad Jose and sister Sofia, along with their family friends and his supporters like every one of us - they need to raise €175,000.

The plight of this little boy, who will not give up, has touched the hearts of thousands. When *Euro Weekly News* found out we began featuring the plight of this brave family in our papers and on the web.

Along with advertisers who have so generously answered the call, the total on Leo's gofundme page is climbing inexorably towards the €175,000 total.

But we still have some way to go. And that is where you come in. If you can help Leo get the treatment that could mean the gift of life, then all the details are on these pages. Together we can get Leo the treatment he so deserves. Any donation, big or small, will make a huge difference.

Remember, you can use Leo's bank account if you want him to receive every bit of your donation or visit [www.gofundme.com/leothelion3](http://www.gofundme.com/leothelion3).



LION WALKABOUT: Raised €443.

# Answering the call for little Leo

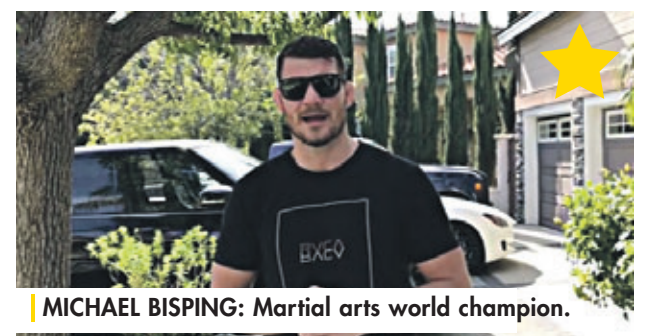
HUNDREDS of you have been answering the call to help Leo win this fight against such an aggressive cancer.

Leo's mum Karen told *EWN*: "I do not even know what to say, except thank you, to each and every one of you, whether it was by donating, helping me manage things to take the weight off, delivering tins, posters, publishing Leo's story, sharing his page, tweeting... every single thing, big or small, has made this happen."

She added: "I feel so much stronger with all of this support behind our family."

Celebrities have been helping out, many of them retweeting to keep Leo's profile as high as possible.

Comedian Keith Lemmon, boy band 911 and mixed martial arts world champion Michael Bisping are just a few of those getting involved. Closer to



MICHAEL BISPING: Martial arts world champion.

home, everyone has been pulling the stops out.

Here's just a few who deserve a thank you:

Spectrum FM, a massive €1,000; all the staff at *Euro Weekly News*, another €1,000; Peter and all his team at Currencies Direct, another huge €1,000; Jackie Butcher's 'lion' walkabout which raised €443; the lovely girls at Bugbusters; the gorgeous and generous Jan at Telitec; the wonderful Steve and Sharon at Spanish Property Choice; Ian and the dynamic

team at La Sala; Solutions Marbella; Terry at Premier Heating; Shaun from Planet Positive; a generous donation from Matt in England; Ian at Cocina Plus; Gary at Expats in Villajoyosa; Faustina; Manuela from Higueron Spa; not forgetting the readers of *EWN* and the listeners of Spectrum FM: the community of Mojacar all of whom put donations in ranging from €5 to €5,000 and finally the people from other parts of Spain who are following Leo on our Facebook page.

# reating them with proton therapy

signs that they were re-emerging took just nine weeks. And they do not stay in the same place. Once the tumours have been removed, conventional radiation on a young brain is damaging. So for Leo the answer is proton therapy. At high

energies, the positively charged protons can destroy cancer cells without being so damaging to Leo's body.

The treatment allows the surgeon greater control when delivering the right dose. There are thought to be less than 40

such specialist units in the world and there is nowhere in the UK with such a facility.

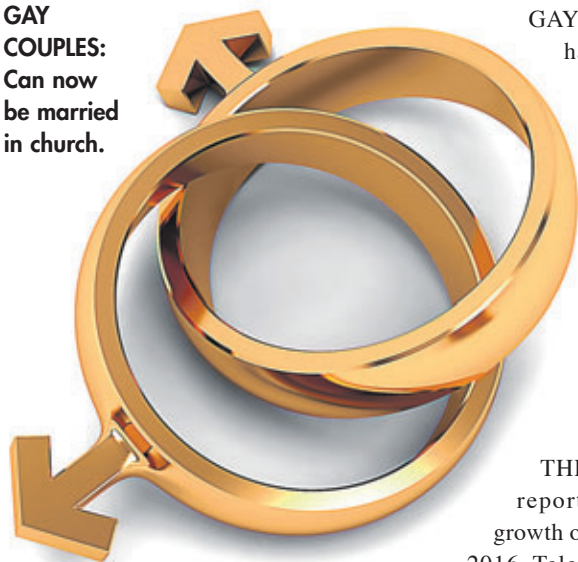
One of the few such treatment centres is in Oklahoma where you, our readers and advertisers, are helping to send Leo!

## NORWAY

## Church marriages



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GAY couples can now have church weddings in Norway with each pastor now free to choose whether to marry same-sex couples.

## Natural growth

THE Telenor Group reported revenue growth of 1.1 per cent for 2016. Telenor is one of the

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## No entry

TWO senior MPs were refused visas to Russia resulting in the cancellation of a two-day trip to Moscow. Norway wants answers on why the visas were refused.

## Air bases

AIRLINE SAS has announced plans to set up bases in Ireland, London and Spain, allowing it to keep up with low-cost rivals and be more competitive.

## GERMANY

## Shed tragedy

CARBON monoxide poisoning is believed to have been the cause of death of six teenagers found dead in a shed after a garden party. The owner of the shed found the youngsters. His son and daughter were among the victims.

## Extremist arrests

POLICE have detained two people

on suspicion of plotting attacks on refugees and Jews. Police made the arrests during a series of raids investigating a potential right wing extremist organisation.

## Welcome Fritz

FRITZ is the newest member of the family at Berlin zoo. The little polar bear was named Fritz after a lo-

cal radio station ran a competition to name the bundle of fluff.

## Tagging plans

THE German government has approved plans to use ankle tags to monitor extremists who are considered potentially dangerous. The proposal will now need to be passed by parliament.



## SWEDEN

## Bus concern

VOLVO is looking into claims its buses are being used to transport prisoners in the occupied West Bank. The company produces reinforced buses in Israel for use of transporting passengers and had an agreement they should not be used for prisoner transport.

## Ikea's help

THE boss of Ikea's stores in the US has urged staff impacted by President Trump's controversial travel ban to contact the company which has offered free legal advice for those who may need it.

## Top names

FIGURES just released show that Alice was the most popular baby girl name in Sweden in 2015 for the fifth year running, with Oscar the top name for boys.

## Climate goals

SWEDEN has set its climate goals for up to 2045, introducing a new climate law that will come into force in 2018. It aims to have zero net emissions by 2045.



## HOLLAND

## Passports cancelled

AROUND 300 Dutch nationals have seen their passports cancelled since autumn 2014, as part of the country's counter terrorism plans.

## Part timers

MORE Dutch women work part time hours than anywhere else in Europe. The preference for part time starts early on with many women in their 20's and without children going part time.

## Dangerous dive

DUTCH television presenter Freek Vonk required a three-hour operation and more than 100 stitches after being bitten by a shark whilst diving with reef sharks off the Bahamas coastline for a new television programme.

## Trump's discrimination

PRIME MINISTER Mark Rutte has called US president Donald Trump's ban on people from seven Muslim countries entering America "discriminatory." He said the decision conflicts with western values.



## FRANCE

## Racist crimes

THE number of racist incidents fell last year in France according to the latest figures by the interior ministry. Whilst anti-Semitic and anti-Muslim crimes fell, crimes committed against Christian places of worship rose in 2016.

## Forced out?

PRESIDENTIAL hopeful François Fillon may have to step down as more investigations are launched into claims he gave fake jobs to his wife and children. He is falling in the opin-

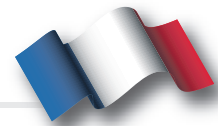
ion polls following the allegations.

## Spanish head

SPANISH film director Pedro Almodovar, has been named a head of the jury at this year's Cannes film festival.

## Top spot

NANTES has been named the best city to work in France. A study by a national newspaper ranked it the best city out of 98 towns and cities apart from Paris.



## BELGIUM

## Poor babies

OVER 40 per cent of babies in Brussels are born in poverty and families earning below €867 per month. The figures come from births between 2004 and 2010.

## Sparkling industry

ANTWERP'S diamond sector increased last year dealing in 5 per cent more diamonds; some 202 million carats valued at around \$48 billion. The industry's recovery is expected to increase in 2017.

## Old age

THE eldest living person in Belgium has been named as Fernande De Raeve who is aged 110. It comes following the death of Alicia Van den Berghe-Corveleyn, who was 112.

## Costly power

ELECTRICITY in Belgium is set to double in costs by 2030. This was the conclusion of an investigation produced by the federation of industrial electricity consumers.



## DENMARK

## Rape rise

THE number of rapes reported last year doubled from the number in 2014, to 744 rapes according to figures. The Danish National Police said this rise was partly due to the better recording of rape incidents.

## Going renewable

ENERGY giant Dong has announced it will stop coal use and switch to renewable energy sources. Dong is currently the biggest wind power producer in Europe. They reported a net profit of 12.8 billion kroner (€1.7 billion) for 2016.

## Mixed swimming

SEPARATED swimming for men and women has been scrapped by Aarhus City Council after offering female only swimming sessions for nearly 10 years. It was mainly used by Muslim women.

## Underage marriage

DENMARK is banning marriage under the age of 18. The new bill also states that youngsters under the age of 18 who marry abroad will not have their marriages recognised in Denmark.



# US firm invests in Spain

By John Smith

THE success of Grand Theft Auto, one of the best-selling computer games of all time which was created by a team of two Scotsmen and an Englishman saw their company Rock Star Games become a subsidiary of Take-Two Interactive which has an annual turnover of €2.2 billion.

Now Take-Two, the Nasdaq listed company has announced that it will be taking over Spain's privately owned Social Point which produces games for mobile phones and tablets and will be paying €163 million with

## €231 million

is the total amount that Take-Two Interactive will be paying to take over Spanish company Social Point.

the balance in Take-Two shares.

Horacio Martos and Andrés Bou co-founded Social Point in Barcelona 2008. The company has gone on to become one of the world's leading developers of online social games.

Since Social Point's inception, Horacio and Andrés have remained faithful to their original vision of connecting players through social gaming, and providing the most enjoyable, immersive playing experience. Prior to

founding Social Point, they qualified at the same universities before working as computer analysts and consultants in the tech sector.

One of their games, Dragon City has become extremely popular and some 50 per cent of all downloads and revenue comes from the USA which is why the company appealed to Take-Two, especially as it has 50 million followers worldwide.

This is a major step into the mobile gaming world for the American company as it looks to continue its growth and market domination.

## Bartering in Asturias

THANKS to the decline of the coal mining industry in the autonomous community of Asturias in northern Spain, unemployment rocketed with few opportunities for the younger generation unless they moved to larger and more prosperous areas.

Those who have remained however have looked to the past and are producing various food and drink products in the traditional ways and have developed a form of bartering which allows them to move their products on, even if finances are strained.

There is even an online bartering community known as Rastru which allows members to offer their goods in exchange for those that they need.

### Quote of the Week

*"If you mop the floor, or you're the managing director, a nice pat on the head goes down well occasionally. Just as a kick up the backside is required sometimes." The late Sir Ken Morrison founder of the supermarket chain.*



## Phones used for Olympic medals



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### OLYMPIC MEDALS: Some of the winners.

AN idea originally raised last year has been turned into reality as the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Committee has announced that its medals will be made from metals obtained from the recycling of old and obsolete mobile phones.

They expect to need to produce 5,000 gold, silver and bronze medals and with a need for two tons of metal to allow this, they hope to obtain as much scrap material as possible, especially as Japan does not have

large deposits of minerals and metals.

Anxious to show that it is committed to sustainable production, the committee hopes to reduce costs by collecting these old phones from offices and stores starting in April of this year.

One saving already in place is that the gold medals are no longer made from gold, but are silver which is gold plated as silver costs around €16 per troy ounce, whilst gold costs €1,100 per troy ounce.

### » BUSINESS EXTRA

## Discovery channels

AFTER some fairly robust rounds of negotiation, Sky and Discovery channel have reached an agreement so that the 12 channels which include Eurosport and TLC will continue to be screened by the satellite broadcaster.

## Inflation up

THE Spanish National Institute of Statistics has revealed that inflation in January 2017 was 3 per cent, which is up from 1.6 per cent in the previous month and was caused mainly by the increase in the cost of electricity and fuel oil.

## Mercadona expansion

IN anticipation of the opening of its first stores in Portugal, super market chain Mercadona has announced that it will first build what it refers to as an innovative centre in Matosinhos within the next six months to allow it to study the local market.

## Insider trading investigation

AFTER announcing the German and London Stock Exchanges were considering a merger, financial investigators flagged up the fact Deutsche Boerse CEO Carsten Kengeter purchased stock in the Boerse to the value of €4.5 million prior to the

announcement. This now means German prosecutors are investigating Herr Kengeter on suspicion of insider trading although he and the Boerse insist he was simply exercising a right to purchase the shares before the merger had been discussed.

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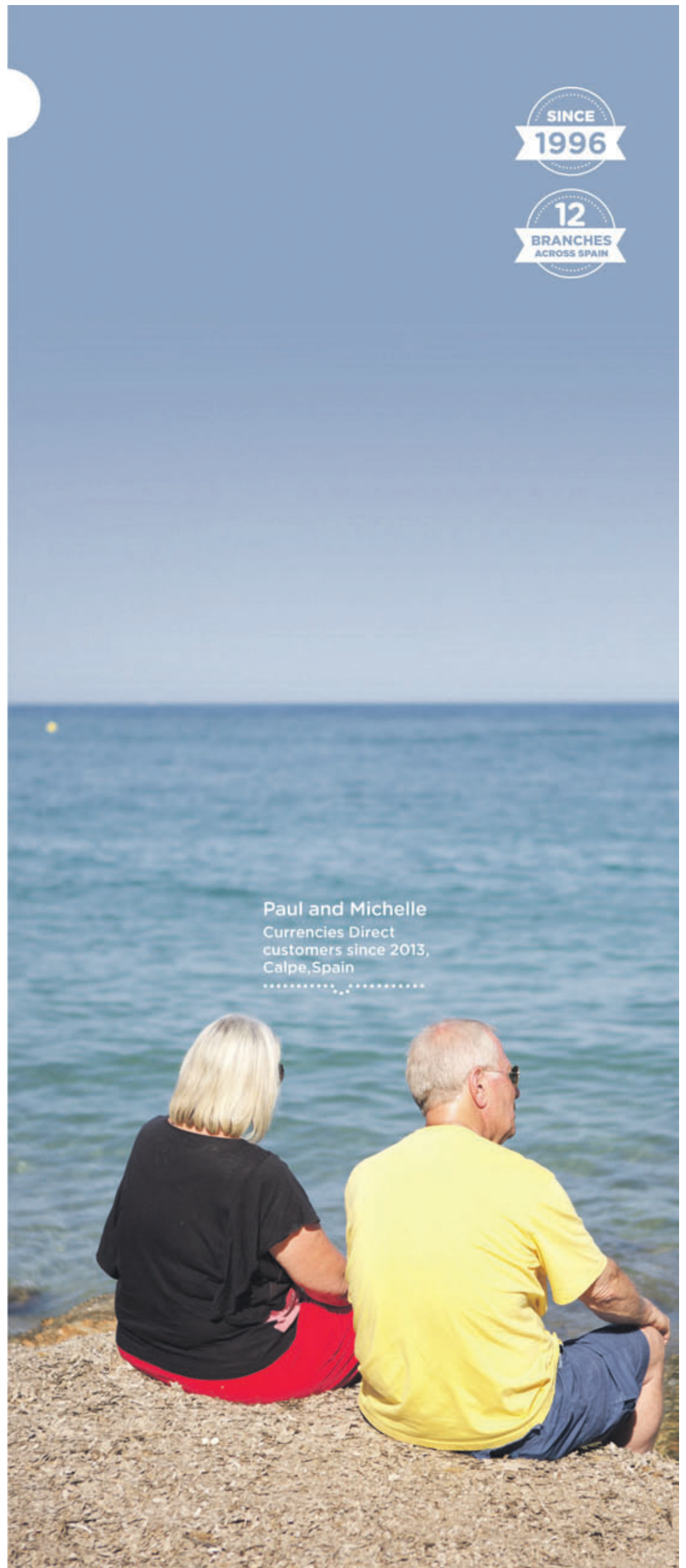
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# Bank of England rethinks forecasts

By John Smith

THOSE who predicted that the UK economy would not be adversely affected by the Brexit decision were dealt a blow by the Bank of England which gave a very gloomy forecast immediately following the referendum decision.

“The Bank expects the economy to sustain reasonable growth over the next three years.

Now just over six months later, the situation is definitely reversed with the Bank having to completely review its growth forecast upwards yet again to a figure of 2 per cent for 2017 which is only marginally lower than the forecast in May 2016 when it was assumed that Britain would remain in the EU.

The Bank had previously said that following the referendum result, its actions had done a great deal to stave off a possible disaster and now suggests that higher internal spending by



Photo Credit: Bank of England

**BANK OF ENGLAND: The Monetary Policy committee.**

the government as revealed in the Chancellor's last budget review has helped to make the figures look better than expected.

Looking further forward the Bank also expects the economy to sustain reasonable growth over the next three years thanks to a stronger than ex-

pected world economy, cheaper credit options and a decision by the British public to reduce savings as borrowing is cheaper.

These revelations therefore accounted for the fact that there was no hike in the interest rates which continue at a low of 0.25 per cent, al-

though many analysts expect this to be increased sooner rather than later.

Wages have not increased according to expectations so that any cut in unemployment is currently unlikely to see an increase in inflation which is still at an acceptable level, but this is subject to the pound recovering

further against the dollar and euro and with the expectation that consumer spending will begin to tail off.

Should inflation begin to increase above acceptable levels then there is little doubt that a speedy increase in the base rate will be implemented.

In many ways these announcements come as something of an embarrassment for both the Bank of England and Governor Mark Carney who recently indicated that he would not leave his post until Brexit has been completed.

If the government and industry cannot rely upon forecasts from the most influential of financial institutions in the UK, then the economy itself could be damaged, especially at a time when Britain is trying to negotiate itself out of the EU and into new trade deals with countries worldwide.

Now that approval has been given in Parliament for the government to proceed to invoke Article 50, the next step will be to review the contents of the White Paper covering the government's overall strategy for Brexit and market reaction to that may well give a strong pointer to how accurate these latest forecasts may be.

## Saving their bacon

AFTER reports that due to the appalling weather in parts of Spain there would be a shortage of a number of vegetables and fruit in British supermarkets, news is now coming in of a bacon shortage in the USA.

There may well be a sudden surge in downloads of the video game Apokalypse - Pigs of Doom, but there has been something of an online panic as Twitter users worry about the latest news from the US Department of Agriculture that reserves of frozen pork bellies had fallen significantly.

It appears that despite President Trump's fear that the country is being swamped by Muslims, that sales of pork bellies from which American Bacon is mainly produced have risen considerably.

America has been experimenting with bacon recently and the advent of bacon cheesecake, ice cream, smoothies, cupcakes, doughnuts and popcorn coupled with the introduction of all-day breakfasts by major chains has meant that most fresh pork meat has been sold rather than frozen and put into storage.

According to the Department of Agriculture report, stocks have dropped from 22 million kilos to just over eight million kilos in a year which has triggered some fear about prices and scarcity of tasty porcine comestible.



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**BACON SHORTAGE: This little piggy went to market.**

Whilst it is possible that Danish producers will be looking to increase their production, representatives of American pig councils have acted swiftly to advise that the number of pigs in America is greater than ever, although there may be some short term price increases,

On a more serious note, any shortage

which results in price rises must be considered counter-productive and in Zambia several years ago, there were a number of deaths when one particular type of maize was in short supply and many people refused to consume an alternative and different coloured maize which was supplied as aid by the US Government.

## A different fashion connection

NOW that Sports Direct seems to have ridden out the tide of negative publicity about its treatment of staff, owner Mike Ashley is reported to have gained control over an 11 per cent stake in fashion chain French Connection.

It would appear that he now has access to 10.7 million shares in the company which may be ripe for a takeover by using an unusual form of investment known as a 'contract for difference' which gives him a very strong position to either benefit from a sale to a third party or if he wishes to make an offer himself.

The bulk of his new shareholding came from asset managers Schroders and it is known that Sports Direct which owns a number of clothing brands such as Lonsdale and Everlast offers a number of French Connection items in its stores.

The main shareholder of French Connection with 42 per cent is founder Stephen Marks, but he has been under considerable pressure from a consortium of business shareholders as the company has been making consistent losses for the last five years.

The introduction of Mike Ashley could mean that French Connection could well be ripe for a significant change in its fortunes in the not too distant future.



# Sala Group presents new CEO

THE prestigious hospitality company Sala Group has announced ambitious expansion plans and the appointment of a new CEO.

The expansion will include further beach clubs and a possible strategic alliance with a prominent global hospitality group, taking the company into the next phase of its very ambitious growth plans.

“Sala Group currently operates six locations worldwide.”

The new CEO, Federico González, took up the position on February 6. He holds a law and economics degree from Deusto University in Bilbao and an MBA from INSEAD business school in France.

He brings his extensive corporate experience to the group, having worked previously for Audi UK, among others, as well as his broad experience as an entrepreneur and property developer.



**FEDERICO GONZÁLEZ:** Brings extensive corporate experience to the group.

Commenting on his appointment he said, “I’m honoured to have been chosen for this very exciting opportunity. This is a group that has achieved unparalleled success since its foundation. To be offered the chance to lead our 300 employees to greater success is a challenge I am greatly looking forward to.”

Steve Hampson who has been CEO since 2012 commented, “Fede is an excellent fit for our business, his local and international experience will prove invaluable as the group formalises our expansion plans for 2017/18.”

Hampson will remain with the business as a director focusing on International and Strategic Affairs.

Sala Group currently operates six locations worldwide, with a pipeline of proposed projects for 2018. It has gained acknowledgement as one of the premier hospitality groups in Spain and Europe.

Photo Credit: Sala Group.

# Bla Bla Car says ha ha

A COMPANY which was founded in France and has offices around the world, Bla Bla Car has just fought off a claim made in court by the Spanish Confederation for Bus Transport (Confibus) which asserted that it was improperly acting as a transport company.

It argued that car sharing of this type was helping to depress the market for bus and coach journeys and therefore should be banned in Spain.

Bla Bla Car, however denied it was a transport company but simply a social network that brings together drivers and passengers who wish to share the cost of their journey and it makes a charge for the introduction.

The matter was heard before a Madrid court which ruled those drivers using Bla Bla Car are not employees of that company, nor are they in the main professional drivers touting their business for hire and reward.

In addition, it ruled they were not looking to make a profit from the journey but were simply sharing the costs incurred.

Confibus does have the right of appeal against this service and city councils who feel that this business undermines their local bus services could also decide to take action against the company in the future.

# Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad

by Stone King

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

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

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



**An LPA must be made while you have full mental capacity.**

**What is an LPA?**

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

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

Your attorney can be a professional,

such as a solicitor or a family member or friend.

There are two types of LPA: ‘Health and Welfare’ or ‘Property and Financial Affairs’

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

**Why should you get an LPA?**

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

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

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

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

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

If you would like to discuss LPAs contact Charlotte Macdonald or Dan Harris at Stone King LLP by email [international@stoneking.co.uk](mailto:international@stoneking.co.uk) or by telephone on +44 (0)1225 337599.



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# It's a big and nasty world out there folks

**LEAPY LEE SAYS IT  
OTHERS THINK IT**



CAN'T quite believe I'm doing Trump again this week but the man is such wonderful column fodder, I find him almost impossible to resist.

At least the court order, reversing his blanket ban on travellers from seven Muslim countries proved one thing. That no man, even the president of the United States, is in fact an island.

Hopefully the overruling by the federal judge, finally convinced the naïve whingers ('one dangerous finger hovering over the red button' etc) that there are a considerable number of factors involved before decisions of this magnitude can be implemented, even in a retaliatory mode. Dr Strangelove he ain't!

Although Russia may be a little more blatant, and somewhat less subtle, I also agree with Trump that, if the situation calls for it, most countries are very capable and do most certainly engage in assassinations, including the UK.

**“ It's a big nasty world out there, and we just may need big and nasty people to make sure we survive in it.”**

To my mind there is no doubt that Stephen Ward, who featured in the Christine Keeler/Mandy Rice scandal of the 60's was topped, before he could blow the whistle on one or two characters (highly rumoured to be

orgies involved. I am also convinced that the tragic Dr Kelly was murdered on orders from the government, prior to revealing the lies and false information concerned in the weapons of destruction issues that ultimately led us into the war on Iraq.

James Bond and his licence to kill appointment is actually not far from the truth. I think the assassins of the CIA and British secret service, are far more lethal and mercenary than the romantic 007 ever was.

So full marks to PDT for once again speaking out. However shocking his statements may seem,

my message to the so-called patriots, who think their countries are whiter than white and couldn't possibly be involved in such unacceptable practices, I say get a life.

It's a big nasty world out there, and we just may need big and nasty people to make sure we survive in it.

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**JAMES BOND: His licence to kill is not far from the truth.**

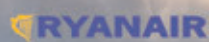


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 8:00pm The One Show  
 8:30pm EastEnders  
 9:00pm Would I Lie to You?  
 9:30pm EastEnders  
 10:00pm Death in Paradise  
 11:00pm BBC News at Ten  
 11:30pm BBC London News  
 11:45pm Question Time  
 12:45am This Week  
 1:30am Weather for the Week Ahead  
 1:35am BBC News

BBC TWO

7:00am Flog It! Trade Secrets  
 7:30am Wanted Down Under Revisited  
 8:15am Royal Recipes  
 9:00am An Island Parish  
 9:30am Great British Railway Journeys  
 10:00am Victoria Derbyshire  
 12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live  
 1:00pm The Daily Politics  
 2:00pm Cash in the Attic  
 2:25pm Beat the Brain  
 2:55pm Landward at the Royal Highland Show  
 3:25pm Italy Unpacked  
 4:25pm Tropic of Capricorn  
 5:25pm A Place to Call Home  
 6:15pm Flog It!  
 7:00pm Eggheads  
 7:30pm Great American Railroad Journeys  
 8:00pm Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is  
 9:00pm The Great Pottery Throw Down  
 10:00pm After Brexit: The Battle for Europe  
 11:00pm Match of the Day  
 11:30pm Newsnight  
 12:15am SAS: Rogue Warriors  
 1:15am Panorama  
 1:45am Spy in the Wild

BBC FOUR

8:00pm 100 Days  
 8:30pm Top of the Pops  
 9:00pm Britain's Ancient Capital: Secrets of Orkney  
 10:00pm British History's Biggest Fibs with Lucy Worsley  
 11:00pm Love and Betrayal in India  
 12:00pm The Nazis: A Warning From History  
 12:50am Attenborough and the Giant Egg *David Attenborough returns to the island of Madagascar on a very personal quest.*  
 1:50am Top of the Pops  
 2:25am Britain's Ancient Capital: Secrets of Orkney  
 3:25am British History's Biggest Fibs with Lucy Worsley  
 4:25am This is BBC Four *BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more. More depth, more range, more to stimulate the mind.*

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 12:05am 60 Days in Jail  
 1:00am Britain's Greatest Hoaxer  
 1:55am Ramsay's Hotel Hell

CHANNEL 5

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 and Bodge Jobs  
 1:10pm 5 News Lunchtime  
 1:15pm Police Interceptors: Smash and Grab Special  
 2:15pm Home and Away  
 2:45pm Neighbours  
 3:15pm NCIS  
 4:15pm The Vanished Family: Aurora Teagarden Mystery 4  
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 1:30am La Liga Show

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 11:45pm The Late Debate  
 12:10am Tipping Point  
 1:10am Jackpot247  
 4:00am Tonight  
 4:25am ITV Nightscreen *Text-based information service.*

itv2

7:00am You've Been Framed!  
 7:25am Who's Doing the Dishes?  
 8:15am The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
 9:00pm Emmerdale  
 9:30pm Coronation Street  
 10:00am You've Been Framed!  
 10:35am Psych  
 11:25am Scorpion  
 12:25pm Who's Doing the Dishes?  
 1:25pm Emmerdale  
 1:55pm Coronation Street  
 2:30pm You've Been Framed!  
 3:00pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
 3:50pm The Jeremy Kyle Show  
 4:55pm The Jeremy Kyle Show  
 6:00pm Judge Rinder  
 7:00pm You've Been Framed!  
 7:30pm 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 Release the Hounds  
 11:00pm Family Guy  
 11:30pm Family Guy  
 12:00am Family Guy  
 12:30am American Dad!

itv3

7:00am In Loving Memory  
 7:25am Heartbeat  
 8:25am Where the Heart is  
 9:30am The Royal  
 10:30am Judge Judy  
 10:55am Judge Judy  
 11:25am Judge Judy  
 11:50am Inspector Morse  
 2:05pm Heartbeat  
 3:05pm The Royal  
 4:10pm Where the Heart is  
 5:20pm In Loving Memory  
 5:50pm Rising Damp  
 6:20pm On the Buses  
 6:55pm Heartbeat  
 8:00pm Murder, She Wrote  
 9:00pm Heartbeat  
 10:00pm Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow  
 11:00pm Lewis  
 1:05am Love and Marriage  
 2:05am The Knock *Drama series following the dangerous investigations of an HM Customs and Excise unit.*  
 3:00am ITV3 Nightscreen *Text-based information service.*  
 3:30am Teleshopping

itv4

7:00am World Cup Top Goalscorers  
 7:15am Gunsmoke  
 8:20am The Saint  
 9:25am Quincy, M.E.  
 10:30am The Professionals  
 11:30am Ironside  
 12:35pm Gunsmoke  
 1:45pm Snooker  
 6:15pm Storage Wars Texas  
 6:45pm Storage Wars Texas  
 7:15pm Storage Wars Texas  
 7:45pm Snooker  
 12:15am Navy Seals  
 1:20am FYI Daily  
 1:25am Navy Seals  
 2:30am The Saint *Sixties adventure series about suave freelance troubleshooter Simon Templar.*  
 3:40am British Touring Car Crashes and Smashes *Motor sports short film.*  
 3:50am ITV4 Nightscreen *Text-based information service.*  
 4:00am Teleshopping *Shopping from home.*

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7:30am Extraction  
 9:15am Furious 7  
 11:35am G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra  
 1:40pm The Mummy  
 3:50pm Taken 3  
 5:45pm Tomorrowland  
 8:00pm G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra  
 10:00pm Furious 7  
 12:20am Taken 3  
 2:20am Extraction

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COMEDY

8:05am 1941  
 10:10am Meatballs  
 11:50am Three Amigos!  
 1:40pm Click  
 3:35pm Ride Along 2  
 5:25pm Dope  
 7:15pm Police Academy  
 9:00pm Ride Along 2  
 10:45pm Superbad  
 12:45am Trapped  
 2:45am Bruno *Gay style icon Bruno leaves Austria to cause chaos and controversy in the USA.*  
 4:15am Ali G Indahouse

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PREMIERE

7:00am Jenny's Wedding  
 8:40am Mojave  
 10:20am Just Jim  
 11:55am The Trust  
 1:45pm The Cell  
 3:35pm Goat  
 5:25pm Jenny's Wedding  
 7:15pm Mojave *A troubled Hollywood star retreats to the desert and has a run-in with a homicidal drifter.*  
 9:00pm The Trust  
 10:45pm The Culling  
 12:15am The Cell  
 2:00am The Culling *Five college friends battle supernatural forces at a remote farmhouse after a chance encounter with a strange little girl.*  
 3:30am Our Little Sister  
 5:45am Everest: Special *The likes of Jake Gyllenhaal, Keira Knightley and Josh Brolin talk about disaster epic Everest.*

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7:00am Cricket  
 1:00pm Cricket Gold  
 1:10pm Cricket Gold  
 1:20pm Cricket Gold  
 1:30pm Cricket's Greatest  
 2:00pm Cricket's Greatest  
 2:30pm Cricket Gold  
 2:40pm Cricket Gold  
 2:50pm Cricket Gold  
 3:00pm Cricket Classics  
 3:30pm Cricket Classics  
 4:00pm Cricket  
 5:00pm Football's Greatest  
 5:30pm Football's Greatest  
 6:00pm Cricket Classics  
 6:30pm Barclays Premier League World  
 7:00pm Darts Gold  
 7:15pm Darts Gold  
 7:30pm Darts Gold  
 7:45pm Darts Gold  
 8:00pm Live Premier League Darts  
 11:00pm Darts Gold  
 11:15pm Darts Gold  
 11:30pm Darts Gold  
 11:45pm Great Sporting Moments  
 12:00am Great Sporting Moments  
 12:15am Super League Highlights  
 12:30am Darts Gold



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# See Joe Longthorne with his full band live in concert

JOE LONGTHORNE was born into a show business family: his parents were both travelling show people. When he was six he came first in a talent show and his prize was a toy motor car. At 14 he landed a part in Yorkshire Television's series, Junior Showtime, and remained with the show for over two years.

He then turned professional and earned a living in northern working men's clubs. It was through the London Weekend Television series Search For a Star in 1981 that Longthorne was first launched onto the British televiewing public as a singer and impressionist and his success on the show led to appearances at the London Palladium and a month-long season at London's Talk of the Town.

The following year Longthorne received the Variety Club's award for most promising artiste. In 1985 he was invited to headline a season at the Drury Lane Theatre in Chicago, Illinois. He made a further breakthrough on British television in 1987, starring in Live From The Palladium and Des O'Connor Tonight.

Longthorne also released three platinum albums for Telstar, The Joe Longthorne Songbook, Especially for You and the Joe Longthorne Christmas Album.

It was around the time of his appearance at the Royal Variety Performance in 1989 that he was diagnosed with lymphoma. After responding to treatment Longthorne embarked on a tour of Australia and appeared on The Mike Walsh Show.

Longthorne continued performing into the early 1990s with sell-out performances at the Royal Albert Hall, the Sydney Opera House and the London Palladium. His music videos Live in Concert and A Man and His Music were steady sellers in the 1990s but financial problems from past mismanagement led him to bankruptcy in the latter part of the decade.

His illness degenerated into leukaemia and he underwent a bone marrow transplant. In 2006 Longthorne performed again at the London Palladium and in 2007 the Variety Club awarded him their Lifetime Achievement Award, which placed him amongst past recipients such as Frank Sina-

tra, Judy Garland, Ella Fitzgerald, Wayne Dobson, Freddie Parrot Faced Davies and Gary Wilmotts. In August 2009, Longthorne appeared in a tribute show to Don Black at the London Palladium. He currently lives in his adopted hometown of Blackpool.

Joe with his full band will be playing at the Benidorm Palace on April 9, with special guest support by Rebecca Holt. For tickets and information contact the Benidorm Palace Box Office on 965 851 660 or [www.heatwavepromotions.com](http://www.heatwavepromotions.com) or call 629 056 720.

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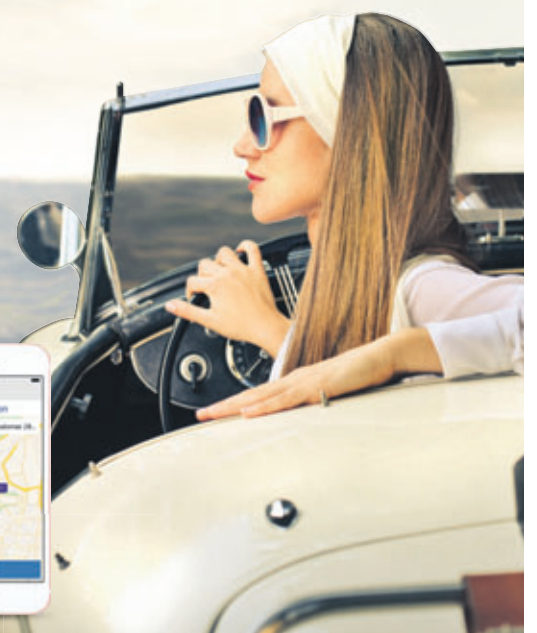
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- 8:30am Match of the Day
- 10:00am The Andrew Marr Show
- 11:00am The Big Questions
- 12:00pm Sunday Politics
- 1:15pm Bargain Hunt
- 2:00pm BBC News
- 2:10pm Weather for the Week Ahead
- 2:15pm Spy in the Wild
- 3:15pm Six Nations Rugby Union
- 6:00pm Songs of Praise
- 6:35pm BBC News
- 6:50pm Regional News
- 6:55pm Weather
- 7:00pm The Big Painting Challenge
- 8:00pm Countryfile Winter Special
- 9:00pm Call the Midwife
- 10:00pm British Academy Film Awards 2017
- 12:00am BBC News
- 12:20am Regional News
- 12:25am Weather
- 12:30am American High School
- 1:10am Celebrity Apprentice USA
- 1:55am Celebrity Apprentice USA

BBC TWO

- 7:00am A to Z of TV Gardening
- 7:45am Big Dreams Small Spaces
- 8:45am An Island Parish
- 9:15am The Edible Garden
- 9:45am Countryfile
- 10:45am Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
- 12:15pm Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day
- 12:45pm Nigelissima
- 1:15pm MOTD2 Extra
- 2:00pm Nitro Athletics
- 3:00pm The Winslow Boy
- 4:40pm Money for Nothing
- 5:10pm Flog It!
- 6:00pm Ski Sunday
- 6:45pm Catch Me If You Can
- 9:00pm Dragons' Den
- 10:00pm Special Forces - Ultimate Hell Week
- 11:00pm Match of the Day 2
- 12:00am Live at the Apollo
- 12:45am Women's Six Nations Highlights
- 1:15am All Good Things
- 2:50am Question Time
- 3:50am Holby City
- 4:50am This is BBC Two

BBC FOUR

- 8:00pm Wagner's Ring Cycle - Das Rheingold
- 10:35pm James May at the Edge of Space *James May always wanted to be an astronaut. Now, 40 years after the first Apollo landings, he gets a chance to fly to the edge of space in a U2 spy plane.*
- 11:05pm The Sky at Night *A look at the world of astronomy.*
- 11:35pm The Horizon Guide to Space Shuttles
- 12:35am British History's Biggest Fibs with Lucy Worsley
- 1:35am Michael Grade's History of the Pantomime Dame
- 2:35am Len Goodman's Big Band Bonanza
- 3:35am Horizon *For centuries we have dreamt of reaching the centre of the Earth.*

CHANNEL 4

- 7:15am King of Queens
- 7:40am King of Queens
- 8:05am 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
- 2:00pm The Simpsons
- 2:30pm George Clarke's Amazing Spaces
- 3:35pm A Place in the Sun
- 4:40pm Location, Location, Location
- 5:45pm Channel 4 News
- 6:15pm Mrs. Doubtfire
- 8:30pm The Jump
- 10:00pm Homeland
- 11:05pm 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
- 12:00am 127 Hours
- 1:50am How to Get Fit Fast
- 2:40am I Do at 92
- 3:35am Hoarder SOS
- 4:25am Building the Dream
- 5:15am Phil: Secret Agent Down Under

CHANNEL 5

- 8:15am Pip Ahoy!
- 8:30am Little Princess
- 8:45am Paw Patrol
- 9:00am Blaze and the Monster Machines
- 9:30am Noddy in Toyland
- 9:45am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
- 9:55am Shimmer and Shine
- 10:25am Peppa Pig
- 10:30am Peppa Pig
- 10:35am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
- 10:45am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
- 11:20am Football on 5
- 12:20pm Football on 5
- 1:00pm The Hotel Inspector
- 1:55pm Seabiscuit
- 4:30pm Alvin and the Chipmunks
- 6:15pm Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2
- 8:00pm Magic Makes You Laugh Out Loud
- 8:55pm 5 News Weekend
- 9:00pm TV's 50 Greatest Magic Tricks
- 11:35pm When Magic Goes Horribly Wrong
- 2:15am Super Casino

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- 7:00am Rude(Ish) Tube
- 7:20am How I Met Your Mother
- 7:40am How I Met Your Mother
- 8:05am Melissa and Joey
- 8:35am Melissa and Joey
- 9:00am Baby Daddy
- 9:30am Baby Daddy
- 9:55am The Goldbergs
- 10:25am Hollyoaks Omnibus
- 12:55pm Coach Trip
- 1:30pm Coach Trip
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- 3:35pm The Jump
- 5:05pm The Big Bang Theory
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- 7:00pm The Big Bang Theory
- 7:30pm The Big Bang Theory
- 8:00pm Men in Black
- 10:00pm Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.
- 11:00pm Your Highness
- 1:00am Tattoo Fixers
- 2:05am The Inbetweeners
- 2:40am The Inbetweeners
- 3:15am Gogglebox

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- 7:00am Football
- 7:30am Football
- 8:00am Football
- 8:30am Football
- 9:00am Football
- 9:30am Football
- 10:00am The Sunday Supplement
- 11:30am Goals on Sunday
- 1:30pm Live Nissan Super Sunday
- 4:30pm Live Nissan Super Sunday
- 8:00pm EFL Goals
- 8:30pm Spanish Football Gold
- 8:40pm Football
- 10:40pm Spanish Football Gold
- 10:50pm Spanish Football Gold
- 11:00pm Pl Match Highlights
- 11:30pm Pl Match Highlights
- 12:00am Scottish Cup Football
- 12:30am Goals on Sunday
- 1:30am Pl Match Highlights
- 2:00am Pl Match Highlights
- 2:30am Scottish Cup Football
- 3:00am Pl Match Highlights
- 3:30am Pl Match Highlights
- 4:00am One2eleven
- 4:15am One2eleven

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- 9:20am Horrid Henry
- 9:45am Teen Titans Go!
- 10:05am Adventure Time
- 10:25am ITV News
- 10:30am Countrywise
- 11:00am Peston on Sunday
- 12:00pm Gino's Italian
- Escape: Hidden Italy
- 12:30pm Chopping Block
- 1:25pm ITV News and Weather
- 1:35pm Poirot: Murder on the Orient Express
- 4:00pm All Star Family Fortunes
- 4:45pm Ninja Warrior UK
- 5:45pm The Voice UK
- 7:05pm Regional News and Weather
- 7:15pm ITV News and Weather
- 7:30pm Dance Dance Dance
- 9:00pm Lion Country: Night and Day
- 10:00pm The Good Karma Hospital
- 11:00pm ITV News and Weather
- 11:15pm Rugby
- 12:15am Rugby

itv2

- 7:00am You've Been Framed!
- 7:25am Emmerdale Omnibus
- 10:10am Coronation Street Omnibus
- 12:40pm The Voice UK
- 2:00pm Zawesome
- 2:05pm Guidance
- 2:40pm Fame High
- 3:00pm Third Wheel
- 3:15pm Third Wheel
- 3:30pm La Story
- 3:50pm The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement
- 4:50pm FYI Daily
- 4:55pm The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement
- 6:10pm The Haunted Mansion
- 7:10pm FYI Daily
- 7:15pm The Haunted Mansion
- 8:00pm Coyote Ugly
- 9:00pm FYI Daily
- 9:05pm Coyote Ugly
- 10:00pm Ibiza Weekender
- 11:00pm Family Guy
- 11:30pm Family Guy
- 12:00am Family Guy
- 12:30am American Dad!
- 1:00am American Dad!

itv3

- 7:00am On the Buses
- 7:25am Heartbeat
- 8:30am Heartbeat
- 9:35am Murder, She Wrote
- 10:35am Murder, She Wrote
- 11:40am Sherlock Holmes
- 1:55pm Columbo
- 3:55pm Carry on Matron
- 4:55pm FYI Daily
- 5:00pm Carry on Matron
- 5:45pm Wycliffe
- 7:00pm Midsomer Murders
- 9:00pm This Time Next Year
- 10:00pm Tonight at the London Palladium
- 11:00pm Birds of a Feather *Birds of a Feather features two sisters Sharon & Tracey.*
- 11:30pm Joanna Lumley: The Search for Noah's Ark
- 1:05am A Touch of Frost
- 2:55am A Touch of Frost
- 4:40am May the Best House Win
- 5:30am May the Best House Win

itv4

- 7:00am I Want That Car
- 8:00am Rugby Sevens World Series Highlights
- 8:30am The Professionals
- 9:35am Ironside
- 10:40am Quincy, M.E. *Another case for LA County's sleuthing chief coroner.*
- 11:45am The Saint *Drama series about the adventures of suave troubleshooter Simon Templar.*
- 12:45pm Shed and Buried
- 1:45pm Snooker *Coverage and reaction from the latest Snooker event taking place.*
- 6:15pm Storage Wars
- 6:40pm The Snooker Mavericks
- 7:45pm Snooker *Coverage and reaction from the latest Snooker event taking place.*
- 12:15am Out for Justice
- 1:15am FYI Daily

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- 12:50pm Captain America: Civil War
- 3:20pm Charlie's Angels
- 5:10pm Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle
- 7:00pm The Huntsman: Winter's War
- 9:00pm Captain America: Civil War
- 11:30pm The Matrix
- 1:50am Die Hard 4.0
- 4:10am King Arthur

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- 7:40am The Man
- 9:10am The Naked Gun 33 1/3: The Final Insult
- 10:40am The House Bunny
- 12:25pm Sister Act
- 2:15pm Dad's Army
- 4:00pm Get Hard
- 5:45pm Welcome to Me
- 7:20pm Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2
- 9:00pm Dad's Army
- 10:45pm The Hangover
- 12:30am Top Five
- 2:20am Balls of Fury

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- 4:10am The Cell

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- 7:00am Cricket
- 1:00pm Live Scottish Cup
- 3:30pm Sporting Triumphs
- 3:45pm Sporting Triumphs
- 4:00pm Spanish Football Gold *A chance to relive some of La Liga's best moments.*
- 4:10pm Football *Leganes host Sporting Gijon at the Estadio Municipal de Butarque in La Liga.*
- 6:10pm Spanish Football Gold
- 6:25pm Football
- 8:30pm Cricket
- 9:30pm Cricket's Greatest
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- 11:00pm Sporting Triumphs
- 11:15pm Sporting Triumphs
- 11:30pm Sporting Triumphs
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# Be wise and protect your eyes at Interoptics

**SO Fay, let's talk about eye care, what's the most important advice you can give to people about eye care?**

The most important thing to remember is get a complete eye test at least once a year. Apart from checking your prescription they are very important for preventing pathologies such as glaucoma, cataracts, retina problems and more. They are vitally important for people with health problems such as diabetes, high blood pressure, blood circulation problems... they should check their eye health at least once a year. Many problems can be detected and even prevented by a complete eye test.

At Interoptics eye tests are free and a reminder will be sent to you so you don't forget.

**Regarding our eyes, is there anything special that people should be aware of when they come to live in Spain?**

The sun is the reason most of us come to live here but please don't wear cheap sunglasses! People should be aware of the damage the



**ANNUAL EYE TESTS:** Are important to help prevent and detect problems.



sun can cause to their eyesight. Problems such as cataracts, macular degeneration, pterygium, are caused mostly by the sun so it is very important to use eye protection even in the winter months here in Spain. We all slap on sun cream but forget about our eyes and like skin cancer problems caused by sun damage only appear as we get older.

If you do sports Interoptics offer a wide range of sports glasses with the correct protection, and yes, you can have your prescription in sunglasses, even varifocal lenses. There is a large range of lenses for sun protection to pick from at reasonable prices.

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# Albir Market – the store with more

ALBIR MARKET is a convenience store located in Albir that has everything you need and more.

Whether you need milk for a cup of tea at breakfast or want a snack after midnight this store is open seven days a week from 8am until 1am.

Selling products from England, Spain, Norway and Romania they are popular with residents and tourists who prefer a convenience store rather than a supermarket where queues can be long and time-consuming.

The store is fully stocked and carefully laid out with regular groceries including fresh fruit and vegetables, a chiller with cold meats and cheeses as well as household items and pet food. There is also an extensive beer and wine section, sun tan lotions, perfumes and gift ideas such as boxes of Thorntons chocolates.

Also in-store is a fresh bakery where you can smell the delicious aromas of bread, croissants, muffins, empanadillas and other wonderful pastries. There is also a fresh cake selection where the cakes are far too tempting to ignore and should you need a cake for a special occasion, Albir Market will be happy to take your order.

Another side to the business is a take-away service of freshly prepared food all made on



the premises. Here you can get a nice lunch or dinner to have at home and with no pangs of guilt that you are having another take-away. There is a great selection to choose from such as lasagne, turkey legs, ribs

etc and a variety of side dishes including mushrooms cooked in garlic, boiled rice and green beans. This is not available on Sunday, although the pastry counter is open all week.

The store has a post box where letters are collected twice a week and you can also pick up the free local newspapers.

All the staff speak English and if you are having any difficulties then they are on hand to answer any questions.

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**BBC one**

10:15am Countryfile Winter Diaries  
11:00am Homes Under the Hammer  
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7:30pm Regional News  
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8:30pm EastEnders  
9:00pm Holby City  
10:00pm The Moorside  
11:00pm BBC News  
11:30pm Regional News  
11:40pm Weather  
11:45pm Pretty Woman  
1:40am Weather for the Week Ahead

**BBC TWO**

7:30am Wanted Down Under Revisited  
8:15am The Farmers' Country Showdown  
9:00am Great British Menu  
10:00am Victoria Derbyshire  
12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live  
2:00pm Coast  
2:15pm Super League Show  
3:00pm Landward  
3:30pm Italy Unpacked  
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7:00pm Eggheads  
7:30pm Great American Railroad Journeys  
8:00pm Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is  
9:00pm Further Back in Time for Dinner  
10:00pm Andrew Marr, My Brain and Me  
11:00pm Mock the Week  
11:30pm Newsnight  
12:10am Weather  
12:15am Special Forces - Ultimate Hell Week  
1:15am SAS: Rogue Warriors  
2:15am Our Dancing Town

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm 100 Days  
8:30pm Weird Nature, Marvellous Motion  
9:00pm Planet Earth II  
10:00pm Life of a Mountain: A Year on Blencathra  
11:00pm After Brexit: The Battle for Europe  
12:00am D-Day: The Last Heroes  
*Two-part series in which historian Dan Snow examines how meticulous planning, espionage and the analysis of millions of three-dimensional aerial photographs helped the Allied Forces gain a foothold in northern France.*  
1:00am Swim the Channel  
2:00am Bought with Love: The Secret History of British Art Collections  
3:00am Beautiful Thing: A Passion for Porcelain  
4:00am Planet Earth II

**CHANNEL 4**

7:45am King of Queens  
9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond  
9:35am Everybody Loves Raymond  
10:05am Frasier  
10:35am Frasier  
11:05am Undercover Boss USA  
12:00pm 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 Super Slimmers: What Really Happened Next  
10:00pm 24 Hours in A and E  
11:00pm The Great British Skinny Dip  
12:05am This is Us 1  
1:00am My Granny the Escort

**CHANNEL 5**

8:35am Noddy: Toyland Detective  
8:50am Paw Patrol  
9:00am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom  
9:15am Digby Dragon  
9:30am Peppa Pig  
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9:50am Wisp  
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3:15pm NCIS: Los Angeles  
4:15pm Family Secrets  
6:00pm 5 News at 5  
6:30pm Neighbours  
7:00pm Home and Away  
7:30pm 5 News Tonight  
8:00pm Winter Road Rescue  
9:00pm Inside Windsor Castle  
10:00pm Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh  
11:00pm Celebrity Carry on Bargaining  
12:00am Extraordinary People

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7:00am Rude(Ish) Tube Shorts  
7:10am Made in Chelsea  
8:00am Hollyoaks  
8:30am Coach Trip  
9:00am Rude(Ish) Tube  
9:30am Rude(Ish) Tube  
10:00am Brooklyn Nine-Nine  
10:30am Brooklyn Nine-Nine  
11:00am Rules of Engagement  
11:30am Rules of Engagement  
12:00pm Charmed  
1:00pm Charmed  
2:00pm The Big Bang Theory  
2:30pm The Big Bang Theory  
3:00pm The Big Bang Theory  
3:30pm The Big Bang Theory  
4:00pm Baby Daddy  
4:30pm Baby Daddy  
5:00pm How I Met Your Mother  
6:00pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine  
6:30pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine  
7:00pm The Big Bang Theory  
7:30pm The Big Bang Theory  
8:00pm Hollyoaks  
8:30pm Coach Trip  
9:00pm The Goldbergs  
10:00pm Tattoo Fixers  
Valentine's Special  
11:00pm Celebs Go Dating  
12:05am The Big Bang Theory

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7:00am Football Gold  
7:15am Football Gold  
7:30am Football Gold  
7:45am Football Gold  
8:00am WWE SmackDown!  
9:00am Mnf Pre-Game Show  
10:00am Mnf: Highlights  
10:30am Soccer AM: The Best Bits 2016/17  
11:00am Premier League Gold  
11:20am Premier League Gold  
11:40am Premier League Gold  
12:00pm Football  
4:00pm One2eleven  
4:30pm One2eleven  
5:00pm Mnf Pre-Game Show  
6:00pm Mnf: Highlights  
6:30pm Premier League Gold  
6:40pm Premier League Gold  
6:50pm Premier League Gold  
7:00pm Premier League Review  
8:00pm Scottish Football Round Up  
8:15pm Football Gold  
8:30pm Gillette Soccer Special  
11:00pm La Liga World  
11:30pm Premier League Gold  
11:50pm Premier League Gold  
12:00am Premier League Review

**itv**

9:30am Lorraine  
10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show  
11:30am This Morning  
1:30pm Loose Women  
2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News  
2:55pm Regional News and Weather  
3:00pm Judge Rinder  
4:00pm James Martin's French Adventure  
5:00pm Tipping Point  
6:00pm The Chase  
7:00pm Regional News and Weather  
7:30pm ITV Evening News  
8:00pm Emmerdale  
8:30pm Save Money  
9:00pm Tales From the Coast with Robson Green  
10:00pm Secret Life of Dogs  
11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather  
11:30pm Regional News and Weather  
11:40pm The Chase  
12:40am The Investigator: A British Crime Story

**itv2**

7:00am You've Been Framed!  
7:25am Who's Doing the Dishes?  
8:15am The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
9:00pm 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!  
7:30pm 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

**itv3**

7:00am In Loving Memory  
7:25am Heartbeat  
8:30am Where the Heart is  
9:30am The Royal  
10:30am Judge Judy  
11:00am Judge Judy  
11:30am Judge Judy  
11:55am Inspector Morse  
2:10pm Heartbeat  
3:10pm The Royal  
4:10pm Where the Heart is  
5:20pm In Loving Memory  
5:55pm Rising Damp  
6:20pm On the Buses  
*This bold, bawdy and brash sitcom hit British screens in 1969.*  
6:55pm Heartbeat  
*Drama, set in the North Yorkshire moors in the 1960's.*  
8:00pm Murder, She Wrote  
*Drama series about a sleuthing writer who solves murder mysteries.*  
9:00pm Midsomer Murders  
11:00pm Wycliffe  
12:05am Prime Suspect 1

**itv4**

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  
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8:00pm Pawn Stars  
8:30pm Pawn Stars  
9:00pm The Chase: Celebrity Special  
10:00pm Benidorm  
11:00pm Out for Justice  
12:00am FYI Daily  
12:05am Out for Justice  
12:55am Last Man Standing  
1:55am FYI Daily  
2:00am Last Man Standing  
3:00am The Saint  
3:50am ITV4 Nightscreen

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8:00am Independence Day  
10:30am I Am Wrath  
12:05pm Run All Night  
2:05pm Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice  
4:40pm Dante's Peak  
6:30pm Independence Day  
9:00pm Run All Night  
11:00pm Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice  
1:35am Road House  
3:30am The Salvation

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

10:15am Billy Madison  
11:50am Dude, Where's My Car?  
1:20pm Whiskey Tango Foxtrot  
3:20pm Me, Myself and Irene  
5:20pm Daddy's Home  
7:05pm Rock the Kasbah  
9:00pm Whiskey Tango Foxtrot  
11:00pm Daddy's Home  
12:45am Blazing Saddles  
2:30am Stir Crazy

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am The Landlord  
8:45am Everest: Special  
*The likes of Jake Gyllenhaal, Keira Knightley and Josh Brolin talk about disaster epic Everest.*  
9:15am The Angry Birds Movie  
11:05am Anything for Love  
12:50pm The Top Ten Show 2017  
1:10pm Friend Request  
2:55pm Miracles From Heaven  
5:00pm The Lego Batman Movie: Special  
5:30pm The Angry Birds Movie  
7:15pm Anything for Love  
9:00pm Friend Request  
10:45pm Miracles From Heaven  
12:40am Jenny's Wedding  
2:25am The Cell  
4:15am The Landlord

**sky SPORTS 2**

7:00am Cricket Classics  
8:00am Time of Our Lives  
9:00am Super League Fulltime 2017  
9:30am Super League Gold  
9:45am Super League Gold  
10:00am Cricket's Greatest  
10:30am Cricket's Greatest  
11:00am Live Rotterdam 500 Tennis  
5:00pm Cricket's Greatest  
5:30pm Cricket's Greatest  
6:00pm Sporting Greats  
6:30pm Sporting Greats  
7:00pm Super League Fulltime 2017  
7:30pm Live Rotterdam 500 Tennis  
11:30pm Super League Fulltime 2017  
12:00am Ashes Best Days  
2:00am Cricket World Cup Classics  
3:00am Sporting Rivalries  
4:00am Cricket Classics  
5:00am Cricket's Greatest  
5:30am Cricket's Greatest  
*Series profiling some of the greatest cricketers of all time.*

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**LEGALLY SPEAKING**

# Clamping down on repeat offenders

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.



**OURENSE:** The DGT has seized vehicles from repeat road safety offenders.

A TOTAL of 22 vehicles have been seized in Ourense, in Galicia, north western Spain.

The DGT took the vehicles from repeat road safety offenders. Although seemingly extreme, the action was taken on account of the severity of the repeat offences. The public prosecutor said each of the owners would have potentially had their vehicles seized for accumulating at least three consecutive convictions in a two year period for various crimes, such as drink and drug driving, or driving without a valid licence.

Of the vehicles seized, 19 have been scrapped. The remaining three are being

held as evidence on account of continued investigations being carried out.

The Guardia Civil arrested 362 people in Ourense in 2016, all for serious offences against road safety. The majority were related to alcohol with 204 drivers arrested for driving whilst over the alcohol limit.

As well as clamping down on offenders, it is hoped it will enhance road safety for users. Last year, across the Spanish road network system, there were 1,038 fatal incidents in which 1,160 people lost their lives. A further 5,067 people needed hospital treatment as a result of a traffic accident.

For more news and articles visit [www.n332.es](http://www.n332.es) or search N332 on Facebook.

## Can he get it in Minutes?

**Q.** At the last AGM of our Community, in the discussion at the end of the meeting, I brought up an issue about a member of the Committee, who has hired a family member to work on the maintenance. I feel that this is incorrect. After some comments, the sense of the meeting was that the

problem was minor, but the President said he would look into it. No vote was taken. I wanted this situation to be written into the Minutes book, but the President refused. Can he do this?

S D (Costa del Sol)

**A.** Yes, he can. By law, the official Minutes book of the AGM must record the members who attended, either in person or by proxy, and the decisions taken as a result of

**David Searl**  
You and the Law in Spain



the voting, with a list of those who voted in favour

and those against. Only those members who are recorded as voting against a proposal can later challenge it in court. Other details of discussions or points of view are optional.

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

## Befuddled by English language

**Mike Senker**

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



COMPUTERS are now such an integral part of everyday life you can't imagine being without them but they can also be annoying so and sos when they decide to go wrong. Well not even when they go wrong, just when they do not do what you want them to do.

I have an iPhone and use iCloud to store my photos and other bits and they are meant to automatically download to my PC which is quite new and runs on Windows 10. This means that I should have all my photos available on all my devices ... except I haven't because, for some reason, they won't show up on my PC. I've tried everything. I've installed the latest updates of everything.

I then checked on the internet and it told me to uninstall everything and do this, that and the other but still it doesn't work. I got in touch with Apple and they said it was a Windows problem and guess what Microsoft said? Yup, spot on, they said it's an Apple problem. So after all that I am no better off.

I've probably spent a month trying to sort it out (not all day everyday) but I've basically given up on it because, to be honest, I can't be arsed anymore.

The English language befuddles me sometimes. For instance, what's the difference between a serviette and a napkin? They are both the same aren't they? The dictionary says they are, so why have two words for the same thing? And, of course, a napkin is also what we put babies in. How about afters, dessert, pudding, sweet? Is it a class thing? I have 'afters' and the snotty cow that lives over the road has dessert? Just wondering...

I often get grumpy with restaurants as you know. I make no apology for it as they continue to do the most stupid things to wind me up. One of my favourite places closes in November and reopens again in February so we popped in for something to eat. When I looked at the menu the prices on quite a few items had gone up. Now, of course you are wondering, how would you know?

You wouldn't remember the prices of stuff on a menu and you are quite right I don't. In fact, I didn't have a clue what the prices were except instead of having new menus printed in their break, the idiots just tippexed out the old price and wrote the new one in. Seriously, how dumb is that? I would never have known but now I've got the hump, not because the price has gone up, but because of their laziness in disguising their increases.

I will be on Talk Radio Europe Friday 10 at 11.30am having a bit of a Trump grump. Listen, call in or email [mikesenker@gmail.com](mailto:mikesenker@gmail.com).



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| 7:00pm  | BBC News                      |
| 7:30pm  | Regional News                 |
| 8:00pm  | The One Show                  |
| 9:00pm  | Who Do You Think You Are?     |
| 10:00pm | The Real Marigold Hotel       |
| 11:00pm | BBC News                      |
| 11:30pm | Regional News                 |
| 11:40pm | Weather                       |
| 11:45pm | A Question of Sport           |
| 12:15am | Film 2017                     |

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| 7:00am  | My Life in Books                        |
| 7:30am  | Wanted Down Under Revisited             |
| 8:15am  | The Farmers' Country Showdown           |
| 9:00am  | World's Most Extraordinary Homes        |
| 10:00am | Victoria Derbyshire                     |
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| 2:00pm  | Countryfile                             |
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| 6:15pm  | Flog It!                                |
| 7:00pm  | Eggheads                                |
| 7:30pm  | Great American Railroad Journeys        |
| 8:00pm  | Hairy Bikers Chicken and Egg            |
| 9:00pm  | Trust Me, I'm a Doctor                  |
| 10:00pm | Hospital                                |
| 11:00pm | Common Sense                            |
| 11:30pm | Newsnight                               |
| 12:10am | Weather                                 |
| 12:15am | Dragons' Den                            |
| 1:15am  | George III - The Genius of The Mad King |

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| 8:00pm  | 100 Days  |
| 8:30pm  | Reel History of Britain   |
| 9:00pm  | Capability Brown's Unfinished Garden  |
| 10:00pm | Roots   |
| 11:35pm | Wild China  |
| 12:35am | The Truth About Meteors <i>Scientific Documentary</i>   |
| 1:35am  | Archaeology: A Secret History <i>Scientific Documentary</i>   |
| 2:35am  | Treasures of Ancient Egypt <i>Scientific Documentary</i>  |
| 3:35am  | Wild China <i>Wild China explores the natural history of one of the world's most mysterious and diverse countries by looking at some its remotest reaches and most visually stunning scenery.</i> |

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| 7:30pm  | Hollyoaks                       |
| 8:00pm  | Channel 4 News                  |
| 9:00pm  | Location, Location, Location    |
| 10:00pm | No Offence                      |
| 11:00pm | Four Rooms with Sarah Beeny     |
| 12:05am | The Mega Brothel                |
| 1:10am  | Walking the Nile                |

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| 7:55am  | Little Princess                |
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| 8:20am  | Thomas and Friends             |
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| 2:45pm  | Neighbours                     |
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| 4:15pm  | Killer Collector               |
| 6:00pm  | 5 News at 5                    |
| 6:30pm  | Neighbours                     |
| 7:00pm  | Home and Away                  |
| 7:30pm  | 5 News Tonight                 |
| 8:00pm  | A New Life in Oz               |
| 9:00pm  | GPS: Behind Closed Doors       |
| 10:00pm | Climbing the Property Ladder   |
| 11:00pm | Extraordinary People           |

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| 7:00am  | Rude(lsh) Tube Shorts |
| 7:10am  | Made in Chelsea       |
| 8:00am  | Hollyoaks             |
| 8:30am  | Coach Trip            |
| 9:00am  | Rude(lsh) Tube        |
| 9:30am  | Rude(lsh) Tube        |
| 10:00am | Brooklyn Nine-Nine    |
| 10:30am | Brooklyn Nine-Nine    |
| 11:00am | Rules of Engagement   |
| 11:30am | Rules of Engagement   |
| 12:00pm | Charmed               |
| 1:00pm  | Charmed               |
| 2:00pm  | The Big Bang Theory   |
| 2:30pm  | The Big Bang Theory   |
| 3:00pm  | The Big Bang Theory   |
| 3:30pm  | The Big Bang Theory   |
| 4:00pm  | Baby Daddy            |
| 4:30pm  | Baby Daddy            |
| 5:00pm  | How I Met Your Mother |
| 5:30pm  | How I Met Your Mother |
| 6:00pm  | Brooklyn Nine-Nine    |
| 6:30pm  | Brooklyn Nine-Nine    |
| 7:00pm  | The Big Bang Theory   |
| 7:30pm  | The Big Bang Theory   |
| 8:00pm  | Hollyoaks             |
| 8:30pm  | Coach Trip            |
| 9:00pm  | The Big Bang Theory   |
| 9:30pm  | The Big Bang Theory   |
| 10:00pm | Timeless              |
| 11:00pm | Celebs Go Dating      |

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| 7:00am  | Football Gold  |
| 7:15am  | Football Gold <i>A chance to relive some classic matches from English football's top flight.</i> |
| 7:30am  | Football Gold  |
| 7:45am  | Football Gold  |
| 8:00am  | WWE Experience   |
| 9:00am  | Premier League Legends   |
| 9:30am  | Premier League Legends   |
| 10:00am | One2eleven   |
| 11:00am | Live Rotterdam 500 Tennis  |
| 5:00pm  | Football's Greatest  |
| 5:30pm  | Football's Greatest  |
| 6:00pm  | Football's Greatest Teams  |
| 6:30pm  | Football's Greatest Teams  |
| 7:00pm  | Premier League Legends   |
| 7:30pm  | Live Rotterdam 500 Tennis  |
| 11:30pm | Barclays Premier League World  |
| 12:00am | Premier League 100 Club  |
| 12:30am | Barclays Premier League World  |

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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   |
| 2:55pm  | Regional News and Weather <i>Up to the minute regional news and weather updates.</i> |
| 3:00pm  | Judge Rinder   |
| 4:00pm  | James Martin's French Adventure  |
| 5:00pm  | Tipping Point  |
| 6:00pm  | The Chase  |
| 7:00pm  | Regional News and Weather  |
| 7:30pm  | ITV Evening News   |
| 8:00pm  | Emmerdale  |
| 8:30pm  | Coronation Street  |
| 9:00pm  | Midsomer Murders   |
| 11:00pm | ITV News at Ten and Weather  |
| 11:30pm | Regional News and Weather  |
| 11:40pm | UEFA Champions League Highlights   |
| 12:40am | It's Not Rocket Science  |

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| 7:00am  | You've Been Framed!      |
| 7:25am  | Who's Doing the Dishes?  |
| 8:15am  | The Ellen DeGeneres Show |
| 9:00am  | Emmerdale                |
| 9:30am  | The Cube                 |
| 10:35am | Psych                    |
| 11:25am | Scorpion                 |
| 12:25pm | Who's Doing the Dishes?  |
| 1:25pm  | Emmerdale                |
| 1:55pm  | You've Been Framed!      |
| 3:00pm  | The Ellen DeGeneres Show |
| 3:50pm  | The Jeremy Kyle Show     |
| 4:55pm  | The Jeremy Kyle Show     |
| 6:00pm  | Judge Rinder             |
| 7:00pm  | You've Been Framed!      |
| 7:30pm  | You've Been Framed!      |
| 8:00pm  | You've Been Framed!      |
| 8:30pm  | You've Been Framed!      |
| 9:00pm  | Two and a Half Men       |
| 9:30pm  | Two and a Half Men       |
| 10:00pm | Through the Keyhole      |
| 11:00pm | Plebs                    |
| 11:30pm | Family Guy               |
| 12:00am | Family Guy               |
| 12:30am | American Dad!            |
| 1:00am  | American Dad!            |
| 1:30am  | Two and a Half Men       |

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| 7:00am  | In Loving Memory  |
| 7:25am  | Heartbeat   |
| 8:25am  | Where the Heart is  |
| 9:30am  | The Royal   |
| 10:30am | Judge Judy  |
| 11:00am | Judge Judy  |
| 11:30am | Judge Judy  |
| 11:55am | Inspector Morse   |
| 2:10pm  | Heartbeat   |
| 3:10pm  | The Royal   |
| 4:10pm  | Where the Heart is  |
| 5:20pm  | In Loving Memory  |
| 5:55pm  | Rising Damp   |
| 6:20pm  | On the Buses  |
| 6:55pm  | Heartbeat   |
| 8:00pm  | Murder, She Wrote   |
| 9:00pm  | Paul O'Grady: For The Love of Dogs  |
| 9:30pm  | Paul O'Grady: For The Love of Dogs  |
| 10:00pm | ITV3 60' Factual TBA  |
| 11:00pm | Wycliffe  |
| 12:05am | Prime Suspect 2   |
| 2:15am  | The Knock   |
| 3:10am  | 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                               |
| 8:45am  | Hogan's Heroes                          |
| 9:20am  | Hogan's Heroes                          |
| 9:50am  | The Professionals                       |
| 10:50am | Ironsides                               |
| 11:55am | Gunsmoke                                |
| 1:00pm  | Storage Wars Texas                      |
| 1:30pm  | Storage Wars Texas                      |
| 1:55pm  | Pawn Stars                              |
| 2:25pm  | Pawn Stars                              |
| 2:50pm  | Hogan's Heroes                          |
| 3:25pm  | Hogan's Heroes                          |
| 3:55pm  | Ironsides                               |
| 5:00pm  | The Professionals                       |
| 6:00pm  | The Saint                               |
| 7:05pm  | Storage Wars Texas                      |
| 7:35pm  | Storage Wars Texas                      |
| 8:00pm  | Pawn Stars                              |
| 8:30pm  | Pawn Stars                              |
| 9:00pm  | River Monsters                          |
| 10:00pm | Heroes and Villains: Caught on Camera   |
| 11:00pm | Above the Law                           |
| 12:00am | FYI Daily                               |
| 12:05am | Above the Law                           |
| 1:05am  | Sports Life Stories                     |
| 2:05am  | The Wine Show                           |
| 3:10am  | The Professionals                       |
| 4:00am  | Teleshopping <i>Shopping from home.</i> |

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| 7:10am  | Cellular                                   |
| 8:50am  | AVP: Alien vs. Predator                    |
| 10:45am | Extraction                                 |
| 12:20pm | Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens |
| 2:40pm  | Tomorrowland                               |
| 4:50pm  | The Mummy                                  |
| 6:55pm  | Everest                                    |
| 9:00pm  | Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens |
| 11:25pm | Precious Cargo                             |

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|---------|----------------------------------|
| 8:50am  | Spud 3: Learning to Fly          |
| 10:25am | Galaxy Quest                     |
| 12:15pm | Sister Act                       |
| 2:05pm  | Hot Shots!                       |
| 3:40pm  | Big Daddy                        |
| 5:20pm  | Ride Along 2                     |
| 7:10pm  | Starsky and Hutch                |
| 9:00pm  | Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story |
| 10:45pm | Ride Along 2                     |
| 12:35am | Office Space                     |
| 2:15am  | Krampus                          |
| 4:00am  | Life                             |

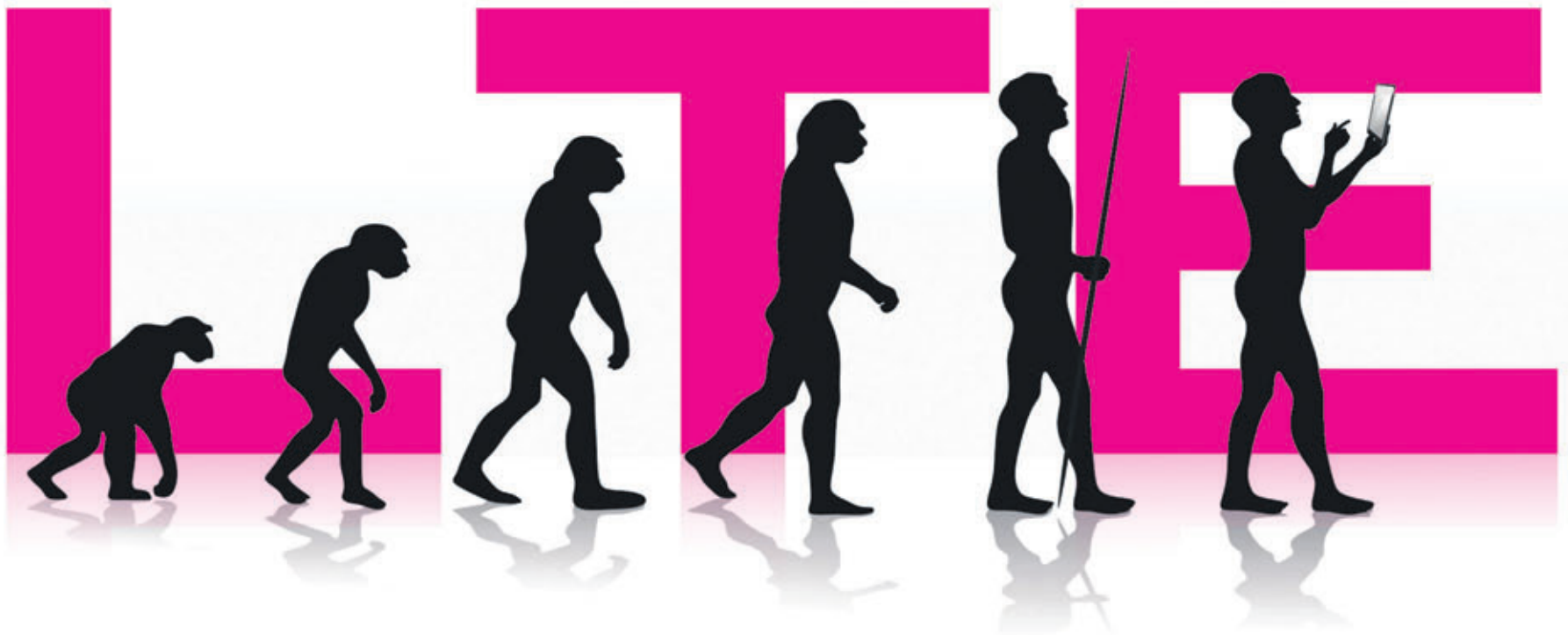
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| 8:40am  | Mojave <i>A troubled Hollywood star retreats to the desert and has a run-in with a homicidal drifter.</i>   |
| 10:20am | Friend Request  |
| 12:05pm | The Angry Birds Movie   |
| 1:50pm  | Miracles From Heaven  |
| 3:50pm  | Anything for Love   |
| 5:35pm  | The Landlord  |
| 7:15pm  | The Angry Birds Movie   |
| 9:00pm  | Friend Request  |
| 10:45pm | Up for Love   |
| 12:35am | Miracles From Heaven  |
| 2:35am  | The Landlord  |
| 4:20am  | The Culling <i>Five college friends battle supernatural forces at a remote farmhouse after a chance encounter with a strange little girl. Dark horror-thriller.</i> |

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| 9:00am  | Sky Sports Years              |
| 10:00am | Cricket's Greatest            |
| 10:30am | Cricket's Greatest            |
| 11:00am | Time of Our Lives             |
| 12:00pm | The Premier League Years      |
| 2:00pm  | Football's Greatest           |
| 2:30pm  | Football's Greatest           |
| 3:00pm  | Premier League Legends        |
| 3:30pm  | Premier League Legends        |
| 4:00pm  | One2eleven                    |
| 4:15pm  | One2eleven                    |
| 4:30pm  | One2eleven                    |
| 4:45pm  | One2eleven                    |
| 5:00pm  | Cricket's Greatest            |
| 5:30pm  | Cricket's Greatest            |
| 6:00pm  | Sporting Greats               |
| 6:30pm  | Sporting Greats               |
| 7:00pm  | Sporting Triumphs             |
| 7:15pm  | Sporting Triumphs             |
| 7:30pm  | Cricket Gold                  |
| 7:40pm  | Cricket Gold                  |
| 7:50pm  | Cricket Gold                  |
| 8:00pm  | Barclays Premier League World |
| 8:30pm  | Boxing Gold                   |
| 8:45pm  | Boxing Gold                   |
| 9:00pm  | Boxing                        |
| 11:00pm | Boxing Gold                   |
| 11:15pm | Boxing Gold                   |
| 11:30pm | Cricket Gold                  |



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# Hospitals make mistakes as well

MY wife died early last year after being treated with chemo at a Spanish hospital.

My wife was very well before the last treatment, she was strong and apart from the breast cancer very healthy. On the day of her treatment I sat with her, she was well. The following day she was gardening, cleaning, cooking and she was well. The next day my wife got ill, was taken to hospital, when I was allowed in the medico said there was no point going to her bed as she was dead.

He said they had done their best to save her but the chemo was too strong for her heart, he asked me if I wished to see her body and that is all he said. I was told I could collect the body at any time and to get an undertaker.

There was no inquest, my wife at her family's request was sent to the UK for burial. I am very concerned as the chemo should not have been so strong, a mistake was made and there should have been an inquest as my wife died very suddenly. Killed, I believe, by the medication.

I know whatever I say will never bring my wife back, but I write this letter to inform others that a hospital that can kill without any comeback is very frightening: the hospital can be very cavalier in their treatment and not worry about the results. In the UK with all its faults if a person dies suddenly there is always an inquest, but here there seems to be no concern.

*Stephen (Almeria)*

## No sympathy

I FEAR the Palma Airport taxi drivers are on the road to nowhere with their protests over the planned new bus routes to tourist resorts.

As a dad who frequently travels from the UK with a family of five, and is fleeced for two taxis as a result, I have little sympathy with the drivers. Not when they trouser the thick end of £100 for two taxis to Magaluf one way. Not when some of them bid skywards of €300,000 for a Calvia taxi plate this summer - a record I'm told.

I applaud the extra choice people will now have as to how to get to their holiday destination. Taxi drivers would be far better served exploring ways of meeting the needs of their everyday punters - rather than robbing them.

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**TRAINING PROGRAMME: Is needed to inform cyclists how to behave on the roads.**

## Cyclists have to abide by the rules

IT appears that Mojacar wants to promote cyclist groups for winter training. Not a bad idea for the local economy, but there needs to be a training programme for these cyclists and a set of rules published for them on how to behave on the local roads.

The groups do not obey some of the basic rules of the road: give way at roundabouts, overtake on the left, keep to the speed limit, give way at pedestrian crossings.

Last season I saw in Garrucha an elderly gentleman stranded in the middle of a crossing whilst a group of 30+ passed behind and in front of him and only inches away.

Yes, let them train here, but they should also respect other road users especially whilst on the town's roads. I asked a local cycling tour guide why groups disregarded the rules. His answer was a Gallic shrug.

*Stan Black*

Top of that wishlist is having taxis and private hire cars that seat more than four persons. Of course, the real fun and games will start when the super consumer-friendly Uber hit Mallorca. I - and many of your readers I suspect - can't wait,

*Richard Chew (Calvia and Yorkshire)*

## Just jealous

AN article recently stated motorhome users avoid campsite fees by wild camping along coastal areas. The article referred to Aguilas and San Juan.

What the critics fail to comprehend is we motorhomers contribute to the local economy by patronising supermarkets, restaurants, bars, and fuel stations etc., all along the Spanish coast. This also contributes to Spanish taxes!

When we need to empty and refill our services, we pay small fees at the

local service stations. The majority of us are considerate by not parking in front of local residences. We dispose of our refuse at the dedicated collection points, clean-up our pet faeces, and generally leave the areas as we find them. We enjoy the freedom that our vehicles allow us.

Campsites are congested, expensive, and do not obey health and safety regulations, to name a few! Perhaps the people that object to our presence are jealous of our way of life, they are certainly NOT local businesses.

Yes there are the Coastal laws that do not allow camping on the playas. However, if we do not erect awnings, or put out tables and chairs, we are not breaking camping regulations. Many towns and villages all over Spain provide free facilities to encourage motorhomes to stay in their area.

I own a motorhome and live locally. My pleasure is exploring different provinces all over Spain. I also spend

many weekends in my vehicle, along the local coastal areas with our friends. If you have a valid complaint, I suggest you call the local authorities so they can deal with the culprits, not print biased objections!!

*Dave (Turre)*

## Anti-Mr T

DON'T be fooled. Trump is a long long way from being squeaky clean. I have dug very deeply in to his past and there are so many things in there that lead me to believe he is no better than the Clintons.

He has had dealings with organised crime in the past and more recently many people are still wondering why a rape case against him was so suddenly dropped. Of course Trump denies everything. But as a notorious lady once said several years ago about a certain prominent member of the gov-

ernment accused of an indiscretion, "Well he would wouldn't he?"

*Vivienne Pimm*

## Pro-Mr T

WE should be thankful to those who gave the hacked emails to Wikileaks, otherwise the general public would have had no idea about the extent of the corruption and the dubious donations to the Clintons. The Clinton Foundation even accepted \$25 million from the terrorist funding Saudis.

There was the Whitewater property investigation during which Vince Foster mysteriously died before he could help with enquiries, etc etc. CNN even rigged the debate in Hilary's favour.

No doubt these revelations contributed to her loss, though of course the Russians are blamed! At least with Trump what you see is what you get and he could even avert WW3.

*Robert Segal (Palma, Mallorca)*

## Do we care?

OH how I love reading the Letters page in the EWN every week. RJ Dworakowski lamented like a modern day Mr Chips about incorrect grammar in a speech from Theresa May. Very commendable, but do we care about pronouns after prepositions, whatever they are? No!!

The content is the key and making the point understood surely. No doubt he will be berating me about this little piece. Don't bother sir. Secondary Modern was my final college of knowledge.

Then there's another letter from (Mr Name Withheld) telling us all to stand up and be counted. Embrace it he says. Stand high enough and it will now make a difference. OK Mr Name Withheld. I'll show you mine if you will show me yours!!

*Philip (San Fulgencio)*

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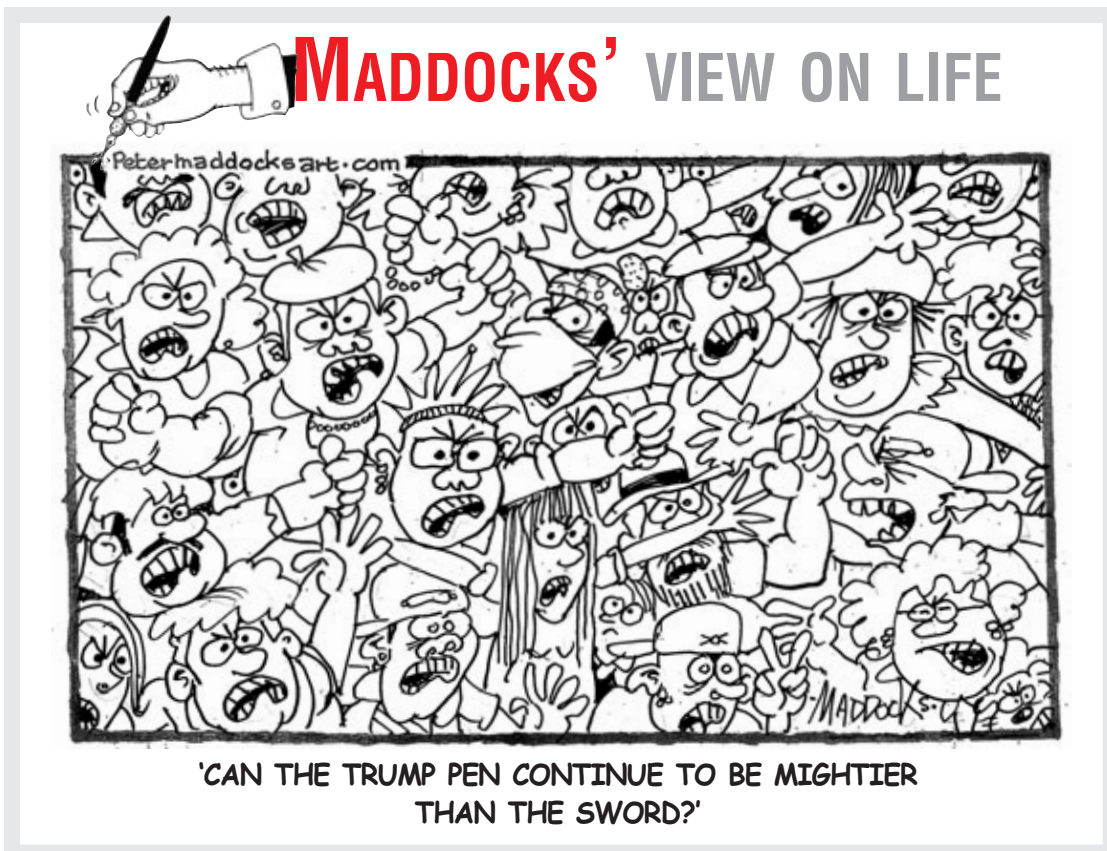
## Kakuro

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| 17 |    |    |    |    |    |
| 24 |    |    |    |    |    |

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

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|    | 31 | 15 | 28 | 22 |
| 29 | 5  | 6  | 4  | 3  |
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| 17 | 2  | 8  | 5  | 3  |
| 24 | 5  | 6  | 8  | 2  |



### Women's wit

**I do not admire young actresses whose foreheads cannot move."**

*Kathleen Turner, Actress*

### Famous quote

**"Everybody you fight is not your enemy and everybody who helps you is not your friend."**

*Mike Tyson, Boxer*

### World of English

**"In just two days from now, tomorrow will be yesterday."**

## YOUR STARS FOR 7 DAYS

### PISCES ♋ (February 20 - March 20)

There may not be enough time to do everything you want, so why can't you just reorganise your life so there is? Not as easy as it sounds, Pisces, unless you learn the magic word: no. Know your limits and stick to them. If you've got this far with a partner you will know it's meant to be.

### ARIES ♈ (March 21 - April 20)

Extra pressures at work leave you feeling less than energetic. Check on your health and don't go overboard with the physical activities. Set out to become more active, socially, and maximise on relaxation. With an eye to the summer and holidays, start planning a getaway. Who will you take with you?

### TAURUS ♉ (April 21 - May 21)

Social activities are likely to change at

### AQUARIUS ♒ (January 21 - February 19)

**A feeling that you should totally commit yourself to something or someone this week should be avoided. You will come up against**

the last minute. If energy levels are not as high as normal, use this week for planning. With holidays in mind, the summer seems far away but maybe a weekend trip will fill the gap. Spending time with an old friend reminds you of how things used to be.

### GEMINI ♊ (May 22 - June 21)

Although health should be good, energy may be a little low. A bit of a mystery surrounds a close friend and your opinion may be sought. Hold fire until all the facts are known and you are sure a person has been honest with you because someone may try to keep you in the dark

**a brick wall if a situation is forced. Time is all that is required to see things change for the better.**

to get the right answer.

### CANCER ♋ (June 22 - July 23)

The temptation to run round like a headless chicken is strong this week. There seem to be so many demands on your time that things become confusing. Be sure you are getting enough rest because this time of the year can be fraught for you.

### LEO ♌ (July 24 - August 23)

A situation could become complicated if you do not plan ahead. With a little thought and planning, matters can be kept simple which is always desirable. Be choosy about the company you keep because a bad character could taint by association.

### VIRGO ♍ (August 24 - September 23)

A lost cause tries to demand your attention, but you must try to see the situation for what it is. Sentimentality should not come into business or be allowed to upset your home life. What is past should remain so, do not torture yourself. Bring your mind and spirits up by looking forward to summer holidays.

### LIBRA ♎ (September 24 - October 23)

Ruts are awful things to get into but even

more difficult to get out of. Being cosy is one thing, but getting bogged down, mentally and physically, is another. All you need is to keep your optimism alive and use your imagination. Perhaps you are spending too much time with an older person or someone who has a dim outlook on life.

### SCORPIO ♏ (October 24 - November 22)

Are you suffering from winter blues? Although it is a common feeling at this time of the year, keep optimistic. There is so much to look forward to, in fact, that you are spoiled for choice. Although your social life may be in a bit of a rut, some sparkling moves from you will get things moving.

### SAGITTARIUS ♐ (November 23 - December 21)

Recent events have perhaps left a gap in your social life that is hard to fill. Patience is needed because it would be foolish to rush into something new if your heart is involved. Concentrating on work and other people will alleviate any loneliness.

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

A loss of patience with a situation shows this week but is not to your advantage. Whatever you feel, be subtle in your approach. Try to see your position clearly and the result will be that you realise you have more control than you thought. Seeking advice while being honest and telling the full story serves best.

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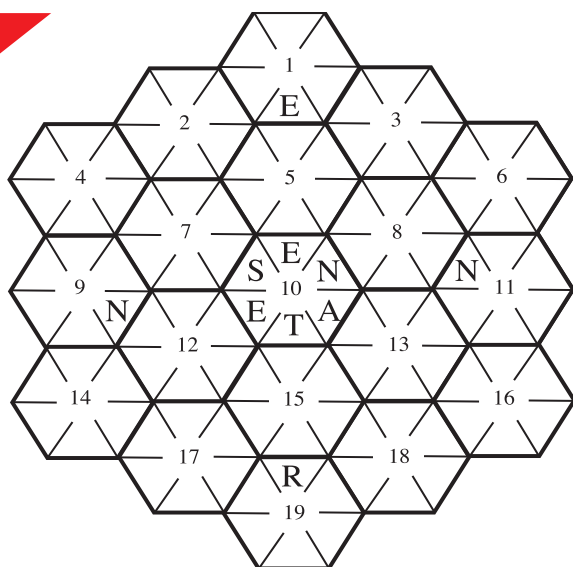
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## Hexagram

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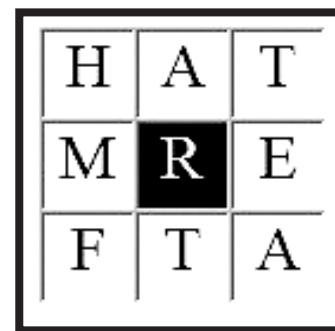
The purpose of the Hexagram puzzle is to place the 19 six-letter words into the 19 cells. The letters at the edges of interlocking cells **MUST BE THE SAME**. The letters in the words must be written **CLOCKWISE**. The word in cell 10 (**SENATE**) and one letter in four other cells are given as clues.

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Limbic 2 Inside 3 Stream
- 4 Shifty 5 Barred 6 Gantry
- 7 Feeble 8 Tenure 9 Borate
- 10 Bruise 11 Bitten 12 Nimble
- 13 Winter 14 Diatom 15 Answer
- 16 Wretch 17 Zodiac 18 Sierra
- 19 Crises.

## 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 **R**) and there must be **AT LEAST ONE NINE LETTER WORD**. Plurals, vulgarities or proper nouns are not allowed.



**TARGET:**

- Average: 9 • Good: 12
- Very good: 18 • Excellent: 23

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

cede cedi deft dice diet dive edit feed iced teed tide tied vide vied cited edict feted fetid deceit defect device deceive evicted DEFECTIVE

## This week in history

- 1809 – Charles Darwin, author and naturalist, was born in Shrewsbury.
- 1847 – Thomas Edison, the American who invented the electric light bulb, phonograph and motion picture camera, was born in Ohio.
- 1929 – The Italian dictator Benito Mussolini gave political independence to the Vatican City and granted sovereignty of the area to the Pope.
- 1966 – The UK government announced it was to build a new nuclear reactor at Dounreay power station in the north of Scotland.
- 1971 – The British Government launched the new decimal currency.
- 1975 – Margaret Thatcher was chosen by the Conservative Party as its new leader.
- 1978 – Anna Ford became the first female newsreader to join ITN.
- 1979 – Nottingham Forest signed Trevor Francis in Britain's first £1 million transfer deal.
- 1983 – Prized stallion and derby winning horse Shergar was stolen from stables in Ireland.
- 1984 – British ice dancing couple Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean won the Olympic gold after scoring maximum points for their Bolero performance.
- 1990 – Nelson Mandela, aged 71, was released from prison having served 27 years after he was given a life sentence for attempting to overthrow the apartheid government.
- 1993 – The dead body of two-year-old James Bulger was found on a railway embankment in Merseyside after he was murdered by Robert Thompson and John Venables, both aged 10.
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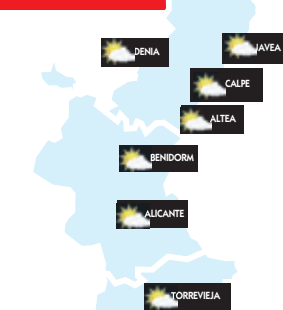
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## NEW ON DVD

### Deepwater Horizon



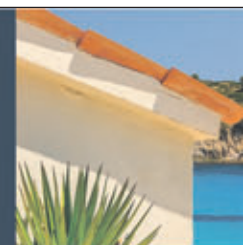
Directed by: Peter Berg  
Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Kurt Russell, Kate Hudson, John Malkovich

The story is based on the real events of the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig catastrophe in the Gulf of Mexico. A technical failure causes a disastrous blowout as burning oil spreads fire across the deck leaving the crew on board the rig fighting for their survival. Electrician Mike Williams risks his own life to help his colleagues as they struggle through the debris in their attempt to get off the rig. Mike's distraught wife Felicia watches helplessly as events are transmitted live on television leaving her uncertain as to whether her husband will make it out alive.

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## Crossword

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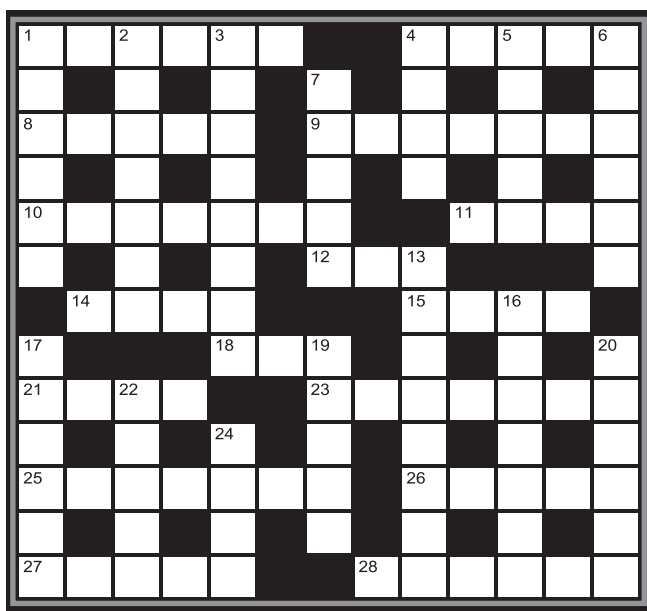
### Cryptic

**Across**

- 1 Work is about, employ a partner (6)
- 4 Endures ultimate on Saturday (5)
- 8 College head is impolite and vulgar (5)
- 9 Fuming, angered, confused (7)
- 10 Voter changes role, etc (7)
- 11 Carry On comedian facing Egghead (4)
- 12 Cossack's hidden purse (3)
- 14 You'll get this eye infection in the first year of school (4)
- 15 A lair in an Arabian seaport (4)
- 18 She's an official prosecutor in the States (3)
- 21 Tom's initial request for a job (4)
- 23 Outflow from newly formed lake takes time (7)
- 25 Telling off could start a beating (7)
- 26 Fruit begins another pleasant picnic, let's eat (5)
- 27 Go through the letters for something charming (5)
- 28 Tom Daley possibly having little time to entertain (6)

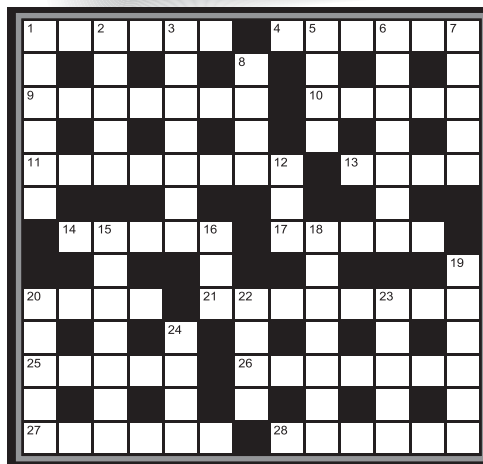
**Down**

- 1 Arcane religious order embraces returning queen (6)
- 2 Let up on nouveau rich (7)
- 3 Mixed paste around small plant (8)
- 4 Old stringed instrument from hilly region (4)
- 5 A letter for Socrates (5)
- 6 Doctor should end nude's rash (6)
- 7 Accepts big furry beasts (5)
- 13 Squid generating a calm air (8)
- 16 Model, a former girlfriend, has sufficient (7)
- 17 Fastens twigs (6)



- 19 Side with gal in trouble (5)
- 20 Give in about fast time (6)
- 22 Turbulent times for pound (5)
- 24 A herb that makes many sick (4)

### Quick



**Across**

- 1 Culmination (6)
- 4 Detachment used for security (6)
- 9 Regard highly (7)
- 10 Yellow citrus fruit (5)
- 11 Irritating (8)
- 13 Prejudice (4)
- 14 Latin American music (5)
- 17 Worthless material that is to be disposed of (5)
- 20 Make docile (4)
- 21 Showing reason or sound judgment (8)
- 25 Circular stringed instrument (5)
- 26 Person working in the service of another (7)
- 27 Capable of being farmed productively (6)
- 28 Rely upon (6)

**Down**

- 1 Cattle pen (6)
- 2 Norwegian playwright (5)
- 3 Madagascan lemurs (3-4)
- 5 Friendly state (4)
- 6 Leftovers (7)
- 7 Connections (5)
- 8 Astonish (4)
- 12 Acquired (3)
- 15 Colourless gas (7)
- 16 Donkey (3)
- 18 Hold back (7)
- 19 Tried and proven to be useful or correct (6)
- 20 Shin bone (5)
- 22 Posing no difficulty (4)
- 23 Courageous (5)
- 24 Neither warm nor very cold (4)

### CRYPTIC

**Across:**

- 1 Ailed, 4 Hamper, 9 Gadwall, 10 Panic, 11 Reed, 12 Spanner, 13 Cot, 14 Ammo, 16 Stern, 18 Sue, 20 Illicit, 21 Urge, 24 Spire, 25 Leisure, 26 Diesel, 27 Sheet.

**Down:**

- 1 Angers, 2 Lodge, 3 Drab, 5 Appraise, 6 Penance, 7 Record, 8 Blast, 13 Concrete, 15 Malaise, 17 Missed, 18 Still, 19 Resent, 22 Rouse, 23 Bias.

### QUICK

**Across:**

- 1 Plenty, 4 Cover, 8 Recur, 9 Regular, 10 Stories, 11 Pail, 12 Ski, 14 Peru, 15 Nick, 18 Sob, 21 Afar, 23 Outrage, 25 Impress, 26 Alike, 27 Guess, 28 Permit.

**Down:**

- 1 Peruse, 2 Enclose, 3 Terminus, 4 Cage, 5 Villa, 6 Rarely, 7 Cross, 13 Initiate, 16 Cranium, 17 Daring, 19 Boost, 20 Detect, 22 Ample, 24 Fees.

### ENGLISH-SPANISH

**Across:**

- 1 Lifeboat, 7 Dress, 8 Piece, 9 Lombrices, 11 Viaje, 12 Italy, 14 Painless.

**Down:**

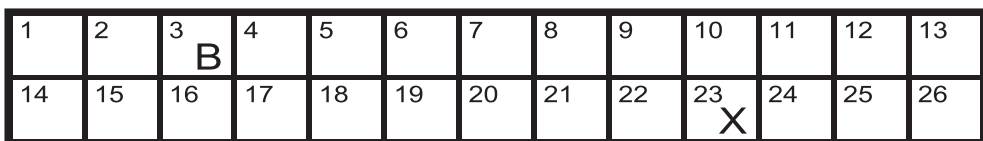
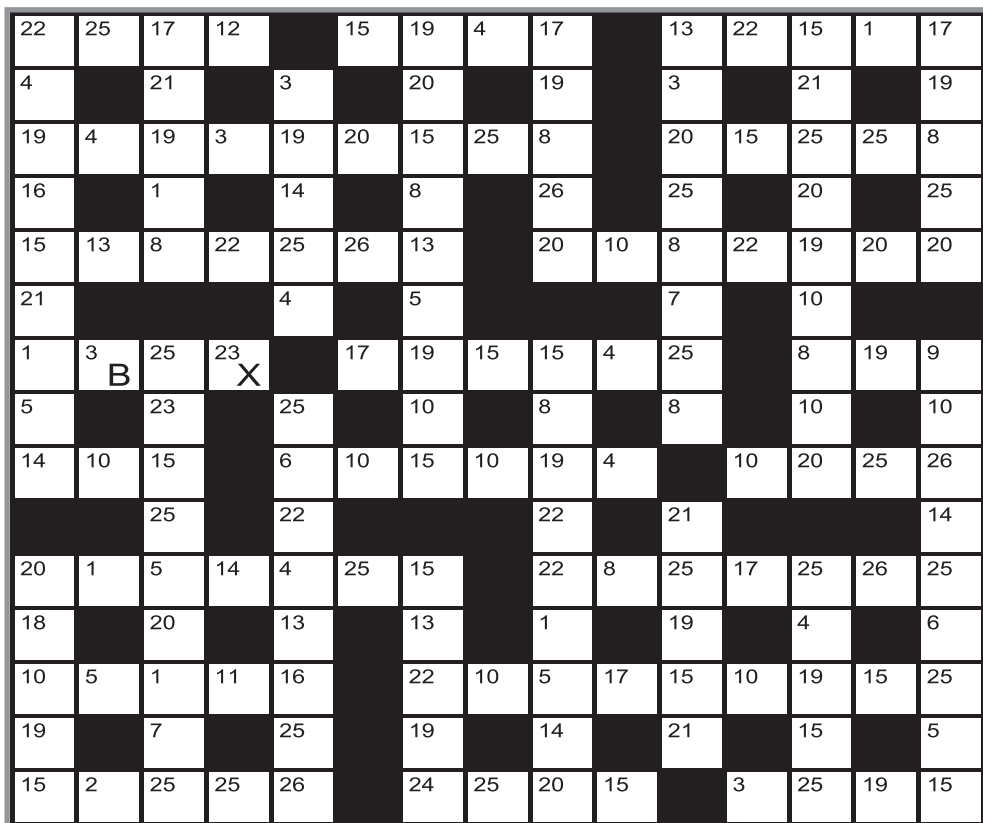
- 1 Lid, 2 Fregonas, 3 Bisabuela, 4 Amphibian, 5 Deer, 6 Delegate, 10 Uvas, 13 Yes.

### CODE BREAKER



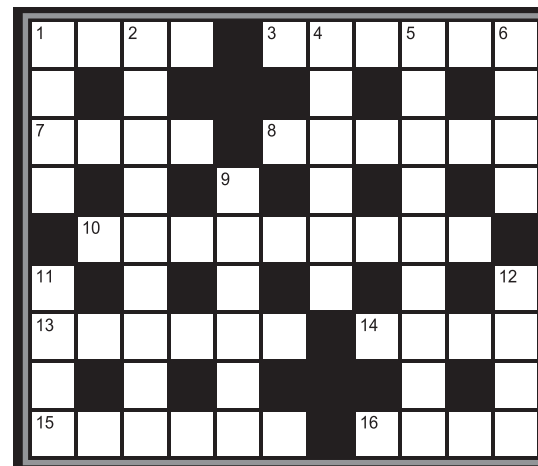
### Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 3 represents B and 23 represents X, so fill in B every time the figure 3 appears and X every time the figure 23 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.



### English - Spanish

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



**Across**

- 1 Boot (4)
- 3 Spark (from fire, electricity) (6)
- 7 Envolver (con papel) (4)
- 8 Places (6)
- 10 Teléfono (9)
- 13 To jump (leap) (6)

**Down**

- 1 Tazón (cuenco) (4)
- 2 Viajero (9)
- 4 Altura (de edificio, techo, persona) (6)
- 5 Científico (9)
- 6 También (4)
- 9 Hembra (6)
- 11 Those (4)
- 12 Ciervo (4)



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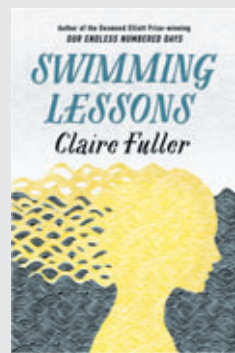
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By Claire Fuller

AFTER a month of writing letters to her husband and hiding them in the many books he has around the house Ingrid Coleman goes missing from a beach in Dorset.

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It is presumed that Ingrid drowned, however Flora never believed this and when Gil sees a woman through a shop window 12 years later, who he thinks may have been Ingrid, the family start to question whether she really is dead.

As Flora attempts to find out what happened to her mum will she discover her hidden letters and would their content help her to uncover the truth?

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**TOP 10**

**Valentine's Day Facts**

THE annual celebration of love, Valentine's Day on February 14, is once again upon us. Are you a hopeless romantic who goes all out or a staunch cynic who lets the event pass by? Whether you celebrate the event or not here's a look at some interesting facts you are bound to 'love.'

**1. Say it with flowers**

A trend started by the Victorian, red roses are the traditional flowers people often associate with Valentine's Day. The colour red is synonymous with love, romance, passion and desire. The favourite flower of Venus, the Roman goddess of love, an estimated 198 million roses are produced for Valentine's Day each year.

**2. Saint Valentine of Rome**

According to legend Emperor Claudius II had banned marriage and Saint Valentine, a priest from Rome, was imprisoned and sentenced to death for performing weddings in secret. Whilst in prison he healed Julia, the blind daughter of his jailer, and was said to have written her a Valentine card which he had signed 'Your Valentine.'

**3. Will you marry me?**

Valentine's Day is one of the most popular days of the year for marriage proposals with around 10 per cent happening on that date. According to a recent survey by Chillisauc 51 per cent of women want their partners to simply ask "Will you marry me?" however 15 per cent want a 'techie proposal' from their partner using some sort of device to ask the question and/or record the occasion.



WITH LOVE: Red roses are traditional Valentine flowers.

**4. Love poems**

A poem written by Geoffrey Chaucer, author of The Canterbury Tales, is believed to have been the first written connection between Valentine's Day and love. He wrote a 700-line poem in honour of King Richard II and Anne of Bohemia which included the line 'For this was Saint Valentine's day, when every bird of every kind that men can imagine comes to this place to choose his mate.'

**5. Top gifts**

A survey by Chillisauc has revealed what the women they surveyed thought would be their ideal gift for Valentine's Day. Their favourite gifts included a holiday (27 per cent), car (17 per cent), spa treatment (15 per cent) and jewellery (13 per cent).

**6. 'I do'**

The beginning of the year is not popular for weddings. According to the Office for National Statistics between 1995 and 2013 there was on average 313 number of week day weddings (not a Saturday) but when St Valentine's Day fell on a week day the average number of weddings more than trebled to an average of 1,039. Celebrity couples who got hitched on St Valentine's Day include Liam Gallagher and Nicole Appleton, Meg Ryan and Dennis Quaid and Sharon Stone and Phil Bronstein.

**7. Sent with love**

The sending of Valentine's cards can be traced back to the 15th century Frenchman Charles, the Duke of Orleans. Imprisoned in the Tower of London after the Battle of Agincourt he wrote to

his wife 'Je suis desja d'amour tanne, Ma tres douce Valentinee' (I am already sick of love, my very gentle Valentine). Believed to be the oldest existing Valentine card it is held in the manuscript collections of the British Library. Around one billion cards are sent every year worldwide.

**8. For the love of chocolate**

Chocolate has long been a Valentine gift favourite and in the late 1800's Richard Cadbury created 'eating chocolates' from the pure cocoa butter left over from the extraction process of their palatable drinking chocolate. The marketing genius then packaged them in lovely heart-shaped boxes that had cupid and rosebud designs on them.

**9. Heart on your sleeve**

Have you ever heard the expression 'to wear your heart on your sleeve'? It hails from the Middle Ages where young men would pluck the name of a young woman from a bowl in order to decide who their Valentine would be. They would then pin the name onto their sleeve where they would wear it for a week so that everyone could see it

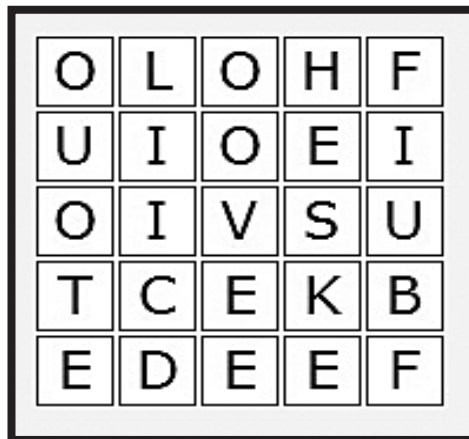
**10. All by myself**

Not everyone has found their true love so how will singletons spend Valentine's Day? According to a Chillisauc survey 68 per cent of women will hit the town with their friends with only 32 per cent spending it alone. In stark contrast only 31 per cent of men will hit the town whilst 69 per cent will spend it alone. The majority of single men spending it alone said they would stay in and watch TV or play video games.

**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: 16
- Good: 22
- Very good: 31
- Excellent: 40

**SCORING:**

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

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**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.

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| 5 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 9 |
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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**Word Ladder**

**PART**

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

**LOAD**

- 10
- CHP
- CHP
- CHP
- SHS
- MOHS
- MOTS
- MOTS
- MOTS
- BLT
- Solution



# Valentine's

## SPECIAL

### Love and intimacy

VALENTINE'S Day might not be Christmas or Easter, or all that big in Spain, but it has something very special that may make February 14 the best day of the year. Valentine's Day is about love, intimacy and sharing them with the person you care about most. Your soul mate, other half, significant other, or whatever cheeky nickname you have for each other when you're all alone.

Because Valentine's Day is about spending time with the person you love, or perhaps are simply trying to get with, so many incredible options are on the table. You don't have to see the in-laws, or spend huge amounts of money, or go somewhere you don't want to. All you should do is what makes you as a couple happy. And fortunately there's as many different types of couples as there are stars in the sky.

So buy chocolates and flowers, eat, drink, and dance by all means. But Valentine's Day is also your chance to be creative, to set surprises, and let magic happen. On February 14 more than any other it's the little things that count. Whether that's dressing up nice, going somewhere posh, taking a stroll down memory lane, or just offering a giant hug.

And for all you singletons out there, Valentine's is about love whoever you are. So celebrate it with anyone you care about! There's never too much love to go around.



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# Be the best Valentine

By Eleanor Hawkins

COUPLES all over the world are preparing to celebrate Valentine's Day once again and those of us lucky enough to live in Spain have more options than most when it comes to romantic, memorable ways to mark the day.

Whereas in the UK for example the weather will condition any plans for a special day, the Mediterranean climate means, while definitely not bikini weather, an outdoor celebration is likely to be possible.

From a romantic walk or picnic on the beach or a boat ride to a skiing trip or a hot air balloon flight, just about anything is possible here when it comes to making your beloved's day a perfect one.

Yet before you start splashing out on roses and cava and booking that helicopter ride, stop and think about your sweetheart's tastes and possible desires. It's oh so very easy to make a big, clichéd gesture and leave her (or him,



**ROMANTIC DINNER:** A perfect way to mark the day.

come on ladies if we want equality we need to do our bit too!) cold and clammy if she's scared of flying for example and you go for the above.

It may well be that your other half would prefer something smaller that shows you put some thought and work in rather than a characterless, expensive gift. In the run-up to the day, try to look for hints of what could go down well. If in doubt, you can always rope a close friend or

family member (sworn to secrecy, obviously!) in to help with ideas.

Of course, you can never go wrong with the old faithfuls: flowers, cards, chocolate, teddy bears, perfume, jewellery, dinner or a hotel stay. Once you have an idea of what they would really appreciate, check out this paper for the best places to wine and dine her (or him!), have a relaxing getaway or buy that special gift.



**REBEL A LITTLE:** And do whatever the two of you do best.

## Alternate Valentine's treats

YES there's the chocolates, the cards, the dinner date, flowers, dressing up and dancing. But surely there are ways to make Valentine's Day a little bit more individual. Something special to the two of you, rather than the billions of other couples celebrating February 14.

One of the best things about being a couple is those little peculiarities, favourite things, word plays and looks that nobody in the world understands but you. So why not embrace them on Valentine's Day instead of falling in line with someone else's vision of fun?

It could be that silly film, berated by the critics but beloved by you. A card game you used to play when you were young and too skint to go out. The song you played on the jukebox, or sung at karaoke, when you'd cobbled together enough for a night on the town.

It could be anything, something that only the two of you could imagine. One of the millions of little things that make you a proper couple, not just a pair of individuals.

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## Valentine's Day – the origins

By Eleanor Hawkins

THOUGH many may believe today that Valentine's Day was invented by makers of chocolates, greetings cards, jewellers and florists, the origins go back way beyond the times of modern retail.

There are two main theories on how Valentine's Day came into existence and both date back to Ancient Roman times.

The first, more popular and romantic of the two revolves around a bishop, Bishop Valentine. Emperor Claudius II is said to have banned Roman men from marrying during wartime, and the bishop was arrested, jailed and eventually executed on February 14 for performing secret weddings. Legend has it that he signed a letter written to his jailer's daughter 'from your Valentine.'

The second, meanwhile, believes it to have evolved from a raucous Roman pagan fertility festival, Lupercalia, celebrated on February 15 which involved men stripping naked and spanking young maidens with the skins of previously sacrificed animals in hopes of boosting their fertility.

King Henry VIII officially declared February 14 as the holiday of Saint Valentine's Day in 1537 and it became a generally honoured day of celebration of love (minus the blood, dead animals and spankings, in public at least.)

KING HENRY VIII:  
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# Valentine's in numbers

- MORE than 35 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolates are sold each year for Valentine's Day.
- Seventy-three per cent of people who buy flowers for Valentine's Day are men. However, in the US 15 per cent of women send themselves flowers on Valentine's Day.
- Valentine's Day is often said to be the best day of the year for florists, and is also the second best holiday for greetings card producers. About one billion Valentine's cards are exchanged each year.
- Around 3 per cent of pet owners will give Valentine's Day gifts to their pets according to retail statistics.
- Women buy about 85 per cent of all Valentine's Day gifts.
- On average there are 220,000 wedding proposals every Valentine's Day.
- An average of 11,000 children are conceived on Valentine's Day each year. Durex reports that condom sales rise 20-30 per cent around February 14, while home pregnancy test purchases peak in March.

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# The language of love

By John Smith

FOR those who have discovered love with someone who doesn't speak the same language, we thought that it might be helpful to translate the phrase 'I love you' into 10 different languages and hope that they may of assistance to at least some of our readers.

|            |                             |
|------------|-----------------------------|
| Amharic    | Afekrishalehou              |
| Bengali    | Ami tomake bhalobashi.      |
| Cantonese  | Moi oi y neya               |
| Esperanto  | Mi amas vin                 |
| Gaelic     | Ta gra agam ort             |
| Gujrati    | Hoon tane pyar karoochhoon. |
| Japanese   | Ora ome no koto ga suki d   |
| Korean     | Tangshin-i cho-a-yo         |
| Philippino | Mahal ka ta                 |
| Thai       | Phom Rak Khun               |

In case your love is out of this world, in Klingon the phrase is qamuSHa'

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# Getting the same crack of the whip

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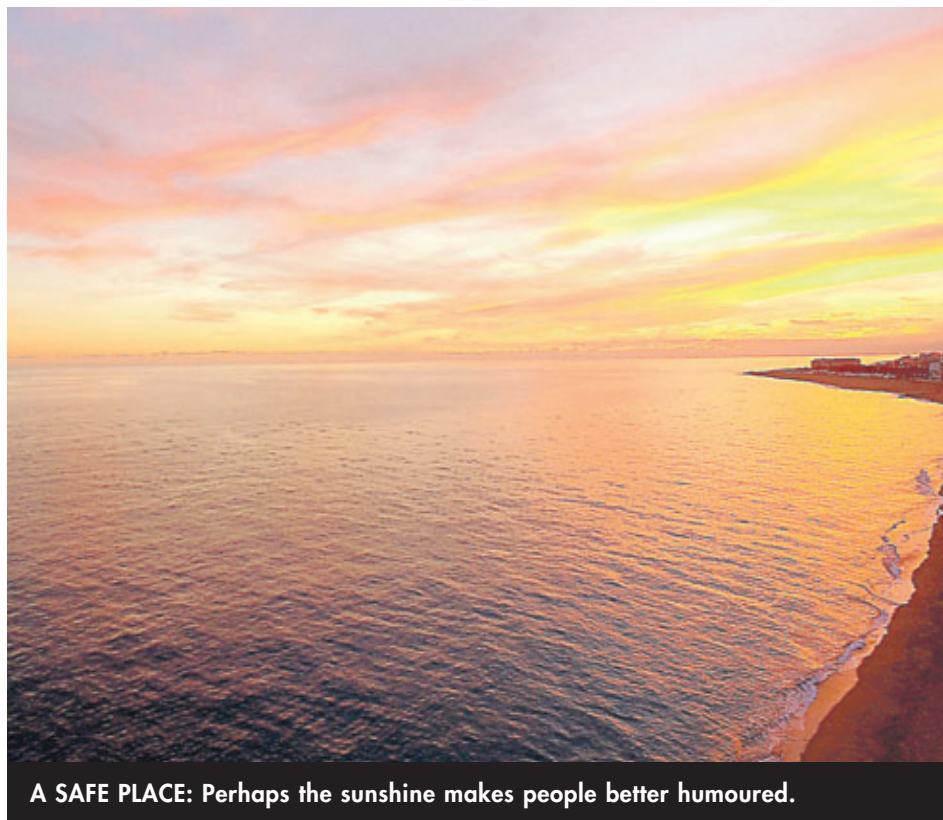


Today: Sylvia Gallimore

IN 1969 my youngest son Dan went to try to defuse a situation on a street in Bristol. He saw a young man being assaulted by three thugs and the result of his intervention was him waking up from a coma to discover he had lost his sight. I wrote a book called *The Wind Beneath My Wings* which described the knock-on effects to the whole family of this terrible moment in our lives.

Dan has moved on and now runs a charity called *Have Stick Will Travel*, which raises money to help people with poor eyesight in the West Country.

Thirteen years ago Dan bought a place in Villamartin, a bolt-hole for us all. Over the years we have spent more and more time there and last year my husband and I made the decision that we also wanted to own a place in Villamartin having developed a good group of friends over the years. Dan spends a few weeks of the year in Spain and has always felt perfectly safe, which is more than he can say about England. People stop and offer him a lift in Villamartin, he is treated like a regular guy



A SAFE PLACE: Perhaps the sunshine makes people better humoured.

and not someone to be pitied and this has done a lot for his confidence. I do not know if it is the sunshine that makes people better humoured. I do know that if you smile at some-

one in the street in Bristol they are likely to assume you are care in the community, whereas here, everyone just smiles back.

Another thing I like is everyone is treated

equally. I am sure there are a lot of people running away from something who are living in the area, maybe a bad marriage, debts, even homelessness. No-one cares, you get the same crack of the whip. No-one asks questions but there is always someone to listen. There are a lot of widows, widowers, lonely people that do not feel so lonely here in the sun. If you go somewhere regularly, there is always someone to talk to. If you go to a quiz evening and there are just two of you, very often another couple will ask to join you. This is unheard of in England.

“ I love Spain, the way of life, the pace, the people and the cosmopolitan feel.

Ok, there is litter and dog mess, isn't that universal, but all in all the vibe is a good one. I have even found time to write a novel, *The Poet's Trap*, published in England but on Kindle, in the shops and through Amazon as well. The peace and the sun inspired me to fulfil my ambition to write seriously. Everything and everyone was always in a hurry in England. I love Spain, the way of life, the pace, the people and the cosmopolitan feel.

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# Trump's state visits will fit in nicely

**Nora Johnson**  
*Breaking Views*

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DONALD TRUMP has provoked massive hysteria recently, particularly concerning his proposed state visit. However, as Brexit Britain prepares to launch itself back into the big wide world of global commerce, isn't it time to take a more pragmatic view - just as we did with the state visits of the leaders of China and Saudi Arabia?

And as for Her Majesty who has been asked over the decades to host tyrants, dictators and despots such as Presidents Mobuto (Zaire) and Ceausescu (Romania), she'll take a brash billionaire from New York effortlessly in her stride.

However, one question remains for the future: what happens when Trump's burnt through all his political capital and his frustration

about his isolation starts to show? Will he accept the limitations of his position, or go down a slippery, more authoritarian slope?

And if he does, should the UK condone it by pretending nothing's happened?

The answer to that surely lies in his campaign. When the Republican Party 'ditched' him, he just turned on them and kept going, seemingly incapable of backing down.

On this side of the pond, someone else who seems unlikely to back down is the former Portuguese police chief, Goncalo Amaral, who falsely accused Kate and Gerry McCann of covering up their daughter's death.

With Portugal's Supreme Court throwing out their libel case against him, Amaral could now sue them for extensive damages.

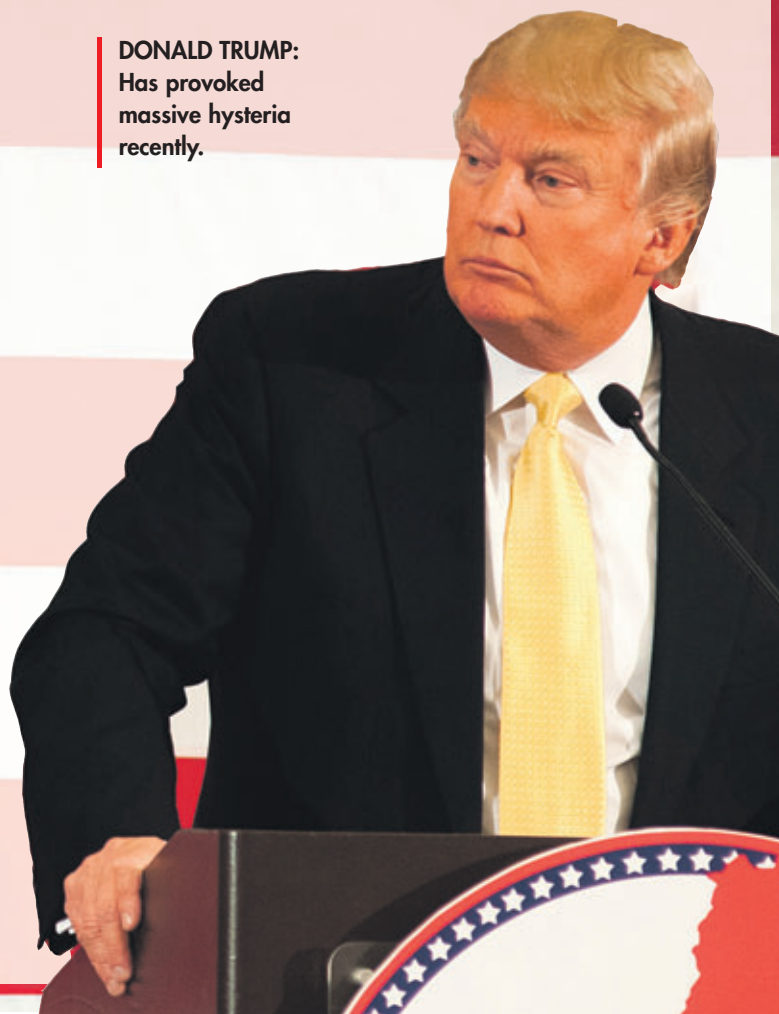
Nonetheless, it seems we are no nearer to discovering the truth about Madeleine. Just as in my latest crime thriller, *No Way Back*, (as you know, all profits to Costa

del Sol Cudeca cancer charity), a Kate McCann-like figure is so obsessed with closure and peace of mind in her unending search for the truth about her own missing daughter she'd maybe contemplate blackmail, even murder. Whatever the outcome, Kate McCann surely needs closure, too. Whether she finds it only time will tell. Who knows what the future holds...

And, finally, to return to Trump-land on foretelling the future, one former news anchor who appeared on Sky News during US election night coverage declared: "I couldn't foresee this result." Her name? Krystal Ball.

*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.*

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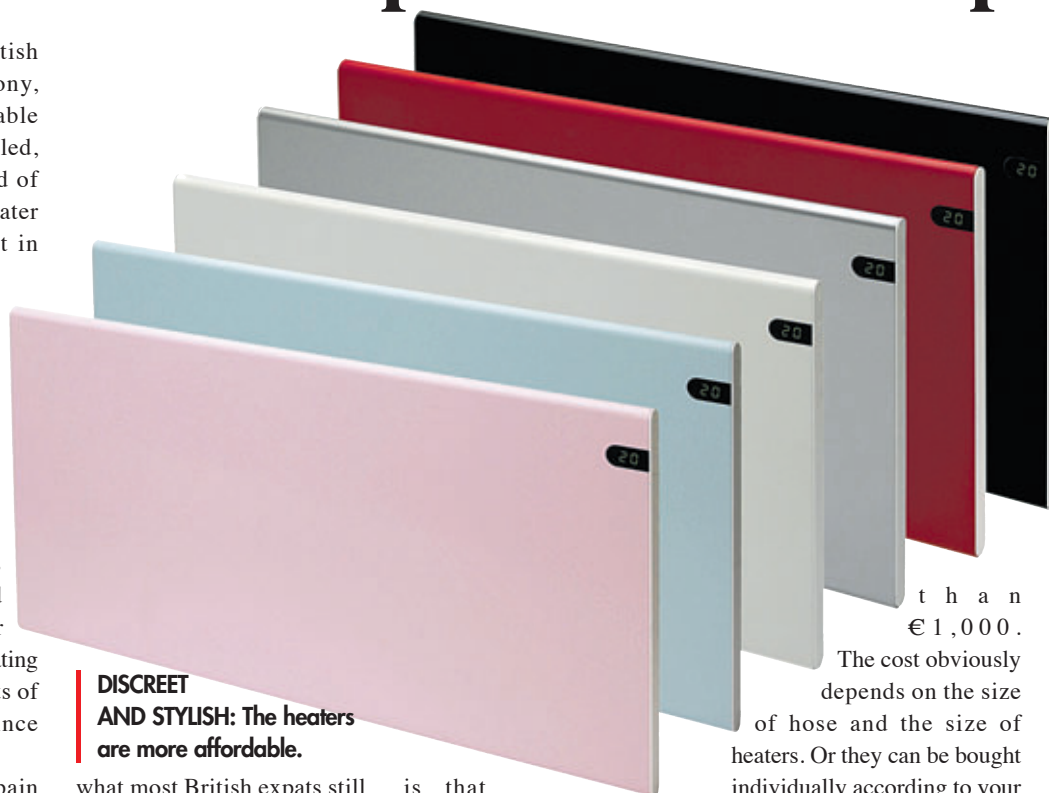
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include becoming forgetful, repeating yourself and problems with reasoning and problem-solving.

The new study followed almost 2,000 adults over the age of 70 who were cognitively normal at the start and were monitored until they showed signs of developing MCI.

During this time their activities and hobbies were analysed and it was found

that regular theatre goes developed MCI symptoms later in life.

Meanwhile, another study has reported that women's brains start going downhill in their 50's and not in their 60's as previously thought.

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# App to predict illness

IT seems there is an app for everything nowadays, particularly relating to your health from checking your blood pressure, to predicting the best times to try and conceive. But what if an app on your phone could warn you if you were about to get ill?

Well this could soon become a reality as scientists in America are working on a smart device that can warn you up to half a day in advance gathering information from wearable health trackers which monitor heart rate and body temperature.

The team at California's Stanford University is working on the app, and have tested the theory on 43 volunteers who wore a smart watch for up to 11 months.

Analysing the data they found that as people start to become ill



their heart rate and skin temperature went up and their blood oxygen levels dropped. By using this information it can give the user a first warning that something isn't quite right.

By getting this heads up people could plan better and prevent aggravating the illness and hopefully have a quicker recovery.

The app could also be used to track the health of the elderly or those with chronic illnesses, such as diabetes and act as a warning system for carers or family members.

The scientists are confident the app will be on the market within the next few years.

**NEW APP: Could be used to track the health of the elderly.**

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# Hip pain



**SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.**

**THIS week we've asked the doctor about hip pain, a common problem for many especially in the colder months.**

**-What are the most common causes of hip pain?**

There are many things which can cause hip pain. The most common is osteoarthritis of the hip, when the components of the joints like bones and tendons degenerate over time. Other common causes are infections or injuries.

**-Are there any specific exercises to help prevent or improve the pain?**

There are different exercise routines which can help to control the pain and stop it from progressing. Yoga and pilates exercises and certain exercises in the swimming pool, especially low impact ones, can help a lot.

**-Many elderly people seem to suffer from hip pain. Is it something which we will all suffer in the end, in other words, is there no way to avoid it?**

Over time deterioration

of the hips is inevitable and osteoarthritis is bound to appear. This appearance can, however, be delayed or the severity reduced with certain rehabilitation exercises and by avoiding being overweight and following a balanced diet.

**-How can hip pain be cured, is there any medication?**

Pain-killers, anti-inflammatory medication and muscle relaxers can be used to help keep the pain under control. Physiotherapy is also vital to help control the symptoms.

**-Will surgery be necessary in the end?**

Sometimes and with the pass of time the damage produced is so severe and causes so many symptoms, especially pain and mobility limitations, that surgical intervention is required. This often consists of implanting a prosthesis.

*If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:*

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**“Smokers, drinkers and those overweight are less likely to want to hear bad news about their health.”**

Women in general are more likely to attend screenings and seek medical help, with men more likely to suffer symptoms for longer.

The report by 2020 health said many had fears of the physical examination and the hospital and medical environment and around a third of those questioned avoided the doctors because they had a fear of finding out they may have serious illnesses such as cancer.

Researchers said smokers, heavy drinkers and those who are overweight, were less likely to want to hear bad news about their health and feared they would be told to change their lifestyle.



**DOCTORS' SURGERY:** Many people have fears of a physical examination.

## Nursing crisis hits the UK

THE NHS in the UK is reporting a staff shortage with some 24,000 nursing vacancies currently available across the country.

It comes as the number of European nurses moving to the UK to work has fallen by more than 90 per cent since the Brexit vote in June last year.

The Royal College of Nursing said it relied on EU nurses and was calling for guarantees that EU nationals within the NHS can remain working in Britain after Brexit.

At the end of last year, plans were also announced by the government that posts will be filled with some 2,000 apprentice nurses as part of a new nursing scheme that will see young people combine on the job training with studying for a degree.

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# Sparring partners

**Cassandra Nash**

*A weekly look*

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

ALBERTO GARZON is the leader of what remains of Spain's defunct Communist party, Izquierda Unida.

He protested recently at "intolerable" criticism of IU from some sectors of Podemos. There is a patent lack of respect for IU and the party is constantly belittled, Garzon said.

He complained with good reason, as there is little love lost between either side.

The two parties ran on the same ticket as Unidos Podemos in the June 2016 general election - an election that Podemos practically engineered.

Podemos secretary general Pablo Iglesias and Garzon had assumed that combining their

votes would make Podemos Unidos the second-most voted party.

They were over-optimistic and were edged into third place with recriminations on both sides, a classic case of one plus one making something disappointingly less than two.

## Second attempt

PEDRO SANCHEZ, ex-PSOE secretary general, will compete in the May primaries.

He announced this in Dos Hermanas in Sevilla, a double provocation.

He was on the home ground of his principal rival, Andalucía's regional president Susana Diaz. He was also cosying up to the sizeable faction of party members in the area still unhappy that Mariano Rajoy was allowed to govern.

"I've demonstrated that I don't hide in difficult moments and

this is the moment to commit," said Sanchez who disappeared from sight after resigning as secretary general and vacating his parliamentary seat.

He called Sevilla "the heart of Andaluz and Spanish socialism" but although Sanchez's brand of socialism might suit some parts of Andalucía, an ersatz Podemos is the last thing most PSOE voters want.

## Centrepiece

ALBERT RIVERA was comfortably re-elected as president of Ciudadanos after the party's last assembly. All he needs now are

voters. It is curious and unfair that a truly centre party has comparatively little support when elections come round.

Rivera's pragmatism and flexibility are lost on the very people they should attract.

After all, it is the voters in the central middle ground with no particular political orientation who decide elections, not paid-up members of the Left or Right.

## All sliced up

PABLO IGLESIAS and Podemos co-founder Iñigo Errejón continue to spar and disagree on party structure and organisation. The party supremo grumbles that Errejón wants to share out Podemos "like a cake" and there's the rub. Iglesias wants all the cake and he wants to eat it, too.



Alberto Garzon |

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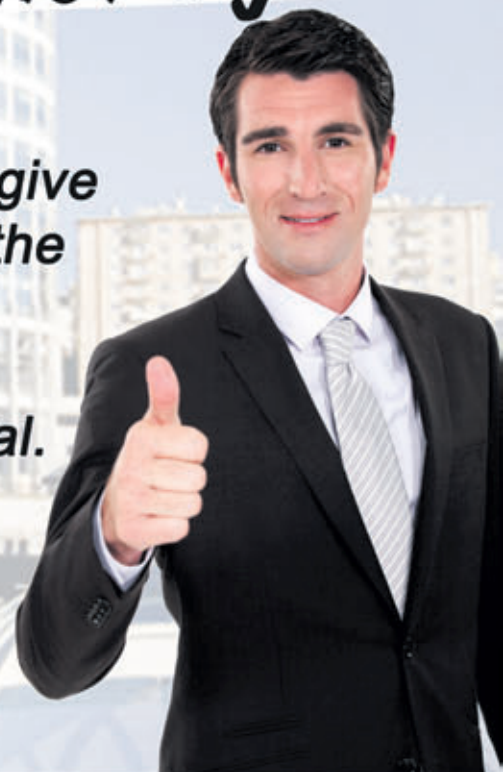
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**SKIING TRIP:** Has been organised in March to Andorra.

# Catering for the younger residents

By Caroline Tyszka

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The Department of Youth has announced a comprehensive calendar of activities including both cultural and educational courses and trips,

with February offering the opportunity to study for a Norwegian level A2 course.

In March a skiing trip to Andorra has been organised along with a training and work placement scheme, a dog training course and an engraving workshop.

April will see the town host its second Zombie event and in August a musical extravaganza with performances from local groups will take place.

Other activities planned for the year are courses in gardening, typing, digital photography, traditional cuisine, English level A1 and the decoration of Christmas cakes.

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The Canterbury Tales are thought to be the first novel written in English, and now the British companies Parlon Film and Cup of Theatre, with Spanish director Rebeca Cobos, bring the classic tales of Chaucer to life through song,

dance and audience participation.

This is the fourth tour of this British spectacular, and it is travelling across Spain, stopping on February 12 at the Palau Altea (Alicante) at 6pm. The play has been deliberately developed to appeal to children of all ages (including a few jokes just for the adults!) and includes puppets, singing and live music played by the cast themselves (Piano, Cello, Clarinet, Accordion, Mandolin, Guitar, Saxophone, and more).

The Canterbury Tales is a lot of fun, but also has some educational value, including a fable where animals teach us the dangers of arrogance, and a comedy about a misbehaving Knight who is sent on a quest to learn about respect.

The director, Rebeca Cobos, has produced this play in collaboration with Rick Limentani, who first came to Spain with his play Freedom in 2013 after its success in London's Arcola theatre. Both later launched their play Dear Darwin at the Canal Theatre in Madrid, a mixed-media play for teens about the dangers of bullying.

Parlon Film Company is a British production company created in 2006 and together with the Spanish Cup of Theatre has created plays in Spain such as Canterbury Tales, Dear Darwin and Royal Flush, all with the dual objective of educating young people around values of social importance, and giving them experience of dramatic arts and creative story-telling, all in the English language.

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We sat down to discuss where he felt that things were going wrong. Most clients come back with the same answer, "We need more clients!" Often that is not the main problem. Costs are normally the base problems of most businesses. Overstaffing, wrong type of staff, no control over food and beverage costs/sales.

The problem with opening a business without knowledge can be dangerous. Even if you have some experience in the industry in your home country, you soon find out it is different in a foreign country.

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We started with his figures. I asked him if he was making money and he said yes. But a closer look showed me that this was not the case.

Without doing a full stock take I did a guestimate based on purchases and sales and a rough idea of stock-in-hand. It showed that sale of food had cost 45 per cent. Ideally it should be around 35 per cent or lower. Wine sales were good, but again with his prices he should have been making 75- 80 per cent. The bar was much the same.

Analysing these figures would help to understand where the losses were.



**CULINARY DIRECTION:** The choice of menu and chef is inseparable.

Kitchen management was the first area to look at. The Chef was not passionate about what he was doing. Therefore he had no care for his product. His costings were wrong and his wastage too high.

Instead of utilising his ingredients he would throw away items that could make money in the right hands. One of the problems was that the owner, while not having any kitchen experience, enforced a

menu that he thought was commercially viable, on to the Chef who had a lot more to offer and had explained to his boss that the food he was being made to serve had little artistic content, very high costs and little room to increase on profitability.

I had decided that the problems were not all down to bad kitchen management - although this certainly needs looking at - but more a lack of culinary direction.

We are at this moment in deep discussion on how to improve the quality and performance of this operation and I will keep you informed on our progress every week in this column.

• **WHILE** I can see what London's Mayor, Sadiq Khan, is trying to do by imposing a 'bed tax' on the Capital's hotels, I tend to agree with Ufi Ibrahim, the Chief

“There is no love sincerer than the love of food.”  
George Bernard Shaw

Executive of the British Hospitality Association, that a bed tax in London would be an "absolute folly" and said that it would add additional costs for tourists, as well as harm already hard-pressed hospitality and tourism businesses, making it even harder for them to compete with overseas operators. Already one of the most expensive cities in the world, London could lose even more of its competitiveness.

• **ON THE OTHER SIDE** of the coin, there is a restaurant in Madrid that really lives up to its' name. The Robin Hood. Its mission is simple - to charge the rich and feed the poor. Paying customers at breakfast and lunch foot the bill for the restaurant to serve dinner to homeless people, free of charge! The restaurant opened in early December, and is run by an 80-year-old Catholic priest, Ángel García Rodríguez, whom everyone knows simply as 'Padre Ángel.'

Outside, there's a sign listing the house rules: Patrons are allowed to sing as they please, as long as it doesn't disturb other customers. They can use the free wi-fi and borrow a cell phone if they need to make a call. They're free to bring their own food and order only drinks, if they prefer. Or they can take over the kitchen for a birthday party or other special celebration.

You see there are still a few good people in this world!!

• **ON THAT NOTE** I will bid you farewell until next week and should aspiring restaurateurs need some help or advice, please do not hesitate to contact me. A toast to Good Food, Good Wine and Good Friends.

**FOR MY WINE** spot this week, I'm travelling further than the Ribera and Rioja wine producing areas. How many of you were aware that India produces wines?

Viticulture was believed to have been introduced to India by Persian traders some time in the fourth millennium BC. Historians believe that these early plantings were used mostly for a style of grape juice rather than the production of an alcoholic beverage. Some religious text mentions at least one alcoholic drink that may have been wine related - Sura - which seems to have been a type of rice wine that was fermented with honey. The first known mention of grape-based wines was in the late fourth century BC.

The modern wine market in India is small; annual per capita consumption of wine in the country is a mere nine millilitres, approximately 1/8000th that of France. Winemaking has existed throughout most of India's history but was particularly encouraged during the time of the Portuguese and British colonisation of the subcontinent. The end of the 19th century saw the phylloxera louse take its toll on the Indian wine industry followed by religious and public opinion moving towards the prohibition of alcohol. Following the country's independence from the British Empire, the Constitution of India declared one of the government's aims was the total prohibition of alcohol.

Several states went dry and the government encouraged vineyards to convert to table grape and raisin production. In the 1980s and 1990s, a revival in the Indian wine industry took

**TASTING NOTES:** A big brooding boisterous red, the kind that makes steaks melt. The fruit is present but sits beneath the oak which imparts rich chocolate-coffee-toasty primary notes. With a name like Chêne (French for oak) one wouldn't expect anything else.

place as international influences and the growing middle class increased, so increasing demand for the beverage. By the turn of the 21st century, demand was increasing at a rate of 20-30 per cent a year. The city of Nashik in

the state of Maharashtra geographically in the middle of the country, is called the 'Wine Capital of India.'

The wine producing areas tend to be in the middle to the south of the continent although the Punjab and Kashmir in the north, are quite prolific producers. India produces Sparkling wines, Whites and of course Reds. While there are locally grown grapes, the majority of the reds are Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec and Shiraz. There is a wine maker who makes white wines from red grapes, one of only three producers in the world who do this.

“Would Ghandi have approved?”

Grover-Zampa  
Chêne.

The picture is of one of India's top red wines. Most of them need decanting as they can pack a punch.



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# Property heaven for investors

By Matthew Elliott

FOR the seventh year in a row, Hong Kong has been declared the least affordable city in the world when it comes to buying a property. An apartment in the skyscraper city costs more than 18 times the annual income of an average household.

That shocking statistic has actually improved since 2015 when a flat would cost 19 times a salary, but the relationship between income and property prices remains the worst in the world.

The findings were published after an extensive survey of over 400 cities by Demographia. They followed World Bank data and terminology. The economic organisation considers a place where property prices are over 5.1 times the average salary to be 'severely unaffordable.'

Hong Kong has some of the most expensive apartments to be found in Asia, given its prime location near China, but free from the strict regulations of the People's Republic. There is vast wealth but also millions of people who pay more than 50 per cent of their income to live in tiny toilet sized capsules on a rooftop paying over €400 per month.

Hong Kong is way ahead of the competition



HONG KONG: Has been declared the least affordable city in the world when it comes to buying a property.

in the disparity games, Sydney is a distant but nonetheless concerning second. The Australian

city has prices 12 times the average annual income, just ahead of Vancouver where the ratio

is 11.8. Hell for inhabitants, but heaven for investors.

## Action finally taken after European ruling

MAJOR Spanish lender Bankia will be among the first institutions to act on a recent European ruling declaring so-called 'floor clauses' to be abusive.

Well over one million bank customers across Spain were affected by the clauses, which imposed a lower limit on mortgage repayments, regardless of interest rate fluctuations.

Bankia has seen the writing on the wall from the hugely significant European Court of Justice decision late last year. They have announced that they will refund all of their affected customers with the help of a giant €200 million kitty they have set aside.

It's not completely due to a sense of fair play or responsibility. The bank has openly recognised that they will probably have to pay out even more in legal fees and bureaucracy further down the line if they drag their heels over repayment.

People due refunds will have the choice between a one-off payment straight into the bank account, or the due amount being wiped from their larger mortgage debt.

Various schemes across

different banks are set to be rolled out across the country as the government approved new legislation set to guarantee that people get their money back.

Banks will be expected to not only pay back what

they overcharged, but to do so with interest attached. Billions of euros are expected to be paid back to property owners in the coming years as a direct consequence of the decision.

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# Property cash and golden visa

CASH buyers are still a major force in Spain. In fact in the third quarter of the year they formed quite a substantial majority. Buying with cash over mortgages became the dominant mode of doing business in Spain after the recession.

Interestingly the trend has contin-

ued despite the property market being well and truly back on its feet. That is primarily due to the dominance of foreign buyers, who may not be in the majority, but are the country's most powerful property contingent in

the residential market.

Sellers on coastal areas will be pleased to hear that foreign investors with cash money are expected to show even more interest in Spain this year. In 2016 they accounted for

around a fifth of all buyers in the country, but especially in the Costas and Balearic Islands.

This year the trend will become even more pronounced as the increasing number of buyers from outwith

the EU looks set to be the story of the year. Spain's Golden Visa scheme is attracting wealthy Russian, Arab and Asian investors looking for a bright property prospect coupled with an entry to Europe.

Coastal prices can be expected to rise to accommodate this new crop of elite investors. Good news for all property owners in coastal Spain.



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## Home in the sun

BRITISH-Spanish television show 'Sun, Sea and Selling Houses' will soon be coming to Channel Four. There will be 20 episodes following the fortunes of British families who have moved to Spain and become involved in the real estate business.

Filming finished in September 2016 in Almeria and Alicante and the finished product will be shown on daytime TV on Channel Four. The show focuses not only on the everyday adventures of the real estate business in Spain but also on the

families themselves, their ups and downs and personal journeys.

Following such a tumultuous year in the UK the show will surely be watched by millions of curious eyes. Spanish property portals have already clocked up record numbers of inquiries into property from British buyers. Many are thought to be jumping at the chance to secure a home in the sun and want to strike while the iron is hot.

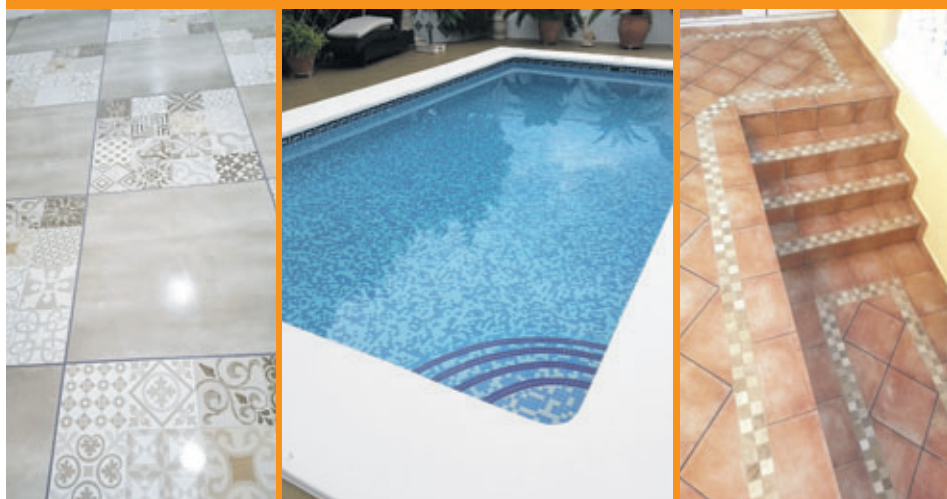
More television shows will certainly help the cause.

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## Watering with the right techniques

SPAIN may not be the easiest spot in the world to think of a small lawn, but when you can and you have access to water, then it's very rewarding. Lawns, unfortunately, take a lot of the clear stuff, something like an inch or more of water a week. The factors that decide how often you'll need to water it depend on soil type, the type of grass you have, the climate where you live - hopefully warm - and the amount of sunlight.

Watering a lawn can bring the authorities down on your head if you're not careful, so using the right techniques is vital. Make the most efficient use of the water at your disposal so don't water an area that isn't grass. Using a timer which is programmable and smart helps moderate water usage.

Check out the local guidelines to conserve water so you can get it deep into the roots meaning irrigation does not have to happen so often. Set your timer to water during low water-use hours but not at



**CONSERVE WATER:** Check out the local guidelines.

night. Every so often you'll need to check how far the water is going into the root system. You may then need to aerate the soil if the grass roots are not deep enough. A lawn is rewarding but like every-

thing in your garden it needs TLC.

Don't neglect it or you'll end up with something that is dry, parched, brown and unsightly. And rescuing that will take a long time!



**VERTICAL:** Grow plants, herbs or vegetables.

## Wall garden ideas

VERTICAL gardens are a very useful resource for those who would like to grow plants (or herbs, or vegetables) on their balconies or terraces while using as little space as possible.

There are various options to house your vertical garden, from expensive ready-made frames and planters to cheap or even free recycled ones you can make yourself.

Old wooden pallets can be fixed to the wall and plant pots incorporated, or for even less hassle screw old guttering to

the wall and plant directly into it. All sorts of bits of wood can be attached to the wall and various types of hooks used to hang plant pots from them.

For those who would rather not have their vertical garden right up against the wall, an old ladder is another good option. Either lean a ladder against a wall and place plant pots on the steps, or for a novel approach place an old step ladder in the middle of a terrace and hang plants from either side to create a pyramid of greenery.



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## Organise and conquer

By Eleanor Hawkins

WHEN it comes to getting the house clean and tidy and shaving time off routines, there's nothing like a few good hacks or tricks. While

many seem obvious once discovered, they can make all the difference and combining a few can save valuable time for other things.

• Encourage children to hang their towels back up by

using hooks shaped like their initials.

• Hang a basket on the side of the vanity unit to store your hairdryer, tongs, etc in a convenient, easy to reach place.

• For super-sparkly, streak-free windows, add a few drops of dishwasher rinse aid to the water when you wash them.

• Save time hunting for matching sets when changing bedding by storing each set folded inside its pillowcase.

• Line the bottom of plastic bin bags with a few sheets of old newspaper to absorb liquids and avoid drips.

• To dust venetian blinds, put a sock over your hand, dampen slightly and run over each slat. To clean, simply put the sock in the washing machine.

• Save elbow grease by using a baby or facial wipe to wipe down shower doors and screens. This helps prevent limescale building up.

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# An ornamental tree with fruit

By Graeme Tyrrell

IF you want an attractive ornamental tree that also provides fruit, you may consider growing a loquat tree. Loquats are a handsome tree with well-structured branching easily maintained with minimal pruning. The large thick leathery feather shaped glossy leaves are attractive all year round. They flower in autumn under the right conditions and the fruit forms over winter.

I have several different varieties growing for the fresh loquat fruit that ripens in spring. Spring is a time when few other fresh fruits are available off the tree.

Different varieties ripen a little earlier and later allowing the harvest season to be extended. They are hardy when established, needing minimal watering in summer and provide a heavenly scent throughout the garden in autumn.

They are not usually a large tree, tending to be three to five metres high at maturity with an equal spread but they can grow to 10 metres in good soil conditions. They grow well in natural soils with some compost added and mixed into the surface soil at planting time.

In colder climates the tree is grown as an ornamental species. It will not flower



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**FRESH FRUIT:** Harvesting the Loquats.

without hot summers and the fruit fails if the frost bites them, but the tree is hardy. In the warmer Mediterranean climate they will flower and produce delicious fruit. The small white flowers are heavily perfumed.

They flower prolifically in autumn, displayed in bunches in a grape like fashion. This gave rise to their botanical name Eriobotrya which refers in Greek to the woolly grape cluster appearance of the flower panicles forming in groups.

The yellow to orange coloured fruit individually re-

semble an apricot. They grow in bunches however that usually ripen progressively rather than all at one time. Different varieties have varying characteristics in colour, size and taste, but in general they have a smooth skin with delicious flesh, sometimes frustratingly thin, surrounded by a very large seed or multiple seeds in the centre.

There is an art to eating them. The easiest way I have found is to pull or cut off the stem and squeeze the other end so the inner fruit pops out without the skin. It takes practice and juicy varieties can be messy for the beginner but handy to learn if you have a big harvest.

The taste of the fruit is like a scented tropical flavour. There are various recipes for using the fruit that have been developed in China, India and Japan where it has been popular for centuries. The fruit can be used in pie recipes, as jam or jelly, for sweet sauces, chutneys, and even to make fruity wine and liqueurs.

The leaves are also used in herbal medicine for various health benefits taken as a tea and much research has been done on the leaves' healing properties.

Trees are readily available in Spain and are known as nisperos. They are a well-accepted exotic fruit popular in the Mediterranean region and they grace many country homes and urban landscapes in Spain.



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By Eleanor Hawkins

# Decorative yuccas

YUCCA is a genus of perennial shrubs and trees of the Agavoideae subfamily. There are more than 50 different varieties, the most suitable of which for indoor use is yucca elephantipes or spineless yucca.

Another common and popular variety for decorative purposes is the yucca aloifolia, however this is more suitable for the garden as its leaves end in

hard spikes. Originally from the American tropics, it grows perfectly well in Mediterranean climates.

Yuccas are characterised by their woody, erect stems and large green lanceled leaves. There is a variety with a lighter-coloured band on the sides of

the leaves which is very eye-catching.

Although unlikely to sprout flowers when grown indoors, yuccas can have very pretty bell-shaped white, cream or pink flowers at the top.

Yuccas resist lack of water well as their leaves economise when necessary

and their roots, when grown outdoors, can go down as far as two metres into the earth in search of water.

Grown as houseplants yuccas can reach heights of between two and four metres and outdoors they can grow up to eight metres.

They are best planted between March and August and need moving to larger pots regularly over the first three or four years.

To keep yuccas happy, make sure they get plenty of natural light. They thrive in temperatures between 16 and 38 degrees. Water every 15 to 20 days in winter and once a week in spring and summer. Be careful not to overwater as drowning will kill the yucca.



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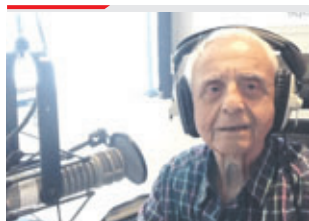
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PERSONALLY I believe that all dogs can bite, but they do not really want to! Here are 10 top tips to prevent a dog biting you, or anyone else for that matter!

1. Read the dog's body signals - licking, yawning, shaking as if wet. A dog will do these things if they begin to get a bit unsettled. Give your dog the chance to get away, settle down, have a quiet mo-



**READ THE SIGNS: Dogs can have bad days too!**

ment and things are less likely to escalate.

2. Do not expect a growl. Many dogs decide that growling is a waste of time. Why? Because when they growl, they get punished. Instead,

they don't bother to growl and just bite anyway.

3. Biting is a sign of patience pushed too far. Some dogs have lower tolerance than others, of course, but unless a dog has learned to

bite they would rather get away from a situation. Let them take themselves off to a quiet place if they want to.

4. Teach your children well! Use the free Kennel Club Safe and Sound game, or buy the Blue Dog DVD. Get Kendal Shepherd's book The Canine Commandments, a book to help children understand and be understood by dogs. Children cannot read dog warning signals until they are well into their teenage years! Do not leave them unsupervised together.

5. If a dog has bitten once, they are likely to do it again. This doesn't mean you should panic and rush for euthanasia or rehoming. Be aware of the situation that caused the bite. Get professional help from a qualified behaviourist immediately.

6. Hugging and kissing can be threatening to a dog. Obvi-

ous? Not to many. Even if your dog is used to your loving attention they may not see it that way one day.

7. Always read the signs. Dogs can have bad days too! How can we tell if a dog is in pain, has a bad tummy, or is really tired or achy? Usually dogs will not show the signs until the pain is extreme. Be ready to help your dog by taking them to the vet if you see signs of unusual or grumpy behaviour.

8. He only nipped. Not a dog

bite then? A snap is often a deliberate miss. Take action by getting professional help now. Your dog was clearly feeling under pressure and needs help to feel less stressed.

9. Socialise, socialise, socialise. Get your dog used to people and their weird ways from early puppyhood, and keep practising!

10. Do not assume that your dog would never bite. They all can if they are put in the right (or wrong!) circumstances.

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## Scooby, Thomas and Jason are moving to Denmark

AFTER spending much of their lives near Adra in Spain, Scooby, Thomas and Jason are moving with their homeowners to spend more time in Denmark on the Western coast. The three pure white German Shepherds - Scooby aged eight years, Thomas aged four years, Jason aged three years - are some of the domestic pets of a Danish couple who live partly in Spain.

Last year the dogs met Bragi, one of our experienced housesitters and after spending two months with him caring for them at the Spanish villa they became very fond of him. This year when owner Maggie decided to move them to Denmark as their more permanent home she wanted them to be cared for by an experienced sitter.

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Heart monitors were used on shelter dogs to keep track

of their stress levels while different musical genres, including Motown, pop, soft rock, classical and reggae were piped through the kennels.

Although in a similar way to humans the results showed that different dogs preferred different musical styles, hinting that hounds have their own tastes for more than just lamb chops, reggae came top of the list for reducing stress levels.

Professor Nell Evans said: "Overall, the response to different genres was mixed highlighting the possibility that our canine friends have their own individual preferences. That being said, reggae and soft rock showed the highest positive changes in behaviour."

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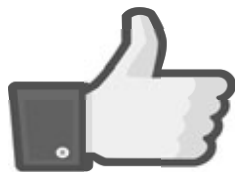
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There are also some documents which are not compulsory, but it is advisable that you carry them with you too.

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# TMGS play La Manga

WOW! What a difference a week makes here on the Costas, last Wednesday TMGS couldn't play because of the snow, this week they played in short sleeve shirts at La Manga!

The course was in excellent condition including the super-fast greens. It's curious that this course is not any longer than any of the others TMGS play at, in fact the fairways are more than generously wide and yet on each visit it seems that players fail to score well, therefore the conclusion is it must be the speed and undulating greens that are the reason for this.

An example is a recently retired school teacher managed to just reach double figures in his



WORTHY WINNERS: Of the silver category.

Stableford round until he reached the 16th on which he managed to make the green in regulation but left him a 35 foot downhill putt.

With the water hazard lingering close to the edge of the green his fellow competitors commented "if this doesn't hit the hole Derek it's going swim-

ming!" Of course it was the only putt he made all day but it was worth four points to him.

Results: NTP's Jim Davidson, Joe Dean, Arne Fagerold and Ian Sutehall. Joe Dean was the only player to make a '2' so the €37 in the pot went to him.

Bronze category results: 3rd J Hillier 19 pts, 2nd L Jernberg 20 pts, 1st D Kirkham 29 pts. Silver category: 3rd M Kennedy 27 pts, 2nd S Sonesen 27 pts. L/H 1st A Kilnes 29 pts. Gold category: 3rd E Sheridan 28 pts, 2nd R Eiken 32 pts, 1st B Watson 34 pts.

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## Orba Warblers report



FOGGY CONDITIONS: Certainly did not hold the players back.

A LOW fog leaves good weather and such was the case at La Sella when 32 Warblers started off early on Wednesday morning.

The first eight holes were played with visibility down to less than 30 meters but then everything cleared up after the ninth hole and everyone enjoyed a spectacular, sunny blue sky. Despite the foggy conditions, a number of players surged ahead as results show.

In division one, the unflappable Glyn Braidley (Hcap 7.8) came first with 34 points, followed by Steve Smith (Hcap 4.8) in second place with 31 points and Chris Hoare (Hcap 12.7) in third also with 31 points after count back.

In division two, Arthur Sullivan (Hcap 22.9) came home with 38 points - what's a

little fog to him??? Following closely in second place was Roger Vicars (Hcap 21.6) with 37 points - fog, what fog? Coming in third was David Edwards (Hcap 26.9) with 34 points.

There were two Nearest the Pins: David Knight on hole 8 and Peter Gibson on hole 15. The football card was won by Tony Dickenson who chose Derby.

Next week on Wednesday February 15 the Warblers meet at Oliva Nova for a Stableford competition. First tee is 10.48am so please arrive by 10am for registration.

Guests are welcome subject to available space and current handicap certification. To book please contact Michael at [mjt@stylepms.com](mailto:mjt@stylepms.com) or call 639 242 896.

## Benitachell Bowls Club

IN the BBC northern league the BBC Tigers played El Cid Sabres on Monday January 30.

The Tigers came closer in their challenge for the top spot with a 10-0 away win. They won on all four main rinks with a shot difference of 68 (104-36). The Challenge team had an excellent game taking 12 of the

18 ends to win comprehensively 30-9 to keep up their strong challenge for the title.

The BBC Lions also played on Monday at home against El Cid Swords. They won 8-2 keeping them in contention for the top spot in the northern league. The challenger team also had a good result remaining

top of the challenger league.

On Thursday February 2 BBC Jaguars played JG Onyx, a close game which resulted in a 71-64 shots, 8-2 points, win for the home team. With the Challengers also winning by a single shot 20-19 and the Friendly winning 19-16 it was a good morning for the Jaguars.

# Wins for England, Scotland and Wales

## Tony Matthews

International Sports

A former player and now the world's most prolific author of football books with almost 150 published since 1975, Tony is also the sports correspondent for Spectrum Radio and lives on La Pillica in the Sierra Cabrera Mountains overlooking Torre.

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

• After last weekend's opening Six Nations Rugby Union wins by England (19-16 v France), Scotland (27-22 v Ireland) and Wales 33-7 v Italy), the second round matches feature Italy v Ireland and Wales v England on Saturday, followed 24 hours later by France v Scotland... all live on TV.

• Moving to the other code of rugby, and the 2017 Super League starts tonight with St Helens v Leeds Rhinos followed tomorrow by Castleford-Leigh and Widnes-Huddersfield with Salford-Wigan and Catalan Dragons-Warrington playing on Saturday.

• Meanwhile, the former Hull FC player and Hull KR chairman and coach, Colin Hutton, has died aged 90.

• Saturday's PL football matches include Arsenal (4th

versus Hull City (18th), recent conquerors of Liverpool (5th) who play Spurs (2nd) and Burnley versus leaders and in-form Chelsea, who comfortably beat the Gunners last Saturday to go 10 points clear at the top of the table.

• On Sunday, it's Bournemouth, whose last game ended in a 6-3 defeat at Everton, against Manchester City (4th) who beat Swansea 2-1 last Sunday with a 92nd Jesus goal. Relegation-threatened Crystal Palace (19th) visit Stoke, Sunderland (bottom), who walloped hapless Crystal Palace 4-0 at Selhurst Park in their last game, meet Southampton and Swansea (17th) take on struggling Leicester who were outplayed when losing 3-0 to Manchester United last Sunday.

• In the Championship tomorrow night, Sheffield Wednesday (6th) play Birmingham, followed on Saturday by Brighton (2nd) v Burton Albion, Wolves v leaders Newcastle, Derby v Bristol City, Leeds (4th) v Cardiff, QPR v Huddersfield (5th) and Reading (3rd) v Bamsley.

• It's Peterborough v



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### SCOTLAND v IRELAND: Stuart Hogg's second try.

Sheffield United (top) and Scunthorpe (2nd) v Shrewsbury in FL2; there's a Devon derby in FL2 involving Plymouth (2nd) and Exeter and north of the border, Celtic play Inverness CT, Hearts meet holders Hibs and Morton take on Rangers in 5th round Scottish Cup-ties.

• Here in La Liga, Real Madrid (top by a point) visit Osasuna and Alaves welcome Barcelona (2nd) on Saturday,

and Sevilla (3rd) go to Las Palmas on Sunday.

• And don't forget that the first legs of eight Champions League quarter-final ties take place on February 14/15, with 16 first leg encounters in the round of 32 in the Europa League next Thursday.

• Two golf tournaments start today - the AT/T-Pro-am at Pebble Beach and the Maybank Championship in Kuala Lumpur.

• Tomorrow, the first round of tennis's Federation Cup gets underway at venues all over the world while on Monday four WTT tour events commence in Argentina, Holland (Rotterdam), USA (Memphis/Tennessee) and Qatar (Doha).

• And the Swedish motor rally also begins tomorrow morning in Varmland

### FACT FILE:

• The Williams sisters are now close to winning an in-

credible £100m in combined career prize money. Following her recent Australian victory, Serena has earned £67m while Venus has collected £29m.

• Of the 6,675 international cricket matches ever played, only New Zealand have scored fewer runs for the loss of that many wickets than England's recent collapse in India when eight players dismissed for just eight runs in the final T20 encounter last week. Back in 1979, England lost eight wickets for 11 runs against the West Indies.

• Gianfranco Zola has finally celebrated his first win as Birmingham City's manager... 1-0 over Fulham.

• Napoli have recorded their biggest-ever Serie 'A' away win... 7-1 at Bologna.

• Celtic are 27 points clear of Aberdeen at the top of the SPL (67-43); Inverness CT are bottom with just 18. The biggest points-margin by a championship winning team is 31, achieved by PSG in France last season. Celtic won the SPL in 2013-14 by 28 points.

• Cameroon beat Egypt 2-1 in the final of last Sunday's African Cup of Nations.

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